

# Holy Spirit Parish

## MARCH 8, 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  
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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



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b



#### LETTER FROM BISHOP DEELEY

An important letter from our bishop is available in the narthex this weekend. It concerns a bill that is being proposed in the Maine Legislature. The bill is regarding funding abortion. The bishop invites all of us to read it so that we are familiar with the facts, and so that we might inform our representatives about our feelings on the issue.

[www.holyspiritme.org](http://www.holyspiritme.org)

[www.facebook.com/holyspiritmaine](https://www.facebook.com/holyspiritmaine)



### Gospel Meditation

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a

mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction of your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him. We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you really are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

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**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.



### 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".



### 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, March 10***) 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](mailto:carolyn.houston@portlanddiocese.org).

### 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: 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

### WEEKDAYS: March 9-13

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Joanne Anderson by Sue & John Freeman  
 9:00 AM (K) Rev. Laurent Laplante by Ray & Claire Jean  
 Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Richard Bois by Anne Pulsifer  
 9:00 AM (K) Rachel Lachance by Jim Pastorelli  
 Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Phillip J. Holland by Winifred McDonough  
 9:00 AM (K) Dennis Dalton by Bob & Ruth Shrader  
 10:30 AM Communion Service – Kennebunk Nursing Home  
 Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Robert Anderson by Sue & John Freeman  
 9:00 AM (K) Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus  
 Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Richard Bois by Mary Cormier  
 9:00 AM (K) Hannah Johnson by the Ludwig Family

### NEXT WEEKEND: March 14 & 15

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Alan Turnage by the Family  
 4:00 PM (W) Betty Hamilton by Carol & Larry Hickman  
 Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) For our parishiners  
 9:00 AM (W) Joanne Anderson by Rocky Armstrong  
 10:00 AM (K) Lorraine Dill by Nat Zaleski  
 11:00 AM (W) Raymond Brooks by the Bunker Family



*~Rest in Peace~*  
 John "Jack" Reeth  
 James Daly  
 Ronald Tremblay

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

### 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!



## CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

### March 14 & 15

- |          |                |             |
|----------|----------------|-------------|
| 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.**



**~ FAMILY BREAKFAST ~  
 ALL ARE WELCOME!  
 SUNDAY, MARCH 15  
 after Masses  
 ~ 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 WEEK AHEAD

**March 8-15**

**ST. MARTHA CHURCH**

- Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM  
S Anon - 7 PM
- Monday: K of C Officers Meeting - 6:30 PM  
Centering Prayer - 9:30 AM & 6 PM
- Tuesday: K of C Meeting - 7 PM
- Wednesday: Ignatian Exercises  
Weight Watchers
- Thursday: Cursillo - 4 PM  
Jesus: The Way, the Truth, & the Life - 6 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  
S Anon - 7 PM

**ST. MARY CHURCH**

- Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM  
Coffee & Donuts - 10 AM  
Journey in Faith - 3 PM
- Monday: Faith Formation - 3:45 PM
- Tuesday: Bereavement Quilting - 9 AM  
Jesus: The Way, the Truth, & the Life - 1 PM
- Wednesday: Bible Study: Ecclesiastes - 10 AM  
Choir Rehearsal - 5:30 PM  
Spiritual Study Group - 7 PM
- Thursday: Food Pantry - 1 PM
- Friday: Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten  
Lunch - 12 Noon  
AA - 7:30 PM
- Saturday: AA - 8 AM  
Reconciliation - 3 PM  
K of C St. Patrick Day Dinner/Dance - 5 PM
- Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM  
K of C Breakfast after Masses



**ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS:** beef stew, tuna fish, macaroni & cheese, canned chicken, Stove-Top Stuffing, Spaghetti O's

**ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** canned carrots, canned peas, canned pasta, mayo, small sugar, toilet tissue.

**ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY is open on Thursdays, 1-3 PM. As of April 2, it will be open Thursdays, 2:30-5:30 PM (instead of 1-3).**

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**WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT**

**February 22 & 23**

Collection	\$	11,640.00
We Share (28)	\$	965.00
Total Offertory	\$	12,605.00
Tithe	\$	882.00
Envelopes ()	\$	6,987.11
Loose	\$	5,617.89

*Thank you for your generosity towards last weekend's second collection 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](mailto: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](http://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!***

**Holy Spirit Prayer Shawl Ministry**

All are invited to the 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.



**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 continues the "Jesus" study on **Tuesday, March 10, at 1 PM at St. Mary in Wells, and Thursday, March 12, 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](mailto:rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org).

The Parish Council has discovered that there is 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 will play one game against teams from an area parish. There will be a practice for both girls' and boys' teams on Friday, March 20, 6-7 PM, at Wells High School, 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](mailto:jroche@hotmail.com). We are especially in need of more girls!



**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.

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](mailto:mark.reeth@portlanddiocese.org).



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.

**The Fair is Returning!**

**PARISH FAIR - NOVEMBER 7 & 8**  
We have started collecting items at both churches for the annual fair. A list of booths will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

**REMINDER:**  
ALL ITEMS ARE TO BE NEW OR IN GOOD CONDITION & CLEAN!





A special Lent section has been launched on the Diocese of Portland website featuring a

variety of resources ([www.portlanddiocese.org/lent-resources](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/lent-resources)). In the section, you can find:

Mass times during Holy Week

- Scripture study and other faith-enriching offerings at parishes
- Retreat and parish mission opportunities
- A schedule of Lenten meals planned around Maine
- A schedule for "The Light is On for You," an initiative offering multiple opportunities for confession at all Maine parishes
- A schedule for Living Stations of the Cross and traditional Stations of the Cross
- A schedule of prayer opportunities
- "Echoing God's Word in the Catholic Community," a rich scriptural, theological, and pastoral resource from the late Fr. Clement Thibodeau
- Educational resources on Lent, fasting and abstinence, reconciliation, and other topics
- "Saints of Lent," with descriptions of saints whose feast days fall within the Lenten season
- Lectio Divina in English and Spanish
- A "Sharing Our Gifts" section including information about CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Charities Maine, and how you can evangelize during Lent
- Messages from Pope Francis

The section will be updated throughout Lent with updates and additional events as they are confirmed. [Stories, pictures and videos from many Masses, services, and events throughout Lent will be posted on the diocesan website \(www.portlanddiocese.org\)](#), Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PortlandDiocese](http://www.facebook.com/PortlandDiocese)), and Twitter page ([www.twitter.com/PortlandDiocese](http://www.twitter.com/PortlandDiocese)).

**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](mailto:alinesaunders@roadrunner.com).

**Homebound Parishioners** wishing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at home, please call the office at (207) 646-5605.



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](mailto:vmail181@gmail.com). The Holy Spirit Parish contact, Carol Ingraham, can be reached at 207-985-3166 or [cingraham58@gmail.com](mailto:cingraham58@gmail.com). Carol will also be available to provide some transportation. FMI, [40daysforlife.com/Greenland](http://40daysforlife.com/Greenland).



### MEN'S RETREAT

### HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

March 20-22

Sky-Hy Retreat Center  
Topsham, ME

This retreat, sponsored by the Office of Vocations, is for all single Catholic men in high school who are striving to live out their faith and to follow God's will in their lives. The weekend is an informal opportunity to gather for prayer, reflect on faith together, and build community with other men serious about their faith. Register online at: [www.vocationsme.org](http://www.vocationsme.org).

**SAINT JAMES SCHOOL** is a pre-school through eighth grade Catholic parochial school located in Biddeford, ME. Saint James is fully licensed through the state of



Maine and accredited with New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Saint James has won awards for Best Pre-school and Best Private School. It is a Gold Site of Distinction for the 5-2-1-0 program for the pre-school, the K-8 school, and the extended day program. It is one of 7% of schools in the nation to receive the Silver Award for the Smarter Lunch program. Students receive a quality education and 95% of students are on the honor roll in high school. Many of these students are in the top 10% of their class upon graduation because of the solid education that they receive at Saint James. Saint James School is true to its mission of SAFE (Service+Academics+Faith+Excellence). Come and see for yourself at our official open house on Thursday, March 30, or call for an appointment at 282-4084. Tuition is affordable and financial aid is available.