



# 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.

## Sunday's Reading: #994

### First Reading:

Isa 6: 1 – 2a, 3 – 8

### Second Reading:

1 Cor 15: 3 – 8, 11

### This Sunday's Gospel:

Luke 5: 1 – 11

See our website for this week's daily readings:

[www.holyspiritchurcheg.org](http://www.holyspiritchurcheg.org)

## Next Sunday's Reading: #997

### Next Sunday's Gospel:

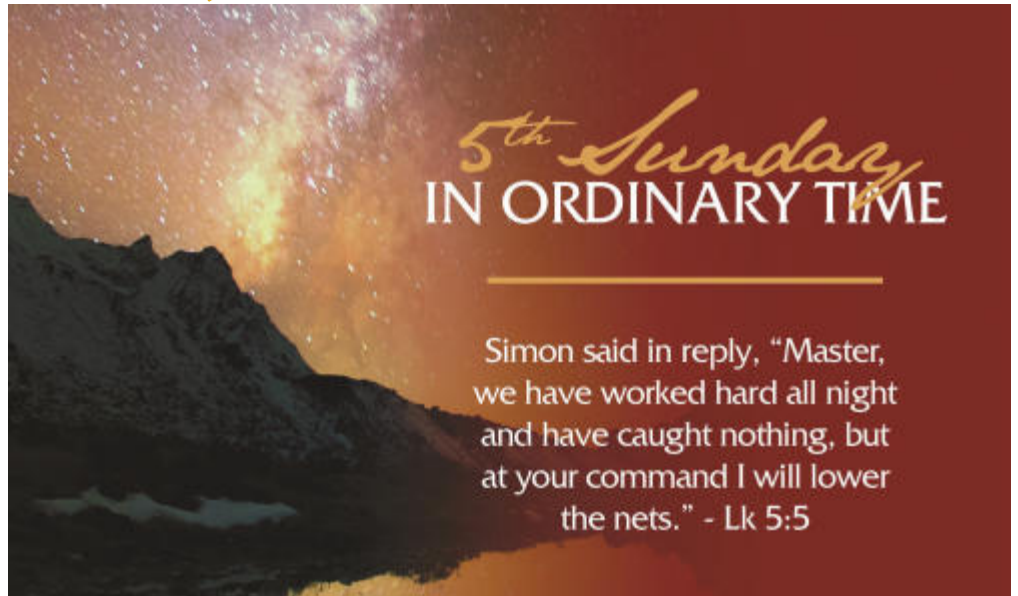
Luke 6: 17, 20 – 26

### First Reading:

Jer 17: 5 – 8

### Second Reading:

1 Cor 15: 12, 16 – 20



Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

## A letter from your parish staff...

Luke tells us this week about Jesus by the Lake of Gennesaret. He has Simon take him a short distance off shore where he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. It would be easier for the crowd to hear him from the boat. Sound seems to amplify over water. It's also interesting to visualize. Jesus doesn't stand and preach. He sits and teaches. If Jesus was sitting in the boat teaching, what would you be doing on shore? Would you stay standing or would you sit too? How does that change the atmosphere? Wouldn't it feel more casual? How would it change how you feel about the man you came to listen to? Jesus is constantly being revealed to us in new ways. Every time we hear the Gospel, we are challenged to see Jesus a little clearer. Each piece we add of understanding or insight makes our understanding of Jesus a little more complete.

After Jesus was done teaching, he had Simon and the other fishermen fish. They were very reluctant. They had been out all night fishing and had caught nothing. When they did cast their nets again, they caught a great number of fish. Simon tells Jesus to go away, he is a sinful man. Jesus tells him that he will make him a fisher of men. They left everything and followed him. How many times have we almost given up after spending a lot of time working hard and not getting anywhere, and then our nets become full? After Jesus sat and taught, he taught them again through action. He showed them how to persevere, to cast your net even when you think there is nothing to catch. When we sit at Mass and listen to the readings and the Gospel, we are to then go out and cast our nets. Where is Jesus telling you to cast your net this week?

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



## Week of Sunday, February 10, 2019

### 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 Wynne—by Rick, Patty & Grandchildren

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

**Wednesday 2/13—8:15<sub>AM</sub>**—For the People of the Parish

**Friday 2/15—8:30<sub>AM</sub>**—Communion Service

### Saturday 2/16—4<sub>PM</sub>

Peter Mackay—by his family  
Mary Whitford—by Gary & Doris Beardsley  
Patricia Christian—by the family

**Sunday 2/17—8:30<sub>AM</sub>**—For the People of the Parish

### Sunday 2/17—11:00<sub>AM</sub>

Susan Dubuc—by John Dubuc  
Frank Mercurio and Rita Cooley  
—by the Mercurio & Grady families

### Reflection Questions for the Week

- Where in our life do you hear the call of God? What do you need in order to respond to this call as Isaiah did?
- In your own life, who has been a witness of faith for you? How are you a witness for others?
- In the life of faith we are called to persistence. Where Might Jesus be calling you to try one more time to put out your nets for a catch?
- Are there places in your own life where fear of failure keeps you from attempting something new? Can you hear Jesus telling you, “Do not be afraid”?

**Lenten Prayer Service...** The local churches will begin the weekly Lenten Prayer Services on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church. Holy Spirit will host the luncheon that day. We are looking for volunteers to prepare salads, casseroles and/or dessert for the luncheon. Please contact Helen Lewis, 518-732-2222 or hlewie@verizon.net and let her know what dish you will prepare.

**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.

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

## Stewardship

### Offertory:

2/3/19 — \$3,803.38      2/4/18 — \$5,636.80

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...** This past Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, we prepared lunch for approximately 60 people at Joseph's House. If you would like to join us for other such events, please call Kathy Wiech 518-477-5351 or Lisa LeBlanc 518-396-6566.

**Thank You!!!** The Social Action Ministry delivered 528 cans of soup plus additional food items to CoNSERNS-U in support of the Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign. We want to thank Holy Spirit School and the parishioners for their generous donations of soup and money. The out pouring to help feed those in need was tremendous and we thank you for your continued support.

**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 our second planning session in the Parish Center at 6:15<sub>PM</sub> on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Help make the day of a child living in a shelter brighter and join in the planning. You did not have to attend both planning sessions.



**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, Judy & Bill Guilbo, 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.



**Join us for two great service projects and a movie during Winter Break!** We will make sandwiches for the Albany Rescue Mission and goody bags for Jazzy Sun Birthdays from 10<sup>AM</sup> to Noon on Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup> in the school gym!



Help us assemble lunches for those in need! We also need supplies of: bread, lunch meat, jelly, brown bags, bananas or serving sized snacks. Jazzy Sun provides birthday parties for children living in homeless shelters. Bring any kind of goody bag party treats in bulks of 12 or 16 like pencils, noise makers, stickers, etc!

**Take a break and enjoy a movie and friendship!** We will be showing the movie "Evan Almighty", a funny and inspirational movie about Noah's Ark! Join us on from 10<sup>AM</sup> to noon on Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup> in the school library.

**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).

**Holy Spirit Directory...**

**Parish Pastoral Team 518-477-7925**

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**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 2/10	Reconciliation Retreat	2-5 <sup>PM</sup>	Library
Mo 2/11	Reconciliation Retreat	6 <sup>PM</sup>	Library
We 2/13	Jazzy Sun Planning Session	6:15 <sup>PM</sup>	Parish Ctr
Mo 2/18	Presidents Day Holiday		Offices Closed
We 2/20	Sandwich Making	10 <sup>AM</sup>	Gym
We 2/20	Jazzy Sun Goody Bag Assembly	10 <sup>AM</sup>	Gym
Th 2/21	"Evan Almighty" Movie	10 <sup>AM</sup>	Library

**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.



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