



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

As indicated in the weekly calendar.

RECONCILIATION

Available before weekday and Saturday Masses as indicated in the weekly calendar and by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated throughout the year. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after mass. See parish website for further information.

MARRIAGE

Please make an appointment with the pastor as soon as a decision is made to marry. A minimum of nine months notice is required. Please make no other arrangements until a date is confirmed with the parish. A marriage preparation course, offered in our pastoral region, is required.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Kim Baudouin holyspiritcff@gmail.com

PASTORAL CARE

A Pastoral Care Team visits sick or elderly members of the parish in their homes or in hospital. To arrange for Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick, or a visit, please contact the Pastor.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Louise Beggs, President cwlholyspiritparish@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

James MacLean, Grand Knight 613-831-8617

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Jan Haubrich, Chair 613-850-3283

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Elementary 613-907-4122
Guardian Angels Elementary 613-836-7423
Holy Spirit Elementary 613-831-1853
St. Stephen Elementary 613-831-8844
Sacred Heart High 613-831-6643



PARISH REGISTRATION: If you are new to our Parish Community, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket.

Names: _____
Email: _____
Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone Number: _____

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8.5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3.15-18
John 14.15-21

May 17 - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1.1-11
Ephesians 1.17-23
Matthew 28.16-20

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tue, May 12 – 9:00 am

†Phero & †Theresa by Lee Family

Wed, May 13 – 9:00 am

Children & grandchildren of the praying mothers

Thu, May 14 – 9:00 am St. Matthias

Intentions of Anita Ormos by Marion & Patricia

Fri, May 15 – 9:00 am

Intentions of Jeremy by Family

Sat, May 16 – 5:00 pm

†Paulette Campeau by Family

†Lynne Mills by Louise Beggs

†Edward & †Bernice Bleskie by Glenn Bleskie

†Jean & †Joe Kennedy by Kennedy Family

Sun, May 17 – 9:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Sun, May 17 – 11:00 am

Intentions of Don & Shirley Gillis by Gillis Lawson Family

†Jamie Brauner by Ken & Bonnie Lehmann

†Sharon Kelly by Anne Hogan-Knidl

†John Scrim & deceased members of Scrim-Dupuis Families by Carmel

Please pray for those who are sick: Anastasia Parker

Please pray for those who have died: †Muriel Gregory

†Indicates Deceased.



This Week at Holy Spirit Church

Monday, May 11 to Sunday, May 17

Mon	6:30 pm	RCIA
	7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tue	7:00 pm	Confirmation Preparation
Wed	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thu	9:00 am	Children's Faith Formation
	9:30 am	Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
	6:30 pm	Youth Night Grades 3-5
Fri	9:30 am	Adoration Hour
	9:30 am	Flame of Love Prayer Group
Sun	11:00am	Children's Liturgy

*Confession available before weekday Masses 8:30-8:50am and Saturdays 4:15-4:55pm

There will be a special collection for Pastoral Works of the Holy Father the weekend of May 16 & 17

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, May 15 after the 9AM Eucharist. The Monstrance with the consecrated host (the Body of Christ) will be placed on the altar for Benediction until 10:30AM.

Children's Liturgy will be offered on the First and Third Sundays of each month at our 11:00 am Mass. This program is for children ages 5-9 and offers a child-friendly reflection on the Gospel. We are also looking for volunteers to help support this ministry. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the parish office. We look forward to welcoming our young parishioners! Join us on May 17 for Children's Liturgy at the 11 am Mass.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2026 – JOIN US!

On May 14, 2026, thousands of people will gather on Parliament Hill in Ottawa to stand for the dignity of every human life. Be part of this powerful witness of faith, truth, and courage. A Bus to and from the Hill will make stops in Stittsville and Kanata. \$20/adult. For more details and to Register for the bus go to www.lifemattersnetwork.ca/bus Convenient pickup locations: Carp Park and Ride (Stittsville); and Holy Redeemer Parish (Kanata) Seats are limited—reserve yours today! A group from our parish, including Fr. Geoff and some children, will be on the bus. For more information contact the parish office or Ludmila - ludmila.maria@hotmail.com Stand up. Speak out. Follow Him. Bring your family and friends—be a voice for life.



Wedding Anniversary Blessing:

We invite all couples who celebrated a wedding anniversary in February, March, April or May to take part in a special Anniversary Blessing during Mass on the weekend of May 30 & 31. If you would like to participate, please register with the parish office by providing your names, the number of years you are celebrating, anniversary date, and the Mass you will attend. We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion with you!



Gospel Reflection: Jesus tells us “if you love me, you will keep my commandments.” The first part of this phrase is foundational. Following the commandments is a response to, not the cause of, our love for Jesus Christ. If we know him and love him, the commandments are our natural, lived response to being in this relationship with Jesus. By themselves, moral statements will convince few people about the truth and goodness of our faith. You don’t need faith in Christ to follow a moral code but to be a Christian you need to know and love Jesus Christ. The world is desperately searching for meaning and purpose: Christ is the answer to that search.

Fr. Geoff

Pentecost Sunday is our parish Feast Day and the birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father and the Son, empowered the disciples to proclaim the Gospel message to the world. The famous late 18th century poet William Blake wrote many poems. I’d like to share a few lines from a poem he wrote about Pentecost and its effect in our life:

Unless the eye catch fire,

God will not be seen.

Unless the ear catch fire,

God will not be heard.

Unless the tongue catch fire,

God will not be named.

Unless the heart catch fire,

God will not be loved.

Unless the mind catch fire,

God will not be known.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to catch fire in our hearts and to blaze in our life like a roaring fire, throwing off sparks to start new fires! This is the Holy Fire of the Spirit of God who sets hearts on fire for the Lord. The Spirit that emboldened and equipped the Apostles and early Christians to preach the Gospel to every land and nation is the same one given to us.

Fr. Geoff



Our Parish Feast Day: You are invited to our Multicultural Potluck on Pentecost, May 24, after the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses. Bring your favorite dessert that shares something special about your cultural background. Please register on the SIGN UP BOARD by May 17th to let us know how many are coming with you and the nationality you would like to highlight. We will provide coffee, tea and juice. Looking forward to celebrating together while learning more about each of our rich cultural backgrounds.

Trivia Night May 21, 2026: Please join us for Parish Trivia Night at The Glen Restaurant! Our Catholic Women’s League is hosting this fun night as a fundraiser. Make your own team of 4, 6, or 8, or join an existing team. Come early and enjoy supper beforehand at 6 pm (reservation required). The game will be led by Quizmaster, Gordon, starting at 7:30 pm. Prizes and fun for all! Tickets are \$15 and will be available for purchase in the Atrium on the weekends of May 9 & 10 and May 16 & 17. Please contact Claire Moore at 613-612-1659 or cmamoore1016@gmail.com for information or to register. Everyone is welcome!



Parish Pilgrimage to St. François d’Assise in Ottawa June 20 hosted by the Catholic Women’s League: Pope Leo has proclaimed a Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. Catholics are encouraged to visit a church dedicated to Francis this year. Travelling by bus at 9:00 am, (a total of 45 passengers) we will have a reflection, tour the historic Church, and celebrate Mass with Fr. Geoff Kerslake, returning to Holy Spirit Church by 3pm. Tickets are \$20 for the bus and a small donation to the hosting Church. Please contact Paula Lamothe (rlamothe331@rogers.com, 613-836-5140) by **June 6** to register.

Like to dance? You are invited to a Line-Dancing fun hour on **June 8 at 7pm** in our parish hall. We will be led by Mykaila Simes and hosted by our Catholic Women’s League. No experience necessary (maybe just a good sense of humour!). Please register **by June 1st** with Louise (louisebeggs@icloud.com), \$20 pp.

Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. May 13th, 7 pm, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Ave. The faithful are invited to participate in a special time of prayer on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, during which a communal consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place. The program will include the screening of *The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima*, the Rosary, the communal consecration, and the May 13 hymn with candles. All are welcome.

Look to Him and be Radiant-A Retreat for Teen Girls (ages 13-19) Sat May 30 from 10am – 3pm at St. Michael’s School Gym, 1572 Corkery Rd, Carp. St. Michael’s Parish invites you to three spiritual talks, praise, worship music, confession, fellowship, and provided lunch. To register or for more information contact Jillian at JillianMinten@gmail.com or 226-237-5677. “*Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.*” *Psalm 34:5*

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