



# 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:

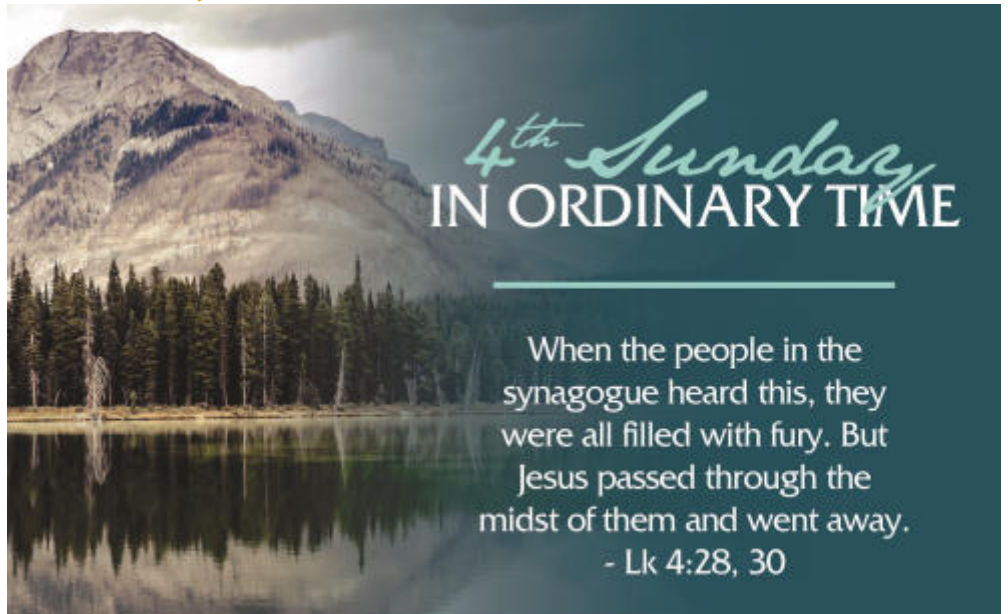
You are invited to celebrate the sacraments with us:

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.

## 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.



*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.  
- Lk 4:28, 30

## A letter from your parish staff...

The Gospel from Luke this weekend is challenging. Last weekend, Jesus was preaching in Galilee with news of him spreading throughout the whole region. Then he goes to Nazareth where he grew up. Their reaction is, "Isn't he the son of Joseph?" Jesus was the son of Joseph and Mary who lived in the village. They all knew him, so they thought. They don't just walk away from him, they become furious. His neighbors didn't just ignore him, they drove him out of town. How does a group go from doubt to fury to a mob mentality in such a short period of time?

Usually people who act with such anger and fury are acting out of fear. Jesus was challenging even to the people who had known him his whole life. He tells them that he is a prophet and they run him out of town. How do we react when our world and the way we perceive it is challenged? Do you lash out? Belittle the other person? Deny what you know may be true because it could be uncomfortable?

This is in such contrast to our second reading from Paul's First letter to the Corinthians; love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interest, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury. If we begin to react with love, with patience and kindness even when we are challenged, how different would your life be? We are called to love our neighbor. Love your neighbor with patience and kindness. Drive away fear and anger. It won't be easy, but if we try to make each day a little kinder and have more patience, we will truly be on the path to holiness.

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

**Sunday's Reading: #991****This Sunday's Gospel: Luke 4: 21 — 30****Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 5: 1 — 11**

See our website for this week's daily readings:  
[www.holyspiritchurcheg.org](http://www.holyspiritchurcheg.org)

**Reflection Questions for the Week**

- In the first reading God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "[B]efore you were born I dedicated you, /a prophet to the nations I appointed you," What work has God dedicated you for?
- In the second reading St. Paul expounds on the true nature of love beginning, "Love is patient, love is kind." In your family and/or parish community where is this love present? Where is it lacking?
- Jesus' hometown crowd is shocked at the words he speaks to them. They ask, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" Are there areas in your life where you feel stifled by people's preconceptions of you? How might you embrace the freedom of God to be who he is calling you to be?
- At the end of today's gospel Jesus passes through the midst of the angry crowd and goes away. Are there areas of conflict in your life where you are being called to walk away?

**Week of Sunday,  
February 3, 2019****Saturday 2/2—4<sub>PM</sub>**

Mary Whitford—by Lorette & Fred Carr  
 Loyal Beardsley—by Gary & Doris Beardsley

**Sunday 2/3—8:30<sub>AM</sub>**

William Belschwinder—by Lenajane Hoffman  
 Cecile Iriart—by Joe & Mary Ann Danner

**Sunday 2/3—11:00<sub>AM</sub>**—For the People of the Parish**Wednesday 2/6—8:15<sub>AM</sub>**—For the People of the Parish**Friday 2/8—8:30<sub>AM</sub>**—Communion Service**Saturday 2/9—4<sub>PM</sub>**

Albert & John Blevins—by Mary Blevins  
 Mary Whitford—by Carmen & Vivian Patti  
 Daniel Duprey—by the Herron family

**Sunday 2/10—8:30<sub>AM</sub>**

Madison Martone—by the Martone family  
 Boyd & Carmella Wynn—by Rick, Patty & Grandchildren

**Sunday 2/10—11:00<sub>AM</sub>**—For the People of the Parish

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

**Stewardship****Offertory:**

1/27/19 — \$5,431.17      1/28/18 — \$6,358.00

Please remember your envelopes after inclement weather. Also, please remember to donate to the Evangelist if you are getting the paper. It costs the parish \$18 a year per subscriber. The parish is expected to pay for and is billed for all the subscriptions.

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](http://holyspiritchurcheg.org).

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](http://www.bishopsappeal.org). Please continue paying towards your pledge balances.

**Social Action Ministry...** We have been collecting cans of soup all week. The Social Action Ministry will also be collecting cash donations at the doors of the church after Mass.



**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.

**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).

**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!



**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, Adelaide Carr, Catherine Coates, John Crowther, Joe DiBella, Allana DiBasio, Chris Edwards, Fred Endres, Lynn Gorman, Marilyn Hart, Pam Hellwig, 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.



**Party Planners Needed!** Do you like to bake cakes? Do you want to shop for goody bags or help assemble them? Would you like to plan games, or organize children’s crafts? Can you face paint? We can use your gifts to plan and throw birthday parties for children living in a homeless shelter.

This is a great opportunity for all ages. If you are interested in helping to plan and/or attend our upcoming Jazzy Sun birthday parties, please contact [meaghan@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:meaghan@holyspiritchurcheg.org).

We will be holding planning sessions in the Parish Center at 6:15<sub>PM</sub> on February 7<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup>. Help make the day of a child living in a shelter brighter and join in the planning. You do not have to attend both planning sessions.

**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](mailto:deacon1275@aol.com)
- Interim Sacramental Minister ..... Fr. John Bradley
- Interim Administrator ..... Gail Moore
- Family Ministry & Lifelong Faith Formation (LIFT) .....
  - Laura Countryman ..... [laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org)
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  - Tim Dowling ..... [tim@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:tim@holyspiritchurcheg.org)
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**Holy Spirit School (PreK3-Grade 8)**

- School Office, 54 Highland Drive ..... 518-477-5739
- Email ..... [hsoffice@hsseg.org](mailto:hsoffice@hsseg.org)
- Michael Kosar, Principal ..... [principal@hsseg.com](mailto: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](mailto:deacon1275@aol.com)

**Parish Council:**

- Kevin Haggerty: 518-378-5428 or [khaggerty@flexelectric.com](mailto:khaggerty@flexelectric.com)
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**Trustees:**

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- Matt Heitker: [heitkergm@acm.org](mailto:heitkergm@acm.org)

**Warm Pajamas for Cold Nights Needed...**

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



**Upcoming Events...**

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
Su 2/3	Souper Bowl of Caring	After	Masses
Mo 2/4	Reconciliation Retreat	6 <sub>PM</sub>	Library
We 2/6	Choir Practice	7 <sub>PM</sub>	Church
Th 2/7	Jazzy Sun Planning Session	6:15 <sub>PM</sub>	Parish Ctr
Su 2/10	Reconciliation Retreat	2-5 <sub>PM</sub>	Library
Mo 2/11	Reconciliation Retreat	6 <sub>PM</sub>	Library
We 2/13	Jazzy Sun Planning Session	6:15 <sub>PM</sub>	Parish Ct
Mo 2/18	Presidents Day Holiday	Offices	Closed

**Weekly Events...**

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



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