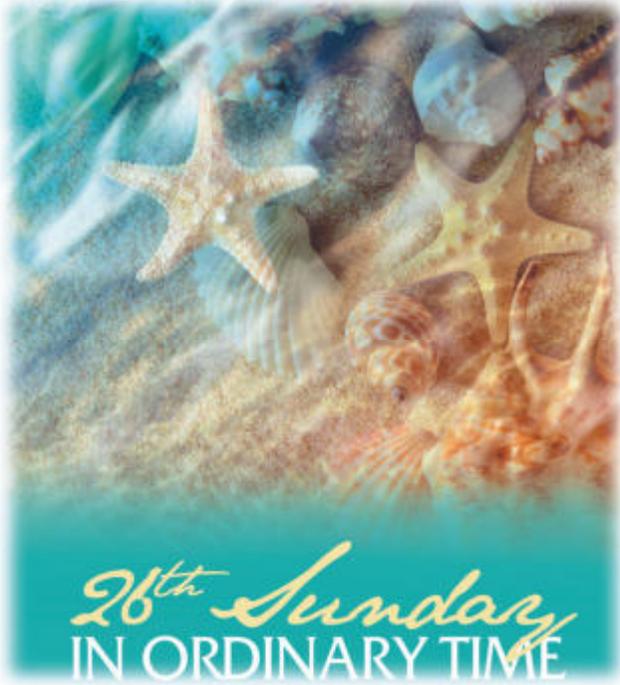




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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



AS WE CELEBRATE 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 masks 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 be changed, and the font will be cleaned on a 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.

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: 9am-1pm
Wednesday, Thursday:
and Friday: 1pm-5pm
Please call if you need to make an appointment



May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always! I hope that all is well with you. The month of September is coming to the end, and in a few days, the month of October will be here. School is in its full swing, and the Autumn equinox has begun. The weather is getting cool, and the temperature has dropped into the 40s and 50s. We will see the changing of the leaves soon.

The gospel reading for this week directs our mind to the theme of discipleship. What does it mean to be Jesus' disciple? Perhaps, one answer to the question is that one must believe and follow Jesus. To be Jesus' disciple is that one should spend more time praying to God and going to church on Sunday. These are all good explanations of being a disciple of Jesus; however, it is more than just what we say here. To be a disciple of Jesus requires us to make radical choices in how we live and relate to others. It requires us to do exactly as Jesus did. Being a disciple of Jesus demands us to change our way of life, especially our sinful life. Being a disciple of Jesus also requires us to act in His name and draw others to Him. What are things that are contrary to Jesus' teaching and values that I must uproot out of my life? In what ways can I act in Jesus' name? How do I draw others to Jesus?

The month of October begins in a few days. In the month of October, the church honors the Blessed Mother as our Lady of Rosary. During this month, we will be reciting the rosary before each mass to honor the Blessed Mother. Please come to church with a set of rosary beads so that we can pray together. May God bless us throughout this coming week!

Peace & Blessing
Fr. Quyn Vo

Live stream Mass Schedule:

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

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ✠ Early in their Exodus journey, Moses taught the young Joshua an important lesson on avoiding jealousy and trusting the Lord's providence. How do you avoid the trap of jealousy and envy?
- ✠ James speaks of the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. What do you think should be the believer's proper disposition toward money?
- ✠ Jesus warns his disciples against the danger of causing other believers to sin. What do you think would motivate a Christian to do this?



This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Nm 11:25-29
Second Reading: Jas 5:1-6
Gospel: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Next Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Gn 2:18-24
Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11
Gospel: Mk 10:2-16

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING



Week of 9/19/21:

- * Collection weekend masses: **\$2,586.00**
- * Collection thru mail: **\$630.00**
- * Collection thru E-Giving: **\$1,412.33**

Total Collection: \$4,628.33



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 way to give your donations. Please consider this option.



Our second collection this week will be for **The Catholic University of America and other Catholic higher educational needs**. I encourage you to join me in supporting this most worthwhile educational initiative. Grounded in the philosophy of the rich Catholic intellectual tradition, students who attend Catholic colleges and universities are well prepared for success in life and ready to make a difference in today's world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.



The Trinity of the _____ is the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

- a) Eucharist
- b) Church
- c) Gospels
- d) Apostles



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 SEPTEMBER 2021

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle – We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Simply Scripture – join the discussion as we reflect on the readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We will in person on Sunday 9/26 at 9:30am in the Parish Office.

Young families are invited to join us for our first Church Life gathering of the Fall Season where we will learn about this Year of the Family. We will gather in the church on Sunday 9/26 at 3pm or virtually on Sunday 9/26 or Monday 9/27 at 6:30pm. Prior registration is required for our virtual gatherings. Contact Laura Countryman at faithformation@hsceg.org to register or if you have any questions.



The Feast of the Archangels—September 29. The Archangels are Gabriel, Michael and Raphael. The Archangels, as Pope St. Gregory the Great said, are those who proclaim messages of supreme importance. Archangel Michael is the protector of souls. He wields his unrelenting sword of righteous justice against Satan. He fights in the battle against the devil. The name Michael means “who is like God.”

Gabriel is an archangel who was sent from God to Mary to announce God's message to Mary. Gabriel means “God is my strength”. Archangel Raphael is one of the seven angels “who enter and serve before the Glory of the Lord.” (Tob. 12:15).

Raphael means “God is my health.” The Tradition tells us when archangel Raphael touched Tobit's eyes, he was restored from blindness. St. Raphael is the healing angel. On this Feast day, let us thank our Lord for sending the Archangels to protect us from the hands of the devil and give us assistance in times of trouble.



Please remember in your prayers the faithful departed:

*Bernadine Donovan, Marguerite Edwards,
and Joyce Lapham*

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead?

Answer: Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe “in the resurrection of the body.” Does that mean Christ’s resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus’ resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it’s also a sign of what’s to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It’s an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited. Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus’ resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don’t really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus’ message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God’s bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God’s world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus’ looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.



The Respect Life Team of Holy Spirit Parish will be sponsoring Kathleen Gallagher of the NYS Catholic Conference as guest speaker on the topic: “Now...and at

the Hour of our Death: Catholic Considerations for End-of-Life Decision Making” on **Tuesday evening, October 19** in Holy Spirit Church. There will be Adoration at 6:00 PM; Benediction at 6:30 PM and Kathy’s presentation at 7:00 PM. It will last approximately one hour.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus’ looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don’t need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, “When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises.” Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn’t matter who did it or where it came from. In God’s eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world’s brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.



The Social Action Committee is holding its annual Pillow & Blanket drive on **October 2-3**. The collection will benefit Joseph’s House in Troy, a homeless shelter. We are accepting new pillows and new and gently used blankets and towels. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please place your donations in the baskets at the front of the church. The winter’s cold is not taking a pause because of the virus, and we ask you to support our brothers and sisters in need.”

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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 is 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!



In honoring the feast of St. Francis, there will be a blessing of the animals on **Saturday, October 2, 2021** at 12:00 p.m. Bring your pet if you'd like to have a blessing.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday 9/25—Weekday in Ordinary Time

4 p.m. Vigil: Peggy Ross—Req. by Netti

✠ Mary Francis Sweet—Req. by Lawrence & Linda Rowse

Sunday 9/26—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass: Fr. George St. John & the deceased member of Fr. George's Family—Req. by HS

11 a.m. Mass: For the people of the parish

✠ Joseph and Gail Goodwin—Req. by Peter & Pam Goodwin

Tuesday 9/28—St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 a.m.: Intention Available

Wednesday 9/29—Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:30 a.m.: Intention Available

Thursday 9/30—St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m.: Intention Available

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 10/2—The Memorial of the Guardian Angels

4 p.m. Vigil: Frank Savicki—Req. by Karen & Bob Savicki

✠ Mary Murphy—Req. by Gayle & Steven Murphy

Sunday 10/3—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass: Fr. George St. John & the deceased members of Fr. George's Family—Req. by HS

11 a.m. Mass:

✠ Gloria Suito—Req. by HS Funeral Ministry



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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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