

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 242th, 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 loved 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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Pastors Message:

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of you who assisted in any way with our recent Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School.

Both Fr. Ezekiel and I were able to visit, and we were delighted to see so many of our young people and adults exploring and learning about their faith.

I also express my gratitude to all who helped serve and support the family of Cathy Duffy, whose funeral celebration was held on June 29 at St. Benedict's Parish.

Fr. Ezekiel Yisi and I are looking forward to meeting you and serving you and your loved ones. Please keep us in prayer and know that you are certainly in ours as well.

If you need to contact either Fr. Ezekiel or myself, please contact us via email or through the St. Mary's Church Rectory Office at (207) 532-2871.

We will continue to celebrate a weekly Holy Hour on Friday mornings from 8:00-9:00am, followed by Mass at 9:00am.

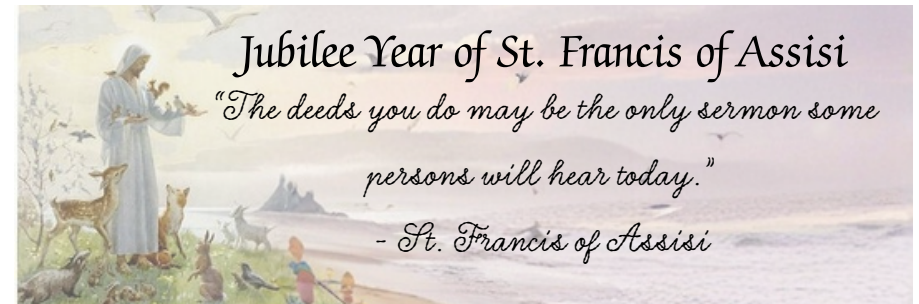
Please pray for all those in need of hope, healing and God's mercy!

God Bless You! ~ Fr. Kevin

Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today."

- St. Francis of Assisi



JULY 5TH, 2026 - THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses & Intentions July 5th - July 12th

St. Benedict's - Benedicta

Sun July 5 8:30am John Allen by Anthony & Jackie Allen
Fri July 10 9:00 am Leona Faye Corcoran Monaghan by Rose Rush
Sun July 12 8:30am Robert Filanowski by Anthony & Jackie Allen
St. Mary of the Visitation - Houlton
Mon July 6 7:30 a.m. Misty Kemp (by mom & dad)
Madigan 1:30 p.m. Donald & Rita Legassie (by Tim & Julie Legassie Quint)
Tue July 7 7:30 a.m. Eva & Robert Prest (by Mark & Holly Bouchie)
Wed July 8 7:30 a.m. Roy, Margaret & Jim Cloney (by Peg Conlogue)
Thu July 9 6:00 p.m. Cliff Barker (by K of C, council #1873)
Fri July 10 7:30 a.m. Bessie & Harry Conlogue (by Peg Conlogue)
Sun July 12 8:00 a.m. Patricia McDonnell (by the Schools family)
Sun July 12 10:30 a.m. David Wells (by Geoffrey & Lisa Abbott)
St. Anne - Danforth
Sat July 11 4:00 p.m. All Parishioners
St. Paul - Patten
Saturday 4:00 p.m. Steven Colby (by Mark & Kathy)
St. Agnes - Island Falls
Sat 5:30 p.m. Brent Porter (by Judy Porter & family)



Weekly Readings and Observances

Readings for the week of Sunday, July 5

Sunday Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday St. Maria Goretti Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6 7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9 10/ Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday St. Augustine Zhao Rong Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/ Mt 10:7-15
Friday Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/ Mt 10:16-23
Saturday St. Benedict Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/ Mt 10:24-33
Sunday Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Faith Formation News

“I’m tired, I mean like....Vacation Bible School kind of tired.” And if you’ve ever served in VBS, you know exactly what that means. It means duct tape letting go, last minute craft details, rain predicted, and hearing, “How do you make that bread? Can I have the recipe? Will you write it down?” lol It means coming home exhausted, if you can even walk, and wondering if you will have the energy to do it all again tomorrow. But it also means something else. It means watching a child hear about Jesus in a way that finally clicks and means something to them. It means hearing children’s “God Sightings” as they share how they witnessed God in their lives the day before. It means watching children praise God through song and dance. It means watching the comfort and joy children receive as they “break bread” together. It means praying with children in our beautiful, holy church and witnessing their reverence in God’s presence. It means planting seeds that you may never see fully grow this side of heaven or you may see them grow right here in this place as they become members of the Catholic Church. It means asking, “What is your favorite thing about VBS?” and having a child respond, “I like going to the church and Bible Adventures.” VBS has ended for year 32 at St. Benedict’s, and while many of us are exhausted as we take care of each leftover craft item and remove the decorations, we are feeling blessed and thankful for the sharing and evangelization that we experienced with these children, teens, and adults. We realize that this week is never really about the decorations, crafts, even the BREAD. It’s about eternity. These children learned about God’s creation, love, and that God is our safe place, and His love is forever. They were surrounded by people who love children and Jesus. So if you served at VBS, thank you for the preparation time, the early mornings, for sacrificing your time, energy, and comfort for the sake of the next generation! There are few things worth being tired for than helping children discover the love of Jesus. Anna (adapted from a Facebook post by Whitney Rogers)



Fr. Dominic Savio
B. Adikala Mary
Pannur (po)
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“Prayer is honey
that flows into the
soul and makes all
things sweet”
~ St. John
Vianney

In our Prayers

Laura Long
Father Dominic Savio
Neil Harrington
Lisa Willfigar
KC Duffy-Staney
Danette Moody
Riley Wheaton
Beckham Willett
Irene Heath
Janie Cummings
Families Afflicted by Addiction
Our Men & Women
in the Service



St Benedict's Parish Celebration is Sunday, July 12th!

~Remember that July 12th is our annual St Benedict's Parish Celebration.
~Keep it on your radar, invite your friends and neighbors and come to celebrate and enjoy!
~There will be a visit to the graveyard, a breakfast gathering, and Eucharistic adoration from after mass until 3 PM.
~To make it more special and personal you can pick or bring some flowers to visit the graves of our ancestors, and say a prayer, and join us for breakfast afterward, with games and door prizes.

Save the date!

Capital Campaign

Money raised so far: \$126,004.34
Money dispersed: - \$34,938.23 (roof)
- \$6,379.52 (ramp)
\$35,490.70 (painting)
\$16,000.00 (furnace)
BALANCE: \$33,203.89

Weekly Offertory

June 28 - Regular \$1103.00
Winter Operations \$ 200.00
July 5 - Regular
Capital Campaign
July 12 - Regular
Heat & Electric
Needed weekly to run the Parish = \$1278.85

The 2026 Catholic Appeal is underway! The theme this year is “Together in The Spirit”, so let us join hands, and make a difference as we work toward our Parish goal of \$12,018.26.

Donations to Date: = \$3049.00

Date	Lector	EMHC	Alter Server	Offertory Counters*	Greeters
July 5	Scarlet	Lynn	Rob	Andrew, Pat & John	Mike & Betty Elwell
July 12	Dustin	Pat	Anna Q	Deb, Rose, and Ken	Mike & Betty Elwell
July 19 th	Lana	Anna Q	David R	Harold, Rob, & Andrew	Mike & Betty Elwell

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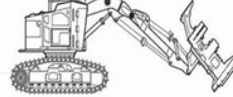
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Your bulletin submissions are welcome and appreciated! Please send them by Thursday morning at 10am Thank you