

Holy Spirit Parish

December 24, 2017

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Schedule ©LPI

Christmas Eve

St. Martha's, Kennebunk
4 p.m. & 6 p.m.

St. Mary's, Wells
4 p.m., 6 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Christmas Morning

St. Martha's, Kennebunk 9 a.m.

St. Mary's, Wells 9 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

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

Sunday

9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wells
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Kennebunk

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. Frederick Morse, Pastor

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.

Mr. Mark Reeth, Music/Communications Coordinator

Mrs. Lisa White, Choir Director

Mr. Timothy Cilley, Facilities Manager, Wells

Mr. Timothy Gallant, Facilities Manager, Kennebunk

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 to Holy Spirit Parish, 236 Eldridge Road, Wells, ME, 04090 or e-mail to stmary-wells@myfairpoint.net

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

December 24/25

4:00 p.m.	St. Martha's (K)	Fr. Morse
4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's (W)	Fr. Manship
6:00 p.m.	St. Martha's (K)	Fr. Mellone
6:00 p.m.	St. Mary's (W)	Fr. Morse
9:00 p.m.	St. Mary's (W)	Fr. Morse

9:00 a.m.	St. Martha's (K)	Msgr. Murphy
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary's (W)	Fr. Morse

December 30/31

4:00 p.m.	St. Martha's (K)	Fr. Manship
4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's (W)	Fr. Morse
8:00 a.m.	St. Martha's (K)	Fr. Morse
9:00 a.m.	St. Mary's (W)	Msgr. Murphy
10:00 a.m.	St. Martha's (K)	Fr. Morse
11:00 a.m.	St. Mary's (W)	Msgr. 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 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at St. Martha's Church and Saturdays 3 p.m. - 3:30 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. Fred 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEKEND December 23/24/25

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Kathryn Hemenway by Kathy & Russ Smith (K)
4:00 p.m. Jeanne Dunn by her husband John (W)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. John Hedderman by his wife, Nancy
9:00 a.m. Will Fulford by Joy Cronin
10:00 a.m. Minh & Doi Mai by their Family
11:00 a.m. For our Parishioners

Sunday: Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 p.m. Mickey Mercier by his Family (K)
4:00 p.m. John Carter by his wife, Marguerite (W)
6:00 p.m. June Myers by the Greeters (K)
6:00 p.m. Juliette Beaulieu by the Beaulieu Family (W)
9:00 p.m. For our Parishioners

Monday: Christmas Day Masses

9:00 a.m. John M. Morgan by Bill & Maureen Morgan (K)
9:00 a.m. Tommy McNamara by his Family (W)

WEEKDAYS December 26-29

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Darlene Bois by Richard Bois & Family
9:00 a.m. Merilda & Charles Yoho by Carol & Dennis Dalton
10:30 a.m. Communion Service — Atria

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Will Fulford by Pam & Lionel Ewers
9:00 a.m. John Russell by his wife, Priscilla

Thursday 8:00 a.m. Mary T. Leinbach by Sue & John Freeman
9:00 a.m. Yen Nguyen by Phai Nguyen

Friday: 8:00 a.m. Mark Ahearn by Harvey Bernier
9:00 a.m. Ken King by his wife, Doris

NEXT WEEKEND December 30/31

Saturday 4:00 p.m. For our Parishioners (K)
4:00 p.m. Rose & Michael DaBiere
by Marylou & Chuck Colvin (W)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Claude Gobeil by his Wife & Family
9:00 a.m. Will Fulford by the Kevin McDonnell Family
10:00 a.m. William Faul by the Spas/Faul Family
11:00 a.m. Nora Walsh by Jean McAdoo

Daily Mass Key: (W) 8 a.m. (K) 9:00 a.m.

Rest in Peace



December 8

Immaculate Conception

Offering	\$ 2,190.00
Envelopes (157)	\$ 1,849.00
Loose	\$ 341.00

December 9/10

Collection	\$ 9908.00
We Share (16)	\$ 642.00
Total Offertory	\$ 10,550.00
Tithe	\$ 738.00
Envelopes (327)	\$ 7,242.00
Loose	\$ 2,666.00

Retired Religious

Offering	\$ 5,731.00
We Share (6)	\$ 370.00
Total Offering	\$ 6,101.00
Envelopes (324)	\$ 3,551.00
Loose	\$ 2,180.00



THE CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day the Offertory Collections at all the churches in our parish are for the **regular income (Offertory) of the entire Parish**. A number of people inquire each year about the Christmas collection in relationship to the priests in the Parish. The old tradition of that collection going to the parish priests has not been the case for a while now. Gifts to the priests at Christmastime should be in a separate card/envelope and addressed to the individual priest. *Any checks should be made out in the priest's name.* You should know that such a gift is not tax-deductible. Regular offertory donations are always tax-deductible, however, and those checks should be made out to *Holy Spirit Parish*. Thank you for your attention and your generosity.

Food Pantry News

St. Martha's Community Pantry needs beef stew, canned tuna, canned chicken, spaghetti & macaroni & cheese.

St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry needs cookies, canned carrots, ground coffee, instant coffee, shampoo & dish detergent.

THE WEEK AHEAD

December 24 — December 31

St. Martha's Church

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses 8 & 10 a.m.
NO Faith Formation
Christmas Eve Masses 4 & 6 p.m.
Blessed Christmas Eve!

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

Tuesday: Cursillo 4 p.m.

Wednesday: Weight Watchers 5:30 p.m.

Thursday: Faith Sharing 7 p.m.

Friday: Produce Pantry

Saturday: Reconciliation 3—3:30 p.m.

Sunday: NO Faith Formation
S Anon 7 p.m.

St. Mary's Church

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses 9 & 11 a.m.
NO Faith Formation
Christmas Eve Masses 4, 6 & 9 p.m.
Blessed Christmas Eve!

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

Tuesday: Hope your week is good!

Wednesday: Bible Study 10 a.m.

Thursday: Food Pantry 1 p.m.

Friday: AA 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: AA 8 a.m.
Reconciliation 3—3:30 p.m.

Sunday: NO Faith Formation



Christmas Eve

St. Martha's, Kennebunk: 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.*
St. Mary's, Wells: 4 p.m., 6 p.m.* & 9 p.m.
**Gospel Presentation by our children*

Christmas Morning

St. Martha's, Kennebunk: 9 a.m.
St. Mary's, Wells: 9 a.m.

New Year's Day

The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday.

We will have our usual weekday Masses
St. Martha's, Kennebunk: 9a.m.
St. Mary's, Wells: 8 a.m.

*The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary's
burns this week for
health & blessings upon
Charlie Poirier
by Mary Tocci*



**How to Become a Catholic
The R.C.I.A.**

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The parish welcomes those seeking fuller participation in the life of the Church. RCIA is a program offered each year for the following people:

- ◆ Individuals who have never been baptized and who wish to be baptized and welcomed into the Catholic faith.
- ◆ Individuals who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- ◆ Individuals who were baptized in the Catholic Church but never received first Holy Communion.

The first eleven weeks are considered an inquiry period with no formal commitment required, so all are welcome to register and come and see. If you or someone you know might be interested, please email Rosanne at

Rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org or call 207-985-6252.



4th Sunday of Advent

The birth of the Messiah gives the church great hope. Although secular celebrations of Christmas ignore the significance of the holy day, the church gives us Advent to help us keep our focus. We reorient our hearts and minds to recall, once again, the mysterious glory of the Incarnation. In these weeks of yuletide preparation, we stop to remind ourselves what it means to be Christian, in case we have begun taking it for granted. To be Christian is to believe that God is truly with us, in the most personal, intimate way

imaginable; he is one of us! "They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Through the Incarnation, God became human and lived among us to love us, to guide us, to heal us, and to strengthen us. It is the promise of a savior given through the early prophets, a promise that the faithful held dear as they waited. As that most beautiful of all anniversaries approaches, celebrate this season remembering the greatest gift ever given to every person--the gift of a Savior.

SOME HOLY DAYS AND SCHEDULES SEEM CONFUSING!



Christmas Eve this year falls the evening of the Fourth Sunday of Advent! Here we treat the morning and early afternoon as the Sunday (the Sunday morning Masses are for the 4th Sunday of Advent) and then the early evening that day as Christmas Eve (the Eve or

Vigil of Christmas). The Masses from 4 PM on are for Christmas Eve. One Mass that entire day would not fulfill our obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday and the Holy Day of Obligation (Christmas). We give thanks this only happens about every 7 years.



It is even a little more confusing on Monday, January 1st! That is of course, New Years Day, but is always the Holy Day of MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD. Traditionally, this day is a Holy Day of Obligation, and we would have a couple of extra Masses. This year it falls under a more recent rule from the Church on the "obligation" part of the Holy Day. Some of the Holy Days, if they should fall on a Saturday or Monday, do not have the obligation. This is due to confusion that could occur if someone goes to a regular Saturday Evening Mass or a Sunday Evening Mass and believes those Masses would be for the Holy Day when, in fact, they may be for the regular Sunday (weekend) Mass. Some Holy days, however (you thought this was going to be easy), always take precedence over the Sunday (weekend) Mass; Christmas, for instance, and in our Diocese the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. So, Monday, January 1st, we will have the regular 8 AM Mass in Wells and the regular 9 AM Mass in Kennebunk, (since it isn't an obligation this year). Hope this helps. We thank God that Easter is always on a Sunday!



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PARISH FAIR.

We wanted to pay all our expenses and check all our deposits and we may now announce the actual NET PROFIT for the **2017 HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH FAIR**

Total Donation to the Parish is \$40,613.98

Thank you to all who worked to make this fair another success!



The choir will be singing next at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. at St. Martha's in Kennebunk.



You may also donate to our **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** and all special collections through **WE SHARE**.

If you are registered in the parish your gift will be recorded for your tax receipt.

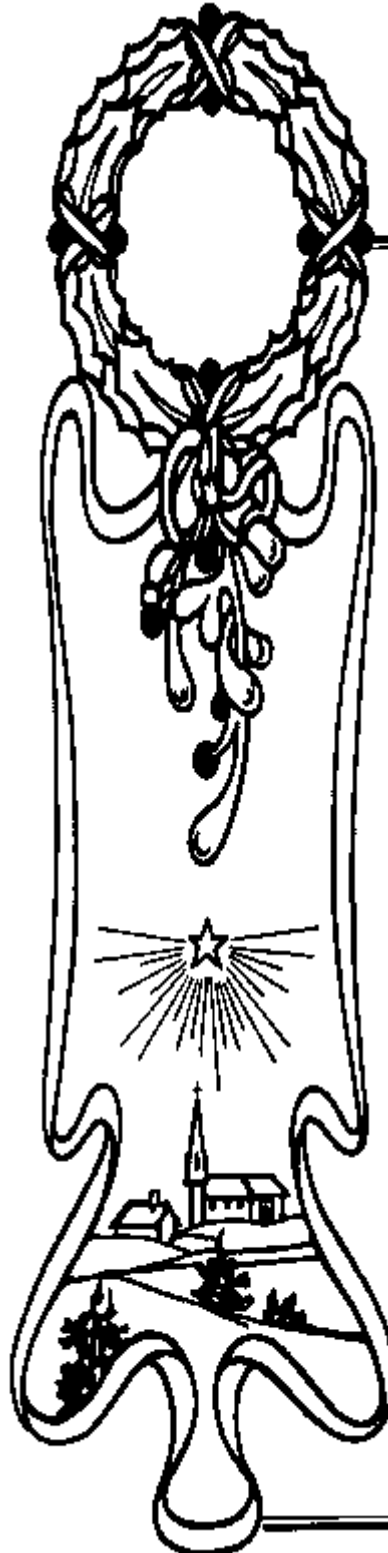
How to create your We Share account:

1. Visit holyspiritme.org and click Give Online
2. Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
3. Click Recurring Donation, enter your donation amount and frequency.

Your account will be created & you can start giving online. Questions? Please take a handout that is available in the Narthex, or call the office.

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



We Wish You All

A glad and peaceful
 Christmastide
 With all its memories sweet;
 May hope and love and
 joy be yours
 With kindly friends to greet;
 The echo of the angel's song,
 The star's clear guiding light,
 The **Christ** child in your
 heart and home,
 To make this
 Christmas bright.