

# Holy Spirit Parish

## OCTOBER 20, 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 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

#### OFFICES

Diane W. O'Neil, Manager  
Rosanne Smith  
Ruth Shrader  
Paula Moses

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Donald Webber  
Mark Reeth

#### FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

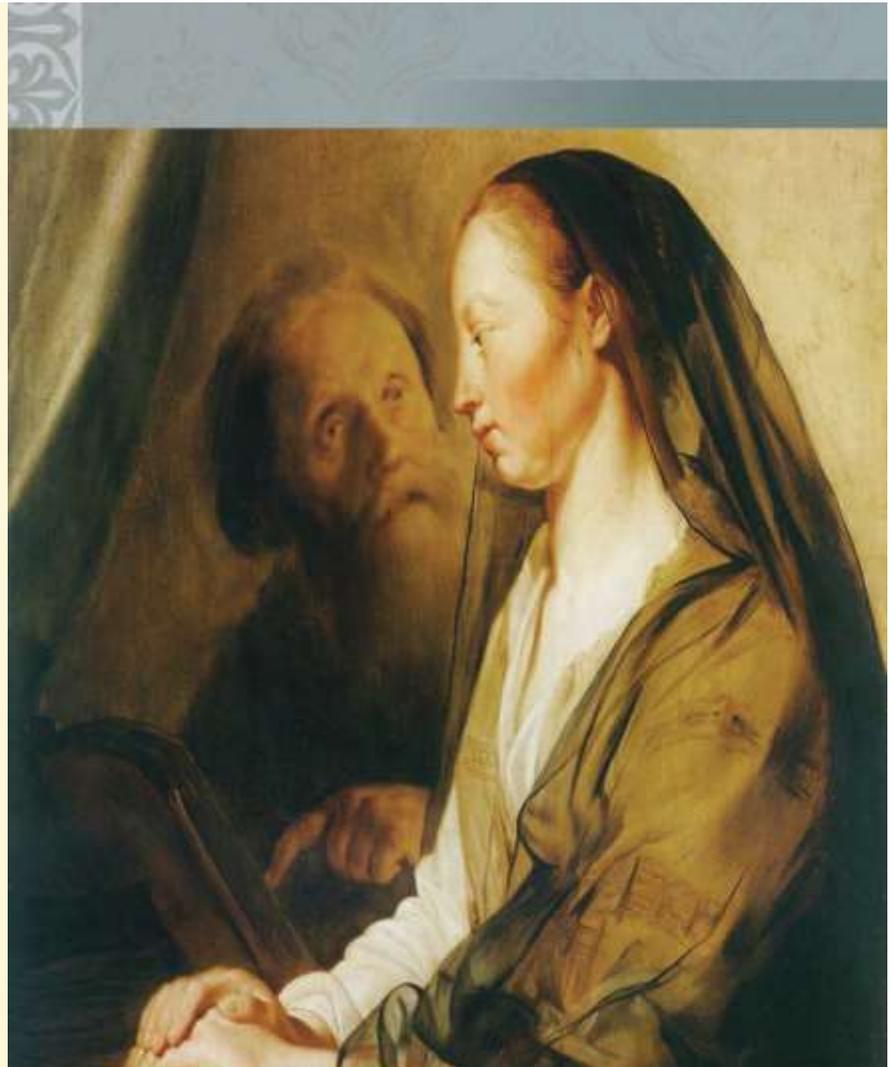
Timothy Gallant, Supervisor  
Jesse Ouellette

#### FAITH FORMATION

Carolyn F. Houston, Director  
Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

#### LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mark Reeth, Coordinator  
Lisa White, Choir Director



## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

*“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.”*

Today’s Gospel features a persistent

widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? *“Because the widow keeps bothering me.”* Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will *“secure the rights of his chosen ones.”* Sometimes, He may well seem *“slow to answer them.”*

In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts *“are not [our] thoughts.”* His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to *“faith on earth.”* ©LPi

### Holy Spirit Parish Fair

There will be a booth at the Parish Fair on November 9 & 10 where **Monsignor Charles Murphy** will sign copies of his new book, *Mystical Prayer: The Poetic Example of Emily Dickinson*.

Volunteers are needed to help set up on Sunday, November 3, at noon. Please come and help! Thank you!



### Journey in Faith

The Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council has teamed up with the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation and Parish Social Life to bring six exciting faith community and education events to the parish, entitled *Journey in*

*Faith – adult formation with separate sessions for children.* These events will be geared toward *adult* faith formation, but will involve parishioners of every age. These events are for single or married parishioners, and for parishioners with or without children. We’ll gather together for some refreshment and an opening prayer before breaking into groups for age-appropriate faith formation. The adult sessions will feature a dynamic guest speaker on the related topic. We are called to form our faith as well as our community. Our mission as Catholics is to grow closer to Jesus, and to share His story with others. These sessions will enable us to learn more while evangelizing one another as a faith family. They will also assist us in recognizing how we are called to bring the love of Jesus to our wider community.

An informational brochure is available in the narthex of both churches. It contains the schedule for the six events, information about the events, and scheduled speakers for the adult sessions. In order to ensure enough supplies and adult supervision, we need to know if adults are bringing their children or grandchildren to the child-component of the program **by the Wednesday before** the event.

Our parish’s first *Journey in Faith* event will take place **next Sunday afternoon, October 27, 3-5 pm.** The theme for the event is the “Reconciliation,” featuring Fr. Tom Murphy of All Saints Parish in Brunswick as the guest presenter. Children will enjoy their own separate age-appropriate activities related to “Reconciliation.”

The members of the Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council, Office of Lifelong Faith Formation, and Parish Social Life, hope that you will join them for this parish-wide event!

### 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEKEND: October 19 & 20

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Constance & William Rogers by Bill & Bonnie Banks  
 4:00 PM (W) Betty Talbot by Ruth Dooley  
 Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) Frank Dattore by Leo & Connie Bourque  
 9:00 AM (W) Margaret Carlin by Peggi Carlin  
 10:00 AM (K) For our parishioners  
 11:00 AM (W) William F. Cummings by Alice & Jerry Fitzgerald

WEEKDAYS: October 21-25

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Wayne Moody by Dave & Connie Bunker  
 9:00 AM (K) For the unborn by Rev. Vince Mellone  
 10:30 AM Mass at River Ridge  
 John Dowe by Barbara & Bob Grillo  
 Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Mitt Vargelis by Cindy & Dave Barton  
 9:00 AM (K) Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus  
 Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Paul Fricault by Joanne Colley  
 9:00 AM (K) Mary Ann Tartre by Howard & Maryanne Angione  
 10:30 AM Mass at Avita  
 Ann Stone by Vince Gallucci  
 Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Rudolfo David by Lucy & Tim Cilley  
 9:00 AM (K) Mike Butterfield by the family  
 Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Marcel Morissette by William & Marianne Horne  
 9:00 AM (K) Margo Grady by Bob Convery

NEXT WEEKEND: October 26 & 27

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Fred & Madeline Smith by Russ & Kathy Smith  
 4:00 PM (W) James & Ruth Cullen by David & Jacquie Cullen  
 Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) Stephen Miller by Richard & Jane Lisauskas  
 9:00 AM (W) For our parishioners  
 10:00 AM (K) Julius Palmero by the family  
 11:00 AM (W) Gwenn Giles by her family

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

**October 26 & 27**

- 4:00 PM St. Martha (K) Fr. Agustin  
 4:00 PM St. Mary (W) Fr. Manship  
 8:00 AM St. Martha (K) Fr. Morse  
 9:00 AM St. Mary (W) Fr. Agustin  
 10:00 AM St. Martha (K) Fr. Morse  
 11:00 AM St. Mary (W) Fr. Agustin

*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 the St. Mary's altar are in loving memory of Mary Patricia & James T. Walsh by Peter C. Walsh.



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Sarah Miller & Curtis Guimond  
 October 26 @ 1 PM  
 (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 207-985-9214 or [alinesaunders@roadrunner.com](mailto:alinesaunders@roadrunner.com).

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

THE WEEK AHEAD  
**October 20-27**  
**ST. MARTHA CHURCH**

Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM  
 S Anon - 7 PM  
 Monday: Centering prayer - 9:30 AM & 6:00 PM  
 Tuesday: Fair Crafters - 9:30 AM  
 Wednesday: Ignatian Exercises  
 Weight Watchers  
 Thursday: Cursillo - 4 PM  
 Faith Sharing - 7 PM  
 Romans: The Gospel of Salvation - 6 PM  
 Friday: Produce Pantry  
 Saturday: Reconciliation - 3 PM  
 Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM  
 S Anon - 7 PM  
 Journey in Faith - 3-5 PM

**ST. MARY CHURCH**

Sunday: K of C Breakfast after Masses  
 Faith Formation - 10 AM  
 RCIA - 10 AM  
 Monday: Faith Formation - 3:45 PM  
 Hope & Recovery Ministry - 5:30 PM  
 Tuesday: Bereavement Quilting - 9 AM  
 Red Cross Blood Bank - 12 noon  
 Romans: The Gospel of Salvation - 1 PM  
 K of C 4th Degree - 7 PM  
 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  
 Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM  
 RCIA - 10 AM  
 Coffee & donuts - 10 AM

**ST. MARTHA  
 COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS:**

beef stew, tuna fish, mac & cheese, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned chicken.

**ST. MARY ECUMENICAL  
 FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

canned vegetables, cereal, dry soup, dish detergent, small laundry detergent.



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.

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**WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT**  
**October 5 & 6**

Collection	\$	15,563.00
We Share (39)	\$	2,671.50
Total Offertory	\$	18,234.50
Tithe	\$	1,276.00
Envelopes (330)	\$	8,998.00
Loose	\$	6,565.00



*Thank you for your generous donations to last weekend's second collection for the Church Floor Fund.*

*This weekend is Mission Sunday. The second collection will be for the Propagation of the Faith.*

**2019 HOLY SPIRIT PARISH  
 CATHOLIC APPEAL**

**AS OF OCTOBER 10, 2019:**

**Total - \$128,324**  
**Goal - \$124,301**  
**% Goal - 103%**



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!***



For those with visual impairments and in need of enlarged copies of song sheets for Mass, send an e-mail to Mark Reeth at mark.reeth@portlanddiocese.org. Copies of music will be e-mailed to you which you'll be able to print out and take to Mass.



ALL ARE  
WELCOME!  
THIS SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 20

~ after Masses in ST. MARY'S HALL ~

**MENU INCLUDES:**

pancakes, waffles, eggs, toast,  
potatoes, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit,  
milk, tea, water, coffee

Ages 11 & older - \$10; Ages 6-10 - \$5  
Ages 5 & 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 an eight-week Bible study being offered by Holy Spirit Parish. It will help make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. It will provide a Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this challenging epistle. This Bible study takes place on Tuesdays at 1 PM at St. Mary in Wells and on Thursdays 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 group discussion and fellowship. FMI or to register, contact Rosanne at [rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org) or 985-6252.



**The Holy Spirit  
Prayer Shawl Ministry**

invites you to its next meeting on **Wednesday, November 20**, at 11 AM in the downstairs parlor at St. Mary's Church. The group meets once a month to knit/crochet and offer prayers over the shawls so as to pass along personal petitions and intentions for the recipients. FMI, or if you know of someone who would benefit from a shawl, please call Sue at 646-8217, or Verna at 646-4543.



**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!

**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**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:stmarywells@myfairpoint.net)**



**RACHEL'S VINEYARD  
RETREAT WEEKEND  
OCTOBER 25-27**

The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend in Maine will be next weekend, October 25-27 in the greater Bangor area. Anyone personally affected by an abortion, including women, men, relatives, and former abortion workers are welcome. The retreat includes two overnights and four meals. Arrival time is 6 PM on Friday, and departure time is 1 PM after Sunday Mass. The weekend is experiential, Scripture-based, and non-judgmental, with no more than eight participants. The retreat location is not publicized in order to provide a safe place for participants. To talk about attending a retreat, please leave a confidential message by calling (207) 321-7897, e-mailing [projectrachel@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@portlanddiocese.org), or filling out a confidential online form at [www.portlanddiocese.org/projectrachel](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/projectrachel). For more information, contact Annette Rioux at [mrioux33@gmail.com](mailto:mrioux33@gmail.com) or (207) 774-2420, or Judy Shaw at [jude23@outlook.com](mailto:jude23@outlook.com).

### Cursillo Maine

You're invited to Christian fellowship. Take the time to tell others how important Christ is in your life and hear others share the same. Join us for weekly small group on **THURSDAYS, 4 to 5:15 PM**, and our monthly Ul-treya (Onward!) 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.mainecursillo.org), or Kat Boucher [lkmb@roadrunner.com](mailto:lkmb@roadrunner.com) or at 207-216-7839 (leave a message).



### St. Thomas School

#### 5K Walk/Run & Vendor Fair

St. Thomas School in Sanford is hosting its annual 5K run/walk on Saturday, **November 9**, at the Sanford Memorial Gym. This year's event is a *Mingle Jingle Run*.



Overall 1<sup>st</sup> place awards, age-group winners will have their choice of pies, and a Best Holiday Dress Award will be given.

Post-race refreshments will be available for participants.

Advance Registration - \$25; Under age 18 - \$15;

60 years or older - \$10

Group Rates available for 10 or more registrants

(contact [msgendreau@metrocast.net](mailto:msgendreau@metrocast.net))

November 8 & 9 Registration – All Participants \$30

Registration begins on 11/9 at 8 AM & ends at 8:30 AM

5K starts at 9 AM Awards will be at 10 AM

Vendor Tables will be open 9 AM - 3 PM

Online registration:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/ME/Sanford/StThomasAnnualRunForOurSchool5KRunWalk>

For Vendor Fair information or an application form, call St. Thomas School 207-324-5832.



### *Christmas Card Cover Contest*

The Diocese of Portland is seeking a cover art design for the 2019 Christmas card. Any student affiliated with a Catholic parish or school in the Portland diocese may enter. Artwork provided by students will be judged by a committee. Each of the four winners' designs will be used on the cover of the 2019 Christmas card. One winner will be selected from each of the following grade groups: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. The winner's name will be printed on the back of the card, and the winners and their families will be invited to a reception with Bishop Deeley. The cards will be sent to over 10,000 households in the diocese. All entries must be turned in or mailed to:

**Diocese of Portland, 510 Ocean Avenue, Portland, ME 04103, by this Friday, October 25, at 4:30 PM, and require an official entry form.**

More information and the official entry form may be found in the narthex of both churches, on the parish website ([www.portlanddiocese.org](http://www.portlanddiocese.org)), and on the parish Facebook page.

### MAGNIFICAT MINISTRY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, November 16 9 AM -12 Noon**

Fireside Inn & Suites  
81 Riverside Street  
Portland, ME



**Guest Speaker: Father Anthony Kanagaraj.**

Growing up in a small village in India, Father dreamed of becoming a soldier, but God's plan for him was different. At age 16, he joined the Heralds of Good News Society, which has a charism of training and supplying priests wherever needed in the universal Church. Father was director of The Charismatic Retreat Center in Tirunelveli, India, where his dedication to a healing ministry first began. His testimony will be a witness to how the Lord assured His guidance and delivered His promises to him in his life as a Catholic priest. Reservations are \$22.00 payable to:

**Magnificat Scarborough.**

**Mail to:** Magnificat Scarborough, PO Box 821 Scarborough, ME 04070-0821, or visit our web page at *Magnificat Scarborough* to order reservation on-line.

*Seating is limited so register early- deadline is November 8. No tickets sold at door*