

**MASS INTENTIONS  
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, March 3**

5:00 (Sat. Eve. Vigil) Kevin Bristol  
8:00 John Cito  
10:00 Carmen Dike  
12:00 Anna & John Unger and Christine Malnick

**Monday, March 4**

9:00 Josephine Ferrante

**Tuesday, March 5**

9:00 People of Holy Spirit Parish

**Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday**

9:00 Lillian Olesczuk  
12:00 Betty Bellino  
7:30 Lee Croft

**Thursday, March 7**

9:00 Mary Hefe

**Friday, March 8**

9:00 Maria Isabel Garzon & Victor Daniel Echavarria

**Sunday, March 10**

5:00 (Sat. Eve. Vigil) Domenick Campagna  
8:00 Daniel Perry  
10:00 Raymond John Patrick Ruyack  
12:00 Vincent Panigrosso Jr.

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**The Sanctuary Candle for the Week of  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> was donated in memory of:  
Edward Foley**

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

First Reading	Sirach 27:4-7
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel	Luke 6:39-45

**RESPONSE**

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**PRAYER INTENTION**

For repentance

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Romans 10:8-13  
Luke 4:1-13

**CELEBRANT SCHEDULE FOR NEXT  
WEEKEND**

**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Fr. DeBellis

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Fr. Vernon

10:00am Fr. Vernon

12:00 noon Fr. DeBellis

**Thank you for your generosity**

**Sunday Offering**

\$9,527

**Winter Energy Offering**

\$2,119

The sick are comforted just knowing that we pray for them. Please remember these members of our Parish Family, who are ill, in your prayers: **Brody Canestro, Spencer Kelly, Marc Flor, Robert Moe, Eddie DiCaprio, Nasaiah Torres, Art Pizzuto, Amelia Grace, Alison Boyer and Karen Cardaci.** Please also remember the deceased members of our Parish Family in your prayers: **John Murphy.**



The 2018 tax contribution statements are available. **Please call** the Parish Office to request your copy, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You may also fax or e-mail us as well. Thank you.



Don't forget! Next weekend **Daylight Savings Time begins!** Remember to turn your clocks forward by one hour! While you're at it, don't forget to check the batteries in your Smoke Detectors. And, did you know that your Carbon Dioxide Detectors need to be replaced every five years (not just a battery change) so check them as well!!



From Fr. John

My trip to Fatima and Spain was wonderful. I did have an opportunity to speak to some of you about it at my Masses last weekend. I'm happy to say that I prayed for all the prayer requests I received at the Altar of the Apparitions. Praying for your requests in that most holy of places was very moving to me. I pray that all your prayers are answered in a joyful way.

I prayed also to Our Lady about the recent signing of a bill in New York State that expands abortion rights. I believe the bill does great damage to the sanctity of all human life and represents a detriment to the health of women. I also prayed for all women, who at some point in their lives, believed they had no other choice and suffer from the ill effects thereof. God is always good and forgiving.

As a means of keeping this petition in our prayers, I've reprinted the "Angelus" prayer below. We are inviting all to pray it on Fridays wherever you may be.

On the following page, please note our Lenten Schedule of Services and meetings and be sure to join us.

See you all on Ash Wednesday. God Bless... **Fr. John**

## The Angelus

**V/.** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
**R/.** And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

**V/.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord,  
**R/.** Be it done unto me according to your Word.

Hail Mary...

**V/.** And the Word was made flesh,  
**R/.** And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

**V/.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
**R/.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Let us pray.** Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus, reawaken in us respect for every unborn life

Make us capable of seeing in the fruit of a mother's womb the miraculous work of the Creator;

Open our hearts to welcome generously every child you bring to life. Amen.

For those interested in keeping up with the legislative issues in the State of New York and having a simple and easy way to contact our state representatives, try looking at the New York State Catholic Conference website at [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org).



## Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Church has, for thousands of years, set aside this period of time to prepare Her people for the central celebration of our faith--the Resurrection of Jesus, Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. We encourage all to enter this marvelous season of grace with a spirit of renewal and recommitment to follow Jesus and proclaim the Gospel. To this end, we invite everyone to join us for the various Masses and services we have planned for Lent.

### Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday -



9:00am, 12:00 noon, and 7:30pm Masses

Service of the Word at 4:00pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and at the Service of the Word.

### Celebration of the Eucharist -



Daily - Monday-Friday at 9:00am,

Sunday- 5:00pm (Sat.), 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00 noon

**First Fridays in Lent** - March 8 and April 5- In addition to the 9am daily Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 9am Mass and conclude with Benediction at 10:30am.



**Recitation of the Rosary** - Thursdays in Lent at 7:30pm in the Church - The Rosary provides an opportunity for meditation on the life of Christ. Join us.



**Stations of the Cross** - Friday evenings in Lent at 7:30pm in the Church

**Healing Mass/Anointing of the Sick**— Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am - This special Mass will provide an opportunity for people to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Sacrament is offered to all who are ill as an aid, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, to their recovery. In other words, there is wide latitude as to who can receive the Sacrament. We therefore encourage everyone to participate in the Mass.

**Adult Faith Formation- Video Presentations by Bishop Robert Barron** - "Christ: Priest Prophet and King" - Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, March 26, and Monday, April 1. All presentations are in the Church and begin at 7:00pm. Fr. John will guide the presentation.

### RCIA--Praying for those preparing to receive the Sacraments at Easter -

The RCIA candidates will begin their final preparation on the First Sunday of Lent with the ceremony of the "Rite of Election". At this rite, upon the testimony of sponsors and catechists, the candidates affirm their intention to join the Church. In the presence of the bishop (or his delegate), they inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect as a pledge of fidelity. This Lent, let us remember to pray for them and offer some sacrifice on their behalf. The Lord will in turn bless us.

**\*\*Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence.

**\*\*The Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence from meat.



## SENIOR GROUP NEWS



All seniors are invited to join us for our next meeting on March 8, 2019 at 10am. Back by popular demand: A professional card dealer will teach us different games of chance.

Book club selection is "Woman in the Window" by A. J. Finn.

Come join us for fun, conversation, coffee and....

## LENTEN SOUP AND SALAD

On Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>, stop by the PAC for free soup and salad. The Knights of Columbus will be providing this meal from 6:30pm until 7:15pm which will leave you time to attend the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm While the meal is free, should you want to make a donation (i.e., the cost of a meal), we will have a basket available with the proceeds being distributed to the Holy Spirit Food Pantry. Please join us.

## Confirmation Candidates

Confirmation candidates at Holy Spirit are asked to give at least 20 hours of service to the community as part of the preparation process. So many of them do many more hours and continue serving after their requirement is met. Their service must be for a non-profit organization. Some of the organizations our candidates were involved with are: Midnight Run, Vacation Bible School, Mount St. Francis Convent, My Brother Vinny, Pancreatic Cancer Walk, Backyard Sports, United for the Troops, Town of Cortlandt Community Day and their elementary schools. After completing the service, candidates are asked to respond to some questions about what they did and what they thought their service meant. Gianna wrote that she needed lots of patience to work with some disabled children, but seeing them smile was rewarding. Kristine wrote it was rewarding to be involved with Midnight Run because she was helping a person in need of love and support. Declan felt the most rewarding part was watching the special needs students he worked with make their presentations. Juliana wrote that now it's her job to help people the way Jesus did. Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they complete the preparation process. Confirmation is June 8.

## HELP THE KNIGHTS HELP THE FOOD PANTRY

For the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus will help collect canned goods for our Holy Spirit Food Pantry. If you can help, we are hoping you will be able to provide 40 cans of goods for the 40 days of Lent. Whatever you can provide will be greatly appreciated by those in need. Please bring your canned goods to Mass and place them in one of the receptacles at the Church entrances. Items needed by the Food Pantry include (not everything needs to be in a can): shelf stable milk, canned fruits and vegetables, hot and cold cereal, soup, tea, coffee, pasta, peanut butter and tuna. Please remember that state law prohibits us from distributing expired food.



## Upcoming event with Catholic in Real Life:

On 4/6/19, at 6pm in the Parish Activity Center come to our **Annual Lenten Faith Sharing**. We'll have a movie night featuring the film "Bella". Bring a snack to share and your favorite camping/folding chair. Fellowship and discussion will follow the movie.

RSVP to [CatholicinRealLife@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicinRealLife@gmail.com) or [Meetup.com/Catholic-in-real-life](https://www.meetup.com/Catholic-in-real-life)

## CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT COLUMBIETTES



cordially invite you to



**St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's  
Day Dinner**

**Saturday March 16, 2019**

**Parish Activity Center**

**6:00PM**

Adults \$20 per person

Children (12 & under) \$5 per child

Reservation forms can be found at the doors of the Church, on the website or in the Rectory Office.

*Please return your paid reservation to the Parish office  
no later than Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Checks should be made payable to Holy Spirit  
Columbiettes*

*Seating limited to 110 paid reservations*

*\*\*If you would like to make a dessert to share, green  
or otherwise, it would be greatly appreciated\*\**



## **LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER**

**Monday, March 18, 2019**

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE**

*Sister Danielle Marie Baran, C.R.*

*Mt. St. Francis*

*250 South Street, Peekskill, NY 10566*

*Arrival...9:30am*

*Prayer & Conference...10:00am*

*Mass...11:15am*

*Dinner (supplied)...12:15pm*

*Sharing...1:30pm*

*Closing Prayer...2:15pm*

*Reservations: Sr. Laura/Sr. Sheila at*

*(914) 737-3373*

*Suggested offering: \$20.00*

## **Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley**

Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend April 26-28, 2019 at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, New York. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For information or to register, please call Denise at (845) 325-3147 or Margaret at (845) 383-1746.

## **Lenten Obligations**

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday (March 6<sup>th</sup>) and Good Friday (April 19<sup>th</sup>). In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

The U. S. bishops define fasting as eating one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted as necessary to maintain strength.

- Growing in Faith

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The **Annual Archdiocesan Catechist Mass and Communion Breakfast** was held on February 24 at the Riverview in Hastings. I was blessed to accompany several Holy Spirit catechists (Jody Cole, Dale Fraietta, Theresa Incardona, Elizabeth Lenihan and Patricia Viggiano). Patricia read the Intercessions for the Mass. Our theme for the day was "Francis, Rebuild My Church." Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Dolan, who encouraged catechists to bring the person of Jesus to the children, rather than the personality of Jesus. After Mass, I had the opportunity to speak with the Cardinal and told him we're from Holy Spirit. He shared how he enjoyed his recent pilgrimage with Fr. John to Fatima. And then he said we had the best hot dogs at our Parish Feast (50th Anniversary). I told him when he comes back we'll have more hot dogs. Rev. Anthony Ciorra from Sacred Heart University was the keynote speaker. He had us laughing most of his talk, encouraging us to find God in the midst of life. We all enjoyed his words about Francis from Assisi and Francis from Rome.

