

Holy Spirit Parish

DECEMBER 20, 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 Sebasthyan, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Darrell Blackwell

OFFICES

Diane W. O'Neil, Manager
Rosanne Smith
Ruth Shrader
Paula Moses
Lisa White

COMMUNICATIONS

Donald Webber
Mark Reeth

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

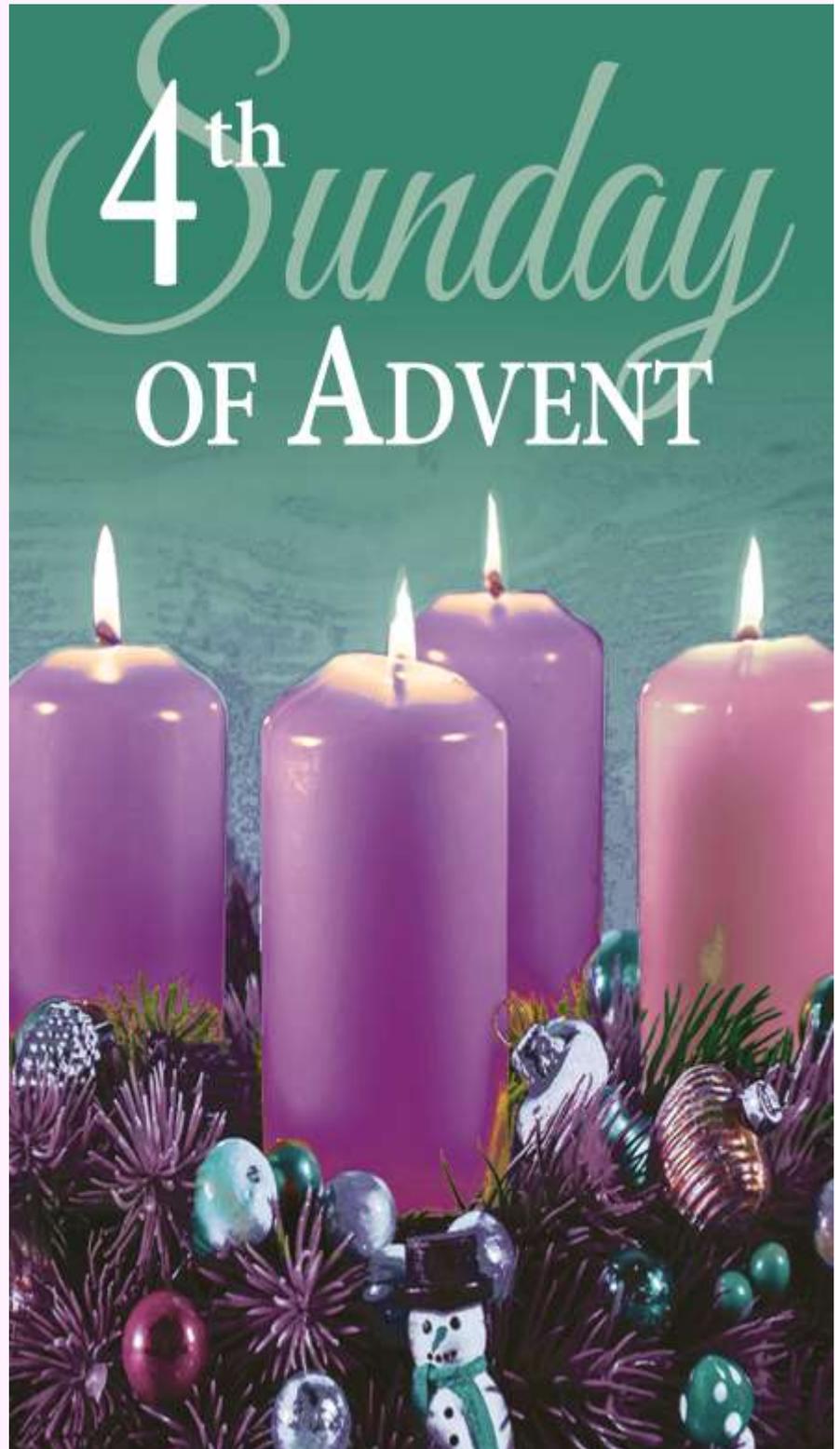
Timothy Gallant, Supervisor
Jesse Ouellette

FAITH FORMATION

Carolyn F. Houston, Director
Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mark Reeth, Coordinator



www.holyspiritme.org

www.facebook.com/holyspiritmaine

RESERVING SEATS FOR MASSES



Mass reservations continue to be taken over the phone. **Reservations must be called in by Friday at 12 Noon to ensure a seat at Mass.** Without a reservation, you may still come early to any Mass to see if there are available seats.

If so, attendance will be allowed. **Although the maximum number of persons allowed at any given mass is 50, each church now has an overflow room with Mass live on a large screen. Communion will be taken to those in the overflow room at the same time as it is being offered in church.**

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.

MASS PROTOCOL UPDATE

Since Holy Spirit Parish has done so well with masks and social distancing, there is a return to the regular Mass dismissal. Communion is being distributed at the regular time during Mass but, now, a return to pews for some prayer is being offered, rather than immediately exiting the church. All still must make their way to the middle aisle, six feet apart, keeping masks on until after receiving in the hand, and then returning to their pews by taking the long way around, rather than using the middle aisle.

Collection baskets (with long handles), held by ushers, are available after Mass at the various exits to make donating to the offertory collections more convenient.



CHRISTMAS EVE - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

St. Martha, Kennebunk: 4 PM & 6 PM

St. Mary, Wells: 4 PM, 6 PM, & 9 PM

CHRISTMAS - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

St. Martha, Kennebunk: 9 AM

St. Mary, Wells: 9 AM

NOTE: Due to pandemic rules, we may have about 45 people in a church at each Mass. We also have a second location for about 45 at each church campus with a live TV feed and Communion provided. ***Sign-ups are required.*** Please call 985-6252 for Kennebunk Masses or 646-5605 for Wells Masses **by this Tuesday, December 22, 4:30 PM.** If leaving a message, you will need a call-back from the office to confirm.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE 6 PM MASSES or 9 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE, AS WELL AS A 9 AM MASS AT EITHER CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS DAY. THE 4 PM MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE FILL UP VERY QUICKLY.

THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DRIVE-THROUGH CONFESSIONS

Typically, this is available the First Friday of each month.

Due to the first Friday of January being a holiday, however, it will be offered on the second Friday, instead

(January 8). These confessions are offered at both St. Martha in Kennebunk and St. Mary in Wells at 12 Noon. Follow signs towards the back of the church.

PLEASE NOTE: APPOINTMENTS MAY ALSO BE MADE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF EITHER CHURCH.



Mass Intentions for the Week

THIS WEEKEND: December 19 & 20

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) McKenna Dempsey by the family
 4:00 PM (W) Tim O'Malley by Connie & Dave Bunker
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) Yen Nguyen by Phai Nguyen
 9:00 AM (W) For the Holy Spirit parishioners
 10:00 AM (K) Eleanor Hannigan by Mary Foster
 11:00 AM (W) Alfred Robinson by his wife

THIS WEEK: December 21-25

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Gabriel DelaRosa by his wife
 9:00 AM (K) John Morgan by the family
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Sean Stanton by Auntie Marion Stanton
 9:00 AM (K) Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Richard Foley by Mary Cormier
 9:00 AM (K) Estelle Doherty by Ruth Shrader
(Christmas Eve)
- Thursday: 4:00 PM (K) Little Sr. Michelle by Mary Foster
 4:00 PM (W) Jack Connerty by his wife & family
 6:00 PM (K) Mickey Mercier by the family
 6:00 PM (W) Juliette Beaulieu by her family
 9:00 PM (W) John Carter by his wife
(Christmas Day)
- Friday: 9:00 AM (W) For the Holy Spirit parishioners
 9:00 AM (K) Tommy Emmons by Mary Colombo

NEXT WEEKEND: December 26 & 27

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Merilda & Charles Yoho by Carol Dalton
 4:00 PM (W) Deceased members of the Tocci Family by Loretta Tocci
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) Chou Nguyen by Phai Nguyen
 9:00 AM (W) Uli Schachtschneider by the Carney Family
 10:00 AM (K) For the Holy Spirit parishioners
 11:00 AM (W) Jane Varano Lagarra by the Varano Family

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

Appointments may also be made for the sacrament of confession by calling the office of either church.

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 or 207-985-6252.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

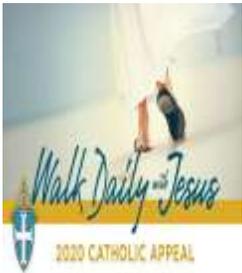


Holy Spirit Parish is a welcoming and caring Roman Catholic community, grounded in Eucharistic faith, and which enthusiastically lives and embraces the values modeled by Jesus Christ. As a community of believers, Holy Spirit Parish is committed to:

- ♦ ongoing faith formation
- ♦ life-long spiritual growth
- ♦ nurturing and sharing our gifts for the common good.

stewardship

Thank you for your generosity towards last weekend's second collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious.*



2020 HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CATHOLIC APPEAL

AS OF DECEMBER 10, 2020:

Total - \$119,345
Goal - \$122,733
% Goal - 97%

We're only 3% shy of our goal!

Thank you to all who have donated thus far!

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!



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

Each year, a number of people inquire about monetary gifts to the priests at Christmastime.

These should be in separate cards/envelopes, and any checks should be made out in the priest's name. Please know that such gifts are not tax-deductible. Regular offertory donations, however, are always tax-deductible, and those checks should be made out to "Holy Spirit Parish".

Thank you for your generosity!

PLEASE HELP OUR DIOCESE AND PARISH BY PLEDGING TO THE 2020 CATHOLIC APPEAL



"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.**

FMI, please call David DiNapoli at (207) 321-7835.

Extra Christmas flower envelopes are available with the bulletins at the church exits.

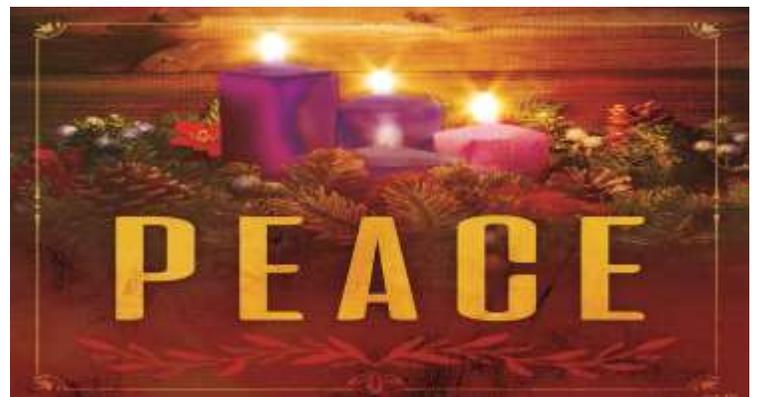


Donations may also be made through **We Share.**

Please note that, due to this year's circumstances, the parish will purchase fewer flowers than in previous years.

If you are registered in the parish, your gift will be recorded for your tax receipt.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!



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.



For Prayer Line Requests, Contact Judy Hyotte at 508-641-4109 or jhyotte@twc.com

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



Two funds provide ongoing benefits to Holy Spirit Parish!

St. Martha Church Endowment in memory of Dr. Leandre R. and Jeannine L. Charest

Holy Spirit Parish Endowment

You can make a gift to either of these endowments or you may establish your own to benefit this parish. Gifts may take the form of cash, stocks, property, insurance, or a bequest included in your will. Checks should be made out to the Catholic Foundation of Maine, noting the appropriate endowment, and sent to PO Box 799, Portland, ME 04104.

There is no minimum gift amount to give to these endowments or to start a new endowment.

Please contact Elizabeth Badger, Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation of Maine to learn how you can leave a legacy of your faith.

(207) 321-7820

www.catholicfoundationmaine.org



Echoes of Faith Emmaus 2021!

The Diocese of Portland Office of Lifelong Faith Formation is excited to offer a state-wide faith formation opportunity for adults. “Echoing Faith” is an adult faith-formation program, utilizing the online Echoes of Faith Emmaus Platform with learning modules starting in February 2021. A complete description of the program may be found at <https://portlanddiocese.org/olff/echoing-faith>. Holy Spirit Parish hopes to have a group of adults who would like to participate in this state-wide, adult, faith-formation endeavor. Registration begins in January.

For information regarding registration for “Echoing Faith”, please contact Carolyn Houston at

carolyn.houston@portlanddiocese.org

ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS:

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



ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Jiffy Mix, crackers, small mayonnaise, ground coffee, toothpaste, laundry detergent.

ST. MARY'S PANTRY IS OPEN 2:30-5 PM ON THURSDAYS.

The food pantries offer curbside pick-up only.



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



Although unable to hold the Parish Fair this year, the raffle was conducted and was a huge success! Congratulations to these lucky winners:

- \$1,000 Maryanne Angione
- \$ 250 Philip Lizotte
- \$ 100 Peggy Nunan
- \$ 50 Thomas J. Carroll

Again, thank you to all who participated in the raffle event, including a very special thanks to those who donated in excess of the cost of the tickets!

Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need in order to say, "let it be", in response to God's call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always (Luke 1:26-38). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister, contact Fr. Seamus Griesbach at seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org or 207-773-6471, or via the website: www.portlanddiocese/vocations, or Facebook: VocationsME



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.**



PART-TIME LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR ~ST. MATTHEW PARISH, LIMERICK~

St. Matthew Parish is looking to fill the above position immediately. The successful candidate will be responsible for: all aspects of youth and adult faith formation for the parish; establishing and maintaining a lifelong faith-formation curriculum which is consistent with church teaching and is engaging, accessible, and varied; developing a curriculum for all sacramental preparation programs, and recruiting and training staff and volunteers to lead these programs; taking responsibility for the "Safe Environment" programs and compliance for the parish. This is a 19-hour-per-week, year-round position which reports directly to the pastor. Interested applicants should send cover letter and resume to: hr@portlanddiocese.org

Live-stream Masses

Masses are live-streamed at both St Martha and St. Mary Churches. On the web-site, there are separate pages for Mass Live St Martha and Mass Live St Mary. Go to the home page at <https://holyspiritme.org/> and follow the links.



Merry Christmas

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Amen.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

