

# Holy Spirit Parish

## DECEMBER 15, 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

*Third Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**

*The Light is ON  for You.*  
*Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**DECEMBER 17-DECEMBER 19 — 6 to 7 PM**  
**TUESDAY, 12/17 - St. Mary (W)**  
**WEDNESDAY, 12/18 - St. Mary (W) AND St. Martha (K)**  
**THURSDAY, 12/19 - St. Martha, (K)**

[www.holyspiritme.org](http://www.holyspiritme.org)

[www.facebook.com/holyspiritmaine](https://www.facebook.com/holyspiritmaine)

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Whom did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection. He asks it in today's Gospel. "What did you go out to the desert to see?" There is something innately human about "seeing." Animals have eyes — some with much more powerful vision than our own — but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. "What are you looking for?" "What are you longing for?" "Whom do you seek?"



It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. "Go and tell John what you hear and see."

God recognizes our desire to see. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin "regain their sight." People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Addicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. Let's pray for the grace to see God's movement in our lives this week. How have you seen the work of God?

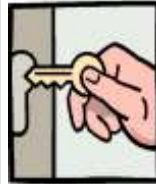
©LPI

Our third *Journey in Faith* event will take place **THIS 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. The Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council continues to team up with the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation and Parish Social Life to bring these community 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.

**ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES FOR OUR PARISH**



The following enhanced security measures are in effect for St. Mary & St. Martha Churches: When gatherings are taking place, such as Masses, Faith Formation classes, etc., exterior doors will remain locked, except for the double doors at the main church entrances. During weekday business hours at St. Mary (8:30 AM - 4:30 PM), the door at the left side of the building, closest to the office, will be open. At St. Martha, during weekday business hours (8:30 AM - 2 PM), the main church double doors with the office sign will be open for office access. The main double doors of both churches are the best access points year-round due to handicap accessibility and winter maintenance. Thank you for your understanding.



The Holy Spirit Advent Giving Trees have been up at both St. Martha and St. Mary Churches during the season of Advent. The ornaments on the Giving Trees contain a brief description of items requested by the organizations for which our parish is collecting. Caring 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 otherwise), and attach the original ornament to the package. The tags identify the items, allowing them to get to their proper destination. Please have your items and/or filled baskets back under the Giving Trees **NO LATER THAN THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**, in order for the gifts to be distributed in time for Christmas.

## MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEKEND: December 14 & 15

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Earl, Kathryn, & Ron Hemenway by Kathy & Russ Smith  
 4:00 PM (W) Alfred Robinson by his wife  
 Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) For our parishioners  
 9:00 AM (W) Mary Carbone by her children  
 10:00 AM (K) Paul Martel by Muriel Martel  
 11:00 AM (W) Michael & Louise Cangiano by Lorraine & Gene McSweeney, Margaret, & John Haseltine

WEEKDAYS: December 16-20

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Ree Drass Fournier by Donna Freni  
 9:00 AM (K) Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus  
 10:30 AM Communion Service at River Ridge  
 Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Justin Perry by Julia & Ed Smith  
 9:00 AM (K) Rosemary Chermak by Mary Foster  
 Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Linda Potter by Lin  
 9:00 AM (K) Katie Biaz by Helen & Jean Conaty  
 10:30 AM Mass at Avita  
 Mary Lou Manning by Ray & Claire Jean  
 Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Richard Campos by the Carney Family  
 9:00 AM (K) Beatrice & Frank Crozier by Virginia  
 Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Joan Richard by Barbara Burns  
 9:00 AM (K) McKenna Dempsey by the family

NEXT WEEKEND: December 21 & 22

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Claudette Schuler by Ray, Diane, & family  
 4:00 PM (W) Adele Franceschini by her family  
 Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) John H. Traynor, Jr. by the Dan Saunders family  
 9:00 AM (W) For our parishioners  
 10:00 AM (K) John Morgan by the Morgan family  
 11:00 AM (W) Joseph V. Regis, Jr. by Alice & Jerry Fitzgerald

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



## 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 wish to have your baby baptized, please attend the following class:

**NEXT SATURDAY,  
 DECEMBER 21 AT 9 AM  
 AT St. Martha Church in Kennebunk**  
 To register, please call (207) 646-5605.



## CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

**December 21 & 22**

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



**CHRISTMAS EVE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**St. Martha, Kennebunk: 4 PM & 6 PM  
 St. Mary, Wells: 4 PM, 6 PM & 9 PM**

**CHRISTMAS - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**St. Martha, Kennebunk: 9 AM  
 St. Mary, Wells: 9 AM**



## 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 WEEK AHEAD

**December 15-22**

**ST. MARTHA CHURCH**

Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM  
Journey in Faith - 3 to 5 PM  
S Anon - 7 PM

Monday: Centering Prayer - 9:30 AM & 6 PM

Tuesday: Blood Drive - 1 PM

Wednesday: Ignatian Exercises  
Weight Watchers  
"The Light is On" Reconciliation - 6 to 7 PM

Thursday: Cursillo - 4 PM  
Romans: The Gospel of Salvation - 6 PM  
Parish Council - 6 PM  
"The Light is On" Reconciliation - 6 to 7 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  
K of C breakfast after Masses

Monday: Faith Formation - 3:45 PM  
Hope & Recovery Ministry - 5:30 PM

Tuesday: Bereavement Quilting - 9 AM  
Red Cross Blood Drive - 12 Noon  
Romans: The Gospel of Salvation - 1 PM  
"The Light is On" Reconciliation - 6 to 7 PM

Wednesday: Food Pantry - 5:30 PM  
"The Light is On" Reconciliation - 6 to 7 PM  
K of C General - 7 PM  
Spiritual Study Group - 7 PM

Thursday: Food Pantry - 1 PM

Friday: AA - 7:30 PM

Saturday: AA - 8 AM  
Reconciliation - 3 PM

Sunday: **No** Faith Formation  
RCIA - 10 AM  
Coffee & Donuts - 10 AM



The Bible Study held at St. Mary on Wednesdays at 10 AM will resume on **January 8**. The study of the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes will begin at that time.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CHOIR**  
**will sing on Tuesday,**  
**Christmas Eve, at the 4 PM Mass**  
**at St. Martha Church**  
**in Kennebunk.**



**stewardship**

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT**

**November 30 & December 1**

Collection	\$ 12,476.00
We Share (36)	\$ 1,906.50
Total Offertory	\$ 14,382.50
Tithe	\$ 1,006.00
Envelopes (323)	\$ 8,180.11
Loose	\$ 4,295.89

Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last weekend's second collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.**

"Thank you hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received.

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](http://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!***



Extra Christmas flower envelopes are available in the pews.

Donations may also be made through **We Share.**

If you are registered in the parish, your gift will be recorded for your tax receipt.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH**



A number of people inquire each year about monetary gifts to the priests at Christmastime. These should be in separate cards/envelopes, and any checks should be made out in the priest's name. Please know that such gifts are not tax-deductible. Regular offertory donations, however, are always tax-deductible, and those checks should be made out to "Holy Spirit Parish".

*Thank you for your generosity!*



**Family Breakfast**  
 All Are Welcome  
 SUNDAY, DEC. 15<sup>TH</sup>  
 8 AM - Noon  
**ST. MARY'S HALL**  
 236 Eldridge Road, Wells  
**MENU**  
 Pancakes, Waffles, Eggs, Toast,  
 Potatoes, Bacon, Sausage,  
 Fresh Fruit,  
 Juices: Apple & Orange,  
 Milk, Coffee: Reg. & Decaf  
 Tea, Water  
 Adults \$10, Children 6-10 \$5  
 Preschoolers - FREE  
 FMI: 207-646-6870



Photos with Santa

**Get your picture taken with SANTA at the family breakfast after the 9 and 11 AM Masses at St. Mary's THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15! NO CHARGE**



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 taking place at 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 *final* Bible study will take place this **Tuesday, December 17, at 1 PM at St. Mary in Wells**, and this **Thursday, December 19, at 6 PM at St. Martha in Kennebunk**. FMI, or to register, contact Rosanne at 985-6252 or rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org.



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](mailto: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, please make checks out to "Holy Spirit Parish".  
 Thank you!



**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.



**ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS:**  
 pancake mix, pancake syrup, peanut butter, jelly, mayonnaise.

**ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**  
 canned pasta, jelly/jam, spaghetti sauce, chowder, instant coffee, tissues.

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry** recently added an hour to its weekly schedule. The pantry is open on **Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM** on a trial basis, through January 8. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact one of the following: Jim Heenan at [Jimheenan@aol.com](mailto:Jimheenan@aol.com) or 207-467-5313, Paul Goyette at 207-252-3245, Bill Sawyer at [billsawyer@live.com](mailto:billsawyer@live.com) or 617-513-0548, or Don Kamann at 207-251-3241.





**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.

*\*The ministry will not meet in December.*

**Cursillo** Maine invites you to Christian fellowship. Join us in the spiritual exercise of examined and shared "Piety, Study and Action". All are welcome at weekly small group Thursdays, 4 - 5:15 PM, and our monthly Ultreya (Onward!), 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month (Sept to June), 10 - 11:30 AM. Both meet in the conference room at St. Martha. 3-Day Cursillo Weekends (Short Course in Christianity) are held in Winthrop, Maine. **Men's Weekend to be held April 30 - May 3, 2020.** Applications are available: [www.mainecursillo.org](http://www.mainecursillo.org) or Kat Boucher [lkmb@roadrunner.com](mailto:lkmb@roadrunner.com) or 207-216-7839. Women's date will be set as applications are received.



**CENTERING PRAYER** meets at St. Martha Church every Monday at 9:30 AM and 6 PM. FMI, contact Deacon Darrell at [doxieduo@maine.rr.com](mailto:doxieduo@maine.rr.com) or 207-467-0957.



**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.

"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you."  
Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother?  
Call Father Seamus Griesbach at (207) 773-6471 or write: [seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org).



**Bulletin** Bulletin insert requests for consideration must be submitted by Friday at noon (8 days prior to the weekend for which being requested). Earlier deadlines are required based on holidays. Please send e-mail to Mark at [mark.reeth@portlanddiocese.org](mailto: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 [alinesaunders@roadrunner.com](mailto:alinesaunders@roadrunner.com) or (207) 985-9214.

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

**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.



**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).**