



Holy Spirit Parish

FEBRUARY 23, 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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Timothy Gallant, Supervisor
Jesse Ouellette

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Carolyn F. Houston, Director
Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

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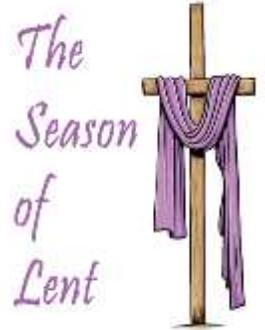
Mark Reeth, Coordinator
Lisa White, Choir Director

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last weekend before Lent

LENTEN REMINDERS

- ◆ Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.
- ◆ Fasting is obligatory for those who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal.
- ◆ Abstinence from meat is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year. This is also obligatory for all Fridays in Lent.



Ash Wednesday - February 26

MASSES

St. Mary (W) - 8 AM & 4 PM
St. Martha (K) - 9 AM & 6 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- ◆ St. Mary Church in Wells on the Fridays of Lent at 12 Noon (followed by a Lenten soup & chowder luncheon).
- ◆ St. Martha Church in Kennebunk on the Fridays of Lent at 6 PM.



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and

secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. On some level, however, it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs? We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and, at first glance, appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and, then willingly, does it. It may not be easy.

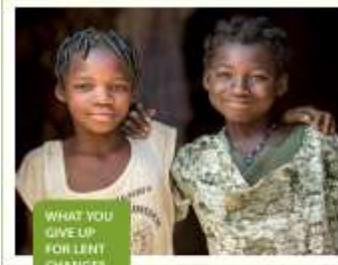
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Our next *Journey in Faith* event will take place on **Sunday, March 8, 3-5 PM, at St. Mary Church in Wells.** "God the Holy Spirit" will be presented by **Fr. Bob Valliancourt.**



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.



WHAT YOU GIVE UP FOR LENT CHANGES LIVES

CRS RICE BOWL
CATHOLIC RELIEF BOWLS

encounter Lent
COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

JOIN CRS RICE BOWL TODAY!
crsricebowl.org

CRS RICE BOWL is a way for Catholics to live Lent. The program provides an opportunity for us to live in solidarity with our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the three Lenten pillars of praying, fasting, and almsgiving. When we put money in our rice bowls, we are making a difference. What we give for Lent might change lives! Rice bowls will be available throughout most of the Lenten season.

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: February 22 & 23

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Michael Butterfield 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

WEEKDAYS: February 24-28

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Joanne Anderson by Gloria Ryan
 9:00 AM (K) Claire Guarella by the Spas/Faul Family
 Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Raymond Mellone by Mary Cormier
 9:00 AM (K) Deceased members of the William P Philipp Family
 Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Raymond Colley by his wife
 9:00 AM (K) For our parishioners
 10:30 AM Communion Service – Atria
 4:00 PM (W) Gwenn Giles Hoyt by her family
 6:00 PM (K) Hannah Johnson by Mary Foster
 Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Richard Bois by Jennifer, Steve, & Elizabeth
 9:00 AM (K) Ralph Amabile by his wife, June
 Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Christopher Daley by Anne Pulsifer
 9:00 AM (K) Chou Nguyen by Phai Nguyen

NEXT WEEKEND: February 29 & March 1

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Dennis Dalton by friends of the family
 4:00 PM (W) Marie Mullen by Kathy & Joe Mackiewicz
 Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) For our parishioners
 9:00 AM (W) Stu Flavin by Jennifer, Steve, & Elizabeth
 10:00 AM (K) Dr. Donald D. Fiorillo & Frances Connolly by the Fiorillo Family
 11:00 AM (W) Stephen Woodhead by Joline & Angela



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



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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

February 29 & March 1

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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**

Diocese of Portland Flu Prevention For Masses

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



*With the exception of those who receive from the cup due to medical reasons, 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 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 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".

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 23-March 1
ST. MARTHA CHURCH

Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
 Coffee & donuts after Masses
 S Anon - 7 PM
 Monday: Centering Prayer - 9:30 AM & 6 PM
 Tuesday: Have a great day!
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Masses - 9 AM & 6 PM
 Ignatian Exercises
 Weight Watchers
 Thursday: Cursillo - 4 PM
 Faith Sharing - 7 PM
 Friday: Faith Sharing - 10 AM
 Produce Pantry
 Stations of the Cross - 6 PM
 Saturday: Reconciliation - 3 PM
 Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
 K of C Breakfast - 8:30 AM
 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
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Masses - 8 AM & 4 PM
 Bible Study: Ecclesiastes - 10 AM
 Food Pantry - 5:30 PM
 K of C Officers - 7 PM
 Spiritual Study Group - 7 PM
 Thursday: Food Pantry - 1 PM
 Friday: Stations of the Cross - 12 Noon
 AA - 7:30 PM
 Saturday: AA - 8 AM
 Reconciliation - 3 PM
 Turkey Supper - 5 PM
 Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM



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.

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

February 8 & 9

Collection	\$	9,802.00
We Share (41)	\$	2,061.00
Total Offertory	\$	11,863.00
Tithe	\$	830.00
Envelopes (286)	\$	6,524.60
Loose	\$	3,277.40



Thank you for your generosity towards last weekend's second collection for the **Church Floor Fund.**

- ◆ The Ash Wednesday offering will be for the **CHURCH OF EASTERN EUROPE & SOLIDARITY FUND FOR AFRICA.**
- ◆ Next weekend's second collection will be for **NATIVE AMERICANS AND BLACK MISSIONS.**

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!



... especially men's!

Join **The Holy Spirit Parish Choir**, as it prepares for the blessed Holy Triduum and the joyful season of Easter! Contact Lisa White at 207-351-0502 or lisa.white@portlanddiocese.org.



ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS:

pancake mix, pancake syrup, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats.

ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

ketchup, mustard, tomato paste, crackers, hand soap, laundry detergent.

SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY:

This Wednesday, 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!**



Holy Spirit Parish has formed 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. Accommodations will be at the St. Martin Retreat Centre in Mount St. Ervans. Participants must be at least 18 years old. If interested, or FMI, contact Lisa White at (207) 351-0502 or lisa.white@portlanddiocese.org. To learn more, please 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!



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.

FAMILY BREAKFAST BUFFET
St. Martha Church Hall
~ Sunday, March 1,
after Masses ~



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

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



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 cingraham58@gmail.com or 207-985-3166. Carol will also be available to provide some transportation. For more information, 40daysforlife.com/Greenland.

On Wednesday, February 26 (Ash Wednesday), Fr. John Bacevicius, OFM, of the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunk, will present a seminar on "The Spirit of Lent" at the monastery. He is offering the same seminar two times that day. The first one will take place 8:30 - 10 AM. The second one will take place 3:30 - 5 PM. Fr. John will focus on the importance of Lent in our current times. Ashes will **not** be distributed at these seminars. To stay overnight at the Franciscan Guest House, please call 207-967-4865.



CATHOLIC MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT



Sponsored by the Office of Vocations, the retreat will be held March 6-8 at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford. The retreat is for single,

Catholic men who are 18 or older, and who are striving to live out their faith and follow God's will in their lives. The weekend is an informal opportunity to gather for prayer, reflect on faith, and build community with other men serious about their faith. The retreat will begin on Friday at 5 PM and conclude after lunch on Sunday. Fr. Seamus Griesbach, director of the Office of Vocations, and other local priests, will serve as the presenters. For more information or to register, visit www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations/content/

The Parish Council is trying to ascertain whether there might be interest in a one-day, **CHURCH-LEAGUE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** to be held at the Wells Elementary School on Sunday, March 29, 12 - 3 PM. The plan is to have a boys' team and a girls' team, both comprised of Holy Spirit Parish youth in **grades three through five**. Each team would play one game against teams from an area parish. There would be a practice for both girls' and boys' teams (tentatively set for Friday, March 27, 5-6 PM), and then a one-game tournament on Sunday, March 29 (girls' game 12:30-1:30 PM; boys' game 2-3 PM). If your son or daughter might be interested in participating, please contact James Roche at jroche@hotmail.com.



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.

FMI or to make an appointment for a sacrament, call the office at 207-646-5605.

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.