

PASTORAL TEAM:

Jesus Christ, Senior Pastor
Rev. Myra Brown, Pastor
Rev. James Callan, Associate Pastor
Rev. Celie Katovitch, Associate Pastor
Mike Ramich, Business Administrator
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Siobhan Potter, Director of Religious Education; Family Min.
Mike Boucher, Adult Education Leader
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Mark Potter, Associate Administrator/MHC; Youth Minister
Aaron Lynch, Digital Production Engineer
Ruth Cowing, Director of Communications
Paul Boutte, Music Director and Minister
Daniel Brotzman, Music Minister
Jim Ramerman, Music Minister, Thursday Night Musicians
Elaine West, Administrative Assistant
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• **Baptisms:** Siobhan Potter: (585) 325-1180 x 105
• **Weddings:** scmarriageprep@gmail.com
• **VAN RIDES** to 9:30 am Mass: Julie Buerkle, (585) 683-9517; jul.buerkle@gmail.com.

LITURGIES

All Masses wheelchair accessible; Sunday, 9:30 am is ASL interpreted
• Sunday: 7:30 am at the Spiritus Sanctuary – In-person only; Hearing Loop
• Sunday, 9:30 am at Hochstein - In-person; Livestream; Hearing Loop
• Monday: 12:10 pm at the Spiritus Chapel – In-person; Livestream
• Tuesday: 8:30 am Prayer/Meditation from the Spiritus Chapel – Livestream only
• Tuesday: 12:10 pm Ecumenical Mass-Immanuel Baptist Church - In-person + LS
• Wednesday: 12:10 pm at the Spiritus Chapel – In-person; Livestream
• Thursday: 7 pm at the Spiritus Sanctuary – In-person; Livestream; Hearing Loop
• Friday: 12:10 pm at the Spiritus Chapel – In-person; Livestream
• Saturday: 5 pm Mass at the Spiritus Sanctuary – In-person only; Hearing Loop

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Sunday, April 28th at 9:30 am Mass:

- In memory of **Callie Rose Falker** (5th anniversary of passing), by her grandparents, Andy and Marianna Beigel
- In memory of **Carol Wilmarth** (5th anniversary of death), by her husband, Brian and family

Wednesday, May 1st at 12:10 am Mass:

- In memory of **Joseph B. Dibley** (anniversary of death), by his daughter, Mary Dibley

For Special Intentions: office@spirituschristi.net, (585) 325-1180; **Prayer Requests:** Lauren Baer, prayerline@spirituschristi.org, (585) 500-2862

Collection: \$22,246

Scriptures for **APRIL 28th:** Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-82

Scriptures for **MAY 5th:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

April 23rd, 2024

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe May is just a little over a week away! I hope you are taking time to absorb the beauty of this nice long spring season we have been blessed with (a rarity in our part of the world!).

May begins with **International Workers' Day**. Worker justice has always been a very important part of Catholic social ethics. **Pope Leo XIII** gave attention to labor issues in an encyclical called **Rerum Novarum**, written way back in 1891! I hope and think we are in a time when engagement around unions is blossoming once again. As I write this, I am excited by murmurs of a campaign for a city-wide living wage, and other good signs. It is good to remember that we all are invited to have a **spirituality of work**, since our faith teaches that how we labor, and for what, is an important part of our humanity – and that the dignity of work is worth our attention.

This weekend, **April 27th and 28th**, is our **Family Liturgy**. Please join us as we celebrate another beautiful year in our **Religious Education program!** Please also pray for our children preparing for **First Communion on May 4th** – we have a class of 20 this year!

The **deadline for tithing** is coming right up – **April 29th** – more info is below on how to submit an organization.

Finally, we are looking forward to the **Silver Ball celebrating our 25th anniversary**, and the visit of our **Across-the-Miles pilgrims** on the **weekend of May 18th and 19th!** **Tickets to the Ball** can be purchased using the QR codes found around church, or on the church website. You can also purchase **tribute and/or business ads** in our **Silver Ball Program Book** – see “Other News” below for more information.

Our hearts are with Jennifer House Director **Lisa Buscemi** this week, following the death of her mother, **Mary**.

The **Springtime Walking Group** continues at 9:30 am on Monday mornings, with upcoming walks on **April 29th** in Highland Park (meet at Lambertson Conservatory), and on **May 6th** at the River Boardwalk at Turning Point Park (meet on Boxart Street).

Can't hold back the spring!

This comes with love, Rev. Celie

OTHER NEWS:

TRAFFIC ADVISORY: Over 2000 Half Marathoners & 5Kers and 100 children are expected to participate in the Flower City Challenge on the morning of **Sunday, April 28th**. This will impact parishioners going to church services that day so, as needed, please check out the course map and more details at: flowercitychallenge.com.

Café! Café! Thank you for helping make Spiritus Christi one of **Equal Exchange's** best supporters; our congregation is in the top 5% of their faith-based customers! Muchisimas gracias, Spiritus! Every time you purchase a bag of coffee, you support Equal Exchange and our coffee growers. Please consider buying a bag (or three!) on your way out of Mass the weekend of **April 27/28** or purchase from our online store.

The **LGBTQIA+ (and allies!) Small Christian Community** invites you to a special film viewing on **Saturday, April 27th**, 6-8 pm in the Nielsen Room of the thought-provoking documentary "**1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture**," exploring the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians, centering on a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. We will provide pizza; please bring a snack to share if you would like!

It's **TITHING TIME!** **10% of our weekly collections are set aside** into our tithing account, and donated twice a year to organizations nominated by parishioners. Last year, through your generosity, we were able to donate about \$2,000 each to 55 organizations, as well as make donations to Isaiah House and Dimitri House. There is a link on the church website and in the e-bulletin to enable you to nominate a grass-roots level organization that is consistent with the values and the mission of Spiritus Christi Church, and working for peace, justice and mercy. There are also hard copy forms available in the church office. Please contact **Betsy Inglis**, 585-703-9213 for info. **Deadline: Monday, April 29th.**

Friendship, fun, and food abound at our next **Speaking From the Heart** monthly meeting on **Saturday, May 4th**, 11:30 am-1 pm in the Hallock Lounge. We will share stories as we practice conversational English with our international friends, and learn from each other in our beautiful human connection. Come share your love, and spend time celebrating the (upcoming) Valentine's Day with some very special people!

Spiritus Christi's **25th Anniversary "Silver Ball"** is **Saturday, May 18th**, 6:30 pm, at the Holiday Inn Downtown. As we are planning our **Program Book** for the evening's festivities, we are thrilled to announce we are selling space for both **Tributes** and **Business Ads!** The dimensions of the Program Book are 5½"x8½", with the following (nicely affordable!) prices for ads: **FULL PAGE:** \$200/Tribute Ad or \$400 Business Ad; **½ PAGE:** \$125/Tribute or \$250/Business; **¼ PAGE:** \$75/Tribute or \$150 Business; **BUSINESS CARDS:** \$85; **PATRONS** (names only): \$25 each. Deadlines: preferred is **Friday, May 3rd**; Drop-Dead is **Monday, May 6th**. Please email our **Director of Communications Ruth Cowing**, rcowing@spirituschristi.org to order. Thank you!

We are so excited to announce that 17 of our "Across the Miles" parishioners will be joining us **May 16th-19th** for the Second Annual "**Across the Miles**" Pilgrimage to Spiritus. We hope you will take the time to meet them at one or more of their stops! Their pilgrimage will begin with **Thursday night Mass**, followed by our monthly **Fellowship Friday** with Mass & lunch to follow; **Saturday 5 pm Mass**, our **25th Anniversary Ball** and **Sunday's 9:30 am Mass!**

Party! Food Culture! Clothing, purses, jewelry and more! Save the date, **June 2nd**, for our **Annual Gran Fiesta** to celebrate *30 years of relationship* with our brothers and sisters in **Chiapas, Mexico**. Here's a letter written by **Julissa Beteabeth Albores Hernandez** (2nd grade), one of our scholarship recipients who so appreciates your support:

"Hello brothers and sisters. I want you to know that I want to do a lot for the support you have given me. Thanks to you, my parents were able to buy me all my school supplies. I am doing my best to get really good grades. I thank God for everything He has given me -- my family, health, strength, intelligence, humility, kindness, and being grateful. I hope you all are okay. It is a great pleasure to meet you [pilgrims from Spiritus] again, thank you very much for everything. I hope you really enjoy the things we will give you and that you like our food [at the despedido/party]. Without further ado, I wish you the best. Blessings and many hugs with love. We will miss you all."

Please save the date for our second annual **Jazz Mass**, featuring the **Bill Tiberio Band**, **Thursday June 20th** at 7 pm Kick off your jazz festival season with us as we celebrate the deep spirituality of jazz. Bring a friend!

WEEK AT A GLANCE



- Send items to: bulletin@spirituschristi.net, by **Mondays at 4 pm.**
- Get the news quicker, more in-depth, and with hotlinks and pictures! Sign up for our e-bulletin at spirituschristi.org, or use the QR code!
- All Masses wheelchair accessible. Thurs/Sat/Sun Masses: hearing loop available. Sunday, 9:30 am Mass only: ASL interpreted.
- **IP = In-person; LS = Livestream**

Saturday 4/27	Sunday 4/28
FAMILY LITURGY 5 pm: Mass at Spiritus - Sanctuary IP 6-8 pm: LGBTQIA+ Film Screening - Nielsen Room	FAMILY LITURGY 7:30 am: Mass at Spiritus - Sanctuary IP 9:30 am: Mass at Hochstein IP & LS 10:30 am: Coffee Hour - Hochstein Lounge

Mon 4/29	Tues 4/30	Weds 5/1	Thur 5/2	Friday 5/3	Saturday 5/4	Sunday 5/5
9:30 am: Springtime Walking Group - Highland Park 12:10 pm: Mass at Spiritus - Sanctuary IP & LS	12:10 pm: Ecumenical Mass at Immanuel IP & LS 6:30 pm: Breathing Under Water - Nielsen Room	11 am: Chair Yoga - Shaw Rm IP; Zoom 12:10 pm: Mass at Spiritus - Sanctuary IP & LS 1 pm: Living Room - Nielsen Rm	7 pm: Thursday Night Mass - Sanctuary IP & LS	10 am: Weekly Mindfulness - Zoom only 12:10 pm: Mass at Spiritus - Sanctuary IP & LS	10 am: First Eucharist Ceremony - Sanctuary 11:30 am: Speaking from the Heart - Hallock Lounge 5 pm: Mass at Spiritus - Sanctuary IP	7:30 am: Mass at Spiritus - Sanctuary IP 9:30 am: Mass at Hochstein IP & LS 10:30 am: Coffee Hour - Hochstein Lounge