

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph — December 27, 2015

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He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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

Deacon Darrell Blackwell

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

Mr. Timothy Cilley, Facilities Manager, Wells

Mr. Timothy Gallant, Facilities Manager, Kennebunk

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

December 31/January 1

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

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

January 2/3

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

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

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 28 — January 3

- Monday: 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Cilley
by Pam & Bill Sawyer
9:00 a.m. Ken King
by his wife, Doris
- Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Earl Pentland
by Connie & Dave Bunker
9:00 a.m. Rene Jariz
by his Family
- Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Michaela "Mikki" Early
by Margaret Briand
9:00 a.m. Ruth Peaper-Fillyaw
by her Family
- Thursday 4:00 p.m. Peggy Fortune (W)
by Ginny Putnam
6:00 p.m. Claude Gobeil (K)
by his Wife & Children
- Friday: 8:00 a.m. For the People (W)
9:00 a.m. Health & Blessings upon
Debbie Mills (K)
by Mary & Bill Barry
- Saturday 4:00 p.m. Cheryl Cressey (K)
(daughter of Nat Zaleski)
by Lorraine Dill
4:00 p.m. Eleanor Martin (W)
by Pat Hludik
- Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Rev. Gaston Auger
by Claire & Ray Jean
9:00 a.m. Antonio & Beatrice Gisele Delisle
by Pierrette & John Bolduc
11:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Brinckloe (K)
by Vince Gallucci
11:00 a.m. For the People (W)
- Daily Mass: Wells (W) 8 a.m.
Kennebunk (K) 9:00 a.m.

Rest in Peace

Mary E. McDermott

Be still and know that I am God...Centering Prayer is a method of prayer which prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence, meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 6 pm at St. Martha Church. You must attend a 30 min. orientation before attending a prayer session. FMI call Deacon Darrell at 467-0957.

Stewardship

December 12/13

Offertory/Immaculate Conception	\$ 15,945.00
Tithe	\$ 1,116.00
Envelopes (586)	\$ 11,402.35
Loose	\$ 4,542.65
Retired Religious Offering	\$ 6,969.00
Envelopes (294)	\$ 4,879.05
Loose	\$ 2,089.95

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.

DivorceCare will resume on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. 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, Kathy/Martin McKeon (604-2640).

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

December 27—January 3

St. Martha's Church

Sunday: Recovery Couples 5:30 p.m.
S Anon 7 p.m.
Monday: Centering Prayer
Faith Sharing 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Cursillo 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday: Weight Watchers 6 p.m.
Thursday: New Year's Eve
Mass 6 p.m.
Friday: Happy & Healthy New Year!
Mass 9 a.m.
Office Closed
Saturday: Reconciliation 3 p.m.
Sunday: K of C Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
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: See you in Church!
Monday: Red Cross Blood Drive 12 noon
Tuesday: Hope your week is good!
Wednesday: Food Pantry 1 p.m.
Thursday: New Year's Eve
Mass 4 p.m.
Friday: Happy & Healthy New Year!
Mass 8 a.m.
Office Closed
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.

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.

January 2/3

St. Martha's Church

Lectors: 4:00 p.m. J. Sciarra
8:00 a.m. M.Ney
11:00 a.m. J. Birtolo

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
4:00 p.m. Host: C. Merrill, D. Mercier, C. Palmero
Cup: J. Pastorelli, E. Quinlan, A. Saunders, R. Shrader
8:00 a.m. Host: D. Rivard, K. Saunders, R. Smith
Cup: C. Thyng, M. Tuttle, M. Williams, K. Baker
11:00 a.m. Host: S. Boak, T. Boak, M. Colombo
Cup: K. Boucher, L. Boucher, D. Fife, G. Fife

Altar Servers: 4:00 p.m. E. Enis
8:00 a.m. A. & M. Pastorelli
11:00 a.m. D. & D. Bailey

Gift Bearers: 4:00 p.m. R. Brown & P. Welch
8:00 a.m. B. & D. Writes
11:00 a.m. S. & T. Connors

Greeters: 4:00 p.m. Joan D. & Joe
8:00 a.m. Mary Ester & Pat E.
11:00 a.m. Mary & Susan

St. Mary's Church

Lectors: 4:00 p.m. C. Varano
9:00 a.m. J. Smith
11:00 a.m. M. Blackwell

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
4:00 p.m. Host: V. Franceschini, A. McEvoy,
Cup: M. Allain, T. Cilley, N. Hebert, V. LeBlanc
9:00 a.m. Host: E. Flavin, P. Mamone, M. Provencher
Cup: C. Anderson, A. Anderson, B. Beisswanger,
F. Judge
11:00 a.m. A. M. Roy, S. Spinosa, T. Spinosa
Cup: D. Kreppein, I. Neistorowich, A. Pulsifer,
B. Sawyer

Greeters:
4:00 p.m. B. Chionchio & J. Krasco
9:00 a.m. P. Mamone & J. Martin
11:00 a.m. S. & C. Menard

New Year's Mass Schedule

St. Martha's, Kennebunk: New Year's Eve — 6 p.m. New Year's Day — 9 a.m.

St. Mary's, Wells: New Year's Eve — 4 p.m. New Year's Day — 8 a.m.

Thoughts In a Christmas Season

We have entered into the wonderful 12 days of Christmas. It is easily eclipsed by the world's standard of commercialism. Even the most pious among us are eager to take down the tree by New Years Day. We begin the big search for light and longer days.

Amid all of this joy and inevitable distraction, I find myself thinking about matters of faith and of the journey of young adults in these days we are living. It has long been observed by all of us that the population of people between the ages of 18-35 are absent from the pews. We ourselves perhaps look around on Sundays and wonder "where have all the children gone?" It is to be sure epidemic in proportion. It clearly is a painful situation that touches nearly every family. None of us are immune to the effects of secularization sweeping over us like waves upon the ocean.

The current Pastoral Council has made it an issue front and center. The noble efforts of this new council inspire me with people unafraid to ask the hard questions and passionately concerned for the Church of the future. Surely there is not one simple answer, however, on the way to this issue we resolved to first commit the cause of our young to prayer. You have been hearing at Mass the intention for young adults and will continue to hear this throughout the year of Mercy. But prayer, the essential starting point of every Christian family is but the beginning.

The absence of the young is not unique to the Catholic Church nor to religion in general. Despite pockets of enthusiasm among some evangelical mega Churches the situation is challenging. I dare to suggest that even quick answers, intense emotion and modern medium stylistics hardly addresses the real questions and may in the end only comfort and even anesthetize us to the emptiness inherent in our culture.

In his latest work, "The Soul's Upwards Yearning", Robert Spitzer, S.J. Ph.D., identifies the struggles we all face and aptly names the problem of the 21st century. "Since the early twentieth century, scientific materialism has so undermined our belief in the human capacity for transcendence that many people find it difficult to believe in God and the human soul. There are many signs of widespread loss of confidence in our ability to soar upwards, and these have been noted by thinkers as

diverse as Carl Jung (psychiatrist), Mercea Eliade, (historian of religion), Gabrael Marcel (philosopher) and authors C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. Their observations were validated by a 2004 study published in the American Journal of Psychiatry that linked the absence of religion with a marked increase in suicide, meaninglessness, substance abuse, separation from family members and other psychological problems.

Ironically, the evidence for transcendence is greater today than at any other period in history. The problem is, this evidence has not been compiled and made widely available.

Father Spitzers work provides a bright light in the midst of darkness by presenting traditional and contemporary evidence of God and a trans-physical soul. It shows that we are transcendent beings with souls capable of surviving bodily death, that we are self reflective beings able to strive toward perfect truth, love, goodness and beauty, that we have the dignity of being created in the very image of God. If we underestimate these truths, we undervalue one another, underline and underachieve our destiny. The way forward seems to me to be a conversation with ourselves and one another and hopefully the young and disaffected. Helping one another to discover or uncover the mystery of our transcendent nature is the saving grace that indeed may lead to an experience of giving thanks (worship). Once we make the connection with the Divine, once we realize that there is more to each of us than merely the sum of our parts—the journey begins.

I will be holding some listening sessions in January with various young adults to better understand their concerns. If you know of anyone in this category that would want to be a part of these conversations call me (646-5605).

Enjoy these days, ponder the mystery, celebrate the Good News, for in the wonder of the Incarnation, your eternal word has brought to the eyes of faith a new and radiant vision—in Him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see.

***Merry Christmas!
Father Tom***

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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 sturdy 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. 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
- ◆ 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, stmarysbookstore@gmail.com
- ◆ Abbey Press Publications: 1 Hill Drive, St. Meinrod, IL 47577, www.abbeypress.com
- ◆ Ave Maria Press: 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, 899-258-5838
- ◆ Catholic Book Publishing Corp.: 77 West End Street, Totowa, NJ 07512 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, 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
- ◆ Give us This Day: personal prayer and thought for today's Catholics, Liturgical Press,
 - ◆ PO Box 7500 Collegeville, MN 53621-9977, www.litpress.org

Media: Lighthouse Catholic Media: 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, monthly devotional based on mass readings and reflections
- ◆ At Home with Our Faith, 800-328-6515, homefaith.com
- ◆ Creative Communications for the Parish, 1564 Fencorp Drive, Fenton, MO, 800-246-7390, www.livingfaith.com,
- ◆ One Year New Testament for Busy Moms, 365 daily readings and meditations, NLT Publisher, Amazon