

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 9_{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:

www.holyspiritchurcheg.org

Next Sunday's Reading: #953

First Reading:

Acts 10: 34, 37 – 43

Second Reading:

Col 3: 1 – 4 or 1 Cor 5: 6 – 8

Next Sunday's Gospel:

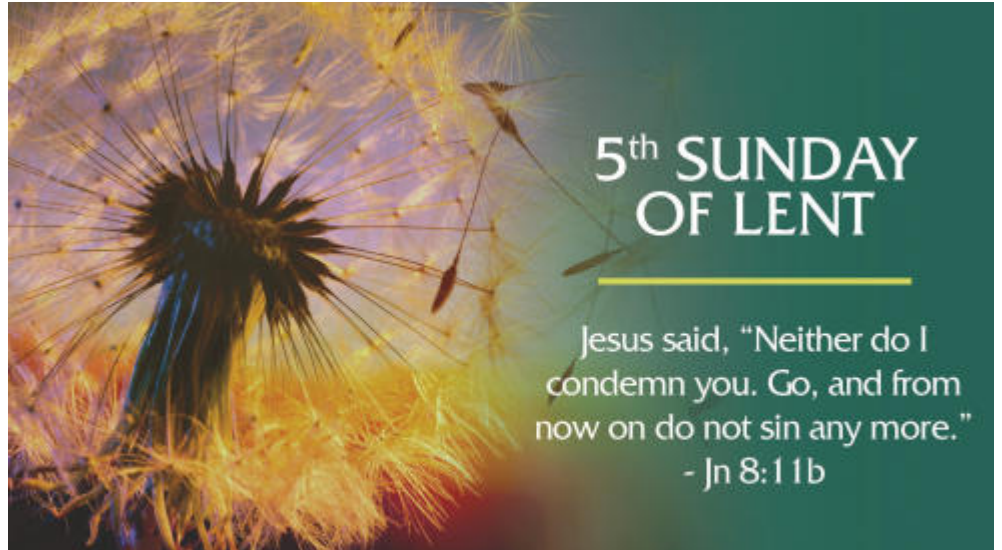
John 20: 1 – 9 or: Luke 24: 13 – 35

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...

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. Think about that term; Holy Week. We have special days and feasts throughout the year but this special time needs a week of celebration. It's a week of great triumph and great sorrow. The parables give us stories to think about and apply to our lives. Holy Week gives us the opportunity to journey with Jesus from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through his death and Resurrection.

Our faith journey can be like Holy Week with triumphs, ordinary days and dark days. Things can change very quickly. When we face challenges, we can turn to Jesus' example during Holy Week. On his last night before he was arrested, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples. We can be like Christ and serve others. When we do serve, we are the body of Christ. Serving also helps us get through challenges by focusing on others.

One of the opportunities that people seem skittish to try is having their feet washed. If you have never had the opportunity, why not make this your year. Take the time to watch the videos of Pope Francis washing the feet of prisoners. Just watching this ritual is a humbling experience. Pope Francis washes their foot, dries it tenderly, kisses their foot and then looks them in the eye and shakes their hand. Imagine how that feels as a prisoner, to have the Pope not only wash your foot, but look you in the eye and shake your hand. He sees them as children of God; not prisoners, not Muslims, not atheists or anything else. The disciples were also very uncomfortable when Jesus told them he was going to wash their feet. What makes you uncomfortable about having your feet washed? How will you get past that uneasiness?

Join us for all of the Triduum. If there is something you have never experienced before, give it a try. The Triduum is meant to be experienced in its entirety. Together they tell a story. Experience the joy and sorrow with us.

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



Week of Sunday, April 14, 2019

Saturday 4/13—4^{PM}

Mary Whitford—by her family
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

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

Monday 4/15—9^{AM}

Mass Intention Available

Tuesday 4/16—6^{PM}

Mass Intention Available

Wednesday 4/17—9^{AM}

Mass Intention Available

Thursday 4/17—6^{PM}—Holy Thursday

For the People of the Parish

Friday 4/19—3^{PM}—Stations of the Cross

6^{PM}—Good Friday

Saturday 4/20—4^{PM}—Holy Saturday

Al Hirt—by Shirley Hirt
Mary Whitford—by Amy & Don Boel
Frances Samarja—by Kathy & Bob Sweeney
Tom Horan—by Rosemary Horan

Sunday 4/21—8:30^{AM}—Easter Sunday

Russell Belschwinder
—by Amelia, Joseph & Michael Belchwinder

Sunday 4/21—10^{AM}—Easter Sunday

Alice Hicks—by Doris & Gary Beardsley

Sunday 4/21—11:30^{AM}—Easter Sunday

For the People of the Parish
Mass Intention Available

Reflection Questions for the Week

- Who are the weary in your parish or community? What word do they need to hear?
- St. Paul records an early hymn to Christ in his letter to the Philippians, lauding the one who “emptied himself.” What spiritual practice helps you to empty yourself so as to make room for Jesus?
- At the beginning of today’s gospel we hear Luke’s account of the Last Supper, when Jesus gives his body and blood, his entire self, to us. How do you experience Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist?
- How will you set aside your regular routine these next eight days to enter into Holy Week?

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

Stewardship

Offertory:

4/7/19 — \$5,899.55 4/8/18 — \$5,538.89

The Easter collection is a special way for each parish family member to support the works of our parish. Please consider a special gift at this our most important Christian feast. Envelopes are available at all the exits.

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.

Disciples Needed! Would you be willing to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday? Let yourself be as humble as the disciples and be served and serve others by having your feet washed.



Contact the office, Fr. Bradley or Deacon Bill if you are interested. This is a great opportunity for a parent and child.

Triduum Guide:

The Triduum is three days and one liturgical service. Join us for these high Holy Days.

Holy Thursday: Begins like our “regular” Mass. We also wash feet, following the example of Jesus and the disciples, commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and end with a procession and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and after spending some time with Jesus, leave in silence.

Good Friday: We come together in silence as we ended the night before. In addition to readings and the distribution of Communion, we will venerate the Cross, with a kiss or a touch. Again, we will leave in silence.

Holy Saturday: We finally get to celebrate Jesus’ Resurrection. Alleluia! We begin with fire, candlelight and the lighting of our new Paschal Candle. The alleluia returns to Mass. This is the most important liturgy of the year, and the longest (about 1.5 hours). If you’ve never experienced Holy Saturday, why not give it a try.

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

Please Pray... for our young candidates who are preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist soon.

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, Kathy Letso, 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.



Congratulations & Blessings...

to Eleanor & George Barna who recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.



Holy Spirit School... registration is now open for grades Kindergarten through Grade 8. Please visit our website, hsseg.com or call our office at 518-477-5739. Faith. Knowledge. Community.

Thank you from HSS Girl Scout Troop. Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners, there were 51 boxes of cookies that will be donated and 167 boxes of cookies sold.

\$9.6 Million Dollars was collected Nationwide during the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our efforts at Holy Spirit contributed to the success of this nationwide event! Thanks to all of 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.

Holy Spirit Directory...

Parish Pastoral Team 518-477-7925

- Interim Sacramental Minister Fr. John Bradley
- Interim Administrator Gail Moore
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- Tim Dowling tim@holyspiritchurcheg.org
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- Maintenance Services Paul Weidman

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.

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

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.

Upcoming Events...

Date	Occasion	Time	Place
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 ^{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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