



Holy Spirit Parish

MARCH 15, 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 Sebasthiyan, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Darrell Blackwell

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Mark Reeth, Coordinator
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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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.

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Gospel Meditation



We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all. It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician’s act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

R.C.I.A. Scrutinies

What are the “Scrutinies”?

These very special rites are celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent, at liturgies where the Elect are present. The Elect are those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey to the font is that they have been received among us, the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election, as well as the three Scrutinies. These Rites are a wonderful way to reflect upon the journey these Elect are making during Lent, as an inspiration and source of renewal for us in our journey. The Gospel this week, “The Woman at the Well” is the backdrop for the first Scrutiny.

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”.



USE OF HOLY WATER



We have kept our Holy Water available, but we ask you to use **Your Judgement** in using it. We change the water and clean the bowls every Monday.

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.



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 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 parishioners
 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

WEEKDAYS: March 16-20

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Joanne Anderson by Mary Cormier
 9:00 AM (K) Patricia Gilgun by Bill & Mary Barry
 10:30 AM Communion Service at River Ridge
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Robert Anderson by Anne Pulsifer
 9:00 AM (K) Mary Ann & Thomas Murray by Bill & Mary Barry
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Tim Stapleton by his Family
 9:00 AM (K) Georgette Fortier by Royal & Rosanne Smith
 10:30 AM Mass at Avita
 Dennis Dalton by Ray & Claire Jean
- Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Galen Humphrey, Jr. by Anne Pulsifer
 9:00 AM (K) Gerald LaVigne by Mary Jo Church
- Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Joanne Anderson by Gazella Armstrong
 9:00 AM (K) Hoang Nguyen by Phai Nguyen

NEXT WEEKEND: March 21 & 22

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Alphonse Letellier by Bob & Joyce Letellier
 4:00 PM (W) Galen Humphrey, Jr. by the Stapleton Family
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) Dennis Dalton by Priscilla Russell
 9:00 AM (W) For our parishioners
 10:00 AM (K) Dr. James F. Connolly by the Fiorillo Family
 11:00 AM (W) Cindy Bistany by Rita McKinnon



~Rest in Peace~
 Daniel Marquis

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 21 & 22

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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.



~ 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 15-22

ST. MARTHA CHURCH

- Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
S Anon - 7 PM
- Monday: Centering Prayer - 9:30 AM & 6 PM
- Tuesday: Blood Bank-1:00 PM
- Wednesday: Ignatian Exercises
Weight Watchers
Choir Practice-5:30 PM
- 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
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- Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
S Anon - 7 PM

ST. MARY CHURCH

- Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM
K of C Breakfast after Masses
- Monday: Faith Formation - 3:45 PM
Hope & Recovery Ministry-5:30 PM
- Tuesday: Bereavement Quilting - 9 AM
Jesus: The Way, the Truth, & the Life - 1 PM
- Wednesday: Bible Study: Ecclesiastes K of C General Meeting-7 PM
Choir Rehearsal - 5:30 PM
Spiritual Study Group - 7 PM
- Thursday: Food Pantry - 1 PM
- Friday: Stations of the Cross –NO Lenten Lunch
AA - 7:30 PM
- Saturday: AA - 8 AM
Reconciliation - 3 PM
Turkey Dinner - 5 PM
- Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM
Coffee & Donuts after Masses



ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS: cereal, coffee, hamburger helper, pudding, stove top stuffing & bisquick

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 29 & March 1

Collection	\$	12,107.00
We Share (46)	\$	2,435.00
Total Offertory	\$	14,542.00
Tithe	\$	1,017.94
Envelopes (289)	\$	7,461.10
Loose	\$	4,645.90

Church in Eastern Europe

Collection	\$	3,343.00
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Native Americans and Black Missions

Collection	\$	4,453.00
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Next weekend's second collection will be for "Catholic Relief Services"

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!

LENT



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

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 **Tuesdays at 1 PM at St. Mary in Wells, and Thursdays 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.

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 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.

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.



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!



Holy Spirit Prayer Shawl Ministry

All are invited to the next meeting this **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.



Holy Spirit Parish formed a team of adult parishioners to join Cross Catholic Outreach on a mission trip to the Caribbean island of Grenada. The trip will be Saturday, May 30 - Saturday, June 6. 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".



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

variety of resources (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), and Twitter page (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.

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. 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.



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.

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.