



Church of the Holy Spirit

You are welcome here!

MASSES

Saturday 4:00_{PM}
Sunday 8:30_{AM}, 11:00_{AM}
Wednesday 8:15_{AM}
Friday Communion Service
& Holidays 8:30_{AM}

Office Hours: Monday – Friday
9:30_{AM} – 3:30_{PM}

Sacraments:

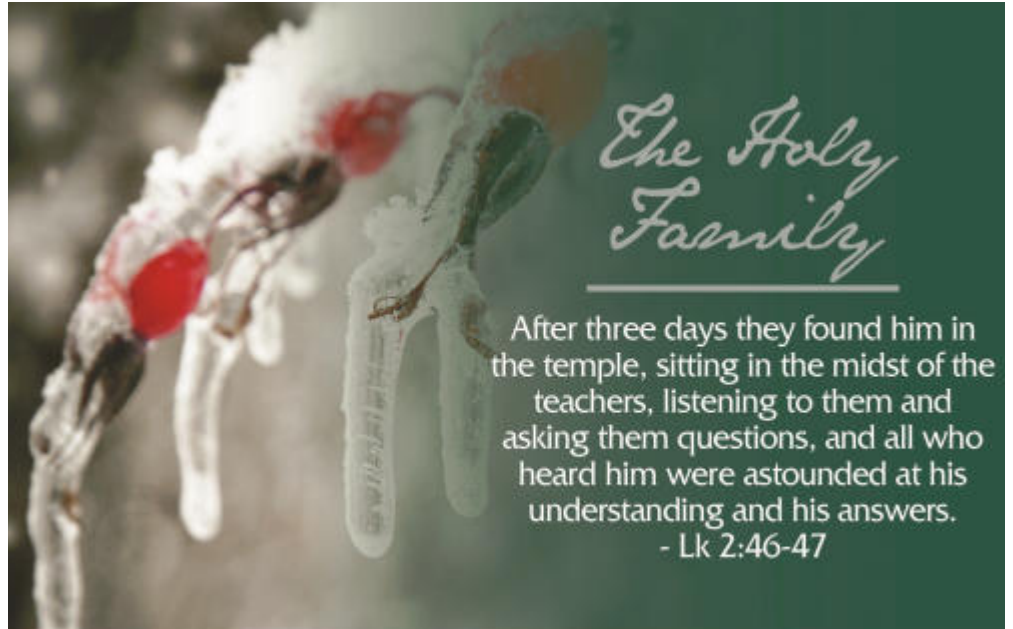
You are invited to celebrate the sacraments with us:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturday at 3:00_{PM} or by appointment.

Contact the Parish Center to arrange preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, or Sacrament of the Sick. If you are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the parish at least six (6) months in advance.

Pastoral Associate for Sacramental Formation Employment Opportunity...

Would you like to guide families as they prepare to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation? We invite you to join our team. This is a 10 hour a week paid position. There are no special job skills requirements, just a willingness to learn and to become a part of the LIFT team. Send your resume and letter of interest to Laura Countryman, Pastoral Associate for Lifelong Faith and Family Ministry, laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org.



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

A letter from your parish staff...

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family didn't have an easy life, but they loved each other and took care of each other, just as we all do with our families.

All families are holy. Mary and Joseph showed us the way. They worked as a family unit, supporting and helping each other even though their life was challenging. As a parish family, we too have our challenges. As staff, we have received tremendous support from many of our parish family. During this time of transition, we have been amazed at the support we have been given. As a parish we face many choices. We choose to work together, in the example of the Holy Family, to support one another through these challenging times.

Thank you to everyone who has shown their support, with kind words, helping with other ministries, and stepping up to help where needed. As we wait for our new pastor, remember that we wait in our Father's House. Working together we can be more than just a church building with parishioners. We can be parish family.

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

Sunday's Reading: #895

Psalm Response: "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

This Sunday's Gospel: Luke 2: 41 — 52

Next Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 2: 1 — 12

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

Reflection Questions for the Week

- How do you experience your family as a "domestic church"?
- Where do you find "holy imperfection" in your own family?
- In the gospel Jesus calls the temple, "my Father's house." Do you feel at home in your church community? How do you experience it as a place of shelter and welcome? How might you help it grow to be even more a house of God?



Week of Sunday, December 30, 2018

Saturday 12/29—4_{PM}

Albert & John Blevins—Mary Blevins

Sunday 12/30—8:30_{AM}—For the People

Sunday 12/30—11:00_{AM}

Barbara Klee—by Richard Klee & Maureen Geiger

Monday 12/31—4_{PM}—For the People

Tuesday 1/1—10_{AM}—For the People

Wednesday 1/2—8:15_{AM}—No Mass

Friday 1/4—8:30_{AM}—For the People

Saturday 1/5—4_{PM}—For the People

Susan Cassidy—by Joe & Mary Ann Danner

Sunday 1/6—8:30_{AM}—For the People

Sunday 1/6—11:00_{AM}

Helen Fischetti—by Bob & Mary Kay Blake

David Rossiter—by Rocco & Agnes Acquilano

Amy DiSanto—by William & Andrea Baldwin

Changes to Weekday Services... There won't be a Mass on Wednesday, January 2nd, and instead of the Communion Service at 8:30_{AM} on Friday, January 4th, there will be a Mass celebrated for the school.

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

Ushers Needed!!! We are still in desperate need of ushers at the 8:30_{AM} Sunday Mass. Any parishioner can assist in this ministry. Contact the Parish Office for more information, 518-477-7925.

Stewardship

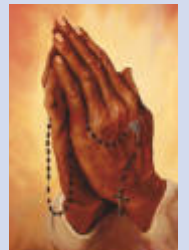
Due to the holiday printing schedule, we will have a full report on the Offertory in next weekend's bulletin.

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.

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.

Please Pray for the Health of... Philip Agcaoili, Sandra Battisto, Joe Belschwinder, Jennifer Bobersky, Linda Cambareri, Louise Carpentier, Catherine Coates, John Crowther, Joe DiBella, Allana DiBiasio, Chris Edwards, Fred Endres, Marilyn Hart, Pam Hellwig, Rose Helms, Mary Hoffman, Carol Langdon, Margaret Leahy, Jeff Lichiello, Daniel Lockhart, Daniel Mancino, 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 & Mary Whitford.

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



Holy Spirit Directory...

Parish Pastoral Team 518-477-7925

- Deacon Deacon Bill Dringus ... deacon1275@aol.com
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- Interim Administrator Gail Moore
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- Laura Countryman laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org
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- Tim Dowling tim@holyspiritchurcheg.org
- Secretary Pam Bennett .. info@holyspiritchurcheg.org
- Maintenance Services Paul Weidman

Holy Spirit School (PreK3-Grade 8)

- School Office, 54 Highland Drive 518-477-5739
- Email hssoffice@hsseg.org
- Michael Kosar, Principal principal@hsseg.com

Parish Members... are available for you to contact, or you can call the parish office 518-477-7925.

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Upcoming Events...

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
Mo 12/31	New Year’s Eve	Offices	Closed
Tu 1/1	New Year’s Day	Offices	Closed
We 1/9	Social Action Committee	7 ^{PM}	Parish Ctr

Weekly Events...

The Rosary—Tuesdays at 11^{AM} in the Church.

Bible Study—Wednesdays at 10:30^{AM} in the Church.

Choir Practice—1st Wednesday at 7^{PM} in the Church.



Just a gentle reminder... If you are among our parishioners who receive collection envelopes and “fly south” every winter, please call the parish center to temporarily

suspend your envelopes. These are returned to the parish and we must pay the return postage on them. If you let us know when you plan on returning, we’ll let the envelope company know when to restart sending them to you.

Quotes from Pope Francis on Families...

The family, the home is where faith is learned and grows. “Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith.”

Pay attention to children and grandparents. “We must pay special attention to this: the children and the grandparents. Children and young people are the future, they are the strength, those who take us forward. They are the ones in which we place our hope. Grandparents are the memory of a family, they are the ones who gave us the faith, transmitted to us the faith.”

Quotes from Pope Francis on Families... (cont’d)

Holiness and love are manifested in the little gestures of each day. “Like happiness, holiness is always tied to little gestures.” These little gestures are those we learn at home, in the family; they get lost amid all the other things we do, yet they do make each day different. They are the quiet things done by mothers and grandmothers, by fathers and grandfathers, *by children, by siblings.* They are little signs of tenderness, affection and compassion. Like the warm supper we look forward to at night, the early lunch awaiting someone who gets up early to go to work. Homely gestures. Like a blessing before we go to bed, or a hug after we return from a hard day’s work.”

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Difficulties in the family exist, but they are overcome with love. “In families, there are difficulties. In families, we argue; in families, sometimes the plates fly; in families, the children give us headaches. And I’m not even going to mention the mother-in-law. But in families, there is always, always, the cross. Always. Because the love of God, of the Son of God, also opened for us this path. But, in families as well, after the cross, there is the resurrection. Because the Son of God opened for us this path. Because of this, the family is — forgive the term I’ll use — it is a factory of hope, of hope of life and of resurrection. God was the one who opened this path... In families, there are difficulties, but these difficulties are overcome with love. Hate doesn’t overcome any difficulty. Division of hearts doesn’t overcome any difficulty. Only love is capable of overcoming difficulties. Love is a festival. Love is joy. Love is to keep moving forward.”

The importance of parents being good models of virtue. “May our children find in us models and incentives to communion! [Not of division.] May our children find in us men and women capable of joining others in bringing to full flower all the good seeds which the Father has sown!”

“I leave you a question for each one to answer to himself, since I said the word impatient,” he said: “In my house, do we yell? Or do we speak with love and tenderness? This is a good way to measure our love.”



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