



Holy Spirit Parish

APRIL 26, 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
Drive-through the first Friday
of each month at 12 Noon

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
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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

3rd Sunday
OF EASTER

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. —Lk 24:31

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www.holyspiritme.org

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**GOSPEL
MEDITATION**
*Third Sunday
of Easter*

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of “walking” life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look different. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a “Eucharistic” encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.

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DRIVE-THROUGH CONFESSIONS...

are being offered at Holy Spirit Parish on the first Friday of the month at both St. Martha in Kennebunk and St. Mary in Wells at 12 Noon. Just follow the signs towards the back of the church. It will be ideal if there’s only one person in a vehicle; however, if that’s not feasible, there will be instructions on how to proceed. **THE FIRST DRIVE-THROUGH CONFESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE THIS FRIDAY, MAY 1, AT 12 NOON.**



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 <https://holyspiritme.org/mass-live> or go to the parish Facebook page at 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.

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



Holy Spirit Parish would like to thank Don Webber and Mark Reeth for their hard work streaming our Masses on social media. This not only takes tech knowledge, but considerable time which they are very willing to give. Remember that this takes place every day and one of them needs to be there. They are helping to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, and giving all of us a local and personal feel in our parish community. Thank you, Don and Mark, and may God bless you!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

~ FRIDAY, MAY 1 ~
Live-streamed for one hour on website and Facebook, approximately 9:30-10:30 AM (following the 9 AM Mass).



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).

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



In addition to your regular weekly offering, you may donate to special collections through WeShare.

How to create your WeShare 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!

PLEASE NOTE:

Our Offertory and WeShare collection totals for March and April will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

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.

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM:

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

RECONCILIATION:

Drive-through confessions at both churches the first Friday of each month at 12 Noon.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions for Live-Stream Masses

THIS 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

THIS WEEK: April 27-May 1

Monday: 9:00 AM Brian Dumas by Joan Hallee

Tuesday: 9:00 AM Christopher Hussey by the family

Wednesday: 9:00 AM Bruno Londei by the Bunker Family

Thursday: 9:00 AM Ray Griffin by Stephanie Kakos &
Bill Homann

Friday: 9:00 AM Margaret Kalder by the Spas/Faul
Family

NEXT WEEKEND: May 2 & 3

Saturday: 4:00 PM Jane Varano Lagarra by Joe & Kathy
Mackiewicz
Marie Lyons by Paula Lyons Moses

Sunday: 9:00 AM Carol Blais by Roger Bouffard
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!



*The Easter flowers
have been donated in
loving memory of...*

Alexina & Wilfred, Mrs. Joan Bourque, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Bourque, Alice & Steve Colombo, Aunt Chick, Eileen Conaty, Henry Conaty, Mary V. Convery, Richard Cyr, Jr., Deceased members of the Cannon, Colombo, Devaney, Grady, & Praderio Families, David, Ellen, & Paul Devaney, Father Brendon, Fillmore Family, Richard Arthur Fox, Russ Fox, Virginia Fox, Adele Franceschini, Mr. Raymond Hebert, Mr. & Mrs. Roland Hebert, Curt, Lucienne, & Suzanne Jacques, Lionel Lachance, Rachel Lachance, Roland Lachance, Rev. Laurent Laplante, Robert LeConche, Donald Mahoney, Gloria Mahoney, Moran Family, Gina Pafumi, O'Connell Family, Mary Jo Paiva, George Pavelonis, Lillian Pavelonis, Carl Phillip, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Riel, Ryan Family, Ecolino, Celeste, & James Sarcione, Irene Smith, Cecilia V. Smullen, Francis J. Smullen, Susan V. Smullen, Benedict Tarnadsky, Toth Family, Mr. Jerry Verville, Zanker Family

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ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS:

Spaghetti O's, muffin mix, mayonnaise, fruit juice, powdered milk, canned vegetables.



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 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.

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!



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



Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact Father Seamus Griesbach at (207) 773-6471 or seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org.



MEAN WHAT YOU SAY

Missouri is known as the "Show Me" state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence but, today, it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: "Say what you mean and mean what you say." If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him? Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn't his disciples do the same? —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



“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.