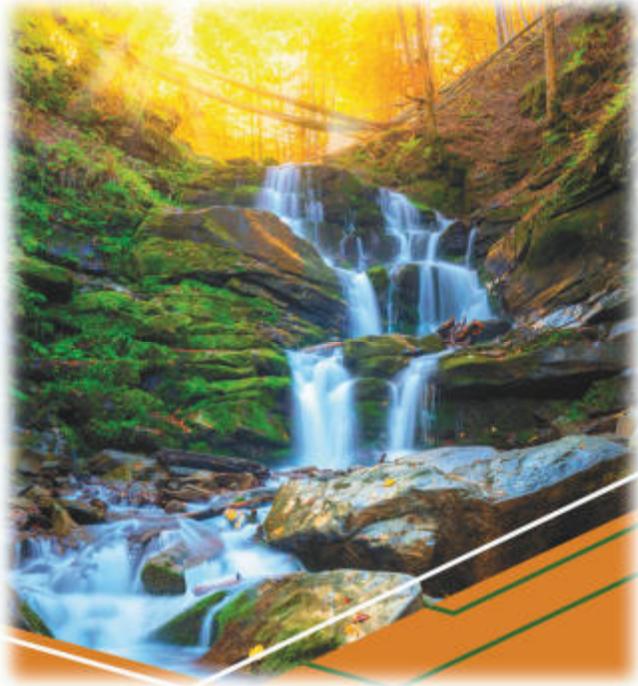




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OCTOBER 10, 2021 | TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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,
 "What must I do to inherit eternal life" the rich man asks Jesus. Jesus' answers to the man are very simple, that is to keep God's commandment of love, to love God above all things, and to love thy neighbors as yourself. By asking the question to Jesus, the rich man certainly is looking for the best things for his life. Perhaps he wants peace and happiness for his life. His response to Jesus is that he has kept and observed all commandments. Since the young man was very faithful to keep God's commandments, Jesus challenges the young man to do the one thing he lacks, that is to sell what he has and give the earnings to the poor, and then follow Jesus. When Jesus offers the man to go and sell all that he possesses, he refuses the offer. He walks away sadly. The rich man placed his hope and security in what he possessed. He was afraid to give up his possessions to others for fear that he would lose what he had gained. The material wealth had taken over the rich man's heart and the heavenly treasure.

Today Jesus offers us the same thing that He offered the rich man—an incomparable treasure which we cannot buy with money, or no thief can steal. Do we have the courage to take this wonderful offer? If Jesus asks us to go and sell everything that we have for the poor, how do we respond to Jesus? Have a blessed week!

Fr. Quyn 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
Holy Spirit Church eg

Our Seasons of Faith website:

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- † Today's reading presents wisdom and prudence as life's most precious gifts. Why do you think these virtues were held in such high regard by ancient Israel?
- † Hebrews connects the power of the word of God with divine judgement — one day we must all "render an account" of our lives before the Lord. How often do you think about your own judgement day?
- † Jesus teaches the rich man and the disciples that while wealth can often hinder one from entering the kingdom of God, self-sacrifice and discipleship can earn eternal life. How well do you balance these realities in your life?



This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Wis 7:7-11
Second Reading: Heb 4:12-13
Gospel: Mk 10:17-30

Next Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Is 53:10-11
Second Reading: Heb 4:14-16
Gospel: Mk 10:35-45

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

Week of 10/3/21:

- * Collection weekend masses: **\$2,169.00**
- * Collection thru mail: **\$610.00**
- * Collection thru E-Giving: **\$111.45**
- * Fuel collection: **\$1,377.00**

Total Collection: \$4,267.45



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 would like to thank to all who donated the pillows and blankets. Our annual Pillow and Blanket Drive was very successful. We were able to donate a large number of pillows, blankets, and towels to our friends at Joseph's House for the upcoming winter months. May the Lord bless your kindness!



A _____ is a type of story that teaches a moral or religious lesson.

- a) satire c) theory
- b) parable d) fable



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 prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on

Wednesday, October 20th at 6:30pm

Shaun Branon Lily Brown
Michael Curione Emily Koenig
Summer Reineohl

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

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

—Presumption can be a great sin. We can easily convince ourselves that as long as we do the bare minimum or master the basics, it is sufficient. Love doesn't operate this way. If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to get expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. This is what those who are truly in pursuit of wisdom come to realize. Just like any human relationship worth achieving reveals, we never reach a plateau in following the Gospel or growing in wisdom and holiness. Wisdom is the rudder that guides us through all of life's attractions and options. It alone determines what is worth pursuing and what must be left behind. That is why those who are only concerned about checking the boxes and doing the least amount possible often walk away sad when offered God's gift of life eternal. They are not truly in love.



Due to the observance of the **Columbus Day** holiday, the parish office will be closed on **Monday, October 11, 2021** and we will be opened on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021** at 9 a.m.



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.



The parish is hosting a pasta dinner on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Take-out only. Tickets are available for purchase before and after the Mass. Ticket price is \$12 for the regular dinner, and \$13 for the gluten-free dinner. Please stop by the table in the back vestibule of the church to purchase your ticket.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.



Please join the Respect Life team to pray the Rosary for Life on **Sunday, October 10** at 2 p.m. in our Lady's Garden, located on the left of the front of the Church. Bring a lawn chair! If the weather is inclement, we will gather in the Church.

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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!

BULLETIN & PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE: Please submit a hardcopy or email (info@holyspiritchurcheg.org) no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday for that week's bulletin and Pulpit announcement. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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

Tuesday 10/12—Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

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

**Wednesday 10/13—St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose
Durocher, Virgin**

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

Thursday 10/14—Our Lady of the Rosary

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday 10/16—St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary
Alacoque, Virgin**

✠ **4 p.m. Vigil:** Mary C. Murphy—Req. by Ann Taylor

Sunday 10/17—Twenty-Ninth 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:

✠ Mary Murphy—Req. by Gayle and Steven Murphy

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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