



Holy Spirit Parish

FEBRUARY 9, 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 Sebasthyan, 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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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GOSPEL MEDITATION



What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus' words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allow-

ing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often." But it doesn't end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us.

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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.

**Diocese of Portland
Flu Prevention For Masses**



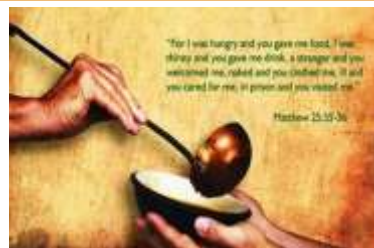
*If parishioners are sick, they are asked to stay home. When ill, individuals are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.

*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".



**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 take place every second Tuesday of the month (*next one will be **this Tuesday, February 11***) 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: February 8 & 9

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Ann Walsh by Mary Jo Church
 4:00 PM (W) Adele Franceschini by her family
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) Thomas Leonard by Bev & George Lynch
 9:00 AM (W) For our parishioners
 10:00 AM (K) Mary Lou Whalen by Carol Walsh
 11:00 AM (W) Santo Joseph Saraceno by Mary Jane Grady

WEEKDAYS: February 10-14

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Theresa Dubois by Mary Jane Grady
 9:00 AM (K) Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Daniel McKinnon by his wife
 9:00 AM (K) Brian Dumas by Barbara & Dick Sharood
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) William McDonough by Fr. Fred Morse
 9:00 AM (K) Milton VonAuken by Holy Spirit Parish
 10:30 AM Communion Service at Kennebunk Nursing Home
- Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Santo Joseph Saraceno by Jennifer, Steve, & Elizabeth
 9:00 AM (K) Herman Cohen by Barbara & Dick Sharood
- Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Robert Danis by Carol Dalton
 9:00 AM (K) Hannah Johnson by the Royal & Shawn Smith Families

NEXT WEEKEND: February 15 & 16

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Jane LaGarra by Bev & George Lynch
 4:00 PM (W) Carol Bonanno by Kathleen & Ron Hansen
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) For our parishioners
 9:00 AM (W) Robert David by Ralph & Pat Minichiello
 10:00 AM (K) Hannah Johnson by Don & Regina Fife
 11:00 AM (W) Sean M. Murphy by Winifred McDonough



~Rest in Peace~

Adella Brennan
 Anita Stephens
 Elaine Hatch

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

February 15 & 16

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| 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**

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.



SACRAMENTS



The flowers at the St. Mary's altar are in loving memory of Adele Franceschini by her family.

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

February 9-16

ST. MARTHA CHURCH

- Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
Coffee & Donuts after Masses
S Anon - 7 PM
- Monday: Centering Prayer - 9:30 AM & 6 PM
K of C Officers Meeting - 6:30 PM
- Tuesday: K of C Meeting - 7 PM
- Wednesday: Old Timers Luncheon - 12 Noon
Ignatian Exercises
Weight Watchers
- Thursday: Cursillo - 4 PM
Faith Sharing - 7 PM
- Friday: Faith Sharing - 10 AM
Produce Pantry
- Saturday: Ultreya - 10 AM
Reconciliation - 3 PM
- Sunday: No Faith Formation
S Anon - 7 PM

ST. MARY CHURCH

- Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM
RCIA - 10 AM
Coffee & Donuts - 10 AM
- Monday: Faith Formation - 3:45 PM
- Tuesday: Bereavement Quilting - 9 AM
Blood Drive - 12 Noon
- Wednesday: Bible Study: Ecclesiastes - 10 AM
Food Pantry - 5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal - 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: No Faith Formation
K of C Breakfast

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

January 25 & 26

Collection	\$	10,845.00
We Share (38)	\$	1,205.00
Total Offertory	\$	12,050.00
Tithe	\$	843.00
Envelopes (307)	\$	6,983.10
Loose	\$	3,861.90

Latin America

Collection	\$	4,091.00
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Next weekend's second collection will be for the **Church Floor Fund.**

Although the Floor Fund reached \$34,000 in 2019, there are not yet enough funds to complete our floor projects. We have had estimates done, and the plan is to complete the hall project in Kennebunk first. Some funds will need to be taken from our Capital Improvement Fund. The decision to complete Kennebunk first is due to water damage which needs to be mitigated, as well as asbestos concerns. It is also easier to schedule closing of the hall. The Wells church is more challenging to schedule due to the need to have it available for weekend masses. We are continuing to collect for the floor fund in 2020 with a plan to complete the Wells floor next January and/or February. Thank you for your continued support!

If any parishioner would like a tax receipt for 2019 donations, please contact Diane O'Neil at diane.oneil@portlanddiocese.org or 207-646-5605.

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 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.

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

ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:
ketchup, laundry detergent, canned beets, canned pasta, tomato sauce, juice.

St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry is open on **Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM on a trial basis through February**. To volunteer, 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.

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.

Alpha



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.




Anointing of the Sick

Bishop Robert P. Deeley will celebrate a Mass of the **Anointing of the Sick** **THIS Wednesday, February 12, at 9:30 AM** at **Mount Saint Joseph Residence & Rehabilitation, 7 Highwood Street, Waterville**. The celebration of the Mass is in commemoration of the **World Day of the Sick**, which is **February 11**. The anointing of the sick is administered to individuals suffering from deteriorating physical, emotional, or mental illness, those experiencing a sudden medical crisis or are scheduled for surgery (including routine procedures), those who are elderly and are weakened by advanced age or are suffering from chronic or long-term illnesses, those struggling or recovering from alcoholism or other addictions, those being treated with chemotherapy, radiation, or physical therapies.

THE HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CHOIR...

will sing next Sunday, February 16, at the 10 AM Mass at St. Martha in Kennebunk.



 Bulletin insert requests for consideration must be submitted by Friday at noon (8 days prior to the weekend for which being requested). E-mail mark.reeth@portlanddiocese.org.



~ **FAMILY BREAKFAST** ~
ALL ARE WELCOME!
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
 ~ after Masses in
ST. MARY'S HALL ~

MENU INCLUDES:
 pancakes, waffles, eggs, toast, potatoes,
 bacon, sausage, fresh fruit, milk,
 tea, water, coffee

Ages 11 & older - \$10; Ages 6-10 - \$5
Ages 5 & under - free

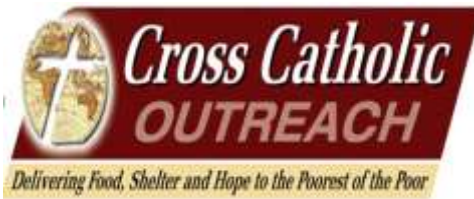
For more information: 207-646-6870

The Holy Spirit Prayer Shawl Ministry

invites you to its next meeting on **Wednesday, February 19**, 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 continues to form a team of adult parishioners to join Cross Catholic Outreach on a mission trip to



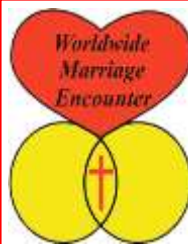
the Caribbean island of Grenada. **ONLY TWO MORE ADULTS ARE NEEDED!** The trip will be Saturday, May 30 through Saturday, June 6, 2020. Our mission will be to provide love to the 20 people being cared for at St. Martin's Home for the Aged. These residents have no other friends or family to care for them, 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 FMI, contact Lisa White at lisa.white@portlanddiocese.org or (207) 351-0502. To learn more, you may 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!**



"It is loyalty to do His will." Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood?

Contact Father Seamus Griesbach at seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org or (207) 773-6471.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be March 13-15 in Duxbury, MA. FMI, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

9TH ANNUAL MAINE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

It is mercy I desire, not sacrifice.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

LIZ KELLY



MARCH 21, 2020

8:30AM - 5:00PM

INCORPORATING THE MASS WITH BISHOP DEELEY

HOLIDAY INN BY THE BAY, PORTLAND

LEARN MORE AT PORTLANDDIOCESE.ORG/MCWC2020

The 2020 Maine Catholic Women's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 8:30 AM-5 PM at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. Registration is now open at

www.portlanddiocese.org/mcwc2020.

The conference will feature Mass with Bishop Deeley, dynamic presentations,

Eucharistic adoration, and displays from vendors and exhibitors. Gather with other women of faith to celebrate being Catholic and to be renewed in the graces of forgiveness and mercy that God provides. Teenagers are also welcome. Admission is \$65 (\$59 if tickets are purchased prior to February 21). Students may register for \$40 (ages 16 to 23). The admission fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. For more information, visit the registration link above.