



Church of the Holy Spirit

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APRIL 4, 2021 | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

REOPENING INFORMATION

Here's what you need to know before you join us for Mass:

- You will need to bring your own mask and sanitizer.
- Gathering before and after Mass is discouraged.
- Seating in the church has been modified to maintain social distancing.
- Ushers will ask for your name upon arrival. This is to assist in contact tracing if a case of COVID 19 is detected in a parishioner. All attendance records will be sealed and destroyed after 30 days if no case emerges.
- The communion process will take a bit more time. Follow the ushers' cues and be patient.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work to keep everyone healthy and safe! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you might have. We look forward to seeing you again!

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear friends in Christ!

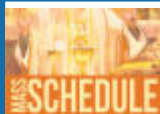
Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen today. On this beautiful Easter Sunday, I would like to welcome all parishioners and your family and visitors who have gathered here at the Church of the Holy Spirit, East Greenbush, to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. May the grace and peace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

Today the church throughout the world rejoices because Jesus is no longer in the tomb; He is risen from the dead. Jesus' resurrection from the dead gives us great hope and a new way of living our lives. Jesus broke the chain of sin for us; he destroyed our eternal death. By rising from the dead, Jesus restores us to life. Through His death and resurrection, we are reconciled with God, and salvation, once again, is granted to us. Today, we rejoice in the Risen Lord and give him thanks and praise for rising us from death to life.

On this Easter day, we are able to stand in this beautiful church, praying and worshipping our risen Lord because of your support and sacrifices. I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all those who helped clean, prepare, and decorate the church for the celebrations, to all liturgical ministers (Lectors, Altar servers, Ushers), to our music ministers and cantors for providing us with beautiful music during the Triduum celebrations, and to all of you for your generous support and hard work for our parish community. Thank you very much.

On behalf of the church of the Holy Spirit parish community, we wish you and your loved ones a blessed and glorious Easter. May our Risen Lord fill your hearts with His peace and joy on this Easter Sunday and the days ahead. Happy Easter to you!

Fr. Quy Va



Saturday: 4:00 p.m. — Indoor Mass

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. — Indoor Mass

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. — Indoor Mass

Live stream Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m.

Links can be found on

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ✠ We hear today part of the speech that Peter delivered in the household of Cornelius, a centurion and Gentile believer in Christ. Peter bore witness to his experiences with Jesus, including Jesus' resurrection. To whom do you bear witness to your faith in the resurrected Jesus?
- ✠ Paul urges the Colossians to remain focused on Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and final return — to "seek what is above." What do you find appealing in this spiritual exercise?
- ✠ Mark's account of Jesus' resurrection focuses on the women's discovery of the empty tomb. In fact, Jesus risen from the tomb is the original ending of the Gospel of Mark. Why do you think Mark would end his Gospel with the empty tomb?



This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

Next Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6

Gospel: Jn 20:19-3

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING



Week of 3/28/21:

- * Collection weekend masses: \$2,261.00
- * Collection thru mail: \$758.00
- * Collection thru E-Giving: \$75.00
- * Easter Collection: \$125.00
(including thru mail & E-Giving)

Total Collection: \$3,219.00



We are grateful for your continued financial support during the pandemic. We ask you to help us to reach our weekly budget by increasing your weekly offertory. If you are away, please remember the parish with your envelope gift on your return. Online giving is the best, safe, and fastest way to give your donation. Please consider the E-giving option.



IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE?

In addition to remember a loved one through mass intention, another way to remember them by lighting a sanctuary lamp for a week or giving a donation toward the Altar Bread and Wine. If you wish to do so, please contact the Parish Office by phone 518-477-7925 or email HALO@hsceg.org. A suggested donation is \$20.00



Father Quy Vo, Deacon William Dringus, and the Parish Staff of the Church of the Holy Spirit wish you and your loved ones a glorious and Blessed Easter. With renewed Spirit in this coming Spring, we are grateful for your continued support to our parish community. May the risen Lord fill your heart with His peace and joy. Alleluia! He is Risen! Happy Easter to you!



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2021

Fundamental Rights—We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



EASTER PROCLAMATION!

The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph!

Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more.

Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master,

Who paid the debt of Adam,
Who frees those doomed to die,
Who heals the broken-hearted
and bind up their wounds,

Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly,
Who destroys death forever,
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

God our Father, eternal is your love for us!

Christ the Son, in victory you reign!

Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts.

Together you live and reign and ransom your people,
one God forever and ever. Amen.



At Easter Vigil, the Church of the Holy Spirit congratulates and welcomes those who received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation:

Sadie May (Olson) Murphy

William Murphy

Emmerson Giddings

Please keep them in our prayer as they begin the new chapter of their spiritual life with our Risen Lord!

Eucharistic



Join us in the Eucharist Adoration every Tuesday evening beginning at 7 p.m. We will be praying the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confession is available for all. Please invite your family & friends to come and spend time with the Lord through prayer.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: What is the most important holiday on the Catholic calendar?

Answer: In our daily life, we often refer to "holidays." The word "holiday" actually comes from the word "holy day." More than a simple celebration or family gathering, these days connect us to God in a unique way. We remember - and share in - the events in God's plan of salvation. Some feasts may be celebrated with more traditions and secular attention, like Christmas, but the most important holy day is Easter.

When Jesus died and rose again, he destroyed the ultimate weapon of sin and made it possible for us to have eternal life with him in Heaven. Without the resurrection, St. Paul tells us, our faith is in vain. This past Holy Week, we walked through the Paschal Mystery, the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. Easter is commemorated each time we celebrate the Mass. As St. John Paul II said, "we are an Easter people and alleluia is our song!" Jesus was born for Easter. Our joyful celebration of the resurrection is at the core of what it means to be a Christian!



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.



Thank you to all who contributed to our annual Easter basket project. With the contributions from parishioners and students at Holy Spirit School, we are able to assemble and deliver 166 baskets to Joseph's House, Circles of Mercy, St Paul's in Rensselaer, and the Nassau food pantry. In addition, 60 chocolate bunnies and 15 bags of candy were distributed to Concerns-U and Brinleys bags. The generosity of our parish is overwhelming. Thank you again!



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

Open Wide Our Hearts—Join us as we continue our exploration of the US Bishop's pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts*; reflecting on how we are called to study, reflect and respond to racism. Join our virtual conversation on Wednesday, April 7th at 6:30pm. Contact Laura Countryman at the Parish Office or at faithformation@hsceg.org to register.

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Seasons of Faith is our parish model for lifelong, intergenerational faith formation, centered around opportunities to learn about, share and experience our faith in the company of all parishioners, from the newly baptized to the most mature members, leading us to an even deeper relationship with God and each other. Each season is four months long, with three seasons per year:

Winter/Spring (Jan-April)

Summer (May-Aug)

Fall (Sept-Dec)

Seasons of Faith is for families *and* adults.

Parents are their children's first faith witnesses. Now more than ever, we want to support families and give them a variety of opportunities to *be* family. Seasons of Faith are specifically designed for the entire family.

Adults are never too old to learn. Seasons of Faith encourages faith growth for adults too!

Seasons of Faith is for *all* who consider Holy Spirit their home. All are welcome!



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available. If you wish to celebrate the sacrament, please call the parish office at (518) 477-7925 to make an appointment

with Fr. Vo.

Saturday 4/3—Holy Saturday

8:00 pm. Vigil Mass:

✠ Margaret Harrington—Req. by William Murphy

Sunday 4/4—The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus

8:30 am Mass:

✠ For the people of the parish

11:00 am Mass:

✠ Fr. Michael A. Farano—Req. by Priests

Tuesday 4/6 —Octave of Easter

9:00 am—Intention Available

Wednesday 4/7—Octave of Easter

9:00 am —Intention Available

Thursday 4/8—Octave of Easter

9:00 am.—Intention Available

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

Saturday 4/10—Octave of Easter

4:00 pm. Vigil Mass: Richard Underwood—

Req. by Denise Underwood Guildo

✠ David L. Michaels—Req. by Vince Gizzi

Sunday 4/11—Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Mass:

✠ Intention available

11:00 am Mass:

✠ For the people of the parish

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Through the Sacraments, God shares his holiness with us so that we, in turn, can make the world holier. (USCCB)

Sacraments of Healing

Reconciliation—Saturday from 3:00-3:30pm or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick (and homebound visits)

✠ Available by appointment, for any stage of illness

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism—is available at any age. Please contact the parish office.

Eucharist—Student candidates must be at least age 7 by December 1st and be participating in ongoing Seasons of Faith Gatherings for at least one year prior.

Confirmation—Student candidates must be participating in Seasons of Faith for at least one year prior to beginning formation for Confirmation in the spring.

Sacraments of Commitment

Sacrament of Marriage—Please contact the parish as soon as you are engaged, at least six (6) months in advance. Pre-Cana is expected. Wedding dates will be scheduled after meeting with the Pastor.

Holy Orders and Religious Life—Please contact Fr. Vo at the parish office, or the diocesan Vocations Office at albanyvocations.org (518) 453-6690.



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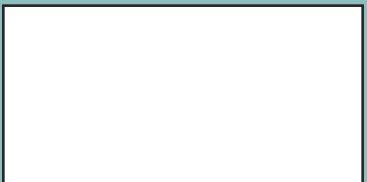
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