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DECEMBER 26, 2021

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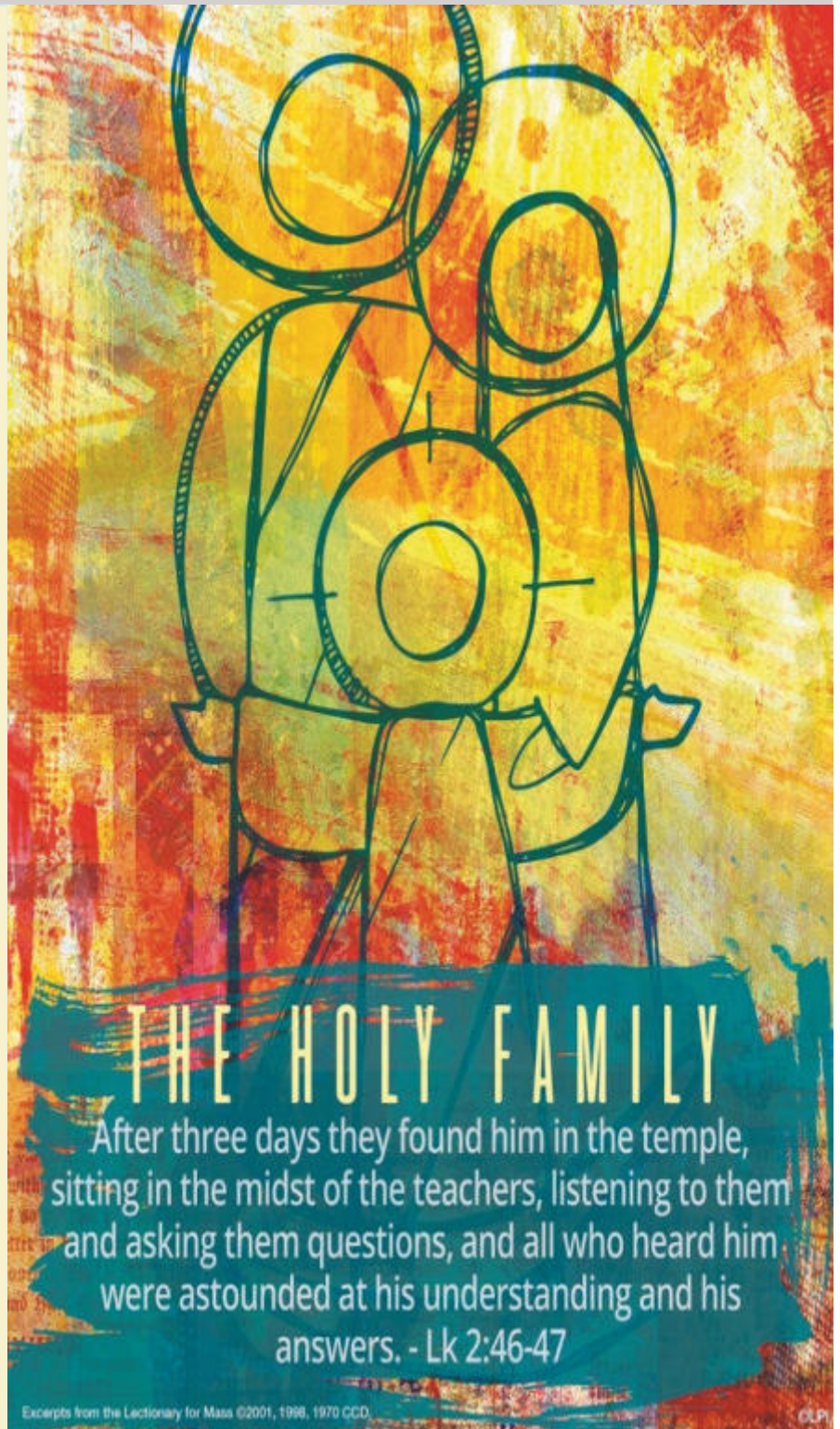
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THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them
and asking them questions, and all who heard him
were astounded at his understanding and his
answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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MASS SCHEDULE

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NEW YEAR'S & WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

This is **not a day of Obligation** this year, as the actual day, January 1, is on a Saturday. We will, however, offer the non-obligatory Vigil Masses on December 31 for those who would like to attend.

There will be NO morning Mass on Saturday, January 1.

Vigil for New Year's (Feast of Mary the Mother of God) - Friday, December 31
St. Mary, Wells: 4 PM St. Martha, Kennebunk: 6 PM

Vigil for Sunday, January 2 (Feast of the Epiphany) - Saturday, January 1
St. Martha, Kennebunk: 4 PM St. Mary, Wells: 4 PM

Feast of the Epiphany - Sunday, January 2
St. Martha, Kennebunk: 8 & 10 AM St. Mary, Wells: 9 & 11 AM

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, but the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family, as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction, we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work, as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told, as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can, too.



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THIS WEEKEND: December 25 & 26

- Saturday: 9 AM (K) For the Holy Spirit Parishioners
- 9 AM (W) Larry Hickman by Karen & John
- Sunday: 8 AM (K) Marilda & Charles Yoho by Carol Dalton
- 9 AM (W) Betty & Mel Harding by Jan Robinson
- 10 AM (K) For the Holy Spirit Parishioners
- 11 AM (W) Victor Varano by his family

THIS WEEK: December 28-31

- Tuesday: 8 AM (W) Deceased Members of the Tocci Family by Loretta & Margaret
- 9:15 AM (K) Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
- Wednesday 8 AM (W) Bill Horne by Rita McKinnon
- 9:15 AM (K) Bob Shrader by the Houston Family
- Thursday: 8 AM (W) Mariette Hebert by Carol Varano
- 9:15 AM (K) Eileen & Jim Moore by Marie Guerin
- Friday: 4 PM (W) Richard Stuart by Bill & Deb McKenna
- 6 PM (K) Claude Gobeil by his Wife & Family

NEXT WEEKEND: January 1 & 2

- Saturday: 4 PM (K) Richard Graham by Bob & Marilyn Giles
- 4 PM (W) Anthony Cusimano by Rachel & Jerry Juneau
- Sunday: 8 AM (K) Rodney Mailhot by the family
- 9 AM (W) Mr & Mrs Lourcella by Tom Oliver
- 10 AM (K) Edna Gendreau by Mary Foster
- 11 AM (W) For the Holy Spirit Parishioners
- Location Key: (K) Kennebunk; (W) Wells



GRIEF SUPPORT FOR WIDOWS

In his encyclical, Amoris Laetitia (Joy of Love), Pope Francis writes, *“Mourning the loss of a spouse has its challenges, but we Catholics believe Jesus never judges or abandons us as we struggle with our grief while journeying into a new life. Pope Francis continues to say that pastoral care is necessary to help the grieving person to realize that, after the loss of a loved one, they still have a mission to carry out.”* Holy Spirit Parish has a grief support group for widows on **Thursdays at 2 PM at St. Martha Church.** COVID-19 protocols are in effect (masks and distancing). The facilitator is Linda Pearson, a recent widow who completed a certified grief educator certification. For more information, please call Rosanne at 985-6252 or Linda at 423-3158.

BEREAVEMENT QUILTING

The group meets on Tuesdays at 9 AM, upstairs at St. Mary’s. All are welcome! For more information, contact Carol Varano at (508) 801-2054 or just show up!



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary’s burns in loving memory of Father Thomas Murphy by Lauren & Kelly Moss.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary Church will now take place MOST Fridays in the Chapel after 8 AM Mass until 12:30 PM.

Stewardship

WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

December 11 & 12

Collection	\$ 9,577.99
We Share (95)	\$ 3,668.50
Total Offertory	\$ 13,246.49
Tithe	\$ 927.25
Envelopes (201)	\$ 8,812.69
Loose	\$ 765.30

The Retired Religious

Collection	\$ 2,571.15
Envelopes (94)	

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Collection	\$ 1,445.00
Envelopes (78)	



In addition to your regular weekly offering, you may donate to *special collections* through WeShare.

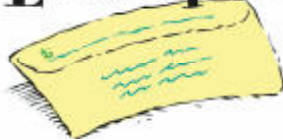
How to create a WeShare account:

1. Visit holyspiritme.org and click "Give Online".
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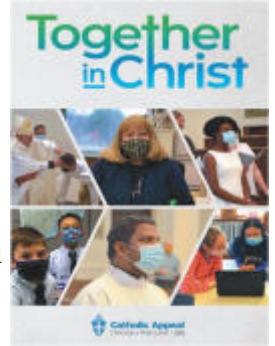
Thank you to all who continue to help us sustain our parish, and to those who continue to mail in their offering envelopes to both church offices. We are truly grateful!

Offering Envelopes



2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

For those who have not yet pledged to the annual appeal, please prayerfully consider a gift which will support and benefit our diocese and parish in countless ways. Thank you to all who have already made a commitment!



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH AS OF DECEMBER 9:

Total -	\$ 124,003
Goal -	\$ 129,619
% Goal -	96 %

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Spirit Parish is a welcoming and caring Roman Catholic community, grounded in Eucharistic faith, and which enthusiastically lives and embraces the values modeled by Jesus Christ. As a community of believers, Holy Spirit Parish is committed to:

- ♦ ongoing faith formation
- ♦ life-long spiritual growth
- ♦ nurturing and sharing our gifts for the common good



January 1, 2022



Bulletin insert requests are due by Friday at noon (8 days prior to the weekend for which being requested. Earlier deadlines are required based on holidays).



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

To register, contact Rosanne Smith at (207) 985-6252 or rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays, 3-3:30 PM, at St Martha & St. Mary Churches.

(Appointments may also be made for the by calling the office of either church)

MATRIMONY:

Pastor must be contacted six months prior to the desired wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Call at any time. If you know that you will be admitted to the hospital, please call the office to make arrangements to receive the sacrament.

Also, please notify the office if you're aware of a parishioner being hospitalized.

For more information,
Please call 207-646-5605
or 207-985-6252.

Those seeking to join the Church or wanting to learn more about the Catechism of the Catholic Church,

call Rosanne Smith at (207) 985-6252.



For Prayer Line Requests:

Contact Judy Hyotte at (508) 641-4109 or jhyotte@twc.com

Homebound Parishioners:

Those wishing to receive Holy Communion, please call (207) 646-5605.

ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY PANTRY:
beef stew, tuna fish, macaroni & cheese, canned chicken, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce



ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY:
canned tuna, canned pasta, pancake syrup, ground coffee, paper towels, bathroom tissue

THE ST. MARY FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN THURSDAYS, 2-4 PM.



YOUTH MINISTRY MATTHEW 25:35 MEAL

“For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger, and you welcomed me.”

(Matthew 25:35)

The youth ministries of Holy Spirit and St. Therese of Liseux Parishes provide monthly Matthew Meals. They take place at the St. Ignatius gym at **25 Riverside Avenue in Sanford every second Tuesday of the month from 5:30-6:30 PM.** To support this project, gift cards to Hannaford are welcome and are used to purchase supplies for this endeavor. Donations of pre-packaged, individual-sized cookies, and fruit cups are also requested. The fruit cups must be “no sugar added.” Donations should be labeled “Matthew Meal” and dropped off at either St. Martha or St. Mary Church. Prayers for volunteers and guests are also appreciated!

FMI, contact Carolyn Houston at: 985-6252, 646-5605, or carolyn.houston@portlanddiocese.org.



MEN'S (18+) DISCERNMENT RETREAT

~ JANUARY 7-9 IN BIDDEFORD POOL ~

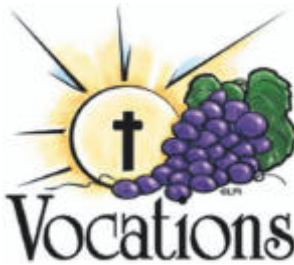


Join Fr. Greg Dube, director of vocations and seminarians, and other priests from the Diocese of Portland in praying for discerners and each other from Friday, January 7, to Sunday, January 9, at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations, this gathering is for all Catholic men who are 18 or older and who are striving to live out their faith and to follow God's will. To sign up or for more details, visit the events section on the Vocations website: www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations/content/upcoming-activities-and-events. Please register by this Monday, December 27. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Bernier, ministerial services assistant for the Diocese of Portland, at (207) 773-6471 or jennifer.bernier@portlanddiocese.org.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

“Now I, in turn, give him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord.”

Contact Fr. Greg Dube,
Director of Vocations,
at (207) 773-6471 or e-mail
vocations@portlanddiocese.org.



The Holy Spirit Parish Office of Lifelong Faith Formation has been bringing exciting faith community and education events to the parish, entitled *Journey in Faith – adult formation with separate sessions for children.*

These events are geared toward *adult* faith formation, but involve parishioners of *every* age. They are for *all* parishioners. We gather together for an opening prayer before breaking into groups for age-appropriate faith formation. The adult session features the highly acclaimed program on **The Sacraments** with Bishop Robert Barron and is facilitated by an experienced adult catechist.

We are called to form our faith as well as our community. Our mission as Catholics is to grow closer to Jesus, and to share His story with others. The *Journey in Faith* sessions enable us to learn more while evangelizing one another as a faith family. They also assist us in recognizing how we are called to bring the love of Jesus to our wider community.

The next **Journey in Faith** event will take place **Sunday, January 23, from 3-5 PM, at St. Mary Church.** The event theme will be “Confirmation”, facilitated by Dan Mahoney. Children will enjoy their own separate age-appropriate activities related to Confirmation.

For a schedule of *Journey in Faith* sessions, please visit the Formation page on the parish website at: <https://www.holyspiritme.org/formation> or contact the director of faith formation for the parish, Carolyn Houston, at 646-5605, 985-6252, or carolyn.houston@portlanddiocese.org.

PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE

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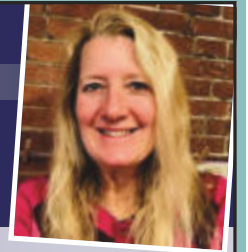
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