

Parish Mission

The mission of Holy Spirit Parish in unison with the Universal Church is to proclaim and to spread among all peoples the Kingdom of Christ. The mission of the Parish is carried out in Word, Sacrament, and Service to God and neighbor.

The continuing vitality of our staff and parishioners, we feel is evidence of the presence and work of our parish patron.



Brief History

- † Diocese appointed Fr. Joseph Lynch to found Holy Spirit in 1965.
- † First Mass celebrated in Church building on April 7, 1968.
- † Redecorated church was consecrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark on November 1, 1987.
- † Parish center opened in 1990.
- † Father Frederick Helfrich appointed as pastor in 2001.
- † Since 2000, three outdoor shrines have been added to enhance the grounds: to Our Lady, to the Sacred Heart and to St. Jude.

Father Frederick Helfrich, Pastor



Father Gerard McMahon, in residence
Gabriel Pellegrino, Director of Music
Anthony Ferrera, Faith Formation
Alice Winter, Business Manager
Shari Magagnoli, Secretary
JoAnn Cisterna, Secretary



Church of the Holy Spirit
1355 Hatch Road
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Committees of Holy Spirit

Parish Council

Establishes goals, objectives and programs to encourage participation of all the parish members.

Grounds and Landscape Committee

Takes care of church grounds including snow removal in the winter and flowers and gardens for the summer.

Liturgy Committee

Works to promote, encourage and coordinate the growth of spiritual life with special liturgical celebrations and devotions (Advent, Lent, Pentecost, May), Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Hour and prayer groups.

Social Ministry Committee

Fulfills the request of Jesus - "What you do for the least of my brothers you do for me." Picks up and delivers surplus food to distribution centers. It oversees a special fund for unexpected emergencies. Social Ministry includes the Bereavement/Funeral Ministry.

Webster/Penfield Catholic Connection

The mission of the Webster-Penfield Catholic Connection (WPCC), made up of representatives of Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, St. Paul, and St. Rita churches, and guided by a diocesan representative, is to: *Plan, Communicate, Facilitate, Implement, and Assess collaborative strategies, programs, and ministry to foster a close connection among our four parishes.*

This better enables us to encourage full, active participation in the life of the Church, so as to develop a deeper relationship with God and thus accomplish the mission of the Church: to share the "good news" with others and to celebrate the sacramental life of the Church and our oneness in Christ.

Sister Parish Image

The Church of Jesus Christ sees herself as universal.

To announce the good news through his bride, Jesus makes all the barriers between peoples, races, tongues, and nations, disappear.

For the ongoing realization of this plan of God, a bridge is thrown on two continents. The unity of Catholic Christians of America and Africa, in view of their mission for the New Evangelization, gets underway through the project of a providential "sister parish" status between two churches: the Church of the Holy Spirit, Webster, NY dedicated to the Holy Spirit and the church of Notre Dame of Africa, in Bietry, Abidjan dedicated to the Virgin Mary.



Our Parish, Church of the Holy Spirit, is located in Webster, a suburb of Rochester New York.

Holy Spirit Parish Ministries

Bereavement/Funeral

This offers an opportunity for families to gather in the parish hall after a funeral. Monthly meetings between the four WPCC parishes offer an opportunity to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death, to find healing.

Health Ministry

Serves in the area of personal wellness. It is a resource for health information, offering a blood pressure clinic, health education programs and literature. Sites are rotated among the four parishes of the WPCC.

Faith Formation

The School of Religion helps prepare children for first communion, penance, and confirmation. There are also many Bible Study and adult continuing education programs available several times each year.

Faith Study for Women - is an opportunity to participate in a weekly morning study of the Catholic Faith, the Gospels, the Mass and other topics relevant to women today.

K4J Vacation Bible School - is for children ages 4-9. Learn while having fun together for a week during the summer.

Hope House

HOPE House assists needy families in the WPCC area with food, clothing, car repairs, rent, gas & electric, prescriptions, and many other expenses.

Eucharistic Adoration

A ministry of prayer before the blessed sacrament. Adorers are encouraged to pray for those listed in the book of petitions as well as for themselves for one hour each week.