



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:

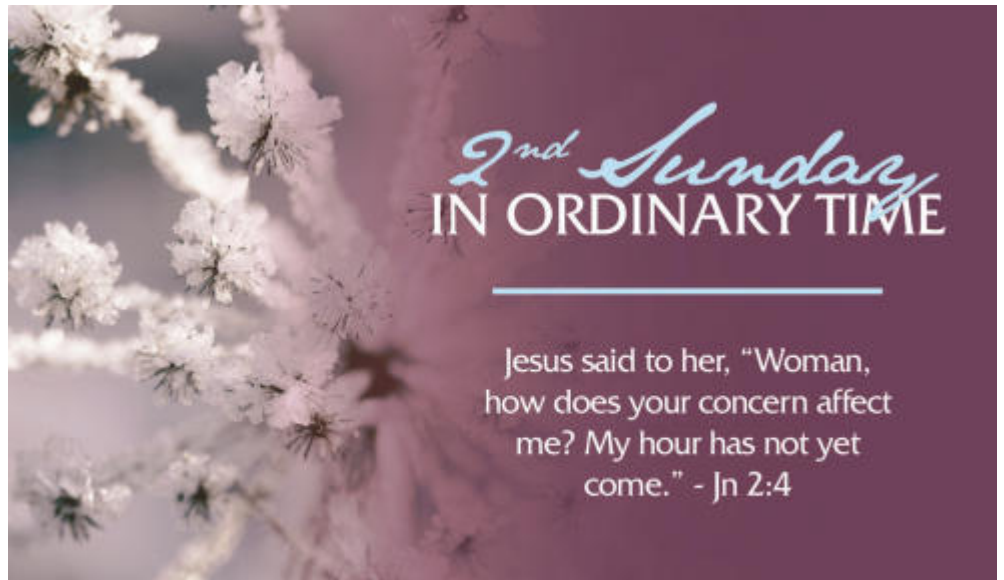
You are invited to celebrate the sacraments with us:

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.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Let's tackle hunger! The Social Action Ministry will collect cans of soup from Jan. 26—Feb. 3, 2019 for those in need. Holy Spirit School will also collect soup one day during Catholic Schools Week. All of the soup collected will be delivered to CoNSERNS-U, which is a branch of Catholic Charities in Rensselaer County. Please bring soup donations to Mass or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you for your generous help.



A letter from your parish staff...

This weekend we celebrate the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Did you ever wonder what happened to the first week? Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the Sunday following January 6th. Sunday is both the first and eighth day of the week. So the Monday through Saturday after the Baptism of the Lord, the end of the Christmas season, comprises the first week of Ordinary Time. When we come together to celebrate the Mass this Sunday, it begins the 2nd week in Ordinary Time. The title Ordinary Time has more to do with a math term than being boring. Ordinal numbers show a relationship, like first, second, third, etc. This is an ordered time. A time to explore how to live out our time aware of Christ's presence and how to deepen that relationship. How will you be more aware of Jesus this week?

The Gospel reading from John describes the wedding at Cana and Jesus' first sign. Jesus turns the water into wine. Jesus attended the wedding with his mother and his disciples. When his mother tells him that the hosts are out of wine, Jesus instructs the servers to fill the water jugs and then changes the water into wine. The Gospel reading ends with "... and his disciples began to believe him." With this sign, Jesus begins his public ministry. He begins with an act, a sign. What signs will you see this week? There are always signs of God's presence if you are looking. You may not see water turned into wine, but there is always something amazing if you pay attention. Make your next few weeks of Ordinary Time extraordinary!

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

Sunday's Reading: #900

This Sunday's Gospel: Luke 3: 15 — 16

Next Sunday's Gospel: John 2: 1 — 11

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

Reflection Questions for the Week

- In the first reading from Isaiah we see our relationship to God as that of a bride and bridegroom. One metaphor alone cannot contain the mystery of our covenant with God. In what ways is this metaphor helpful and true for you in your spiritual journey?
- In the psalm we are encouraged to "sing to the Lord a new song." Where might God be calling you to "newness" in your own life?
- Read through the list of spiritual gifts in the second reading (1 Cor 12:8-10). What gifts do you recognize in your own life and community? Which gifts are your community in need of at this moment in time?
- Jesus' signs disclose himself and the kingdom of God to us. What does today's gospel about the wedding feast in Cana reveal to you about Jesus' nature and kingdom?



**Week of Sunday,
January 20, 2019**

Saturday 1/19—4^{PM}

Joan H. Węglarz—by Janice Griffin

Mary Whitford—by the Holy Spirit Church Choir

Sunday 1/20—8:30^{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Sunday 1/20—11:00^{AM}

Francis L. Steinbach—by Vince & Annette Gizzi

Dorothy DiRoma—Margaret Griffiths

Wednesday 1/23—8:15^{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Friday 1/25—8:30^{AM}—Communion Service

Saturday 1/26—4^{PM}

Mary Whitford—by Jim & Ellen Murphy

Joseph Palasz & Joseph Zeller—by Betty Palasz

William Belschwinder—by Barbara Chartrand

Sunday 1/27—8:30^{AM}—Mass Intentions Available

Sunday 1/27—11:00^{AM}—For the People of the Parish

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.

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

Stewardship

Offertory:

1/13/19 — \$4,821.00 1/14/18 — \$3,943.10

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.

Please remember your envelopes after bad weather.

Our 2018 Bishop's Appeal will end in March. We are currently within \$10,000 of our goal. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact the Parish Center or www.bishopsappeal.org. Please continue paying towards your pledge balances.

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.

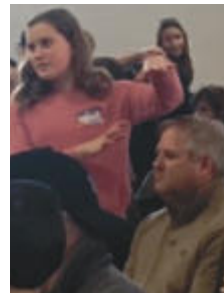
Reconciliation and Eucharist Candidates

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) if you did not receive an email. We look forward to accompanying your family on this part of your faith journey!

LIFT Gathering... In Chapter 3 of *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis highlights the Beatitudes.

"Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the Beatitudes" (#63)

Blessed are you, happy are you, holy are you!



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, Paul Piela, Lynn Pupello, John Orsino, Patricia Reilly, Joan & Lou Roher, Paul Schell, Mary Lou Seger, Teena Sleasman, Jeff Werther.



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.

Thank You!!! Watch for more “*Thank You*” to come. We’ll publish more names in the next few weeks. A Parish community is everyone working together. Without your ministry we couldn’t accomplish so much here at Holy Spirit. We still have a thriving parish while we wait to greet our new pastor.

Choir

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| Amy Boel | Alena Llorens-Myers |
| Anne Cronin | Ken & Roxanne Murray |
| Dan Farley | Tim Dowling |
| Lindsay Heck | Bellamy Cottrell |
| Margaret Kelly | Sophia Cottrel |
| Christina Larson | Jackson Dringus |
| Ellen Murphy | Tara Rossbach |

Thank you to all our parish family members who served during our Advent and Christmas Season.

Counters Needed!!! We need assistants to help count the Offertory Collections. Ideally if we had 13 people on the list, working in teams of at least two, you’d only need to count three or four times a year. That’s only once a quarter. If we have more people to count, it only takes 1 to 1.5 hours. The ministry involves opening envelopes, making sure the amount is marked on the envelope, separating the money by denomination, and counting the collection. Teams *may* count on **Sunday or Monday**.



Holy Spirit Directory...

Parish Pastoral Team 518-477-7925

- Deacon Deacon Bill Dringus ... deacon1275@aol.com
- Interim Sacramental Minister Fr. John Bradley
- Interim Administrator Gail Moore
- Family Ministry & Lifelong Faith Formation (LIFT)
 - Laura Countryman laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org
 - Meaghan Rossbach ... meaghan@holyspiritchurcheg.org
- Music Ministry
 - 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 hsoffice@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.

Deacon Bill Dringus: deacon1275@aol.com

Parish Council:

- Kevin Haggerty: 518-378-5428 or khaggerty@flexelectric.com
- Amy Boel: 518-296-1524 or aanddboel@gmail.com
- Frank Puttalaz: 518-477-4412 or solarstamps@aol.com
- Ellen Murphy: 518-479-7217 or ebmurphy@gmail.com

Finance Committee:

Steve Wiech: 518-477-5351 or steve_wiech@msn.com

Trustees:

- Rick Hannmann: rhanmann7@gmail.com
- Matt Heitker: heitkergm@acm.org

Warm Pajamas for Cold Nights Needed...

It’s been so cold lately and the Social Action Ministry is collecting pajamas for CoNSERNNS-U for needy children... newborn through age 18. Please bring pajamas to the box in Church near Music Ministry or to the Parish Center by through March 1st.



Upcoming Events...

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
Su 1/13	LIFT Gathering	12PM	Gym
Mo 1/14	LIFT Gathering	5:30PM	Gym
We 1/16	De-Greening of the Church	12PM	Church
Mo 1/21	Martin Luther King Holiday	Offices	Closed
Su 1/27	Catholic Schools Week Starts		
Sa 2/2	Catholic Schools Week Ends		
Su 3/3	Souper Bowl of Caring	After	Masses

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.



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