



Church of the Holy Spirit

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AUGUST 15, 2021 | THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Dear friends in Christ,

May the peace and grace of our Lord be with you always! As we

mark the midpoint of the month of August, this weekend the church celebrates the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our faith teaches us that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. We also learn that from the moment of Mary's conception by St. Anne & St. Joachim, Mary was free from sin. "The Holy Spirit was preparing her by his grace so that she would be capable of welcoming the Son of God" (CCC 722). Luke's gospel tells us the Annunciation story where the angel of God (Gabriel) came to Mary and announced God's plan for her. Mary's "Fiat" (Yes) to God's plan had deepened her faith in the Lord. Mary was willing to trust and to open her heart to God's plan. Her cousin Elizabeth praises Mary by saying, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled" (Lk. 1:45). Mary's life was truly blessed because of her trust and faithfulness to God's will. Mary is the great example of faith for each one of us to follow. Today, Mary is richly rewarded in heaven, and we pray, through her intercession, that God will give us his divine grace so that we can do God's will in our lives. Hopefully, like Mary, we can be rewarded in heaven. Have a blessed week. *Fr. Quyn Va*

AS WE RETURN TO MASS IN PERSON

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

- ❖ Hand sanitizer is available for you to use. Please sanitize your hands before receiving the Holy Communion.
- ❖ Wearing mask while we are indoors is strongly recommended whether you are fully vaccinated or unvaccinated.
- ❖ 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.



Weekend:

- ❖ **Saturday:** 4 p.m. Vigil Mass
- ❖ **Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Weekdays: Tuesday – Thursday: 9 a.m.
(Mass will be held in Rectory's Chapel)

Holy day of Obligation: Consult the bulletin and announcement for the mass time. Mass will be in the church.

Contact us:

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<http://hsceg.org>

Due to physical distancing during the COVID 19 pandemic, the parish office is closed. Please contact us by leaving a message or by email

Live stream Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4 p.m.
Links can be found on
Youtube channel
Holy Spirit Church eg

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ✦ We hear in Proverbs how we are called to participate in divine wisdom. Who do you see as a wisdom figure in your life?
- ✦ Paul sees one pathway to wisdom is to avoid evil, ignorance, and drunkenness, and be filled rather with gratitude. For what in your life should you be grateful?
- ✦ How do you understand Jesus' assertion: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."?



This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Rev. 11:19a, 12:1-6a. 10ab

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-27

Gospel: Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Second Reading: Eph 5:21-32

Gospel: jn 6:60-69



A rosary is made up of how many decades?

- a) 3
- b) 5
- c) 8
- d) 12

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING



Week of 8/8/21:

- * Collection weekend masses: **\$2,657.00**
- * Collection thru mail: **\$1,176.00**
- * Collection thru E-Giving: **\$2,624.39**

Total Collection: \$6,457.39



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.



Our second collection next week will be for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle and assists in forming vibrant faith communities. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.



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 AUGUST 2021

The Church—Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Join us for our mini retreat on the Saints of August on Thursday, August 19th at 6:30pm in the garden area outside the church. Enjoy a summer evening outside as we reflect with St. Rose of Lima, St. Monica, St. Teresa Benedict of the Cross and St. Jane Frances de Chantel. Bring a lawn chair, but if the weather doesn't cooperate, we will gather inside the church. As summer begins to wind down, take an hour or so to reflect and renew with us. For more information, contact Laura Countryman in the Parish Office or at faithformation@hsceg.org.

Upcoming Events

Day/Date	Occasion	Time	Place
Tues 8/17	Eucharist Adoration	7 p.m.	Church
Wed 8/18	Adult Bible Study	6:30 p.m.	Conference Room
Wed 8/19	Young Adult Bible Study	7pm	Conference Room



RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: We welcome those who are not Catholic to discover and learn about the Roman Catholic Faith Tradition. Those who have not been baptized are prepared to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Candidates raised in another Christian community are invited to full-communication in the Catholic Church by celebrating Confirmation and Eucharist. If you know of anyone who has not been baptized and wants to discover the Catholic Faith Tradition, please encourage the person to contact the parish office at (518)477-7925.

Basket Raffle- We will be holding our famous basket raffle at the church picnic in September. If you would like to donate a basket filled with goodies, please drop it off at the Rectory by Thursday August 26. The baskets will be on display for two weekends prior to the picnic and at the picnic. Have fun and be creative! Any questions, please contact Ellen Murphy at 518-479-7217 or ebmurphy@gmail.com



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: What are we celebrating on the feast of the Assumption of Mary?

Answer: The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will.

The church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven.

What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather, we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God.

This is the hope and assurance that Mary's assumption celebrates. It is a celebration of our assumption as well. She is one of us, providing a model of what God has in store for all who love and give of themselves to God.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become, helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.



Asian Crispy Chicken dinner—Holy Spirit will be hosting a chicken dinner, **take out only**, on **Saturday, August 14, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. – 7 p.m.** The menu includes a quarter of chicken, fried rice, spring rolls, and desert. The cost of a ticket is \$15.00 dollars. Only 150 tickets will be sold. All proceeds will go toward the parish 100th Anniversary celebrations.



The Munificentissimus Deus—the defining dogma of the Assumption of Mary was written on November 1, 1950 by Pope

- Pius X
- Pius XII
- John Paul II
- Benedict XVI

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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!



MONEY
COUNTERS

We are looking for those who would like to volunteer to serve the parish as money counters. Training will be provided. If you would like to participate in this ministry or obtain more information, please contact Sowmya, our parish manager by calling the parish office (518) 477-7925 or email info@holyspiritchurchceg.org.

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**Saturday 8/14—St. Maximillian Kolbe,
Priest & Martyr**

4 p.m. Vigil:

✠ Sylvia Quinn—Req. by Dois & Gary Beardsley

Sunday 8/15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. Mass:

✠ Fr. George St. John—Req. by HS

11 a.m. Mass:

✠ L. Robert Blake—Req. Bob & Mary Kay Blake & Family

✠ Nick Panetta—Req. by Family

✠ William Picotte—Req. by the Gialanella Family

Tuesday 8/17—Weekday in Ordinary Time

9 am—Intention Available

Wednesday 8/18—Weekday in Ordinary Time

9 am—Intention Available

Thursday 8/19—St. John Eudes, Priest

9 am.—Intention Available

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 8/21—St. Pius X, Pope

4 pm. Vigil: Anthony Montanino—Req. Ashlan, Arrian, & Jack

✠ Lawrence E. Daly—Req. Vince & Annette Gizzi

✠ Mary C. Murphy—Req. John & Sue Bond

Sunday 8/22—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Mass:

✠ For the people of the parish

11 am Mass:

✠ Mass of Thanksgiving—Req. by Sowmya Sudulaganti

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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