



# 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>

## 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**

See our website for this week's  
daily readings:

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

## Next Sunday's Reading: #915

**First Reading:**

**Joshua 5: 9, 10 – 12**

**Second Reading:**

**2 Corinthians 5: 17 – 21**

**Next Sunday's Gospel:**

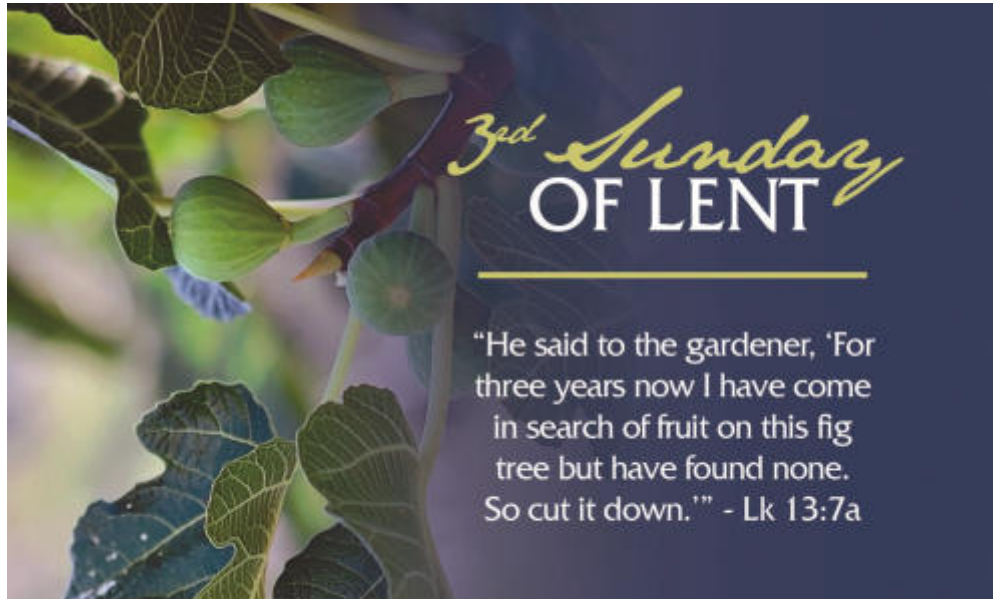
**Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11 – 32**

## 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.



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
OF LENT

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.’” - Lk 13:7a

## A letter from your parish staff...

Luke shares the Parable of the Fig Tree with us this weekend. For three years the tree grows without bearing fruit, so the owner asks the gardener to cut it down. “Why should it exhaust the soil?” The gardener asks him to leave it for another year so he can cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it. He says “it may bear fruit in the future”. Have you taken time this Lenten Season to cultivate the ground where you’ve planted your faith? Have you pruned some of the things that distract you from living a holy life? Have you fertilized your faith? Lent is a great opportunity to re-evaluate where we are and where we are going.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Once again, people of faith are faced with tragedy. This Beatitude teaches us that “Knowing how to mourn with others; that is holiness”. (*Rejoice and Be Glad* #76, Pope Francis). We pray for the people of Christchurch, New Zealand. As much as we would like to avoid disturbing events, we are “to share in the suffering of others and not flee from painful situations.” Pray for those suffering locally and around the world. We are all brothers and sisters. This can be a new prayer practice, pray before and after the news or as you are reading the newspaper. Take the opportunity to mourn with others through prayer. That is holiness.

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



**Week of Sunday,  
March 24, 2019**

**Saturday 3/23—4<sup>PM</sup>**

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<sup>AM</sup>**—For the People of the Parish

**Sunday 3/24—11:00<sup>AM</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 3/27—9<sup>AM</sup>**

Frank Chiffolo—by Rose & Children

**Friday 3/29—8:30<sup>AM</sup>**—Communion Service

**Saturday 3/30—4<sup>PM</sup>**

Mary Whitford—by Doris & Gary Beardsley  
Rose Helmes—by Rosemary Horan  
John Costa—by Carmen & Vivian Patti  
Norma Heffernan—by Jim & Ellen Murphy

**Sunday 3/31—8:30<sup>AM</sup>**—For the People of the Parish

**Sunday 3/31—11:00<sup>AM</sup>**

Mildred DiDio—by Helen Griffiths

**Reflection Questions for the Week**

- How have you experienced God’s call in your own life? What has been your response?
- How does your family and/or community pass on faith to younger generations?
- What situations in your life are met with grumbling? How might you greet them in a different way?
- Where in your life, family, or parish is there a lack of fruit being borne? How might you cultivate the ground to encourage fruitfulness?

**Thank You...** To all who helped put on the first of 2019’s fabulous Lenten Luncheons. There were so many delicious dishes and wonderful helpers. We are blessed to have so many people working together as a Holy Spirit family.

**Thank You...** The Social Action Ministry would like to thank everyone for the generous donations of personal care items. We also thank the Holy Spirit School for joining us in this collection. All that you do makes a difference to those in need. Thank you!

**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.

**Stewardship**

**Offertory:**

3/17/19 — \$4,396      3/18/18 — \$5,049.68

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).

**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.

**Please join us for LIFT.** Our next LIFT Gathering will take place on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. 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** at 7<sup>PM</sup> Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Share in the mercy and forgiveness of God in this Sacrament of Healing.



**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 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, Arthur Murphy, Brian L. Murphy, and Erin Walraven.



**Girl Scout cookies...** Holy Spirit School's Girl Scout troop will be selling Girl Scout cookies after mass April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> to earn money for our troop activities like International Fair, camping, and badges. If you don't like cookies, you can buy boxes to donate. This year our Service Unit is donating cookies to CoNSERNS-U in Rensselaer. Thank you!



**Save the Date!** Holy Spirit School will be hosting the HSS Annual Golf Outing, dinner and silent auction beginning at 1<sup>PM</sup> on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The golf outing will be held at Olde Kinderhook Golf Club in Valatie, followed by a dinner and silent auction at Moscatello's in Troy. Options are available for golf and/or dinner. Please call the school, 518-477-5739, for more information.

**Easter Baskets...** Holy Spirit is collecting Easter Basket items for Joseph's House, CoNSERNS-U, & St. Catherine's Center for Children. Hundreds of Easter Baskets will be assembled on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in the Holy Spirit School gym after the 8:30<sup>AM</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>.



**Holy Spirit Directory...**

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**CoNSERNS-U Food Pantry**

**518-463-8571**

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

**VIRTUS Training...** Holy Spirit School has scheduled VIRTUS training at 6:30<sup>PM</sup> on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. You may pre-register online at [www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theme=0](http://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.

**Upcoming Events...**

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
Su 3/24	Lift Gathering	12 <sup>PM</sup>	Gym
Mo 3/25	Lift Gathering	5:30 <sup>PM</sup>	Gym
Su 3/31	Eucharist Retreat #1 & #2	2 <sup>PM</sup>	Library
Mo 4/1	Eucharist Retreat #1M	6-7 <sup>PM</sup>	Library

**Weekly Events...**

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



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