

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Rev. William L. Arnold, Pastor

January 3, 2010

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and The Epiphany of the Lord

Thursday, December 31: *Sylvester I, pope*
Vigil of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
5:00 p.m. Michael John Dick (Jim & Judy Dick)

Friday, January 1:
The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
10:00 a.m. Alice Jane Vargo (Patty Stover)
Saturday, January 2: *Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church*
8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Vigil of the Epiphany
5:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, January 3:
The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Charles H. Capuana II (Family)
11:00 a.m. Joe Casa (Family)

Monday, January 4: *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious*
8:00 a.m. Phillip LeGlise (Maudie & Bob May)

Tuesday, January 5: *St. John Neumann, bishop*
9:00 a.m. Ed Atapano Saykham
(The Mahathirath & Saykham Families)

Wednesday, January 6: *Blsd. André Bessette, religious*
8:00 a.m. Maria Iacobelli
(Evangelista & Elena Canini)

Thursday, January 7: *St. Raymond of Peñafort, priest*
8:00 a.m. Ed Layton (Tom Datres)

Friday, January 8:
8:00 a.m. Dave Ducey
(Carl & Greta Emmenegger)

Saturday, January 9:
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord
5:00 p.m. Deceased Members
of the Antonio Battaglia Family
(The Catherine Iulianelli Family)

Sunday, January 10: *The Baptism of the Lord*
8:00 a.m. For the People
11:00 a.m. Thomas Augustine
(Valeria Augustine & Family)



Please Remember in Prayer: Those parish family and friends who are hospitalized and/or ill including Roger Scheurell, John Krauss, Marcel Daneault, Betty Grabovich, Russell Sherman, and Arthur Davis.

Please remember the servicemen and women of our armed forces and their families and those who may be in harm's way.

Please remember those who are homebound or in convalescent homes.

Grief Support Gathering: Our Grief Support Gathering will meet this Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., in the Day Chapel. This gathering is for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. Being in a supportive atmosphere with others who are also experiencing grief can be a way of getting through the grief journey. We will share how to get through the holidays while grieving. For further information, please contact Sister Joan at the Parish Office.



January 1 – Mary, the Mother of God – Today's feast on this New Year's Eve and Day honors Mary in this Christmas Season. We celebrate the presence of God in our world, in our time and history, in our flesh. We are reminded that this was only possible because of the courage of faith that allowed Mary to say "yes" to God and to essentially place her life and fortune completely in God's hands.

What a life Mary had – and such poor fortune. She is forced by circumstances to give birth in the filth of a stall. She is forced to flee for her life when the despot Herod attempts to destroy the child. Her wanderings on foot far from home with a newborn must have been excruciatingly difficult. Her embarrassment and fear must have been unbearable for fear she had lost the child in Jerusalem during Passover. She had to watch as her Son was executed as a criminal.

It was not an easy life. The Gospels do not record Mary's complaints or protestations against God. In spite of all, she endured and remained faithful. No one has promised anyone of us an easy life. Difficulties, tragedy, and sorrow touch every one of us. But many of us end up blaming God, rather than considering that life does not spare any of us trials or travail. In the New Year, we pray for the grace to remain faithful.

The Gift of the Magi – Few people know that the Gospel of Matthew was not written in Greek. It was written in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke. Which all means that Matthew wrote his Gospel for a Jewish-Christian audience, and as such for a Jewish audience as well. In Matthew, the news of the birth of the child is not announced to the believing Jewish community, but rather to Gentiles and non-believers – to individuals who did not even know who the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was. They were stargazers, who interpreted the movement of the stars and planets. Yet, they were the first to come and worship the child.

The visit of the Magi is a remarkable story. Imagine, if you can, the reaction of a Jewish audience to this piece of remarkable storytelling. It was the Jews who were poised and anxious to follow a Messiah should he be born. Yet it is the Gentiles who are the first to recognize His presence. They become the first followers of light in the darkness of the world. It is Herod, the Jewish king, who out of jealousy attempts to destroy the life of the Child. How do we as believers live and act? Do we recognize the presence of God among us? Are we followers of light?

Happy New Year!
Father William Arnold

Parish Offertory Summary

Christmas – December 24 & 25	
Parish Contribution Envelopes (180)	\$ 7,263.00
Cash Offerings (1,054 people attending Mass)	\$ 1,842.58
Feast of the Holy Family – December 26 & 27	
Parish Contribution Envelopes (197) (548 people attending Mass)	\$ 9,540.85
Candles	\$ 171.15
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 585.00
Holy Spirit School Endowment Fund	\$ 265.00
Immaculate Conception of the BVM	\$ 20.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 354.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 53.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 90.00
Propagation of Faith	\$ 1.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Total Contributions	\$20,195.58

Your contributions to Holy Spirit Parish keep the ministries and the operations of the Parish in good financial standing. Your financial sacrifice will be used wisely. Thank You - God will reward your generosity.

This Week at Holy Spirit Parish

Bingo Games are held each Monday and Friday in the Church Hall. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. The games begin at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1: *No Bingo*

Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 3:

9:15 a.m. – R.C.I.A. – School Library

9:15-10:45 a.m. – PSR (Parish School of Religion) – enter at Yearling Road – Preschool entrance

10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – Preschool and Kindergarten – enter at Yearling Road – Preschool entrance

* 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Adult Education – Parish Office

Tuesday, January 5:

* 7:00 p.m. – Grief Support Gathering – Chapel

Saturday, January 9:

* 9:00-10:00 a.m. – Market Day Pick-up – Church Hall

* 7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. – Monte Carlo – Church Hall

Sunday, January 10:

9:15-10:45 a.m. – R.C.I.A. – School Library

9:15-10:45 a.m. – R.C.I.C. – Parish Office

* 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Church Hall

12:30 p.m. – Baptism Instruction Class – Parish Office

1:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study – Parish Office

* 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Adult Education Class – Parish Office

Submit items for the January 17th Bulletin by Tuesday, January 12th, at 5:00 p.m. E-mail bulletin@holyspiritcolumbus.org or Fax number is 861-3746.

Adult Education: Consider ringing in the new year by attending a Religious Education Session. On January 3rd, Jennifer Cabe, MA, will present "Living the Epiphany of the Lord" and on January 10, "On Christian Joy Encyclical Letter" by Pope Paul VI will be presented. These sessions will be held in the Parish Office Conference Room from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please contact De Bukowski (577-9191) for questions or to schedule a baby-sitter. God bless.

Market Day Orders: Please place your order by next Tuesday, January 5th, by 11:00 p.m., online at www.marketday.com or call Michelle at 836-2839 by 12:00 noon. Pick-up is next Saturday, January 9th, 9:00-10:00 a.m., in the Church Hall.



Monte Carlo Night: Our first Monte Carlo Night of the new year will be on Saturday, January 9th, 7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Free admission – must be 21 to enter. Food available. Cash Door Prizes. 7-Card Stud Poker, Texas Hold'em, Blackjack, Games of Chance.

If you can help out as a dealer (Blackjack, Poker, Texas Hold'em), shuffler, game worker, or instant Bingo sales, call Bill Heinmiller (475-3390). You must be at least 21 years old and a member of the parish or a school family. Working these events is a requirement of parents of Holy Spirit Parish student athletes – one per sport season. These Monte Carlo Nights support our Parish Athletic Program, as well as various other programs such as academic awards, playground equipment, CYO Sports, computer lab, and other miscellaneous school and parish equipment and capital improvement needs. Your support is greatly appreciated!!!

2010 Confirmation Class: The next Confirmation Class will be held for the candidates on January 10, 2010, beginning with the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We will be sitting as a group. Please look for the reserved area.

The luncheon meal and class will both be in the church all directly after Mass until 2:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call De Bukowski, CRE, at 861-1521, ext. 12 or 577-9191 in the evening. God bless.



Holy Spirit Parish 365-Day Raffle



Congratulations to this week's daily \$50.00 winners and to our final monthly seller winner – Kathie Rath, who will receive \$100.00!

Please note, this year will complete the raffle for our parish. It has been determined by the Finance Committee that the net proceeds for the 365 raffle do not justify continuing it in 2010.

Date	Ticket #	Winner	Seller
12-24	35162	Lily McClung	Anna Telerski-McClung
12-25	33875	Julie Cottrill	Jim Cottrill
12-26	31354	Mary & Mark Elam	Paul Hassett
12-27	33670	Marilyn Castle	Marilyn Castle
12-28	21386	Dan Heinmiller	Dan Heinmiller
12-29	30023	Carmen & Marjo Angelo	Marjo Angelo
12-30	30559	Ron & Jane Colkitt	Jane Colkitt
12-31	32723	Kathy Kirkpatrick	Ann Schiermann

(Winners will be paid within eight weeks.)



Holy Spirit PSR Preschool Classes:

Just a reminder to parents of 4, 5 or Kindergarten age children that the Holy Spirit PSR Preschool Class has room for additional children during the 11:00 a.m. Mass on the First, Third, and Fifth Sundays of the month. These classes are held during the school year.

You can bring your children to the double doors on the west end of the school before Mass and pick them up when the liturgy is concluded. A small fee is charged. Please call De Bukowski if you have questions (614-861-1521, ext. 12 or 614-577-9191).

Baseball Hall of Fame: Join Joe Caputo and other area parishioners on a charter package to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, April 5-7, 2010. Great gift idea! Please call Angel Colon at Bexley Travel (614-235-8813).

Dominican Learning Center – Volunteer Opportunity:

The Dominican Learning Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, provides one-to-one tutoring in: English As a Second Language, Adult Basic Education, GED preparation, Conversation, Citizenship. They are in need of volunteer tutors who could teach one person an hour each week. GED preparation and Citizenship take place at the Dominican Learning Center which is housed at Corpus Christi Parish, 1111 E. Stewart Avenue. English As a Second Language, Conversation and Adult Basic Education can be taught at the DLC, Libraries, Martin de Porres Center or St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please call Sr. Shawn Fitzpatrick, Director of the Dominican Learning Center, at 444-7330.

In February, they will begin Family Education at the Livingston Elementary School two nights a month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and at St. Thomas School. Those interested in this program, please call Sr. Robin Richard at 444-7330.

Over 200 students are currently on a waiting list to be tutored. There exists an urgent need for volunteers.

What's Happening Around Town

Healing After Abortion: Is God calling you to take this journey with Him? We invite you to join us at Bethesda Healing Ministry for one of our regular support group meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. For more information or for directions, please contact us at 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651. Espanol: 614-309-0810.

Divorce Workshop: The next eight-week workshop will be held Thursday evenings, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., for the following dates: January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 2010, at the Catholic Center, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus. The fee is \$40.00 and scholarships are available. For additional information, call the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or go to www.familylife.coldsdioc.org and click on the Hurting Families link, to print a brochure and registration form.