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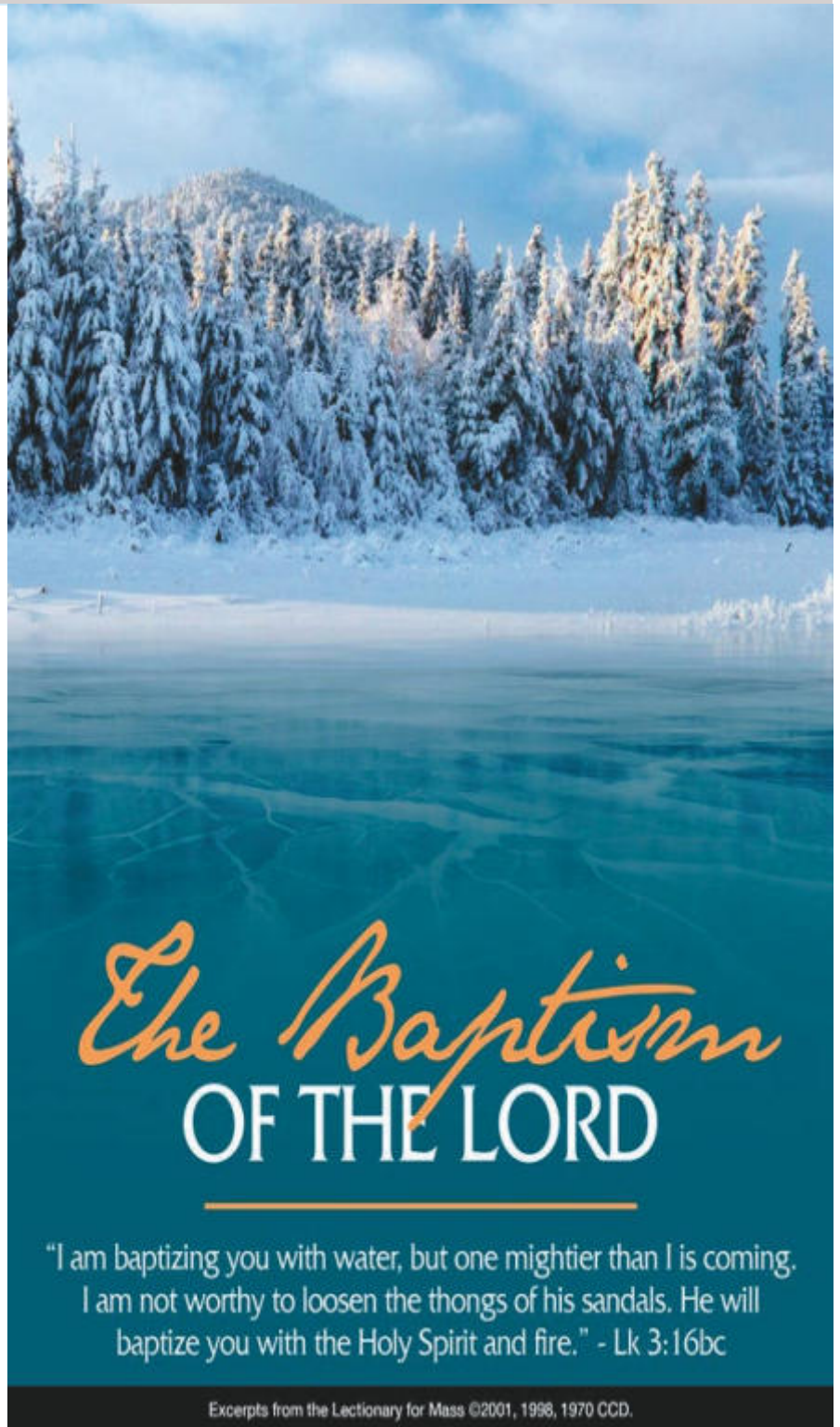
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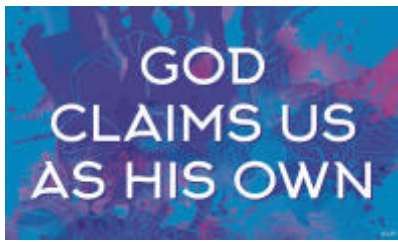
The Baptism
OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”

~ Pope Francis ~

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths, we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection, we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



THIS WEEKEND: January 8 & 9

- Saturday: 4 PM (K) Fred Cialfi by Leona Blatt
 4 PM (W) John Ciano by Emilia Ciano
- Sunday: 8 AM (K) For the Holy Spirit Parishioners
 9 AM (W) James Cannon by Laura DuPont
 10 AM (K) Jeanne McGrath by George & Bev Lynch
 11 AM (W) David Robinson by the family

THIS WEEK: January 11-14

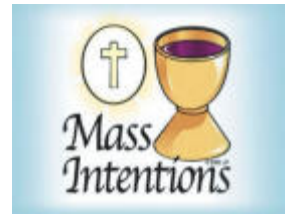
- Tuesday: 8 AM (W) John Berthiaume by Dave & Connie Burke
 9:15 AM (K) The Bleichner Family by Marie Guerin
- Wednesday 8 AM (W) Charles Stetz by his wife, Jane
 9:15 AM (K) Edna Gendreau by Jim & Aline Saunders
- Thursday: 8 AM (W) David Robinson by Steve, Jennifer, & Elizabeth
 9:15 AM (K) Claire Broughton by Irene Cyr
- Friday: 8 AM (W) Charles Stetz by Rita McKinnon
 9:15 AM (K) Carmine Dolce by Tim & Janice Gallant

NEXT WEEKEND: January 15 & 16

- Saturday: 4 PM (K) Loretta Dumont by the family
 4 PM (W) Marcel Paquette by Roger & Jeannette Lambert
- Sunday: 8 AM (K) Julius Palmero by the family
 9 AM (W) Ruth Dooley by Tom Oliver
 10 AM (K) Harry Nelson by Mitch Duggan
 11 AM (W) Suzanne Ilsley by her sister, Mary, and family

Location Key: (K) Kennebunk; (W) Wells

Mass Intentions for Masses Celebrated by Monsignor Murphy at Home



- Rachel Lachance by Ruth Shrader
 Deceased Members of the William P. Philipp Family
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 Chou Nguyen by Phai Nguyen
 Esther Morgan by Bill & Mary Barry
 Bob Berkley by Mary Foster
 Jane Duggan by Bill & Mary Barry
 Jack Clancy by Royal & Rosanne Smith
 Rev. Ron Labarre by Bill & Mary Barry
 Chou Nguyen by Phai Nguyen
 William B Murray by Marti Hess-Pomber
 The parents of Phai Nguyen
 Eileen McAnanly by Jack & Dee Drake
 John Sheils by the Kindler Family
 Ruth Shiels by the Kindler Family
 Rev. Thomas Murphy by Royal & Rosanne Smith
 Mary Ann Tartre by a parishioner
 James Parker by Claire Mace
 Howard Angione by Rosanne Smith
 Carmine Dolce by Joan Fowler

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!



GRIEF SUPPORT FOR WIDOWS

Holy Spirit Parish has a grief support group for widows which meets on **Thursdays at 2 PM at St. Martha Church.**

COVID-19 protocols of masking and distancing remain in effect. The facilitator, Linda Pearson, is a recent widow who became a certified grief educator. For more information, please call Rosanne at 985-6252 or Linda at 423-3158.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for health & blessings upon Joyce & Bob Letellier on their 62nd wedding anniversary.

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY REPORT

Christmas

Collection	\$ 10,745.48
Envelopes (125)	

December 26

Collection	\$ 8,903.00
We Share (74)	\$ 3,083.50
Total Offertory	\$ 11,986.50
Tithe	\$ 839.06
Envelopes (124)	



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".
2. Click on the collection to which you'd like to donate.
3. Click "Recurring Donation"; enter your donation amount and frequency.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Many thanks to all in the Parish who were so kind in giving cards and gifts during this Christmas season. It is greatly appreciated! Hoping 2022 brings you and yours many blessings! As always, we continue to pray for all of you. Once again, thank you!



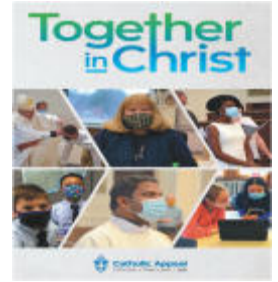
Fr. Fred & Fellow Priests



Any parishioner who would like a tax receipt for 2021 donations, please contact **Rosanne Smith** at rosanne.smith@portlanddiocese.org or 207-985-6252.

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO HOLY SPIRIT PARISH FOR SURPASSING THE 2021 CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL!



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH AS OF DECEMBER 16:

Total -	\$ 134,220
Goal -	\$ 129,619
% Goal -	104 %

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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."
Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother?

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



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT at St. Mary Church takes place

most Fridays in the Chapel after 8 AM Mass until 12:30 PM.



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

To register, contact Rosanne Smith at (207) 985-6252 or ro-sanne.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

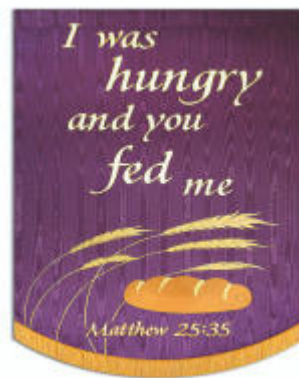
Homebound Parishioners:

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

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 (next taking place this Tuesday, January 11)**. 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.

Thank you!

PARISH REGISTRATION/UPDATE

Name (s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

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

**Holy Spirit Parish
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HAPPY NEW YEAR! This has been a very different and difficult year. Last year at this time, we were reflecting upon 2020 and the many people who sustained us through a tragic and divisive time and set us on a path to recovery. That path is longer than we first imagined.



It has been over 21 months since the term “COVID-19” became a part of our daily life, and yet it is still very much a part of our world as the high number of new cases reminds us that the pandemic has not ended.

Yet, there are always blessings for which to be grateful. Scientific advancements and technology led to vaccines and medications that are available to all and help us feel safer. Heroes among us continue to give of themselves without limit. And, unlike last year, when we flip the calendar to 2022, we will be doing it with some extended family and friends around us.

As people of faith, we live life in gratitude for our blessings. We are filled with love and mercy, gifts from God, and guided by the message and meaning of his Son who came into our world in humility to bring us God’s love and to show us kindness, grace, and the hope of peace.

Let’s commit, then, to doing our part in building that peace each day of the new year. Even through small gestures, a smile, or a whispered prayer, we can surround even the most arduous path with generosity and joy. Let us ask God to guide us in witnessing to the Good News of Jesus in our world, seeking the good in others, and striving where we can to help make the lives of others better. May you and your families have a blessed and peaceful new year.



ST. MARTHA COMMUNITY PANTRY:

beef stew, canned chicken, tuna fish, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce

ST. MARY ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY:

Spam, canned beets, corned-beef hash, tea bags, shampoo, zip-lock bags

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

DONATIONS FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

The Diocese of Portland, along with the other dioceses and archdioceses of the U.S., are partnering with Catholic Charities USA in a wide response to the recent disaster affecting thousands in western Kentucky and beyond. Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services are the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church. You can help families and communities devastated by the recent tornado events in this manner as 100% of your donation goes towards rebuilding lives. To donate and assist with immediate emergency needs and recovery support, call (703) 549-1390 or give online at www.catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051.



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