



# Church of the Holy Spirit

## You are welcome here!

OCTOBER 24, 2021 | THIRTIETH 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.

#### Contact us:

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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



Dear friends in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always! I hope that you are enjoying the beautiful fall weather as much as you can. This weekend is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The second collection today, for World Mission Sunday, is to support the pastoral work and ministry of priests, religious, and lay leaders who work in the field of Missionary in the world such as in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and other developing areas of our world. Thank you for your kindness and support to this mission.

Mark's gospel tells us the story of a blind beggar, Bartimaeus, who teaches us the lesson of faith and perseverance. He has been sitting and waiting by the roadside to meet Jesus. As Jesus was coming through the town, Bartimaeus called out to Jesus, despite those who rebuked him. When Jesus called for him, Bartimaeus threw off his mantle, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Because of his active faith and perseverance, Jesus granted Bartimaeus' request.

November 13 & 14 is stewardship weekend where we invite you to sign up and help us in a ministry for which you might think God calls you. Jesus has been calling us and asking us to be His hands and feet in our community. Bartimaeus threw away everything that he had and came to Jesus. Do we have the same faith and courage like Bartimaeus to respond to Jesus' call? Let us spend some time this week to pray over all possibilities that God offers us, and to discern in what way God may have called or asked us to serve his Church, whether a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter, Altar Server, and other parish ministries. May you have a blessed week!

*Fr. Quigley*

#### 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

- ✠ The prophet Jeremiah foreshadowed the joy that Israel would experience when the Lord delivers them from captivity in Babylon. What are some upcoming events you anticipate celebrating in the name of the Lord?
- ✠ The author of Hebrews tells us that God glorified Christ by making him "high priest." What are some gifts that you have received from God?
- ✠ Jesus heard and responded to the desperate pleas of the blind man, Bartimaeus. What worries or fears do you need to bring to the Lord?



## This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Jer 31:7-9

Second Reading: Heb 5:1-6

Gospel: Mk 10:46-52

## Next Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Dt 6:2-6

Second Reading: Heb 7:23-28

Gospel: Mk 12:28b-34

## HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING



### Week of 10/17/21:

- \* Collection weekend masses: \$ 2,957.00
- \* Collection thru mail: \$325.00
- \* Collection thru E-Giving: \$248.00

**Total Collection: \$3,530.00**



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.



Our second collection this week will be for the **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 to give a gift to this collection. Thank you for your generosity.



In the Church in the \_\_\_\_\_, more emphasis was placed in the Eucharistic Liturgy and Christ's Sacrifice.

- a) North                      c) East
- b) South                      d) West



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

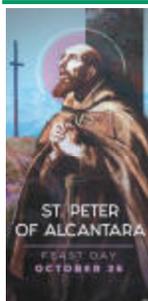
**Missionary Disciples** – We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.



We congratulate our Confirmandi who received the Sacrament of Confirmation

*Shaun Branon                      Lily Brown*  
*Michael Cuvione                Emily Koenig*  
*Summer Reineohl*

A letter to our Confirmandi from you would be a huge encouragement for them to live and practice their Catholic Faith in the world. Please drop your letter at the parish office so that we can forward the letter to them.



St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spent much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation. When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

**Question:** I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

**Answer:** While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment (“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another’s faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person’s mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God’s grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual well-being of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another’s persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

—“To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement.” These words of St. Augustine are timeless. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. There is only one way to satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. When we seek God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, we will cry out, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!” We will instinctively know that it is only our Divine Master who can restore our sight and heal us. The blind man fell in love with Jesus, embarked upon this life-saving adventure to reach him and achieved a goal many have only remotely thought possible. This is mercy in action. No matter how far we stray or how blind we become God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him with all our heart.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### The 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!” We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It’s all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that “to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement.” We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God’s mercy is always available. It doesn’t matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God’s, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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**Youth Council.** All 12-18 year olds are invited to our Youth Council gathering on Sunday 10/24 at 6:30pm in the Church. This is an opportunity for our teens to gather as a peer group. Masks will be required and teens will need to be signed in. For more information, please contact Laura Countryman at (518)477-4925 or by email [faithformation@hscg.org](mailto:faithformation@hscg.org)

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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!**

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### BULLETIN & PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT

**DEADLINE:** Please submit a hardcopy or email ([info@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:info@holyspiritchurcheg.org)) no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday for that week's bulletin and Pulpit announcement. Thank you for your cooperation.

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**



**Saturday 10/23—St. John of  
Capistrano, Priest;**

**4 p.m. Vigil:** Joyce Lapham—Req. by Gale Carroll  
✠ Patrick Mahar—Req. by Andrew Klimack

**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

**Tuesday 10/26—Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**9 a.m.:** Intention Available

**Wednesday 10/27—Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**9 a.m.:** Intention Available

**Thursday 10/28—Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast)**

**9 a.m.:** Intention Available

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Saturday 10/30—St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM**

**4 p.m. Vigil:** Joyce Lapham—Req. by Gale Carroll  
✠ Carmella & Anthony Montanino (Anniv.)  
Req. by Ashley, Arriana, & Jack

**Sunday 10/31—Thirty-First 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:**

✠ 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](http://albanyvocations.org) (518) 453-6690.



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