

# ***HOLY SPIRIT PARISH***

*Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 20, 2015*

*www.holyspiritme.org*

<https://www.facebook.com/holyspiritmaine/>



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

## 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 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

### December 26/27

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

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

*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](mailto: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 21 — December 27

- Monday: 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Cilley  
by Joanne & John Anderson  
9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the  
Knights of Columbus
- Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Mary Tietze  
by Carol & Bob Black  
9:00 a.m. Rev. Laurent Laplante  
by Claire & Raymond Jean  
10:30 a.m. Communion Service at Atria
- Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. William Dolan  
by his Wife  
9:00 a.m. John Boutin  
by his Family
- Thursday 4:00 p.m. Delsina Saucier (K)  
by her Family  
4:00 p.m. Rose & Arthur Couture (W)  
by Jeannette & Roger Lambert  
6:00 p.m. Mickey Mercier (K)  
by his Family  
6:00 p.m. Juliette Beaulieu (W)  
by the Beaulieu Family  
9:00 p.m. Dorothy Cilley  
by Jennifer, Steve & Elizabeth
- Friday: 9:00 a.m. Thomas F. McNamara (K)  
by his Family  
9:00 a.m. For the People (W)
- Saturday 4:00 p.m. Merilda & Charles Yoho (K)  
by Carol & Dennis Dalton  
4:00 p.m. Christopher DesJardins (W)  
by Lucy & Tim Cilley
- Sunday: 8:00 a.m. For the People  
9:00 a.m. T. J. Oliver & Nicole Oliver  
by Pam & Tom Oliver  
11:00 a.m. Beth McLaughlin (K)  
by Mary & Bill Colombo  
11:00 a.m. Peggy Fortune (W)  
by Claudette Caron
- Daily Mass: Wells (W) 8 a.m.  
Kennebunk (K) 9:00 a.m.

## Rest in Peace

### 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](mailto:stmarywells@myfairpoint.net)

## Stewardship

December 5/6	
Offertory	\$ 15,592.00
Tithe	\$ 1,091.00
Envelopes (460)	\$ 9,710.12
Loose	\$ 5,881.88

*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 beef stew, spam, hash, dish detergent, tomato sauce and chowder..



**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.

**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).**



**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**December 20—December 27**

***St. Martha's Church***

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

Monday: Faith Sharing 7 p.m.

Tuesday: Cursillo 3:45 p.m.  
RCIA 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Weight Watchers 6 p.m.

Thursday: Christmas Eve—Office Closed  
Mass 4 p.m.  
Mass 6 p.m. (Family Mass)

Friday: Merry & Blessed Christmas!  
Mass 9 a.m.  
Noel Dinner 1 p.m.

Saturday: Reconciliation 3 p.m.

Sunday: Coffee & Donuts 9 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.

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Food Pantry 1 p.m.

Thursday: Christmas Eve—Office Closed  
Mass 4 p.m.  
Mass 6 p.m. (Family Mass)  
Mass 9 p.m.

Friday: Merry & Blessed Christmas!  
Mass 9 a.m.

Saturday: AA 8 a.m.  
Reconciliation 3 p.m.  
Parish Social Lite 5 p.m.

Sunday: See you in Church!

December 26/27

**St. Martha's Church**

Lectors: 4:00 p.m. T. Ryan  
8:00 a.m. K. Saunders  
11:00 a.m. K. Broughton

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:  
4:00 p.m. Host: L. Gombar, A. Gombar, J. Letellier  
Cup: D. Enis, J. Enis, C. Mace, R. Inniss  
8:00 a.m. Host: J. Fowler, F. Gomez, W. Grady  
Cup: J. Mahoney, M. Monroe, M. Ney, E. Pierce  
11:00 a.m. Host: D. Murphy, K. Olise, G. Shairs  
Cup: K. Stoma, M. Tremblay, C. Ward, J. Brine

Altar Servers: 4:00 p.m. K. & K. Ryan  
8:00 a.m. I. McLellan  
11:00 a.m. D. Mahoney

Gift Bearers: 4:00 p.m. D. & M. Mercier  
8:00 a.m. C. & D. Dalton  
11:00 a.m. J. & S. Birtolo

Greeters: 4:00 p.m. Alice & Priscilla  
8:00 a.m. Cindy P. & Paula  
11:00 a.m. June & Claire

**St. Mary's Church**

Lectors: 4:00 p.m. D. Wickert  
9:00 a.m. M. Goullaud  
11:00 a.m. T. LeTourneau

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:  
4:00 p.m. Host: T. Cilley, L. Hickman, A. McEvoy  
Cup: M. Allain, V. Franceschini, N. Hebert,  
M. Prefontaine  
9:00 a.m. Host: M. J. Grady, F. Judge, P. Mamone  
Cup: B. Beisswanger, E. Flavin, B. Marlowe,  
M. Provencher  
11:00 a.m. Host: T. Fitzgerald, D. Kreppin, B. Sawyer  
Cup: M. Liguori, V. Liguori, E. McCullen,  
D. McDermott

Greeters:  
4:00 p.m. D. Lizotte & N. Basque  
9:00 a.m. B. Marlowe & D. Cheney  
11:00 a.m. D. Kreppin & B. Stasio

**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.

## A Church of Encounter

By GERARD O'CONNELL

While countless millions across the globe are inspired by Pope Francis and cheer as he pushes ahead with the reform of the Roman Curia and renewal of the church, there is a minority within the Catholic community who do not like his ecclesiology. They do not like his vision of church or the kind of church he is building, and they are showing their dislike in various ways.

This became increasingly clear in connection with the two assemblies of the Synod of Bishops on the family, but the signs first appeared soon after his election. Some cardinals, bishops, priests and laypeople—mainly intellectuals and aristocrats—were upset when he decided to live at Santa Marta, rather than in the Apostolic Palace. They considered this a desacralizing or downsizing of the papacy. They and others too do not like the vision of the church he first presented in the interview in August 2013 with Antonio Spadaro S.J., that was published in *La Civiltà Cattolica*, *America* and other Jesuit publications around the world, and that he developed more fully in his programmatic exhortation “The Joy of the Gospel” in November 2013.

Francis wants a church that is on mission, reaching out to others and accompanying them, especially those on the peripheries; a merciful church that is a field hospital for the many wounded of this world; a church that builds bridges, not walls. He wants a church that is poor and for the poor, one that rejects careerism; a church that is committed to encounter, inclusion and reconciliation, not one that is confrontational, self-referential or judgmental. He wants a synodal church, in which the bishops and faithful people walk together and authority is understood as service.

There is internal opposition to Francis' ecclesiology. It first surfaced in July 2013 after he made his famous comment, “Who am I to judge?” in relation to homosexuals. It gained momentum around the assembly in September 2014 of the Synod of Bishops on the family and struck with force at the assembly in 2015, when, among other things, 13 cardinals — including Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Cardinal Daniel di Nardo of the United States — sent the pope a letter challenging the integrity of the synod process he had approved. It hardened around the question of whether divorced and civilly remarried Catholics could, under certain circumstances, take Communion. It is now clear that this latter

question is but one element, one might call it a symbol, of a much broader opposition to Francis' understanding of the church.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl highlighted this in his interview with *America* (Oct. 18) when, commenting on the opposition to Pope Francis, he said: I wonder if some of these people who are speaking, sometimes surreptitiously, sometimes halfway implying, then backing off and twisting around, I wonder if it is really that they find they just don't like this pope.”

He recalled that the pope “is calling for a church that, to my mind, is much more in contact with the Gospel, with the living out of the Gospel. Not just the articulation of the Gospel, the voicing of the Gospel, the proclaiming of the Gospel, but the personal living of it, and that seems to be what is the most attractive aspect of this pope, why so many people find him inviting, why so many people follow him, why so many people are coming back to the practice of the faith. And for reasons known only to them, there are some who find this somewhat threatening.”

Cardinal Wuerl is right. A minority of cardinals, bishops, priests, women and men religious and lay Catholics find Francis' ecclesiology “somewhat threatening.” Some expressed their opposition at the synod; others in the Vatican are resisting his reform of the Roman Curia—as evidenced by the recent leaking of confidential documents regarding the Holy See's finances—while more (mostly Curial cardinals) have challenged his reform of the annulment process. Then there are those, particularly in economic and political circles, who object to what Francis said in his encyclical “*Laudato Si'*.”

Francis, who will be 79 in December, is in good health and appears to enjoy extraordinary inner peace. He is profoundly conscious that he was chosen by God to lead the church at this moment in history, so he is not fazed or deterred by such opposition. He is moving forward with determination to reform the Roman Curia and renew the church worldwide. He is planning foreign trips for 2016 and 2017 and will create new cardinals in June. Above all he is preparing to open the Jubilee Year of Mercy on Dec. 8.

Gerard O'Connell is *America's* Rome correspondent. *America's* Vatican coverage is sponsored in part by the Jesuit communities of the United States. Twitter: @gerryrome.

## *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

---

Don't miss it! Coming in January! Something new will appear in our bulletin every week. Look for "Steppin Out in Faith" presenting in a few words, one small thing you can do each week to bring the Gospel message into the world. As Mother Theresa said, "God does not ask us to do great things, but to do small things with great love" and in the words of Pope Francis, "...we must get up and go now!" Then let's be expecting changes in our homes, our parish, and beyond. Sponsored by the HSP Wednesday Bible Study Group.

Growing in Faith-Resources for Catholics; Where can you go to learn more about our Catholic faith and what it really teaches? What resources are available to assist us on our spiritual journey? So much is out there, it can be overwhelming. The Wednesday Bible study has done some research, and combined that with their own experience to develop a list of resources such as books, magazines and newspapers, prayer guides, CDs, TV and radio. This list will be available on the parish website [www.holyspiritme.org](http://www.holyspiritme.org). Periodically the list will be updated.

### Books

- ◆ St. Mary's Library: books of faith, church history, lives of saints
- ◆ The Abbey: Catholic book and gift shop,
  - ◆ 605 US Rt 1, Dunstan Corner, Scarborough, ME 04074, 207 885-5813, [www.theabbey.com](http://www.theabbey.com)
- ◆ The Monastery, 28 Beach St., Kennebunk, ME: book and gift shop in the basement, 207-967-2011
- ◆ St. Mary's Church Store and Book Supply: 1909 West End Ave., Nashville, TN 37203, 800-233-3604
  - ◆ [www.stmarysbookstore.com](http://www.stmarysbookstore.com), [stmarysbookstore@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysbookstore@gmail.com)
- ◆ Abbey Press Publications: 1 Hill Drive, St. Meinrod, IL 47577, [www.abbeypress.com](http://www.abbeypress.com)
- ◆ Ave Maria Press: [Avemariapress.com](http://Avemariapress.com): Catholic books and resources
- ◆ Liturgical Press: Catholic publishing house, worship resources, 800-858-5450
- ◆ Liturgical Training Publications: LTP.org, 3949 S Racine Ave., Chicago, IL 60609-2523
- ◆ Jesus Calling by Sarah Young: Devotional, Amazon, Barnes and Noble
- ◆ Draw the Circle by Mark Batterson: Devotional, 40 day prayer challenge, Amazon
- ◆ Jesus by Joseph Girzone, author of the Joshua series, ORBIS Books, [www.maryknoll.org](http://www.maryknoll.org), 899-258-5838
- ◆ Catholic Book Publishing Corp.: 77 West End Street, Totowa, NJ 07512 [www.catholicbookpublishing.org](http://www.catholicbookpublishing.org)

### Online

- ◆ Google
- ◆ EWTN Catalog
- ◆ Amazon
- ◆ USCCB
- ◆ The Catholic Company.com

### Magazines/Newspapers

- ◆ America Magazine: a weekly Catholic magazine published by Jesuits in the US
  - ◆ [americamagazine.org](http://americamagazine.org), 800-627-9533, America Media, 106 W 56th St., N.Y., NY 10019-3803
- ◆ St. Anthony Messenger: 28 W. Liberty St., Cincinnati, OH 45292-6498
- ◆ US Catholic: PO Box 408, Conger, NY 10920, 800-328-6515, [USCatholic@cambrwest.com](mailto:USCatholic@cambrwest.com)
- ◆ Give us This Day: personal prayer and thought for today's Catholics, Liturgical Press,
  - ◆ PO Box 7500 Collegeville, MN 53621-9977, [www.litpress.org](http://www.litpress.org)

Media: Lighthouse Catholic Media: [Lighthousecatholicmedia.org](http://Lighthousecatholicmedia.org), CDs about things Catholic, also available for \$3.00 at the adoration chapel in Saco

### Bible Study and Prayer Guides

- ◆ The Magnificat: daily mass book, spiritual guide, available from Catholic Company.com, 866-522-8465
- ◆ The Word Among Us: [wau.org](http://wau.org), monthly devotional based on mass readings and reflections
- ◆ At Home with Our Faith, 800-328-6515, [homefaith.com](http://homefaith.com)
- ◆ Creative Communications for the Parish, 1564 Fencorp Drive, Fenton, MO, 800-246-7390, [www.livingfaith.com](http://www.livingfaith.com),
- ◆ One Year New Testament for Busy Moms, 365 daily readings and meditations, NLT Publisher, Amazon