

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)

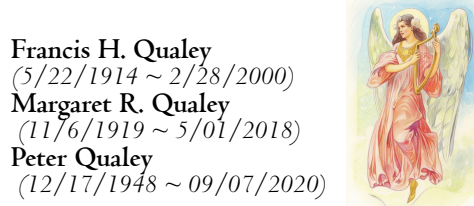
Jacqueline M. Rush-Johnson
(05/04/1972 - 03/26/1996)



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)



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

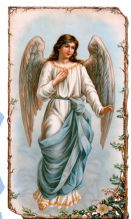
Rev. James Clifford Brown

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

Brother Benedict Brown, O.F.M.

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

Sons of St. Benedict's Parish



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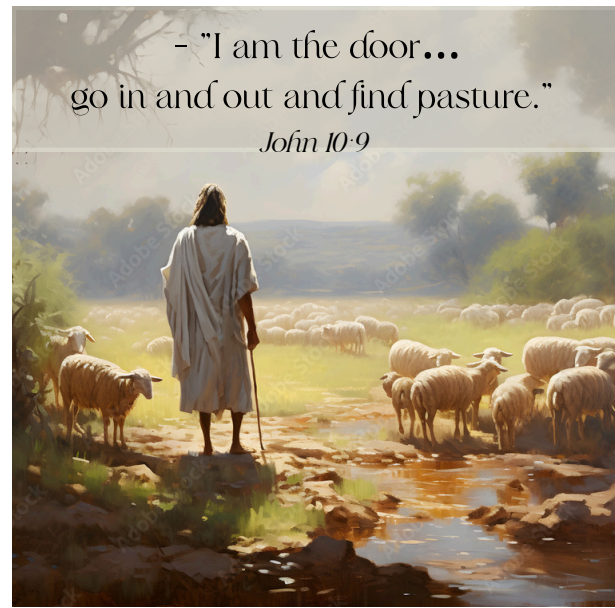
St. Benedict's is a family-oriented community of faith, called through our baptism to give witness to trust, love, understanding, and patience. We are a family that is nourished by the sacraments, and led by the Spirit. Welcome to our Family!



John 20:19

- "I am the door...
go in and out and find pasture."

John 10:9



Pastor's Message

Theme: THE JOY OF RECOGNISING THE RISEN LORD IN OUR LIVES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, the 4th Sunday of Easter is traditionally called the Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Readings, we are reminded of the Love and guidance of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. The readings beautifully reveal God's call to us and His desire to shepherd us through our lives. In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we witness Peter's powerful proclamation at Pentecost. He urges the people to turn their hearts to Jesus, the risen lord whom they had crucified. Peter's call for repentance is an invitation to recognize our need for the shepherd who leads us out of darkness into the wonderful light of God's salvation. The Psalm reminds us of the comfort and assurance that comes from the Good shepherd. This assurance invites us to place our worries, fears and uncertainties into God's capable hands, knowing that He leads us, restores us and guides us along the right path. In times of uncertainties or fears, we can take solace in this image of God caring for us as a shepherd care for his sheep.

In the Second reading from 1st Peter, we are called to embrace our identity as followers of Christ especially in times of trial and suffering. We are reminded that Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example to follow. Just like the sheep that follows the voice of the shepherd, we are invited to discern God's voice amidst the noise of the world and follow it.

In the Gospel text, Jesus declares Himself as the gate for the sheep. He invites us to enter through Him, revealing that true life is found in following Him. He speaks of abundant life, a promise that goes beyond mere existence. In a world filled with distractions and voices that may mislead, Jesus stands as the gate ensuring safety and leading us to the pasture of peace. That today you who hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Happy Good Shepherd Sunday to all. We are all born to lead and to Follow.

WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 10:30 AM

FRIDAYS 9:00 AM

(SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS ON MAY 3RD 8:30AM)

ADORATION & CONFESSION

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"To Work is to Pray"

APRIL 26TH, 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: GOOD SHEPHERD

Did You Know?

What is the Epiclesis?

"*In the Epiclesis, the priest requests God the Father to send the Holy Spirit so that the bread and wine offered may become Christ's Body and Blood and so we may be able to celebrate the Eucharistic mystery, and to make all the effects of the sacrament operative in us. At the same time, the priest extends his hands, palms downward, over the chalice and host, and traces the sign of the cross over them. With this gesture, he asks God to pour his blessing over the gifts offered and to turn them into his Son's body and blood". ()

"The Epiclesis is the invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the gifts to be offered. .. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit who descended upon the apostles at Pentecost that the priest, through his hands, offers the human gifts and earthly elements to be consecrated into Godly gifts and heavenly realities. (2), To celebrate the Mass faithfully, receive Communion faithfully, and live faithfully: for all these acts. we need the Holy Spirit.

So, the next time you see the priest extend his hands palms-down over the offering, remember that we are asking the Holy Spirit to sanctify the gifts and each one of our hearts! Submitted by Rose Ann Schultz, Cluster Eucharistic Revival Committee Sources: Adapted from ""Step-by Step Walk through the Mass"-- Part 48 by Fr Luke Spannagel - National Eucharistic Revival- Eucharistic Preacher <http://www.eucharisticrevival.org> I) C. Belmonte, Understanding the Mass, p. 135 2) Diocese of Peoria, A Study of the Mass, p. 14

Parish Happenings

Faith Formation classes are held on Sundays at 9:30AM at the Parish Center.
April 26th - Class May 3rd, Class & Youth Group at 6pm

Congratulations to the following children and their families on receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation at St. Benedict's. Thank you to everyone that contributed in some way to make this a most special day for these precious children and their families. Please continue to pray for them as they continue their lifelong faith journeys

Abigail Robinson
Cydney Montgomery
Avritt Preble
Clara McGillicuddy
Tommy McGillicuddy
Braelyn Savage
Jackson Morse
Greyson Pelletier



MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME TOGETHER TO MAKE FR JUSTIN'S 20TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY SO SPECIAL



Birthday Blessings for April

Michael Elwell
Waylon Qualey
Patty Qualey



An update on Father Dominic from Carol Levasseur 4/18:

Yesterday Fr. Dom transferred to another facility just a few miles from his family's home. The family was very happy about that. The doctors are catholic and they own the facility. Today they did some physical therapy with him and he's showing good improvement. He also walked with a walker but just a few steps. He seems much more rested and his pain has really reduced. He loves hearing from all of you!!

His Address:
Fr. Dominic Savio
B. Adikala Mary Pannur (po)
Thiruvallur (DT)
Tamil Nadu - India
602108

Prayer List

Laura Long
Father Dominic Savio
Neil Harrington
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

"Prayer is an act of love"
- St. Theresa of Avila



Many thanks to all who helped bring St. Benedict's new video to people far and wide. To watch and/or share, please visit: stbenedictsmaine.org

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: **\$123,219.34**
Money dispersed: - \$34,938.23 (roof)
- \$6,379.52 (ramp)
\$35,490.70 (painting)
\$16,000.00 (furnace)

BALANCE: \$30,418.89

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

Weekly Offertory

April 12 - Regular \$1800.10
Capital Campaign \$ 591.11
April 19 - Regular \$1055.00
Heat & Electric \$ 630.00
April 26 - Regular
Catholic Home Missions Appeal
May 3 - Regular
Winter Operations

Needed weekly to run the Parish = \$1278.85

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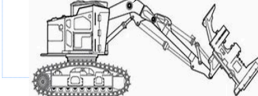
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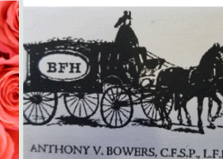
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Masses & Intentions April 26th - May 3rd

St. Benedict's

Sun Apr 26 10:30 AM **Judy Pelletier** by Her Husband Wilmen Pelletier
Fri May 1 9:00 AM **Frieda Stubbs** by Anna & Billy Robinson
*Sun May 3 8:30 AM **Joyce Cummings** by the Cummings Family

St. Peter's

Sun Apr 26 8:30AM **Paul Morin** by Aunt Ester & Uncle Frank
Mon Apr 27 8:30AM **Parishioners & Visitors**
Tue Apr 28 4:30PM **Mike Lebreck** by Sandy & Ervin Deschaine
Sun May 3 10:30AM **Ken Osborn** by Sandy & Ervin Deschaine

St. Martin of Tours

Sun Apr 26 12:30PM **Marylene Brown** by Her Daughter
Thu Apr 30 7:00PM **Jerome Gantner** 50th Anniv by Sis Sharon Darling & Family

Sat Apr 25 4:00PM for the 100th Birthday of **Alfred Picard**

by Jean, Tom, Mike, & Donna

Sun May 3 12:30 PM **Elizabeth Phillips** by Her Children & Grand Children

Weekly Readings and Observances of Saints' Days

Readings for the week of Sunday, April 26th - Saturday, May 3rd

Sunday Acts 2:14a, 36-41/I Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday **St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignion** Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday **St. Catherine of Siena** Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday **St. Pius V** Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Friday Acts **St. Joseph the Worker** Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 or, for the optional memorial Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-34/
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday **St. Athanasius** Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14