August 16, 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28


OUR MISSION STATEMENT
Know Christ, Love Christ, Serve Christ and Invite others to Christ through Word, Sacrament and Sacrifice!
We are only 6!

Our holy Deacon John Carran and Fr. Brendan Dawson let everyone know it was my birthday on August 7th. I know they had some fun with this as did several other people! This photograph is of my little nephew, Patrick, who turned six on August 14th. We are both holding a gift that we gave to each other. He gave me a cross that he and his daddy made and I gave him a Pope Francis bobble-head! We had fun discussing the reality that we are only seven days apart and he turned 6 while I turned 60. I pointed out to him and to the rest of the family that Patrick and I are the same age. We both are 6! I just have a zero next to my 6 and we all know that a zero equals nothing!

*By the way, August 17 is Deacon John’s birthday!* And he is claiming he was born in 1961 just so he can always be younger than me! But I have to admit, every day I thank God that he was born and serves us so wonderfully here at Holy Spirit Parish! What a gift he is to all of us!

Of course, on my birthday especially, and every day in reality, I think of my dear mom and dad. My mom was a woman of great faith, possessed a tenacious spirit accentuated with wholesome humor! She was always a tremendous inspiration to me and many others. *She taught me that life was meant to be lived with great optimism and perseverance.* And the secret in doing so was to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and his daily companionship.

As I grow older, I become more and more keenly aware that I have more days behind me than in front of me in this life. Every moment of every day is precious. It can never be relived so it must be lived to the fullest while we possess the opportunity. The following is a prayer I often used in Metanoia retreats. We offered it with the young people incarcerated at YDC, Youth Development Center in New Castle, when I was chaplain there from 1995 until 2002.

*This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good, but what I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, and not loss; good, and not evil; success, and not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price that I have paid for it.*

In today’s gospel, the Canaanite woman is challenged by our Lord. But she perseveres respectfully and persistently in faith. It is her respectful persistence that proves her faith to the Lord and wins the day! *There is a great deal we can learn from this nameless woman!* Just as I have learned so much and even received the gift of human life from a very, very special woman named Alice!

Thank you to all of you for your birthday wishes and gifts. Your love, friendship, and example of service to God and neighbor is a powerful testament to your discipleship in Christ. *With Christ, may we, together, make everyday count unto Eternal Life!*

God love you,
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-4S

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

ST. VITUS—MONDAY, AUGUST 17th—9:00 am—WEEKDAY
Phillip A. Nerti (Maria Lombardo)
Karen W. Russo (Mom, Grace & Family)

ST. VITUS—TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th—9:00 am—WEEKDAY
Nicholas Austin Amabile (Grammy)

ST. VITUS—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19th—9:00 am—WEEKDAY
Walter & Mary Blazejewski (Family)
Conrad Kapcewicz (Debbie & Dave)

ST. VITUS—THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th—9:00 am—ST. BERNARD, ABBOT
Sophie Hutz (Montsilos Family)

ST. VITUS—FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st—9:00 am—ST. PIUS X, POPE
Francis Fundoots (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LaTona)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22nd—4:00 pm—VIGIL: THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Virginia Keean (Sister, Antonette Frank)
Harry V. Jannetti (Jannetti Family)
Marie Chlebowski (Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Shebek)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd—9:00 am; 11:00 am—THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Floyd G. Mastren, Sr. (James & Arlene Magliocca & Family)
Ralph DiMuccio (Family)
Ralph S. Pisano (Daughter)
William Boak (Wife, Children & Grandchildren)
Anthony D. Massaro, Jr. (Family)
Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

THIS WEEK, THE TABERNACLE LAMPS ARE DEDICATED FOR:

St. Anthony Doctors, Nurses and First Responders
St. Camillus Doctors, Nurses and First Responders
St. James Doctors, Nurses and First Responders
St. Joseph Doctors, Nurses and First Responders
St. Mary Lonette Georges by Bill & Melissia Pierz
St. Vincent de Paul Marie Chlebowski by Linda Snyder
St. Vitus Madaline & Alfred Bucci & Son, Michael Bucci by Thomie Abdoe
St. Vitus Mary & Joseph Lamp John M. Skocic, Jr. by Wife, Jean & Family
ATTENTION USHERS:
USHER MEETING

August 18th
St. Camillus Church
6:30 pm

RSVP by text
to Jean Pascale
at 330-770-1635

(See Page 14
for More Details)

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

In Our Prayers

Please Pray for the Families of Our Recently Deceased:

Marianna Arena
Mary S. Curry
Annette M. Fulena
Bertha A. Iwanejko
Harold Lucas
Helen Pszenny
Anthony J. Smiley, Sr.
Paul M. Stanich

Prayer Network

Visit HSPLC.ORG
Click the Home Tab (on left)
Scroll Down to Prayer Network
There you will find In Our Prayers, as well as the form to submit Requests for Prayers, Prayer Suggestions and instructions of how to sign up as a Prayer Warrior.

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020
Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/
Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
Mt 16:13-20

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AUGUST 16, 2020

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

**HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY: MATCHING DONATIONS**

We are pleased to report we received an additional $31,555.00 in donations for Holy Spirit Academy. This now brings our total amount received to $110,021.00. You will notice we have updated the Thermometer. The amount received now reflects the total of donations made, plus the Matching Donations. We are now at $220,042.00—and very close to reaching our total goal of $250,000. The Lord continues to bless our efforts.

Many thanks to all in keeping up with the weekly contributions. Even though we missed an entire weekend of Masses on August 1st and 2nd, our year to date number is in the black at $1,635.37!

Please note that this week (weather permitting) we are having all the parking lots resealed and painted at the St. Vitus site, including the school.

These lots will temporarily be closed until the work is completed. Parking is still available on the street.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

Wishing you a great week!

*God love you!*

*Deacon John*

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

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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: $6,353.00
- Parish Share Paid: $225,713.85
- Parish Share Bal. Owed: $176,599.15

Holy Spirit Parish Main Office 910 S Mercer St New Castle PA 16101
Faithful Citizenship:

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."—Pope Francis, 9/16/13

The presidential election will be here in three months and the political quarreling is beginning to rear its angry head. How we as Catholics act and react to the political arguments sends a message to everyone who is watching and listening to us. The way we manage our behavior during this time is important when it comes to evangelizing. As Pope Francis said, we need to offer the best of ourselves when it comes to politics. We need to participate in political discourse charitably, respectfully, and civilly. Any other behavior sends the wrong signal to the general population about who we are as Catholic Christians.

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics that we are called to engage in charitable, respectful and civil dialogue during election season.

In a culture that is dominated by "partisan attacks, sound bites and media hype," the Church calls for "a different kind of political engagement" (no. 14).

We need to be informed on political issues. Our Catholic tradition informs us that responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org to access resources on civil dialogue and on how our faith calls us to engage during election season and beyond.

—Janet Crespi

Only God knows what tomorrow will bring. Well, this is our 11th Sunday mass in the parking lot at Sears. Some have been fond of calling it “St. Sears”. LOL! Who would have ever thought it? But this has become our new normal.

Our wonderful sound engineer, Doug McIltrout has been with us for every single parking lot mass and we thank him for tirelessly setting up his equipment every weekend so that we can hear properly outside and on our car radios. He said to me one day that he makes the sign of the cross every time he’s in the area passing by, even when it’s not for church. It has become a holy place! This is where we worship and sing, where we hear the word of God, where the Eucharist is consecrated and where we receive our Lord!

Last Sunday, Vickie Onufrak was playing for the 9:00 am mass and I arrived early to play for the 11:00 am. When I got there, I decided to go up to the Wendy’s parking lot for a photo from above. The sun was shining brightly in my eyes so that I couldn’t really see the photo that I was taking but kind of shot it blindly. To my amazement, when I went into the shade to look, I saw in the photo that those beams of light were shining directly onto the place where our makeshift altar was placed. I truly believe that God was smiling down in approval of our gathering there.

Church buildings are beautiful and holy places to gather and worship, but we must remember that the “Church” is not a building at all, but the body of Christ!

—Brenda Kostial

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Fulfilled
Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism

Monday Evenings: 7:00 pm—8:00 pm through 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
We are looking for a few good teens to...

Did you know the Sacrament of Holy Orders can be received up to three times, but only one time for each level?

Deacons, priests and bishops all receive the sacrament, the minister of the sacrament is always a bishop and the sacrament includes laying on of hands and use of sacred chrism, reminiscent of Confirmation. This is a ministerial sacrament, one of service, and can only be conferred to baptized men. Before receiving this sacrament, discernment is of the utmost importance, and it is the Church that grants the eligibility to receive the sacrament. Holy Orders creates the ministers for all other sacraments; without it no other sacrament can be celebrated. It is through this sacrament that the mission of Christ continues today.

Over the past two months we have been reviewing the sacraments. No sacrament should be taken lightly, responsibility comes with each of the sacraments. The next time you receive any of the sacraments, reflect on what the sacraments give us: God’s grace, spiritual strength and unity with Christ.

Catechists echo the Word of God. How do they do that, you wonder? It’s simple—by sharing our faith, values and traditions with the children of the parish.

The Faith Formation program is in need of a few good teenagers willing to be a C.I.T. – Catechist in Training. You will work alongside a catechist to help pass on our faith to the youngest members of our parish. All you need is a good attitude and desire to learn. Faith Formation will be meeting on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings beginning mid-September.

If you are interested in unique experiences while immersing yourself in our faith, come be a part of our vibrant program.

Please contact Cathy Frank at 724-654-9371 x 1 or cfrank@hsplc.org to sign up to be a C.I.T.!
(Catechist in Training)

Homebound college students are welcome too!

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Some very unusual times are upon us. COVID-19 and its resounding impact around the globe leave so many of us shaking our heads in bewilderment over the events of the past several months. How could this be happening? What’s on the horizon? And for the love of all that’s sacred and holy, what does this say about the start of a brand new decade?

Welcome to 2020: Warner Bros. meets Wes Craven in a harrowing dream sequence of mortal combat and human vulnerability.

In such troubling times, some of us might meditate or find our center in ancient medicine. Some might reach for wine and spirits. Some might seek therapy. Maybe we journal. Maybe we caffeinate. Maybe we climb mountains. No matter what your plan of refuge, I think it’s fair to say that we have a number of choices.

At the heart of these choices is the comfort that each decision brings us. We can find peace in a disciplined meditation practice. We can experience a level of relaxation when we pop the cork on a bottle of red. We can find our courage at the edge of a summit.

In the midst of polarizing political rhetoric, in the midst of tragic disregard for human rights, and in the midst of a grave societal disconnect between what’s permissible versus what’s honorable, we have choices.

We have a choice...

To support our community. To care for our loved ones. To check on our neighbors. To feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless. In the midst of viral-this and virtual-that, we have a choice...

To set an example for generations to come, to prepare them in unprecedented ways. To arm our children with the smartest weapon available in a world that so often tests our moral code.

We have the choice of Catholic Education.

In my hometown of New Castle, PA, we have the one remaining Catholic school in all of Lawrence County. It began in 1908 as St. Vitus School, a parochial school under the tutelage of then-Franciscan nuns and with the strong backing of the local Catholic community spread across multiple neighborhood churches.

Over the course of many decades, the school succeeded and it struggled; then, ultimately, it faced its own mortality. It took the fortitude of faculty and staff, parents and alumni to launch a campaign to keep the school on track.

Thanks to all those who made the choice to fight for it, St. Vitus School is the little engine that could, and the little engine that is still chugging mightily.

When Fr. Joseph McCaffrey arrived in New Castle to assume responsibility for our seven parishes and their eventual merger, it seemed he was also tasked with caring for our little school, for our little engine that needed a bit more steam once again to stay powered in our community. Thanks to Fr. McCaffrey, St. Vitus School is the little engine that could, and the little engine that is still chugging mightily.

Today, the school has a new leader; a chaplain; tech-savvy teachers filled with passion and preparedness; an advisory council; a solid mission; a band of loyal friends; and a whole new identity.

Established in July 2020, the school is now known as Holy Spirit Academy—home of the Eagles, taking flight, bold in the spirit.

Not only does this academy deliver superior academics, it sets students on an upstanding path through spiritual nourishment and ethical guidelines to follow in years to come. Not only does this academy prioritize the attention it gives to students in the learning space, it works extra hard to assure the safety of all students, from protections around COVID-19 to the security found in the love of Jesus and his teachings.

Not only does this academy focus on a curriculum that introduces science, technology, engineering, and math, it offers an enriching student life experience with special programs, hands-on activities, field trips, guest speakers, art and music opportunities, and a variety of athletics.

Holy Spirit Academy is a choice that provides choices.

It is an investment in our children and our community at large that yields the best results in these far-from-the-best of times.

Holy Spirit Academy is a symbol of hope, a light in the darkness, a compass on a spiral course.

If this school had a slogan designed solely for 2020, it might be this—

Welcome to the 3rd Millennium: Holy Spirit Academy meets Noah’s Ark in a captivating tale of new beginnings and the fight to preserve the presence of Jesus in a world engulfed by skepticism and conflict.

Let’s keep Catholic Education in Lawrence County by supporting Holy Spirit Academy in those same epic proportions that Noah faced during his lifetime.

Holy Spirit Academy is located at 915 South Jefferson Street, New Castle, PA 16101.
Tel: 724-654-9297.

A contribution of your choice—time, enrollment, monetary funds, prayers, advocacy—is greatly appreciated.

—Leanna Litrenta
Seven Sisters Apostolate of Holy Spirit Parish

“Seven Sisters, how readily you have become humble instruments in the sure Hand of God.”
—Fr. Jean-Pierre de Caussade

The Seven Sisters Apostolate of Holy Spirit Parish continues to pray for our priests. We have begun our 2nd year! We ask all women to feel free to join us in prayer to keep our church and our faith strong by making sure our priests are guided and protected by the Holy Spirit.

“United in prayer and mission...that our prayers may find the heart of every bishop and priest.”

Contact Monica Leihy at 620-877-7351 (call or text)

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

CARDS FOR THE MILITARY
Our Greeting Card Ministry wants to 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.

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
AUGUST 16, 2020

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!

JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF

Are you sitting at home and thinking you should be doing something for our great parish but you don’t know what you can do and stay safe in the process? Consider joining our grief support group who send out the Stephens Ministry Series books to families, following a death. All you need do is contact Mary Ann Isaac at 724-971-8539 or misaac@hsplc.org to discuss what is involved.

Then you can discern if God is calling you to do it!

Holy Spirit Parish has nearly 300 families receiving books during their first year of grieving a loved one who has died. We also have 46 who have now received the final book in the series. We’ve received several notes of appreciation stating how much the books have helped them through a tough year. The first book goes out 21 days after the death. The second one is sent at three months, with the third following at six months. We send the final book one month before the anniversary of the death. Grieving is a process and people grieve at different rates but there is a typical pattern. The Christian approach to grief can be a relief to an individual who needs to know that what they are experiencing is “normal.”

God bless you!

—Mary Ann Isaac
REFLECTION
COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

My name is George Liskooka. For those of you who don’t know me, I serve on the Parish Finance Council. I am also the guy who tells you which way to go when you first enter the 9:00 am Sears parking lot Mass on Sunday. I want to share what I am witnessing at the outdoor masses from my perspective at the back of the lot.

It’s nice to see all the people smiling and waving as they pull in. Everyone is good with wherever they are told to park. Everyone is very patient and appreciative. None of us are obligated to be there, but all of us are hungry for something good for the soul. We are there for the peace of the Gospel and the comfort of the Eucharist.

Now that we are all together in one parking lot, I see how big our church family truly is. And how diverse it is. People I have never seen before. Some are coming from other counties. Some from other states. Some from other faiths. Some from across town that we just haven’t met before. There is a feeling of hope in knowing that we are not alone. We are not a dying breed. There are older people, middle aged people, and young families with smiling kids in car seats. Some are alone. Some are in groups. But all are coming for the opportunity to safely be with our Lord.

I wonder what the shoppers think of our celebrant’s sermon bouncing off Lowes and Aldi. I wonder how the priests are faring in all their robes in the summer heat. I am amazed at how cooperative everyone can be in these trying times. I am humbled by those who watch Mass at home but drive up to put their donation in the bag and take a bulletin. I notice all the volunteers who continue to smile and welcome everyone despite the fact that their shoes feel like they are on fire. I am happy to be in a place with no politics and no negative media. What I gain in that hour gets me through the week.

A lot of people thank me as they leave. I want to pass those thank yous on to all who are involved in making the endeavor a success. The priests, deacons and all the many volunteers, musicians and technicians, and all our fellow parishioners. Personally, I get way more out of it than I put into it. I would venture to say that many of you feel the same way. This is truly community coming together to worship our God in a very public way.

Only God knows what tomorrow will bring. But for me, it’s been very good. So, why should I worry?

Word of the week: Family
—George Liskooka, 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.

Wellness Check:
Before entering any parish site, please 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.
AND THE WINNERS ARE:

• $10,000.00: BILL JAMES
• $5,000.00: ARYN MICALETTI
• $1,000.00: LUCA MOLINARO

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!!!

HIP, HIP, HOORAY!

THE 2020 GRAND RAFFLE MADE $16,800.00 PROFIT FOR HOLY SPIRIT PARISH!

MANY, MANY THANKS TO SHARON MARSHALL AND ALL THE TICKET SELLERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK!
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

HAVE YOU TAKEN THE PARISH CENSUS?

As of July 31, 2020, we have received 3,347 completed Census Forms. 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!

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!
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.
Hail Holy Queen
Hail Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria
Hail queen of mercy and of love, O Maria
Triumph all ye Cherubim,
Sing with us ye Seraphim
Hea’n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, Salve, Salve Regina
The cause of joy to all below, O Maria,
The spring through which all graces flow,
O Maria
Angels, all your praises bring,
earth and heaven with us sing
All creation echoing
Salve, Salve, Salve Regina

Text: Salve, Regina, mater misericordia; c.1080; tr. Roman Hymnal, 1884; st. 2-3 adapt. by M. Owen Lee, CSB, b.1930
Tune: SALVE REGINA COELITUM, 8 4 8 4 777 4 5;
Choralmelodien zum Heiligen Gesänge, 1808; harm. by Healey Willan, 1880-1968

Psalm Response:
O God, O God, let all the nations praise you.

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

Increase Our Faith
Lord, increase our faith
With all our heart, may we always follow you.
Teach us to pray, always.


Bread of Life from Heaven
Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given
We eat this bread and drink this cup
until you come again.

Text based on John 6, adapt. By Susan R. Briehl, b 1952,
Tune: Argentine Santo, adapt and verses by Marty Haugen,

Life Giving Bread, Saving Cup
Life giving bread, saving cup
we offer in thanksgiving, O God
Life giving bread, saving cup
we offer as a sign of our love

Text: Adapted from the Didache, 2nd C.;
James J. Chepponis, b.1956 Tune: James J. Chepponis,
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If You Believe and I Believe
If you believe and I believe
and we together pray
the Holy Spirit must come down
and set God’s people free
And set God’s people free,
and set God’s people free
The Holy Spirit must come down
and set God’s people free

Text: Zimbabwean traditional Tune: Zimbabwean tradit-
tional; adapt. of English traditional; as taught by Tarasai;
arr. by John L. Bell, b.1949

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