

April 7, 2019 | FIFTH 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: #918

First Reading:

Isaiah 43: 16 – 21

Second Reading:

Philippians 3: 8 – 14

Next Sunday's Gospel:

John 8: 1 – 11

See our website for this week's
daily readings:

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Next Sunday's Reading: #926

First Reading:

Isaiah 50: 4 – 7

Second Reading:

Philippians 2: 6 – 11

Next Sunday's Gospel:

Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56

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.



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I
condemn you. Go, and from
now on do not sin any more."
- Jn 8:11b

A letter from your parish staff...

This weekend we switch from the Gospel of Luke to the Gospel of John. We hear about forgiveness. Again. Have you ever thought about how much we hear about forgiveness? During Mass, forgiveness has been a part of many of the readings and we also pray about forgiveness many times in the Penitential Rite, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Lamb of God, etc. If Jesus thought it was important to mention frequently in his teachings and forgiveness is prominent during the Mass, maybe we need to pay attention.

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." When we pick up stones to throw at others, we are not forgiving those who trespass against us. We are also not focusing where we should be. What are *our* sins and trespasses that we need to work on? We sometimes get so consumed by what others have done, that we forget to take a look at ourselves. Why are we having such a reactions to someone else's transgressions? Does it hit too close to home for us? Are we avoiding looking at ourselves by focusing on others? If we focus more on our relationship with God; then what others do, or don't do, will not have as much of an effect on us. If we focus on our own reflection and our own relationship with Jesus, we won't need to pick up any stones.

Jesus doesn't condemn the woman, the scribes or the Pharisees; however, he does forgive the woman but does not offer the scribes and Pharisees words of forgiveness. They walk away from Him without a word. Talk to God, ask for forgiveness through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Don't just walk away. He is always waiting for you.

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



Week of Sunday, April 7, 2019

Saturday 4/6—4^{PM}

Mary Whitford—by Rosemary Horan
Romney Eisenhut—by Ann Eisenhut
Rose Helmes—by Shirley Hicks
Eleanor & George Barna's 60th Wedding Anniversary
—by Cheryl Seymour

Sunday 4/7—8:30^{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Sunday 4/7—11:00^{AM}

Mass Intention Available

Wednesday 4/10—9^{AM}

For the People of the Parish

Friday 4/12—8:30^{AM}—Communion Service

Saturday 4/13—4^{PM}

Mary Whitford—by
Angelo, Carmina & Alba DeCarlo
—by Felix & Vittoria Dambrowski
Walter Decker—by his family

Sunday 4/14—8:30^{AM}

Boyd & Carmella Wynne—by Rick, Patty & Grandchildren
William Lester Pounds, Jr.—by Rosemary Horan
Judy Phelps—by her family

Sunday 4/14—11:00^{AM}—For the People of the Parish

Reflection Questions for the Week

- Where do you see God's action in your life, family, or parish bring about something new?
- How has your practice of fasting been this Lent? How has it enriched or affected your relationship with God and others?
- How does your parish extend forgiveness to those who have committed a public sin?
- Jesus gives us a model of mercy in today's gospel. How have you experienced giving and receiving mercy in your own life of faith?

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

Girl Scout cookies... Holy Spirit School's Girl Scout troop are selling Girl Scout cookies after Masses this weekend to earn money. 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!



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.

Stewardship

Offertory:

3/31/19 —	\$5,493.00	4/1/18 —	\$13,049.68
		(Easter)	

Catholic Relief Services:

3/31/19 —	\$1,167.00	4/1/18 —	\$1,312.00
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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.

Easter Flowers... Please forward your envelopes to remember loved ones for the Easter flower memorial to the Parish Office no later than Friday, April 12th for inclusion in the Easter bulletin.

It takes a Parish... Please pray for our candidates as they continue their initiation by preparing to join us at the Table of the Lord and celebrate their first Eucharist:

Megan Barry	Brayden Fleming
Kyson Benyo	Jeffrey Gildart
Andrew Bombard	Sam Greco
Alessia Boniface	Maggie Hoddick
Eamon Carafello	Sean Kenney
Margo Collins	Julia Krisanda
Sophia Cottrell	Colburn Naples
Elianna Cruz	Louis Polsinello
Breda Dewey	Alaina Randall
Jackson Dringus	Tara Rossbach
Kieran Ellis	Molly Shaw
Halle Feldman	Colin Vogel

Loving God,

We pray for those who are preparing to share in the Eucharist. Help us to support these candidates with our prayers, love and guidance. Bless these children and their families as they continue their faith journey.

Amen.

Protecting Children... Every April, child and youth serving organizations, including Catholic dioceses, parishes, and schools, participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month to highlight the importance of protecting minors from abuse. Virtus training is a good way to learn how to become an advocate and watchdog for the children you encounter. Attend Virtus training right at 6:30^{PM} at the Holy Spirit School 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.

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, Mary McCabe, Carole McDowell, Paula Meisel, 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, Arthur Murphy, Brian L. Murphy, and Erin Walraven.



Choir Practice... in preparation for Holy Week will be at 7_{PM} in the Church on Wednesday, April 17th.

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

Save the Date! Holy Spirit School will be hosting the HSS Annual Golf Outing, dinner and silent auction beginning at 1_{PM} on Friday, June 14th. 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 CoNSERNS-U, Joseph's House, & 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 desperate need of: a lot of chocolate bunnies and pre-wrapped candy. Please bring your donations to the Church or to the Parish Center by April 13th.



Holy Spirit Directory...

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- Interim Sacramental Minister Fr. John Bradley
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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.

Deacon Bill Dringus: deacon1275@aol.com

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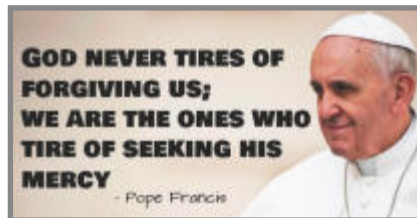
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Save the Date!
Sunday September 8th,
11_{AM} Mass, Picnic at
12_{PM}.

Upcoming Events...

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
Sa 4/6	Rosary Gathering	3:10 _{PM}	Church
Su 4/7	Eucharist Retreat #3 & #4	2 _{PM}	Library
Mo 4/8	Eucharist Retreat #2M	6-7 _{PM}	Library
We 4/10	Virtus Training	6:30 _{PM}	School
Sa 4/13	Set up for Easter Basket Assembly	5 _{PM}	Gym
Su 4/14	Easter Basket Assembly	9:30 _{AM}	Gym
Mo 4/15	Eucharist Retreat #3M	6-7 _{PM}	Library
Th 4/18	Mass for Holy Thursday	6-7 _{PM}	Church
Fr 4/19	Stations of the Cross	3 _{PM}	Church
Fr 4/19	Good Friday Service	6 _{PM}	Church
Sat 4/20	Blessing of Food	9:30 _{AM}	Church
Sat 4/20	Decorating Church for Easter	12 _{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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