

In Memoriam

In Memory of :

Joseph J. McAvoy
(09/10/1933—08/30/2021)



In Loving Memory of:

Judy Pelletier
May 4, 1939 - March 23, 2024



In Loving Memory of:

Reid Stanley
(5/22/1952 - 1/20/2025)



Lovingly Remembered

Anders Staats Nielsen
07/07/2019



Basil & Margaret McAvoy
(8/5/1921 ~ 7/31/1969;
9/29/1923 ~ 12/30/2014)
Linda McAvoy Bouchard
(2/22/1945 ~ 1/6/1982)
Mary McAvoy Lowe
(10/15/1957 ~ 2/9/2005)
Anna McAvoy
(6/28/1964 ~ 7/30/2011)



Fred Lewis
(11/25/1897 ~ 7/05/1995)

Ethel Lewis
(5/12/1897 ~ 10/07/1981)

W. H. Lewis
(4/19/1923 ~ 03/28/2001)

Helen Lewis
(7/23/1926 ~ 10/19/2005)

Susan L Brooks
(8/01/1954 ~ 1/20/2009)



Lovingly Remembered

James C. (Buster) Guiggey
(4/8/1927 ~ 12/4/2010)



In Loving Memory Of

Lloyd E. Bryant (1928 ~ 1987)
Esther Grass Bryant (1931 ~ 1988)



In Loving Memory Of

Joseph P. Rush, Jr.
(11/02/1928 - 04/12/2013)

Jane M. Rush
(02/03/1930 - 09/02/2013)

Jacqueline M. Rush-Johnson
(05/04/1972 - 03/26/1996)



Francis H. Qualey
(5/22/1914 ~ 2/28/2000)

Margaret R. Qualey
(11/6/1919 ~ 5/01/2018)

Peter Qualey
(12/17/1948 ~ 09/07/2020)



In Loving Memory of:

Benedict Edward Cowan
May 2nd, 2025 - May 2nd, 2025



Philip Knowles

July 24th, 1965 - November 19th, 2024



Adam Rush

August 13th, 1989 - January 29th, 2016



In Loving Memory

Chris Marston

(9/18/1978 ~ 8/24/2018)

Aaron Marston

(04/04/1975 ~ 10/19/2022)



In Loving Memory Of:

Frank Duffy

(7/18/37 ~ 03/08/96)

Bobby Duffy

(3/21/72 ~ 10/08/93)



Arthur Qualey

(3/5/1916 ~ 10/24/2008)



Rita Qualey

(1/13/1924 ~ 9/4/ 2011)

Lovingly Remembered

Joan Filanowski

(5/26/1935 ~ 6/14/2000)



In Loving Memory of

Joyce Cummings

(7-27-55 - 10-23-25)

John J. Cummings

(8/23/1907 ~ 4/18/1993)

Lucile E. Cummings

(8/19/1908 ~ 3/15/2003)

Cecelia R. Cummings

(11/18/1933 ~ 2/18/2013)

Earl L. Cummings

(7/04/1929 ~ 3/10/2018)



Lovingly Remembered

Leo Joseph Crowe

(9/5/1935 ~ 1/8/2019)



In Loving Memory Of

Leo Crowe

(3/19/1893 ~ 12/17/1975)

Molly Crowe

(2/13/1900 ~ 11/18/1967)

Mary Crowe McDonough

(2/27/1937 ~ 9/28/2002)



In Memory of:

Robert Taylor
(12/13/1948 - 10/19/2023)

Charlene Taylor
(01/07/1943 ~ 02/20/2020)



In Loving Memory Of

Richard Rush

(01/02/1931—1/24/2024)

Celine Rush

(07/08/1936 ~ 11/04/2021)

Christopher Rush

(4/17/55 ~ 1/8/22)



In Loving Memory Of:

Robert Allen

(10/13/46 ~ 10/18/21)

Andrew Allen

(06/14/65 ~ 12/05/20)



In Loving Memory Of:

Albert J. Qualey

(08/20/1923 ~ 06/11/2012)

Rowena Qualey

(9/22/1927 ~ 8/01/2017)

Michael Qualey

(6-21-52 - 12-16-2001)



In Loving Memory

Martin Qualey

(2/16/1984 ~ 7/24/2017)



Wesley "Jim" Cunningham

10/26/1931 - 01/11/2008



Richard M. Cunningham

03/14/1962 -



Edward Rush

(5/25/1920 ~ 10/17/2013)



Mary Rush

(12/04/1921 ~ 6/05/2005)

John W. Allen

(1912 ~ 1/02/2004)

Margaret L. Allen

(4/03/1924 ~ 11/19/2005)



Anthony "TJ" D. Ryan, Jr.

3/25/1978 - 10/8/2025



Otis M. Hunt

(6/15/1936 ~ 5/30/1999)



Mary Ellen Hunt

(1/30/36 ~ 4/17/17)

"Oh Jesus, bless those living and dead, who have led me to the Holy Altar."

A Remembrance of the Ordination

to the Priesthood of

Rev. James Clifford Brown

(6/6/1936 ~ 4/6/1941)

Brother Benedict Brown, O.F.M.

(3/23/1891 ~ 7/18/1969)

Sons of St. Benedict's Parish



St. Benedict's Parish

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St. Benedict's is a family-oriented community of faith, called through our baptism to give witness to trust, love, understanding, and patience. We are a family that is nourished by the sacraments, and led by the Spirit. Welcome to our Family!



"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
~Matthew 21:9



Send - Come to me...

Pastor's Message

Theme: GOD WALKS THE WAY OF OUR TROUBLES WITH US

Today, Palm Sunday, marks the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to undergo his passion and death for our salvation. It equally marks the beginning of the most profound and pivotal week in our faith known as Holy Week. A powerful theme of humility, suffering and ultimate triumph emerges from the readings and a very important consolation and strength that God walks the way of our troubles with us. In the First reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we hear the voice of the suffering servant who willingly faces humiliation, rejection and pain but puts His trust in the Lord. This prophesy foreshadows the journey of our Lord Jesus Christ who embodies these very words. He sets His face like flint, knowing the trials ahead, not for His own sake but for ours, teaching us that strength often lies in vulnerability and in obedience to God's will. The psalmist echoes need for trust in God during moments of suffering. This connects to Jesus's cry on the cross, "My God, My God, why has thou forsaken Me?". This shows that even in His darkest moments, Jesus remained connected to His Father.

In the Second Reading from the Letter to the Philippians, Paul beautifully illustrates Christ's self-emptying Love. Though He is God, He took on the form of a servant and humbled Himself even to the point of death. This is the essence of our faith: to Love, to Serve and to Sacrifice. It challenges us to mirror Christ's humility in our own lives especially as we confront our struggles and serve those around us.

The Passion narrative from the Gospel of Matthew reveals the stark reality of betrayal, suffering and ultimate death. Yet amidst this darkness, we see seeds of hope. The Resurrection is just beyond the horizon. What may appear as defeat, is in fact the path to victory over sin and death. And the good news is that God never abandons us during such dark moments. He walks the way of our troubles with us just like He walked the way of Jesus' sufferings with Him, sending His angels and persons like Simon of Cyrene, Veronica, Joseph of Arimathea and the women of Jerusalem to console, comfort and encourage Him. As we wave our palms today, let us not only celebrate Christ's Triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but into our own lives, giving Him a space to rule over us, pledging our love for Him, our endeavors not to betray Him and trusting that He will not allow us to pass through a situation which His grace is not enough for us to go through. Like the Psalmist, as we confront challenging moments of our Christian faith, trustingly we should surrender ourselves to Divine Providence saying, "Though I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear for you are there with your crook and your staff to lead me through."

WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 10:30 AM
FRIDAYS 9:00 AM (SEE INSIDE FOR SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE)

ADORATION & CONFESSION

8:00AM FRIDAYS OR
BY APPOINTMENT

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"To Work is to Pray"

March 29th, 2026 - Palm Sunday - Year A

DID YOU KNOW.....

The Mysteries Celebrated on Holy Thursday And Good Friday?

HOLY THURSDAY

Falls on April 2, 2026. We celebrate three principal aspects of our Faith instituted by Christ on Holy Thursday namely: The Eucharist, Priesthood and the Great Commandment of Love exemplified in humble service by the washing of the disciple's feet.

-Only two types of Masses are permitted to be celebrated on this day: Chrism Mass and Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.
-Chrism Mass is celebrated by the Bishop in communion with the Priests and lay faithful in attendance. In this mass, the oils for the Sacraments are blessed and distributed to the priest for their parishes and institutions. Our Cluster 5 parishes (Christ the Divine Mercy and St. Benedict's Parishes) are privileged to be chosen this year alongside 8 other parishes of Portland Maine Diocese to have representatives accompany their respective pastors and receive the oils from the Bishop during the Chrism Mass.

-Chrism Mass falls this year on Tuesday March 31 at Portland Cathedral beginning 3pm.
-Before Mass begins on Holy Thursday, the tabernacle should be entirely empty and sufficient amount of bread should be consecrated in this mass to supply equally for the Good Friday service.

-Holy water must be removed from all the Fonts immediately before the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's supper, to be refilled with Holy Water blessed at the Easter Vigil.

-12 people from a cross section of the local community are asked to show up for the washing of their feet on Holy Thursday.

-Following the prayer after communion, the procession with the Holy Eucharist to the place of reposition takes place.

-The altar is stripped at the end of the celebration, no lamps before images of saints.

-Prolonged adoration of the Holy Eucharist is encouraged.

GOOD FRIDAY

On this day, we commemorate the death of Jesus on the Cross. And why call it Good Friday? It is because it is a day of Victory over sin, victory of life over death, day of our salvation and offer of eternal life.

-Good Friday this year falls on April 3, 2026.

-Paschal Fast is observed on this day, to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more deeply in His resurrection.
-celebration of the Lord's Passion takes place at about 3:00pm unless pastoral reasons suggest a later hour as the case with 6:00pm Good Friday Service in St. Benedict during the Holy week.

-Parts of the liturgy that should always be sung on Good Friday include:

1-The general intercessions/Invitation and acclamation of the people.

2-The chants for the showing and veneration of the Holy Cross.

-The lord's Passion is proclaimed as on Palm Sunday.

-Veneration of the cross takes place today.

-We celebrate a service this day and not Mass.

Parish Happenings

Faith Formation classes are held on Sundays at 9:30AM at the Parish Center.
April 5th - NO Class (Easter Sunday)
April 12th - Class

St. Benedict's and Christ the Divine Mercy will be celebrating First Communion and Confirmation at St. Benedict's Church on Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 Mass with Bishop Ruggieri.



Braelyn Savage,
Jackson Morse,
Greyson Peltier,
Abigail Robinson,
Cydnee Montgomery,
Aritt Prefie,
Clara McGilleudfy,
Thomas McGilleudfy.



Please pray for all of the children and their families as they continue their Sacramental Preparation.

We invite all Parishioners to join us at the Mass to welcome Bishop Ruggieri and Christ the Divine Mercy families on April 12!
Volunteers are needed to help with the luncheon for Bishop Ruggieri and the families of the First Communicants.

Please let Anna (267-0586) know if you can help with food, setting up, cleaning up, etc.!

Holy Week

April 2: Holy Thursday 3:00 PM at St. Benedict's

5:00 PM at St. Peter's

7:00 PM at St. Martin's

April 3: Good Friday 3:00 PM at St. Martin's

6:00 PM at St. Benedict's

April 4: Holy Saturday 8:00PM at St. Benedict's

April 5: Easter Sunday 8:30AM at St. Peter's

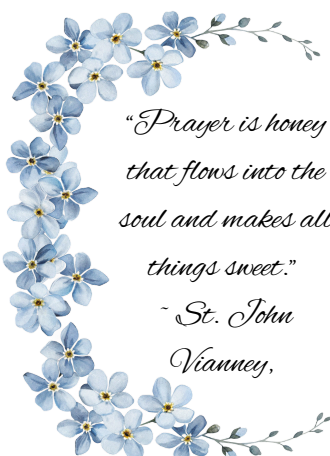
10:30AM at St. Martin's

12:30 PM at St. Benedict's



Masses & Intentions March 29th - April 5th

St. Benedict's	
Sun Mar 29 10:30AM	Wanita Paradis by Rose Rush
Fri Apr 3 6:00PM	The Souls in Purgatory by Joanne MacGillivray
Sat Apr 4 8:00PM	Parishioners & Visitors
Sun Apr 5 10:30AM	Leo Cloutier by His Family
St. Peter's	
Sun Mar 29 8:30AM	For the Souls in Purgatory
Mon Mar 30 8:30AM	For the Souls in Purgatory
Tue Mar 31 4:30PM	For the Souls in Purgatory
Thu Apr 1 5:00PM	Parishioners & Visitors
Sun Apr 5 8:30AM	Steve Hughes by Your Siblings
St. Martin of Tours	
Sun Mar 29 12:30PM	Sylvia Cyr by Bob & Sandy Willard
Thu Apr 2 7:00PM	For the Souls in Purgatory
Fri Apr 3 3:00PM	Parishioners & Visitors
Sat Apr 4 4:00PM	Mark Emerson by Pam & Dave White & Family
Sun Apr 5 12:30PM	Brian Landry Happy B-Day by Mom, Dad & Jesse



"Prayer is honey that flows into the soul and makes all things sweet."
- St. John Vianney,

Prayer List

Reno Levesque
Lisa Willigar
KC Duffy-Staney
Helena Brown
Danette Moody
Cathy Cyr Duffy
Riley Wheaton
Beckham Willett
Irene Heath
Janie Cummings
Families Afflicted by Addiction
Our Men & Women in the Service



Capital Campaign Fundraising Video Launched

Capital Campaign

This is a multi-project campaign for the Church and the Parish Center.

This campaign has a 3-year term ending in June 2027, and a campaign fundraising limit of \$200,000

Money raised so far: **\$88,267.21**

Money dispersed: - \$34,938.23 (roof)
- \$6,379.52 (ramp)
\$35,490.70 (painting)

BALANCE: **\$11,458.76**

The above figures include online giving. Thank you for your support

Weekly Offertory

March 15 - Regular \$1219.76
Catholic Relief Services \$ 236.22
March 22 - Regular \$1425.00
Heat & Electric \$ 410.00

March 29 - Regular
Winter Operations

April 5 - Regular
Easter

(75% Clergy Health & Pension + 25% Emergency Diocesan Needs)

Needed weekly to run the Parish = \$1278.85

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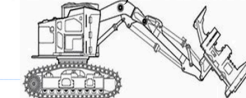
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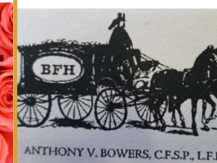


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Date	Lector	EMHC	Alter Server	Offertory Counters*	Greeters
March 29	Earl	Rob	Silas	Rose, Cindy, & Deb	Mona & Deb
April 5	Sue	Anna Q	Zeke	Rob, Andrew, & John	Earl & Sue Cummings
April 12	Scarlet	Tom	Rob	Betty, Rose & Deb	Earl & Sue Cummings

Your bulletin submissions are welcome and appreciated! Please send them by Thursday morning at 10am Thank you