



Holy Spirit Parish

NOVEMBER 24, 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

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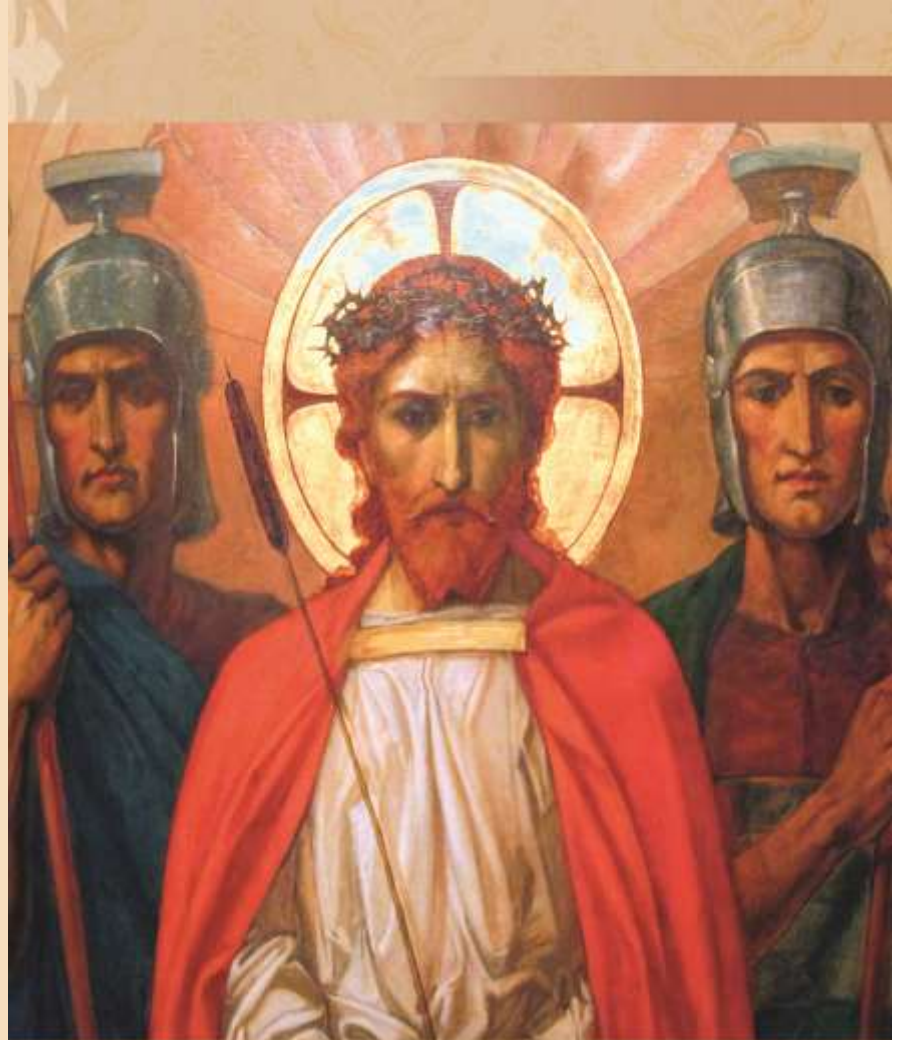
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Carolyn F. Houston, Director
Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

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Mark Reeth, Coordinator
Lisa White, Choir Director



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 92001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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“The rulers sneered ... the soldiers jeered ... one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus.” Is this the King of the Jews, the King of the Universe? If it is so, perhaps his

kingdom is not at all what we would expect! In his letter to the laity, St. John Paul II spoke about how Christians share in the kingly mission of Christ. First, “they exercise their kingship as Christians, above all in the spiritual combat in which they seek to overcome in themselves the kingdom of sin.” In other words, before we give any thought to transforming society, we must first allow God to transform us.

Through daily prayer, regular self-examination, and frequent confession, we can recognize our faults more readily and choose love instead!

Second, St. John Paul II writes that the laity “make[s] a gift of themselves so as to serve, in justice and in charity, Jesus who is himself present in all his brothers and sisters, above all in the very least.” Christ’s kingship, and our own participation in it, requires us to look beyond the privileged of society. It goes beyond networking and struggles of power. It goes with Jesus to the Cross!

Still, the kingship of Christ ought to effect society. “The lay faithful are called to restore to creation all its original value ... ordering creation to the authentic well-being of humanity.” Jesus does this in a radical way through his death and resurrection. We, too, are invited to bring new life to the world around us. This means holding the world and everything in it as sacred. It means advocating for civil policies that respect life and paying special care to the vulnerable and marginalized in every stage of life. It means being disciples of Jesus, inviting people into authentic love so that one day we will together “be with [him] in Paradise!”

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A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Good and gracious God,
You do all things well.
You make the sun and rain come,
nurturing the earth, making it
fertile and fruitful.
Through Your gift of creation and the
work of our hands,
we reap an abundant harvest.
We give You thanks for Your many
gifts that sustain us;
for health and home, dignified labor,
for family, friends, neighbors,
and those whom -- today -- we may
still consider enemies.
As we reflect in thanks this day,
may we remember those who lack
something we have.
May our gratitude move us to love,
serve, and give.
Together we rejoice in Your gifts,
and in Your abundant life!
Amen.



NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

You are invited to enter the names of deceased loved ones into the Books of Remembrance in front of the ambos at both St. Martha and St. Mary Churches.



ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1.

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEKEND: November 23 & 24

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Alan Turnage by the family
 4:00 PM (W) For our parishioners
 Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) Ly Nguyen by Phai Nguyen
 9:00 AM (W) Richard Peckham by Margaret Briand
 10:00 AM (K) Yen and Chau Nguyen by the family
 11:00 AM (W) Shirley Beauregard by Madelyn Beauregard

WEEKDAYS: November 25-29

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Raymond Mellone by Jennifer, Steve, & Elizabeth
 9:00 AM (K) Raymond Mellone by Leo & Connie Bourque
 Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) William C. Keogh by his daughter
 9:00 AM (K) Priscilla Parent by Royal & Rosanne Smith
 Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Thomas Gary "Tom" Rodgers
 9:00 AM (K) Ralph Brent by Mitch Dugan
 10:30 AM Mass at Atria
 Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Eleanor Fizzano by Eugene & Carol Flynn
 9:00 AM (K) Deceased members of USMA class of 1973
 Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Hestor O'Neil by Mari O'Neil
 9:00 AM (K) Donald Oswald by Mark & Kathleen Coen

NEXT WEEKEND: November 30 & December 1

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Mickey Mercier by the family
 4:00 PM (W) Salvatore "Sam" DeSalvo by Lou Ann Cusa
 Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) For our parishioners
 9:00 AM (W) Richmond Yorke by his wife
 10:00 AM (K) Cathy Haley by Mary Foster
 11:00 AM (W) Cindy Bistany by Mary Jane Grady



~Rest in Peace~
 Dennis K. Dalton

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

November 30 & December 1

- 4:00 PM St. Martha (K) Fr. Agustin
 4:00 PM St. Mary (W) Fr. Morse
 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 sanctuary lamp at St. Martha's burns in loving memory of Renaud Beland by Celeste & Ken Russell.

The sanctuary lamp at St. Mary's burns in loving memory of Susan M. Loprete by her family.



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

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



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.

Homebound Parishioners wishing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at home, please call the office at (207) 646-5605.



THE WEEK AHEAD

November 24-December 1

ST. MARTHA CHURCH

Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
S Anon - 7 PM
Monday: Centering Prayer - 9:30 AM & 6 PM
Tuesday: Set up for Thanksgiving
Wednesday: Weight Watchers
Thursday: *HAPPY & BLESSED THANKSGIVING!*
Project Pilgrim Dinner
Friday: Produce Pantry
Saturday: Reconciliation - 3 PM
Sunday: No Faith Formation
K of C breakfast after Masses
S Anon - 7 PM

ST. MARY CHURCH

Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM
RCIA - 10 AM
Coffee & donuts - 10 AM
Monday: Faith Formation - 3:45 PM
Tuesday: Bereavement Quilting - 9 AM
Food Pantry - 1 PM
Wednesday: Bible Study - 10 AM
Food Pantry - 5:30 PM
Spiritual Study Group - 7 PM
Thursday: *HAPPY & BLESSED THANKSGIVING!*
Friday: Office Closed
AA - 7:30 PM
Saturday: AA - 8 AM
Reconciliation - 3 PM
Sunday: No Faith Formation - 10 AM

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.



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

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

November 9 & 10

Collection	\$ 11,833.00
We Share (33)	\$ 1,206.50
Total Offertory	\$ 13,039.50
Tithe	\$ 912.00
Envelopes (311)	\$ 7,524.15
Loose	\$ 4,308.85

Archdiocese of Military Services

Collection	\$ 5,760.00
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This weekend's second collection will be for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*.



THE PARISH FAIR was, once again, a financial success. Proceeds were over \$41,000 (just about the same as last year). A list of raffle and other fair winners is available in the church narthexes. Our thanks to all who made the fair such a success!

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!

ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS:

peanut butter, jelly, mayonnaise, pancake mix, pancake syrup.

ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

shampoo, dish detergent, small mayonnaise, ground coffee, canned pasta, cranberry sauce.



DECEMBER FAMILY BREAKFAST

ST. MARTHA CHURCH HALL
next SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 8:30 - 11:15 AM



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

CENTERING PRAYER meets 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.



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. The next Bible study will take place on **Tuesday, December 3, at 1 PM at St. Mary in Wells**, and **Thursday, December 5, at 6 PM at St. Martha** in Kennebunk (*note that it will not take place at either site during Thanksgiving week*). FMI, or to register, contact Rosanne at 985-6252 or rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org.

The Holy Spirit Prayer Shawl Ministry



invites you to its next meeting on **Wednesday, January 15**, at 11 AM, in the downstairs parlor at St. Mary 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.

Please note that the ministry will not meet during the month of December.

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.



OPIATE CRISIS RECOVERY PRAYER GROUP



meets at St. Mary's, 5:30-6:30 PM, the 1st & 3rd Mondays of every month. FMI: Cornelia Stockman at 207-468-4586 or Leona Regan-Dolan at 508-308-4819.

BEREAVEMENT QUILTING

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



Holy Spirit Parish is looking for a team of adult parishioners to join Cross Catholic Outreach on a mission trip to the Caribbean island of Grenada. The trip will be Saturday, May 30-Sunday, June 7, 2020. Our mission will be to provide love to the 20 people being cared for at St. Martin's Home for the Aged. These residents have no other friends or family to care for them, and the Diocese of St. George's in Grenada is asking for missionaries to come and love them in their final days. The home has additional needs, such as painting, repairs, and yard work with which we might help. We will be staying at the St. Martin Retreat Centre in Mount St. Ervans. You must be at least 18 years of age to participate. If interested, or for more information, please contact Lisa White at (207) 351-0502 or lisa.white@portlanddiocese.org. To learn more, you may also visit one of the following sites: <https://www.stmartinsgrenada.org/about/> or <https://crosscatholic.org/>



If you would like to make a donation to St. Martin's Home for the Aged through Cross Catholic Outreach, checks can be made out to Holy Spirit Parish.



The Father William J. Kelly Knights of Columbus Council 9782 of St. Mary Church is sponsoring the annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. This is a way for our parish children between the ages of 5 and 14 to express the true meaning of Christmas in “their own language”. The entrants compete in one of three age groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14 (age eligibility is determined by the age on November 1).

The winner in each age category will be awarded \$100.

Applications and poster materials are available in the church narthexes. The contest begins this weekend, November 23-24. The posters must be submitted to the K of C table in the narthex by December 15. For more information, call Bob at 646-6870 or Steve at 850-6488.



In celebration of its 150th anniversary, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland will host a reception to benefit one of the many benevolent programs that helps parishioners to share God’s love and mercy with people in need. The

Portland Peninsula & Island Parishes will host the 150th Anniversary Reception on Saturday, December 7, the eve of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Following a 4 PM Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert P. Deeley, the reception will be held in the cathedral’s Guild Hall at 5 PM.

Although there is no charge to attend the reception, a donation (\$20 per person/\$50 for a family) is suggested with all proceeds to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen. Located in Guild Hall, the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen offers free meals to those in need Monday through Friday from 11 AM to 12:30 PM. Clothing is also offered each Friday, and people of all faiths are welcome at the kitchen. If you plan to attend the reception, organizers ask that you please RSVP by **Wednesday, November 27**, at www.portlanddiocese.org/cathedral-150th-anniversary.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

God has entrusted your spouse to your care. Show that you are trustworthy by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, December 13-15, in Duxbury, MA. FMI, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



CHRISTMAS SEMI-FORMAL DINNER/DANCE
sponsored by the
St. Martha Knights of Columbus #12033

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
THE NONANTUM BALLROOM
95 OCEAN AVENUE
KENNEBUNKPORT, ME
Social Hour 5:30-6:15 PM
Dinner & Dancing 6:15-10 PM

MENU

Mixed field green salad
Bake NE haddock with crumb stuffing
OR
Prime Rib
Chef’s classic dessert, coffee, tea

\$35.00 per person; cash bar
Entertainment by DJ Tom Pomeroy
For tickets, contact George Lynch at 985-9840.

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.