

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

The Baptism of the Lord — January 10, 2016

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

- Lk 3:21-22a

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

January 16/17

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

8:00 a.m. St. Martha's (K) Fr. Tom Murphy

9:00 a.m. St. Mary's (W) Fr. Lequin

11:00 a.m. St. Martha's (K) Fr. Tom 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



January 11 — January 17

- Monday: 8:00 a.m. Michael Leone
by Sheila Hamilton
9:00 a.m. Frederick J. Reis, Jr.
by Kelly & Chris Howe
- Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Eva Mahoney
by Candace & Rick
9:00 a.m. John Hedderman
by his wife Nancy & Family
1:30 p.m. Communion Service at
Kennebunk Nursing Home
- Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Roddy Morgridge
by Roger Van de Meulebroecke
9:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Brinckloe
by Bob Convery
- Thursday 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Cilley
by Rachel & Paul Goyette
9:00 a.m. Rosemarie Amabile Egerton
by Ralph & June Amabile Family
- Friday: 8:00 a.m. Walker Noyes
by his wife Anne
9:00 a.m. Mary Amlaw
by Mary Foster
- Saturday 4:00 p.m. Donald Gravelle (K)
by Margo, Chip & B
4:00 p.m. Tom Lapointe (W)
by Ginny Putnam
- Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Brendon Dillon
by Vincent Gallucci
9:00 a.m. For the People
11:00 a.m. Herb Tallent (K)
by his Wife
11:00 a.m. Joanne O'Brien &
William O'Brien (W)
by her husband/nephew
- Daily Mass: Wells (W) 8 a.m.
Kennebunk (K) 9:00 a.m.

The flowers at the altar at St. Mary's are in loving memory of Norma Peterson by Joy Cronin.

Stewardship

December 24/25	
Offering	\$ 21,879.00
Tithe	\$ 1,537.00
Envelopes (373)	\$ 10,643.10
Loose	\$ 11,315.90
December 26/27	
Offering	\$ 16,214.74
Tithe	\$ 1,144.00
Envelopes (402)	\$ 8,749.02
Loose	\$ 7,600.72

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 baked beans, small flour, jiffy mix, cookies, beef stew and canned beets.

Rest in Peace

*David Barry
Anita Dudgeon
Frank Jablonski
Colleen MacDonald*

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

January 10—January 17

St. Martha's Church

Sunday: Faith Formation 9:45 a.m. Recovery Couples 5:30 p.m. S Anon 7 p.m.
Monday: Centering Prayer 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Cursillo 3:45 p.m. Centering Prayer Discussion 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Spiritual Exercises 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cancer Support 1 p.m. Cursillo 6 p.m. The Mystery of God 6:30 p.m. Faith Sharing 7 p.m.
Friday: Produce Pantry 9 a.m.
Saturday: Reconciliation 3 p.m.
Sunday: NO Faith Formation Recovery Couples 5:30 p.m. S Anon 7 p.m.

St. Mary's Church

Sunday: Faith Formation 10 a.m. Coffee & Donuts 10 a.m.
Monday: Faith Formation 3:45 p.m. Pastoral Council 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: RCIA 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study 10 a.m.
Thursday: Food Pantry 1 p.m.
Friday: Lectors Lunch 12 noon AA 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: AA 8 a.m. Reconciliation 3 p.m. Turkey Supper 5 p.m.
Sunday: NO Faith Formation Coffee & Donuts 10 a.m.

January 16/17

St. Martha's Church

Lectors: 4:00 p.m. H. Angione
8:00 a.m. M. Tuttle
11:00 a.m. M. Foster

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
4:00 p.m. Host: R. Inniss, J. Letellier, C. Mace
Cup: C. Merrill, D. Mercier, C. Palmero, J. Pastorelli
8:00 a.m. Host: F. Gomez, W. Grady, J. Maloney
Cup: M. Monroe, M. Ney, E. Pierce, D. Rivard
11:00 a.m. Host: G. Shairs, K. Stoma, M. Tremblay
Cup: C. Ward, S. Boak, T. Boak, J. Brine

Altar Servers: 4:00 p.m. H. Kindler
8:00 a.m. A. & M. Pastorelli
11:00 a.m. N. Faul & A. Ferris

Gift Bearers: 4:00 p.m. J. & K. Carragher
8:00 a.m. M. & P. Bourque
11:00 a.m. The Kellum Family

Greeters: 4:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Church

Lectors: 4:00 p.m. L. Cilley
9:00 a.m. E. Flavin
11:00 a.m. A. Carbonaro

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
4:00 p.m. Host: S. Koeninger, R. Lambert, C. Varano
Cup: T. Cilley, E. Koeninger, V. LeBlanc, L. Wagner
9:00 a.m. Host: C. Anderson, A. Anderson, M. Fulford
Cup: D. Bois, M. J. Grady, B. Marlowe, B. Toomey
11:00 a.m. Host: E. McCullen, S. Spinosa, T. Spinosa
Cup: D. Kreppein, P. Moses, A. Pulsifer,

Greeters: 4:00 p.m. C. Varano & N. Basque
9:00 a.m. Marylou & Larry Ryan
11:00 a.m. D. Kreppein & P. Moses

Turkey Dinner Saturday Jan 16th 5-7pm; St. Mary's parish hall
Roast turkey, real mashed potatoes and all the fixings
\$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$6 children
To benefit the Wells High School Band Program

JANUARY 10, 2016

In addition, our Christmas Flowers have been donated in loving memory of



Leon "Uncle Andy" Guimond, Connie Louccks, John Morgan, Rachel G. Morin, George & Eleanor Burns, Stella LePage, Alan L. Foster, Yvonne & Laura, Christine Marlowe, Joe & Lillian Kuczynski, Harry Magalski, Deceased Members of the Meaders & Tartre Families, the Hawco Family, the Johns & LeBlanc Families, the Greene Family, the Squillace & Soucy Families, and all Departed Souls.

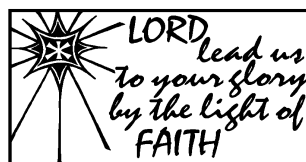
The Mystery of God

Starting January 14, 2016 we will study The Mystery of God by Bishop Robert E. Barron. Bishop Barron writes "The Mystery of God Formation Program has been created by Word of Fire Catholic Ministries to help Christians better understand what the Church means by "God" and to encourage believers to grow closer to the Most Holy Trinity." He continues to explain that "In these days of increasing secularization and more alarming increasing and often strident atheism, every Christian needs to take the "God question" seriously. Although our knowledge of God here on earth will never be complete, the rich, intellectual tradition of the Church has a lot to say to illuminate and clarify what we mean when we say "God." This will be held at St. Martha's Church on Thursday's at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Spirit Prayer Shawl Ministry: Join us on January 20, 2016, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. Members come together for prayer, to knit or crochet together and offer blessings over the shawls. FMI Sue 646-8217 or Verna 646-4543.

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).

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.



Steppin' Out in Faith

Visit, in some setting, a stranger.

Finding Peace Within the Holy Texts

By DAVID BROOKS

It's easy to think that ISIS is some sort of evil, medieval cancer that somehow has resurfaced in the modern world. The rest of us are pursuing happiness, and here comes this fundamentalist anachronism, spreading death.

But in his book *Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence*, the brilliant Rabbi Jonathan Sacks argues that ISIS is in fact typical of what we will see in the decades ahead.

The 21st century will not be a century of secularism, he writes. It will be an age of desecularization and religious conflicts.

Part of this is simply demographic. Religious communities produce lots of babies and swell their ranks, while secular communities do not. The researcher Michael Blume looked back as far as ancient India and Greece and concluded that every nonreligious population in history has experienced demographic decline.

Humans also are meaning-seeking animals. We live, as Sacks writes, in a century that "has left us with a maximum of choice and a minimum of meaning." The secular substitutes for religion—nationalism, racism, and political ideology—have all led to disaster. So many flock to religion, sometimes—especially within Islam—to extremist forms.

This is already leading to religious violence. In November 2014, just to take one month, there were 664 jihadist attacks in 14 countries, killing a total of 5,042 people. Since 1984, an estimated 1.5 million Christians have been killed by Islamist militias in Sudan.

Sacks emphasizes that it is not religion itself that causes violence. In their book *Encyclopedia of Wars*, Charles Phillips and Alan Axelrod surveyed 1,800 conflicts and found that less than 10 percent had any religious component at all.

Rather, religion fosters groupishness, and the downside of groupishness is conflict with people outside the group. Religion can lead to thick moral communities, but in extreme forms it can also lead to what Sacks calls pathological dualism, a mentality that divides the world between those who are unimpeachably good and those who are irredeemably bad.

The pathological dualist can't reconcile his humiliated place in the world with his own moral superiority. He embraces a politicized religion—restoring the caliphate—and seeks to destroy those outside his group by apocalyptic force. This leads to acts of what Sacks calls altruistic evil, or acts of terror in which the self-sacrifice involved somehow is thought to confer the right to be merciless and unfathomably cruel.

That's what we saw in Paris last week.

Sacks correctly argues that we need military weapons to win the war against fanatics like ISIS, but we need ideas to establish a lasting peace. Secular thought or moral relativism are

unlikely to offer any effective rebuttal. Among religious people, mental shifts will be found by reinterpreting the holy texts themselves. There has to be a Theology of the Other: a complex biblical understanding of how to see God's face in strangers. That's what Sacks sets out to do.

The great religions are based on love, and they satisfy the human need for community. But love is problematic. Love is preferential and particular. Love excludes and can create rivalries. Love of one scripture can make it hard to enter sympathetically into the minds of those who embrace another.

The Bible is filled with sibling rivalries: Ishmael and Isaac, Esau and Jacob, Joseph and his brothers. The Bible crystallizes the truth that people sometimes find themselves competing for parental love and even competing for God's love.

Read simplistically, the bible's sibling rivalries seem merely like stories of victory or defeat—Isaac over Ishmael. But all three Abrahamic religions have sophisticated, multilayered interpretive traditions that undercut fundamentalist readings.

Alongside the ethic of love there is a command to embrace an ethic of justice. Love is particular, but justice is universal. Love is passionate, justice is dispassionate.

Justice demands respect of the other. It plays on the collective memory of people who are in covenantal communities: Your people, too, were once vulnerable strangers in a strange land.

The command is not just to be empathetic toward strangers, which is fragile. The command is to pursue sanctification, which involves struggle and sometimes conquering your selfish instincts. Moreover, God frequently appears where he is least expected—in the voice of the stranger—reminding us that God transcends the particulars of our attachments.

The reconciliation between love and justice is not simple, but for believers the texts, read properly, point the way. Sack's great contribution is to point out that the answer to religious violence is probably going to be found within religion itself, among those who understand that religion gains influence when it renounces power.

It may seem strange that in this century of technology, peace will be found within these ancient texts. But as Sacks points out, Abraham had no empire, no miracles and no army—just a different example of how to believe, think and live.

David Brooks is an Op-Ed columnist for The New York Times. He is currently a commentator on PBS NewsHour, NPR's All Things Considered and NBC's Meet the Press. He is the author of multiple books, teaches at Yale University, and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A version of this op-ed appears in print on November 17, 2015, on page A23 of the New York Times with the headline: Peace Within the Texts.