

Week of August 28 – September 4, 2016

Sunday, August 28th

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, parish hall
Summer Choir Practice, nave
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Holy Baptism
11:45 am Christian Education Summit, parish hall

Saturday, September 3rd

- 5:00 am – until 3pm Boston Butt Prep & Cook
3:00 pm Boston Butt Pickup

Sunday, September 4th

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, parish hall
Summer Choir Practice, nave
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Parish Anniversary Celebration – Sunday, September 11th

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Gifts of the Spirit & Sunday School Kickoff
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:30 am Anniversary Potluck & Gifts of the Spirit

Gifts of the Spirit – 9:30 am & 11:30 am

We are celebrating Holy Spirit's 14th Anniversary on September 11th! One of the reasons we have experienced such wonderful growth in community and ministries is because of you—our committed volunteers. You will have the opportunity to indicate which ministries you wish to support as we will have our Gifts of the Spirit sign ups during the 9:30 hour (in conjunction with the Sunday School Kick-Off), and during the potluck after the 10:30 service. You will also be able to sign up via survey monkey. Look for an email coming soon with the link to the online sign up.

We all have spiritual gifts to offer. Not a lot of time? No worries, there is something for you. Have a lot of time? We also have something for you. Thank you in advance for your support.

What is a Spiritual Gift?

Spiritual gifts are Special Abilities (1 Cor. 12:7)
Distributed by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:11)
To Every Believer according to God's Design and Grace (1 Peter 4:10)
For the Common Good of the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:7)

Sunday School Kick-Off – 9:30 am

It's that exciting time of year again... Time for Sunday school to start back! Please join us for the kick off on September 11th at 9:30. We will discuss the different options for kids and volunteers, all while reconnecting as a community. Come join in the fun!

Anniversary Potluck – 11:30 am until 1:00 pm

We have much to celebrate! Be sure to join the food, fun, and fellowship after our 10:30 am service. There is a Perfect Potluck for you to let us know what you can bring – perfectpotluck.com Last name: Greer and Password: ECOHS.

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Men's Prayer Breakfast	Sept 10th	7:00 am	Parish Hall
Centering Prayer	Sept 12th	5:30 pm	Nave
Women's Circle	Sept 13th	6:30 pm	Nave
Healing Eucharist	Sept 14th	11:00 am	Nave
Bunco	Sept 15th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Pack for Beans & Rice	Sept 16th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Sept 17th	9:00 am	Narthex
Vestry Meeting	Sept 18th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Holy Spirit 101	Sept 25th	11:45 am	Rector's Office

Save the Date

Wed, Sept 7th	Pizza & Salad Party, 6:30pm and Choir Kick-off, 7:00 pm
Sun, Sept 11th	Anniversary Celebration, Christian Education Kick-off, & Gifts of the Spirit
Mondays, Sept 12 – Oct 24	Wisdom's Way – A spiritual exploration of the Bible's Wisdom Literature, 6:30 pm
Wed, Sept 14th	Healing Eucharist & Lunch, 11:00 am
Sun, Sept 18th	Foundation of the Faith & Adult Confirmation Class Begins, 9:30 am
Sun, Oct 2nd	Blessing of the Animals
Sun, Oct 16th	Children's Liturgy, 10:30 am service
Wed, Oct 26th	Bethany Village Update with Bishop Kee Sloan, 6:00 pm
Sun, Nov 13th	Confirmation & Bishop's Visit, 10:30 am
Sun, Dec 4th	Annual Parish Meeting, 11:30 am
Sun, Dec 11th	Lessons & Carols, 5:00 pm

Thank you...

- to all who helped with Taste of the Spirit. We raised approximately \$4,000 with the cookbooks and the event. You are generous community.
- Nancy Musgrove, Mary Joe Logan, & Judy Dykes for weeding the gardens.
- Julio Campos & Adam Power for fixing the lights in the nave (project to be continued next week).
- All of our acolytes for serving faithfully.

Church Happenings

Summer Choir

Anyone interested in "trying out" the choir, please join us at 9:30am in the nave during the month of August. We will rehearse something simple and sing during worship. We will not vest. This is a great time to join or just test it out to see if you would like to join the choir. Summer choir will continue through September 4. The kick-off for fall choir will be Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00pm in the choir room.

Need to feed a crowd for opening game day? Labor Day party?

Boston Butt Sale, pickup Saturday, Sept 3rd at 3:00pm

For only \$35, you can get a delicious pork butt (around 6-8 pounds of slow-cooked goodness), perfect for Labor Day weekend. Leftovers can be frozen and reheated for a convenient and easy meal. The cookout will be on Saturday, Sept 3rd, with the pork butts available for pick up at 3:00pm. Order online at:

<http://holyspirit-al.org/hs-store/>, call the office, or fill out a form in the narthex. Thanks to you we have been able to supply to families in need. If you would like to donate indicate so on your order. If you could use the assistance of a donated Boston butt to feed your family, please let Mary Bea know. Also, if you know a family (outside the church) that could use one, please let her know that as well.

Holy Smokers Needed!

On Saturday, Sept 3rd, the Holy Smokers will be at it again, preparing delicious smoked Boston Butts for Labor Day get togethers and for needy families. Buzz and Al need your help! We need six willing souls to help them get the meat on the smoker, working at the Church from 5:00 am to 7:00 am. In addition, we'll need six folks to help between 11:00 am and 12:00 noon, and another four between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to finish up. ANY TIME YOU CAN COME BY TO HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED! Even an hour's work, especially in the 5:00 am time slot, would be welcome. Please contact Tara (tara@holyspirit-al.org), Buzz (buzz.palmer@rawsonlp.com) or Al (aldel9109@gmail.com) to let them know when you can help out. Thanks!

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, Sept 10th at 8am

We are starting a men's group to meet once a month on the second Saturday to gather for breakfast, prayer time, and fellowship. All men are welcome and encouraged to come. The first gathering will be Saturday, Sept 10th at 8:00am and end at 9:00am – cooks start at 7am. Please bring a few dollars to help cover the cost of breakfast. More information to follow. If you are interested in cooking breakfast or have other questions, contact Buzz Palmer, buzz.palmer@rawsonlp.com; Al Delchamps, aldel111@aol.com; or Doug Smedley, dsmedley@calera.org.

Wisdom's Way—a practical and spiritual exploration of the Bible's Wisdom Literature

Mondays, September 12th – October 24th at 6:30 pm

Join Mary Bea for this 6-week exploration of Wisdom Literature in the Bible focusing on Proverbs, the Book of Job, Ecclesiastes, and the Wisdom of Solomon. We will reflect upon the writings of these ancient sages and how they inform our spiritual life today. The format will incorporate lecture, group discussion, and spiritual practices that support our growing in wisdom. "Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her." Wisdom of Solomon 6:12.

Habitat for Humanity Build Day, Saturday, September 24th, 7:30am – 4:00pm

We have committed to recruit 13 volunteers to assist Episcopal Diocese Habitat for Humanity. We will serve alongside volunteers from St. Francis for a build day in Calera. Skills are helpful but not required!! We are also looking for breakfast and lunch sponsors that...more info to come. If you would like to lend a hand that day, sign up at <http://holyspirit-al.org/volunteer-spot/> or 621-3418.

Cursillo Open House, October 7th, 6:30pm

If you are interested in going to Cursillo or just learning more about it, please join us! We will have several Cursillistas (people that have already been to Cursillo) at the meeting as well. This is not a "secret society"! There are many wonderful surprises at Cursillo and I truly believe that when the Lord leads you to go, you get exactly what you need from it, and you leave with a lasting impression, a changed heart, lifelong friends and community centered on our Lord and living in the spirit. Bring the kiddos! We will have some youth group members to watch over them. Please bring a snack to share! Beverages will be provided.

Next Cursillo Weekend – October 6th -9th.

Contact Kim Sorensen if you'd like to attend, ksorensen@jackhenry.com.

Relief for Louisiana flood victims

We are collecting monetary donations for Episcopal Relief and development to assist the flood victims in Louisiana. Also, through Alabama Public Television, we will collect books, coloring books, and crayons for children. You may leave your donations in the narthex and Roy Clem will make sure they are sent to those in need. Thanks for your generosity.

Church Office

Tara Portney, our parish administrator, will be out of the office 8/29 – 9/12. Mandy Golightly will be in the office periodically to check voicemails and emails but if you need immediate response, please contact Mandy at mmgolightly@gmail.com or 205-410-3013.

Cookbooks & T-shirts

There are still cookbooks available for purchase! We are opening another order for t-shirts if you missed getting yours. Order forms are available in the narthex or you can order online in the HS Store. holyspirit-al.org/hs-store

Diocesan/Local Offerings

Join others from around the diocese for a **Celebration of Our Ministry With Bishop Santosh & Lynn Marray**

Sunday August 28th: Reception at 3:30pm followed by Service at 5:00pm at St. Mary's on the Highlands.

We will offer Bishop Marray a special gift from Holy Spirit to thank him for his wonderful support of our parish.

If you would like to contribute please note on your check: *Bishop Marray gift.*

There are so many wonderful events happening throughout our Diocese. Be sure to visit the diocesan website, www.dioala.org, for details. Check out the bulletin board in the parish hall for a few highlights.

Financial Update

Contributions

Thank you for your generous support of our parish. Below is a summary of the contributions received during the week ending on Sunday, August 21, 2016.

Pledged.....	\$3,336.64
Unpledged.....	\$ 198.00
Kelli Divers Memorial Fund.....	\$ 50.00
Beans and Rice.....	\$ 45.00
Boston Barbeque Donations.....	\$ 35.00
Boston Barbeque purchases.....	\$ 280.00
T-shirt purchases.....	\$ 30.00
Total Contributions.....	\$3,974.64

Please pray for...

Bishops and Clergy: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Michael** Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop ECUSA; **Kee** Sloan and **Santosh** Marray, Alabama Bishops; **Mary Bea** Sullivan, Rector; **Alison** Carmody, Priest Affiliate; **Malcolm** Marler, Priest Affiliate; **Stan** Wright, Priest Affiliate

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Our companion dioceses of Alaska & the Virgin Islands & their bishops Mark & Ambrose; Department of Ministry for Higher Education

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Parish Life, Choir, Altar Guild,

Invite•Welcome•Connect, Stewardship

For Nation and Local Community: Barack Obama, President; Robert Bentley, Governor; Communities of Calera, Alabaster, Helena, Maylene, & Pelham

For all people everywhere especially: Those impacted by the flooding in Louisiana, earthquakes in Italy, and wars throughout the world.

Healing & Guidance for members, relatives and friends of Holy Spirit: **Doris & Richard** Smith (Victoria Knierim); **Carl** Raymond (Allyson Agee); **Jo** Cochran (Judy Dykes); **Roxie & Stan** Wright; **Debra** Dewees (Glenda Jones); **Shirley** Marshall (Allyson Agee); **Francie and Alan** Gardner; **Fred** Aldrich (David Aldrich); **Carl** Bruner; **Susan** Vincens (Janet Palmer); **Candice & Ben** Hudson (Mandy Golightly); **Olivia** Kilgore; **Brandy** Carmichael (Debra Dickey)

For those serving in the armed services: **Hall** Graham (Julia Jackson), **Mark** McKay (Gladys McKay)

For all who have died, especially **Patricia** Mabbett, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: Ryan Rawlins (8/29), Lorraine Divers (9/4), Judy Ghareeb (9/5), Mandy Heatherly (9/10), Nan Vodde (9/11)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Sharon & Don Greer (9/3), Stephanie & Matt Farrell (9/10)

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit ♦ Reverend Mary Bea Sullivan, Rector

Tara's Office Hours: Tues, Wed, & Thurs – 9:00am to 2:00pm

Rev. Mary Bea's days off are Friday & Saturday (but may be reached for emergency)

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