

**MASS INTENTIONS
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Sunday, December 9

5:00 (Sat. Eve. Vigil) Pasquale Dambrosio
 8:00 Deceased Members of Weinborg & Hinkey
 Family and Friends
 10:00 Maria Romagnoli
 12:00 Frank Olesczuk

Monday, December 10

9:00 People of Holy Spirit Parish

Tuesday, December 11

9:00 Constant Sylvain & Max Bissainthe

Wednesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 Tosca Santoro

Thursday, December 13 – St. Lucy

9:00 Thomas & Ruth Baker

Friday, December 14 – St. John of the Cross

9:00 Felice Verre

Saturday, December 15

9:00 Thomas Foody

Sunday, December 16

5:00 (Sat. Eve. Vigil) Mike & Donna Lauria
 8:00 Chris Vaccaro
 10:00 Robert & Mary Bailey & Danny Lopez
 12:00 James Devlin

*The Sacramental Bread and Wine for the Week of
 December 9th was donated in memory of:
 Roberta Rose*

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading	Baruch 5:1-9
Second Reading	Philippians 1:4-11
Gospel	Luke 3:1-6

RESPONSE

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

PRAYER INTENTION

For the Youth of our Parish

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:10-18

**CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR NEXT
WEEKEND**

Saturday, December 15th

5:00pm Fr. Francis

Sunday, December 16th

8:00am Fr. DeBellis

10:00am Fr. Vernon

12:00 noon Fr. DeBellis

Thank you for your generosity

Sunday Offering

\$11,361

Buildings and Grounds Maintenance

\$2,611



The sick are comforted just knowing that we pray for them. Please remember these members of our Parish Family, who are ill, in your prayers: **James Culhane, Catherine Culhane, Nasaiah Torres, Kathy Patrone and Brody Canestro.** Please also remember the deceased members of our Parish Family in your prayers.



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ian Hall, the 50/50 Maintenance Club Winner for the month of November. Thanks to all of you the amount of \$203.00 was shared.

Christmas Spiritual Bouquet



As a spiritual gift, remember your loved ones during our Christmas Masses. Christmas cards with intention envelopes will be available in the Church. Fill out the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet envelope and return it with your stipend (offering) enclosed. You may place it in the collection basket or drop it at the Parish Office. All Christmas Masses will be offered for these intentions.



From the Desk of Fr. John

Thanks to all who joined us for “A Christmas Carol” at the Westchester Broadway Theatre last Sunday evening. The show was great and I enjoyed being with everyone. Charles Dickens wrote at the end of his very popular story about the conversion of Ebenezer Scrooge “that never was it known that anyone kept Christmas better than Ebenezer Scrooge”. May the same be said of each of us this Christmas.



This weekend, I will be traveling with a great host of young people and adults to the City to celebrate Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, a tour of Rockefeller Center with the Christmas tree, followed by lunch at Carmine’s. I’m looking forward to a great day.

Congratulations to our **RCIA Candidates** who took their next step on the road to receiving their Sacraments in the spring. The candidates were present for a special prayer of blessing and commitment last Sunday at the 12 Noon Mass. They will continue their course of study until April 2019. Please keep them in your prayers.

I encourage everyone to join us for the **Annual Christmas Concert** on Sunday, December 16th at 5:00pm in the Church. The Adult Choir and Children’s Choir under the direction Mrs. Joan Rojas will perform holiday songs celebrating the Birth of the Savior. Msgr. Joe Marin of Carmel will be here to give the reflection.

I thank the Choirs for all their dedication to the Music Ministry throughout the year. They are among the finest.

Reconciliation Monday, which has now become a staple of the Advent Season will be on Monday, December 17th from 4:00pm-8:00pm. One of the priests will be available in the Church for the Sacrament of Penance continuously during these hours.

Let us prepare spiritually for the great event of the Birth of Christ and answer the call of John the Baptist: “to prepare a highway for our God.” Join us.

Teenage Federation Convention

Congratulations to Zachary, Gina, Kaitlin H., and Kaitlin W. for attending the **Teenage Federation Convention** in Ellenville, NY last weekend. I can tell you they had a great experience filled with a renewed sense of faith and community. Below is a shared reflection by one our participants, Kaitlin W. I am grateful to Mrs. Kogler who served as their chaperone for the weekend. God Bless you all.



Here are what two of our youth had to say about their experience last weekend:

From Kaitlin W. -

"I am so thankful for the opportunity God granted me to be able to participate in the amazing PTAF Conference this weekend. It was by far an experience I will never forget, and the people there are so welcoming that it already feels like my second home. I made so many new friends who I would not hesitate to already call family because of how much love and support they showed me throughout the time there. The speaker, Vallimar Jansen, and her speech on Saturday was so moving and heart-warming that she made me cry at least three times, and it was because of her that I now feel so much closer to God, and my relationship feels so much stronger. Also, the speeches at the closing ceremony about how meaningful and life-changing PTAF has been for some people has motivated me to take leadership in life and become more involved with what PTAF and the youth ministry that church has to offer. I am definitely looking forward to attend more conferences and retreats in the future, because a world with PTAF in it sounds like a world worth living in".

From Gina -

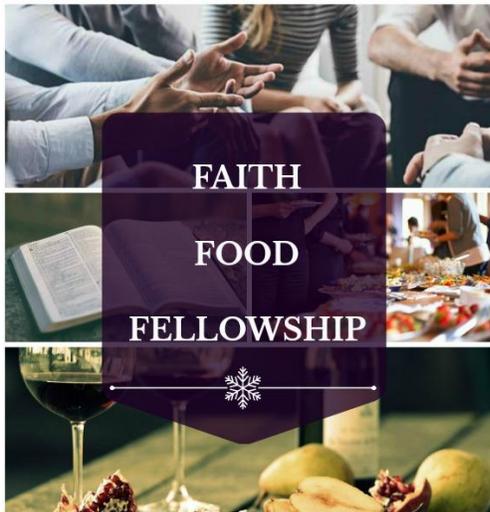
"I am very thankful to everyone from Holy Spirit and am so happy that I belong to a parish that is so energetic and supportive of the growth of our Youth Ministry. Over the weekend of November 30-December 2, I attended the 2018 Pallottine Teenage Federation Conference with three other teenagers from Holy Spirit. The keynote speaker, Vallimar Jansen, was very inspirational and knew just how to target her audience. It was also nice to spend time with other teens from different youth ministries around New York who appreciate their faith like me. I look forward to working with my new and old friends and the rest of the parish in the development of our Youth Ministry".



God Bless... Fr. Joan

In your 30's thru 50's?
Come to our
Annual Advent Faith Sharing & Potluck!

Saturday, 12/16/17 at 6pm
Church of the Holy Spirit, Parish Activity Center
1969 Crompond Rd., Cortlandt Manor



CatholicinRealLife@gmail.com Meetup.com/Catholic-in-Real-Life



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Did you know that once a week a parishioner takes care of the linens that we use on our Altar? We would love to have a few more people help out. If you can launder and press the Altar Linens once every two months please call the Rectory Office. Thank you so much for your help.

Gratitude and Generosity

Gratitude and generosity often go hand in hand. God is generous in his blessings to us, and often gives us more than we need. Our gratitude inspires us to "give back" to God. Gratitude is the attitude of a generous heart.

"Do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you" (Mathew 6:3-4).

– Growing in Faith

In August of 2019 Fr. John will complete his first term of six years here at Holy Spirit. In keeping with Archdiocesan policy, an **evaluation of the parish** will be conducted. Parishioners and staff who wish to do so may write letters with their own comments about our parish and the pastoral leadership of the parish. Please address your letters to:

**The Office of Priest Personnel
Archdiocese of New York**

1011 First Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Letters should be received no later than **December 31, 2018.**



**Holy Spirit Parish
and the Music Ministry
Cordially Invites You to Our
Joyful Christmas Reflection
Sunday, December 16th at 5:00 p.m.
Church of the Holy Spirit
1969 Crompond Road
Cortlandt Manor, NY**

**Tickets are now on sale after all Masses or
at the Rectory Office.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - ATTENTION GRADES 1 TO 5

Come join us for Movie Night

THE STAR

A heartwarming tale of faith and friendship

Friday, December 14th, 7pm to 9pm

Parish Activity Center

Free admission, snacks served, drop-off

RSVP by December 13th (914) 734-9243

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**Church of the Holy Spirit
Christmas Cookie Sharing
Sunday, December 16th After Each Mass**



Share the Season and your Favorite Christmas Cookies with Fellow Parishioners (In addition, coffee & other goodies will be provided)

Please prepare one batch of your favorite cookies to share and a copy(s) of the recipe if you would like to exchange it with others.

Please drop off your cookies at the PAC before Mass.

(Please label with your name and type of cookie and if it contains nuts)

All are welcome, cookies or not



Holy Spirit Parish

Open to the Community. First Time Donors Welcome!

Thurs. December 27, 2018

3:00pm – 9:00pm

Church of the Holy Spirit – Parish Activity Center

1969 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor, NY

To sign up visit www.nybc.org/donate-blood/

Questions or to sign up over the phone call

Jeff Canning (914) 739-5423

Walk-Ins Also Welcome!

