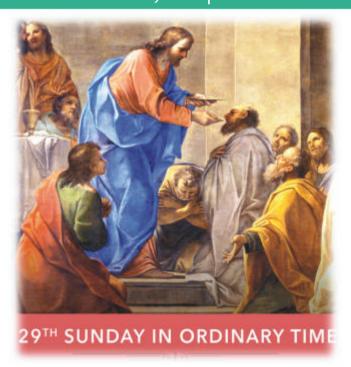


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OCTOBER 17, 2021 | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass

Links can be found on

Youtube channel

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May the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you always! I hope that you are enjoying the fall weather. We had a

few nice fall days this past week, and it is always nice to be outdoors to enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

The theme of "following Jesus and serving others" is the main focus for this weekend. Why did the apostles follow Jesus? Mark's gospel tells us that some of the apostles (James and John) followed Jesus because they wanted a reward: the glory of sitting at the right and left of Jesus in the positions of honor. Both James and John miss the "big picture" of being Jesus' apostle. Following Jesus is not about glory and sitting in the honor seat. It is about giving up oneself to become a servant for others. Jesus came into the world to build a kingdom that is based on love, compassion, and mercy, not power and domination over others. His baptism at Jordan's river is an entry for Jesus to do his Father's will, to drink the cup and to suffer and die for our salvation. In the end, Jesus was raised and ascended into heaven where he sits in the glory and honor seat at the right of the Father. This is the heavenly reward that God, the Father, gave to Jesus. If we are truly following Jesus, then we must not seek glory and honor. If we want the glory and honor seat, then we must drink Jesus' cup of suffering through serving others. We do this when we live a joy-filled life in the face of prolonged illness; when we see the good in others rather than their hurtful actions; when we reach out to the lonely, the outcast, or the needy. Let us consider these questions as we enter into a new week: How is Jesus calling you to serve? What glory attracts you? What do you aspire to achieve to share in Jesus' glory? May you have a blessed and peaceful week!

Fr. Quy Vo

Our Seasons of Faith website: **Live stream Mass Schedule:**

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Isaiah speaks of our redemption through the suffering of the Lord's servant. When have you experienced God's presence in your suffering?
- Hebrews tells us that Jesus is able to sympathize with our weaknesses because he, too, "has been tested in every way." What are some ways that you are tested in life?
- Jesus uses the request of James and John as a teachable moment for his disciples on the importance of humility and service to others. What other qualities do you think are necessary for true discipleship?



This Sunday's Reading:

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

Next Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Jer 31:7-9 Second Reading: Heb 5:1-6 **Gospel:** Mk 10:46-52

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING



Week of 10/10/21:

Collection weekend masses: \$2,667.00

Collection thru mail: \$1,125.00 Collection thru E-Giving: \$2,796.66

Fuel collection: \$678 Total Collection: \$7,266.66



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 next week will be for the Collection World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of

Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

We invite all expectant mothers to join us during Mass on October 23rd at 4pm for a beautiful Blessing of Expectant Mothers. Our parish will bless over you and pray with you, and for your child in the womb.



Eucharistic Join us in the Eucharist Adoration every Tuesday evening beginning at 7 p.m. We will be praying the Rosary & Divine Mercy Confession is available for all. Chaplet. 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 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

-It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion.



Our parish congratulates to the newly couples:

Gregory Kennedy & Jennifer Connors

Who received the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 9, 2021.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer: It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.



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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.



What is the name of the perfumed oil consecrated by a bishop at a special Mass on or near Holy Thursday?

- a) Sacred Chrism
- c) Oil of Saint
- b) Oil of Infirmary (Sick) d) Balsamic Oil

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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 (<u>info@holyspiritchurcheg.org</u>) no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday for that week's bulletin and Pulpit announcement. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

♣ Rocco A. Prinzo—Req. by Dick McCarthy11 a.m. Mass:

- ₩ Mary Murphy—Req. by Gayle and Steven Murphy
- ₱ Nick Grant and Beatrice Grant for healing—Req. by family and friends

Tuesday 10/19—Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

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

Wednesday 10/20—St. Paul of the Cross, Priest 9 a.m.: Mass of Thanksgiving for Ha Nguyen's Family

Thursday 10/21—Weekday in Ordinary Time 9 a.m.: Mass of Thanksgiving for Ha Nguyen's Family

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 10/23−St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM † 4 p.m. Vigil: Joyce Lapham−Req. by Gale Carroll

Sunday 10/24—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 a.m. Mass:

- Fr. George St. John & the deceased members of Fr. George's Family—Req. by HS
- 🕆 Rocco Prinzo—Req. by Jean Probst

11 a.m. Mass:

For the people of the parish

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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