

March 17, 2019 | SECOND 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: #909

First Reading:

Genesis 15: 5 – 12

Second Reading:

Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1

Next Sunday's Gospel:

Luke 9: 28 – 36

See our website for this week's
daily readings:

www.holyspiritchurcheg.org

Next Sunday's Reading: #912

First Reading:

Exodus 3: 1 – 8

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 6, 10– 12

Next Sunday's Gospel:

Luke 13: 1 – 9

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...

Today we hear the story of the Transfiguration. After Jesus converses with Elijah and Moses in fulfillment of their prophecies, we read about another Old Testament image. A cloud came and cast a shadow over them. The Old Testament has many instances where a cloud represents the presence of the Lord. Then Peter, John and James heard the voice from the cloud tell them, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him". Afterward they became silent, and did not tell anyone right away what they had seen. They needed to process what they witnessed. They saw two of the Old Testament prophets, Elijah and Moses talking with Jesus. They saw Jesus' face change and his clothing become dazzling white. A cloud came and a voice spoke to them. That's a lot to think about and they took the time to do it. They didn't run and tell everyone right away. In today's quick, responsive world, we need to do more of that. Think about what we witness. What does it mean? How does it make you feel? Does it frighten you, and if so why? This is mystagogy. Spending some time figuring out what you just experienced and what it means to you. Spend more time in mystagogy, unpacking the mysteries of our faith.

Our Lenten journey can be seen in the story of the Transfiguration. We go from darkness to light, just as we did at our baptism. Lent gives us an opportunity to look into the dark places in our heart and allow Christ's light to shine there. What will you discover this Lent? Will you allow yourself the time to reflect on your faith life? We are called by our baptism to continually move closer to God. Like Peter, John and James, experience Lent in a way that humbles you into silence.

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



**Week of Sunday,
March 17, 2019**

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 3/17—11:00_{AM}

For the People of the Parish

Wednesday 3/20—9_{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Friday 3/22—8:30_{AM}—Communion Service

Saturday 3/23—4_{PM}

Mary Whitford—by Shirley Hicks
Henry, Jean & Paul Dambrowski
—by Felix & Vittoria Dambrowski
Marian Farley—by the Farley family
Phyllis Cairns—by David Cairns & family

Sunday 3/24—8:30_{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Sunday 3/24—11:00_{AM}

Franklin Grant—by Beatrice Grant
Jack Graves—by David & Mary Ann Hilker

Reflection Questions for the Week

- Where is God asking you to wait and be patient at this time in your life?
- What does it mean to you that your “citizenship is in heaven”?
- The voice from the cloud tells Peter, James, and John, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” How do you listen to Jesus in daily life?
- In your life, which places of darkness are longing for the light of Christ? How might you lift these places up to the Light?

Lenten Prayer Service & Luncheon... The local churches began the weekly Lenten Prayer Services on March 13th, continuing through April 10th, at the First United Methodist Church, 1 Gilligan Rd.. Worship services begin at 12:05_{PM}, with lunch to follow. Thank you to everyone who provided food and worked last Wednesday. It was a wonderful luncheon.

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

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.

Stewardship

Offertory:

3/10/19 — \$4,861.00 3/11/18 — \$5,279.68

Black, Native American & Latin American Missions:

3/10/19 — \$1,086.25 3/11/18 — \$1,077.00

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.

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.

Hospitality Goes Green! Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with us for Hospitality after *all* Masses this weekend.

Please join us for LIFT. Our next LIFT Gathering will take place on Sunday, March 24th and Monday, March 25th. Join us as we continue to explore the Beatitudes with Pope Francis’ *Rejoice and Be Glad*. We will begin with a delicious Taco Salad Dinner, share faith have fun and spend time Living In Faith Together.



LIFT GATHERING	Sunday	Monday
Dinner service begins	12:05	5:30
End dinner service	12:35	6:05
Begin Gathering	12:45	6:15
End Gathering	2:00	7:30

Join us for our Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service Wednesday, March 27th at 7_{PM}. Share in the mercy and forgiveness of God in this Sacrament of Healing.

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.

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.

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 Agcaoil, 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, Paula MeiselJoan Mineau, Zygmunt Palasz, Paul Piela, Lynn Pupello, John Orsino, Rick Rafferty, Patricia Reilly, Joan Roher, Barbara Sager, Paul Schell, Mary Lou Seger, Teena Slesman, 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.



VIRTUS Training... Holy Spirit School has scheduled VIRTUS training at 6:30^{PM} on Wednesday, April 10th. You may pre-register online at www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0, or walk-ins are always welcome. VIRTUS training is required to volunteer at the school. Training will be in the library or the gym, depending on how many people register.

CoNSERNS-U Food Pantry 518-463-8571
Canned vegetables, boxed scalloped potatoes (in preparation for Easter food baskets), shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper and tampons.

Easter Baskets... Holy Spirit is collecting Easter Basket items for Joseph’s House, CoNSERNS-U, and St. Catherine’s Center for Children. Hundreds of



Easter Baskets will be assembled on Palm Sunday, April 14th in the Holy Spirit School gym after the 8:30^{AM} Mass. *We are in need of: a lot of small and large pre-wrapped candy, small stuffed animals and small toys.* Please bring your donations to the Church or to the Parish Center by April 13th.



Holy Spirit Directory...

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Holy Spirit School (PreK3-Grade 8)

- School Office, 54 Highland Drive 518-477-5739
- Email hsoffice@hsseg.org
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- Rick Hannmann: rhanmann7@gmail.com
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Thank you Sr. Kitty! On Monday, March 11th we were blessed to have Sr. Kitty Hanley come and guide us on an evening of reflections on the “Blessings of Lent”. She helped make us more prepared to celebrate Lent wholeheartedly.

Upcoming Events...

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
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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