

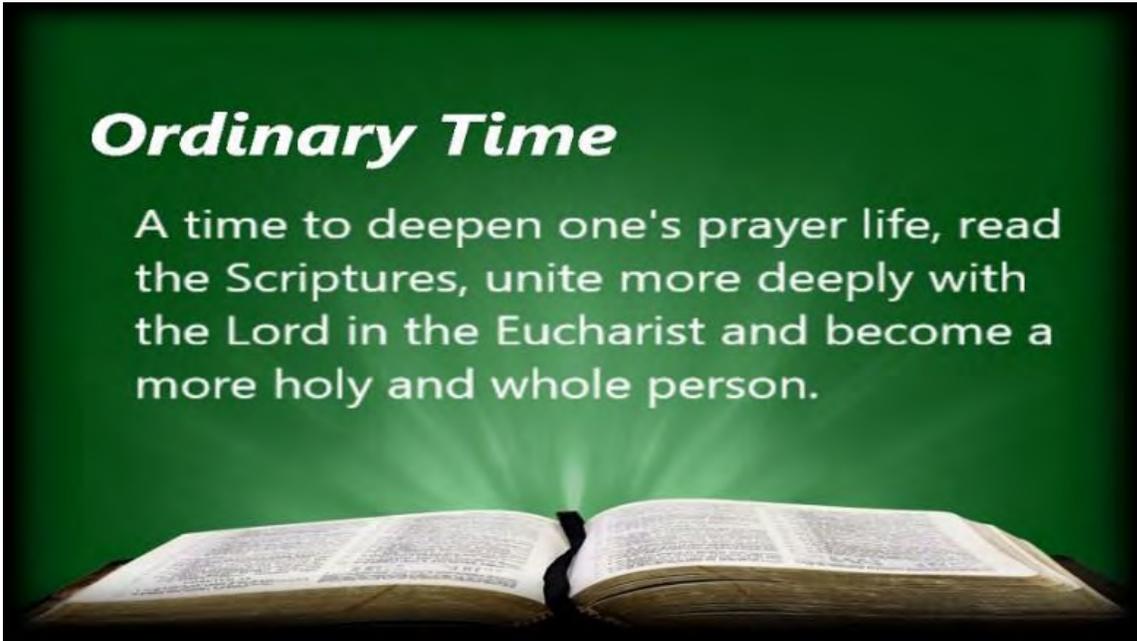
# Church of the Holy Spirit

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

## *Ordinary Time*

A time to deepen one's prayer life, read the Scriptures, unite more deeply with the Lord in the Eucharist and become a more holy and whole person.



### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

**Daily Mass - Monday Through Saturday:** 8:30 AM

**Holy Days:** As announced

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### Temporary Rectory Hours

**Monday – Thursday: 9 AM – 1 PM**

During these hours, someone is available to answer calls, but because of the pandemic we are unable to allow anyone into the rectory. We plan to reopen the rectory on Monday, August 3.

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**Rectory Phone: (516) 354-0359**

**Website: [HolySpiritNHP.com](http://HolySpiritNHP.com)**

# Pastor's Page

My Dear Friends,

As I mentioned the past two weeks, we will be downsizing our Sunday Mass schedule and will be taking the 12:30 p.m. Mass off the schedule. I feel terrible about this and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience, but we are in challenging times and I do not have enough priest coverage. Most people I have been in touch with understand our decision and that we do not have many options; this includes our parish Pastoral Council, whom I met with last Tuesday afternoon. Although I have not received any formal complaints, I'm sure some of you may be disappointed with this decision. I assure you that I love our parish, but at this time, it is the best decision for the parish.

We are still discussing the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. So far, most people I have spoken with think it should be moved to 11:30 a.m., since it would provide our Religious Education students a Mass option directly after class, and be a slight change in the Mass time for those who currently attend the 11 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Masses. I will be meeting with our Finance Committee to further discuss this on Monday night, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Please send me an email at [Frgrieco@yahoo.com](mailto:Frgrieco@yahoo.com), if you would like to share your opinion.

Overall, we are functioning well as a parish, in spite of taking a \$100,000 financial hit since the pandemic. We are still in a very healthy financial position, and before the pandemic hit our Sunday Mass attendance was up on an annual basis. That said, it is challenging to run a parish during these difficult times, and the entire country is experiencing this in some way. I, as the Pastor and we, as a parish, need to stick together, work together, and stay positive. As always, I appreciate your support!

Come September, the parish will be moving ahead with Religious Education, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The opening of our Religious Education Program will be based on the decision of the New Hyde Park School district. If the New Hyde Park School District is open, our Religious Education Program will be open.

If you are reading this but have not yet been back to Church, our Church is safe. Not perfect, but safe. For precautionary reasons, if you are elderly or have a health issue, it may be better that you stay home. However, if you are healthy, our Church is safe and we would love to see you here. We must wear masks and certain pews are sectioned off, but the Church is clean and safe.

I always say that the most important thing we can do is pray. Prayer is not a superstition or a naïve hope. Prayer is a belief in Jesus Christ and a confidence that he listens to us. This is why we must pray, and pray fervently. "And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in you." Psalm 39:7

"There is power in persistent prayer" - Micah 7:7

Thank you for being a part of Holy Spirit Church. Let's stay strong and work together.

Faithfully,

Fr. Frank Grieco



## TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

Dear Family of the Archdiocese of New York,

May I intrude on what I hope is a relaxing summer with a not-so-pleasant subject?

Last week, the Associated Press published a scurrilous article, heavy on innuendo, about Catholic dioceses, parishes, schools, charitable organizations, and other institutions that rightly received assistance from the federal government to pay their employees during the Covid-19 crisis. Many news outlets picked up the story, which implied that there was something amiss in Catholic institutions receiving paycheck protection money. Many of you have called or emailed me, wanting to know if the story was true. My answer, quite simply, is absolutely not! It was misleading at best, outright false at worst. Here's why.

First, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was designed to help employers continue to pay its employees when the economy went into lockdown in response to the coronavirus. The purpose was to keep employees employed during these difficult times. Religious institutions were invited and permitted to participate, as they employ large numbers of people across the country. Here in the Archdiocese of New York, if you combine the number of fulltime employees in our parishes, schools, agencies, and central administration, there would be 6000 fulltime and 4000 part-time employees. Without assistance from the PPP, many of our employers would have had no choice but to lay-off their employees, reducing the church's ability to assist people in need, and forcing our people to seek unemployment. That means your parish's secretary, or the teachers in your child's Catholic school, for instance, could easily have lost their jobs. So, the money did not go to "the archdiocese" but to our workers. The USCCB released a statement Friday which touched on many of these themes. [You can read their statement here: http://usccb.org/news/2020/20-114.cfm](http://usccb.org/news/2020/20-114.cfm).

A second problem is that the article tries to make some sort of connection between the sexual abuse crisis that has haunted the Church, and the Paycheck Protection Plan assistance. Make no mistake, the money that the Archdiocese of New York received was used solely for the purposes outlined in the law, that is to continue to pay employees their salaries and benefits. Not one penny of that money was used in any way to settle lawsuits or pay victim-survivors of abuse. We have none of this money left. It has all be distributed to our workers, and the government is carefully auditing it.

Third, the AP article focuses solely on the Catholic Church, making it seem as if Catholics are unique in participating in the Paycheck Protection Plan. In fact, religious organizations representing all faiths participated in the program, as it was intended. Nationally, the Small Business Administration approved over 88,000 loans for religious organizations, supporting more than 1 million jobs. Why then focus solely on the Catholic Church, unless the reporters had some animus towards the Church (which we suspect they do)?

Let me be clear: I am a fervent supporter of a free press, and have made it a priority of my tenure as Archbishop of New York to be open and available to the men and women of the media who seek to interview me. The overwhelming number of reporters with whom I have interacted have been dedicated to their craft, seeking to get the story right, and by and large the coverage of the Church has been fair – critical and honest when reporting on my mistakes, willing to report on positive developments as well.

This AP story, however, did neither. It invented a story when none existed, and sought to bash the Church.

Forgive me for "venting" in this way. I usually take the advice of those who counsel me to not pick a fight in the press with someone who buys printers ink by the barrel – or, in today's parlance, I guess, someone who has unlimited bandwidth. But this story was so inaccurate, and left such a damaging impression I felt it was important to set the record straight with you.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

*Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan*  
*Archbishop of New York*

# Mass Guidelines

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM

## Guidelines!!!

- 1) Face masks must be worn.
- 2) 25% capacity at every Mass.
- 3) Do not sit in pews that are roped off **(this is very important)**.
- 4) Families may sit together. All non-family members must be 6 feet apart.
- 5) The restroom should only be used for **emergencies!**
- 6) Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass. Those who do not wish to receive communion, can leave once Mass ends.
- 7) The Bishop is asking that we worship at our own parish and not travel to another parish.
- 8) We will keep the Church as clean as possible at all times. Please do not expect perfection because that will be impossible. This is about coming to Church for God.
- 9) The elderly or sick are kindly asked to stay home. **Dispensation from obligation to attend Mass remains in effect until further notice.**
- 10) **THIS IS A DIFFICULT TIME FOR ALL OF US, SO WE KINDLY ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE. WE ARE IN UNCHARTED TERRITORY AND NEED YOUR HELP. IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU DISAGREE WITH, YOU MAY BE RIGHT, BUT WE ARE DOING OUR BEST. IF CORRECTION IS NEEDED, WE WILL MAKE THE CORRECTION NEXT WEEK. LET'S MAKE THIS WORK TOGETHER. THANK YOU!!**

# Reflection

**Sunday, July 19, 2020**  
(Lec. 106)

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 1) Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
- 2) Romans 8:26-27
- 3) Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

FOCUS: God is patient and kind.

Growing in faith is like striving to grow as wheat in a field mixed with weeds. We are faced with temptations, we do not pray as we ought, we are weak and in need of forgiveness. But God is just and kind; he judges with leniency, sends his Spirit to our aid, lovingly nurtures us, and patiently awaits our growth.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Wisdom speaks of the might and clemency of God, saying, *you would permit repentance for their sins*. Paul tells the Romans that the Spirit intercedes when we know not how to pray. In the Gospel, Jesus shares three parables about the kingdom of heaven, explaining the meaning of the parable of the weeds to his disciples.

# Parish Ministries

## Respect Life Committee

Coordinator, Florence Scarinci

Like most of you, I have spent a good deal of time watching television these past few months. After I had had enough of depressing and aggravating news, I would switch to one of the animal channels. I admit it: I am addicted to the reality shows that feature veterinarians at work, particularly those who treat large animals, in all kinds of weather, knee deep in mud and other things. I would prefer not to think about, being midwife to cows, sheep, pigs, and horses trying to give birth. Without exception, whenever they are able to deliver a live calf, lamb, piglet, or foal, they comment that they never tire of the miracle of birth. Now remember these animals, for the most part, are not pets. They are a source of income, destined to be either milking machines or hamburgers. Yet the miracle of birth never ceases to put a smile on the veterinarians' faces.

If only we could change the hearts and minds of people so that they too could see the human baby as the miracle and gift that s/he surely is, made in the image and likeness of God, known to Him and loved by Him, from the moment of conception. God tells us in the book of Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you." Jeremiah 1:5

And Jesus says: "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." Matthew 10:29, 31 (and if He had been watching these same shows, He might have said cows instead of sparrows).

At this time when we are being reminded about lives that matter, let us remember that preborn human life matters too.

# Announcements

## Holy Spirit Social Ministry

Thank you to those who have continued to donate to Holy Spirit's Food Pantry during the pandemic. If you would like to support the Food Pantry, all non-perishable food items are welcome. The items most needed are cold cereal, cans of tuna, canned meats, canned fruit, beans (black, kidney, white, etc.) and shelf stable milk.

Food donations can be dropped off inside the church entrance on Saturday or Sunday during Mass times.

Your support is greatly appreciated!



Call Tom Friel at 516-582-2982, if you know of anyone that can use clothing and a blanket for a new born baby girl.



## Parish Census

In order to get a start on Holy Spirit's Parish Census, please send your email address to Lauren and Monica, if you have not done so already:

Lauren: [lpetricca@holyspiritli.org](mailto:lpetricca@holyspiritli.org)

Monica: [mgannon@holyspiritli.org](mailto:mgannon@holyspiritli.org)

The Parish Census was postponed due to COVID-19, but more details will be provided during the coming weeks. Be sure to check the website at [www.holyspiritNHP.com](http://www.holyspiritNHP.com).

## Mass Intentions and Other Offerings for a Loved One are Still Available

To request a Mass Intention, contact Lauren Petricca in the rectory at (516) 354-0359, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. The requested donation for Mass Intentions and Purgatorial Mass cards is \$20.

Weekly offerings for the Bread and Wine, or Altar and Sanctuary candles, are also available.

The requested donation for these is \$25.



# Message from the Director of Religious Education

## Registration Information for the 2020-2021

### Religious Education Program, Grades 1 through 8.

For those currently enrolled in our program, registration forms will be mailed to your home in the coming weeks.

If you are new to our program, please call **Mr. Bob Hodgson at 516-354-0359 ext. 132**. Leave your name, phone number and full address, and he will mail you the registration forms.

Registration will begin as soon as the Rectory re-opens. Parents should contact Mr. Bob to make an appointment to come in to register.

Registrations at this time are **ONLY** by appointment. Please have all forms filled out before coming in. If you need additional forms, please call Mr. Bob at the rectory. His office hours are Monday through Thursday 11 am to 2 pm, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### First Communion 2020

This year's First Communion has been scheduled for September 19th at Noon!

Join us for this blessed event!



## Attention Parents of Soon-to-be First Graders

Will your child be starting first grade in September?

Are they ready to begin their journey in our faith?

Classes for Holy Spirit Religious Education program begin in September 2020.

Your child will learn to pray. They will learn about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ through song, crafts, and religious instruction.

They will learn about the values that we cherish in our faith.

## Free Kindergarten & Pre-K Religious Education

Holy Spirit offers free religious education classes for Kindergarten and Pre-K students!

Classes meet on Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass. We will talk about the Gospel, the Mass, the life of Jesus, AND we will be doing crafts & singing songs!

A journey begins with the first step. Let us take that first step with you and your child.



# Mass Intentions & Prayers



**This Week's Bread and Wine is in Loving Memory of Caterina and Pelligrino Certa**  
**With Love and Prayers, The Certa Family**



## Prayer Requests

Kathy Beganskas

Michael Grady

and

for those serving in our military.

*Prayer requests will appear for four weeks. Please notify the rectory if a prayer request needs to be extended.*

**Saturday, July 18**

8:30 AM:

5:00 PM:

**Weekday**

Vincent Sauchelli

James Fitzgerald

**Sunday, July 12**

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

12:30 PM

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Josephine Monteleone

Ponnamma Jacob

Parishioners of Holy Spirit

Brunilda Falcon

**Monday, July 20**

8:30 AM

**Weekday**

Purgatorial Society

**Tuesday, July 21**

8:30 AM

**Weekday**

Noreen Conroy Domingo

**Wed., July 22**

8:30 AM

**Saint Mary Magdelene**

Michael Morris

**Thursday, July 23**

8:30 AM

**Weekday**

Karen Grasso

**Friday, July 24**

8:30 AM

**Weekday**

Parishioners of Holy Spirit

**Saturday, July 25**

8:30 AM

5:00 PM

**Saint James, Apostle**

Parishioners of Holy Spirit

Caterina and Pellegrino Certa

**Please pray for the recently deceased members of our parish, especially for:**

Virginia Brachocki

Teresa Calabrese

Anne Lyons

# Family Mass Lector Schedule

## Lector Schedule: July 19 – August 2, 2020

If you are unable to make a Mass, please call/text Marie Scandura at 516-279-8381.

If you are scheduled to lector, please be at the Church no later than 9:15 a.m., since capacity in church is limited to 25%.

### July 19, 2020

Intro	Ally Petricca
First Reading	Hailey Brooker
Second Reading	Darla Petricca
Petitions	Miranda Toro

### July 26, 2020

Intro	Ian Alana
First Reading	Pia Alana
Second Reading	Mia Alana
Petitions	Deana D’Urso

### August 2, 2020

Intro	Sean Jones
First Reading	Andrew Canese
Second Reading	Zachary Canese
Petitions	Selena Jones

# Family Mass – July 12, 2020



Shyler Fernandes



Sherwin Fernandes



Selena Jones



Sean Jones



Jasmine Garnica



Hailey Mikowski



# Photo Gallery



**Deacon John and Monsignor Dreasen**



**Deacon John and Monsignor Dreasen**



**Anita Torregrossa**



**Patty and Frank Cantreva  
wearing their NY Yankees masks.**



**Roy and Terri Marcinkiewicz**



**Adrienne Werring and Mary Bolan**



**Frank McLarney, Lector**