

SERVICE

GOAL 1:

To listen, identify, and respond to the needs of the parishioners.

- A. Establish a team to seek the most effective way to serve the needy, such as bereavement, child care, elderly, and homebound.
- B. Develop guidelines to respond to requests seeking assistance (such as obtaining food, shelter, clothing, etc.).

GOAL 2:

To challenge parishioners to give of themselves in service.

- A. Identify, evaluate, and publish service activities currently underway in the parish.
- B. Actively enlist parishioners to contribute their time, talent and treasures to benefit our parish.
- C. Create an updated parish directory of contact information and areas of interest and/or needs.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the Eucharistic Community of Holy Spirit Parish, in union with the teachings of our One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church and a people rich in tradition, commit ourselves to the formation and sustenance of Sacramental Christian family life. Through ongoing education, supported by prayer – especially celebration of the Eucharist, we practice a life of faith, hope, and charity based in humility before God, while courageously giving witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in support of a culture of life, justice, and peace.

ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE

Dear Parishioners,

We are excited to share with you the three-to five-year pastoral plan for Holy Spirit Parish. As you review this plan, look upon it as an opportunity to engage yourselves in the future of our parish.

Next, comes the most important phase of this project—putting the pastoral plan into action! It will take the work of all of us to make this new vision of our parish a reality. We will be seeking parishioners who are willing to share their gifts and talents to take this plan from paper to reality.

We cannot do all of this on our own. We can only do it with God's help, and supporting one another. To paraphrase what is said to those to be ordained, to those making religious profession, and to those about to become Catholics, *May God, who has begun the good work in us, bring it to completion* (cf. Philippians 1:6).

*Father Louis T. Kaminski, Pastor
and Parish Pastoral Council*

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH PASTORAL PLAN 2017-2022



St. Adalbert Church



St. Mary Church



St. Martha Church

PARISH
WORSHIP SITES

YOU SPOKE, WE LISTENED.

In response to Bishop Bambera's Pastoral Vision for the Diocese of Scranton, the Parish Pastoral Council began a process of reflecting on who we are and what hopes we have for Holy Spirit Parish. You were invited to be part of this process by completing a survey on our strengths and opportunities for growth in the areas of Word, Worship, Community, and Service. This pastoral plan was developed in response to that feedback. The goals listed in this brochure belong to you to create the parish you envision for the future.

WORD

GOAL 1:
To provide opportunities for all the faithful to participate in spiritual growth.

- A. Provide a vibrant faith formation program for children, youth, and adults.
- B. Enhance our Parish School of Religion that unifies all worship sites.
- C. Support and enrich faith formation experiences to deepen the faith of our members and strengthen our parish community.

GOAL 2:
To encourage involvement within the parish community and be accepting of new ideas.

- A. Establish a focus group to gather feedback on enhancing the Liturgy.
- B. Develop a system that immerses the newly-baptized and family into the life of the parish and the church.
- C. Expand opportunities for dialogue to enrich the spiritual life of the parish.

WORSHIP

GOAL 1:
To create a welcoming environment where people feel a sense of belonging and acceptance.

- A. Recruit and train ministries of hospitality such as greeters and ushers.
- B. Develop ways to create a sense of welcome and participation.

GOAL 2:
To create a liturgy that involves children, youth, and young adults.

- A. Add a monthly youth Mass to our weekend Liturgical schedule.
- B. Integrate children and families into the Liturgy when appropriate.

GOAL 3:
To enhance parish ministries by encouraging members to share their gifts and talents.

- A. Encourage active participation in worship opportunities.
- B. Enhance the formation and ongoing training of Liturgical Ministers.
- C. Promote quality music as a core component of Liturgies.

PARISH CORE VALUES

Respect
Compassion
Unity
Understanding
Stability

COMMUNITY

GOAL 1:
To establish and maintain a communication network that will enable the community to access parish activities, resources, news, and needs.

- A. Creatively employ all means of communication to connect the parish and local community.
- B. Explore social networking opportunities for the parish to promote information sharing and community building.
- C. Prepare a calendar of monthly events coordinated to prevent conflict of activities.

GOAL 2:
To create a unifying atmosphere among the three worship sites.

- A. Establish formation to emphasize a spirit of unity within the parish.
- B. Seek ways to gather parishioners for social events and activities that bring them together for fun, fellowship, fundraising, and service.

GOAL 3:
To build relationships with the broader faith community in our area.

- A. Identify other parishes and denominations in the nearby community and plan fellowship, social events, and joint-prayer services.
- B. Partner with other Catholic parishes and local churches in responding to urgent and pressing community needs.