

March 10, 2019 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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}

Sunday's Reading: #906

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 26: 4 – 10

Second Reading:

Romans 10: 8 – 13

Next Sunday's Gospel:

Luke 4: 1 – 13

See our website for this week's
daily readings:

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Next Sunday's Reading: #909

First Reading:

Genesis 15: 5 – 12

Second Reading:

Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1

Next Sunday's Gospel:

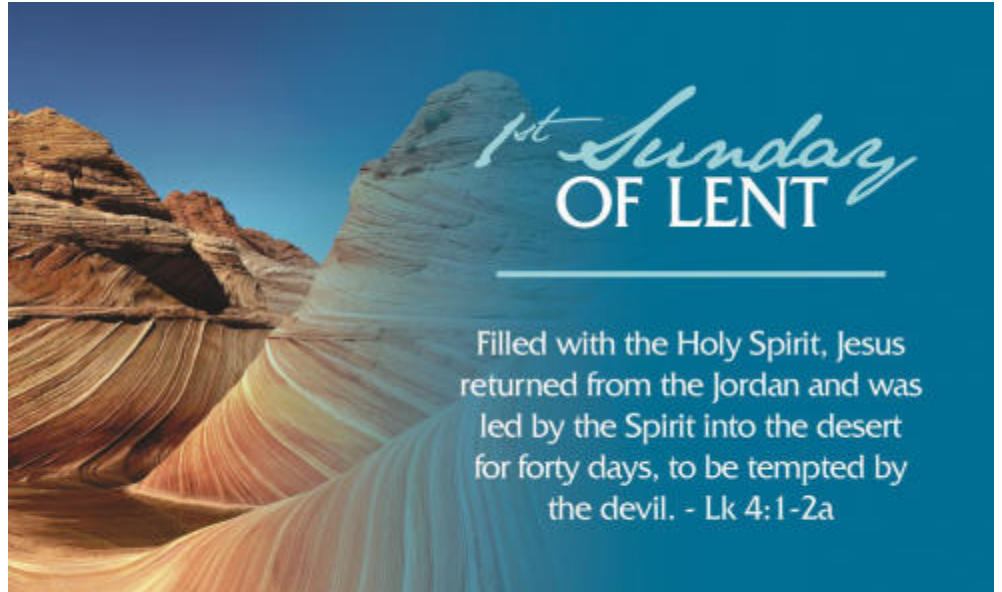
Luke 9: 28 – 36

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.



A letter from your parish staff...

Our Gospel Reading this Sunday of Lent, has Jesus being led by the Spirit into the desert for 40 days to be tempted by the devil. Lent is our opportunity to spend 40 days working on what we need to do to grow closer to God and not be tempted by wasting our time and energy on things that bring us closer to the devil. What holds you back or distracts you from following God? How can you change that this Lent?

“The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter.” (Paschale Solemnitatis. Ceremonial of Bishops PS6; CB249). This is a great way to look at Lent, not just as a season of penance, but as an ascent toward Easter. Not just as fasting before the feast, but a slow and steady climb toward the Easter celebration. Don't just wander in the desert, climb the mountain. Do Lent with purpose. Look ahead to Easter. How do you want to be better prepared to celebrate and be closer to God?

We have an exciting event to look forward to at 6:30_{PM} on Monday evening, March 11th. We have the great pleasure of having Sr. Kitty Hanley join us for an evening of reflection on the *Blessings of Lent*. Bring your family, friends, teenagers and neighbors to what will be a great evening. Sr. Kitty is one of the gems of the Albany Diocese. You won't want to miss this opportunity.

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



Week of Sunday, March 10, 2019

Saturday 3/9—4_{PM}

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_{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Sunday 3/10—11:00_{AM}

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

Wednesday 3/13—9_{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Friday 3/15—8:30_{AM}—Communion Service

Saturday 3/16—4_{PM}

Mary Whitford—by Kitty & Tony Chromczak
Rose Helmes—by Dom & Lynn Indelicato
Marjorie McArdle—by David & Mary Ann Hilker

Sunday 3/17—8:30_{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Ernie Daoust—by Pat Daoust

Sunday 3/7—11:00_{AM}

Mass Intention Available

Reflection Questions for the Week

- In your life, how have you experienced God's presence in times of distress?
- What helps you to remain steadfast in time of temptation?
- In the gospel Jesus declares, "One does not live on bread alone." During this Lenten time of fasting, how can you feast on the word and presence of God?
- How can you make this season more retreat-like in both the way you live it individually and celebrate it as a parish community?

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.

Living the Beatitudes. Join us as we continue to explore how we can live the Beatitudes, based on Pope Francis' letter, *Rejoice and Be Glad*. We will gather on Sunday, March 24th following the 11_{AM} Mass or Monday, March 25th at 5:30_{PM} beginning with a meal, then exploring the Beatitudes, Living In Faith Together. Please contact laura@holyspiritchurcheg.org for more information.

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

Stewardship

Offertory:

3/3/19 — \$4,736.26 3/4/18 — \$5,279.68

The second collection this week will be for the Black, Native American and Latin American Missions.

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.

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@holyspiritchurcheg.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.

Please contact the office (518-477-7925) if you are able to help.

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

Congratulations First Reconciliation Candidates!

Twenty-four of our young parishioners celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 2nd. They received beautifully crocheted scarves to remind them that God's mercy is always with them. Many thanks to Chris Larsen and Barbara Danner for the wonderful crochet work.



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 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.



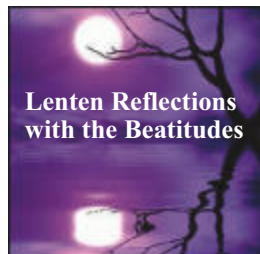
2019 Personal Care Drive... The Holy Spirit Social Action Ministry is collecting toothpaste, adult and children’s toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, shaving cream, disposable razors, deodorant, baby care items, and disposable diapers. Monetary donations are always welcome. Please bring items to the church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

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 16th and 17th. 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...

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- Deacon Deacon Bill Dringus ... deacon1275@aol.com
- Interim Sacramental Minister Fr. John Bradley
- 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 hssoffice@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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Trustees:

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

One night only event! Join us for this one of a kind gathering on the *Blessings of Lent*, with Sr. Kitty Hanley, CSJ at 7^{PM} on Monday, March 11th in the church. Sr. Kitty is one of the premier speakers in the Albany Diocese and the former Dean and Director of St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry in Albany. Don't miss this wonderful event. Friends and neighbors are also welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Events...

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
Su 3/10	Living in a Safe Environment	6 ^{PM}	Gym
Mo 3/11	The Blessings of Lent	6:30 ^{PM}	Church
We 3/13	Social Action Committee	7 ^{PM}	Parish Ctr
Sa 3/16	Personal Care Drive		Church
Su 3/17	Personal Care Drive		Church
Su 3/24	Lift Gathering	12 ^{PM}	Gym
Mo 3/25	Lift Gathering	5:30 ^{PM}	Gym

Weekly Events...

- The Rosary – Tuesdays at 11^{AM} in the Parish Center.
- Bible Study – Wednesdays at 10:30^{AM} in the Parish Ctr.
- Choir Practice – 1st Wednesday at 7^{PM} in the Church.



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