



# Church of the Holy Spirit

## You are welcome here!

NOVEMBER 21, 2021 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



### 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.



- ❖ **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 grace and peace of our Lord Jesus be with you always!

This coming week can be very busy for most of us because of Thanksgiving holiday. Even though there are many preparations for celebrating Thanksgiving day, I invite you to spend ten minutes of quiet time to reflect on what you have to be thankful for. This weekend closes the liturgical year B cycle as we celebrate the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Johannine Jesus is being confronted and judged by Pilate. Pilate asking Jesus "Are you the King of the Jews?" shows Pilate's limited knowledge of Jesus. Jesus' response to Pilate with a question "do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" forces Pilate to think about the truth of the kingship of Jesus.

Celebrating the solemnity of our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe challenges us to reflect on the kingship of Jesus Christ, and what kind of power that Jesus has. Jesus is the king of love, kindness, and mercy—the king who is willing to die for us and redeem us. He is the king who comes with power to speak the truth and to consecrate in the fire of the Spirit. At some point in life, all of us will stand before Jesus, the King of Universe, to be interrogated by him. Perhaps, the questions for us to answer are what power do we seek? How would we like to get it? Do we excuse ourselves of manipulating and exploiting others for the sake of safeguarding our own status or progress? How often do we strike out with the violent word of the cutting silence? (*from the Living Liturgy*). Pray and mediate over these questions as we begin a new week. May you and yours have a blessed Thanksgiving celebration!

Peace & Blessings

*Fr. Quyn Vo*

#### Contact us:

667 Columbia Turnpike  
East Greenbush, NY 12061  
518-477-7925  
<http://hsceg.org>

#### 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:

[holyspiritchurcheg.weebly.com](http://holyspiritchurcheg.weebly.com)  
**Follow us on:**  
Twitter: @HolySpiritEG  
Facebook: @holyspiritchurcheg  
Instagram: @holyspiriteg

# REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- † The prophet Daniel has a vision of the “everlasting dominion” of the “son of man.” Why do think the Lord revealed this vision to Daniel?
- † John teaches his community that Jesus “has made us (believers) into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.” How should knowledge of this reality affect your spiritual journey?
- † In his trial Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world. What do you think prevents the Kingdom of God from being more fully present in our world?
- † On this feast of Christ the King of the Universe, how is your life affected by living it under the kingship of Jesus?



### This Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Dn 7:13-14

Second Reading: Rv 1:5-8

Gospel: Jn 18:33b-37

### Next Sunday's Reading:

First Reading: Jer 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thes 3:12—4:2

Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

Week of 11/14/21:

- \* Collection weekend masses: \$2667.00
- \* Collection thru mail: \$2065.00
- \* Collection thru E-Giving: \$271.86

**Total Collection: \$5003.86**



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.



This weekend's special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty with countless more moving toward poverty as a result of COVID 19. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).



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 NOVEMBER 2021

**People Who Suffer from Depression**—We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

This year we are supporting the **CONSERNS-U Holiday Store**. We will collect gift cards from Target and Walmart and sensory toys for infants to 18 months old (rattles, squeaky books, etc.). Your generosity will help families in need during this joyful season. Gift cards and baby toys will be collected on **Sundays November 21st and 28th, and on December 5th**. There will be a decorated box at the entrance of the church to receive the gift cards and a bin for the baby sensory toys.



**Holy Spirit School**—Please join the Catholic Identity Team for a weekly rosary with the intention of Holy Spirit School. We will be meeting every Thursday, doors open at 2:45pm, we will begin promptly at 3pm, on days that school is in session. Contact Sadie Murphy for more information, [smurphy@hsseg.com](mailto:smurphy@hsseg.com)



O God of all things  
in heaven and on earth,  
you give all your people in the  
world the gift of life, the gift of family,  
the gift of work, and the gift of rest.

On this, our national day of Thanksgiving,  
we turn all our thoughts to you,  
from whom all blessings flow.

Bless all our work, our friends, and our families  
both near and far.

We humbly ask for the ability to continue our work  
for your kingdom and the ability to gather freely  
to worship you without fear.

We ask you to give our years ahead your blessing and  
protection. We ask all this through Christ the Lord,  
your Son and our brother. Amen.



Last weekend, our parish welcomed into the church new members through the Sacrament of Baptism:

*Harper Nicole Gibson-Cook*  
*Joel Thomas Gibson-Cook*

May the grace and blessings of our Lord Jesus be with you  
and your family.



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?  
CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED**

**Question: Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?**

*Answer:* The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

---

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on our understanding of what it means to be a king by sending us a king who embraces poverty, insults, suffering, ridicule, rejection, and even death. This is our king. Jesus is not the king of prestige or grandeur but the king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. God dances on, around, in and through all of the silliness and ugliness of the world bringing all of creation to the eternal dance of new life and hope. Whether we accept it now or hope that we one day do, Christ is king of the universe. Christ is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. Every human being, even those who scorned and rejected him and failed to see him in the least of our brothers and sisters will look upon him. Only those who understand truth will understand that we are on this awesome universal journey to Christ. It is a journey of surprises but also a journey of enlightenment when we will one day see and experience with the deepest joy our being in Christ. We will be restless until we are all one day together united in Christ our King.



**IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING DAY,** Our parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday. We will be open on Monday November 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.



The Sanctuary Lamp is Lit in Memory of

*Marie R. Goding*

Given by Doris & Gary Beardsley

## Holy Spirit Directory

Parish: 518-477-7925 [office@hsceg.org](mailto:office@hsceg.org)

School: 518-477-5739 [hssoffice@hsceg.org](mailto:hssoffice@hsceg.org)

### Parish Pastoral Team

*Pastor:* Fr. Quy Vo [pastor@hsceg.org](mailto:pastor@hsceg.org)

*Deacon:* Bill Dringus [deacon1275@aol.com](mailto:deacon1275@aol.com)

### *Pastoral Associate for Administration:*

Sowmya Sudulaganti [info@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:info@holyspiritchurcheg.org)

### *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy:*

\* Fr. Quy Vo [pastor@hsceg.org](mailto:pastor@hsceg.org)

### *Family Ministry & Lifelong Faith Formation:*

\* Laura Countryman [faithformation@hsceg.org](mailto:faithformation@hsceg.org)

*Accountant:* Aimee Martin-Vieira [finance@hsceg.org](mailto:finance@hsceg.org)

*Secretary:* [office@hsceg.org](mailto:office@hsceg.org)

*Maintenance Services:* Paul Weidman, Tim Casalla

**Holy Spirit School** - 54 Highland Drive

*Principal:* Michael Kosar [principal@hsseg.com](mailto:principal@hsseg.com)

### Parish Council

Ellen Murphy: 518-479-7217 [ebmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:ebmurphy@gmail.com)

### Finance Committee

Steve Wiech: 518-477-5351 [steve\\_wiech@msn.com](mailto:steve_wiech@msn.com)

### Trustees

Matt Heitker: [heitkergm@acm.org](mailto:heitkergm@acm.org)

Kevin Haggerty: 518-378-5428 [khaggerty51@gmail.com](mailto:khaggerty51@gmail.com)

---

**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 are 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](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.



### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

#### **Saturday 11/20—Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**4 p.m. Vigil:** Lottie & Albert Savicki—Req. by Karen & Bob Savicki

✠ Joyce Lapham—Req. by Ann Taylor & Michael Cristo

✠ Michael DelPrete—Req. by Robyn & Michael Hurley

✠ Brunon & Maria Jantzen—Req. by Betty Palasz

#### **Sunday 11/21—OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

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

✠ Katherine Vogler—Req. by Kevin McCann

**11 a.m. Mass:** Bernedine Donovan—Req. by Sharon Blaser

✠ Louis R. Blake—Req. Bob & Mary Kay Blake & Family

#### **Tuesday 11/23—St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr (NO PARISH LITURGY)**

#### **Wednesday 11/24—St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

(NO PARISH LITURGY)

#### **Thursday 11/25—St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr (NO PARISH LITURGY)**

### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### **Saturday 11/27—Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**4 p.m. Vigil Mass:** Joseph Romer, Jr.—Req. by HS Funeral Ministry

✠ Michael A. DelPrete—Req. by Rosemary Horan

✠ Joseph Palasz—Req. by Betty Palasz

✠ Joseph Zeller—Req. by Betty Palasz

#### **Sunday 11/28—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**11 am 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. If possible, one **should not** wait until someone is near death before requesting an anointing.

### Sacraments of Initiation

**Baptism**—is available at any age. Please contact the parish office.

**Eucharist**—Student candidates must be at least 7 by December 1st and be participating in ongoing Seasons of Faith gatherings for a 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 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



### Circles of Mercy

Sponsored by Sisters of Mercy NE Community  
Providing Hope and Empowerment

Catherine's Closet • Computer Training  
Resume Writing • Free Income Tax Prep

Richard Zazycki, Director • Call: 518-462-0899  
11 Washington Street • Rensselaer, NY  
www.circlesofmercy.org



### Catholic Central High School

Home of Crusader Spirit  
**Apply Today!**  
apply.cchstroy.org

Co-ed, Grades 7-12 • Since 1923  
www.cchstroy.org



Your Hometown Garden Center

420 Columbia Turnpike Rensselaer, NY 12144  
518.477.4163 info@beckersfarm.com  
East Greenbush - Across from Columbia Plaza

### TIRES & AUTO REPAIR IN EAST GREENBUSH & SCHENECTADY

**WE ARE OPEN!!!!**  
**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!**



3361 SOUTH THOMPSON  
SCHENECTADY  
518-630-5055

591 COLUMBIA TPKE  
EAST GREENBUSH  
518-477-4753

### TOM CLARKE

Parishioner  
Providing Insurance & Financial Services



Ask me about 24 hr.  
Good Neighbor Service™



**518-477-7700**

tom@tomclarkeagency.com

### FREE AD DESIGN

WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE

**CALL 800.477.4574**



### ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety

- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

1-855-225-4251



### SCHODACK AUTO

Minor, Major Collision Repairs • Quality Used Cars  
1525 Columbia Turnpike • Castleton, NY 12033  
(518) 477-2345



Wm. J. Rockefeller  
Funeral Home, Inc.

## We are Celebrating 150 Years! Our Family Serving Your Family In Your Hour of Need

Wm. J. Rockefeller Funeral Home, Inc.  
165 Columbia Tpk • Rensselaer, NY 12144 • (518) 449-7047

**WWW.WJROCKEFELLER.COM**

Marshall G. Wagner  
Owner/Director

George W. Wagner  
Owner/Manager

Michael J. Wagner  
Owner/Director

## WE'RE HIRING

### AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid Training
- Some Travel
- Work-Life Balance
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Serve Your Community



Contact us at careers@4lpi.com  
www.4lpi.com/careers



### JOHN MOONEY

SRES, SFR Catholic  
Licensed Associate Real Estate Broker

Cell 518-495-3629  
Office 518-286-1000

johnmooney@howardhanna.com  
HowardHanna.com



Real Estate Services  
112 Van Rensselaer Square  
Suite L - Rensselaer, NY



### Taylor's Monument Co., Inc

13199 Route 9W, Hannacroix, NY

Investigate before Investing

(518) 756-3530

Michael Taylor, President  
Mary Taylor, Vice President

## AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!

### ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact **Mac Economy** to place an ad  
today! meconomy@4LPi.com or  
(800) 477-4574 x6442



- Plot Maintenance
- Headstone Cleaning
- Affordable Pricing

Call Brian Calhoun 518-756-1037



Comprehensive Physical  
Therapy Solutions, PLLC

Individual customized care for  
all of your Physical Therapy needs.

Deborah A Cipriani P.T. Owner, Parishioner

518-915-1452

Participating with most major Insurances.  
81 Miller Rd, Suite 400, Castleton

www.Comprehensiveptsolutions.com

# SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

