



# Holy Spirit Parish

## APRIL 12, 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)  
Weekend Masses: Saturday 4 PM (online)  
Sunday 9 AM (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

#### OFFICES

Diane W. O'Neil, Manager  
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Ruth Shrader  
Paula Moses

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Mark Reeth

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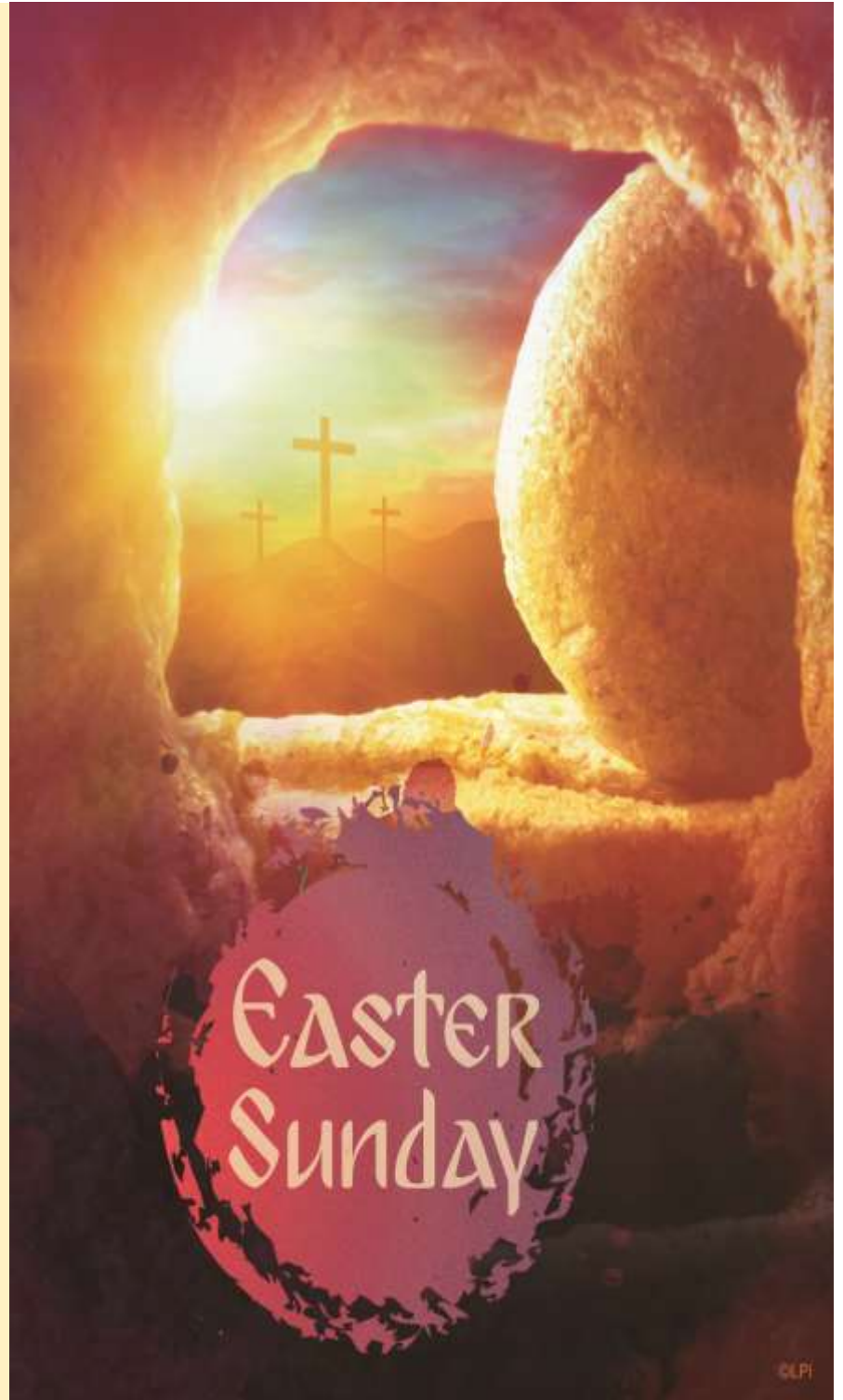
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Jesse Ouellette

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Carolyn F. Houston, Director  
Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

#### LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mark Reeth, Coordinator  
Lisa White, Choir Director



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**GOSPEL  
MEDITATION**  
*Easter  
Sunday of the  
Resurrection of  
the Lord*

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying “so what” or “alleluia”? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of “so what.” Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, but it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and “find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The “so what” response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant “tomorrow” that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking “so what?” or “alleluia”?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

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**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.



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](mailto:Rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org)



ONLINE MASSES

As gatherings for Masses continue to be suspended, Holy Spirit Parish has been offering online Masses streamed live as follows: Saturday at 4 PM; Sunday through Friday at 9 AM. Please visit www.holyspiritme.org to participate in these online Masses. In the event that one is unable to participate in Masses at those times, Bishop Deeley is celebrating a Mass each Sunday at 10 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. Participate by visiting www.portlanddiocese.org/online-Mass.

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.

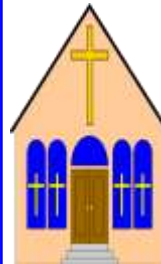
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

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.



**HAPPY EASTER FROM ST. JAMES SCHOOL!**



Saint James School in Biddeford would like to wish Holy Spirit Parish the most blessed Easter. While we are virtually away from one another, we are all still connected as children of God. The Saint James children wish HSP good health and safety during these abnormal times.

The school began preparing for what was thought to be a remote possibility that, for a short period of time, remote learning would be necessary. We started by talking about what we needed to teach, how we would teach remotely, and what resources we would need. We looked into the ZOOM platform of videoconferencing to see if we could teach using that platform, and then we subscribed for a two-week trial to use ZOOM with each other and with our students. When the time came to actually close the school, we had a plan on how we would virtually teach students outside of the school. That plan has adapted and students have online learning daily. The faculty and staff have been devoted to providing the best possible education that they can to our students. Faculty starts each day with a prayer and then school begins with students saying a prayer. They are given Wednesday mornings off to attend mass. Students meet with their teachers and are in virtual classrooms where the teachers can interact with students as a group or put them in smaller groups, called "breakout rooms". Students are given breaks for snack, lunch, and recess. Students have time to talk to one another and to socialize. They are following an abbreviated schedule each day but there is a routine in their lives. So far, it has been working extremely well. The faculty and staff are working tirelessly for our students and are to be commended for their hard work. Nobody trained for this scenario but, because of the highly qualified professional staff at Saint James, we are making it work! Please keep them all in your prayers as we keep HSP in our prayers.

~ Nancy Naimey, Principal



# stewardship

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.

**This weekend's second collection will be for the CLERGY HEALTH & PENSION PROGRAMS (75%) and for DIOCESAN EMERGENCY NEEDS (25%).**



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.

**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.**

**Note that you may also join in online offerings through WeShare (see above).**

***Thank you for your ongoing generosity!***

**ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS:**

Hamburger Helper, Bisquick, Spaghetti O's, Stovetop Stuffing, cereal, pudding, ground coffee.

**ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

laundry detergent, ground coffee, salad dressing, jello, jelly, jam, pudding.



**Please note that the hours for the St. Mary Ecumenical Food Pantry are now 2:30-5:30 PM on Thursdays.**

**DURING THESE DAYS OF THE PANDEMIC, THE FOOD PANTRIES WILL OFFER CURBSIDE PICK-UP ONLY.**

## *Mass Intentions for Live-Stream Masses*

### WEEKEND of March 28 & 29

Saturday: 4:00 PM Steven Smith by Sue & John Freeman  
Betty Hamilton by Joy Cronin  
Sunday: 9:00 AM James Francis Christie by Aileen Morrissey  
Michael Marcucci by Angela Leblanc

### WEEKDAYS of March 30, April 1, & April 3

Monday: 9:00 AM Greg Smith by the family  
Wednesday: 9:00 AM Joanne Anderson by Mary Jane Grady  
Friday: 9:00 AM Rachel Lachance by Jim Pastorelli

### LAST WEEKEND: April 4 & 5

Saturday: 4:00 PM Steven Smith by Sue & John Freeman  
Adele Franceschini by her family  
Sunday: 9:00 AM Dennis Dalton by Ray & Claire Jean  
For our parishioners

### LAST WEEK: April 6-9

Monday: 9:00 AM Betty Hamilton by Joy Cronin  
Tuesday: 9:00 AM Stephen E. Foley by John & Elizabeth Howarth  
Wednesday: 9:00 AM Rosemary Himmelsback by Mary Foster  
Thursday: 12:00 PM Father Armand Neault by Mary Cormier

### THIS WEEKEND: April 12

Sunday: 9:00 AM Mickey Mercier by his family  
For our parishioners

### THIS WEEK: April 13-17

Monday: 9:00 AM Arthur LeBlanc, Jr. by the family  
Tuesday: 9:00 AM Otto Cusa by his wife, LouAnn  
Wednesday: 9:00 AM Robert Klouda by his wife  
Thursday: 9:00 AM Betty Hamilton by Jennifer, Steve, & Elizabeth  
Friday: 9:00 AM Claire Martel Blank by Muriel Martel

### NEXT WEEKEND: April 18-19

Saturday: 4:00 PM Andy Gauthier by Joline Woodhead  
Julien & Rose Thibodeau by Robert & Rachel Thibodeau  
Sunday: 9:00 AM Richard Bois by Jennifer Smith & Paul Mamone  
For our parishioners



**“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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.wau.org).