



# Holy Spirit Parish

## DECEMBER 22, 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

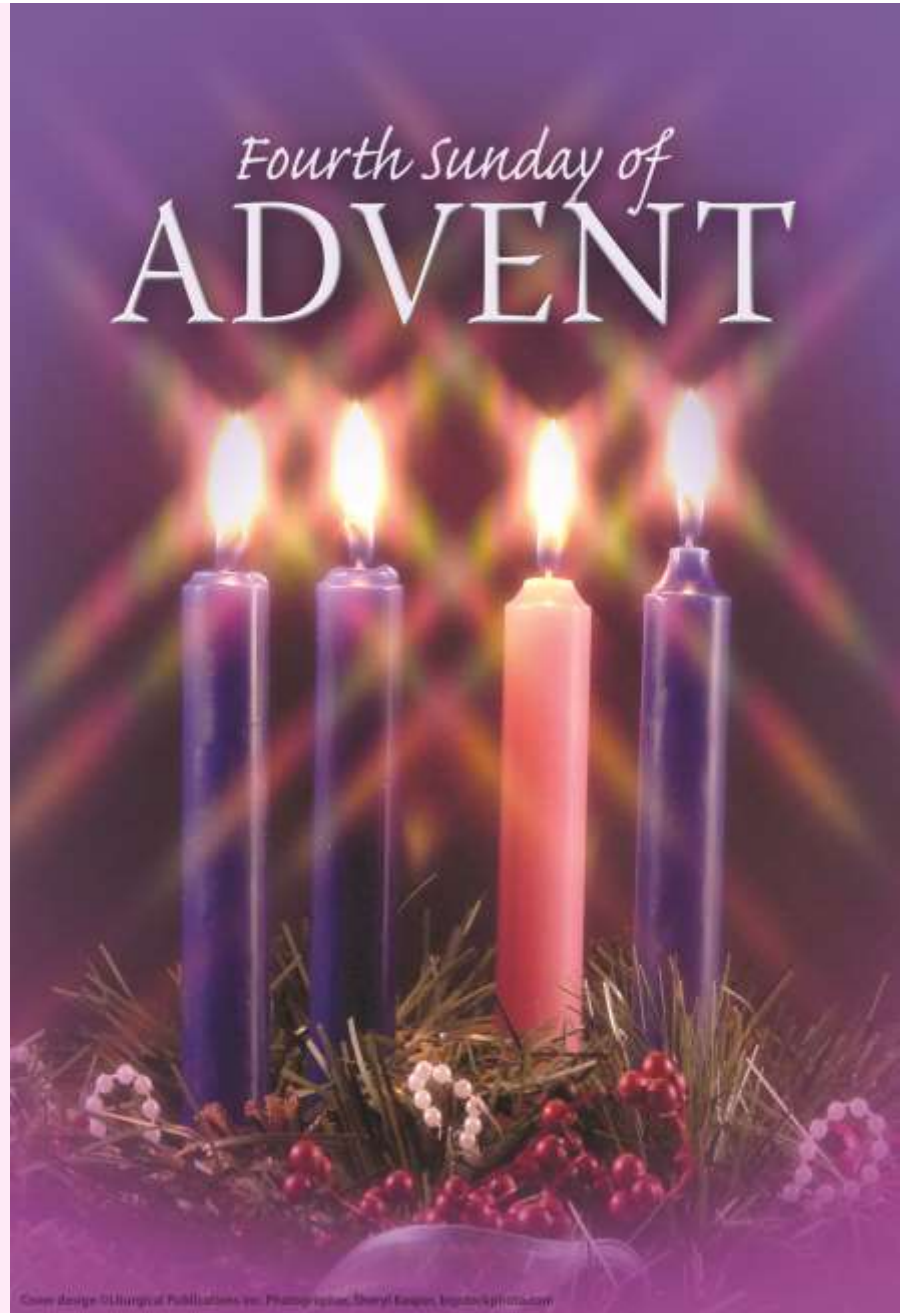
Timothy Gallant, Supervisor  
Jesse Ouellette

#### FAITH FORMATION

Carolyn F. Houston, Director  
Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

#### LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mark Reeth, Coordinator  
Lisa White, Choir Director



#### **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

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

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



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Each Advent season, we prepare to welcome Jesus into the inns and stables of our hearts. But Jesus' coming wasn't welcomed by everyone with choirs of angels.

For St. Joseph, the first coming of Jesus was a bit more complicated. "When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit." For Joseph, opening his heart (and home) to Jesus meant, at best, appearing to all the world like a man who had impregnated his wife out of wedlock. At worst, he appeared a cuckold, raising the child of another man. God doesn't always appear the way we expect.

For some of us, the birth of Christ is a bit relationally complicated. Perhaps over the past few months, a loved one has died. This Christmas, you're taking it upon yourself to keep up the traditions and hold the family together. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming grief. Perhaps it's a difficult relative (or two or three) and it's all you can do to bite your tongue and swallow your pride while they're under your roof. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming strife, discord, and tension.

Yet "do not be afraid," the angel says. Do not be afraid. Why? Because we celebrate the birth of "Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Before Jesus' earthly ministry would begin, Jesus would lose his father, Joseph. God is with us in our grief. Whenever Jesus went, he stirred up controversy and faced down challenging personalities. God is with us in our stress. The trick is, like Joseph, to allow supernatural grace to prevail. Joseph was a good man, filled with natural virtue in that he didn't want to "expose [Mary] to shame." Yet he was prepared to "divorce her quietly" all the same. Our natural abilities only take us so far. Where is receiving Jesus complicated this Christmas season? Are you relying on your own strength to get you through, or are you truly ready to accept the grace of Emmanuel, God with us? ©LPI



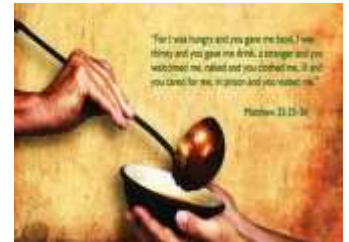
Christmas marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now, in the Christmas season, we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

God,  
you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary. Mary is our model of faith. May we be faithful to your word as Mary was. Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you. We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season.  
Amen.

**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 **January 14***) 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](mailto:carolyn.houston@portlanddiocese.org).



**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: 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

WEEKDAYS: December 23-27

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Marie Marthe by Ellie & George  
 9:00 AM (K) Patricia B. Pinette by Ray & Claire Jean  
*(Christmas Eve)*
- Tuesday: 4:00 PM (K) For our parishioners  
 4:00 PM (W) John E. Carter, Jr. by his wife  
 6:00 PM (K) Mickey Mercier by the family  
 6:00 PM (W) Juliette Beaulieu by the Beaulieu Family  
 9:00 PM (W) Gene Sullivan by Charlene Banulis  
*(Christmas Day)*
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM (W) Jane Varano Lagarra  
 9:00 AM (K) Minh & Doi Mai by the family
- Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Carolyn Velez by Steve, Jennifer, & Elizabeth  
 9:00 AM (K) Merilda & Charles Yoho by Carol & Dennis Dalton
- Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Joseph & Lillian Gregoire by Lin  
 9:00 AM (K) Isabelle Lori by Edwin

NEXT WEEKEND: December 28 & 29

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Richard Gorman by Karen Lee Gorman  
 4:00 PM (W) Colette Couture by Jeannette & Roger Lambert
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) For our parishioners  
 9:00 AM (W) Irene, Anthony, Rosemarie, & Mary Tocci by their family  
 10:00 AM (K) Rodney Mailhot by the family  
 11:00 AM (W) Lydia Javora by Maryanne & Don Kammann

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

## CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

### December 24 - Christmas Eve

- 4:00 PM St. Mary's (W) Fr. Mellone  
 4:00 PM St. Martha's (K) Fr. Agustin  
 6:00 PM St. Mary's (W) Fr. Agustin  
 6:00 PM St. Martha's (K) Fr. Morse  
 9:00 PM St. Mary's (W) Fr. Morse

### December 25 - Christmas Day

- 9:00 AM St. Mary's (W) Msgr. Murphy  
 9:00 AM St. Martha's (K) Fr. Manship

### December 28 & 29

- 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*

### *THE HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CHOIR...*



**will sing this Tuesday,  
 Christmas Eve, at the 4  
 PM Mass at St. Martha  
 Church in Kennebunk.**

## SACRAMENTS

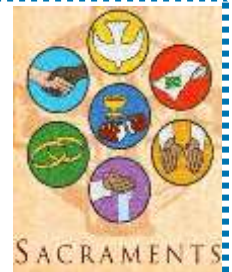
**BAPTISM:** To register, call Diane O'Neil at (207) 646-5605.

**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.*



## 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!

THE WEEK AHEAD

**December 22-29**

**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: Christmas Eve - Office closed  
Blood Drive - 1 PM  
Masses - 4 PM, 6 PM (*Children's Mass*)

Wednesday: *MERRY CHRISTMAS!*  
Mass - 9 AM

Thursday: Cursillo - 4 PM  
Parish Council - 6 PM  
Faith Sharing - 7 PM

Friday: Produce Pantry

Saturday: Reconciliation - 3 PM

Sunday: No Faith Formation  
S Anon - 7 PM

**ST. MARY CHURCH**

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

Monday: No Faith Formation

Tuesday: Christmas Eve - Office closed  
Masses - 4 PM, 6 PM (*Children's Mass*),  
9 PM

Wednesday: *MERRY CHRISTMAS!*  
Mass - 9 AM

Thursday: Food Pantry - 1 PM

Friday: AA - 7:30 PM

Saturday: AA - 8 AM  
Reconciliation - 3 PM

Sunday: No Faith Formation

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**WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT**

**December 8 & 9**

Collection	\$ 11,226.00
We Share (32)	\$ 1,796.50
Total Offertory	\$ 13,022.50
Tithe	\$ 911.00
Envelopes (314)	\$ 6,361.15
Loose	\$ 4,864.85

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

Collection	\$ 5,854.00
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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.

**PARISH LIBRARY**



Parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish are reminded that there is a library of religious books located in the St.

Mary Parish Center in Wells. While some of the older keepsake books are not to be removed from the library, they may be perused on site. Many other books, however, are available to borrow for a period of time. Unless a meeting is taking place, the library is open for browsing most weekdays, 8:30 AM- 3 PM.

**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 tax-deductible, and such checks should be made out to "Holy Spirit Parish".



***Thank you for your generosity!***



**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 or [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 Kammann at 207-251-3241.



**ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES FOR OUR PARISH**



The following security measures pertain to both 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.



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 through 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!*



For those with visual impairments and who might benefit from enlarged copies of song sheets for Mass,

e-mail Mark at [mark.reeth@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:mark.reeth@portlanddiocese.org). Copies of music will be e-mailed to you which you can print out and take to Mass.



Over the past year or so, various parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish have received strange requests for financial assistance. The recipients are usually those involved with parish committees and whose phone numbers or e-mails may have been available in our bulletin or on our website. They appear to be from Fr. Fred Morse, our Pastor, in the form of an e-mail or text requesting them to purchase gift cards for someone in need online and send them to him. The "catch" is that where to send on the phone or internet are numbers and addresses that look like Father's, but have a slight difference. Fr. Fred can assure you that he would never request assistance in that fashion. He would speak to anyone directly. If you happen to receive one which you know is a scam, contact Fr. Fred directly and inform him.

*Thank you.*





**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.

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Write to Father Seamus Griesbach at [seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org) or call (207) 773-6471.



 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.

**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.



**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).**

