



Holy Spirit Parish

MARCH 1, 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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Mark Reeth, Coordinator
Lisa White, Choir Director



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is al-

ways something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation.

Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go? Lpi

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 the Lenten season.



Our next **JOURNEY IN FAITH** presentation will take place **NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 3-5 PM**, at **St. Mary Church in Wells**. **“God the Holy Spirit”**



will be **presented by Fr.**

Bob Valliancourt. 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.

The Season of Lent



LENTEN REMINDERS

- ◆ **Lent began on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper.**
- ◆ **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.**

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.**



Mass Intentions

THIS 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

WEEKDAYS: March 2-6

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Richard Bois by Rita McKinnon
 9:00 AM (K) Raymond Mellone by Bill & Mary Barry
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Sr. Dorothea by the Mastro Family
 9:00 AM (K) Jane Varano LaGarra by Mary Foster
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Joanne Anderson by Anne Pulsifer
 9:00 AM (K) Rachel Lachance by Robert & Rachel Thibodeau
 10:30 AM Communion Service – Huntington Commons
- Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Richard Bois by Sue & John Freeman
 9:00 AM (K) Rev. Armand Neault by Mary Foster
- Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Mary & Leo Poirier by daughter Gloria Ryan
 9:00 AM (K) Dung Nguyen by Phai Nguyen

NEXT WEEKEND: March 7 & 8

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Rev. Brendan Harnett by Paula Moses
 4:00 PM (W) Ray Russell by Nancy & Joe
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) Edwardo DiHarce by the Amabile Family
 9:00 AM (W) Joanne Anderson by Gazella Armstrong
 10:00 AM (K) Margaret Garrett by Fern & Bill Mitchell
 11:00 AM (W) For our parishioners

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

March 7 & 8

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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...

meets on Tuesdays at 9 AM, upstairs at St. Mary's in Wells. All are welcome. For more information, contact Carol Varano at (508) 801-2054 or just show up!



Diocese of Portland Flu Prevention For Masses



- *If parishioners are sick, they are asked to stay home, 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".

THE WEEK AHEAD

March 1-8

ST. MARTHA CHURCH

- Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
K of C Breakfast - 8:30 AM
S Anon - 7 PM
- Monday: Centering Prayer - 9:30 AM & 6 PM
- Tuesday: Have a great day!
- Wednesday: Old Timers' Luncheon - 12 Noon
Ignatian Exercises
Weight Watchers
- Thursday: Cursillo - 4 PM
Faith Sharing - 7 PM
- Friday: First Friday Adoration - 9:30 AM to 4 PM
Faith Sharing - 10 AM
Produce Pantry
Stations of the Cross - 6 PM
- Saturday: Reconciliation - 3 PM
- Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
S Anon - 7 PM

ST. MARY CHURCH

- Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM
- Monday: Faith Formation - 3:45 PM
Hope & Recovery - 5:30 PM
- Tuesday: Bereavement Quilting - 9 AM
- Wednesday: Bible Study: Ecclesiastes - 10 AM
K of C Officers - 7 PM
Spiritual Study Group - 7 PM
- Thursday: Food Pantry - 1 PM
- Friday: First Friday Adoration - 8:30 AM to 12 Noon
Closing Benediction - 12 Noon
Stations of the Cross - 12 Noon
AA - 7:30 PM
- Saturday: AA - 8 AM
Reconciliation - 3 PM
- Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM
Coffee & Donuts - 10 AM
Journey in Faith - 3 PM

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

February 15 & 16

Collection	\$	10,969.00
We Share (30)	\$	1,155.00
Total Offertory	\$	12,124.00
Tithe	\$	848.00
Envelopes (304)	\$	7,263.02
Loose	\$	3,705.98

Church Floor Fund

Collection	\$	3,944.00
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*This 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!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

♦ **ST. MARY CHAPEL**
after the 8 AM Mass
until Benediction at 12 PM

♦ **ST. MARTHA CHURCH**
after the 9 AM Mass
until 4 PM.

Sign up in the narthexes for prayer times.



**The Holy Spirit
Prayer Shawl Ministry...**

invites you to its next meeting on **Wednesday, March 18**, at 11 AM, in the downstairs parlor at St. Mary Church. The group meets monthly 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.

FAMILY BREAKFAST BUFFET
St. Martha Church Hall
~ this 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



**ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY
PANTRY NEEDS:**

Bisquick, beef stew, tuna fish,
macaroni & cheese, canned
chicken, stove-top stuffing.

ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:
mustard, canned pasta, cake mix, ground coffee,
toothpaste, shampoo.

**SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR
ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY:**

**The pantry is no longer open on Wednesday
evenings; it is open on Thursdays, 1-3 PM.**

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

JESUS: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE



Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians...but do we really know Him as we should? Is

Jesus a *part* of your life, or is He at the *center* of your life? You are invited to make Him the center of your life by joining us for this 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what He means for us as Catholics today. Holy Spirit Parish will begin the "Jesus" study on **Tuesday, March 3, at 1 PM at St. Mary in Wells, and Thursday, March 5, at 6 PM at St. Martha in Kennebunk.** Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Siri, followed by a group discussion and fellowship. FMI, or to register, contact Rosanne Smith at 207-985-6252 or rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org. We hope you'll be able to join us!

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

Don't forget 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.



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. Much of the treatment is not covered by insurance. Even if not attending the 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.

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.

“If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.”
(Psalm 95)



There will be a men's ACTS retreat at the "Brothers" in Alfred, March 13-15. You are invited to join other men for a spiritually uplifting retreat weekend. Get away from your busy schedule by seeking God's answers for your life, for your family, for eternity... FMI, or to register online, go to the St. Therese of Lisieux Parish website at <https://stthereseeparishmaine.org/acts-retreats>. You may also contact Sean Wiegand (207) 608-1619, Ray Wallace (207) 698-0064, or Kevin Neely (207) 651-5979.



... 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.



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, from now through April 5.

The vigil leader, Victoria Mailhot, can be contacted at vmail181@gmail.com. The Holy Spirit Parish contact, Carol Ingraham, can be reached at 207-985-3166 or cingraham58@gmail.com. Carol will also be available to provide some transportation. FMI, 40daysforlife.com/Greenland.

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.

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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Neither St. Mary Church in Wells nor St. Martha Church in Kennebunk is a drop-off location for clothing donations. **We do not accept clothing for the annual parish fair or at any other time.**