Welcome one and all!

August 9, 2020

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
Joe Ginocchi
Susan Kearns
Tom Leihy
Matt McCosby
Tom McCosby
Harry Micco
Joe Pascarella
John Provencher

FINANCE COUNCIL
Brad Cain
Vince Fuleno
David Gettings
George Liskooka
Debbie Lynch
Reed Newell
Jerry Prestopine
Jodi Russo
Tracey Vasko

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

Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

Changes in personnel & sacraments

Congratulations to Patrick Neve, our youth director. Patrick and his wife, the former Phoebe Johnson, were married by Fr. Anthony Sciarappa on August 1, 2020 at Ascension Parish in Melbourne FL.

Also, welcome, Thomas Belsterling, our new middle school Faith Formation Coordinator who provided the following information.

My name is Thomas (T.J.) Belsterling, and I most recently graduated from the University of Dayton with majors in Secondary Education, Religious Studies, and English Language Arts. I have been a parishioner of St. Gregory Parish in Zelienople my whole life, and I attended Quigley Catholic High School in Baden, Pennsylvania. I have taught students from middle school to college level ranging from English to faith formation/preparation. I have professional associations with the National Speech and Debate League, Mock Trial/ PA BAR Association, the National Council for Teachers of English, and the Arch-Diocese of Cincinnati.

On a more personal note, I grew up on a farm outside of Zelienople, PA. In light of this, I am particularly fond of what most people might recognize as “lack-luster” animals like my cows, chickens, pigs, horses, and cats. These animals, while nothing exotic or extraordinary to most, have accompanied me through all of my life and have become as much as part of my story as I have of theirs. As a Pittsbourger my whole life, I am particularly fond of all sports teams associated with the city, but I have a particular affinity for the Penguins and Pirates. Some of my favorite past-times include water-skiing, sailing, power-lifting, and snowboarding.

I am looking forward to getting to know more about Holy Spirit Parish and the families that make up this vibrant and energetic community. I count myself more than blessed and thankful to be counted as part of this family as I grow and learn with each of the families that I serve.

—T.J. Belsterling

Given continued Covid-19 restrictions, Bishop Zubik has given permission to all pastors and administrators to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with those entrusted to their pastoral care. Our Faith Formation department is diligently working on a plan for a Confirmation retreat and also dates for Confirmation to be celebrated with our candidates with me as the celebrant. I hope you are not all too disappointed that I will be the confirming priest and it will not be the bishop of the diocese. These are certainly unusual times, but God provides! Please pray for the Confirmands and their families as they attend retreats on August 15 and August 21 as well as when they are confirmed on the dates below. Private services for the Confirmands are being planned for:

- Saturday, August 29, Mass at 4:00 p.m.,
- Sunday, August 30, Mass at 11:00 a.m.,
- Tuesday, September 1, Sacrament of Confirmation Service only (no Mass) at 7:00 p.m.,
- Wednesday, September 2, Sacrament of Confirmation Service only (no Mass) at 7:00 p.m., and
- Wednesday, September 9, Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in any way in our matching donation fund drive for Holy Spirit Academy. I am extremely impressed with the number of people within and outside of our community who are generously contributing to this very worthwhile cause for Catholic education in Lawrence County. Through the generosity of an anonymous couple outside of our community, this matching gift of $125,000 can yield $250,000 in financial stability for Holy Spirit Academy.

God love you,
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th—4:00 pm—VIGIL: THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sophie Hutz (Clara Montsilos)
Mary Jane Pagley (Husband)
Deceased Members of Roseck Family (Max Roseck)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th—9:00 am; 11:00 am—THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Vincent C. Russo, Jr. (Mark & Beth Russo)
Marie Chlebowski (Mr. & Mrs. Albert Fill)
Jack “Putsy” Lupo, Jr. (Family)
Daniel E. Fee, Sr. (His Children)
Ed Boren (Cousin Kathy & Family)
Mary Jo Gaspare (Vickie & Family)
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

ST. VITUS—MONDAY, AUGUST 10th—9:00 am—ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR
Anthony Pagliaro (Daughters & Granddaughter)
Mike Bucci (Wife)

ST. VITUS—TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th—9:00 am—ST. CLARE, VIRGIN
Nicholas R. Carran (Deacon John & Robin)

ST. VITUS—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12th—9:00 am—WEEKDAY
Richard Baka (Wife, Beverly & Family)
Rose Palmiro (Joseph Palmiro)
Garnet & John Cook and Anthony & Virginia Gentile (Dave & Estelle Del Principe)

ST. VITUS—THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th—9:00 am—WEEKDAY
Margaret Lavella (Stanley Lavella, Jr. & Family)

ST. VITUS—FRIDAY, AUGUST 14th—9:00 am—ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST & MARTYR
Mary Ann Ginocchi (A Friend)
Kathy Squeglia (Family)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th—4:00 pm—VIGIL: THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
James “Poppy” Sudziak (Loving Family)
Frank Fulena, Sr. & Frank Fulena, Jr. (Family)
Anna J. & Patsy A. Nerti (Patsy Nerti Family & Friends)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th—9:00 am; 11:00 am—THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Madaline & Alfred Bucci & Son, Michael Bucci (Thomie Abdoe)
John Cagnetti (Dennis)
Vinnie Greco (Gil & Marie Lucarelli & Family)
Joseph R. DeLuca (Wife, Louise & Daughter)
Louis Palmiro (Nick & Sueann Lagnese and Patsy & Lucy Lagnese)
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:

St. Anthony
Nicholas R. Carran
by Deacon John & Robin

St. Camillus
All Priests, Deacons and Seminarians

St. James
All Priests, Deacons and Seminarians

St. Joseph
Special Intention

St. Mary
All Priests, Deacons and Seminarians

St. Vincent de Paul
Joseph A. Chlebowski & John & Cecelia Emery
by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Emery

St. Vitus
Mom, Dad & Sisters by Patty

St. Vitus
Mary & Joseph Lamp by Family
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Parishioners can now Adore our Lord from their cars at the St. Joseph site, lower level parking lot, Sundays 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Mondays through Fridays, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

RECONCILIATION:
Drive-Through Confessions will take place at the St. Camillus parking lot, Saturdays 11:00 am—NOON

Please Pray for the Families of Our Recently Deceased:
Richard Adamo
Victor Chrobak
Gilda C. Germani
William R. Henderson
Carmie Napadano

Readings for the week of August 9, 2020
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/In 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
J. M. J.  From the Desk of Deacon John:

What an incredible response we have received for the Matching Fund Donation for our school. The total amount received in just over one week is $78,466.00!!

Through the generosity of the anonymous donor, this total now becomes $156,932.00. God’s generosity is never outdone!

Last weekend was the first time since we started having the outdoor Masses at the Sears parking lot that we had to cancel due to the weather. It was encouraging to see the number of envelopes dropped off in the mail slot at the office. Additionally, we received a good number of contributions through mail and on-line giving.

I would just like to put a plug in for on-line giving—it is a convenient way to process your parish offerings. Not only does it save time, but also the expense of postage and cost of checks.

Thanks to all who continue to support our Parish Share Campaign. The balance remaining is $182,952.15. There are 7 months remaining to collect and pay our remaining balance. It would be great for us to exceed our balance as those extra funds remain here in the parish and are not taxed as normal operating income.

When we reflect on these past couple of weeks, one can’t help but see the God’s hand at work here in our good parish. Amid all the negative stuff going on in our world God’s goodness continues to shine upon us. May we take time out of the business of our day to thank God for all our blessings.

This past Friday, our holy pastor celebrated his birthday. Happy LX Birthday, Fr. Mac, may God bless you with many more!

Wishing you a great week! God love you! Deacon John

Time, Talent & Treasure: Financial Stewardship

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The Power of the Holy Spirit to Grow as a Disciple of Jesus Christ

Do you want to learn more about the Holy Spirit? Do you want to share the power of the Holy Spirit with someone in your life? The following **free video rentals** from the ChristLife process provide a great personal spiritual refreshment or way to initiate a conversation with a friend. —Janet Crespi

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Do you have questions about the Holy Spirit? **Watch Talk 6 of Discovering Christ** to learn who the Holy Spirit is.

The Holy Spirit and You

Do you want to make a personal response to God’s love? **Watch Talk 7 of Discovering Christ** to learn how you can respond with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Spirit-Empowered Life

Do you want to live the Spirit-empowered life Christ and his Church desires for you? **Watch Talk 5 of Following Christ** to learn how you can.

Everyone is wearing masks today—even the organ pipes! LOL

This is what happens when the church organist gets bored.

And for your entertainment, here are some church bulletin bloopers concerning choir music!

**DISCLAIMER!** None of these are any reflection on our wonderful musicians! I so miss the choir!

♦ The adult choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir

♦ Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

♦ At the evening service tonight, the message topic will be *What is Hell?* Come early and listen to our choir practice.

♦ The third verse of *Amazing Grace* will be sung without musical accomplishment!

♦ The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing *Break Forth Into Joy.*

♦ Miss Charlene Jones sang *I Will Not Pass This Way Again,* giving obvious pleasure to the congregation!

♦ Today’s message: *How Much can a Man Drink?* with hymns from a full choir.

♦ You are aware that they don’t pass the offering plate in the choir loft!

—Brenda Kostial
Monday Evenings: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm; August 3rd—November 16th
St. Camillus Church or Zoom Meeting

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER:
Call the parish Office at 724-652-3422 or follow the link on HSPLC.ORG

- Come explore the biblical roots of the Catholic Faith with us!
- Each week will help us 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.

Curious? Interested? Ready to become Catholic?
If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, please join us:
Thursday, September 10, 2020
7:00 pm—8:30 pm
Marian Room at St. Mary Site
124 North Beaver St.

Contact Fr. Brendan Dawson
for more information at:
bdawson@hsplc.org

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

Call today for more information!
It’s an Awesome Encounter with Christ through an Adventure with Children and Teens!

Please contact Cathy Frank at 724-654-9371 EXT. 1

Did you know that the doctrine on the Assumption of Mary is one of only two doctrines that have been officially defined “from the chair of Peter” or “ex cathedra”?

Many people are of the wrong belief that when we say the Pope teaches infallibly it means everything he says is infallible. The Assumption of Mary and the Immaculate Conception are the only two doctrines of this nature—and it is only after years and years of study and reflection that they have been named such. The history of this doctrine dates back as early as the 6th century. It was only November 1, 1950 that Pope Pius XII solemnly declared the Assumption to be an infallible dogma of the Church.

Jesus had promised that those who followed him faithfully would be with him in heaven. “The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son’s resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians. By her complete adherence to the Father’s will, to his Son’s redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church’s model of faith and charity.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #966-67.)

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) said: “Mary is the first Christian to follow Christ, and the first and most perfect model of Christ. That is why the imitation of Mary is not only relevant to women but to all Christians. But she has a special significance for women, whom she leads to the feminine form of the Christian image.”

This year as you celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, ask the Holy Spirit to give you a double portion of Mary’s humility and her desire to do God’s will for your life.

—Sr. Annie Bremmer

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Dear Alumni & Friends of St. Vitus School,

As we look ahead to a new school year, we have many great things to celebrate that we are excited to share with you!

We are pleased to announce that our school has been revitalized and renamed, Holy Spirit Academy!

After a few struggling years, we are blessed with new leadership and a team of faculty and staff committed to continuing the success of St. Vitus School with high spirits and a clear vision for the future.

**Leadership:** Our principal, Edward Sharbaugh, breathes new life into the curriculum and the personal experience of each student at Holy Spirit Academy. He is a seasoned administrator who places a high value on school safety, faculty development, and wide-ranging opportunities for our children.

**Spirituality:** Our school chaplain, Fr. Brendan Dawson, is a young priest whose presence sets an important spiritual tone. His much-awaited interaction with our students helps them along their journey to building a lifelong friendship with Jesus.

**Oversight:** Our advisory council is comprised of community and professional leaders who lend subject-matter expertise in the areas of development, technology, student life, finance, and marketing.

**Family:** Our Parent-Teacher Guild is a newly restructured team devoted to fundraising, volunteering, and planning events that enrich the children’s experience and support the school’s financial health.

**Alumni:** Our alumni embody the rewards of Catholic education. You are the living legacy that shows the world all that is possible when you believe in God, and when God’s loving family believes in you.

No matter where you have landed in life, our faith and experience tell us that you must have a special memory or two about our beloved St. Vitus School.

Maybe it was 1951, and you were the first to inhabit the Jefferson Street building. Maybe it was the 1960s, and you helped the Sisters of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart with chores after school. Maybe it was 1985, and Fr. John Petraruolo visited your classroom for the very first time with garlic and a gift for storytelling.

Whether you are part of its history or a friendly supporter who trusts in its mission, we believe that our school touches the lives of every child who walks its hallways. At the heart of its lifelong impact are the lessons and the longevity of St. Vitus School.

We owe it to our next generation of children to keep Catholic education alive in Lawrence County so they, too, can enter this world empowered with the same possibilities and deep convictions gifted to our treasured alumni all those years ago.

If you believe that St. Vitus School shaped your life or the lives of your loved ones in a significant way, we hope that you will answer this letter with a donation to the new Holy Spirit Academy to help us reach our goals.

**We ask that you please support our campaign to raise $100,000 in matching funds to help families with tuition relief.** Checks can be made payable to Holy Spirit Academy—marked as “matching donation”—and returned in the enclosed envelope.

If you are unable to donate, we hope that you will patronize one of our fundraisers or serve as ambassador in spreading the great stories of our school. We also hope to connect with you during one of our future events!

If you have any questions about this campaign or other ways that you can help, please call 724-654-9297 or email us at info@spiritacad.org, and we will be happy to talk with you!

God bless you and your families,

Alumni Committee, Holy Spirit Academy
**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:**
For Assistance: Call 724-652-3422 and press prompt 4

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**Rosary Making Ministry**
The Rosary Ministry at this time consists of 42 hard-working members. Since January 2020, over 5,000 rosaries were lovingly made by our ministry, and of these rosaries, 5,000 have been shipped to: Holy Cross Family Ministries in Massachusetts, Educate the Congo Rosary Project in Ohio, and Mary Lynch in Florida. These organizations ship the rosaries overseas to various missions. Our rosaries have reached Nicaragua, Venezuela, Haiti, Russia and Africa! Our most recent shipment to Florida has been forwarded to Nigeria. It is more cost-effective for us to ship our rosaries to organizations who have the means to ship them overseas. Our rosaries have gone locally to RCIA candidates, retreat participants, and CCD home-schoolers. One individual called and asked for rosaries to pass out to friends. We have sent rosaries to St. Rita’s Church, Florida and St. Hilary’s Church, Washington, PA.

Our members have continued making rosaries throughout the pandemic and we continue to ship them out. Pick up and drop off occurs on my front porch at this time but hopefully we will be able to resume our meetings in the near future. Our members love making rosaries and we would be very happy to teach you how to make them. All materials are supplied.

If you would like to join this ministry and help make a difference in the world, please contact Barb Strittmatter at (724)656-0942 or email strittmatterb@gmail.com. We would love to have you join this ministry!

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**IMPORTANT HOT LINES:**

**ABUSE:**
LAWRENCE COUNTY CRISIS LINE: 724-652-9036

**SUICIDE PREVENTION:**
CRISIS INTERVENTION: 724-652-9000

**CHILD ABUSE:**
CHILDLINE: 1-800-932-0313
When Life Hands You Lemons...Put Your Faith Into Action!
Last month we shared the story of the “bored” teenagers who creatively set up a lemonade stand and donated their $140.00 proceeds to the Food Pantry. Ella and Amelia were able to experience what we do as Holy Spirit Parish, helping many families each week at our Food Pantry. Interested in putting your faith into action? Please call Sr. Annie Bremmer 724-652-3422 x. 2205.

The Food Pantry at the St. Joseph Site is open every Saturday 10:00 AM to Noon

To meet this increased need, Holy Spirit Parish is collecting canned goods and dry goods to help those who need food. 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!

Cards for Those Serving in the Military
Our Greeting Card Ministry has just completed “Thinking of you” cards for communion calls and those in nursing homes. While working on them they began to ask how we could support those from our community who are serving in the armed forces whether in the USA or anywhere in the world.
Do you have a family member or friend who grew up in Lawrence County but is now serving in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard? We are compiling a list with name, address, and person submitting the name. We will be sending out a note of support to each one. Please be certain of accuracy of the address.
You can email the info to misaac@hsplc.org or call Paula St. Clair at 724-714-1567.
Calm

As we look at today's world, we see so much turmoil, chaos, and divisiveness. It dominates our thoughts and permeates the news. It drains our energy and makes us angry at the world and those around us. Our parish motto is “Keeping the Main Thing The Main Thing”. Do we strive to do that? Do we have God in our lives? These are personal questions that must be examined in our own hearts. Prayer is one way to help maintain the calm in our lives that we strive for daily. Kindness is a concept that we need to practice on our families and friends that will help to bring about that calm. Pray for the world and ourselves that we may return to kindness and civility and restore calm to a world that desperately needs it. Pray for the calm that we all seek.

Word of the week: Calm

—Dave Gettings, Finance Council

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER: COVID-19 SAFETY 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, and recorded for YouTube

There is Daily Mass in St. Vitus Church at 9:00 am Monday—Saturday

Weekend Masses (Weather permitting) in the parking lot of the former Sears store in Union Township. Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am Sunday 11:00 am

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals are permitted, with an attendance limit of 25% of capacity.

All Public Health Directives must be followed. Masks are required, practice Social Distancing, sanitize your hands, sign the Attendance Log.

Churches: 25% of capacity =

St. Vitus: 175 people
St. Mary: 138 people
St. Camillus: 120 people

Wellness Check: Before entering any parish site, ask yourself:

• Do I have a fever?
• Do I have a cough?
• Have I been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
• Have I visited a COVID-19 “Hot Spot” in the past 14 days?

If you answer yes to any one of these questions, please Do NOT Enter.
Stuffed Cabbage Take-Out Dinner
Hot and Ready to Eat!
2 Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread & Butter, Cake
ALL FOR ONLY $10.00!
Only 400 Dinners will be SOLD!

Easter Bread in August!
Famous and Delicious!
With or Without Icing
$10.00 a Loaf
Limit 2 Loaves per Order

AVAILABLE BY PRE-ORDER ONLY!
CALL 724-654-7076 on TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th
from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm to Order Your Dinner or Bread!

Curbside Pick-Up 4:00 pm—6:00 pm
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020

PICK UP FROM YOUR CAR
AT ST. MARY SITE BEHIND THE PARISH CENTER
(117 N. Beaver St., New Castle, PA 16101)

PAY WHEN YOU PICK UP
PAYMENT ACCEPTED: CHECKS MADE OUT TO HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OR CASH
SORRY, WE CANNOT TAKE CHARGE OR DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS
As of July 31, 2020, we have received 3,347 completed Census Forms.

Is yours one of the 2,271 families we have not yet received a Census Form from?

The Census Form is still on our website: www.hsplc.org We want to hear from YOU!
Look for “Haven't Taken the Parish Census? Click Here!” Scroll down the right side of the Home page.
That takes you right into the online Census/Registration Form.
When you're done filling in the form, click SUBMIT. All Done!

Of course you may still submit the paper Census/Registration form!
Mail it to 910 S. Mercer St., New Castle, PA 16101, attn: Rhonda Dolin.
Or e-mail Rhonda at rdolin@hsplc.org with your updates. She will update your record.

Thank you to the volunteers who have been calling tirelessly to help the parish family “keep in touch” by following up mailings with phone calls and post cards!

WE NEED YOU!
This message is really meant for those who are probably too young to remember having heard President John F. Kennedy utter those iconic words, “Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.”

At this time, I am personally asking you, “What Can YOU Do For Your Parish?” Holy Spirit Parish is in need of the younger and less vulnerable parishioners to step up and take on the roles that we see so many of our older and more health-compromised parishioners doing. Again, I am personally inviting you to consider becoming a Food Pantry Volunteer, Greeter/Usher, Faith Formation Catechist, Eucharistic Minister, or another role that may interest you.

My home telephone number is 724-652-2539. I would be happy to discuss any of these ministries with you—no pressure or obligation. It will simply be two lay parishioners having a conversation about our parish’s different ministries. As the saying goes, “God cannot be outdone in generosity.” Please consider giving a little of your time to our good parish.
—Harry Micco, Pastoral Council
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.

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Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine though the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.


Psalm Response:

Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.

Living Spirit, Holy Fire

Living Spirit, Holy Fire, burning bright to light our way, blaze among us and inspire lives that praise you day by day.

Warm us, draw your people near when our love grows weak or cold. Free our frozen hearts from fear, that each story may be told.

Melt away the masks we wear, hiding what we know and feel. Risking growth, we want to share love in action, love that’s real.

Open hearts, affirm us all, many splendored, one in you. We embrace the work, the call. You are making all things new.


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Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid. I go before you always
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.


O Lord I Know You Are Near

O Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe and you lead me in ways everlasting.


O God our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Text: Ps 90, adapted by Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: William Croft, 1678-1727

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

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