



# Church of the Holy Spirit

*You are welcome here!*

## MASSES

Saturday 4:00<sub>PM</sub>  
Sunday 8:30<sub>AM</sub>, 11:00<sub>AM</sub>  
Wednesday 8:15<sub>AM</sub>  
Friday Communion Service  
& Holidays 8:30<sub>AM</sub>

Office Hours: Monday – Friday  
9:30<sub>AM</sub> – 3:30<sub>PM</sub>

## Sacraments:

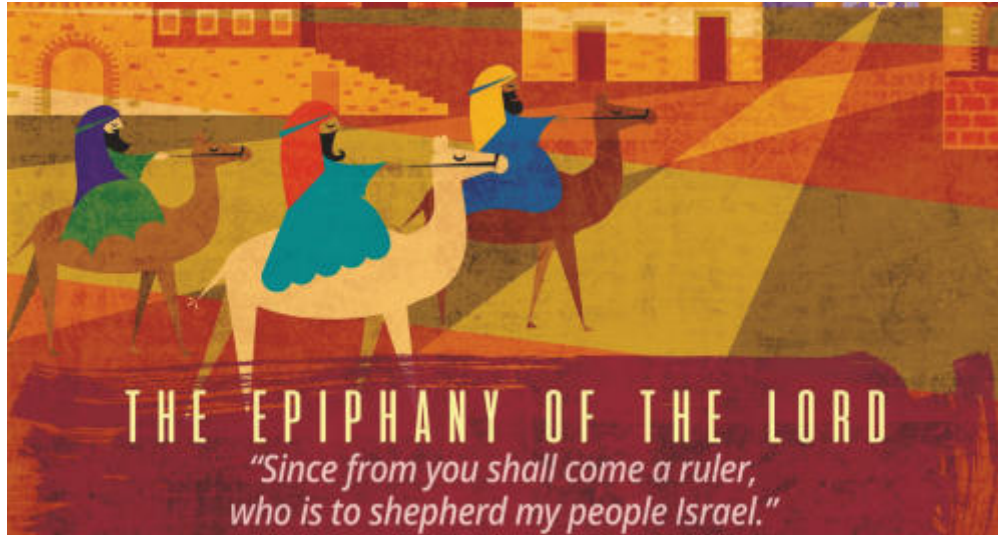
You are invited to celebrate the sacraments with us:

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 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](mailto:laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org).



## A letter from your parish staff...

Merry Christmas! The celebration continues. We have one more week to celebrate the Christmas Season. Resist the urge to put away all of the Christmas decorations. Leave some things out until the conclusion of the season. Ordinary Time comes soon enough. Don't rush it. Celebrate Christmas through the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. Take a break from rushing. Take in the beautiful lights of the season and remind yourself why we celebrate: the Light of Christ!

We all know the story of the Magi, or do we? Take some time to re-read the story in the Gospel of Matthew. Don't read into the story. Look at it with fresh eyes.

The visitors who follow the star to Jesus are Magi, who were the Persian priestly class, gentiles. We know that they brought three gifts, gold frankincense and myrrh, which were all symbolic. How many Magi were there? We don't know. There were three gifts, so somewhere along the way someone assumed that there were three. *"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage."* Did you notice anything? Jesus is now a child, not an infant, and they are in a house, not a stable or manger. We don't know how much time has passed.

Even when we think we know the story, and things have been passed down, take some time to go back to the original story. Look at the stories anew. The word epiphany can also mean a sudden, intuitive perception or insight. As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, we too can have an epiphany. We wish you a year of epiphanies!

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

**Sunday's Reading: #899**

**Psalm Response: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."**

**This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 2: 1 — 12**

**Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 3: 15 — 16**

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

**Reflection Questions for the Week**

- The prophet Isaiah tells us, "Rise up...! Your light has come." When have you had the opportunity to be a light for others?
- The magi follow a star that leads them to Jesus, God with us. In your life, how has creation helped you to know God?
- The magi, strangers from a foreign country, travel to the land of Israel and are welcomed into Jesus' home. In your life of faith when have you encountered different cultures and/or religions? How has this experience changed your understanding of God and humanity?
- In today's second reading, St. Paul proclaims the inclusivity of God's kingdom where both Jews and Gentiles are welcome. How do you welcome those of different backgrounds into your home or parish?



**Week of Sunday,  
January 6, 2019**

**Saturday 1/5—4<sub>PM</sub>**—For the People

**Sunday 1/6—8:30<sub>AM</sub>**—For the People  
Susan Cassidy—by Joe & Mary Ann Danner

**Sunday 1/6—11:00<sub>AM</sub>**  
Helen Fischetti—by Bob & Mary Kay Blake  
David Rossiter—by Rocco & Agnes Acquilano  
Amy DiSanto—by William & Andrea Baldwin

**Wednesday 1/9—8:15<sub>AM</sub>**—For the People

**Friday 1/11—8:30<sub>AM</sub>**—Communion Service

**Saturday 1/12—4<sub>PM</sub>**  
William Belschwinder—by Jack & Maureen McDonough  
Albert & John Blevins—by Mary Blevins  
For the victims of the tsunami

**Sunday 1/13—8:30<sub>AM</sub>**  
Marie Shabarekh, for healing—by Don & Rose Lyman

**Sunday 1/13—11:00<sub>AM</sub>**  
Ryan Nixon—by Rick & Cheryl Palmer  
Rosalie Bearce—by the Gialanella family

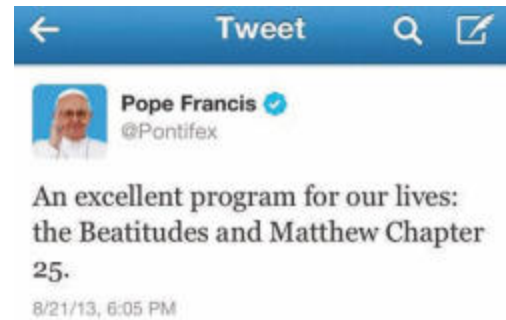
**Ushers Needed!!!** We are still in desperate need of ushers at the 8:30<sub>AM</sub> Sunday Mass. Any parishioner can assist in this ministry. Contact the Parish Office for more information, 518-477-7925.

**Stewardship****Offertory:**

12/09/18 — \$5,507.32	12/10/17 — \$6,271.95
12/16/18 — \$5,235.00	12/17/17 — \$6,077.95
12/23/18 — \$5,484.52	12/24/17 — \$5,553.10
12/25/18 — \$14,319.26	12/25/17 — \$17,131.58

Due to the holiday printing schedule for the bulletin, the December 30<sup>th</sup> Offertory will be reported in next week's bulletin.

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**Explore the Beatitudes with Pope Francis!** Pope Francis tells us that "Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are like a Christian's identity card... In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives." Join us for our next parish LIFT Gathering as we continue our exploration of *Rejoice and Be Glad – On the call to Holiness in Today's World*. How do the Beatitudes speak to us today? Do we really understand the Beatitudes? Join us as we explore Chapter 3 together.

**"We need to build up society in the light of the Beatitudes, walking towards the Kingdom with the least among us."**

~Pope Francis

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**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, 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, Paul Piela, 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.



**Reconciliation and Eucharist Candidates** will begin their formation for celebrating these sacraments soon. This is an exciting time for families as their children continue their initiation into the church. An email was sent to all of the families that have registered for sacramental formation at the end of December. Please contact Laura Countryman, ([laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org)) if you did not receive an email. We look forward to accompanying your family on this part of your faith journey!

**Join us for our Parish LIFT Gathering on either Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> or Monday January 14<sup>th</sup>...**

Dinner will be pasta & meatballs and tossed salad.  
**Sunday:** dinner will begin following the 11<sup>AM</sup> Mass. Our Gathering will end at 2<sup>PM</sup>.  
**Monday:** dinner will be served from 5:30-6:05<sup>PM</sup>. Our Gathering will end at 7:30<sup>PM</sup>.  
 We hope to see you there!

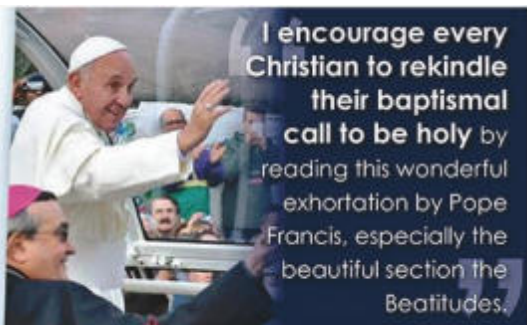


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- Interim Sacramental Minister ..... Fr. John Bradley
- Interim Administrator ..... Gail Moore
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- Michael Kosar, Principal ..... [principal@hsseg.com](mailto:principal@hsseg.com)

**Upcoming Events...**

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
We 1/9	Social Action Committee	7 <sup>PM</sup>	Parish Ctr
Su 1/13	LIFT Gathering	12 <sup>PM</sup>	Gym
Mo 1/14	LIFT Gathering	5:30 <sup>PM</sup>	Gym

**Weekly Events...**

- The Rosary—Tuesdays at 11<sup>AM</sup> in the Church.
- Bible Study—Wednesdays at 10:30<sup>AM</sup> in the Church.
- Choir Practice—1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 7<sup>PM</sup> in the Church.

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

Deacon Bill Dringus: [deacon1275@aol.com](mailto:deacon1275@aol.com)

**Parish Council:**

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**Follow the Star!** Young people enjoying the movie *The Star* during Christmas break. They also began creating cards and bookmarks for St. Catherine’s Center for Children. Keep following the star!



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