

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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May 24, 2020 The Ascension of the Lord
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THIS WEEK

***All Meetings held via "Zoom"**

MONDAY 25 MAY | Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7/Jn 16:29-33

- 1 PM - Phase II Owner/Contractor Meeting

TUESDAY 26 MAY | Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11

- **8:15 AM - MASS** (+ Zachary David) Live feed/Video FSB
- 9:30 AM - Parish Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM - Small Discipleship Group

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY | Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-36/Jn 17:11-19

- **8:15 AM - MASS** (+ Charles McNamara) Live feed/Video FSB
- 4 PM - Endowment Boards Meeting

THURSDAY 28 MAY | Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26

- **8:15 AM - MASS** (+ Art & Stella Zagrzebski) Live feed/Video FSB
- 1 PM - Small Discipleship Group

FRIDAY 29 MAY | Acts 25:13-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/Jn 21:15-19

- **8:15 AM - MASS** (+ Patricia Wood) Live feed/Video FSB

SATURDAY 30 MAY | Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5, 7/Jn 21:20-25

- **MASS** (+ Frank Richter) Private FDP

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Pentecost / 30/31 MAY

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

SUNDAY 31 MAY

- **MASS** (+ Bob Kowalski) Private FDL
- **9 AM - MASS** (+ Jerome Bachinski) Live feed/Video FSB

Mass Presider Key	FTM: Fr. Todd Mlsna	FPS: Fr. Placid Stroik
FSB: Fr. Steve Brice	FDL: Fr. Dennis Lynch	FDP: Fr. Don Przybylski

Salvation Army Meal Ministry

For years Holy Spirit Parish has provided dinner every Tuesday evening for our Salvation Army neighbors. We are looking for people who would be willing to prepare dinner and drop it off at their door. (Keeping yourself and them safe). If you are able to help contact: Patty Noel at pattynoel3209@aol.com or 715-341-1473.



Moving On...

Sr. Barb Knauf

It is with sadness that I announce that Fr. Steve has decided not to renew my contract for next year. My last day with Holy Spirit Parish will be June 30th. This is a time of uncertainty for me but a blessing as I listen closer to where God is calling me to go. This is not my plan but God's and he needs me to let go and trust him. I have met and worked with so many wonderful people these last five years. I will miss all of you and will keep you in my prayers.

This Fall ... This Church ... Are You Ready? ALPHA IS COMING!

BEGINNING TUESDAY, 9*28*2020

Engage, Explore, Question,
Encourage, Connect, Care

Wondering if there's more to life?

Hope...purpose...
meaning...love?

Wanting to re-examine or
re-ignite your faith?

Looking for a comfortable space in which to
ask tough questions and share honestly what
you believe?

THIS IS THE TIME THIS IS THE SPACE
THIS IS THE COMMUNITY
ARE YOU READY? ALPHA IS COMING!



At the Ministry Center...

While the Ministry Center is closed, the staff is still working and regularly checking email and voicemail. For a critical need, please call the office to schedule an appointment.

The Church is open for personal prayer between of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Please use the south door to enter the church.

TWEETING @PONTIFEX



"May God have mercy on us and put an end to this tragedy, this pandemic, as well as the pandemics of hunger, war, and children without an education. This we ask as brothers and sisters, everyone together."

Follow Pope Francis (@pontifex) at www.twitter.com

Dear People of Holy Spirit Parish:

“When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.”
(Matthew 28:17)

Even seeing him raised themselves, even when filled with heartfelt wonder and awe, there was still doubt. For we human beings things are rarely simple. We are always a mixture of motives and feelings. Still, it is to such creatures Jesus said: “Go make disciples of all nations...and know I am with you always.”

Mixed emotions is the theme of life these days. Along with all the expected reasons, we add Sr. Barb’s announcement found on the front page of this bulletin. There is no more stressful part of a pastor’s job than not renewing an employee’s contract. As everyone knows, Sr. Barb has worked very hard these past five years at Holy Spirit Parish. And so I feared the news would land very hard on her heart. I was so relieved to hear her share at staff meeting that she also was feeling a need to change and accepts the non-renewal as a sign from God that it is time for her to try something new.

Sr. Barb will finish out her current contract with us which runs through the end of June. Hopefully we will be able to gather physically before then to give her thanks and bless her on her new journey. At the Finance Council meeting this past Wednesday initial plans were laid to begin the search for our next parish Finance Coordinator.

I shared in my Pastoral Ponderings the outcome of a survey last weekend in which I asked people their feelings about opening Holy Spirit Parish up, again, to a larger group of people, as Bishop Callahan has invited us to. For those who don’t get my emails I reprint the results here.

1. When would you feel ready to begin attending again?

I am over 65 and would come May 31.	20	14%
I am over 65 and want to wait a month.	88	61%
I am over 65 and want to wait for a vaccine	31	22%
I am over 65 and have a different option in mind.	4	3%
I am under 65 and am ready to come May 31.	35	26%
I am under 65 and want to wait a month.	75	55%
I am under 65 and want to wait for a vaccine.	21	15%
I am under 65 and have other options in mind.	4	3%
2. How would it be best to determine who is allowed to come?

First come first serve at the door.	19	8%
First come first serve by online registration	40	18%
Set up rotation system	145	64%
Other	23	10%
3. Should we have a second priest say Mass in Spirit Hall or use one priest and televise the Mass in Spirit Hall?

Have two priests	79	34%
Have one priest and televise to Spirit Hall	151	66%

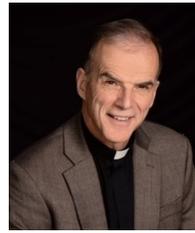
This letter was written on Tuesday before the Pastoral Council meeting so I will have to report their decision about whether we start inviting people back May 31st or later during Mass this weekend. Thank you all for taking the time to respond and for the very helpful comments!

This past week and next the staff are working on meeting Bishop Callahan’s criterion for opening: having a compliance team in place to make sure all guidelines are being followed, training them, securing a source for safety and cleaning supplies and creating an attendance system so that if contact tracing is needed we can supply the necessary information.

We all want to get out of our homes and be able to gather again as a parish family. And we all are afraid of a resurgence of the virus. We worship but we doubt. Yet,

Fr. Steven J. Brice

it is to creatures like us that Christ says: “Go make disciples...and know I am with you always.”



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sent to serve.*

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FINANCE COUNCIL

Chairs: John Clifford, Vern Schroth

Keep in touch

We will continue to use email and Flocknote to be in touch with you. Facebook provides not only a way to be in touch but also to take part in daily and Sunday Mass through a Live Video Feed. Log into the parish Facebook page, **Holy Spirit Parish**, at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. on Sunday to watch the Mass live. You can always watch these videos at any time, again, through our Facebook page.

For those who are able, know that your financial support is greatly needed and appreciated. You can mail your envelopes to the parish or set up an automatic bill pay with your bank. The Diocese has set up an option that directs debit and credit card giving to each parish. The link for this program can be found on the parish website. Questions? Call Sr. Barb at 344-9117.