

Holy Spirit Parish

DECEMBER 1, 2019

OUR PARISH CHURCHES

ST. MARY CHURCH

236 Eldridge Rd.
Wells, ME 04090
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Weekday Mass: 8 AM
Weekend Masses: Saturday 4 PM
Sunday 9 & 11 AM

ST. MARTHA CHURCH

30 Portland Rd.
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(207) 985-6252
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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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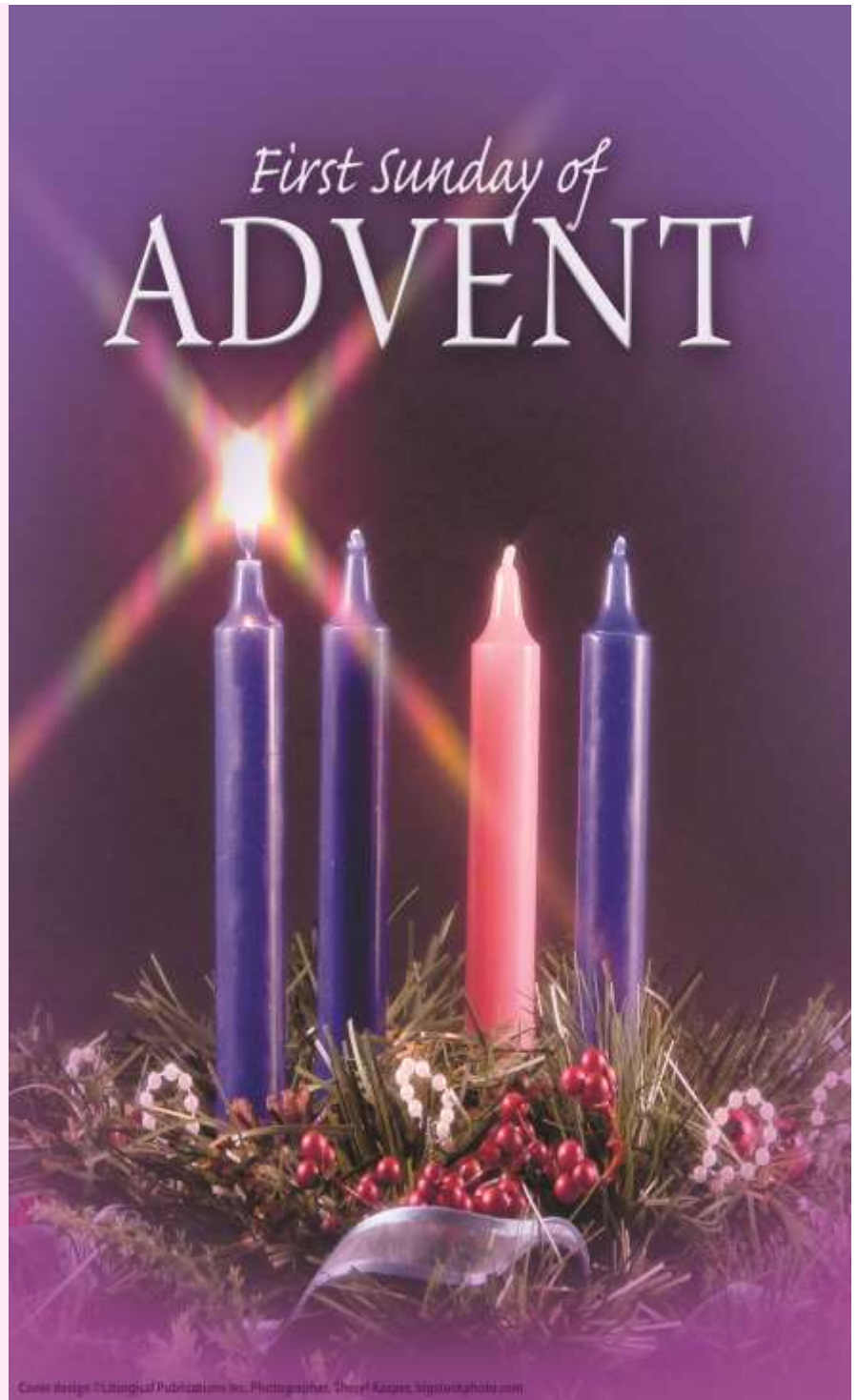
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GOSPEL MEDITATION



“I’m never getting enough rest! How can I possibly be ‘asleep’?” In a world of jam-packed schedules and high anxiety levels, physical rest may be hard to

come by. Yet, relentless pursuit of our to-do lists and social calendars may keep our minds off of the things that really matter. Jesus knows all too well a pattern of busy, harried ignorance. *“In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage ... they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.”* When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Supernatural light pierces the world’s darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. *“Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”* Every Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ’s first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

“At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” There’s another hour, too, both known and unknown. It’s the present moment. Whether it’s a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it’s attending a kindergarten play or an elderly relative’s bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into our hearts. This Advent, let’s pray for the grace to stay alert. Christ is coming soon.

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Due to a recent incident at one of our Masses, the following enhanced security measures are in effect: When gatherings are taking place, such as Masses, Faith Formation classes, etc., all exterior doors will remain locked except for the doors at the main church entrances. This will, of course, continue to allow access to areas within the churches where programs are taking place. These are also the safest access points year-round due to handicap accessibility. Thank you for your understanding!



THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Feast Day is usually celebrated on December 8th; however, this year, due to the fact that the 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent, that will take precedence. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday the 9th at our regular Masses and is exempt from being a Holy Day of Obligation.



The Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council continues to team 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 are geared toward **adult** faith formation, but also involve parishioners of every age. The events are for single or married parishioners, and for those with or without children. We gather together for some refreshment and an opening prayer before breaking into groups for age-appropriate faith formation. The adult sessions feature a dynamic guest speaker on the related topic. We are called to form our faith, as well as our community. As Catholics, our mission is to grow closer to Jesus and to share His story with others. These sessions enable us to learn more while evangelizing one another as a faith family. They also assist us in recognizing how we are called to bring the love of Jesus to our wider community. An informational brochure, containing the schedule and information about the events, and scheduled speakers for the adult sessions, is available in the narthex of both churches. 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 (December 11). Our parish’s third *Journey in Faith* event will take place on **Sunday, December 15, 3-5 PM, at St. Martha Church in Kennebunk**. The theme is **“Social Justice and Catholicism”**, and is being **presented by Dan Mahoney**. Mr. Mahoney is a graduate of Cornell University. He completed his graduate studies in counseling and addiction at Cambridge College and Rutgers University, and recently obtained a certificate in pastoral studies at Loyola University.



MASS INTENTIONS

THIS 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

WEEKDAYS: December 2-6

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Andrea St. Hilaire by Gloria Ryan
- 9:00 AM (K) S. Vincent Barone by Grace Formica
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Carol Petriccia by Jean Russo
- 9:00 AM (K) Deacon Kenneth Oles by Richard & Jane Lisauskas
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Gabrielle Thorpe by Richard Bois
- 9:00 AM (K) Thomas Burkhart by Lorraine Carroll
- 10:30 AM Mass at Huntington
Margo Grady by Charles & Penelope Poirier
- Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Maria Campos & sons by John Carney
- 9:00 AM (K) Cait Calvo by her sister
- Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Mark Davis by his mother
- 9:00 AM (K) Deceased members of the William P. Philipp Family

NEXT WEEKEND: December 7 & 8

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Ralph Chenard by his family
- 4:00 PM (W) Charles Fohlin by his wife
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) John Barry by Bill & Mary Barry
- 9:00 AM (W) Rose Linehan by Larry & MaryLou Ryan
- 10:00 AM (K) Minh & Doi Mai by their family
- 11:00 AM (W) For our parishioners



~Rest in Peace~

- Richard Belanger
- Lorraine Dill
- Georgette Fortier
- Nancy Russell

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

December 7 & 8

- 4:00 PM St. Martha (K) Fr. Manship
- 4:00 PM St. Mary (W) Fr. Mellone
- 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 sanctuary lamp at St. Martha's burns for health and blessings upon Caren Carey by Ed Kelleher.

The sanctuary lamp at St. Mary's burns for health and blessings upon Vivian Shirley by Sue and John Freeman.



Bulletin insert requests for consideration must be submitted by Fridays at 12 Noon (**8 days prior to the weekend for which being requested**). Earlier deadlines are required based on all major holidays. For questions or to submit a bulletin item, 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

December 1-8

ST. MARTHA CHURCH

- Sunday: No Faith Formation
K of C breakfast after Masses
S Anon - 7 PM
- Monday: Centering Prayer - 9:30 AM & 6 PM
- Tuesday: *Have a great day!*
- Wednesday: Old Timers Luncheon - 12 Noon
Ignatian Exercises
Weight Watchers
- Thursday: Cursillo - 4 PM
Romans: The Gospel of Salvation - 6 PM
Faith Sharing - 7 PM
- Friday: First Friday Adoration - 9:30 AM to 4 PM
Produce Pantry
- Saturday: Reconciliation - 3 PM
- Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
S Anon - 7 PM

ST. MARY CHURCH

- Sunday: No Faith Formation
- Monday: No Faith Formation
Hope & Recovery Ministry - 5:30 PM
- Tuesday: Bereavement Quilting - 9 AM
Romans: The Gospel of Salvation - 1 PM
- Wednesday: Bible Study - 10 AM
Food Pantry - 5:30 PM
K of C Officers - 7 PM
Spiritual Study Group - 7 PM
- Thursday: Food Pantry - 1 PM
- Friday: First Friday Adoration - 8:30 AM to 12 Noon
Closing Benediction - 12 Noon
AA - 7:30 PM
- Saturday: AA - 8 AM
Reconciliation - 3 PM
- Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM
Coffee & Donuts - 10 AM
RCIA - 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.



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WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

November 16 & 17

Collection	\$	12,112.00
We Share (33)	\$	1,166.50
Total Offertory	\$	13,278.50
Tithe	\$	929.00
Envelopes (322)	\$	7,643.35
Loose	\$	4,468.65

Thank you for your contributions to last weekend's second collection for the ***Catholic Campaign for Human Development.***

Next weekend's second collection will be for the ***Retirement Fund for Religious.***

This fund helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members.

Thank you in advance for giving generously.

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:

Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti O's, pudding, cereal, coffee.

ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

canned meats, canned hash, jelly/jam, small mayonnaise, instant coffee, toothpaste.

Green lector workbooks are now available for pick-up in the sacristy or office at both St. Mary and St. Martha churches.





The Holy Spirit Advent Giving Trees are an annual parish tradition and are up and ready at both St. Martha and St. Mary Churches. The ornaments on the Giving Trees contain a brief description of items requested by the organizations for which our parish is collecting. Car-ing Unlimited (which takes care of abused women and children) has requested gift cards. Long Creek Youth Development Center, the CourageLIVES residence of St. Andre's Home, and the York County Shelter have requested items which their clients need and desire. The baskets found below the Giving Trees are for families in the Head Start Program, and the items requested on the sheet taped to the basket are those that may not be purchased with food stamps. If you wish to participate, please take an ornament (or basket), purchase the item (new items only, please), wrap it (unless the tag indicates the contrary), and attach the original ornament to the package. The tags identify the items and allow us to get them to their proper destination. Please have your items and/or filled baskets back under the Giving Trees no later than December 15 in order for the gifts to be distributed in time for Christmas.



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 Bible study being offered by Holy Spirit

Parish. It might 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 this **Tuesday, December 3, at 1 PM at St. Mary in Wells**, and this **Thursday, December 5, at 6 PM at St. Martha in Kennebunk**. FMI, or to register, contact Rosanne at 985-6252 or rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org.

DECEMBER FAMILY BREAKFAST



ST. MARTHA CHURCH HALL
THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 8:30 - 11:15 AM
Adults - \$8; 13-17 - \$5; 12 & under - Free



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.



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. Evans. 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/>

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!



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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

St. Mary Chapel after the 8 AM Mass until Benediction at 12 Noon.

St. Martha Church after the 9 AM Mass until 4 PM.

Sign up in the narthexes.



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



Next 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.



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 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.

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 scheduled on Tuesday, December 9) 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.

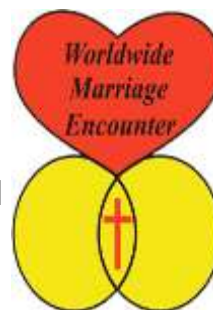


"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks...." If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, call Father Seamus

Griesbach at (207) 773-6471 or write: seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Enrich and renew your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are December 13-15 and March 13-15, both in Duxbury, MA. FMI, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://wwmema.org/.



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.