

Holy Spirit Parish

DECEMBER 27, 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

OFFICES

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Donald Webber
Mark Reeth

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

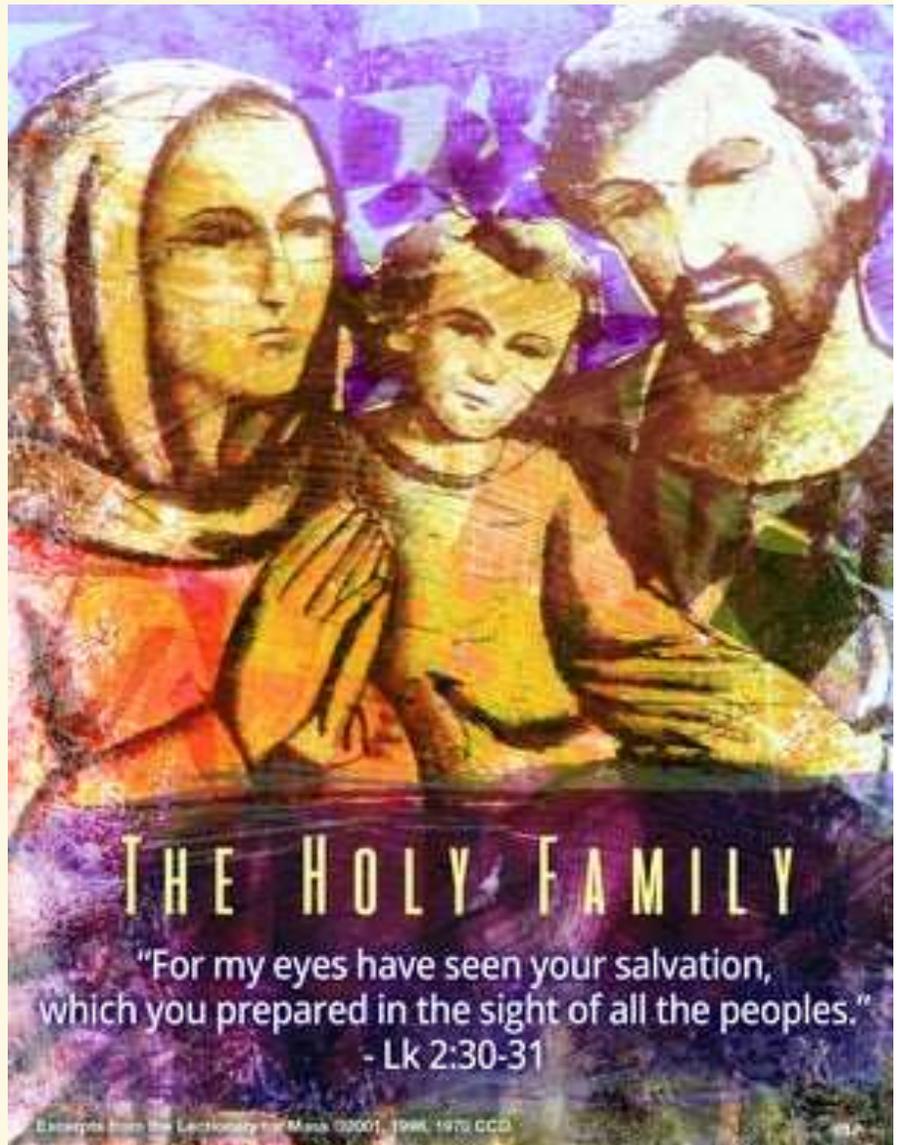
Timothy Gallant, Supervisor
Jesse Ouellette

FAITH FORMATION

Carolyn F. Houston, Director
Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mark Reeth, Coordinator



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD ~ HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE ~

NEW YEAR'S EVE - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

St. Mary, Wells - 4 PM

St. Martha, Kennebunk - 6 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY - FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

St. Mary, Wells - 8 AM

St. Martha, Kennebunk - 9 AM

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.

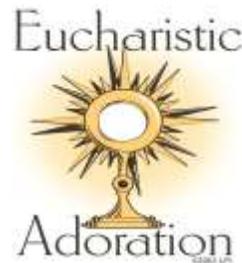
Collection baskets (with long handles), held by ushers, are available after Mass at the various exits to make donating to the offertory collections more convenient.

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.

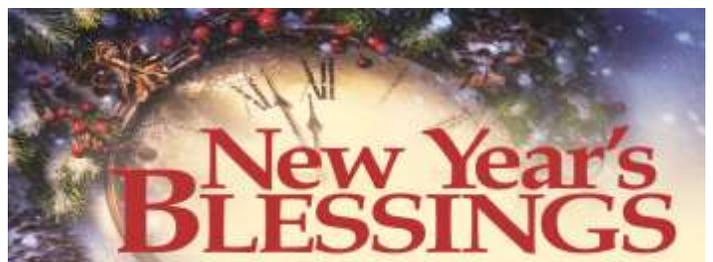


Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
~ **FRIDAY, JANUARY 8** ~
Live-streamed on parish website, 9:30-11:30 AM

Although usually adored on the first Friday of the month, exposition will take place on the second Friday in January due to the New Year holiday falling on Friday, January 1.

Live-stream Masses

Masses are live-streamed at both St Martha and St. Mary Churches. On the website, 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

THIS 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

THIS WEEK: [December 28-January 1](#)

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Helen & John Mayberry by their daughter
 9:00 AM (K) William Burns by Andy Burns
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W) Richard Levasseur by his family
 9:00 AM (K) Deceased members of the William P. Philipp Family
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W) Karen Grovogel by Mary Cormier
 9:00 AM (K) Hoang Nguyen by Phai Nguyen
- Thursday: 8:00 AM (W) Marion G. Horne by her family
 9:00 AM (K) Stephen Daniels by Mitch Dugan
(New Year's Eve)
 6:00 PM (K) Sylvia Moreau by Bob & Ruth Shrader
 4:00 PM (W) Dan Marquis by Judy & Walt Deskus
(New Year's Day)
- Friday: 9:00 AM (W) Lili Derwin by Sue & John Freeman
 9:00 AM (K) For the Holy Spirit parishioners

NEXT WEEKEND: [January 2 & 3](#)

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Ralph Amabile by his family
 4:00 PM (W) Anne Collard by Jennifer, Steve, & Elizabeth
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) Lorraine Frost by her family
 9:00 AM (W) For the Holy Spirit parishioners
 10:00 AM (K) Corliss Thornhill by Bill & Mary Barry
 11:00 AM (W) Robert DiFazio by Paul Breen



~ *REST IN PEACE* ~
 Neil Robinson

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION COMPARISONS: NOVEMBER 2019 VS. NOVEMBER 2020

The following comparison of November 2019 and November 2020 offertory collections illustrates the consistent decrease in the parish weekend offertory budget this year due to the pandemic. We thank our parishioners for their generosity and understanding, however, during such a challenging time.

<u>NOVEMBER 2019</u>	\$54,883.92
<u>NOVEMBER 2020</u>	\$51,886.09
<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	-\$ 2,997.83*

**November 2019 had 4 weekends whereas November 2020 had 5 weekends; thus, the difference is actually greater than indicated due to November 2020 including an additional weekend.*

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!



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 Reeth at mark.reeth@portlanddiocese.org.

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.

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!

Many thanks to all in the parish who were so kind in giving cards and gifts during this Christmas season. It is greatly appreciated! Hoping 2021 brings you and yours many blessings! As always, we will continue to pray for all of you.



*Once again, thank you!
Fr. Fred & Fr. Agustin*



ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS:
Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti O's, Stove-top Stuffing, cereal, breakfast bars, pudding.

ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Jello, pudding, canned beets, tuna fish, salad dressing, juice, shampoo.

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

The food pantries offer curbside pick-up only.



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

Families need blessings of patience, forgiveness, gratefulness, and love.

What will you do to show your love for your family? Ask for the grace to be holy (Colossians 3:12-21).

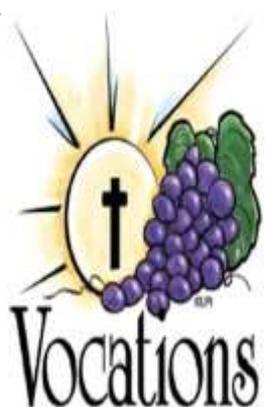
If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister, contact Fr. Seamus Griesbach at:

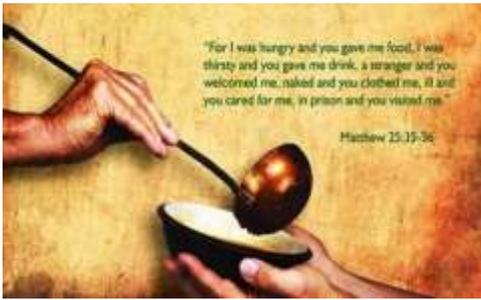
seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org;

207-773-6471; via the website:

www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations; via

Facebook: VocationsME





YOUTH MINISTRY MATTHEW 25:35 MEAL

**“For I was hungry, and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me.”**

(Matthew 25:35)

The youth ministries of Holy Spirit and St. Therese of Liseux Parishes have been providing monthly Matthew Meals after a five-month hiatus due to COVID-19. The curbside Matthew Meals are held in front of the St. Ignatius gym at **25 Riverside Avenue in Sanford every second Tuesday of the month from 5:30-6:30 PM, the next one scheduled for January 12.** The takeout alternative will continue until it is safe to gather inside again. Over the past couple of years, teens from both parishes have served hundreds of meals to those in need. If anyone would like to support this community meal project, gift cards to Hannaford are welcome and will be used to purchase necessary supplies for this endeavor. We are also looking for donations of pre-packaged, individual-sized cookies, and fruit cups. The fruit cups must be “no sugar added.” All donations should be labeled “Matthew Meal” and dropped off at either St. Martha or St. Mary Church. Support in the form of prayers for volunteers and guests are also be very welcome!

Thank you for your assistance with this community service project. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Houston at 985-6252, 646-5605, or Carolyn.Houston@portlanddiocese.org.

THE GIFT OF FAMILY

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others, it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, “people need people.”

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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