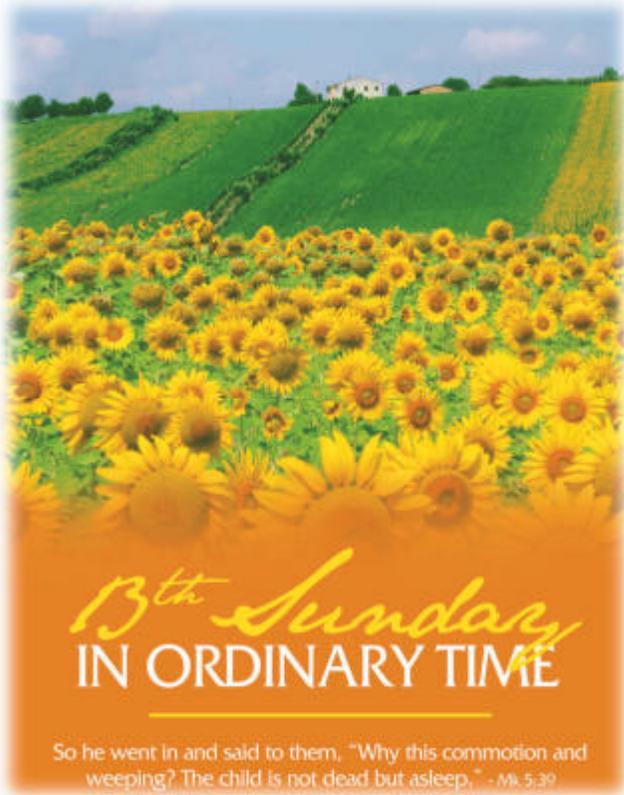




Church of the Holy Spirit

You are welcome here!

JUNE 27, 2021 | THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



REOPENING INFORMATION

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

- ❖ You will need to bring your own sanitizer.
- ❖ You may remove the mask if you are fully vaccinated.
- ❖ A few seating sections in the church has been modified to maintain social distancing.
- ❖ The communion process will take a bit more time. Follow the ushers' cues and be patient.
- ❖ The Holy Water is back in the font at the entrance of the church. The Holy Water will change, and the font will be cleaned weekly basis.
- ❖ We continue to clean and sanitize the church at the end of each mass.

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. Welcome back!



Dear friends in Christ!

May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus be with you always! Summer equinox has begun with a few nice cool days. We always are grateful to God for giving us beautiful summer days. As we continue to live in the grace of God each day, Mark's gospel presents to us a story about two healing miracles: the healing of a woman who has suffered with hemorrhages for twelve years and the story of raising Jarius' daughter from the dead.

Both stories remind us of God's mighty power in our lives. Whether we endure and suffer from afflictions throughout our lives; such as pain, disappointment, unmet expectations, betrayal, or any kind of addiction, Jesus can heal us if we call on him. We must know that Jesus' healing hand can make dead things come alive. At his command, Jesus awakens the dreams that are asleep. The miracle can only happen when we approach Jesus with strong faith in prayer, and allow him to do it in his time. We need to be patient and have complete trust in him. When we calm our hearts and leave all noises behind, we can hear the words of Jesus telling us "I say to you, arise! And go in peace."

My prayer for you as we approach a new week is that God may give you the grace to come and meet him in prayer, and put into his hands all of our wounds and brokenness so that he can heal us. May you have a blessed week!

Peace & Blessings

Fr. Quyn Vo



Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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Monday & Tuesday: 9am-1pm
Wednesday & Thursday: 1 pm-5 pm
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Live stream Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass
Links can be found on
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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- † We learn from the Jewish Wisdom writer that God did not create death; rather, death entered the world because of the envy of the devil. How does this insight shape your understanding of death?
- † Paul encourages the wealthier believers in Corinth to share their surplus wealth with those in need in the church in Jerusalem. What do you find interesting in Paul's appeal?
- † In these two separate miracle stories, Jesus heals Jairus' daughter and the hemorrhaging woman because of their faith in Jesus. How does your faith in Jesus bring about healing in your life?



This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Next Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING



Week of 6/20/21:

- * Collection weekend masses: \$2,795.00
- * Collection thru mail: \$720.00
- * Collection thru E-Giving: \$1,412.33

Total Collection: \$4,927.33



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, safest and fastest way to give your donation. Please consider the E-giving option.



Congratulations to all the 2021 High School and College Graduates—A Graduation Prayer:

Father, I have knowledge, so will you show me now, how to use it wisely and find a way somehow to make the world I live in a little better place; and make life with its problems a little bit easier to face. Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days. Show me how to serve thee in effective ways so my education, my knowledge and my skill may find their true fulfillment as I learn to do thy will. May I ever be aware in everything I do, that knowledge comes from learning, and wisdom comes from you. Amen.

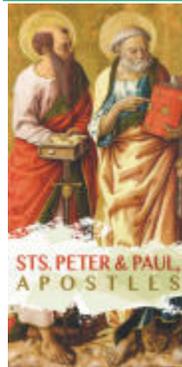


Join us in the Eucharist Adoration every Tuesday evening beginning at 7 p.m. We will be praying the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confession is available for all. Please invite your family & friends to come and spend time with the Lord through prayer.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2021

The Beauty of Marriage —Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



The Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul - June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul are often seen in the Church as a complementary pair. Peter represents the institutional church, while Paul represents the charismatic or spiritual church. Both are associated with the church in Rome. But what binds them together, above all, is that they were utterly seized by Jesus' message. The New Testament often portrays Peter as rash and headstrong. One minute, he is a paragon of faith; the next, he has completely misunderstood what Jesus wants. He frequently does not seem to get what is going on, and he even denies Jesus when Jesus is about to be executed. And yet, despite his shortcomings and weaknesses, he has a heart for the Lord. He is the Prince of the Apostles, and as the first bishop of Rome, he holds a special place in the hearts of Catholic Christians. Scripture introduces Paul as a violent persecutor of the first Christians. In fact, he oversees the execution of the man whom the Acts of the Apostles depicts as the first martyr, St. Stephen (Acts 7:58-8:1). He considers himself a late addition to the Jesus movement, referring to himself as "one untimely born" (1 Cor 15:8). However, following his encounter with Christ near Damascus, he became one of the greatest missionaries in the history of the Church. Like Peter, Paul has a heart for the Lord, and when his spiritual energy is directed to the glory of Jesus Christ, he is a powerful witness to the kingdom of God. His letters make up the bulk of the New Testament and continue to guide the Church today. It is a beautiful testimony to the power of God that these two men, whose faults Scripture does not attempt to hide, are key figures in the story of Jesus and foundational in the development of the Church. Sts. Peter and Paul show us the work of the Holy Spirit, who renews hearts, builds the Church, and testifies to Christ. Peter died in Rome as martyr – on a cross, according to some accounts. Paul suffered for the cause of the gospel throughout his ministry, writing several letters from prison. He, like Peter, was martyred in Rome. Imperfect men, seized by the Word of God and set on fire by the Holy Spirit. They are pillars of our Church and witnesses to freedom in Christ. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us!



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: What is the “Miraculous Medal” and why is it called that?

Answer: The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the “Miraculous Medal” dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee,” surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital “M” with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.

Saint Catherine’s “Miraculous Medal” is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, “Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy,” observes that the medal “recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life.”

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Do not be afraid, just have faith.” God does not rejoice in our demise or our destruction. Rather, He made us in his image and desires that we have life. He also desires that we be healed and know His loving touch. There is great power in an embrace offered in love. The touch of another can heal wounds and restore life. There is also power in faith. Faith can turn us toward the truth and turn us toward God. Both love and faith can lead us to hope that no matter what we encounter, God will continue to sustain us in being. He will not allow us to perish. God can profoundly change how we see Him, ourselves, and one another. God desires that we turn toward Him and be healed of all that wounds, and binds us so that we can be free and enjoy the fullness of life. We are asked to arise and walk proudly with this life-giving faith. Reach out and share this faith with someone this week so that they too can receive God’s life changing embrace and heed His call to wholeness. There are many in our world wandering around aimlessly without hope. Bring it to them.



The sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Rosemarie Rossbach
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

The 13TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

The author of *The Cloud of Unknowing* prays, “That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself.” Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith. All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires.

Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It gives a clearer lens through which to see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope. Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God’s embrace and heal us. All we have to do is let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be. It’s that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the powerful words Jesus speaks, “Do not be afraid, just have faith.” Trust begins.

When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation simply resting in God’s presence. Our naked being, stripped of any pretense or self-serving agenda, is being called to rest in and love the uncreated Presence of God. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God’s tender and endearing presence. *The Cloud of Unknowing* leaves us with wisdom, “think of yourself and of him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that he is as he is and that you are as you are.” This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together.



Join us outside of the front of the Church for summer refreshments. Our seminarian, Peter, is making a few nice summer drinks such as Thai ice tea, strawberry pat, coffee etc. Stop by the tent to have a drink and some cookies.

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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!



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday 6/26—Weekday in Ordinary Time

4 p.m. Vigil:

- ✠ Mary Asker—Req. by Karen & Bob Savicki, and Ann Eisenhut
- ✠ Albert & John Blevins—Req. by Mary & Anne Mary Blevins

Sunday 6/27—Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass:

- ✠ For the people of the parish

11 a.m. Mass:

- ✠ Rosemarie Rossbach—Req. Anne & Mike Cronin
- ✠ Renee Fortin Man—Req. by Social Action Ministry

Tuesday 6/29—The feast of St. Peter & St. Paul

9 a.m. Mass—Mary Hoffman (1st Anniv.)—Req. by Anne & Mike Cronin

Wednesday 6/30—Weekday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Mass—Intention Available

Thursday 7/1—The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

9 a.m. Mass—Intention Available

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 7/3—Weekday in Ordinary Time

4 p.m. Vigil:

- ✠ Intention Available

Sunday 7/4—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass:

- ✠ Rosemarie Rossbach—Req. Rosemary Horan

11 a.m. 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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