



Holy Spirit Parish

DECEMBER 29, 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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Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mark Reeth, Coordinator
Lisa White, Choir Director



THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel,
for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD ~ HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE ~

NEW YEAR'S EVE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

St. Mary, Wells - 4 PM

St. Martha, Kennebunk - 6 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

St. Mary, Wells - 8 AM

St. Martha, Kennebunk - 9 AM

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GOSPEL MEDITATION
 “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40 km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

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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.



~ EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP ~
RECOGNIZE GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS

GOD’S GPS NEVER FAILS

I use GPS wherever I go, and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn, and the man inside my phone shouts out, “GPS signal lost!” or “Rerouting!”



The problem is, when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or by pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don’t trust my sense of direction. And I haven’t bought a paper map in close to a decade!

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey. Yet they have no idea how to get either. Prayer can serve as a compass, and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the Divine, we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God, through prayer, will help us see all we have as a gift. God, through prayer, will lead us away from materialism and selfishness and toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God’s GPS signal is never really lost. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.

Mass Intentions

THIS 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

WEEKDAYS: December 30-January 3

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Joanne Anderson by Margaret Briand
 9:00 AM (K) For the Holy Souls of Tim Gettezan
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Carolyn Velez by Mary Cormier
 9:00 AM (K) Nancy Hedderman by Mary Foster
 4:00 PM (W) Michael Meads by the Wholey Family
 6:00 PM (K) For our parishioners
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Mildred Confrey by Lou Ann Cusa
 9:00 AM (K) Louisa Braun by Mary Foster
- Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Julian Cayer by the Slobada Family
 9:00 AM (K) Butch Welch by his wife, Priscilla
- Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Germaine Silver by Bernadette & Walter Chambers
 9:00 AM (K) Patricia Pinette by Ray & Claire Jean

NEXT WEEKEND: January 4 & 5

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Joseph & Jean Antel by Joe Antel
 4:00 PM (W) John DiMatteo by Anne Noyes
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) For our parishioners
 9:00 AM (W) Michael Meads by the Wholey Family
 10:00 AM (K) Manuel Fonseak by Linda Cook
 11:00 AM (W) Carolyn Velez by Gordan Turpin

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

December 31 - Solemnity of Mary Vigil

- 4:00 PM St. Mary's (W) Msgr. Murphy
 6:00 PM St. Martha's (K) Fr. Manship

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

- 8:00 AM St. Mary's (W) Fr. Morse
 9:00 AM St. Martha's (K) Fr. Agustin

January 4 & 5

- 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*

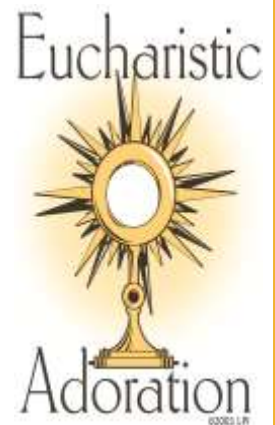
*Exposition of the
 Blessed Sacrament*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

**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 for
 prayer times.*



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 29-January 5

ST. MARTHA CHURCH

Sunday: No Faith Formation
S Anon - 7 PM

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

Tuesday: *NEW YEAR'S EVE*
Holy Day Vigil Mass - 6 PM

Wednesday: *NEW YEAR'S DAY* - Office closed
Holy Day Mass - 9 AM

Thursday: Cursillo - 4 PM
Faith Sharing - 7 PM

Friday: First Friday Adoration - 9:30 AM to 4 PM
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Saturday: Reconciliation - 3 PM

Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
K of C Breakfast after Masses
S Anon - 7 PM

ST. MARY CHURCH

Sunday: No Faith Formation

Monday: No Faith Formation

Tuesday: *NEW YEAR'S EVE* - Office closes at 12 Noon
Holy Day Vigil Mass - 4 PM

Wednesday: *NEW YEAR'S DAY* - Office closed
Holy Day Mass - 8 AM
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

**ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY
PANTRY NEEDS:**

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

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

small raisins, fruit cups, Jello, small sugar,
pudding, laundry detergent.



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WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

December 15 & 16

Collection	\$ 12,556.00
We Share (45)	\$ 2,534.50
Total Offertory	\$ 15,090.50
Tithe	\$ 1,056.00
Envelopes (311)	\$ 7,518.20
Loose	\$ 5,037.80
Christmas Flowers	\$ 2,580.00

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!



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.



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 or 207-467-5313, Paul Goyette at 207-252-3245, Bill Sawyer at billsawyer@live.com or 617-513-0548, or Don Kammann at 207-251-3241.

SCAM ALERT

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 the assistance via 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.*

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.



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.

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.



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. 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!

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.

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!





FAMILY BREAKFAST BUFFET
St. Martha Church Hall
 ~ Sunday, January 5,
 after Masses ~

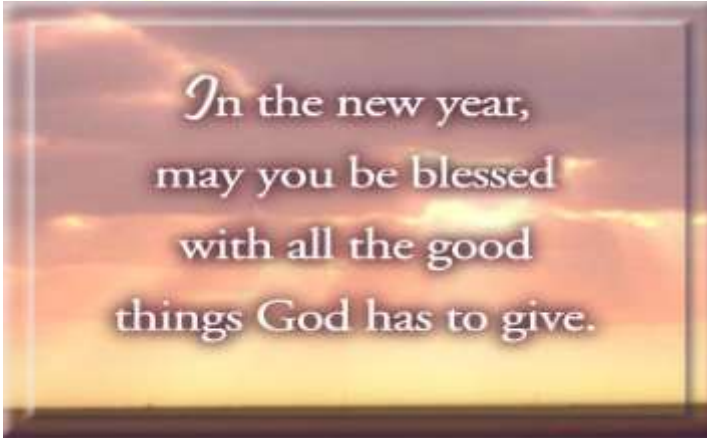
**pancakes, scrambled eggs, toast, bacon,
 sausage, hash browns, various beverages**

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

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!), 3rd 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 or Kat Boucher lkmb@roadrunner.com or 207-216-7839. Women's date will be set as applications are received.



"Out of Egypt I called my son." Do you hear the Lord calling you to the priesthood or religious life? If so, contact Father Seamus Griesbach at (207) 773-6471 or seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org.



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 or 207-467-0957.

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.



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 e-mail Mark at mark.reeth@portlanddiocese.org.

PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE

Name (s): _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

- New registration
- Change of e-mail address
- Moving out of parish
- Change of address
- 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.