July 19, 2020

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

Know Christ, Love Christ, Serve Christ and Invite others to Christ through Word, Sacrament and Sacrifice!

PASTORAL TEAM
Fr. Joseph McCaffrey  
Pastor
Fr. Anthony Sciarappa  
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Brendan Dawson  
Parochial Vicar
Fr. Nicholas Spirko  
In Residence
Dcn. John Carran
Dcn. S. Daniel Kielar
Sr. Annie Bremmer, OSF,  
Pastoral Associate
Merv E. Knieriem,  
Seminarian

PASTORAL COUNCIL
Marla Brown
Amy Chornenky
Phyllis Genareo
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Susan Kearns
Tom Leihy
Matt McCosby
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Harry Micco
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John Provencher
John Stephens

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Brad Cain
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Debbie Lynch
Reed Newell
Jerry Prestopine
Jodi Russo
Tracey Vasko

Welcome one and all!
It is hard to believe that we are already in the middle of the month of July! I know that we, as a parish, are very excited about the newly established Holy Spirit Academy and our prospects for this coming school year. Here is an update from our principal, Ed Sharbaugh, regarding Holy Spirit Academy.

We are very excited about the renewed life the school has been given by Fr. McCaffrey and the Diocese. The outstanding quality of academic excellence continues to grow and the new look of Holy Spirit Academy, with the blue and orange colors and its eagle mascot, shouts, “We are taking flight, bold in the Spirit.”

I think most everyone recognizes how important it is for students to get back in the building for essential, face to face interaction. To that end, we have developed some very practical and viable solutions to the challenges facing us when we return. We feel we have developed a plan which is prudent without being prohibitive. With modified procedures to which the students will easily adapt, I am optimistic that we will be hugely successful in meeting students’ needs academically, socially and spiritually.

We have had a number of new families enroll this year and some of our classes are near full capacity. We encourage anyone interested in learning more about the new Holy Spirit Academy and our plans for the upcoming school year to contact the school.

—Ed Sharbaugh, Principal

I am very proud of Mr. Sharbaugh and his work at Holy Spirit Academy! This is a wonderful gift for our families, and especially our children in Lawrence County. Our school is so blessed to be able to service our children in a special way that the public schools cannot. We are certainly surrounded by very good public schools. But, a public school is bound by a secular culture which has a hostility to religion. That was not always the case in our country, but it certainly is today. Having your child in Holy Spirit Academy provides an atmosphere based on Catholic Christian values. We strive for academic excellence, but this is not void of our other striving—for connection with God and a moral excellence as the foundation of one’s life. Many children who have not been able to succeed in public school have flourished in the environment of a Catholic school. This is why we have been working so very hard to keep our school alive and healthy.

If there were ever a time when our community could benefit from a Catholic education, it is now! Holy Spirit Academy belongs to all of Lawrence County! We are Bold in the spirit; taking flight!

God love you,
SATURDAY, JULY 18th—4:00 pm—VIGIL: THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jean & William Newell (Children)
Clara Turco (Children)
Albert Russo (Wife, Grace & Family)

SUNDAY, JULY 19th—9:00 am; 11:00 am—THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Deceased Members of the Didiano Family (Anthony, Gina & Angelina Didiano)
Grace Cupido (Frank Cupido)
Marie Chlebowski (Julie Gilroy)
Sandy Diana (Jack & Krista Lupo)
Leona Jendrysik (Joey, Nancy, Justin & Melissa)
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

ST. VITUS—MONDAY, JULY 20th—9:00 am—WEEKDAY
Deborah Cearfoss (Claudia Nogee)

ST. VITUS—TUESDAY, JULY 21st—9:00 am—WEEKDAY
In Honor of Tresa Flamino on her 99th Birthday
Norman Cuscino, Jr., Charles & Nellie Mazzei (Josephine Cuscino & Family)

ST. VITUS—WEDNESDAY, JULY 22nd—9:00 am—ST. MARY MAGDALENE
Patricia Hartman (Cathy Frank)

ST. VITUS—THURSDAY, JULY 23rd—9:00 am—WEEKDAY
Mary Ann Ginocchi (Deacon Joseph Biangone & Carol Biangone)

ST. VITUS—FRIDAY, JULY 24th—9:00 am—WEEKDAY
Carmen Rozzi (Mary Kay Rozzi)
James & Elizabeth Fee (Family)

SATURDAY, JULY 25th—4:00 pm—VIGIL: THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Thomas J. Fontana (Parents)
Gino V. Cugini (Daddy, Jodi, Michael, Dana & Julie)
Mrs. Jean Cangey (Gerald M. Cangey)

SUNDAY, JULY 26th—9:00 am; 11:00 am—THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Elizabeth & Domenick Savelli (Savelli Family)
Sara & Bill Mittica & Theresa Catale (Family)
Samuel Librizzi, Sr. (Wife & Family)
J. Ronnie Kukich (Donna Malinak)
Fred & Madeline Betts (Doran Family)
Carmen Micco (Wife & Family)
Donna Moses (Family)
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

As we gradually move back into the churches, please remember that this bulletin is printed several days ahead of the Sunday date, and details are subject to change.

Mass is being said daily and is recorded & live streamed at 9:00 am
View on HSPLC.ORG and NCTV-45

THIS WEEK, THE TABERNACLE LAMPS ARE DEDICATED FOR:
Adoration Chapel
Health Care Workers

St. Anthony
Health Care Workers

St. Camillus
Health Care Workers

St. James
Health Care Workers

St. Joseph
Thomas W. McCosby by Mary Ann “Boots” McCosby

St. Mary
Health Care Workers

St. Vincent de Paul
Stanley Pierog & Stacey Lambert Pierog by Gen Pierog & Family

St. Vitus
Robert Luptak, Sr. by Son & Daughter

St. Vitus
Mary & Joseph Lamp Grace Cupido by Frank Cupido
Readings for the week of July 19, 2020

**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

**Monday:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/
Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
JULY 19, 2020

DEACON’S MESSAGE & REPORT

**FINANCES**

**J. M. J. From the Desk of Deacon John:**

These past couple of weeks have been full of activity, and it does not seem to be slowing down. So, I would like to start first with our new fiscal year budget. Today’s financial page has been updated to reflect our new budget information. You will notice the amount of weekly contributions needed based on budget has decreased. Last fiscal year, our weekly collection amount needed for budget purposes stood at $37,988.00. We ended the fiscal year short of our offertory goal by $ 59,297.22. Again, as I mentioned previously, this is not bad considering the economic impact of COVID-19.

In preparing this year’s budget, we understand we will most likely have less to work with in offerings than in the prior year’s budget. Last year, we had some unbudgeted and unanticipated building/maintenance expenses. We had the flat roof replacements at St. Mary’s, leaks in the offices at St. Vitus, with both instances resulting in having inside repairs done as well. Some of these expenses were covered by insurance, however, most of them were not, due to normal wear and tear.

So, for this year, we are looking at an average weekly offertory amount needed of $34,000.00. Keep in mind this includes ALL collections throughout the year; including annual collections for Christmas, Easter and other Holy Days of Obligation. Thus, at times our year to date collections may reflect a deficit number because of these other anticipated collections.

We have some building maintenance items we are presently working on, and we are in the process of obtaining some estimates for these needed repairs. Like any other homeowner, we need to be sure to take care of needed repairs as they arise.

The St. Anthony church building needs some roof replacements. The three flat roof areas of the church building can no longer be patched. It is time for a new roof. In addition, some of the slate on the main church roof is missing and needs to be replaced.

At the St. Vitus site, we need to repair the steps coming out of the entrance near the alley way, as well as some sidewalk repairs in front of the office on Mercer Street.

We need to make repairs to the steps at the entrance at St. Camillus church—the entranceway near the courtyard. Also, the baptism area in St. Camillus church has a roof leak. This has been a problem for quite some time as it has caused interior damage of the plaster.

Presently, we are getting estimates to make these needed repairs. Unfortunately, it appears none of these repairs are valid insurance claims. We will submit a claim for the baptism area in St. Camillus, but the remaining items will need to be paid with parish funds. We will keep you updated on these projects.

Most homeowners have recently received their local school property tax bills. Next week, I will update you on the County, Local and School taxes for which we have been billed and paid this year.

I want to close by thanking you for your continued support of our good parish through your time, talent and treasure. May God bless you all.

*Wishing you a blessed week. God love you, Deacon John*

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**Time, Talent & Treasure: Financial Stewardship**

**WEEKLY OFFERING 7/12/2020**

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**BUDGET OVERVIEW Fiscal 2020/2021**

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**PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN**

| Parish Share Goal: | $ 402,313.00 |
| Parish Share Collected: | $ 12,071.64 |
| Parish Share Paid: | $ 202,293.39 |
| Parish Share Bal. Owed: | $ 200,025.61 |
Fun Ways to Evangelize...
Even While Social Distancing

Offer up prayers or the rosary while you exercise. Have your children lead the rosary as you walk around your neighborhood.

Get together with other Catholics (and those that aren’t Catholic too) to share an evening around a bonfire with food and music. Make sure to sing some Christian music and be open to sharing Scripture and your own personal sacred story.

Leave your waiter or waitress a tip and a Gospel Message.

Wear your faith on a hat or shirt. This will get the public’s attention and it just may be a conversation starter. Check with our Holy Spirit Gift Shop first to see if we have Catholic Christian clothing. If we don’t have it, a really good place to find Catholic clothing is at www.catholictothemax.com.

Invite friends and family to take a nature hike with you. Pray at times along the way.

Have fun evangelizing this summer and be creative!

—Janet Crespi

Called from Living Waters

I am very thankful to the administration at Holy Spirit Parish for giving me the opportunity to attend the NPM (National Pastoral Musicians) convention last week. It was planned to take place in Louisville, KY but in light of COVID-19, it was offered online as a virtual convention.

I was glued to my computer all week taking advantage of the many classes, lectures, prayers and new music available. (And of course learning the correct way to say “Louisville”. LOL!)

The theme was “Called from Living Waters”, which reflects our baptism and its significance to our faith and ministry.

We were reminded that our bodies are made up predominantly of water and perhaps that is why we are drawn so much to water. We are born in water and we are born in the spirit through baptism in water. We need water to live! I heard the old spiritual “Wade in the Water” several times during the week and I guess I never thought too much before about the phrase, “God’s gonna trouble the water”. The 5th chapter of John’s gospel tells the story of the Bethesda Pool in Jerusalem where a large number of ill, blind, lame and crippled would congregate, because at certain times, an angel of the Lord would descend into the water and stir it up. Many times, the first one into the pool after the waters were stirred was healed. Jesus healed the crippled man there without having him descend into the water.

Perhaps with so much water in our bodies, the healing power of water is right within us. We just need the water of our bodies and souls to be “troubled” or stirred up. Calmness is overrated, don’t you think? Let’s listen to the “stirring” of our souls.

Maybe God is trying to tell us something.

—Brenda Kostial
Throughout His life, Christ met with people one-on-one, in their sickness and in their sin. He wants to meet you there as well.

The way He meets us is through the Sacraments and through prayer. We all know how easy it is for something to come between us and the Sacraments. So, now more than ever it’s important for us to learn how to meet with Christ through praying with Scripture.

Scripture is a living story. The events and people in it are present to us. God wants us to step into these stories and take the place of Lazarus, the Prodigal Son, or the woman caught in adultery.

When we make time daily to pray with a story from Scripture, we’re allowing Christ into our lives. Doing this every day has a profound impact on your closeness to the Lord.

Simply pick a story and follow these steps:

1. Read the story once to get a lay of the land. It helps to pause and mentally put the story into your own words.
2. Read it again and look for a word or phrase that sticks out to you. Highlight it and/or write it down in a prayer journal, if you have one.
3. Read it one more time and focus on that word or phrase.
4. Spend time in silence and ask God why that word or phrase sticks out to you. If you’re journaling, write your questions and His response.


First time through, I focus on the who and what of the story. Who is there and what are they doing? Then, I think through the story as if I’m going to retell it to someone. Like this:

A rich young man comes up to Jesus and asks Him, “What good things do I need to do to go to Heaven?” Jesus answers, “Why do you ask me what is good? Only God is good. If you want to go to heaven, keep the commandments.”

The young man says, “I have! What else should I do?” Jesus replies, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell everything you have and give it to the poor. Then come, follow me.” The man became sad and left, because he had many things.

When putting the story in my own words, I have a few questions. Why did the rich young man approach Jesus in the first place? Why did Jesus answer the way He did? What was Jesus’s attitude towards the man (stern, loving, angry, patient)?

Second time through, I take these questions with me. It helps to put myself in the story. I often find myself in the place of the young man. The words, “come, follow me” are sticking out. So, I pause for a few moments and read again.

Third time through, I know what I’m looking for. The Lord wants me to focus on those words, “Come follow me.” So, I pause when I get to them and I sit in silence for a moment asking, “Lord why these words?”

This third read-through is the most important. It’s a springboard into contemplative prayer, the kind of prayer Theresa of Avila called, “A close sharing between friends.” It’s the point where God’s word leaps off the page and into your life. Only He can answer the question “Why these words?” because He wrote them for you before you were born.

Over time, you may notice a pattern. One of our high schoolers kept seeing themes of fatherhood in our bible studies. He said he felt God reminding him that He is his Father. Another kept seeing the word “believe.” He said he felt God calling him to grow in faith.

If nothing sticks out, persevere. Sit in silence for a while longer and recognize God’s presence. I can’t promise you will have a life changing prayer experience the first time you do this, but I can promise you this: God wants to speak to you. You just need to be still.

“Wait for the Lord. Be strong and let your heart take courage. Wait for the Lord.” Psalm 27:14

—Patrick Neve
Faith: the Next Generation

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to help pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ AND our Catholic faith!

In September, 700 children and teens, preschool through 12th grade are looking forward to returning to Faith Formation at Holy Spirit Parish.

Following Guidelines for COVID-19 we will have limited class sizes on Sundays, and therefore we will add Monday evening classes ONLY if we have enough catechists.

How can you help? It’s quite simple: become a catechist today!

We will only be able to offer classes on Monday evenings if we have more catechists. As you nurture the faith of our youngest members, you will learn so much from our children!

We provide you with training, materials, support and cover the cost of necessary background checks.

DON’T let the children down…sign up to be a catechist today!

- If you are interested in Kindergarten through 5th Grade:
  please contact Cathy Frank at 724-654-9371 EXT. 1

- If you are interested in 6th through 8th Grade:
  please contact Kathy Gabriel at 724-654-9371 EXT. 3

- If you are interested in the High School grades:
  please contact Patrick Neve at 724-652-3422 EXT. 2211

- If you are interested in being an aide for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: (pre-school age)
  please contact Vicki Pavalko at 724-498-0904

Website: holyspiritparishoflawrencecounty.org  Facebook: facebook.com/hsplc
Did you know that Reconciliation offers at least ten benefits?

1. We receive forgiveness of our sins.
2. We receive sanctifying grace, a sharing in God’s own life, which makes us holy and pleasing to him. When we have been stained by sin, even venial sin, we come away from confession with our soul completely clean and filled with divine life.
3. We receive a specific sacramental grace to avoid falling again into the sins we have just confessed. While we know we may fall again, we experience a greater strength after confession to avoid doing so.
4. Each confession brings a new beginning in the spiritual struggle. Especially when we have come with mortal sins, but also when our sins have been venial, the knowledge that we are clean and full of grace is a big help in deciding to struggle harder to avoid falling again.
5. We are always helped by the words of advice and encouragement the priest gives us in confession.
6. We grow in self-knowledge through the examination of conscience that necessarily precedes confession.
7. We grow in the virtues of humility and sincerity by the fact of confessing our sins to the priest. Sometimes we may be embarrassed to confess certain sins but the very fact of telling them to another helps us grow in these important virtues.
8. The penance the priest asks us to undertake makes up at least in part for the temporal punishment owing for our sins and thus shortens our time in Purgatory if indeed we need to go there at all.
9. Confession often brings about healing of the soul. If we have gone into the confessional burdened by guilt, anger, hatred, desire for revenge, sadness or even depression, we often emerge significantly healed and ready to begin again.
10. As the fruit of the other benefits, we leave the confessional with a deep sense of joy and peace of soul.

With all these benefits, it is a real shame that so many of our fellow Catholics miss out. We should make use of the sacrament regularly ourselves and do all we can to help others do the same.

Taken from “Why Go to Confession” by Fr John Flader
**CHRIST'S INVITATION TO SERVE:**
All women and men of the parish are invited to participate in these ministries

**Bereavement/Funeral Home/Prayers:**
Sr. Annie Bremmer | 724-652-3422 x 2205

**Cards for Nursing Homes:**
Paula St. Clair | 724-714-1567

**Confirmation Blankets:**
Susan Kearns | 724-651-1992

**Follow up Calls to Bereaved:**
Edna Hill | 724-654-5620

**Food Pantry:**
Sr. Annie Bremmer | 724-652-3422 x 2205

**Journeying Through Grief:**
Mary Ann Isaac | 724-971-8539

**Lunch for Feed My Sheep Ministry:**
Mary Ann Isaac | 724-971-8539

**Prayer Warriors:**
Mamie Denehy | 724-964-8276

**Rosary Making:**
Barbara Strittmatter | 724-656-0942

**Seven Sisters:**
Monica Leihy | 620-877-7351

**Stitching Angels:**
Sara Kalata | 724-944-7104

**Knights of Columbus:**
Brian Frank | 440-477-9996
bfrank@glpower.com

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**
Lynne Watson | 724-944-4823
lynnewatson927@gmail.com

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**Feeding the Sheep**

July 7, 2019 a small group of men from Holy Spirit Parish, St James site, served a take-out lunch at Feed My Sheep. It consisted of a ham & cheese sandwich, a bag of chips, an applesauce cup, a cookie, and a bottle of water. The men enjoyed each other's company while packing the lunches. Merv Knieriem, our seminarian, was able to tour the facility and speak to Barbara, Scott & Pam who are in charge. We have committed to serving the first Tuesday each month.

If you would like to help with this Social Ministry, contact Mary Ann Isaac at 724-971-8539 or misaac@hsplc.org.

Link to Feed My Sheep Video:
https://www.facebook.com/452201054849475/

**Reflection on Feeding the Sheep**

In the few weeks that I have been in Lawrence County, there is one thing that stands out. The heart of service within our parish boundaries not only instantly noticeable, but admirable. As I become more familiar with the smiling faces of Holy Spirit Parish, I learn more and more about the many ways in which this community of believers serves. There are those who serve the needs of our church from within: Musicians, Readers, and the small army of those who work in the heat at the Sears parking lot to set up and tear down are counted among those in this group. There are also those who serve the needs of our broader community outside of our Church, from those who work to provide basic needs, to those needs which are met with a kind word or by spending some time with someone who is lonely.

Recently, I visited the site of the ministry named “Feed My Sheep.” On a monthly basis, a small group of parishioners gather to prepare a free meal to those less fortunate among us. It is clear that there is a need within Lawrence County.

“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few’” (Matthew 9:37). Pope Francis reminds us to pray for those who are hungry, and then feed them. Please remember those who are less fortunate, and consider volunteering with this ministry.

—Merv Knieriem, Seminarian
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH IS COLLECTING CANNED GOODS AND DRY GOODS TO HELP THOSE WHO NEED FOOD DURING THIS DESPERATE TIME. Donation Boxes are in the entrance ways to the offices at St. James and St. Vitus. Please leave the food products there. We will distribute them. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!
A Message Upon Taking My First Pastoral Assignment As A Priest:
The first week after my ordination to the priesthood has been a whirlwind of firsts and surprises.

Within the first eight hours after my ordination, I gave my first talk as a priest. It was during a prayer and worship service and Eucharistic Adoration near downtown Pittsburgh. The next day we had a prayer vigil in another part of downtown before I celebrated Mass at St. Paul Cathedral. I have been blessed with the experience of hearing confessions, blessing businesses, baptizing a baby, anointing the sick, and blessing those who asked me to pray for them. There was even a funeral in the midst of all of this and it was a blessing to be able to comfort the family in their time of mourning. Through these and other events, I have felt more alive than I have ever felt before. As a priest, I am seeing life in all of its dimensions, from birth to death and from sickness to health. It has become more clear to me than ever that we are all in God’s hands and we are part of God’s plan.

The experience, however, has been bittersweet. When the bishop gave me my new assignment I was sad that I would have to leave Lawrence County. My first assignment, however, will be a challenge and an adventure. The territory covers the City of Pittsburgh from the eastern suburbs to downtown. It includes the neighborhoods of university professors, lawyers, executives, and non-professional service workers. It also includes distressed neighborhoods with a high concentration of poverty and crime, and neighborhoods that have never recovered from the loss of industrial jobs. It includes parishes with people of every race, ethnicity, and culture imaginable. I have a lot to learn.

Fortunately, I am coming to this new assignment after having been formed and molded by the best. As parishioners, clergy, and members of religious orders, the people of Lawrence County have been generous with your encouragement and support. I will always be grateful to you for that. We are all shaped by our environment to a large degree and I know that my priestly ministry will reflect the influence you have had on me. I will bring a part of you with me to my new ministry. The hospitality of Lawrence County is something to be shared far and wide. I will always keep you in my thoughts and in prayers. I am proud that I can now think of you as my family and call Lawrence County my home.

God Bless You,
Father Matthew Hawkins
ADULT EDUCATION:
FULFILLED: Uncovering the Biblical Roots of Catholicism
St Vincent de Paul site
August 3rd—November 16th
Monday Evenings: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Come explore the biblical roots of the Catholic Faith. Each week will help to uncover God’s consistent design for our worship of him and his relationship with us. Learn how the Old Testament Tabernacle can be used as a blueprint for the Catholic Faith and how Jesus fulfilled it in the New Testament. We will focus on the elements found in the outer sanctuary of the Tabernacle and how they connect to the liturgical calendar, the priesthood, purgatory, baptism, and more.

—Merv Knieriem, Seminarian

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER:
COVID-19 SAFETY TEAM
The Diocese has asked each parish to identify a COVID-19 Safety Team comprised of clergy, staff, volunteers and health care professionals to implement and monitor the Diocesan, State and CDC safety guidelines.

Holy Spirit Parish
COVID-19 Safety Team:
Fr. Brendan Dawson
Pastoral Team
Deacon John Carran
Pastoral Team
Marla Brown
Pastoral Council
Dr. Joseph E. Ross
Health Care Professional
Dr. Sheila Burick
Health Care Professional
Rose Butch
Maintenance Team
Susan Dexter
Communication Team

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is now in Phase Three (Yellow) of its Phased Reopening Plan. No one is currently obligated to attend Mass.

Holy Spirit’s Masses are Live Streamed at 9:00 am daily, on HSPLC.ORG.

There is Daily Mass in St. Vitus Church Monday through Friday at 9:00 am.
Saturday 9:00 am Mass begins July 25th in St. Vitus Church.
Weather permitting, there are three Weekend Masses in the parking lot of the former Sears store in Union Township.

Baptisms, small Weddings and Funerals are permitted, with an attendance limit of 25 persons.
All Public Health Directives must be followed. Masks are to be worn, Social Distancing to be maintained, Hand Sanitizing to be done and Attendance Logs to be kept.

As we move forward, and into our buildings, we are observing a limit of 25% of capacity:

Masses: St. Vitus Church (175);
St. Mary Church (138);
St. Camillus Church (120).

Sanitizing:
Church spaces are cleaned between Masses/Funerals/Weddings/Baptisms by the parish maintenance staff.

Signage Updates:
You will soon see new signage outside our churches and our meeting rooms:

Wellness Assessment:
Before entering any parish site, whether for Mass or a Meeting:

We hope you feel well today!
But if the answer to any of these questions is yes...
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER

Do you have a fever?
Do you have a cough?
Have you been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

MASK REQUIRED

Live Streaming:
Our 9:00 am Masses are Live Streamed and recorded for YouTube.

There will be NO rentals of any parish halls or rooms for non-parish events.
FUNDRAISERS
GRAND RAFFLE & EASTER BREAD

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
2020 GRAND RAFFLE

DRAWING SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020
FIRST PRIZE: $10,000.00
SECOND PRIZE: $5,000.00
THIRD PRIZE: $1,000.00

SUPPORT HOLY SPIRIT PARISH!
ONLY 19 DAYS LEFT TO GET YOUR
2020 GRAND RAFFLE TICKET!

2020 Grand Raffle Tickets are ON SALE
Before ALL WEEKEND MASSES at Both Entrances!

Ticket Sales Continue until August 8, 2020—
BUT DON’T WAIT!
Call Sharon Marshall at 724-654-0871 Today!

Easter Bread in August Sale!
Attention Bread Makers and Helpers:
Planning Meeting Monday, July 27th at 6:00 pm
in McGurk Hall, St. Camillus site. This meeting is
for all who are interested in making Easter Bread.
We plan to sell the bread at the Cabbage Roll
Take-Out Dinner, August 13th.
Questions?
Please call Donna Malinak at 724-656-8056.

Website: holyspiritparishoflawrencecounty.org
Facebook: facebook.com/hsplc

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Holy Spirit Parish
2020 Grand Raffle
First prize 1st prize $10,000.00
2nd prize $5,000.00
3rd prize $1,000.00

Drawing to be held August 8, 2020
2:00 pm with St. Camillus Festival Committee

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Holy Spirit Church Sites

SAINT ANTHONY SITE
411 W. Poland Ave., Bessemer, PA 16112

SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS SITE
314 W. Englewood Avenue, New Castle, PA 16105

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SITE
4019 US 422, Pulaski, PA 16143

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER SITE
1111 South Cascade Street, New Castle, PA 16101

SAINT MARY SITE
124 North Beaver Street, New Castle, PA 16101

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SITE
1 Lucymont Drive, New Castle, PA 16102

SAINT VITUS SITE
910 South Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101

Cemetery Question?
Please Contact:
The Catholic Parish Cemeteries
Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh
North Regional Office
2636 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA 16101
724-323-0033
cpca@cpca-pgh.org

Holy Spirit Gift Shop
724-654-8851 12 Maitland Street, New Castle, PA 16101
Summer Hours:
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 am—3:00 pm  Sundays 10:00 am—Noon

Holy Spirit Parish Office
910 South Mercer Street,
New Castle, PA 16101
724-652-3422

Communications Office
4019 US 422
Pulaski, PA 16143
724-964-8276

Holy Spirit Academy
915 South Jefferson St.,
New Castle, PA 16101
724-654-9297

Need a Baptismal Certificate?
Please Contact the Archives & Records Center of the Diocese of Pittsburgh:
email archives@diopitt.org
or call 412-456-3158

Pastoral Team E-Mail Contacts
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Victim Assistance Hot-Line:
If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church, the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction and referrals to other supportive services.
We invite you to contact our Diocesan Assistance Coordinator toll free at 1-888-808-1235
To report abuse to Childline, please call (toll free) 1-800-932-0313
Call 911 if a child is in immediate danger.

Holy Spirit Parish Main Office 910 S Mercer St New Castle PA 16101
Our Parish Prayer

Lord Jesus, you told us, “Where your treasure is, there your heart is also! The parish of Holy Spirit treasures our faith in You, our children, and every person who gathers here. Help us to have the courage to sacrifice, to love, and to build in Your name. Guide us by Your Spirit of Wisdom, give success to the work of our hands, and keep us in your peace. Saints, Martyrs, and Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

Amen

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation. O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation! All you who hear, now to His temple draw near. Praise Him in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning. And as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all you have needed has been met by His gracious ordaining?

Psalm Response:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea. There’s a kindness in God’s justice which is more than liberty. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed. There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

2. For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we should rest upon God’s word; and our lives would be thanksgiving, for the goodness of our Lord.

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We Remember

We Remember how you loved us to your death and still we celebrate, for you are with us here. And we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory Lord. We remember, we celebrate. We believe.

Text and Tune: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, c 1980 GIA Publications

Rain Down

Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people. Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

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Sing a New Song

Sing a new song unto the Lord. Let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia!

Text: psalm 98: Tune Dan Schutte, b. 1947, c 1972, OCP

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