



Holy Spirit Parish

OCTOBER 6, 2019

OUR PARISH CHURCHES

ST. MARY CHURCH

236 Eldridge Rd.
Wells, ME 04090
(207) 646-5605
FAX (207) 646-9437
Weekday Mass: 8 AM
Weekend Masses: Saturday 4 PM
Sunday 7, 9, & 11 AM

ST. MARTHA CHURCH

30 Portland Rd.
Kennebunk ME 04043
(207) 985-6252
FAX (207) 985-7740
Weekday Mass: 9 AM
Weekend Masses: Saturday 4 PM
Sunday 8 & 10 AM
*Confessions at both Churches
Saturdays 3-3:30 PM*

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

(closed until June 2020)

OUR PARISH STAFF

Fr. Fred Morse, Pastor
Fr. Agustin Sebasthian, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Darrell Blackwell

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FAITH FORMATION

Carolyn F. Houston, Director
Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mark Reeth, Coordinator
Lisa White, Choir Director



27th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" - Lk 17:10

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

REMINDER: THE FINAL 7 AM MASS FOR THE SEASON AT ST. MARY CHURCH IN WELLS WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION



“When you have done all you have been commanded, say ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’” The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to

us today. A servant has worked hard all day and, rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appearing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds.

It’s important to remember that we do have a place at God’s table. But we don’t “earn” it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we’re imitating the Good Samaritan. We’re visiting Jesus! We’re growing his kingdom of life and love.

The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we’re seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we’re meant to serve? That is, is this where we’re meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” But, ultimately, we’re not the ones doing the deeds. We’re not the ones “earning” the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift.

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Holy Spirit Parish Mission Statement

Holy Spirit Parish is a welcoming and caring Roman Catholic community, grounded in Eucharistic faith, and which enthusiastically lives and embraces the values modeled by Jesus Christ. As a community of believers, Holy Spirit Parish is committed to:

- ~ ongoing faith formation,
- ~ life-long spiritual growth,
- ~ nurturing and sharing our gifts for the common good.



October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. On Monday, October 7, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother. October was also the month in which Mary appeared for the last time to shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, urging them to “say the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world.” In celebration, Holy Spirit Parish invites you to join a public rosary *next Sunday*, October 13 at 4 PM at Gowen Park, Main Street, Sanford. Several parishes in the Diocese of Portland are also planning rallies, processions, and other gatherings. To see a list of scheduled events, visit www.portlanddiocese.org/holy-rosary-month.

What is the story behind the rosary?



The rosary is a sacred and popular Catholic devotion whose origins are mysterious. Prayer beads to facilitate meditation began in the early ages of the Church. In the early medieval period, bead strings were used to count Hail Marys or Our Fathers. A tradition has developed that the rosary in its current form was given to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother. However, the earliest biographies of the saint do not include this story. In the Middle Ages, the prayers were grouped into 50 Hail Marys with verses from Psalms and vignettes from the lives of Jesus and Mary. By the 16th century, the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries were established. The rosary rose to prominence in the late 1500s. The Turkish Empire was spreading across eastern Europe, and pirates were raiding Christian ships. The Christian nations of Europe rallied for a great battle at sea. Pope St. Pius V urged all Christians to pray the rosary for victory. While vastly outnumbered, the Christian fleet was victorious at the Battle of Lepanto. The pope established October 7th as the feast of the Holy Rosary. Later, all of October would come to be known as the Month of the Rosary.

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MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEKEND: October 5 & 6

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Paul Bineau by Mitch Dugan
 4:00 PM (W) Andrew Ciaburri by Donna & Rick Theriault
- Sunday: 7:00 AM (W) Reginald & Estelle Willett by Cheryl & Fred Willett
 8:00 AM (K) For our parishioners
 9:00 AM (W) Don Foley, Sr. by Kathleen & family
 10:00 AM (K) Minh & Doi Mai by the family
 11:00 AM (W) Betty Talbot by Sandy Masi

WEEKDAYS: October 7-11

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Gene Mastellar by Shirley Martin
 9:00 AM (K) Roger Desrosiers by Jeanne O'Connor
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Paul Ryan by Larry & MaryLou Ryan
 9:00 AM (K) Robert Klouda by his wife
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Mary Cronin by Anne Pulsifer
 9:00 AM (K) Margo Grady by Barbara & Carmine Dolce
 10:30 AM Communion Service - Kennebunk NH
- Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Cathy Lynch Alie & Mary DeMarco by their families
 9:00 AM (K) Matthew A. Firello by Kathy & Craig George
- Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Betty Talbot by Sandy Masi
 9:00 AM (K) Ly Nguyen by Phai Nguyen

NEXT WEEKEND: October 12 & 13

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Merle Merrill by Royal & Rosanne Smith
 4:00 PM (W) Adele Franceschini by her family
- Sunday: 7:00 AM (W) Geraldine & Richard Johnson by Cheryl & Fred Willett
 8:00 AM (K) Pauline & Steve Halleczuk by Nancy & Ray Halleczuk
 9:00 AM (W) For our parishioners
 10:00 AM (K) Hannah Johnson by Mary Colombo
 11:00 AM (W) Manuel Mera by MaryAnn & Don Kammann

Location Key: (K) St. Martha, Kennebunk; (W) St. Mary, Wells



THOSE SEEKING TO JOIN THE CHURCH OR WANTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, call Rosanne Smith at 207-985-6252.

Prayer Line Requests may be made to Aline Saunders at alinesaunders@roadrunner.com or 207-985-9214.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS wishing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at home, please call the office at 646-5605.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Sarah Miller & Curtis Guimond
 October 26 @ 1 PM (Wells)



CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

October 12 & 13

- 4:00 PM St. Martha (K) Fr. Mellone
 4:00 PM St. Mary (W) Fr. Agustin

- 7:00 AM St. Mary (W) Msgr. Murphy
 8:00 AM St. Martha (K) Fr. Agustin
 9:00 AM St. Mary (W) Fr. Morse
 10:00 AM St. Martha (K) Fr. Agustin
 11:00 AM St. Mary (W) Fr. Morse

Schedule subject to change.

**Reconciliation on Saturdays
 3-3:30 PM at St. Martha & St. Mary**

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM: To register, call Diane O'Neil at (207) 646-5605.

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 3-3:30 PM (or upon request), at both St. Martha and St. Mary Churches.

MATRIMONY: Please contact the pastor six months prior to the desired wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please call anytime. If you know that you will be admitted to the hospital, please call the office to make arrangements to receive the Sacrament after a daily or Sunday Mass. Please advise the office when a parishioner is hospitalized.

For more information, or to make an appointment for any sacrament, please call the office at 207-646-5605.



The flowers at St. Mary's are in loving memory of Mary Patricia & James T. Walsh by Peter C. Walsh.

The flowers at St. Martha's are in loving memory of Fred Patricelli by his family.

The sanctuary lamp at St. Martha's burns for a special intention by Sue Caron.



THE WEEK AHEAD
October 6-13
ST. MARTHA CHURCH

Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
 K of C Breakfast - after Masses
 S Anon - 7 PM
 Monday: K of C Officers Meeting - 6:30 PM
 Centering Prayer - 9:30 AM & 6 PM
 Tuesday: K of C Meeting - 7 PM
 Wednesday: Ignatian Exercises
 Weight Watchers
 Thursday: Cursillo - 4 PM
 Faith Sharing - 7 PM
 Friday: Produce Pantry
 Saturday: Reconciliation - 3 PM
 Sunday: No Faith Formation
 S Anon - 7 PM

ST. MARY CHURCH

Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM
 RCIA - 10 AM
 CLI - 3 PM
 Monday: Faith Formation - 3:45 PM
 Hope & Recovery Ministry - 5:30 PM
 Tuesday: Bereavement Quilting - 9 AM
 Wednesday: Bible Study - 10 AM
 Spiritual Study Group - 7 PM
 Thursday: Food Pantry - 1 PM
 Friday: AA - 7:30 PM
 Saturday: AA - 8 AM
 Reconciliation - 3 PM
 Saturday Nite Lite - 5 PM
 Sunday: Coffee & donuts - 10 AM
 No Faith Formation
 RCIA - 10 AM

BEREAVEMENT QUILTING

The quilters meet on Tuesdays at 9 AM, upstairs at St. Mary Church in Wells. Newcomers and beginner quilters are welcome. FMI, contact Carol Varano at (508) 801-2054, or just show up!



ST. MARTHA'S COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS: muffin mix, mayonnaise, fruit juice, powdered milk, maple syrup.

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: jelly/jam, tomato paste, canned peas, canned carrots, dish detergent, small laundry detergent.

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT
September 22 & 23

Collection	\$	15,408.00
We Share (31)	\$	1,321.50
Total Offertory	\$	16,729.50
Tithe	\$	1,171.00
Envelopes (320)	\$	7,784.10
Loose	\$	7,623.90



Next weekend's second collection will be for the Church Floor Fund.

2019 HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
CATHOLIC APPEAL



WE MET OUR GOAL!!!



AS OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2019:

Total - \$126,074

Goal - \$124,301

% Goal - 101%

CONGRATULATIONS to the people of Holy Spirit Parish for helping us reach our dollar goal! **THANK YOU** for your commitment to Holy Spirit Parish and to the Diocese of Portland!



In addition to your regular weekly offering, you may donate to *special collections* through **WE SHARE.**

How to create your We Share account:

1. Visit holyspiritme.org and click Give Online.
2. Click on the collection to which you'd like to donate.
3. Click Recurring Donation; enter your donation amount and frequency.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity!



OCTOBER FAMILY BREAKFAST

**ST. MARTHA CHURCH HALL
this SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
8:30 - 11:15 AM**

**Adults - \$8
Ages 13-17 - \$5
Ages 12 & under - Free**

Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. Romans: The Gospel of Salvation is a new eight-week Bible study being offered, and which will help make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. It will provide an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this challenging epistle. Holy Spirit Parish will begin Romans **this** Tuesday, October 8 at 1 PM at St. Mary in Wells and **this** Thursday, October 10 at 6 PM at St. Martha in Kennebunk. Participants will meet weekly to view a video presentation by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register contact Rosanne Smith at 985-6252 or rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org.



Youth Ministry Matthew 25:35 Meal

The Matthew 25:35 Meals put on by the youth ministries of both Holy Spirit and St. Therese of Liseux Parishes are served monthly, every second Tuesday (*next one being **October 8***) at St. Ignatius Church Hall in Sanford, 5:30-6:30 PM. To support this community meal project, gift cards to Hannaford, Walmart, or Shield's Meats in Kennebunk, are welcome. All donations should be labeled "youth ministry" and dropped off at either church site. Prayers for volunteers and guests are also appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Houston at 985-6252, 646-5605, or carolyn.houston@portlanddiocese.org.



Charismatic Prayer Group

St. Martha Church, Kennebunk, 9:30 AM, the second & fourth Mondays of each month. FYI, call Dan Mahoney at 207-317-7646.



PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE

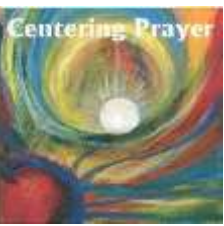
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New registration Change of address
 Change of e-mail address
 Moving out of parish Request envelopes

If you are new to the parish, or you have a new address or phone number, please complete this form, place it in the collection basket, or mail to:

**Holy Spirit Parish,
236 Eldridge Road, Wells, ME, 04090,
or e-mail to stmarywells@myfairpoint.net**

Bulletin insert requests must be submitted by Friday at noon (7 days prior to the weekend for which being requested). Please E-mail mark.reeth@portlanddiocese.org.



CENTERING PRAYER

The groups meet at St. Martha Church every Monday at 9:30 AM and 6 PM. FMI, contact Deacon Darrell at 207-467-0957 or doxieduo@maine.rr.com.

Cursillo Maine invites you to Christian fellowship. Take the time to tell others how important Christ is in your life and hear others share the same. **NOTE CHANGE:** Join us for weekly small group on **THURSDAYS, 4 to 5:15 PM**, and our monthly Ultreya (Onward!) 3rd Saturday (September to June) at 10 to 11:30 AM. Both meet in the conference room at St. Martha. All are welcome! 3-Day Cursillo Weekends (short Course in Christianity) are held in Winthrop, Maine. Applications are available: www.maineCursillo.org, or Kat Boucher lkmb@roadrunner.com or at 207-216-7839 (leave a message).





The annual Maine Catholic Men's Conference will be held at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 150

Black Point Road, Scarborough, on Saturday, October 19, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Admission is \$50 for those who are 23 or older, and \$30 for teens and young adults (ages 16-22). For more information about the conference or to register, visit www.portlanddiocese.org/olff/maine-catholic-mens-conference-2019.

Maine youths in grades 6, 7, & 8, along with their adult chaperones, are invited to come together to celebrate the Catholic faith, featuring food, music, fellowship,



prayer, and fun. By learning the basics of our Catholic faith, participants will be able to ignite their faith and infuse it into the world. The presenter will be Jim Flanagan, who has been involved in youth ministry for nearly 30 years. With a theme of "Back2Basics", the local rally will be held on Sunday, October 20, 9 AM - 2 PM, at St. Christopher Church, 4 Barrell Lane, York.

The cost to attend is \$15 (includes a meal and a T-shirt). For more information or to register, visit www.portlanddiocese.org/OLFF/middle-school-rallies.



The 13th annual Harvest Ball, hosted by Bishop Robert P. Deeley, is on Friday, October 25, at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, 6-11 PM. All proceeds from the ball's ticket sales, silent auction, and raffle support the evangelizing mission of *Harvest*, the magazine of the Diocese of Portland, which is sent free of charge to a readership of over 100,000 in Maine, serving as an instrument of teaching, community building, and joy. The ball includes socializing, shopping, dining, and dancing that attracts attendees from around the state. A social hour will begin at 6 PM, followed by dinner at 7:15, and music from The Carmine Band into the night. An expanded silent auction includes gift certificates, art, once-in-a-lifetime experiences, jewelry, autographed items, a donation from the Bush Family, and much more.

To register for tickets or to view the meal choices, visit www.portlanddiocese.org/harvestball. Tickets can be reserved by calling (207) 773-6471.



**ONE-DAY RETREAT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23
Marie Joseph Center
Biddeford Pool
*Life Lessons From
St. Katharine Drexel*
with Jim Markan, MA**

Mother Katharine Drexel, Foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, was the second canonized saint to be born in the United States. Her courage and initiative in addressing social inequality issues and promoting quality education for all, years before they aroused public interest in the United States, are key parts of her legacy. We will explore several life lessons that we can all learn from this beacon of selfless service. Time will be allocated for group discussions and personal reflection.

Cost: \$60.00 includes hot meal
FMI: 207-284-5671
mariejosephcenter@yahoo.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

God has entrusted your spouse to your care. Show that you are trustworthy by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend will be October 18-20 in Laconia, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



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Catholic Charities Maine has a YouTube Channel! Watch and subscribe for free at <https://www.youtube.com/user/ccmaine>.

You'll find the latest video from CCM's Office of Maine Refugee Services that was recently shared at a national conference, plus check out videos on the Agency's programs and services, and learn more about employment opportunities from current staff.