

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent — December 13, 2015

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John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4 p.m. Kennebunk
4 p.m. Wells

Sunday

8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Kennebunk
9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wells

Weekdays 8 a.m. Wells, 9 a.m. Kennebunk

St. Mary's Church—236 Eldridge Rd.
Wells, ME 04090

(207) 646-5605 — FAX (207) 646-9437

St. Martha's Church—30 Portland Rd.
Kennebunk ME 04043

(207) 985-6252 — FAX (207) 985-7740

All Saints' Church—45 School St.
Ogunquit, ME 03907

Closed for the Season

Rev. Thomas Murphy, Parish Priest

Mrs. Diane W. O'Neil, Office Manager

Mrs. Carolyn F. Houston, Director of Faith Formation

Mrs. Rosanne Smith, Coordinator of Adult Ed.

Mark Reeth, Music Coordinator

Deacon Darrell Blackwell

Mr. Timothy Cilley, Facilities Manager, Wells

Mr. Timothy Gallant, Facilities Manager, Kennebunk

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

December 19/20

4:00 p.m. St. Martha's (K) Fr. Tom Murphy
4:00 p.m. St. Mary's (W) Fr. Lequin

8:00 a.m. St. Martha's (K) Fr. Lequin
9:00 a.m. St. Mary's (W) Fr. Tom Murphy
11:00 a.m. St. Martha's (K) Fr. Lequin
11:00 a.m. St. Mary's (W) Fr. Tom Murphy

December 24/25

4:00 p.m. St. Martha's (K) Fr. Tom Murphy
4:00 p.m. St. Mary's (W) Msgr. C. Murphy
6:00 p.m. St. Martha's (K) Fr. Mellone
6:00 p.m. St. Mary's (W) Fr. Tom Murphy
9:00 p.m. St. Mary's (W) Fr. Tom Murphy

9:00 a.m. St. Martha's (K) Fr. Manship
9:00 a.m. St. Mary's (W) Fr. Lebel

Schedule subject to change

Reconciliation on Saturdays

3:00-3:30 p.m. St. Martha's & St. Mary's

SACRAMENTS

Baptism — Please call for an appointment.

Reconciliation — Saturdays 3:00 p.m. at St. Martha's Church and Saturdays 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Anytime upon request—please call the office to make an appointment—(207) 646-5605.

Matrimony — Please contact the pastor six months prior to the desired date.

Sacrament of the Sick — Please call anytime. 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.

Seeking to join the Church or would like to know more about the Catechism of the Catholic Church? FMI call Fr. Tom at 646-5605.

Prayer Line Requests: May be made to: Aline Saunders at alinesaunders@roadrunner.com or 985-9214.

Homebound Parishioners: Any homebound parishioner wishing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at home please call the office at 646-5605.

Parish Registration/Update

Name (s) _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Phone (s) _____

Phone (s): _____

E-mail Address: _____

____ New Registration _____ Change of Address

____ Change of E-mail Address

____ Moving out of Parish _____ Want Envelopes

If you are new to the parish, or have a new address or phone number, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to Holy Spirit Parish, 236 Eldridge Road, Wells, ME 04090.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 14 — December 21

- Monday: 8:00 a.m. Barbara Carozza
by Bill & Diane Comeau
9:00 a.m. John Hedderman
by his wife Nancy & Family
- Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Cilley
by Mary Jane Grady
9:00 a.m. Paul Martel
by his Wife
10:30 a.m. Communion Service River Ridge
- Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Mary Tietze
by Mary Keene & Family
9:00 a.m. Korbin Jace O'Connell
by the Kindler Family
- Thursday 8:00 a.m. Walker Noyes
by his wife Anne
9:00 a.m. Lillian Saunders Glavey
by the Saunders Family
- Friday: 8:00 a.m. Health & Blessings upon
Candace & Richard Joy 50 years!
9:00 a.m. Roger Bacon
by the Knights of Columbus
- Saturday 4:00 p.m. Kathryn Hemenway (K)
by Kathy & Russ Smith
4:00 p.m. Adele Franceschini (W)
by her Family
- Sunday: 8:00 a.m. McKenna Dempsey
by his Family
9:00 a.m. Paula Mamone
by her Family
11:00 a.m. Minh Mai (K)
by Tien Tran
11:00 a.m. For the People (W)
- Daily Mass: Wells (W) 8 a.m.
Kennebunk (K) 9:00 a.m.

Rest in Peace

*Irene Byrne
Richard Fernberg
Eleanor Harmon*

BULLETIN DEADLINE

All inserts for the bulletin must be submitted by 12 noon Friday. All holidays change the deadline, please call Diane O'Neil at 646-5605 or email stmarywells@myfairpoint.net

Stewardship

November 28/29	
Offertory	\$ 14,567.00
Tithe	\$ 1,019.00
Envelopes (417)	\$ 9,626.60
Loose	\$ 4,940.40

Campaign for Human Development
Envelopes (8 additional) \$ 140.00

The second collection this weekend is for our retired religious.

Many thanks for your continued generosity!

Food Pantry News

St. Martha's Community Pantry is in need of cereal, beef stew, baked beans and jelly.

St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry is in need of chowder, pudding, salad dressing, mayonnaise, beef stew and pancake syrup.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is on Saturday, January 9, at 9 a.m., at St. Martha's in Kennebunk.

If you wish to have your baby baptized, please call Diane O'Neil to register —646-5605.

NO Prayer Shawl Ministry in December. Please join us on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's. Shawls are always available, please call Sue at 646-8217.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*Kaitlin Durgin & Corey Lavallee
January 1, 2016 (W)*

THE WEEK AHEAD

December 13—December 20

St. Martha's Church

Sunday: K of C Children Party 12 noon
Faith Formation 9:45 a.m.
Recovery Couples 5:30 p.m.
S Anon 7 p.m.

Monday: Centering Prayer 6 p.m.
Faith Sharing 7 p.m.

Tuesday: Red Cross Blood Drive 1 p.m.
Cursillo 3:45 p.m.
Reconciliation 6 p.m.
RCIA 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Spiritual Exercises 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Weight Watchers 6 p.m.
Reconciliation 6 p.m.

Thursday: Cancer Support Group 1 p.m.
Gospel of Matthew 6:30 p.m.

Friday: Produce Pantry 9 a.m.

Saturday: Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Sunday: Coffee & Donuts 9 a.m.
Faith Formation 9:45 a.m.
Recovery Couples 5:30 p.m.
S Anon 7 p.m.

St. Mary's Church

Sunday: Coffee & Donuts 10 a.m.
Faith Formation 10 a.m.

Monday: Faith Formation 3:45 a.m.
Reconciliation 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Hope your week is good.

Wednesday: Bible Study—Revelation 10 a.m.

Thursday: Food Pantry 1 p.m.
DivorceCare 6:30 p.m.

Friday: AA 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: AA 8 a.m.
Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Sunday: Faith Formation 10 a.m.
Coffee & Donuts 10 a.m.

December 19/20

St. Martha's Church

Lectors: 4:00 p.m. R. Brown
8:00 a.m. J. McCabe
11:00 a.m. E. Spas

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
4:00 p.m. Host: J. Pastorelli, E. Quinlan, A. Saunders
Cup: R. Shrader, J. Carragher, K. Carragher, B. Hennessy
8:00 a.m. Host: K. Baker, L. Bourque, M. Bourque
Cup: P. Bourque, J. Braica, C. Dolce, P. Emery
11:00 a.m. Host: D. Fife, G. Fife, D. Kain
Cup: T. Kain, G. Lynch, D. Landry, D. Mahoney

Altar Servers: 4:00 p.m. H. Kindler
8:00 a.m. M. Tuttle
11:00 a.m. S. Langone & K. Morris

Gift Bearers: 4:00 p.m. C. & D. Falconer
8:00 a.m. R. Cialfi & M. Monroe
11:00 a.m. The Shairs Family

Greeters: 4:00 p.m. Priscilla & Dotti
8:00 a.m. Pat B. & Joan F.
11:00 a.m. Susan & June

St. Mary's Church

Lectors: 4:00 p.m. L. Arsenault
9:00 a.m. C. Streeter
11:00 a.m. E. McCullen

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
4:00 p.m. Host: E. Giacobba, L. Hickman, R. Lambert
Cup: V. LeBlanc, P. Lizotte, S. Mayhan, L. Simpson
9:00 a.m. Host: K. Diggs, F. Judge, B. Toomey
Cup: P. Mamone, D. Bois, M. Fulford, B. Marlowe
11:00 a.m. Host: I. Neistorowich, T. Spinosa, S. Spinosa
Cup: S. Freeman, D. Murphy, T. Hussey, D. O'Neil

Greeters:
4:00 p.m. C. Varano & D. Lizotte
9:00 a.m. M. & L. Ryan
11:00 a.m. R. McNeilly & M. Haley-Read

DivorceCare will resume on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning on January 21, 2016. Divorce Care ministers to the needs of anyone who is affected by impending or completed collapse of a marriage. This support group ministry serves our cluster of parishes and meets at St. Mary's Church in Wells. FMI, please contact Kathy/Martin McKeon (604-2640).

**St. Martha's Knights of Columbus
Christmas Party is on Sunday,
December 13th, from 12 noon to 3 p.m.**

Please join us — all are invited!

DECEMBER 13, 2015

DIOCESE OF PORTLAND
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 2015

My dear friends in Christ:

“Mercy is another word for God.” I recently I heard these words from a rabbi. They are a beautiful reminder of a truth of our faith. These words seem appropriate as I write to talk with you about Pope Francis’ announcement of an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. It will begin on December 8, which is also the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. The year will conclude on November 20, 2016 — the Solemnity of Christ the King. In our diocese, I pray that this Jubilee will be an occasion of grace and mercy. With this letter I want, therefore, to invite you all to be a part of this event.

“Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy.” These powerful words begin Pope Francis’ letter announcing the Jubilee. Mercy is the bridge that connects us to God. Through this mercy, our hearts are opened to the profound reality that, despite our sinfulness, we are infinitely loved by the Father. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God’s mercy is shown for us — we are not left in sin, but we are restored to new life in Jesus.

We encounter God’s mercy in a sacramental way through the sacrament of reconciliation. There, in our acceptance of our own frail humanity, we confess our sins, and we receive forgiveness, God’s infinite gift of mercy in our lives. Throughout this year, there will be many opportunities for you to approach the sacrament. Soon, you will see a new welcome on the door of the confessional or reconciliation room. It will be a cross with an inscription: “Behold the Door of Mercy.” It is there to remind us that the Lord Jesus awaits us, the One who is the Face of Mercy. Jesus invites us to look at our lives and, mindful of God’s abundant love for us, confess what needs to be confessed, convert what needs to be converted, and receive the gift of forgiveness.

In becoming for us the Face of Mercy, Jesus not only suffered and died for us, but he also showed us a way to live. He showed us God’s infinite love and mercy. Having received mercy, mercy becomes our way of life. As we receive mercy, so we are called to be merciful. Pope Francis reminds us that the way in which we do that is through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. He also tells us again what they are, “Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do ill, and pray for the living and the dead.” Throughout this year, individually and as parish communities, you are invited to rediscover these works of mercy and live them out. No doubt, you are already engaged in doing them in your community. What we might do during this Jubilee Year is to seek ways in which we can involve more people in our works of mercy. And, as well, we might look at these works as a way in which we come to see each other, and particularly those we serve in these works of mercy, as God sees us, with love and mercy. “Merciful like the Father” is the motto Pope Francis has set for the Jubilee. Our living out the works of mercy is a response to the mercy we receive. I hope to join different groups in the diocese during the course of the year so that we can show forth the works of mercy that God calls us to live. Together, we will do what the Lord Jesus showed us how to do — make ourselves the neighbor of every person, without exception.

Pilgrimage is another activity of special significance during a Jubilee Year. Life itself might be described as a pilgrimage, but the making of a pilgrimage reminds us that in our journey of life we are not alone. God is with us showing us his mercy. I will be leading a *pilgrimage* to Italy and Rome in October to which all are invited. In reality, however, that will only involve a small percentage of the diocese. All of us, however, will have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage closer to home.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

I am designating four churches in our diocese as pilgrimage churches. There will be a holy door in each church. The graces and indulgences of the holy year can be obtained by making a pilgrimage to one of these churches, passing through the holy door, confessing one's sins near the time of the visit, and saying the prescribed prayers for the intention of the Holy Father and the Church. The churches of pilgrimage within the diocese and the dates the holy door will be opened are:

- ◆ Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland — December 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ St. John Church in Bangor — December 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ St. Luce Church in Frenchville — December 13, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Basilica of SS Peter and Paul in Lewiston — December 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

These celebrations will mark the beginning of the year. We will soon release more detailed plans for celebrating the Holy Year in the diocese. Each month, we will be emphasizing one of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy. We will publish brief weekly messages with a practical suggestion for living mercy that week. These messages will be broadcast on our website and through social media. The *Harvest* will feature stories of mercy being lived out throughout the diocese. Parishes will be invited to publicize what they are doing through the diocesan Office of Communication. You may also want to visit www.im.va, a special website created by the Vatican to promote the Holy Year. You will find some good suggestions.

It is easy to be busy with life. Take some time during this year, even with your family, to make room for God. Renew within yourself an appreciation of God's incredible love for you. He is Mercy. Pope Francis has given us a gift in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, to remind us that our loving Father looks upon us with mercy each day. He sent Jesus among us to bring us that message and to help us to be instruments of mercy for others.

May we grow in mercy throughout the year.

Assuring you of my prayers and asking a remembrance in yours for me and my ministry, I am

Sincerely in the Lord of all Mercies,

Most Reverend Robert P. Deeley, J.C.D.
Bishop of Portland

Leave the Light On—Confessions

“The Light is On and the Door of Mercy is Open for You”

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has been promoting the Sacrament of Penance with the initiative entitled “24 Hours for the Lord” Holy Spirit Parish will have the following evenings available for confession in addition to the Saturday schedule which is 3 p.m.—3:30 p.m. at St. Martha's and St. Mary's.

At St. Mary's in Wells, Monday, December 14, 6 p.m.—7 p.m.

At St. Martha's in Kennebunk, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 15 & 16, 6 p.m.—7p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Martha's, Kennebunk: Christmas Eve — 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. (*Family Mass*). Christmas Day — 9 a.m.

St. Mary's, Wells: Christmas Eve — 4 p.m., 6 p.m. (*Family Mass*), and 9 p.m. Christmas Day — 9 a.m.