

# Holy Spirit Parish

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 25, 2018

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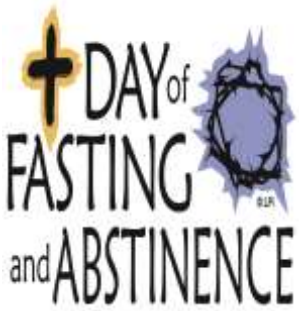


# PALM SUNDAY



## TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

- March 29: Thursday of the Lord's Supper,  
7 PM at **St. Martha's, Kennebunk**
- March 30: Friday of the Passion of the Lord,  
7 PM at **St. Martha's, Kennebunk**
- March 31: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night,  
8 PM at **St. Mary's, Wells**



Lent continues until the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29.

◆ Good Friday, March 30, is a day of fast and abstinence (from meat) in the universal Church.

- ◆ The Law of Abstinence - Binds Catholics aged 14 and older.
- ◆ The Law of Fasting - Binds Catholics aged 18 and over, until the beginning of their 60th year (through age 59).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

On Good Friday, March 30, Stations of the Cross will take place at both St. Martha's and St. Mary's at 3 PM.



**Holy Spirit Prayer Shawl Ministry**

meets monthly to knit/crochet and offer prayers over the shawls, so as to pass along personal petitions and intentions for the recipients. Join us on Wednesday, April 18, at 11 a.m. in the downstairs parlor at St. Mary's Church. FMI, or if you know of someone who would benefit from a shawl, call Sue at 646-8217 or Verna at 646-4543.



**We are now collecting Fair Donation**



All items for any booths are to be New or in Good Condition & Clean.

Books: Hard covers, paperbacks, DVD, CD's are welcomed. No magazines, no National Geographics no educational books.

Christmas: ornaments, tree skirts, stocking, nativity sets, villages, no broken items.

Dishes: Dishes, glassware, kitchen items, no electric items.

Jewelry: rings, bracelets, earring, etc.

Linens: Table cloths, napkins, towels, sheets, No torn items.

Toys: All toy items, no broken items.



**Revelation:**

**The Kingdom Yet to Come**

*Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* is the first ongoing study of *The Great Adventure Bible Study Program*. Join us for *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come*, continuing Tuesdays at 1 PM at St. Mary's Church, and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at St. Martha's Church. For more information, please contact Rosanne at [rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org) or 985-6252.

**NOTE: Check "The Week Ahead" column for other Scripture and Prayer Groups that meet at our Parish churches in for times and place for these gatherings**

**NEW SCHEDULE FOR CENTERING PRAYER MEETINGS**



New CENTERING PRAYER MEETINGS will begin on April

9th and continue the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 1:30 PM and again at 6:00 PM in the evening that that same day. The follow-up sessions will continue at 6:00 p.m. on Mondays, March 19, 26, and April 2. New participants and inquiries are always welcome.

**READING RESOURCES**



The Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's and St. Martha's have placed kiosks in the narthex of each church. They contain booklets published by Catholic Information Service (CIS) for "Building the Domestic Church - While Strengthening our Parish". The booklets are free of charge, but can be used as a "lending library". If you take them and do not intend to use them for future reference or review, please return them to the kiosk for another person or group to use. As the supply of booklets diminishes, they will be replaced.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### THIS WEEKEND March 24/25

**Saturday:** 4:00 PM (K) Jacqueline Hebert by Jerry & Debbie Quinlan  
 4:00 PM (W) Anita Johnson by Shirley, Roberta, Susan, & Norman  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM (K) For the people  
 9:00 AM (W) Joan Genese by Dave & Connie Bunker  
 10:00 AM (K) Dr. James E. Connolly by Donald Fiorillo  
 11:00 AM (W) Mary Carbone by Kay & Tom Leonard

### WEEKDAYS March 26-30

**Monday:** 8:00 AM (W) Joan Richards by Barbara Burns  
 9:00 AM (K) Henry & Eileen Conaty by their Daughters  
**Tuesday:** 8:00 AM (W) Andrew Ross by Rita McKinnon  
 9:00 AM (K) Frank Budreau by Ruth & Bobby Shrader  
 10:30 AM Communion Service - Atria  
**Wednesday:** 8:00 AM (W) Jean Geary by Irene Lambert  
 9:00 AM (K) Elizabeth Polletto by her Family  
**Thursday:** Holy Thursday Mass at 7 PM at St. Martha's, Kennebunk  
 7:00 PM (K) Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus  
**Friday:** Good Friday Service at 7 PM at St. Martha's, Kennebunk

### NEXT WEEKEND March 31—April 1

**Saturday:** 8:00 PM (W) For the People  
 Easter Vigil Mass at 8 PM at St. Mary's, Wells  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM (K) Dorothy Kelleher by her son, Ed  
 9:00 AM (W) Emil Masi by his wife & family  
 10:00 AM (K) Minh Mai & Doi Mai by the Family  
 11:00 AM (W) Lillian Davis by Jeannette & Paul Doherty



**Cursillo** is for Catholics who desire a closer walk with Christ with the help & fellowship of like-minded Christians. Please join us for our monthly gathering of encouragement for the journey: *Ultreya*. We meet at St. Martha's at 10 AM

In the education wing on the second Saturday of the month (September to May). Our next meeting is April 14. Mary Hale from York will share her year of pilgrimages: Rome, Holy Land, Guadalupe. Join us as we pray, read scripture, and share how Christ is working in our lives. All are also welcome to join a weekly faith-sharing group at St. Martha on Tuesdays at 4 PM. FMI, contact Kat Boucher at 207-467-3590 or lkmb@roadrunner.com or www.maineursillo.org. Cursillo of Maine is having a special fun gathering on April 15 with a potluck meal & music at 1 PM at St. Charles Boromeo, McKeen St. Brunswick.

## stewardship

### March 10/11

Collection	\$ 10,211.00
We Share (21)	\$ 792.00
Total Offertory	\$ 11,003.00
Tithe	\$ 770.00
Envelopes (326)	\$ 6,656.25
Loose	\$ 4,346.75

### Catholic Relief Services

Collection	\$ 4,298.00
Envelopes (234)	\$ 2,865.00
Loose	\$ 1,432.00

*The collection on Good Friday will be for the Church in the Holy Land.*

In addition to your regular weekly offering, you may also donate to *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 to which you'd like to donate.
3. Click Recurring Donation; enter your donation amount and frequency.

Your account will be created & you'll be able to donate online. Questions? Please take a handout which is available in the Narthex, or call the office.



Easter Flowers  
 Extra Flower Envelopes are available for your donation in the narthexes of both Churches

THE WEEK AHEAD

March 25 - April 1

St. Martha's Church

- Sunday: Faith Formation Classes - 9 AM  
S Anon - 7 PM  
Coffee & Donuts after both Masses
- Monday: Centering Prayer-6:00 PM  
Centering prayer follow up-6:30 PM
- Tuesday: Cursillo - 4 PM
- Wednesday: Ignatian Exercises  
Weight Watchers - 5:30 PM  
Parish Mission - 6:30 PM
- Thursday: Holy Thursday Mass - 7 PM
- Friday: Good Friday Service - 7 PM  
Stations of the Cross - 3 PM
- Saturday: Holy Saturday-Vigil at St. Mary's 8 PM
- Sunday: NO Faith Formation Classes  
S Anon - 7 PM

St. Mary's Church

- Sunday: Faith Formation Classes - 10 AM  
Coffee & donuts after both Masses
- Monday: Faith Formation - 3:45 PM
- Tuesday: Bereavement Quilting - 9 AM  
Revelation - 1 PM
- Wednesday: Bible Study - 10 AM
- Thursday: Holy Thursday  
Food Pantry - 1 PM
- Friday: Good Friday - Office closed  
Stations of the Cross - 3 PM  
AA - 7:30 PM
- Saturday: AA - 8 AM  
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass - 8 PM
- Sunday: Happy & Blessed Easter  
No Faith Formation Classes  
Coffee & donuts after both Masses

**Steppin' Out in Faith**

*Pray a thanksgiving prayer at meals,  
even in a restaurant*



**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. FMI, contact Rosanne at 207-985-6252 or [Rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:Rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org).**

**Bereavement Quilting Group**

...meets weekly on Tuesdays at 9 AM upstairs at St. Mary's. Newcomers are welcome, as are beginner quilters.



For more information, contact Carol Varano at (508) 801-2054 or just show up!

Our Lady of Fatima promised us that if we were there for Her on the First Saturdays of the month, then She would be there for us at the hour of our death. Holy Spirit



Parish offers us the opportunity to avail ourselves of that promise on Saturday, April 7, at 8:30 AM, at St. Martha Church. **It's an insurance policy with you as the beneficiary!**



**The Diocesan Flu Protocol**

remains in effect. There is no general distribution of cups of Precious Blood, except on weekends for those who are not able to receive the host due to allergies. Thank you.



Divine Mercy Sunday, established by St. John Paul II, will be on Sunday, April 8. The Franciscan Monastery will have prayers and devotions starting at 2 pm. FMI call Carol Ingraham at 985-3166.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday

4 PM Kennebunk  
4 PM Wells

### Sunday

9 AM & 11 AM Wells  
8 AM & 10 AM Kennebunk

**Weekdays** 8 AM Wells, 9 AM 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

## 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](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.

## CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

### March 31 (Easter Vigil) - April 1 (Easter)

8:00 PM	St. Mary's (W)	Fr. Morse
8:00 AM	St. Martha's (K)	Fr. Morse
9:00 AM	St. Mary's (W)	Msgr. Murphy
10:00 AM	St. Martha's (K)	Fr. Manship
11:00 AM	St. Mary's (W)	Fr. Morse

*Schedule subject to change*

**Reconciliation on Saturdays**  
3:00-3:30 p.m. St. Martha's & St. Mary's

## Parish Registration/Update

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

New registration                       Change of address  
 Change of e-mail address  
 Moving out of parish                       Request envelopes

**If you are new to the parish, or you have a new address or phone number, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket, mail to**

**Holy Spirit Parish,  
236 Eldridge Road, Wells, ME, 04090,  
or e-mail to [stmarywells@myfairpoint.net](mailto:stmarywells@myfairpoint.net)**



**St. Martha's Community Pantry**  
Pancake mix, pancake syrup, peanut butter, jelly and small mayonnaise.

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry**  
needs facial tissue, instant coffee, salad dressing, canned meats, baked beans and jiffy mix.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - PALM SUNDAY



Our humanity bleeds through today's Gospel passages in more ways than one. We see both elation and fall, hope in the midst of the darker sides of our natures. If we allow it, these Gospels hold a mirror to our own fickle hearts. The crowds cry "Hosanna" and the Apostles profess allegiance unto death. In a matter of days (even hours), Jesus is betrayed, abandoned, denied, condemned, tortured, and executed. As God, he could have stopped this horrific narrative from unfolding, but he didn't. He allows free will to play itself out.

There are nearly two millennia between this spectacle and us. We can stand safely removed, if we choose. Lent invites us to return to this story, however. Lent invites us to find ourselves in the people we encounter there. Are we the repentant woman at Bethany? Are we naysayers of such lavish piety? Have we acted in a way that betrays those we love or denies what we know to be good and true? Have we fallen asleep in our faith? Have we unfairly accused others of a crime or immorality we imagine, though perhaps they didn't commit? Do we help others carry their burdens? Do we stand in solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the dying?

This week, take up today's Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, "truly this man was the Son of God!"

It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first starting using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.



The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what He has done for us but, also, for what He has done for all of creation.