



Holy Spirit Parish

JANUARY 19, 2020

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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Carolyn F. Houston, Director
Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mark Reeth, Coordinator
Lisa White, Choir Director



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Now I have seen and testified that he is
the Son of God.” - Jn 1:34

Excerpt from the Liturgy for Mass 2020, 1992, 1978, 1969

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GOSPEL MEDITATION



On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular,

John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility. "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me.'... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We, too, are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?



OPERATION STARFISH (www.stellamarina.org) is a project which began making Birthing Kits in 2010 and Newborn Kits in 2016 for the women of Haiti. The Birthing Kit is to ensure that the delivery will be clean and safe. **The Social Justice and Peace Commission** of Holy Spirit Parish will be collecting items for the kits, to include cloth diapers, onesies, face cloths and other necessary items for the mother. These items can be new or "gently used". Monetary gifts are also much appreciated for the purchase of medical items for the birth. To provide a woman a clean and safe delivery costs less than \$5. To kick off the gathering of needed items, **NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 25 & 26, AFTER ALL MASSES**, we will be collecting **ADULT COTTON T-SHIRTS. They are to be new or gently used & clean. They also can be colored and can have some writing on them.** Baby diapers will be made from the t-shirts. If you'd like to participate in the process, please sign up when you drop off your t-shirts. The diapers will be made in the St. Mary Parish Center in Wells on Monday, January 27, at 9 AM. **Cutters, folders, sewers, and sergers are needed!** The kits will be assembled and shipped in May 2020. FMI, please contact Diane Leech at (207) 646-7550 or dianeleech1@yahoo.com, or Leona Regan-Dolan at (508) 308-4819 or leonamrdolan@gmail.com.



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 Saturday, June 6, 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 lisa.white@portlanddiocese.org or (207) 351-0502. To learn more, you may also visit one of the following sites: <https://www.stmartinsgrenada.org/about/> or <https://crosscatholic.org/>. To make a donation to St. Martin's Home for the Aged through Cross Catholic Outreach, please make checks payable to "Holy Spirit Parish". **Thank you!**

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND: January 18 & 19

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Elizabeth Kuczynski by Bob & Joyce Letellier
 4:00 PM (W) Joanne Anderson by Jan & Neil Robinson
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) For our parishioners
 9:00 AM (W) Adele Sheckman by Angela Sanders & family
 10:00 AM (K) Hannah Johnson by the Houston Family
 11:00 AM (W) Carolyn Velez by MaryAnne & Don Kammann

WEEKDAYS: January 20-24

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Jim Harris by Ann Marie Roy
 9:00 AM (K) Paul Ryan by Bev Frost
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Carolyn Velez by Amy & Chuck Anderson
 9:00 AM (K) John Godlewski, Sr. by Richard & Nancy Thibodeau
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Dorothy Albanese by Angela Sanders & family
 9:00 AM (K) Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
 10:30 AM Communion Service at Atria
- Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Santo Joseph Saraceno by Anne Pulsifer
 9:00 AM (K) Therese Charland by Muriel Martel
- Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Paul H. Duggan, Jr. by the Duggan Family
 9:00 AM (K) Lionel Lachance by the family

NEXT WEEKEND: January 25 & 26

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) John Anderson by Jim & Liz Dickson
 4:00 PM (W) Maureen McEvoy by her husband
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) James Pinto by Kathy Wilk
 9:00 AM (W) Michael Meads by the Wholey Family
 10:00 AM (K) Jenny Scamporlino by Fran & Bill Mitchell
 11:00 AM (W) For our parishioners



~*Rest in Peace*~
 Brian Dumas
 Herman Cohen

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

January 25 & 26

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| 4:00 PM | St. Martha (K) | Fr. Manship |
| 4:00 PM | St. Mary (W) | Fr. Morse |
| 8:00 AM | St. Martha (K) | Fr. Morse |
| 9:00 AM | St. Mary (W) | Fr. Mellone |
| 10:00 AM | St. Martha (K) | Fr. Morse |
| 11:00 AM | St. Mary (W) | Fr. Mellone |

Schedule subject to change.

*Reconciliation on Saturdays
 3-3:30 PM at St. Martha & St. Mary*

Diocese of Portland Flu Prevention For Masses



*If parishioners are sick, they are asked to stay home. When ill, individuals are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.

*With the exception of those who receive from the cup due to medical reasons (e.g., Celiac Disease), the distribution of the shared consecrated wine for the faithful is suspended. One cup with a small amount of Precious Blood will be made available toward the back of the middle aisle of the church.

*The faithful are urged, but are not obligated, to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.

*All ministers of Holy Communion are advised to be careful to not touch the tongue or the hand of the communicant.

*Parishioners should not shake hands during the Sign of Peace, but are encouraged to offer a verbal greeting, smile, or bow of the head. Parishioners should not hold hands during the "Lord's Prayer".



*IN ADDITION, OUR CHRISTMAS
 FLOWERS HAVE BEEN DONATED
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF...
 Kenneth Fitzgerald*

THE WEEK AHEAD

January 19-26

ST. MARTHA CHURCH

Sunday: No Faith Formation
S Anon - 7 PM

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office Closed
Centering Prayer - 9:30 AM & 6 PM

Tuesday: Have a great day!

Wednesday: Ignatian Exercises
Weight Watchers

Thursday: Cursillo - 4 PM
Faith Sharing - 7 PM

Friday: Faith Sharing - 10 AM
Produce Pantry

Saturday: Reconciliation - 3 PM

Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
Coffee & Donuts after Masses
S Anon - 7 PM

ST. MARY CHURCH

Sunday: No Faith Formation
RCIA - 10 AM
K of C Breakfast - after Masses

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office Closed
No Faith Formation

Tuesday: Bereavement Quilting - 9 AM

Wednesday: Bible Study: Ecclesiastes - 10 AM
Food Pantry - 5:30 PM
Spiritual Study Group - 7 PM

Thursday: Food Pantry - 1 PM

Friday: AA - 7:30 PM

Saturday: AA - 8 AM
Reconciliation - 3 PM

Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM
RCIA - 10 AM
Coffee & Donuts - 10 AM



January 20



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WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

January 4 & 5

Collection	\$ 11,327.00
We Share (39)	\$ 2,720.00
Total Offertory	\$ 14,047.00
Tithe	\$ 983.00
Envelopes (294)	\$ 7,573.05
Loose	\$ 3,753.95

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Collection	\$ 3,384.00
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Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next weekend's second offering will be for the **Church in Latin America**. Our support provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

If any parishioner would like a tax receipt for 2019 donations, please contact Rosanne Smith at rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org or 207-985-6252.

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!

January 18-25

Our Father, we seek you in so many ways and places in our life. We seek you for guidance and for comfort. But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry. We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common. Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.





Hannaford Welcomes You Back! Fight Hunger Bags Sold = Donations Raised!

For the month of February, every time the reusable \$2.50 "Fight Hunger" Bag is sold at the Hannaford store located at 107 Wells Plaza in Wells, St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry will receive a **\$1 donation**. You are joining over 1,100 non-profits who have raised over **\$440,000** to date for local communities as part of this program. St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry stood out to store leadership at Hannaford, and they selected St. Mary's as the featured non-profit for the month of February!

CONGRATULATIONS!

ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS:

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

ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

ground coffee, tea bags, canned pasta, spaghetti sauce, dish detergent, laundry detergent.



St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry added an hour to its weekly schedule, continuing to be open on **Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM. The trial basis has been extended through February.** If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact one of the following: Jim Heenan at 207-467-5313 or jimheenan@aol.com, Paul Goyette at 207-252-3245, Bill Sawyer at billsawyer@live.com or 617-513-0548, or Don Kammann at 207-251-3241.



Parishioners 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.



A lpha

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Typically taking place over the course of 11 weeks, each session explores a different question people might have about faith, and is designed to promote conversation. It is an open and informal space in which to explore and discuss these questions together (e.g., Who is Jesus? How does God guide us?). We are looking to organize this wonderful series, and we need to put a team together. If you are interested in being part of the team, or for more information, please contact Rosanne Smith at 207-985-6252 or rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org.

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.

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.

**Family
Breakfast**
All Are Welcome

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH 2020
8 AM - Noon
ST. MARY'S HALL
236 Eldridge Road, Wells


MENU

Pancakes, Waffles, Eggs, Toast,
Potatoes, Bacon, Sausage, Fresh Fruit,
Milk, Tea, Water  Coffee: Reg. & Decaf

 Adults \$10
Ages 6 -10 \$5
Preschoolers - FREE
FMI: 207-646-6870

CASH CALENDAR


The Knights of Columbus at both churches are holding a winter cash calendar raffle. Tickets are \$10 each and, if you purchase 10 tickets, you get one free. Net proceeds benefit the Knights' charities. Drawings will take place in February. Tickets are available before and after Masses in the narthex of each church. Calendars also have redeemable coupons from local merchants. The calendars also make great gifts for family, friends, and service providers!



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION


After many years of assisting and preparing parents for their children's sacrament of baptism, Anna Marie and Kevin Grimes will be "retiring" from the ministry. The ministry is seeking suitable replacements for them. The goal is to have a couple shadow one of the baptism classes, and then attend the April session which will take place at St. Mary's. If interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Diane at (207) 646-5605 or Rosanne at (207) 985-6252. We want to thank Anna Marie and Kevin for their invaluable service to the baptism ministry and to the parish!

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.




Vocations

"To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people..." If you think you may be called to serve as a priest, deacon, or in consecrated life, contact Father Seamus Griesbach at (207) 773-6471 or seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org.

**High School
Ice Fishing Weekend**



An ice fishing weekend for high-school boys will be held on January 31-February 2, at Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop. This is a weekend of community and prayer with fellow high-school discerners who are serious about their faith and open to a call to the priesthood. To register, or for more information about future events, please visit the **Upcoming Events** section on the Diocese of Portland's Vocations website: www.vocationsme.com.



An ice fishing weekend for Catholic men will be held February 7-9 at the China Lake Campground in China, Maine. This is a weekend of prayer and community with area clergy and fellow discerners who are serious about their Catholic faith. To register, or for more information about future events, please visit the **Upcoming Events** section on the Diocese of Portland's Vocations website: www.vocationsme.com.