Holy Spirit Parish
November 27, 2022

Our Parish Churches

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Weekday Mass: 8 AM
(Tuesday through Friday)
Weekend Masses: Saturday 4 PM
Sunday 9 & 11 AM

St. Martha Church

30 Portland Road
Kennebunk, ME 04043
(207) 985-6252
FAX (207) 985-7740
Weekday Mass: 9:15 AM
(Tuesday through Friday)
Weekend Masses: Saturday 4 PM
Sunday 8 & 10 AM

Confessions at Saints Mary & Martha Churches

Saturdays 3-3:30 PM *(or by appointment)*

All Saints Church

45 School Street
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(closed for the season)

Our Parish Staff

Fr. Fred Morse ~ Pastor

Offices

Rosanne Smith ~ *St. Martha Church*
Judy Hyotte ~ *St. Mary Church*

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Mark Reeth

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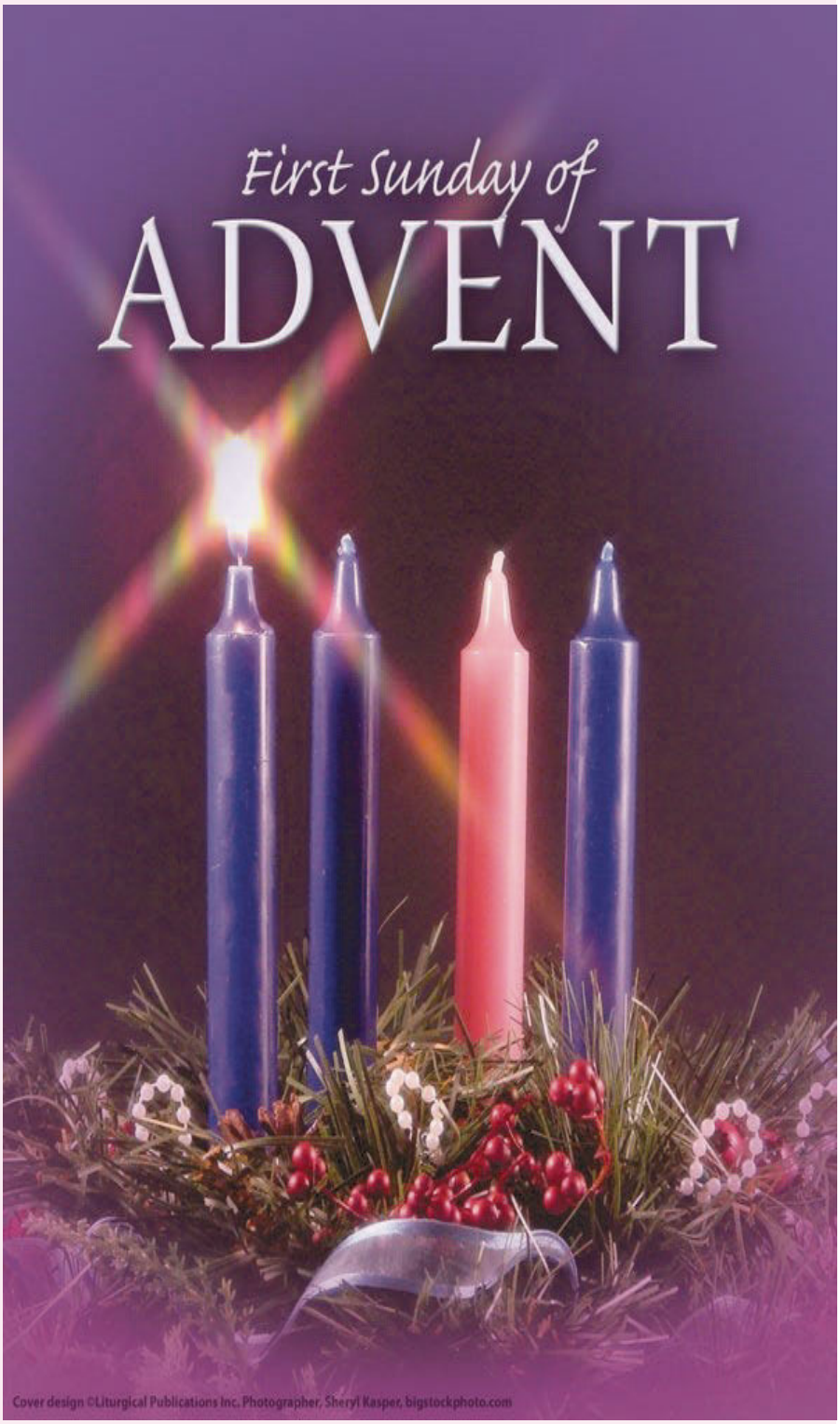

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GOSPEL MEDITATION
~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~

We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred, and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come.

Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness.

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CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Holy Spirit Parish will be having a choir on Christmas Eve at the 4 PM Mass at St. Martha. Rehearsals are at 6 PM on Thursdays at St. Martha. If interested in participating, please contact Lisa White at lisafohlinwhite@gmail.com.

The **HOLY SPIRIT ADVENT GIVING TREES** are an annual parish Advent tradition and are up and ready at both St. Martha and St. Mary Churches. The ornaments on the trees contain a brief description of items requested by the organizations for which our parish is collecting. Caring Unlimited (which serves abused women and children) has requested gift cards. Long Creek Youth Development Center, the CourageLIVES residence of St. Andre's Home, and the York County Shelter have requested items which their clients need and desire. The baskets found below the Giving Trees are for families in the Head Start Program, and the items requested on the sheet taped to the basket are ones which cannot be purchased with food stamps. For those wishing to participate, please take an ornament (or basket), purchase the item (new items only, please), wrap it (unless the tag indicates the contrary), and attach the original ornament to the package. The tags identify the items, allowing them to get to their proper destination.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR ITEMS AND/OR FILLED BASKETS BACK UNDER THE GIVING TREES NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, IN ORDER FOR THE GIFTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.

The Holy Spirit Parish Family Faith Formation will be raffling off four brand-new, beautiful Nativity sets during Advent. Two sets will be raffled off at each church site. All of the proceeds will go to a fuel assistance fund to assist people in our parish community who will be struggling to pay for heating fuel this winter. The raffle tickets will be $1.00 each and will be sold after Masses the weekends of December 3/4 and 10/11. The raffles will be drawn on December 12.

Tia Hogan & Andrew Field
December 2 @ 3 PM
(Wells)

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

THIS WEEKEND: November 26 & 27

Saturday: 4 PM (K) For the Parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish
4 PM (W) David Robinson by the family
Sunday: 8 AM (K) Mickey Mercier by the family
9 AM (W) Jack Connerty by his family
10 AM (K) M. Clare Driscoll by Ed Kelleher
11 AM (W) Ryan Connell by Tom Connell

THIS WEEK: November 29-December 2

Tuesday: 8 AM (W) Andrea St .Hilaire by Rita McKinnon
9:15 AM (K) Yen Nguyen by Phai Nguyen
Wednesday: 8 AM (W) John Anderson by Anne Pulsifer
9:15 AM (K) Martha Dixon by Rebecca Woodcock
Thursday: 8 AM (W) Kate Miller by George & Sheila Marble
9:15 AM (K) Howard Angione by the family
Friday: 8 AM (W) Peter Moretti by Diane & Mike Lewon
9:15 AM (K) Jeffrey Douglas Ahearn by Tom Connell

NEXT WEEKEND: December 3 & 4

Saturday: 4 PM (K) Ralph Chenard by the family
4 PM (W) Alice Martineau by Guy & Ralph
Sunday: 8 AM (K) Nicholas Jensen by Janet & Larry Galligan
9 AM (W) Timothy Keegan by his wife, Carmen
10 AM (K) Muriel Martel by the family
11 AM (W) For the Parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish

Rest in Peace
Helen Doheny
Katherine Fritzsche-Peterson

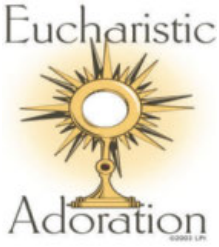
Location Key: (K) Kennebunk; (W) Wells

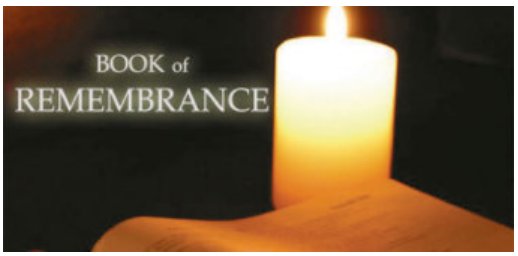
Bereavement Quilting

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
~ Friday, December 2 ~

- St. Mary after the 8 AM Mass
until 12:30 PM
- St. Martha after the 9:15 AM Mass





November: The Month of Remembrance

The month of November is the traditional season for Catholics to remember all those who have gone before them 'marked by the sign of faith.' Following the Solemnity of All Saints that remembers all those who lived the life of faith with integrity and are now one with the Lord in heaven, we celebrated All Souls Day on November 2. This day of prayer for the dead provides the opportunity for us to surround our beloved dead with our prayers, especially through the Eucharistic celebration, as we companion them on their journey to the Father.

Each of us will be touched by the reality of death in the course of our journey of faith. We have all experienced the painful leave-taking of a loved one in death as we prepare for our own 'going forth' through death to eternal life in Christ.

The funeral rites of our Church help us to remember that no one truly dies alone, but is accompanied by the community of believers as eternity opens for each one of us. The reformed liturgy of our Church, and particularly its funeral rites, provide opportunities for family and friends of the deceased to actively enter into this moment of passage as we shape a truly fitting farewell for our loved ones.

Please enter the names of deceased loved ones into the Books of Remembrance next to the votive candles at both St. Martha and St. Mary Churches.

stewardship

Thank you for your generosity towards last weekend's second offering for the
Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Offertory Report

November 12 & 13

Collection	$	8,783.25
We Share (62)	$	2,374.50
Total Offertory	$	11,157.75
Tithe	$	781.04
Envelopes (197)		

Archdiocese for the Military

Collection	$	2,013.00
Envelopes (89)		

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

DONATE ONLINE

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!

Living FAITH

2022 Catholic Appeal

Holy Spirit Parish as of November 10, 2022

Total - $ 116,142
Goal - $ 139,417
% Goal - 83%

As Catholics, we are called to not only live our faith for ourselves, but in community with one another. A living faith is an active faith and one that follows the example Jesus set for us. It brings us together to celebrate the Eucharist, to share our gifts, and to lift others up so that they may discover the gifts they, too, have to offer.

One way that Catholics in Maine can help their faith come alive is by contributing to the annual Catholic Appeal.

Holy Spirit Parish is in need of $23,000 more to meet its goal. If just 115 more families donated $200 each, the parish would meet its goal! Please look into your hearts and step out in faith by prayerfully considering a gift in support of the 2022 Catholic Appeal. The diocese truly needs our help to meet the needs of many causes across the state. *Thank you!*

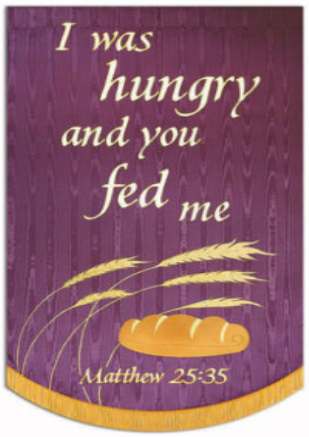
For those who have already pledged a gift, it is greatly appreciated!

For more information or assistance, please contact Michael Sullivan at (207) 773-6471, x7835.

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 monthly Matthew Meal provided by the youth ministries of Holy Spirit and St. Therese of Lisieux Parishes occur at the St. Ignatius gym at **25 Riverside Avenue in Sanford the second Tuesday of the month from 5:30-6:30 PM.** To support this project, gift cards to Hannaford are welcome and used to purchase supplies for this endeavor. Any donations should be labeled "Matthew Meal" and dropped off at either St. Martha or St. Mary Church. Prayers for volunteers and guests are also appreciated! For more information, contact Carolyn Houston at 985-6252, 646-5605, or carolyn.houston@portlanddiocese.org.



Sacraments

Baptism: To register, contact Rosanne Smith at (207) 985-6252 or rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org.

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3-3:30 PM, at St Martha & St. Mary Churches *(appointments may also be made by calling the office of either church).*

Matrimony: Pastor must be contacted six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick: 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. Also, please notify the office if you're aware of a parishioner being hospitalized.

For more information, please call 207-646-5605 or 207-985-6252.

Holy Spirit Parish Mission Statement

Our Church Mission

Holy Spirit Parish is a welcoming and caring Roman Catholic community. It is grounded in Eucharistic faith and 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

BIBLE STUDY

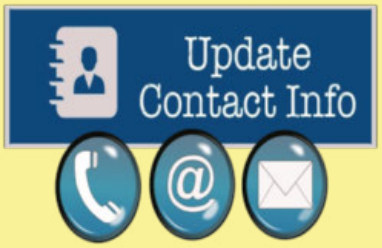
Bible Study takes place at St. Mary's on Wednesdays at 10 AM. If interested, contact Joan Fowler at 207-646-0270 or Marla Blackwell at 207-502-3471.

All are welcome! Come join us!

Every family should compete this form.

If you haven't yet completed and submitted the form, please do so today.

Thank you!



UPDATING PARISH FILES

Much of the parishioner contact information in our system is no longer current or valid.
We urge ALL to please take a moment, complete this form with any changes, and place in the offering basket. We will update our files from this new information. We greatly appreciate your help in this endeavor! *Thank you!*

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Mailing Address:

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E-mail Address:

_____

Phone Number(s):

_____

Family Members:

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St. Martha Community Pantry:

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

St. Mary Ecumenical Food Pantry:

Jello, beef stew, canned corn, crackers, cookies, dish detergent

The St. Mary food pantry is open Thursdays, 2-4 PM.

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

For those seeking to join the Church or wanting to learn more about the Catechism of the Catholic Church:
Contact Rosanne Smith at (207) 985-6252 or rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org.

For Prayer Line Requests:
Contact Judy Hyotte at (207) 646-5605 or judith.hyotte@portlanddiocese.org

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

Electronic Communication in the Diocese

This is a reminder from the diocese that there has been an increase in fraud attempts in e-mail and texts recently.
Scammers frequently pretend to be priests for fraudulent purposes. Please do not "fall for it". If SPAM e-mails or texts are received, they should simply be deleted. They may also be reported as "junk" on cell phones. If ever unsure whether something received is fraudulent, please contact either one of the church offices for verification.
To view brief security-awareness training videos, please visit **wizer-training.com**.

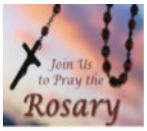
Thank you for learning and remaining vigilant!

Holy Rosary

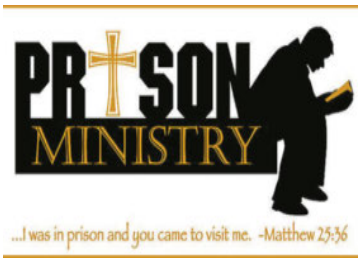
The Holy Rosary is prayed each day prior to Mass at both St. Mary and St. Martha.

Pray the Holy Rosary via ZOOM ...

Every evening at 7:30. Click the link in the right column of the home page of the parish website.



"I was in prison, and you visited me."



In Matthew 25, Jesus tells his hearers, and us, that He is to be encountered in the hungry, the sick, and the imprisoned. Bringing the Word of the Lord to those at the York County Jail is a safe and deeply rewarding experience. The message of God's love for all and the forgiveness offered through Jesus is critical for persons seeking to reform their lives. Volunteer men and women visit in teams on Thursday mornings for Mass, Rosary, and/or discussion of the week's readings. The Catholic prison ministry at the York County Jail is an established ministry and integrated with re-entry and family support ministries.

For more information, e-mail STLCPM1@gmail.com or call 698-0064.

Parish Registration

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**
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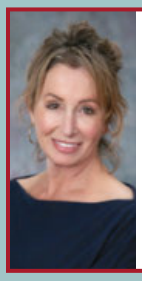
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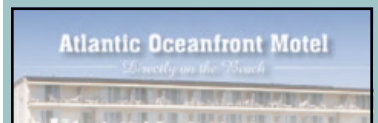

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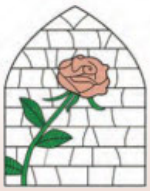

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