



Holy Spirit Parish

MARCH 17, 2019

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
Saturdays 3-3:30 PM

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

45 School St.
Ogunquit, ME 03907
(Closed for the season)

Our PARISH STAFF

Father Fred Morse, Pastor
Deacon Darrell Blackwell

OFFICES

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mark Reeth

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

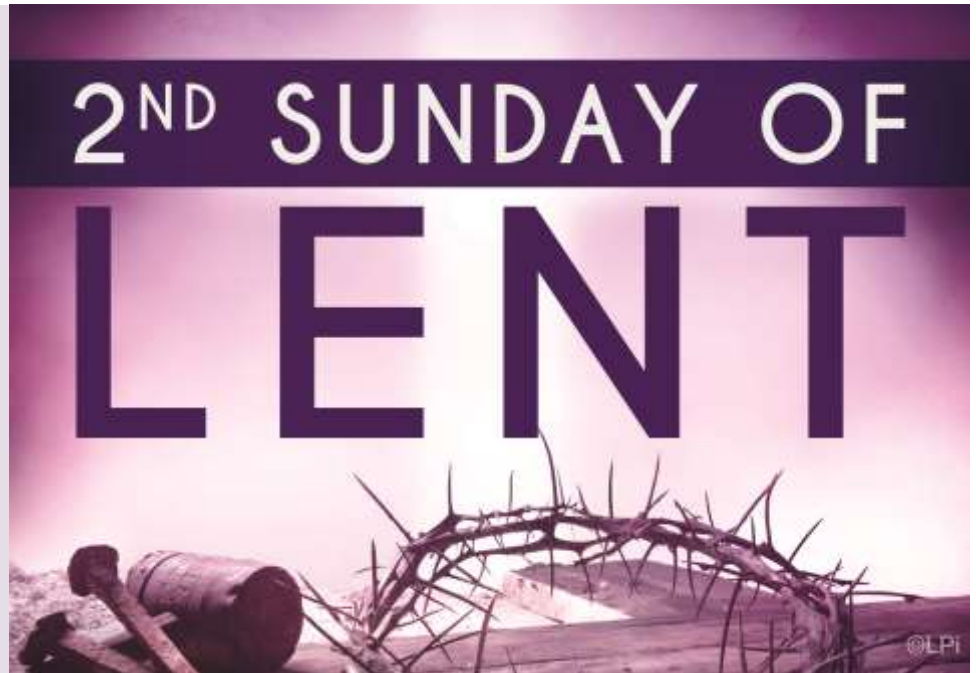
Timothy Gallant, Supervisor
Dean Robinson

FAITH FORMATION

Carolyn F. Houston, Director
Rosanne Smith, Adult Education

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mark Reeth, Coordinator
Lisa White, Choir Director



What are the current rules for Lent?

All Catholics, ages 14 and up, are bound by the law of abstinence. Abstinence means refraining from the consumption of meat (land animals) on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Why Friday? To unite ourselves with Jesus' sacrifice, made for us on Good Friday. All Catholics ages 18-59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is defined as eating one full, meatless meal on prescribed days. Bits of food can be taken at other traditional meal times though their combined total should not equal a full meal. Penitential practices, like fasting and abstinence, are intended to refocus our thoughts and intentions toward God. Lent's 40 days included Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday (the Lenten fast continues until Holy Saturday), not including Sundays. Sundays are optional but encouraged. For health reasons, the infirm, ill, and pregnant or nursing mothers are exempt. Three other Lenten disciplines are prayer (daily conversation with the Lord), fasting (from behaviors which detract from our relationship with God), and almsgiving (sharing our resources, ensuring the basic needs of human dignity).

SEE PAGES 5 & 6 FOR SPECIAL LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES.

Parish Survey Information inside on page 2.

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www.facebook.com/holyspiritmaine

**GOSPEL MEDITATION
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation! Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him." This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before.



From Wednesday, March 6, through Sunday, April 14, you are invited to join other Christians for "40 Days for Life," a period of 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Here in Holy Spirit Parish we will pray for life at all our Masses for the 40 days. You are also invited to stand and pray peacefully during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of Maine Family Planning in Augusta. Bishop Robert P. Deeley will speak at the "40 Days for Life" kickoff event on Saturday, March 9, at 10 a.m. in front of Maine Family Planning. For more information or to help, please contact Judy Icenogle at (207) 872-6558 or ricejuice@twc.com. You can also visit www.40daysforlife.com/

Discipleship
EXPLORED

**THE HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY
CONTINUES.**

Our parish's Disciple Maker Index survey is available online and on paper until *March 18th*. So far, 168 people have responded online. We haven't counted the paper surveys, but the stack at both churches is growing! If you haven't responded yet, please go to www.disciplemakerindex.com or pick up (and drop off) a paper survey in the St. Mary's or St. Martha's narthex. Help us reach a very high response percentage so our data accurately reflects our parish. *Thank you to all those who have responded already!*

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



MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEKEND: [March 16 & 17](#)

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) Priscilla Troy by Joan Dawson
- 4:00 PM (W) Adrienne McAuliffe by Lucy & Tim Cilley
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) Patrick Galligan by the family
- 9:00 AM (W) Patricia Houston by her family
- 10:00 AM (K) Michael Tremblay by Joan Mitchell
- 11:00 AM (W) For our parishioners

WEEKDAYS: [March 18-22](#)

- Monday: 8:00 AM (W) Communion Service
- 9:00 AM (K) Deceased members of the William P. Philipp Family
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM (W)
- 9:00 AM (K) Communion Service
- 10:30 AM Communion Service at River Ridge
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM (W)
- 9:00 AM (K) Doi Mai by the Family
- Thursday: 8:00 AM (W)
- 9:00 AM (K) Brenda Crowley by Joan McCarthy
- Friday: 8:00 AM (W)
- 9:00 AM (K) Chau Nguyen by Phai Nguyen

NEXT WEEKEND: [March 23 & 24](#)

- Saturday: 4:00 PM (K) M. Priscilla Davis by Eileen & Ralph Penta
- 4:00 PM (W)
- Sunday: 8:00 AM (K) For our parishioners
- 9:00 AM (W)
- 10:00 AM (K) Dr. James F. Connolly by Joan Mitchell
- 11:00 AM (W)



~Rest in Peace~
Jean Laroque

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

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

March 23 & 24

- 4:00 PM St. Mary's (W) Fr. Morse
- 4:00 PM St. Martha's (K) Fr. Mellone

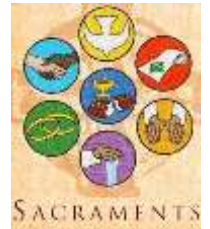
- 8:00 AM St. Martha's (K) Fr. Morse
- 9:00 AM St. Mary's (W) Msgr. Murphy
- 10:00 AM St. Martha's (K) Fr. Morse
- 11:00 AM St. Mary's (W) Fr. Manship

Schedule subject to change.

Reconciliation on Saturdays
3-3:30 PM at St. Martha's & St. Mary's

SACRAMENTS

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



RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 3-3:30 PM (or upon request), at both St. Martha and St. Mary Churches.

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please call any-time. If you know that you will be admitted to the hospital, please call the office to make arrangements to receive the Sacrament after a daily or Sunday Mass. 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 alinesaunders@roadrunner.com or 207-985-9214.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS wishing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at home, please call the office at 646-5605.



The sanctuary lamp at St. Mary's burns in loving memory of Michael Meads by the Whole family.

THE WEEK AHEAD

March 17-24

St. Martha Church

Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
S Anon - 7 PM
Monday: Centering Prayer - 9:45 AM
Tuesday: Cursillo - 4 PM
Blood Bank
Wednesday: Ignatian Exercises
Weight Watchers
Thursday: "No Greater Love" Lenten Program - 6 PM
Faith Sharing - 7 PM
Friday: Produce Pantry
Stations of the Cross - 6 PM
Saturday: Reconciliation - 3 PM
Sunday: Faith Formation - 9 AM
Coffee & Donuts after Masses
Journey in Faith-3-5 PM
S Anon - 7 PM

St. Mary Church

Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM
Coffee & donuts after Masses
Monday: Faith Formation - 3:45 PM
Tuesday: Bereavement Quilting - 9 AM
"No Greater Love" Lenten Program - 1 PM
Wednesday: Bible Study (Proverbs) - 10 AM
Spiritual Study Group - 7 PM
Thursday: Food Pantry - 1 PM
Friday: Stations of the Cross - 12 PM
(followed by luncheon)
AA - 7:30 PM
Saturday: AA - 8 AM
Reconciliation - 3 PM
K of C St. Patrick's Day Dinner - 5 PM
Sunday: Faith Formation - 10 AM
K of C Breakfast after Masses

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



For those parishioners who are not yet signed up to receive offertory envelopes in the mail, and would like to, please call St. Mary's at 207-646-5606 or St. Martha's at 207-985-6252.

Items being submitted for bulletin approval must be provided by Friday at noon (**seven days prior to the weekend being requested**). Please email Mark Reeth at mark.reeth@portlanddiocese.org.



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WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

February 16-17

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| Collection | \$ 10,133.00 |
| We Share (37) | \$ 1,138.50 |
| Total Offertory | \$ 11,271.50 |
| Tithe | \$ 789.00 |
| Envelopes (328) | \$ 7,251.45 |
| Loose | \$ 2,881.55 |

Floor Fund

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| Additional Collection | \$ 255.00 |
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This weekend's second collection will be for Native American and Black Missions.

*Thank you to all who contributed to the Ash Wednesday collection for **The Church of Eastern Europe & Solidarity Fund for Africa!***

If any parishioner would like a tax receipt for 2018 donations, contact Rosanne Smith at rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org or 207-985-6252.



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 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!

ST. MARTHA'S COMMUNITY PANTRY NEEDS:

muffin mix, mayonnaise, fruit juice, powdered milk, canned chicken.

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL FOOD

PANTRY NEEDS: salad dressing, ground coffee, canned spaghetti, baked beans, tomato sauce, facial tissues.





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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



meets in the downstairs parlor at St. Mary Church. The next meeting will be held on *Wednesday, March 20 at 11 AM*. FMI, or if you know of someone who would benefit from a shawl, please call Sue at 646-8217, or Verna at 646-4543.

CURSILLO is for Catholics who desire a closer walk with Christ with the help & fellowship of like-minded Christians. Please join this monthly gathering of encouragement for the journey: Ultreya, St. Martha Church, 10 AM, in the education wing on the second Saturday of each month. For more information, please contact Kat Boucher at 207-216-7839 or

lkmb@roadrunner.com, or go to www.maineкурсилло.org.



THE RECOVERY PRAYER GROUP FOR THE OPIATE CRISIS

~ meets at St. Mary's, 5:30-6:30 PM, the 1st & 3rd Mondays of every month. FMI: Cornelia Stockman at 207-468-4586 or Leona Regan-Dolan at 508-308-4819.



BEREAVEMENT QUILTING GROUP



The group meets on Tuesdays at 9 AM upstairs at St. Mary's. Newcomers are welcome, as are beginner quilters. For more information, contact Carol Varano at (508) 801-2054, or just show up!



**FAMILY BREAKFAST
ALL ARE WELCOME!
SUNDAY, MARCH 17
after Masses**

~St. Mary's Hall~

Menu includes:

pancakes, waffles, eggs, toast, potatoes, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit, milk, tea, water, coffee

Ages 11 & older - \$8

Ages 6-10 - \$5

Ages 5 & under - free



FMI: 207-646-6870

PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE

Name (s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

New registration Change of address

Change of e-mail address

Moving out of parish 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**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday of Lent. Stations at St. Mary Church in Wells will be at 12 Noon (followed by a Lenten soup & chowder luncheon). Stations at St. Martha Church in Kennebunk will be at 6 PM.



LENTEN EVANGELIZATION PRAYER SERVICE

The Holy Spirit Pastoral Council is offering another opportunity for parishioners to come together to pray for an aspect of evangelization. This third service is being offered during Lent, and will focus on putting our faith into action. For, as St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote, *“Love shows itself more in actions than in words.”* Similar to the previous two evangelization prayer services, we will listen to Scripture, pray and sing together, and meet afterwards in the parish hall for fellowship and an activity that will help us think more about how we live out the Scripture we’ve heard and prayers we’ve said. Refreshments will be available.

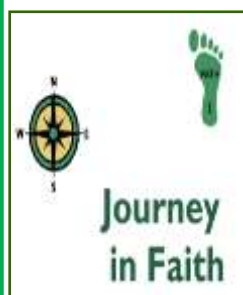


Date: Thursday, March 28 (snow date April 4)

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: St. Martha Church, Kennebunk

*We hope you'll come and bring others!
Let's fill the church!*



The Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council and the Office of Lifelong Faith Formation and Parish Social Life continue to bring faith community and education events to the parish. ***Journey in Faith***, geared toward *adult* faith formation, also offers simultaneous *children's* sessions. Our mission, as Catholics, is

to grow closer to Jesus and to share His story with others. These sessions enable us to learn more while evangelizing one another as a faith family. An informational brochure, containing the schedule, information, and brief biographies of the speakers for the adult sessions for the remaining two events, is available in the narthex of each church. The next ***Journey in Faith*** event will take place on **Sunday, March 24, 3-5 PM, at St. Martha Church in Kennebunk**. The topic will be *“All About the Mass”*, presented by Fr. Bob Valliancourt, pastor of St. Brendan the Navigator Parish in mid-coast Maine. Fr. Bob earned degrees in psychology and theology, and has served our diocese in many capacities since his 1982 ordination.

No Greater Love

~A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion~

Join us for this five-part series that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author, Edward Sri, guides us through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage. While taking this study, we will walk step by step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way,



biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. The next session will take place on **Tuesday, March 19, at 1 PM at St. Mary's & Thursday, March 21, at 6 PM at St. Martha's**. FMI, please call Rosanne at 207-985-6252.

Youth Ministry Matthew 25:35 Meal



The Matthew 25:35 Meals put on by the youth ministries of both Holy Spirit and St. Therese of Liseux Parishes are served monthly, every second Tuesday, at St. Ignatius Church Hall in

Sanford, 5:30-6:30 PM. To support this community meal project, gift cards to Hannaford, Walmart, or Shield's Meats in Kennebunk, are welcome. All donations should be labeled "youth ministry" and dropped off at either church site. Prayers for volunteers and guests are also appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Houston at 985-6252, 646-5605 or at carolyn.houston@portlanddiocese.org.

See article in current March/April issue of "Harvest" magazine (pages 4 & 5) or go to portlanddiocese.org.



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