



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.

Sunday's Reading: #997

First Reading:

Jer 17: 5 – 8

Second Reading:

1 Cor 15: 12, 16 – 20

This Sunday's Gospel:

Luke 6: 17, 20 – 26

See our website for this week's daily readings:

www.holyspiritchurcheg.org

Next Sunday's Reading: #1000

First Reading:

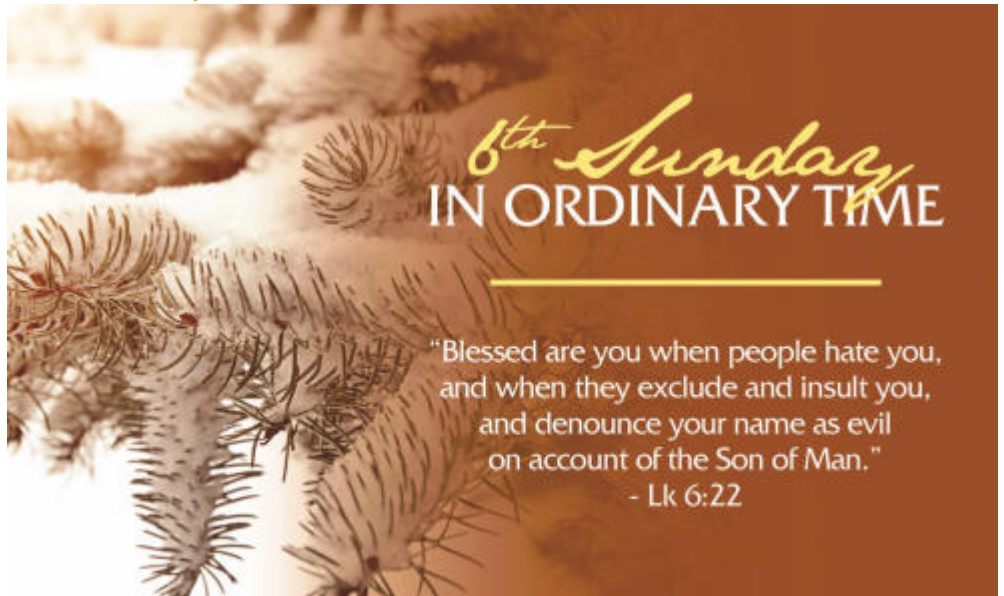
1 Samuel 26: 2, 7 – 9

Second Reading:

1 Cor 15: 45 – 49

Next Sunday's Gospel:

Luke 6: 27 – 38



A letter from your parish staff...

We continue this week with the Gospel of Luke. This reading is the Sermon on the Plain, similar to the Gospel of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. Matthew wrote his book for a Jewish audience. Jesus taught from a mountain because mountains are very symbolic for Jews. For example, Moses went up on a mountain to get the Ten Commandments. Luke's audience is different. He writes for the gentiles. Jesus speaks to the crowd from a stretch of level ground. How would you prefer to hear the Jesus speak? From above, or from among the people?

Luke gives us four beatitudes and then four woes. Let's look at the Sermon on the Plain if we put a beatitude and woe together. "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation." When put together, the contrast is much more striking. It's not just about money though. If you are poor, you are wanting to change, to have a better life. If you are rich, you are very content to sit back and not worry about improving anything. Jesus calls us to a life of change and growth. Spending this LIFT Season exploring the Beatitudes with Pope Francis has given us opportunities for exploration of the Beatitudes and our call to holiness. How are you being called to change and grow?

We are developing Lenten Reflections based upon Pope Francis' *Rejoice and Be Glad* to explore the Beatitudes even further. Stay tuned for more details. Lent begins on March 6th and is fast approaching. Begin to think about how you will fast or feast this Lenten Season. We invite you to feast on the Beatitudes with us.

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



Week of Sunday, February 17, 2019

Saturday 2/16—4^{PM}

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

Sunday 2/17—8:30^{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Sunday 2/17—11:00^{AM}

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

Wednesday 2/20—8:15^{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Friday 2/22—8:30^{AM}—Communion Service

Saturday 2/23—4^{PM}

Alice Matuszyk—by Betty Palasz
Mary Whitford—by Steve & Kathy Wiech
Donna Renzi—by the Farley family
Patricia & Edward Jackson—by Shirley & Joe Ouderkirk

Sunday 2/24—8:30^{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Sunday 2/24—11:00^{AM}

Craig Cahill—by Pat Cahill
John Costa—by Rosemary Horan

Reflection Questions for the Week

- In your daily life what are some actions you can take to align yourself with those Jesus proclaims as blessed: the poor, the hungry, the grieving, and the outcast?
- In Luke's Sermon on the Plain Jesus includes statements of woe after the more familiar statements of blessing that are also included in Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. Why do you think these statements are included? How do they challenge you in your life of faith?
- In the Nicene Creed we state: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead." How does belief in the resurrection of the dead affect your faith life?
- In the reading from the prophet Jeremiah and in the psalm, there is a common image: the one who trusts in God and meditates on God's law is like a tree planted beside flowing water. Nourished deeply by the living water of God's love, the just one flourishes. Where do you find living water in your own life? How might God be inviting you to drink even more deeply?

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Stewardship

Offertory:

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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.

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.

Lenten Prayer Service... The local churches will begin the weekly Lenten Prayer Services on March 13th 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.

CoNSERNS-U Food Pantry

518-463-8571

Canned fruit, canned meals, personal care items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper and tampons.

Jazzy Sun Birthdays... We are collecting goody bag-type items to make goody bags for Jazzy Sun Birthdays. Jazzy Sun provides birthday parties for children living in homeless shelters. Some ideas for donations are pencils, stickers, temporary tattoos, little toys, etc. We are looking for enough of each item for 24 kids so that they each get all the same items.



Blessed are... We are excited to be starting a pen pal program with foster children at Copson House (part of St Catherine's Center for Children). All kids love to get mail and to feel special! Any interested 9 to 14 year olds and their families are encouraged to email Meaghan@holyspiritchurcheg.org. Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

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.

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, 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^{AM} to Noon on Wednesday February 20th 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 24 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^{AM} to noon on Thursday February 21st 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.

Holy Spirit Directory...

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- Deacon Deacon Bill Dringus ... deacon1275@aol.com
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- Interim Administrator Gail Moore
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 - Laura Countryman laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org
 - Meaghan Rossbach .. meaghan@holyspiritchurcheg.org
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 - Tim Dowling 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
- 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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- 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 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 1st.



Upcoming Events...

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
Mo 2/18	Presidents Day Holiday	Offices	Closed
We 2/20	Sandwich Making	10 ^{AM}	Gym
We 2/20	Jazzy Sun Goody Bag Assembly	10 ^{AM}	Gym
Th 2/21	"Evan Almighty" Movie	10 ^{AM}	Library
We 3/6	Ash Wednesday Mass	6:45 ^{AM}	Church
We 3/6	Ash Wednesday Mass	8:30 ^{AM}	Church
We 3/6	Ash Wednesday Mass	6 ^{PM}	Church

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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