

# YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

## CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

667 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush, NY 12061

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4<sub>PM</sub>

Sunday 8:30<sub>AM</sub> & 11<sub>AM</sub>

Wednesday 8:15<sub>AM</sub>, Friday Communion Service 8:30<sub>AM</sub>

And for the people of our local parishes:  
Sunday at 7<sub>PM</sub> at St. Mary's Clinton Heights

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday 9:30<sub>AM</sub> — 3:30<sub>PM</sub>

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You are invited to celebrate sacraments with us:  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on  
Saturday at 3:00<sub>PM</sub> or by appointment.

Contact the Parish Center to arrange preparation for  
Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, First  
Reconciliation, or Sacrament of the Sick. If you are  
interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage, please  
contact the parish at least six months in advance.



25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# RECEIVE

"Whoever receives one  
child such as this in my  
name, receives me."

- Mk 9:37a

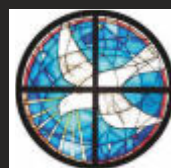
### A Letter from Your Parish Staff

Our LIFT Gathering is fast approaching! We look forward to kicking off our Fall Season of LIFT by breaking open Pope Francis' *Rejoice and Be Glad*. If you get a chance, read Chapter 1 before we gather. We have extra copies of the document that will be available at our LIFT Gathering. Pope Francis has written an awesome letter to all Catholics on how we can live our call to holiness in practical ways. LIFT is for *all parishioners*, adults and children. Jesus blessed the children and taught the adults. You are never too old to learn something new or share your wisdom and life experiences with others. Join us as we break bread, share faith and build community.

Thank you to everyone who has expressed their appreciation as we continue with our ministries during this time of transition. It is always a challenge during a time of transition and change, however as long as we focus on being the Body of Christ for each other, this too shall pass. Couples are still getting married, babies are being baptized, the homebound are being attended to and our parish life continues. We may have to do things a little differently, but we continue to grow and serve our Holy Spirit community.

If you, or your family, have ever wanted to be involved in a ministry here at Holy Spirit, now is the time to try something new. Pope Francis has called for lay people to take a more active role in their parishes and diocese. Can you help count the collection after Mass on Sunday? Could you bring the Eucharist to the homebound or serve at Mass? Would you be able to help out at LIFT Gatherings? Are you willing to share the word of God at Mass by being a lector? The more we can all share in the ministry of serving our parish family, the easier the task. Many hands make light work. Will you share some of your time?

*Peace Be With You,  
Laura, Pam and Meaghan*



**Sunday's Readings: #1053**

**Psalm Response: "The Lord upholds my life."**

**This Sunday's Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37**

**Next Sunday's Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43**

See our website for this week's daily readings:  
www.holyspiritchurcheg.org

### Reflection Questions for the Week

- What is the most important lesson you learned from a child? What have children taught you about the Gospel values of service, charity, compassion and justice?
- Have you ever acted against your own interests for the common good? Did you regret it? What positive outcomes resulted?
- Do you know of individuals whose humility has led them to accomplish great things for others?



### Week of Sunday, September 23, 2018

**Saturday 9/22—4<sub>PM</sub>**

Marilyn Hester—by her family

Robert Foster—by the Social Action Ministry

Daniel Thiel—by the Social Action Ministry

**Sunday 9/23—8:30<sub>AM</sub>**

The health of Ida & Gerald Connelly

—by Joseph & Mary Ann Danner

**Sunday 9/23—11:00<sub>AM</sub>**—For the People

**Wednesday 9/26—8:15<sub>AM</sub>**—For the flooding victims

**Friday 9/28—8:30<sub>AM</sub>**—Communion Service

**Saturday 9/29—4<sub>PM</sub>**

Frank Savicki—by Bob & Karen Savicki

Caitlin Flynn—by Joe & Cherie Corr

Patricia Graves—Jim & Ellen Murphy

Daniel Thiel—by Amy & Don Boel

**Sunday 9/30—8:30<sub>AM</sub>**

William "Bubba" Galloway—by the Lyman family

Tyler Coyne—by Grandma & Pop—Happy Birthday!

**Sunday 9/30—11:00<sub>AM</sub>**—For the People

**Can you help?** Many parish ministries can use additional support. If you would like to explore a parish ministry try these steps:

1. Pray for guidance.
  2. List your options.
  3. Ask questions.
  4. Try it out and continue learning.
- Contact us for more information. We will be happy to help.

### Stewardship

**Offertory:**

09/16/18 — \$4,555.00

09/17/17 — \$4,737.00

The second collection for this weekend is for the Catholic University.

Are you looking for a convenient, easy to remember way to be a good steward? Look into safe and secure **Online Giving** at Holy Spirit. You may access donation forms and manage your stewardship by using our parish website at: holyspiritchurcheg.org.

**LIFT Goes Seasonal!!!**...Each Season will have two Gatherings, opportunities for small group sharing, online exploration, service and more! LIFT is for all ages, from birth and beyond. There are brochures with a calendar, information sheets and registration forms in a bin by the front entrance of the church. Join us this season as we explore Pope Francis' *Rejoice and Be Glad*.



**LIFTing up parents of six year olds!** We are approaching the next step in your child's initiation; celebrating their first Reconciliation and Eucharist. We look forward to accompanying you and your family on your faith journey. Before your child can begin preparation for their first Reconciliation and Eucharist, they must have completed *at least* one prior year of faith formation. Our faith formation process at Holy Spirit is LIFT. Register and participate in LIFT now so that your child will be ready to begin the process next fall. Please contact Laura Countryman if you have any questions.

**Who's ready for Confirmation?** We look forward to accompanying anyone who would like to complete their initiation by celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation. We will have an informational meeting for all those interested in beginning the process on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12<sub>PM</sub> in the HSS Library. To begin the process, you must be in at least 10<sup>th</sup> grade and 15 years old and have participated in *at least* one year of LIFT. Please contact Laura Countryman if you have any questions. **Attention ninth graders:** make sure you are participating in LIFT so you can begin the process next year.

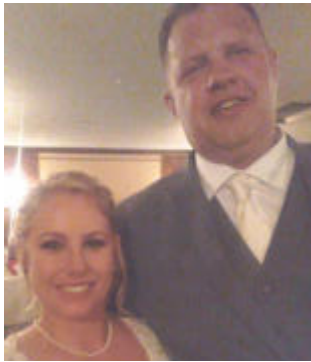
**Who is ready to celebrate their first Eucharist?** This is an exciting time in your child's faith journey. If your child has participated in *at least* one prior year of LIFT, join us on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30<sub>AM</sub> in the HSS Library for an informational meeting regarding first Reconciliation and Eucharist. We look forward to accompanying your family on this journey. Please contact Laura Countryman if you have any questions.

**Prayer Lists**—To add names to the prayer lists for the health of parishioners or those parishioners who are in the armed services, please call 518-477-7925 or email names to: [info@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:info@holyspiritchurcheg.org).

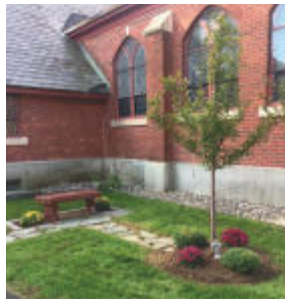
**Please Pray for the Health of...** Philip Agcaoili, Sandra Battisto, Joe Belschwinder, Linda Cambareri, Louise Carpentier, Catherine Coates, John Crowther, Joe DiBella, Allana DiBasio, Chris Edwards, Daniel Mancino, Marilyn Hart, Pam Hellwig, Rose Helms, Mary Hoffman, Carol Langdon, Margaret Leahy, Jeff Lichiello, Daniel Lockhart, Jeff McAuley, Carole McDowell, Joan Mineau, Zygmunt Palasz, Lynn Pupello, John Orsino, Patricia Reilly, Joan & Lou Roher, Paul Schell, Mary Lou Seger, Teena Sleasman, Jeff Werther and Mary Whitford.



**Please Pray for Parishioners in the Armed Forces...** James Conlon, Dan Farley, Luke Horvath, Anthony Hunt, Davis Kakely, Arthur Murphy, Brian L. Murphy, and Erin Walraven.



**Congratulations & Blessings ...** To Joshua Webb and Kelly Florek who were married last Saturday at Holy Spirit.



**Memory Garden...** “I thank my God every time I remember you.” ~ Philippians 1:3  
We hope you have taken some time to visit the Holy Spirit Memory Garden located near the entrance to the children’s room. It was created with love for all of us to take a moment from our busy schedules to sit, reflect, and pray for our loved ones or just take in its beauty and serenity. Please let us know your thoughts, and if you have not had the opportunity to visit, please take a moment to stop and say a little prayer before the leaves fall and winter arrives. God bless you. The Social Action Ministry

**Save the Dates... Diocesan Marriage Jubilee**—Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 2<sup>PM</sup> at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, sponsored by the Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation. Additional information will follow through the summer. Questions now can be directed to 518-453-6644 or [precanaregistrar@rcda.org](mailto:precanaregistrar@rcda.org).

**Holy Spirit Directory...**

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- Secretary .... Pam Bennett . [info@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:info@holyspiritchurcheg.org)
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- Holy Spirit School ..... Michael Kosar, Principal  
[principal@hsseg.com](mailto:principal@hsseg.com)

**Upcoming Events...**

| Date    | Occasion                | Time               | Place   |
|---------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| We 9/23 | Rec./Eucharist Info Mtg | 9:30 <sup>AM</sup> | Library |
| We 9/23 | Confirmation Info Mtg   | 12 <sup>PM</sup>   | Library |
| Su 9/30 | LIFT Gathering          | 12 <sup>PM</sup>   | Gym     |
| Mo 10/1 | LIFT Gathering          | 5:45 <sup>PM</sup> | Gym     |

**Please remember** to patronize the sponsors of our weekly bulletin. Tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin.

**Join us for our LIFT Gathering September 30<sup>th</sup> or October 1<sup>st</sup>!** More detailed information can be found in the orange brochure by the main entrance of the church, or online. Dinner will be Taco Salad. Join us as we kick off our new format—Seasons of LIFT.

“My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities.” ~Pope Francis

**How to register for LIFT:** online or by the main door of the church. Place completed forms in the receptacle by the forms. We look forward to seeing you for our Fall Season of LIFT! Adults only need to complete the Household Information form. If you are registering children, you also need to complete a LIFT -Child Information form for each child.

**Halloween Run/Walk...** Join Meaghan Rossbach and her team on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Crossings Park to have fun running in your Halloween costume and raise money for Copson House where our Parish Families have done room makeovers! Contact Meaghan to register at the \$15 discount rate.

“The human body has many parts but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.” ~1 Corinthians 12:128

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