



AMERICAN NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 3, 2023
Monday of Holy Week, 2023

In the Name of the Father, and +of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Please join the People of God and the clergy in the American National Catholic Church in expressing our gratitude for the tremendous witness to our faith represented in the parish community of the Holy Spirit.

For over 10 years, Holy Spirit parish, with the leadership of Fr. Kerry Walters, has served the People of God in the Lewisburg, PA area. As the only National Catholic expression in that part of Pennsylvania, the parish community has contributed greatly to the spiritual and material well-being of the community. The welcoming spirit and radical hospitality of Holy Spirit will leave the Montandon community and the American National Catholic Church with a lasting legacy of compassion, mercy, and evidence of the Incarnational love at the heart of our Catholic faith.

Holy Spirit parish, begun when Fr. Kerry was a deacon, joined the mission of the American National Catholic Church in proclaiming a more inclusive expression of our ancient faith, committed to the reforms of Vatican Council-II. We give God thanks for their commitment and dedication to the mission and ministry of the ANCC.

Easter Sunday will be the last Mass at Holy Spirit, and so with a great sense of gratitude for the community of Holy Spirit, and Fr. Kerry, we announce the formal closing of the parish of Holy Spirit.

While the faith community of Holy Spirit will cease to function as an official parish of the ANCC and Fr. Kerry will formally retire, the gifts of Holy Spirit will continue to enrich the lives of the Lewisburg community and the American National Catholic Church.

In closing the parish, the People of God of Holy Spirit have made very generous monetary grants to several social service agencies in the Montandon/Lewisburg community. Holy Spirit has also contributed significantly to the financial well-being of the National Church, so we might continue our mission.

Fr. Kerry will continue to participate with the ANCC in our National Catholic Theological Institute and continue to serve the Office of the Bishop in a councilor capacity.

We say with St. Paul, "We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly." (1 Thessalonians 1:2). Please join us in this Eastertide in our joy at sharing this part of our journey with the faith community of Holy Spirit.

Given this date under my signature and seal.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George R. Lucey, FCM".

Most Rev. George R. Lucey
Presiding Bishop