



Holy Spirit Parish

APRIL 5, 2020

OUR PARISH CHURCHES

ST. MARY CHURCH

236 Eldridge Rd.
Wells, ME 04090
(207) 646-5605
FAX (207) 646-9437
Weekday Mass: 9 AM (online only)
Weekend Masses: Saturday 4 PM (online)
Sunday 9 (online)

ST. MARTHA CHURCH

30 Portland Rd.
Kennebunk ME 04043
(207) 985-6252
FAX (207) 985-7740
Weekday Mass: Suspended
Weekend Masses: Suspended

*Confessions at both Churches
Suspended*

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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Diane W. O'Neil, Manager
Rosanne Smith
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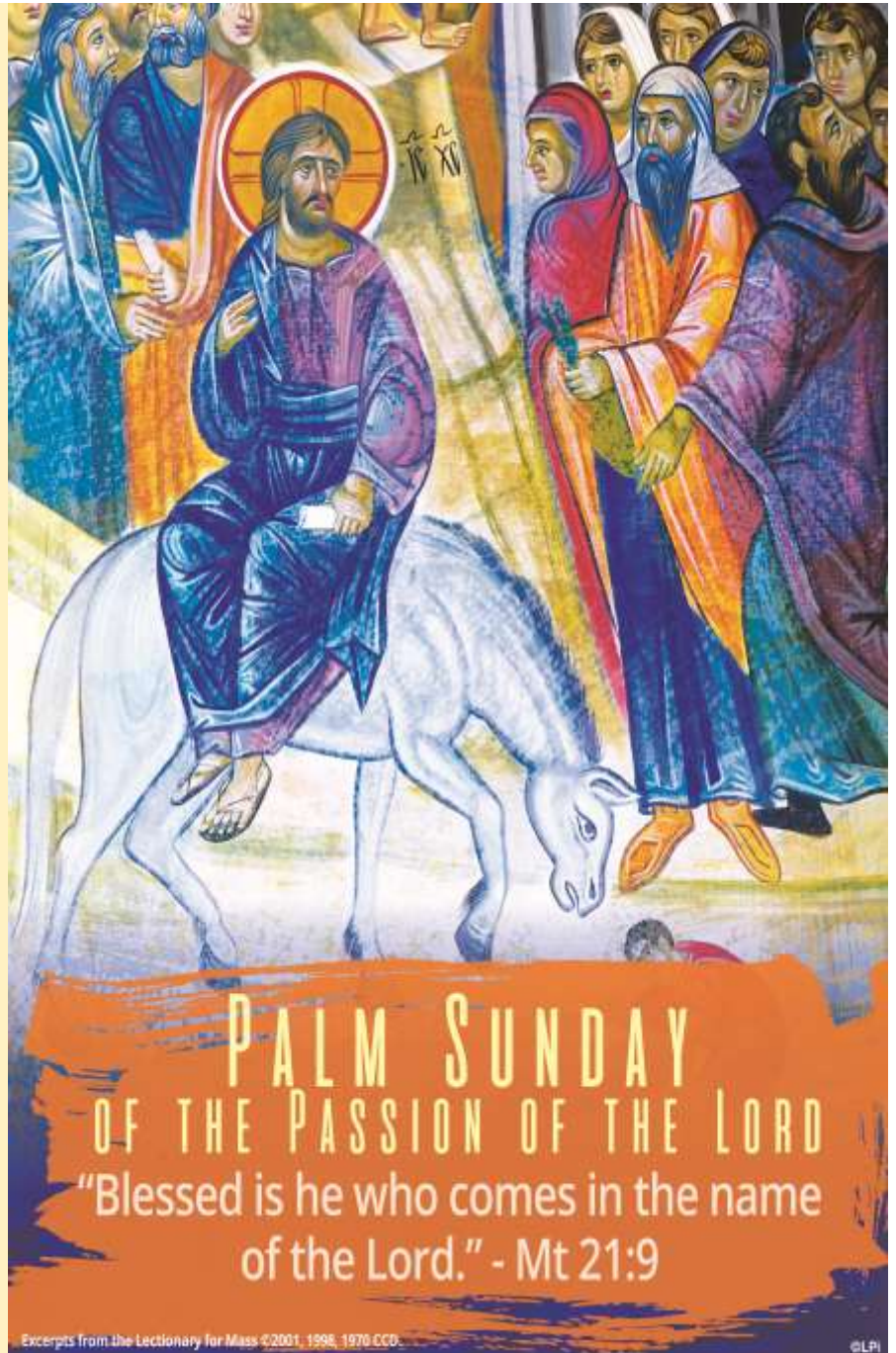
Timothy Gallant, Supervisor
Jesse Ouellette

FAITH FORMATION

Carolyn F. Houston, Director
Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mark Reeth, Coordinator
Lisa White, Choir Director



Due to ensuring the utmost in health and safety for all, there will be no distribution and blessing of palms this year.

www.holyspiritme.org

www.facebook.com/holyspiritmaine

CAUTION!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HOLY SPIRIT PARISHIONERS

As most of us already realize, the communities in our Parish have many members who are away for at least some part of the winter. With that in mind, we should all be very aware that, upon return, they should lay low and distance themselves from those already here. Those already here should also be very aware of this. This is especially true for those returning after traveling by plane, train, or bus. We learned that Concord Bus has stopped operating. If you know people who have just come back, keep a healthy distance from them and perhaps remind them of the rationale. Coming back from out of the country is, of course, even more concerning, but from anywhere outside of Maine with different modes of public transportation, it is still very serious. We pray each day that we will stay healthy, but even God expects us to use our knowledge (both those traveling and those here) to avoid unnecessary exposure to one another. May God Bless Us.

LENT



PRAYER

FASTING

ALMSGIVING

**GOSPEL MEDITATION
PALM SUNDAY
OF THE
PASSION OF
THE LORD**



Human beings are united in their suffering.

When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is “why me?” as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a “why me” attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life’s successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it’s the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?

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ONLINE MASSES

As gatherings for Masses continue to be suspended, Holy Spirit Parish is now offering online Masses streamed live from St. Mary Chapel in Wells weekly as follows: Saturday at 4 PM; Sunday through Friday at 9 AM. Please visit www.holyspiritme.org to participate in these online Masses.

Also, Bishop Robert P. Deeley is celebrating a Mass each Sunday at 10 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. The Mass will be closed to the public but shown live on the Diocese of Portland's website. All are welcome to participate by visiting www.portlanddiocese.org/online-Mass on Sunday.

See page 6 for more diocesan, online, prayer options.



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

To register, call Diane O'Neil at (207) 646-5605.

RECONCILIATION:

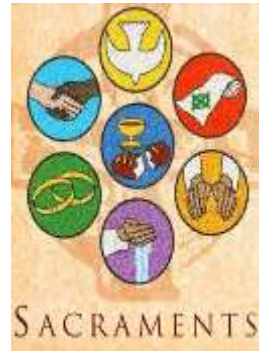
Suspended until further notice.

MATRIMONY:

Please contact the pastor six months prior to the desired wedding date.

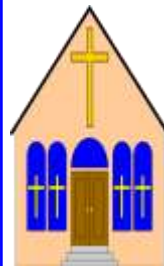
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

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. 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.

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.

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.





THURSDAY, APRIL 9 - HOLY THURSDAY
FRIDAY, APRIL 10 - GOOD FRIDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - EASTER

Visit the parish website at
www.holyspiritme.org
for live-stream times of services/Masses

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - EASTER VIGIL
Visit the diocesan website at
www.portlanddiocese.org/online-Mass



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

ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:
dish detergent, laundry detergent, jelly, jam, hot cereal, canned pasta, baked beans.

Please note that the new hours for the St. Mary Ecumenical Food Pantry (effective this week, April 2) are 2:30-5:30 PM on Thursdays.

Due to the continued need for social distancing, Holy Spirit Parish would like to communicate with parishioners via e-mail. Some e-mails have already been sent; however, there have been some returned messages due to incorrect parishioner e-mail addresses. If you have not been receiving parish e-mails and would like to, please send an e-mail to Rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org



stewardship

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.

Please note that, in order for our parish to continue to function successfully, as well as to maintain our tithing account which helps those in need, we request that parishioners mail their offertory envelopes to either of the churches (addresses on cover page of bulletin) during this period that Masses are suspended.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR MASSES CELEBRATED BY
MONSIGNOR MURPHY AT HOME**

Dennis Dalton by Ray & Claire Jean
Gerald LaVigne by Mary Jo Church
Hoang Nguyen by Phai Nguyen
Alphonse Letellier by Bob & Joyce Letellier
Dennis Dalton by Priscilla Russell
Dr. James F. Connolly by the Fiorillo Family
Rachel Lachance by Carmine & Barbara Dolce
Casimos Barros by June Amabile
Elizabeth Lapointe by Ray & Claire Jean
Rachel Lachance by Jim Pastorelli
Lorraine Frost by Marie & Shawn Little
Raymond Hebert by Leo & Connie Bourque
Mary Chenard by the family
Bertha Florida LeBlanc by Angela LeBlanc
Henry & Eileen Conaty by their daughters Helen & Jean
Hazelle K. Sherman by the family
Josephine McCormick by Kathryn Davis
Dorothy Kelleher by her son, Ed.
Robert Hallee by his family
Dennis Dalton by friends of the family

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR MASSES CELEBRATED BY
FATHER MANSHIP AT HOME**

Galen Humphrey Jr. by Anne Pulsifer
Joanne Anderson by Gazella Armstrong
Galen Humphrey, Jr. by the Stapleton Family
Cindy Bistany by Rita McKinnon
Joanne Anderson by Rocky Armstrong
Robert Anderson by Jennifer, Steve, & Elizabeth
Janet Dattore by Anne Pulsifer
Joanne Anderson by Jennifer, Steve, & Elizabeth
Robert Anderson by Ralph & Pat Minichiello
Alfred Robinson by his wife
Stu Flavin by Carolyn & Bob Houston
James E. Good by Winifred Treacy McDonough
Joanne Anderson by Joy Cronin
Stephen Smith by Anne Pulsifer
Anita Naves by her daughter
Richard Bois by Mary Jane Grady
Joanne Anderson by Rita McKinnon
Adele Franceschini by her family
Mark DeMauro by his family
Joanne Anderson by Mary Jane Grady

**Holy Spirit Parish Raises \$10,000 with More on the Way for
Six-Month-Old Girl in Need of Liver Transplant**

In this difficult time, evidence that trying to forecast the kindness of faith-filled parishioners can be impossible, as this benevolence may well be limitless.

When the Knights of Columbus' Fr. William J. Kelly Council 9782 of Wells learned that a six-month-old relative of a parishioner needed a liver transplant, it sprang into action.

"When we learned about baby Ophelia and the financial strain the family has been going through, we all agreed we needed to help," said Phil Lizotte of the council. "What happened next was extraordinary."

Ophelia has a life-threatening liver disease called biliary atresia and 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.

"We obtained a picture of little Ophelia and stationed knights with donation baskets in the narthex of St. Mary Church in Wells," said Lizotte.

As people came in for Mass, it didn't take long for her smiling face to generate donations. The parish also made Ophelia's parents the beneficiary of the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance at St. Mary which was held, fortunately, prior to the restrictions on large gatherings in Maine.

"At the start of the event, I gave a welcoming speech which included Ophelia's story and the financial struggles her parents are going through. The outpouring of love was overwhelming," said Lizotte.

What initially began with a goal of making a \$3,000 donation had grown into a massive display of caring for a baby most donors had never met.

On March 18, a check for \$10,000 was sent to the parents. "Ophelia's dad was at a loss for words to express how so many people he didn't know could do so much to help them in their time of need", Lizotte said.

This inspiration extended outside of Wells, leading to countless pieces of mail from communities far and wide, providing checks and notes of prayer and hope. **Anyone wishing to make a donation may send a check, made out to the "Knights of Columbus," to P.O. Box 3050, Wells, ME 04090.**



**“PRAY, LEARN, CONNECT FROM HOME” Website
Now Offered by Office of Lifelong Faith Formation**

In an effort to help individuals and families find resources for spiritual growth during the COVID-19 crisis, the Diocese of Portland’s Office of Lifelong Faith Formation is offering a website with resources and links to help channel time and energy in positive ways while adjusting to more time at home.

The website is entitled “Pray, Learn, Connect from Home” and can be found at www.portlanddiocese.org/olff/covid19-home.

It offers ways and resources to maintain a fulfilling prayer life, despite the temporary suspension of Masses, and many in-person, parish activities; links to past and present parish bulletins; materials that help feed both spirit and mind with faith; suggestions on how to connect with the community. The resources and materials will be updated frequently.

The website is the latest in a plethora of resources being offered by the Diocese of Portland during this difficult time. Additional opportunities can be found below and at www.portlanddiocese.org/content/response-coronavirus (will also be continually updated).

ADDITIONAL PRAYER RESOURCES

GIVE US THIS DAY

Give Us This Day is centered on the Word of God and provides a relevant and trustworthy understanding of Scripture, including daily Mass texts. To access the resources for free, visit www.giveusthisday.org/digital.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat is honored to provide complimentary access to its online version and resources to help people pray from home. To access the resources for free, visit <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

USCCB

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the daily readings along with reflections and other materials. To access the resources for free, visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings. In addition, the USCCB is offering prayers and resources for engagement during this difficult time at "Catholic Current." Explore the materials for free at www.catholiccurrent.org/covid19.

The Word Among Us

The Word Among Us, a Catholic devotional magazine designed to help people to pray and read Scripture, is offering its entire website, including daily Mass readings and countless resources, free of charge. Explore the materials at www.wau.org.