



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 Boudouin holyspiritcfff@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

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613-850-3283

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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: _____

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



September 27 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18.25-28
Philippians 2.1-11
Matthew 21.28-32

October 4 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5.1-7
Philippians 4.6-9
Matthew 21.33-43

Please pray for our priests on retreat this week.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat, Oct 3 – 9:00 am

For all souls in purgatory

Sat, Oct 3 – 5:00 pm

†Jim Caton by Suzanne

†Lorraine Rawlins by Caroline Beirne

†Mary Leader by Suma Abraham

†Hugh Carroll

†Alan Selvadurai

Intentions of Suzanne Mooney

Sun, Oct 4 – 9:00 am

†Leo Paul Denis by Barbara & Robert Denis

In thanksgiving by Suzanne

†Muriel Gregory by Mary Jeffrey

†Cathy (Howe) Walsh by Anne (Howe) Sloan

†Mary Moran by the Watters

†Jenny Hurley by Joan

Sun, Oct 4 – 11:00 am

For the intentions of all parishioners

Please pray for those who are sick:

Please pray for those who have died: †

†Indicates Deceased.



This Week at Holy Spirit Church

Monday, September 28 to Sunday, October 4

Mon	6:30 pm	RCIA
	10:00 am	NET School Retreat-Holy Spirit School
Wed	6:30 pm	Catholic Women's League General Meeting
Thu	9:30 am	Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
	7:00 pm	Youth Night Grades 6-12
Sat	9:30 am	Men's Discussion Group
Sun	9&11am	Coffee Sunday
	11:00am	Children's Liturgy

**Confession available before weekday Masses 8:30-8:50am and Saturdays 4:15-4:45pm*

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Parishioners are invited to share with those less fortunate in our community by bringing non-perishable food items to donate to the Stittsville Food Bank for Thanksgiving. The Food Bank is serving more clients than in previous years. Please bring your donation to the Parish Hall by Sunday, October 4th. Thank you for giving generously!



Parish AGM: TODAY, September 27 at 2 PM

We will be having a Parish General Meeting to share information about the pastoral and temporal life of our parish. We have a new Parish Constitution and will be forming an interim Parish Council this Fall. This meeting will be an opportunity to review the activities of the parish, our financial situation and as well as an opportunity to ask questions. This will be a relaunch of the Parish Annual General Meeting, so please consider attending to learn more about our parish, its strengths and the opportunities we have to grow. Fr. Geoff

Knights of Columbus “**Roses for Life**” Campaign

The Knights of Columbus “Roses for Life” Campaign is next weekend, October 3 & 4. Knights will be distributing beautiful lapel roses as a visible symbol of our commitment to the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death. While the roses are free, donations are gratefully accepted. All proceeds directly support Birthright Ottawa, who have been supporting women in our community for over 50 years. Please wear your rose with pride to show your support for the most vulnerable. Thank you for your generosity!

Blood Donor Clinic event will be held at St. Philip's Church Hall (127 Burke St, Richmond) on Tue, Oct 6th from 1 - 6pm. To book your appointment time visit: blood.ca

ATTENTION MEN OF HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

Are you looking for deeper connection, honest conversation, and spiritual growth? Join our Monthly Men's Discussion Group—a welcoming space where men come together to explore faith, share life experiences, support one another in their spiritual journeys and encourage each other to live out our beliefs with purpose and integrity. What to expect:

- Open and respectful dialogue
- Thought-provoking topics rooted in Christian faith
- Brotherhood and accountability
- Prayer, reflection, and practical takeaways

We meet on the first Saturday of each month after the 9am Mass. Meetings last about an hour. Drop in when you can. Each session is welcoming and self-contained. Come as you are. Leave encouraged.

For e-Transfer please send it to admin@holyspiritparish.ca and add a description in the memo.

Donate to our Parish
or Youth Ministry



Reflection: An important part of the Second Reading deals with humility. It contains a hymn that St. Paul quotes to the Philippians. It emphasizes Christ's humility in coming to be with us, like us, his creation in our frailty and poverty, suffering hardship and even death for our sake. This act of self-emptying, going from infinity to infirmity, for our sake to save us, has a word for it in Greek - *kenosis*. This kenosis of Christ is like the forgetting of ourselves we are called to do as his followers. We too are called to empty ourselves of pride, selfishness and our own agendas to be more like Jesus who made pleasing God the Father his top priority.

Fr. Geoff

Adult Scripture Study

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God, explore your faith, and connect with fellow parishioners? Join one of our Adult Scripture Study groups. We are offering two flexible options to fit your schedule:

- **Sunday Group:** *"Ephesians: Discover your Inheritance"* (Ascension press) No sign up-Come as you are able! Meets at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room. Next sessions will be held on Oct 11 & 25
- **Wednesday Group:** *Jesus and the Ten Commandments* Sign up required – please contact the parish office. Meets at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's House. Next sessions will be held on Oct 7 & 21

Whether you are new to the parish or have been here for years, all adults are welcome to join. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Coffee Sunday Volunteers Needed-October is Breads & Loaves Month October 4 is the conclusion of the Season of Care for Creation and we invite parishioners to be creative in the snacks we share at Coffee Sunday – breads and loaves. How does creation speak to you in your baking creations? Do you add seeds, berries or decorate them with Fall flare? Bring your creative goodies on October 4 to share and celebrate the Season of Care for Creation!



Mini-pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi

Celebrating 800th year Jubilee of St. Francis at the close of the Season of Creation in Ottawa (Hintonburg neighbourhood) on Sat, Oct 3 from 12 - 4:30 pm. Join us for a mini pilgrimage which will take us to 4 different churches with a reflection, music and reconciliation. Between friends, a pause and moment to recalibrate, to feel nourished, refreshed, to learn and to discern, allowing for change and transformation.

Heart of Worship: You are warmly invited to Holy Redeemer parish on Tue, Sep 29 at 7pm for our monthly Heart of Worship adoration event. The evening will include a talk entitled "Transformation Through the Cross", praise and worship music, silent prayer time, confessions, and fellowship afterwards. All are welcome!

Donations of "like new" items! Our **Annual Catholic Women's League Bazaar is Nov 21!** We will be accepting "like new" donations of: belts, purses, pottery, Christmas & Easter items, puzzles, games, kids things, frames & prints (no clothing, books or electrical appliances) and gently used jewelry (always popular). We would especially appreciate Nativity creches and rosaries. We give free rosaries to children who are interested. Your "like new" donations make our annual Bazaar a success!



Baking for the Bazaar on Nov 21!

Parishioners are asked to consider donating Christmas baking to the CWL bazaar. We *prefer* homemade items. Especially popular are pies, Rice Krispie squares, butter tarts, and banana breads or other loaves. Your baking donations make our annual Bazaar a success!

All **donations and baking** are to be dropped off on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20**. We are not able to store items at the Church and cannot accept new donations the day of the Bazaar. Thank you! Contact Louise, 613-852-4469, louisebeggs@icloud.com.

Mass for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation On Sep 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, all are invited to a special Mass at Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica, 385 Sussex Dr, at 7pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Daryold Winkler, who is of Ojibwe heritage, and will include a special choir. Members of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities will participate in the readings and Prayers of the Faithful. Please join us as we come together in prayer for healing, reconciliation and renewed relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Parking is available in the lot behind the Cathedral.

Reconciliation Through Art – Oct 2-4 You are invited to Reconciliation Through Art, which returns to Almonte Oct 2-4. This event is made possible in large part through parishioners' donations to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Come enjoy a traditional Métis Kitchen Party, Indigenous Art Showcase, beading workshop, Water Walk, traditional teachings and more. Most activities take place at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum in Almonte. Full schedule and details at www.reconciliationthroughart.ca.

Pope Leo and Today's Challenges of Being Fully Human St. Basil's webinar series "Conversations for Our Times" is pleased to invite you to join us **on-line Sun, Oct 4th from 2:30 to 4pm**. Our speaker will be Anne Leahy, former Canadian Ambassador to the Holy See and professor of Catholic social thought at McGill University. She will share her insights about Pope Leo's recent encyclical, *Magnificent Humanity*, and engage with us in conversation about "Pope Leo, Catholic Social Thought, and Today's Challenges to Being Fully Human". **Registration is necessary** go to Conversations for Our Times on the St. Basil's parish website to click on the link.

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