

March 3, 2019 | EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# Church of the Holy Spirit

*You are welcome here!*

## MASSSES

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>

## Sunday's Reading: #1003

### First Reading:

Sirach 27: 4 – 7

### Second Reading:

1 Cor 15: 54 – 58

### Next Sunday's Gospel:

Luke 6: 39 – 45

See our website for this week's  
daily readings:

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

## Next Sunday's Reading: #1006

### First Reading:

1 Kings 8: 41 – 43

### Second Reading:

Galatians 1: 1 – 2, 6 – 10

### Next Sunday's Gospel:

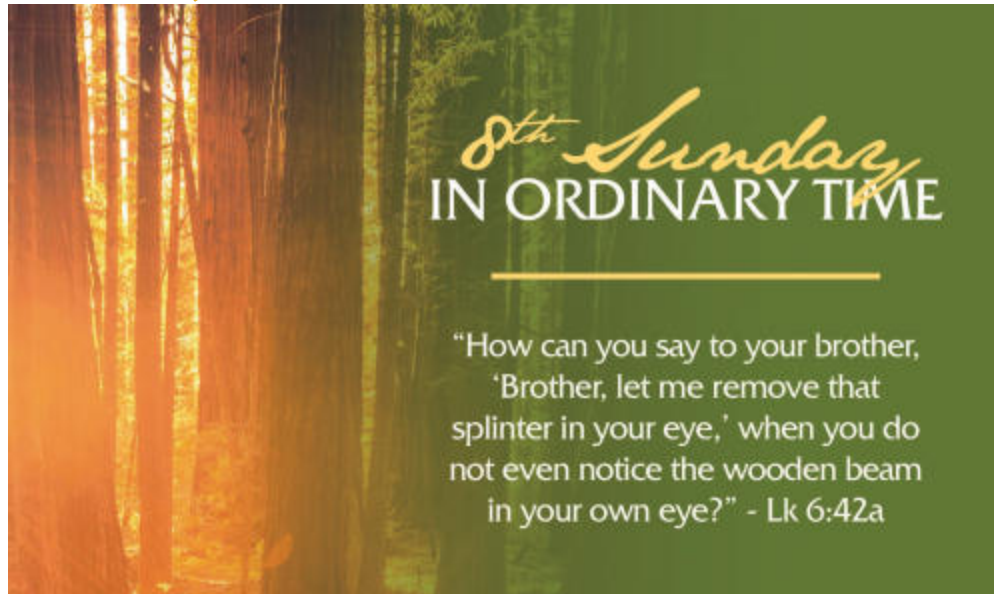
Luke 7: 1 – 10

## 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.



## A letter from your parish staff...

Lent begins Wednesday. Join us for Ash Wednesday Masses at 6:45<sub>AM</sub>, 8:30<sub>AM</sub> or 6:00<sub>PM</sub>. "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel." This is one of the forms for distributing ashes. How will you turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel this Lent? Have you made your plans for Lent yet? This weekend we will be distributing our *Lenten Reflections with the Beatitudes*. Journey through Lent with Pope Francis' reflections on the Beatitudes from *Rejoice and Be Glad*.

The Gospel this weekend challenges us to look at our faults. We can use the readings this weekend to help us this Lent. Will you fast from being blind and guiding others? Will you take out the beam blocking your vision? Using the first reading from Sirach, will you challenge yourself to use only words that uplift and bear good fruit?

Lent is a time to reflect and redirect our lives toward our call to holiness as we follow Jesus. This year, prepare for Lent as a family or with a friend. Use Lent as a time to challenge yourself and your family and friends. What can you fast from or feast on as a family? How can you and your friends challenge each other? Use this Lent as an opportunity to grow in and live out your faith with intention.

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



## Week of Sunday, March 3, 2019

### Saturday 3/2—4<sup>PM</sup>

Loyal Beardsley—by Gary & Doris Beardsley  
Mary Whitford—by her family  
Rose Helmes—by Amy & Don Boel  
James J. Hicks—by Shirley Hicks

### Sunday 3/3—8:30<sup>AM</sup>

Lori Augustine—by Rick, Patty & family  
John Tobin—by Jean Probst  
Amelia Bulmer Burke—by Tom & Diane Hart & Joyce Taff  
Brittany Prater  
—by Jackie Coonan & Joe & Mary Ann Danner

### Sunday 3/3—11:00<sup>AM</sup>—For the People of the Parish

Rosemary Tatko—by her family

### Wednesday 3/6—Ash Wednesday

6:55<sup>AM</sup>—For the People of the Parish

8:30<sup>AM</sup>—For the People of the Parish

6<sup>PM</sup>—For the People of the Parish

### Friday 3/8—8:30<sup>AM</sup>—Communion Service

### Saturday 3/9—4<sup>PM</sup>

Albert & John Blevins—by Mary Blevins  
Rose Helmes—by Ken & Roxanne Murray  
Joanne Haase—by Ellen & Jim Murphy  
Michael Ambrosio—David & Mary Ann Hilker

### Sunday 3/10—8:30<sup>AM</sup>—For the People of the Parish

### Sunday 3/3—11:00<sup>AM</sup>

David J. Ellis—by Shirley Hicks  
Cory Philips—by Helen Lewis

## Reflection Questions for the Week

- What do your own patterns and habits of speech reveal about you and about “the bent” of your heart?
- St. Paul urges us to “be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord.” Where is God calling you to be steadfast at this time?
- In the gospel we hear, “Every tree is known by its own fruit.” In what areas of your life are good fruits being born? Where is your life less fruitful?
- Where have you become preoccupied with a “splinter in your brother’s eye”? What might this preoccupation tell you about “the wooden beam in your own eye”?

**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.

## Stewardship

### Offertory:

2/24/19 — \$5,215.50      2/25/18 — \$5,837.00

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: [holyspirtchurcheg.org](http://holyspirtchurcheg.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.

### CoNSERNS-U Food Pantry

518-463-8571

Canned fruit, boxed scalloped potatoes (in preparation for Easter food baskets), shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper and tampons.

**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@holyspirtchurcheg.org](mailto:Meaghan@holyspirtchurcheg.org). Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

**Office Volunteers Needed...** We need help in the office to enter the Offertory collection into the computer, entering information into the church’s sacramental record books, preparing the Prayer of the Faithful and Announcements for the Weekend Mass.

We also need someone on Friday to set up the church for the weekend Mass. You would take bulletins and other items to the Sacristy, and check the church for old bulletins and items left on the floor. It only takes about an hour once a week.

We are the church. This is our church, it is strong and vibrant through our attention and work.

## Raise your hand if you are tired of the cold weather!

We are too. Join us from 2 to 4<sup>PM</sup> Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> for our Cabin Fever event. We’ll have hot chocolate, snacks and enjoy fun and games: Holy Family Feud, Categories, Bingo and more! This is a great community event for all ages.



**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 Agcaoli, Sandra Battisto, Joe Belschwinder, Jennifer Bobersky, David Bovia, Linda Cambareri, Adelaide Carr, John Crowther, Joe DiBella, Allana DiBiasio, Chris Edwards, Fred Endres, Ruth Farard, Lynn Gorman, Judy & Bill Guilbo, Marilyn Hart, Pam Hellwig, Steve Hill, Mary Hoffman, Carol Langdon, Margaret Leahy, Jeff Lichiello, Daniel Lockhart, Jeff McAuley, Carole McDowell, Joan Mineau, Zygmunt Palasz, Paul Piela, Lynn Pupello, John Orsino, Rick Rafferty, Patricia Reilly, Joan Roher, Barbara Sager, 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.



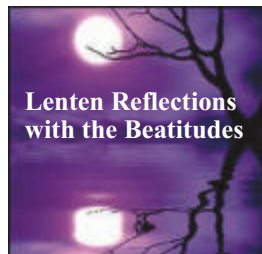
**2019 Personal Care Drive...** The Holy Spirit Social Action Ministry will collect toothpaste, adult and children’s toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, shaving cream, disposable razors, deodorant, baby care items, and disposable diapers. Monetary donations are always welcome. Please bring items to the church on the weekend of March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, or to the Parish Center the week of March 11<sup>th</sup> through March 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Personal Care Drive benefits Joseph’s House, Circles of Mercy and CoNSERNS-U. Thank you for your support!

**Hospitality Goes Green!** Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with us. Join us for Hospitality after *all* Masses the weekend of March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to bake or help provide refreshments please contact Ellen Murphy at 518-479-7217.

**Homebound and Nursing Homes...** We are compiling a list of parishioners in nursing homes in the area. If you know of anyone, please call the Parish Center and give us the name and nursing home. We would like to keep in touch with and visit them.

**Lent is Coming!** This weekend we will be distributing Holy Spirit’s Lenten Guide for 2019. Join us as we journey through Lent, guided by Pope Francis and the Beatitudes. Blessed are you, happy are you holy are you!



**Holy Spirit Directory...**

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

- Deacon ..... Deacon Bill Dringus ... [deacon1275@aol.com](mailto:deacon1275@aol.com)
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- Interim Administrator ..... Gail Moore
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**Parish Council:**

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- Ellen Murphy: 518-479-7217 or [ebmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:ebmurphy@gmail.com)

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**Faith on Vacation...** On Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> about 400 sandwiches were made by our awesome volunteers. This made about 200 bagged lunches for the Capital City Rescue Mission. We also assembled 95 goody bags to be used at Jazzy Sun birthday parties.

**Upcoming Events...**

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
We 3/6	Ash Wednesday Mass	6:45 <sub>AM</sub>	Church
We 3/6	Ash Wednesday Mass	8:30 <sub>AM</sub>	Church
We 3/6	Ash Wednesday Mass	6 <sub>PM</sub>	Church
We 3/13	Social Action Committee	7 <sub>PM</sub>	Parish Ctr
Sa 3/16	Personal Care Drive		Church
Su 3/17	Personal Care Drive		Church
Su 3/24	Lift Gathering	12 <sub>PM</sub>	Gym
Mo 3/25	Lift Gathering	5:30 <sub>PM</sub>	Gym

**Weekly Events...**

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



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