



# Holy Spirit Parish

## APRIL 19, 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 Sebasthyan, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Darrell Blackwell

#### OFFICES

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Donald Webber  
Mark Reeth

#### FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

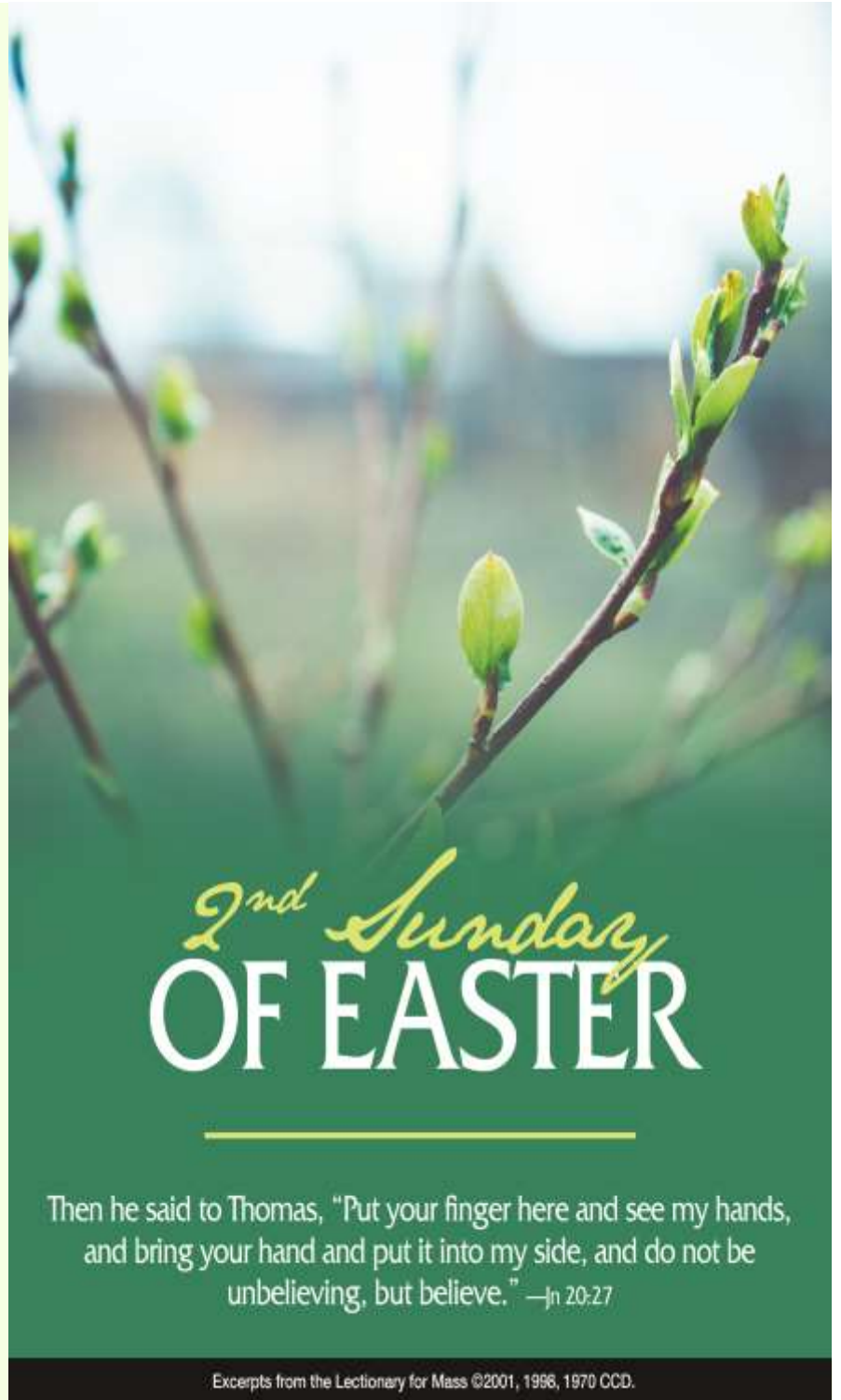
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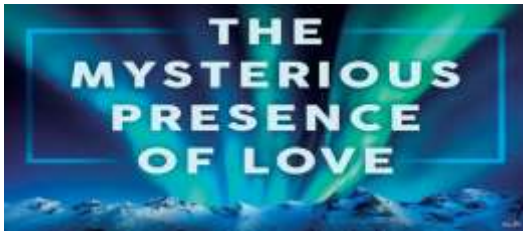
Mark Reeth, Coordinator  
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**GOSPEL MEDITATION**  
*Second Sunday of Easter*

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, he gazed up at the night sky, found himself in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, “I am here on purpose and I am loved!” Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on. If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation’s grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don’t-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person’s soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn’t require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn’t matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The “my Lord and my God” responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The “my Lord and my God” affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy. God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And, when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. “Peace be with you.” Breathe in and breathe out. Peace. ©LPi

ONLINE MASSES  
(website & Facebook)



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. To participate in these online Masses, please visit [www.holyspiritme.org](http://www.holyspiritme.org) or go to the parish Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/holyspiritmaine](http://www.facebook.com/holyspiritmaine). In the event that you are 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](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/online-Mass).

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



# stewardship

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 when Masses are suspended.

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

Next weekend's second offering will be for the **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL.**

Thank you for your generosity towards last weekend's second offering for the **CLERGY HEALTH & PENSION PROGRAMS** and for **DIOCESAN EMERGENCY NEEDS.**



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!**

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

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



## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

*Give Yourself Completely*

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers. Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly. Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



## Mass Intentions for Live-Stream Masses

### THIS 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

### THIS WEEK: April 20-24

- Monday: 9:00 AM** Mary Gallucci by Vince Gallucci
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM** Fr. Armand Neault by Vivian Shirley
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM** Elaine by Leo Tetreault & family
- Thursday: 9:00 AM** Julien & Rose Thibodeau by Rick & Nancy
- Friday: 9:00 AM** Joanne Anderson by Carol & Larry Hickman

### NEXT WEEKEND: April 25 & 26

- Saturday: 4:00 PM** Alfred Robinson by his wife Shelagh Nelson by her parents
- Sunday: 9:00 AM** Maria Devlin by Joanne & Bob Sheridan  
For our parishioners

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HOLY SPIRIT PARISHIONERS

**CAUTION!**

As most of us are aware, the communities in our parish have many members who have been away. With that in mind, those returning should lay low and distance themselves from those already here. Those who are here should also be very aware of this. This is especially true for those returning after traveling by plane, train, or bus. If you know people who have just come back, keep a healthy distance from them and perhaps remind them of the rationale. Returning from out of the country is, of course, even more concerning but, from anywhere outside of Maine, it is still very serious. We pray each day that we will stay healthy, and know that God expects all of us to use our knowledge to avoid unnecessary exposure to one another.

May God continue to bless us!

## 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.

### ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY

#### PANTRY NEEDS:

beef stew, tuna fish, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned chicken, macaroni & cheese.



### ST. MARY

#### ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Jiffy Mix, jelly, jam, jello, pudding, salad dressing.

**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.**



### *More Community Food Pantry News!*

As churches, there are many ways we can help in these exceptional times! COS

(Community Outreach Services), working with General Assistance officers and many organizations in our towns, is providing needed food and other assistance. The best way one can help COS help our neighbors now is by donating funds, either through their website: [coskennebunks.org](http://coskennebunks.org) or by check sent to: COS, PO Box 1175, Kennebunk, ME 04043.

You can be sure all donations will be put to good use! We know that many of you, because of your kindness and compassion, would like to volunteer now; however, with the limitations of spacing, the six-foot rule, and the maximum number of people in one space, we do not need more volunteers at this point for food distribution. What we *do* need now more than anything is to have sufficient funding for food and for other needs which will certainly arise.

For more information and videos about our current operations, and to donate if you wish, go to the COS website: [coskennebunks.org](http://coskennebunks.org).

Another way to help is to spread the word about how food is currently being distributed. The location is at Vinegar Hill Theater, 53 Old Post Road (on the corner of Old Post Road and River Road), Arundel. Key details are as follows:

#### MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FOOD PANTRY

All requests for food must come through the General Assistance officers of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, or Arundel. Hours for picking food up, as well as delivery, are 2-4 PM. Recipients are to remain in their cars; food will be brought to them. Food donations may also be made at this location, 12-4 PM.

#### FRIDAY PRODUCE PANTRY (may also include other items)

Hours are on Fridays 9-10 AM, or until food runs out. Recipients are to remain in their cars; food will be brought to them.

*We are strong! With everyone's kindness and help,  
we will get through this together!*

*We thank you all for your generous support!*



### UPDATE FROM ST. JAMES SCHOOL



St. James School in Biddeford began preparing for what was thought to be a 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



Due to the continued need for social distancing, Holy Spirit Parish is communicating with parishioners via e-mail. Some e-mails have been

sent out; 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)



**“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).