



Holy Spirit Parish

FEBRUARY 16, 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

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FAITH FORMATION

Carolyn F. Houston, Director
Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mark Reeth, Coordinator
Lisa White, Choir Director



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass, ©2000, 1998, 1975, CCC.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word “commitment”

mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage... Jesus’ teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else’s decision. But we can’t be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life’s journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

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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.



Our next *Journey in Faith* event will take place on **Sunday, March 8, 3-5 PM, at St. Mary Church in Wells.** “**God the Holy Spirit**” will be presented by **Fr. Bob Valliancourt.**



Journey in Faith

Fr. Bob is pastor of St. Brendan the Navigator Parish in mid-coast Maine. He has served our diocese in many capacities since his ordination in 1982. He holds degrees in psychology and theology. 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 parishioners who are single or married, and with or without children. We gather together for some refreshment and an opening prayer before breaking into groups for age-appropriate faith formation.

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”.

Mass Intentions

THIS 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 Danis by Ralph & Pat Minichiello
 10:00 AM (K) Hannah Johnson by Don & Regina Fife
 11:00 AM (W) Sean M. Murphy by Winifred McDonough

WEEKDAYS: February 17-21

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Burt Lavoie by John & Pierrette Bolduc
 9:00 AM (K) Joseph & Mary Reale by Bill & Mary Barry
 10:30 AM Mass at River Ridge
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Kazimierz J. Kur by the Ridge Family
 9:00 AM (K) Nancy Benoit by Jerry & Debbie Quinlan
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Raymond Colley by his wife
 9:00 AM (K) Rev. Armand Neault by the PEA of Southern Maine
 10:30 AM Mass at Avita
- Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Robert Potter by Barbara Burns
 9:00 AM (K) Genevieve Tirrell by Mary Foster
- Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Anne Elizabeth Fogarty by M/M Michael Martin
 9:00 AM (K) Yen Nguyen by Phai Nguyen

NEXT WEEKEND: February 22 & 23

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Michael Buterfield by the Family
 4:00 PM (W) Lawrence E. Day by Donna Freni
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) Rev. Armand Neault by Ray & Claire Jean
 9:00 AM (W) Robert Danis by Mary & Jim Heenan
 10:00 AM (K) John Perlowski by the family
 11:00 AM (W) For our parishioners



~Rest in Peace~

Dick Desmarais
 Richard LaVache
 Richard Contois

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

February 22 & 23

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| 4:00 PM | St. Martha (K) | Fr. Agustin |
| 4:00 PM | St. Mary (W) | Msgr. Murphy |
| 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**

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. New-comers and beginner quilters are welcome. For more information, contact Carol Varano at (508) 801-2054, or just show up!

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.



THE WEEK AHEAD

February 16-23

ST. MARTHA CHURCH

Sunday: No Faith Formation
S Anon - 7 PM

Monday: Centering Prayer - 9:30 AM & 6 PM
Presidents' Day - Office Closed

Tuesday: Blood Bank - 12 noon

Wednesday: 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
K of C Breakfast after Masses
RCIA - 10 AM

Monday: *Presidents' Day - Office Closed*
No Faith Formation

Tuesday: Bereavement Quilting - 9 AM

Wednesday: Bible Study: Ecclesiastes - 10 AM
Prayer Shawl Ministry - 11 AM
Food Pantry - 5:30 PM
K of C Officers - 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: Faith Formation - 10 AM
RCIA - 10 AM
Coffee & Donuts - 10 AM

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

February 1 & 2

Collection	\$	13,103.14
We Share (41)	\$	2,061.00
Total Offertory	\$	15,164.14
Tithe	\$	1,061.00
Envelopes (331)	\$	9,089.10
Loose	\$	4,014.04



This 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!

JUST A REMINDER ... Should you miss mass due to weather conditions, illness, etc., you are invited and encouraged to bring your offering from the missed weekend to the following weekend.

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.

February
Family Breakfast
All Are Welcome
SUNDAY, FEB. 16TH 2020
8:00 AM - Noon
ST. MARY'S HALL
250 Wellington Road, Wells

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



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




ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS:
 muffin mix, mayonnaise, fruit juice, powdered milk, canned vegetables.

ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:
 ketchup, mustard, tomato paste, crackers, hand soap, laundry detergent.

SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY:
February 27 will be the final Wednesday that the pantry will be open (those evening hours were on a trial basis).

As of April 2, the pantry will change its Thursday hours to 2:30 - 5:30 PM (instead of 1 - 3 PM).

Hannaford Welcomes You Back!

Fight Hunger Bags Sold = Donations Raised!



During **February**, every time the reusable \$2.50 "Fight Hunger" Bag is sold at the Hannaford located at 107 Wells Plaza in Wells, St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry will receive a **\$1 donation**. 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. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance 2020



This year's benefactor is Baby Ophelia, a 6 month old with Biliary Atresia, a life threatening Liver disease. She requires a Liver transplant, and is under treatment by the pediatric staff at Boston Children's Hospital.

Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner plus Ham
 Music by Tom Pomeroy

Cost: \$30 Per/Person
 Where: St. Mary's Church Hall
 When: Saturday, March 14, 2020

Social from 5:30—6 PM
 Dinner to follow - BYOB

Tickets must be purchased in advance by 03/10
 Call 646-6870 or 850-6488 for tickets



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Wells Council #9782

This year's benefactor of the St. Patrick Dinner-Dance proceeds is baby Ophelia. She is a six-month-old relative of parishioners. Ophelia needs a liver transplant. Shortly after birth, she was diagnosed with the life-threatening liver disease called *biliary atresia*. She is under care at Boston Children's Hospital. The constant medical care has caused severe financial hardship for her family. Even though they have insurance, much of the treatment is not fully covered. Although some parishioners do not attend the annual St. Patrick's Dinner-Dance, anyone wishing to make a donation may do so after Mass at the Knights table in the narthex. Checks should be made out to the "Knights of Columbus". Checks may also be mailed to PO Box 3050, Wells, ME 04090.

The Holy Spirit Prayer Shawl Ministry

invites you to its next meeting **this 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.





February 26 - April 5
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Together, we can help protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide effort to pray and fast for an end to abortion. This peaceful prayer vigil will take place daily outside the Loving Health Center at 559 Portsmouth Avenue in Greenland, NH, February 26 to April 5.

The vigil leader, Victoria Mailhot, can be contacted at vmail1181@gmail.com. The Holy Spirit Parish contact, Carol Ingraham, can be reached at cingraham@gmail.com or 207-985-3266. Carol will also be available to provide some transportation. For more information, 40daysforlife.com/Greenland.

9TH ANNUAL MAINE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
It is mercy I desire, not sacrifice. **MARCH 21, 2020**
8:30AM - 5:00PM
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **LIZ KELLY**
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 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.



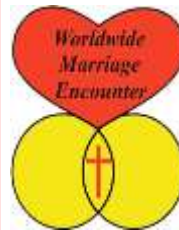
Tenors and basses are invited to join *The Holy Spirit Parish Choir*. Contact Lisa White at 207-351-0502 or lisa.white@portlanddiocese.org.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
~ St. Martha's in Kennebunk, 9:30 AM, the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month
FMI, call Dan Mahoney at 207-317-7646.



Opiate Crisis Recovery Prayer Group
~ St. Mary's in Wells, 5:30-6:30 PM, the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. FMI: Cornelia Stockman at 207-468-4586 or Leona Regan-Dolan at 508-308-4819.

"Be holy for I, the Lord your God, am holy." Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest or in the consecrated life? 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/>.

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.