



# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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## Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children; Sundays at the 10:15 a.m. Mass

Weekdays: Mon.-Thurs. & First Fridays & First Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Thursday, First Friday and First Saturday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass or at the Parish House with an appointment

## For other Sacraments:

Please call the Parish Office

6 months in advance for Marriage

3 months in advance for Baptism



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## The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 6th & October 7th, 2018

*“Therefore what God has joined together,  
no human being must separate.” (Mk 10:9)*

I attended a wedding this summer. It seemed a special privilege, since I did not have to preside, or “do” the ceremony. The bride was a former student of mine, one of those young people you hold always as a luminous presence in your life. It was beautiful in every sense: in its simplicity, in the strong words of the celebrant-homilist, in the splendor of bride and groom, in the families all gathered and garnered.

I thought of that wedding as I read this Sunday’s scriptures. “It is not good for the man to be alone.” Intimacy, relationship—the bottom of our being. “God took out one of Adam’s ribs.” Adam spoke, “This one, at last, is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh.” The two of them became one body.

A psalm sings: “Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children shall be like olive plants about your table. Behold thus is a human blessed. May you see your children’s children.”

What act of great moment is remembered here? I thought of the young bride and groom. What was it that they wanted to say to each other and the world? They wanted to say “forever.”

There is something that reaches the godly in such holy desire. When we abide in love, our hearts arch to the infinite. Rilke said, “Lovers, you touch pure permanence underneath.”

Yet marriages fail. You’d think that fact alone might tame our dreams of forever. Yet I have never met an engaged couple who wanted to give their futures to each other say “till it doesn’t work out, till you get sick, till you go broke, till you break down.” What is it about us that wants to say “forever”? To say “eternally”? To say “till the end of time”?

Jesus was given a test by the Pharisees. It was a conundrum about eternal love and life. He asks them in return, somehow aware of their stubbornness, about the judgment of Moses, who permitted divorce. But Jesus digs down to the well of our hearts’ desires. “They are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore let no man separate what God has joined.” “Whoever divorces a wife and marries another commits adultery; and the woman who divorces her husband and marries another commits adultery.”

It seems so clear and fast and abrupt. It seems even cruel to some who hear it. And surely painful. But isn’t this always true with matters of love? Would any of us, bent on a life of covenant, settle for less?

Which brings us to the lapse of our loves, of our marriages. Some endings we call annulments (a term that others might deride; they say, why not call it a divorce—what it is—instead of pretending it is something else?). Others think that annulments are a farce, easily purchased, easily forgotten.

Well, they are not purchased, not a farce, and not easy. Just ask someone who has gone through one. An annulment is our own churchly attempt to deal with our own law, our own promises, and our desire to honor and obey Jesus as well as Genesis. It is not so much a judgment about our relationship to God (there are some divorced and remarried people, without benefit of annulment, who are, no doubt, far closer to God than the likes of myself, having never been married) as it is a statement about our relationship to each other and to our own intentions. We want to honor and respect our own words.

So an annulment process is an attempt to determine whether two people were, as a matter of fact, free and able to choose irrevocably in God to become “one flesh.” A divorce may mean many other things: that two who actually made an eternal covenant slowly grew apart, that they had irreconcilable differences, that one person could no longer abide another, or that they somehow never adequately and wholly chose to become irrevocably one. An annulment says only the last.

We Catholics have our liturgies, our communions, our Eucharists. Some of us attending are divorced and remarried and place it all before God, not knowing really whether we have put asunder what God had once joined in us. Some have annulments, a human judgment offered only after long analysis and painful remembrance. Some of us weep in the back, not approaching the altar of union. Some trust God and abstain. Some trust God and partake. Few, thank God, judge.

For no matter what our rightful relationship to our church, its laws and traditions, we all pray in an assembly of believers who are sinners; and, most assuredly, we all stand before our good and great God as children.

And Jesus spoke to the child in each of us. “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them. It is to just such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. I assure you that whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a little child shall not enter it.”

*“Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.”*

*John Kavanaugh, SJ*

## Father Dan McCarthy Service Award

Last Friday at our Appreciation Banquet, Holy Spirit recognized the following parishioners who for many years have so generously shared their time and talents with the rest of us:

**Ann & Bob Benjamin**  
**Elly Manfredi**  
**Kathleen Castro**  
**Julie & John Caruso**  
**Nancy & Mike Cusack**  
**Lynne & Dennis Decota**  
**Patricia & Walter Dillaway**  
**Erasmus Roque**  
**Andrew Sweeney**

Each were presented with a Father Dan McCarthy Service Award.



Congratulations and Thank you!



The altar flowers this week are for the anniversary of

***Bob & Rosalie Vidalin***

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO**

**NEED OUR PRAYERS:** The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Steve Straessler, Tristan Humble, Mauro DeTrizio, Helen Hubbard, Joey Benjamin, Karen D'Ambrogi, Renee Dierckx, Jackson Langdon, Nina Cantacessi, Margaret Potchatek, Charlotte Facchini, Erasmo Roque, Ken Davis, Marilyn Lechuga, Chuck Fritch, George Fannuci, Pat LaRussa, Irma Schelter, Thomas Peterson, Taylor Gouin, Joe Gouin, Pat Fryer and Ken Hicks.

**FOR THE SOULS OF:** Dennis DeCota, Charlie Rogers, Frank Mantellina, Ray Hill, Alice Puruggannan, Howard Furlong, Al Pisenti, Margaret Winrich, Carmen Leon Guerrero, Barbara Bobrowski, George Gooding, Geraldine M. Gonfiotti, Concha O'Dell, Hank Cooper, Bonnie Clark, and Esther Keating.

### Mass Schedule Oct 6th to Oct 14th

10/06 Sat 5:00pm †Daniel Sullivan  
 10/07 Sun 7:30am Mass for the People  
 10/07 Sun 10:15am †Deceased Members of the Conrad Family  
 10/08 Mon 9:00am Available  
 10/09 Tues 9:00am Covell DeBruin Families  
 10/10 Wed 9:00am †Linda Capuano  
 10/11 Thurs 9:00am Int. of Ryker Wall  
 10/12 Fri 9:00am Available  
 10/13 Sat 5:00pm †Joan Conrad  
 10/14 Sun 7:30am Mass for the People  
 10/14 Sun 10:15am Mary Ann & Dick Harkey 50th Wedding Anniversary

LAST WEEK'S PLATE COLLECTION: \$ 5,251.50

NEXT WEEK BUILDING MAINTENANCE

### October 13th & October 14th – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Servers
Sat, October 13th 5 pm	#1– P. Anderson #2– S. Pola	Cheryl Dudley, Joann Albers, Joanne Landen, Mary Ellen Frasier, Pat O'Brien	As Available	As Available
Sun, October 14th 7:30 am	#1– B. Antoniuc #2– L. Davis	Brian Connolly, Arlene Storm, Kathleen Castro	As Available	As Available
Sun, October 14th 10:15 am	#1– K. Shanahan #2– L. Johnson	Laurie Berlo, Donna Kaiser, Michael Wagner, Kathy Stevens, Loyde Johnson, Sherry Johnson, Tim Sullivan, Shirley Sullivan, Dennis Krempely	As Available	As Available
Children's Liturgy of the Word –Barbara Nishimoto				
Homebound Week of October 17th– M. Breuer, E. Manfredi, M. Hoeft				

# FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

## Faith Formation Grades K-12

October 6th & October 7th



### Faith Formation Grades 1-6



In Sunday's Gospel (Mark 10:2–16), Jesus teaches us that from the beginning of Creation, God made men and women to join together in love. All of us are social beings who are created for making bonds of love and friendship with one another. Those bonds become inseparable in marriage. This reality underlies the lifelong, faithful commitment the Church celebrates in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

*Take some time to pull out some family wedding pictures. Talk about why weddings are such joyous celebrations. Then have each member of the family say a prayer to the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—to help all of you grow and flourish as a family that shows everlasting love.*

*<http://www.pflaumweeklies.com>*

**PARENT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR Wednesday classes OCT 9<sup>TH</sup> (Grades 1,3,4,5,6) 3:30PM for Wednesday classes only. Please gather in the Church**



SAVE THE DATE !!!

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

### **Trunk or Treat**



FRIDAY OCTOBER 26TH 6-8:00PM- HOLY SPIRIT PARKING LOT & PLAZA

ALL ARE WELCOME!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Candidates



We gather this Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM - 8:00PM in the Holy Family Room for

**“Oh My! Encountering Jesus in Word”**

We will explore sacred Scripture and come to understand that Jesus can be encountered through the Word of God..



All 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for Wednesday Night G.I.G.!

**“Deal or No Deal?”**

**October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 -8:30PM in the Holy Family Room**

Peer Pressure is an exhausting thing some of us deal with everyday. Come and explore when it is time to say deal or no deal in your everyday friendships. You are always welcome to BRING A FRIEND!

Questions contact Megan O'Neill  
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### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)**

Anyone wishing to become Catholic or wanting to receive further Sacraments, i.e., First Communion or Confirmation, may contact **Megan O'Neill** for more information.

You are invited to a period of Inquiry!

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