



Holy Spirit Parish

AUGUST 16, 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
Drive-through first Friday
of each month at 12 Noon

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

(closed until further notice)

Our PARISH STAFF

Fr. Fred Morse, Pastor
Fr. Agustin Sebasthian, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Darrell Blackwell

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Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mark Reeth, Coordinator



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**GOD FIXES
WHAT IS
BROKEN**



**GOSPEL
MEDITATION**

*20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When

something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do. Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core...the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH MASSES

Masses have a maximum allowance of 50 people. The 4 PM, 9 AM, & 11 AM weekend Masses, and the 8 AM weekday Masses are streamed live on our website. ***The 4 PM & 9 AM Masses are recorded, links to which are available on the website for future viewing.*** Bishop Deeley does exempt all from the ***obligation*** to attend Mass at this time.



RESERVING SEATS FOR MASSES

Mass reservations are being taken over the phone. Please call in a reservation by Friday at 12 Noon to ensure a seat at your chosen Mass. Also, feel free to come early to any Mass to see if there are available seats. If so, attendance will be allowed. ***For those who have made reservations, please arrive at least five minutes before Mass begins; otherwise, there is a possibility that the reservation will be given to someone on the "waiting list".***

Social distancing and mask-wearing remain in effect.

Call **207-646-5605** to reserve seats for St. Mary in **Wells** (4 PM Sat., 9 & 11 AM Sun., & 8 AM on weekdays), and **207-985-6252** for St. Martha in **Kennebunk** (4 PM Sat., 8 & 10 AM Sun., & 9 AM on weekdays).

If leaving a message, ***please indicate the church and the Mass day/time, as well as your phone number. You will receive a confirmation return phone call if your seat has been successfully reserved.***

REMINDER: There are designated seats due to distance requirements and sanitization needs.

The elderly, vulnerable, or those who are not self-ambulatory should probably not attend but, instead, watch a live-streamed Mass.

All must wear a mask in church and remain at least six feet from others.

When entering church, please go to a designated seat with mask on and remain at least six feet from others. Those living in the same household may sit together.

Communion, in the form of the Host, will be received in the hand. Please remain six feet from one another in the Communion line. Move from seat to the line by way of the back or middle crossover aisle of the church, maintaining six feet apart and wearing a mask. There will be one single line down the middle aisle to receive Communion from the priest only. After receiving Communion, please do not return to your pew but, rather, exit the church and return to your vehicle where you may continue to pray if you desire. Please take a bulletin as you exit.

Thank you !

Mass Intentions for the Week

THIS WEEKEND: August 15 & 16

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Mary Pendergast by her cousin, Ed Kelleher
 4:00 PM (W) Eva Randall by Anne Boivin
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) Sophie Cloutier & Louise Kusek by Helen & Steve Kutters
 9:00 AM (W) For our parishioners
 10:00 AM (K) Mrs. Eugene L. Connolly by the Fiorillo Family
 11:00 AM (W) David Coon by Gloria Ryan

THIS WEEK: August 17-21

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Lawrence D. Halpin & Mary F. by Pat & Moe Maroney
 9:00 AM (K) Brian Dumas by Sheila Adams
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Joy Cronin by her friends
 9:00 AM (K) Claire Martel Black by Muriel Martel
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Cindy Bistany by Gloria Ryan
 9:00 AM (K) Christopher Hussey by his family
- Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Mr. & Mrs. George Bassett by Joseph & Kathleen Mackiewicz
 9:00 AM (K) Edwin F. Kindler by the Kindler Family
- Friday: 8:00 AM (W) Earl Hogan by Pat & Moe Maroney
 9:00 AM (K) Joanne Wrba by her sister

NEXT WEEKEND: August 22 & 23

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Shelagh Nelson by her parents
 4:00 PM (W) Yvon Lamarche by Ralph & Guy
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) Chou Nguyen by Phai Nguyen
 9:00 AM (W) Reginald & Estelle Willett by Cheryl & Fred Willett
 10:00 AM (K) For the Parishioners
 11:00 AM (W) Alfred Robinson by his wife

Location Key: (K) St. Martha, Kennebunk
 (W) St. Mary, Wells



The sanctuary lamp at St. Martha's burns for health & blessings upon Kevin Adams by Sheila Adams.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Alicyn Reverdy & Brian Pearson
 September 5 at 12 PM (Wells)



SACRAMENTS

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

RECONCILIATION: Drive-through confessions at both churches the first Friday of the month at 12 PM.

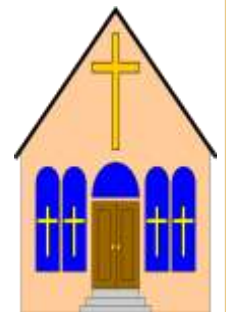
MATRIMONY: Please contact the pastor six months prior to the desired wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please call at any time. 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 regarding sacraments, call 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: Contact Aline Saunders at (207) 985-9214 or alinesaunders@roadrunner.com.

Homebound Parishioners wishing to receive Holy Communion, please call (207) 646-5605.



"Woman, you have great faith." It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives. His call takes us on unexpected paths of deeper trust and love. Is God calling you to life as sister, brother, deacon, or priest? Contact Father Seamus Griesbach at (207) 773-6471 or seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION COMPARISONS: JULY 2019 vs. JULY 2020

The following comparison of July 2019 and July 2020 offertory collections illustrates the change in our weekend offertory budget this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank our parishioners, though, for their generosity and understanding during such a difficult time.

<u>JULY 2019</u>	<u>JULY 2020</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
\$77,576.06	\$47,393.85	-\$30,182.21

This weekend's second collection will be for the **CHURCH FLOOR FUND**.

PLEASE HELP OUR DIOCESE AND PARISH BY PLEDGING TO THE 2020 CATHOLIC APPEAL
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In addition to your regular weekly offering, you may donate to *special collections* through **WeShare**.



How to create a 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!

2020 MISSIONARY COLLECTION



Each year, missionaries are invited to come to our Parish to tell us about their ministry and to ask for donations. Due to the pandemic, they will not be able to join us this summer.

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Below is a letter from the missionaries who would have been here this year. You may donate from **now through the end of August** on the parish website (www.holyspiritme.org) through WeShare. Click on the collection indicating the missionary collection.

Thank you!

Grace and Peace from the Most Holy Trinity! The Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries is a religious community established by His Eminence the late Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal of the Archdiocese of Cebu, Philippines, and Sr. Ma. Corazon Salazar, MQHM, Mother Foundress in the Archdiocese of Cebu, Philippines. Archbishop Jose S. Palma, DD, the present archbishop of Cebu is our Bishop Protector.

Our mission is to rescue women and children victims of human trafficking (sexually trafficked) regardless of age, and children victims of sexual abuse. We take care of them in our Rehabilitation and Livelihood Training Center, called the "HOME OF LOVE" and "MY BONITA HOME FOR GIRLS". Home of Love accommodates 50 women and children. My Bonita Home for Girls accommodates 100 children. We have a holistic rehabilitation program as a curative effort which consists of shelter, food and nutrition, maternity and child-care, medical and dental assistance, psychological treatment and counseling, educational assistance, livelihood and skills training, spiritual formation, and a re-integration program. These programs enable women and children survivors of sex trafficking and sexual abuse to return to productive mainstream living, alleviate them from poverty (which is the major backdrop that makes trafficking possible), and empower women and children survivors by widening the range of choices they have on matters that affect their lives.

Our community of sisters, the Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries (MQHM) has been working intimately with rural poor for educational assistance under the *Regina Coeli Educational Assistance* program in the Philippines as a preventive measure against traffickers who exploit and abuse women and children, especially in the sex trade. We are now providing scholarships and educational assistance to 5000 high-school students from the different, poor regions in the Philippines.

I would like to encourage you all to be one with us in helping these women and children. Your help will make them feel the love of God by giving them hope, and will help them see the face of God on our faces. The second collection will support the programs of rehabilitation through the Mission Cooperative Plan of the Diocese of Portland.

May you be one with us in this quest to fight human trafficking and poverty through perfect love and charity!

Thank you and God bless you all!
Sr. Gliceria Cruz, MQHM
Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries



**"This is our joy:
to walk with
Jesus."**

~ Pope Francis ~

Daily, we are called to
renew our commitment

to walk with Jesus and our Church. As a community of faith, we journey together to discover, follow, and share Jesus with each person we encounter along the way. In both word and action, we are called to share our faith to make Jesus present to those who need to hear and see him the most. As a community of faith, we are called to be witnesses to the Gospel, changing individual hearts one at a time and transforming the communities where we live. This is our work, the work of our Church, made possible through your support. Please look into your heart and prayerfully consider going online to www.portlanddiocese.org/give to make your gift to the **2020 CATHOLIC APPEAL**.

There are many new tax benefits to giving this year. FMI, please call David DiNapoli at (207) 321-7835.



**... FOR THE
2020-2021
ACADEMIC YEAR
AMID
COVID-19
CONCERNS**

"Early-bird" registration for Faith Formation and the discounted registration fee will continue for the month of August. All children must be registered for faith formation every year, regardless of whether they have participated in faith formation in previous years. Early-bird registration may be especially helpful for families who need to have their child in a particular session. The limit on class sizes this year will make it very difficult to add children once a particular class session is full.

The home is the first place a disciple is formed, and the Church refers to the Catholic family as the Domestic Church. This year, the parish will be providing families with digital and hard-copy tools and resources to assist them in completing guided, weekly faith-formation lessons at home. There will be several options which include both virtual and in-person classrooms, and parents can choose the level of participation with which they are most comfortable. Some parents may choose to have their child complete her/his 20-minute online faith-formation module independently, while others may wish to utilize the hard-copy lesson plans and children's leaflets with their child each week. Either way, the children will be guided and led to a better understanding of Jesus and their faith by the most important people in their lives – their parents.

In addition to the weekly at-home lessons, children and parents will participate in a monthly, in-person class. While parent and child gatherings will be held at the same time, they will usually be separate. Classes will be held at St. Martha **and** St. Mary's on Sunday mornings **and** Monday afternoons.

Registration forms for kindergarten through high school (*there are separate forms for each grade this year*) may be found on the parish website with the Faith Formation Family Handbook under the "Formation" tab

(www.holyspiritme.org/formation).

Hard copies are also available outside the offices of both churches.

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:

pancake mix, pancake syrup,
peanut butter, jelly, ketchup.

ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY:

Jell-O, pudding, jelly,
tomato paste, toothpaste.

***At this time, the food pantries offer
curbside pick-up only.***



KNIGHTS NEWS

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: We find ourselves in one of the most difficult times which many of us have ever experienced. Our Churches and communities need men and women who will come forward to the aid of those less fortunate who need our help. The Fr. William J. Kelly Council of the Knights of Columbus located at St. Mary's church is inviting all Catholic men, together with and their families, to belong to the greatest and largest Catholic Lay Organization in the world. With increased membership, we can achieve far greater works of support for our church, our communities, and those who are less fortunate, especially our special-needs children and adults. If you are interested in learning more about the K of C and what our organization has accomplished, go to "kofc.org". If you are interested in joining, go on-line at "kofc.org/joinus" or contact Phil Lizotte at 207-985-7049 or plizotte9782@gmail.com

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH WISHES TO THANK THE KENNEBUNK AND WELLS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Knights at both St. Martha and St. Mary Churches have been very generous to Holy Spirit Parish. Ongoing repairs to the parking lots and buildings have been subsidized, and donations were provided for future needs. We truly appreciate their gifts, as well as the people from the organizations who help us out on the weekends.

GOD BLESS YOU!



ARE YOU:

- ◆ Looking to deepen your relationship with God?
- ◆ Wanting to rekindle your prayer life?
- ◆ Yearning for a greater connection with all of creation?
- ◆ Facing a major decision?



Consider taking part in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius 19th Annotation Retreat. Commonly called "The Retreat of Daily Life", this 30-week retreat begins in September and ends in May. It takes place on Wednesdays. One has the choice of attending either a morning or an evening session. Each session consists of a one-on-one meeting with a prayer guide (spiritual director), listening to a reflection by one of the guides, and daily prayer with scripture (the Exercises are the background from which St. Francis comes). Meetings will be conducted in a safe manner, whether online or in person (to be determined). For more information or to request an application, please contact Maureen Fulford at 207-468-4070 or Ellie Flavin at 207-985-2971 or 251-5981. (If you would like to participate in the Exercises, but are away during winter months, we are now able to provide an online opportunity).

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 and 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.**



Bulletin insert requests must be submitted by Friday at noon (8 days prior to the weekend for which being requested). Please e-mail Mark at mark.reeth@portlanddiocese.org.