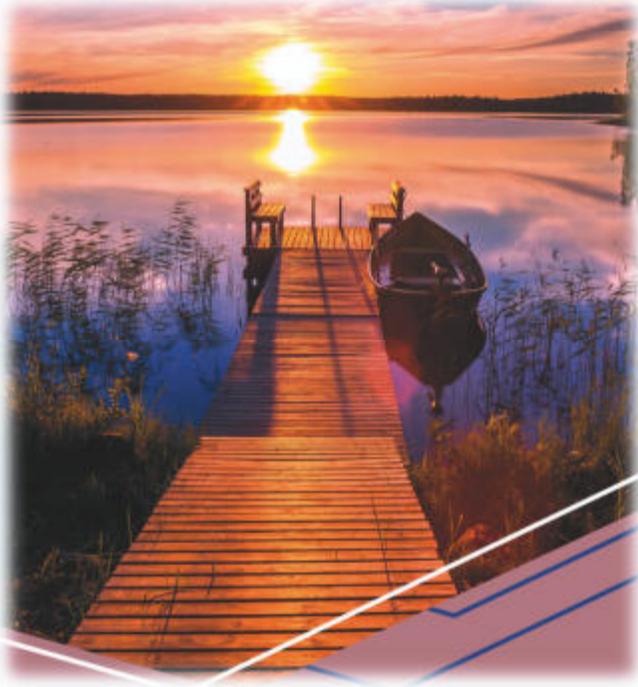




Church of the Holy Spirit

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OCTOBER 3, 2021 | TWENTY-SEVENTH 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.



Dear friends in Christ,

May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus be with you always! I hope that all is well with you. This Sunday marks the beginning of the month of October! During the month of October, churches throughout the world honor Mary as our Lady of The Rosary. This coming Thursday, October 7, is the feast of Our Lady of The Rosary. The church encourages all the faithful throughout the world to pray the Holy Rosary during the month of October. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI says that the Holy Rosary is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourishes for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. Praying the rosary helps to put Jesus Christ at the center, just like Mary did. When reciting the rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived, and when the rosary is prayed in an authentic way, it brings peace and reconciliation.

Also, praying the rosary is the most effective weapon to fight against evil. History tells us that Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. After praising St. Dominic for his valiant fight against the heretics, Mary gave him the rosary as a mighty weapon.

How wonderful it is for us to know that the blessed Mother is watching over each one of us. As a loving and gentle mother, she understands the pain, sufferings, and sorrows that we carry each day. The good news is that we can rely on the help and protection of the blessed Mother Mary. During this month, let us pray the rosary faithfully to honor Mary. We pray that through her intercession, may God pour out His grace on us and deliver us from all harm! Auspice Maria—under protection of Mary. Have a blessed week! *Fr. Quy Vo*

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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

Live stream Mass Schedule:

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

- ✠ Today's creation account of man and woman is the foundation of our Judeo-Christian understanding of the covenant of marriage. When a male and a female marry, "the two of them become one body." What do you see as some modern implications in this understanding of marriage?
- ✠ The author of Hebrews tells us that we are "brothers" with Jesus in our common experience of suffering and death. In what way do you find comfort in this idea?
- ✠ Both in public with the Pharisees and later in private with the disciples, Jesus takes a strong stand on the sacred and unbreakable bond of marriage. How do you imagine the Pharisees and the disciples reacted to Jesus' position?



This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Gn 2:18-24

Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11

Gospel: Mk 10:2-16

Next Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Wis 7:7-11

Second Reading: Heb 4:12-13

Gospel: Mk 10:2-17-30

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

Week of 9/26/21:

* Collection weekend masses: \$2,055.00

* Collection thru mail: \$1,790.00

* Collection thru E-Giving: 574.89

Total Collection: \$4,419.59

Catholic University of America Collection: \$509.00



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 way to give your donations. Please consider this option.



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."



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 OCTOBER 2021

Missionary Disciples — We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.



Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayer as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday, October 20th at 6:30pm**

Shaun Branon

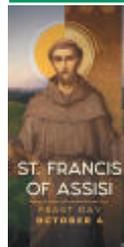
Michael Cuvione

Summer Reineohl

Lily Brown

Emily Koenig

Loving God, bless the candidates from our parish family who are in formation to celebrate the Sacrament of the Confirmation. Help them to live and grow in their faith as children of God. Bless their families and sponsors as they continue to love, support and guide them. Help us as their parish family to continue to mentor and support the initiates and their families. Amen



St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

Answer: For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.



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.



Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, **October 22-24, 2021** at the

Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195. Financial assistance is available. For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160, Katie Bolibaugh, 518-495-3574 or Kathy Kelly, 802-282-2028 or e-mail: rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations contact: 1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.



Our Holy Spirit parish school will be hosting the Dine to Donate at Panera Bread which is located at 279 Troy Rd, Rensselaer on October 6 from 4 p.m.—6 p.m.. Panera Bread will donate 20% of your meal when you show our flyer. You can also order online at panerabread.com and enter code PREFUND at check out. Please support our parish school.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!



In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke describes both the vision and conversion of _____, a centurion in the Roman army, and his household to Christ.

- a) Jeremiah b) the Pope c) Peter d) Cornelius

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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!



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@holyspiritchurcheg.org.



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

Tuesday 10/5—Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

9:00 a.m.: Mass of Thanksgiving for Ha Nguyen's Family

Wednesday 10/6—St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

9:00 a.m.: Mass of Thanksgiving for Ha Nguyen's Family

Thursday 10/7—Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 a.m.: Mass of Thanksgiving for Ha Nguyen's Family

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 10/9—St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

✠ **4 p.m. Vigil:** Judy Phelps—Req. by the Family

Sunday 10/10—Twenty-Eighth 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:

✠ Ted Fischetti—Req. by Bob, Mary Kay Blake, and family

✠ Geraldine Stewart—Req. by the Family

✠ Helga Putallaz—Req. by Family

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

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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