

Holy Spirit Church

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2014



Saturday, March 1

Vigil Mass for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. Deacon Kas Santos

(Deacon George Zimmerman)

Sunday, March 2

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 82: Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 5-9/1 Cor 4:1-5/
Mt 6:24-34

11:00 a.m. Jack Federer (Jean Federer)

Monday, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel

Readings: 347: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10/
Mk 10:17-27

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip

Tuesday, March 4, Saint Casimir

Readings: 348: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1-4/Mk 10:28-31

8:15 a.m. Pat Davis (Fr. William Arnold)

Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday

Readings: 219: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17/
2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

1:00 p.m. Mossie Krysztofik (Parish Gift Mass)

7:00 p.m. Msgr. James Nugent (Fr. Mike Nimocks)

Thursday, March 6

Readings: 220: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip

7:00 p.m. (Mass in Holy Spirit Chapel)

In Thanksgiving for Special Intention
(Williams and Sergio Family)

Friday, March 7

Readings: 221: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

8:15 a.m. Marjorie Gribble (Mary Maglen)

Saturday, March 8

Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Lent

5:30 p.m. Earl Johnson (Audrey Johnson)

Sunday, March 9

First Sunday of Lent

Readings: 22: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/
Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11

**11:00 a.m. For the People of Holy Spirit
and St. Philip Parishes**

Please Remember in Your Prayers those who have been hospitalized or are ill including: Nancy Miller, Anna Weatherby and Betty Grabovich.

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 9 - Next weekend, be sure to spring forward... daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 9. Please note this time change when planning to attend Mass next weekend. It is a sure sign that our long, cold, snowy winter is at last coming to an end!

From the Pastor's Desk....

Trust in God is that Christian posture or attitude about faith that most have trouble with. It seems so much more "of a sure thing" to trust friends, place confidence in one's abilities, to rely on prudent planning for the future. We can see and measure the material goods we have and people experiences we make. We all know, however, how often these have failed us. The economic collapse and slow recovery of the last six years hold many lessons about the reliability of jobs, savings and even some people.

The Gospel today focusses on worry and anxiety which seem to control so much of our energy and attention. Jesus teaches us, in a very simple way, about the birds of the air and lilies of the field. Certainly, human lives and needs are far more complicated than these simple examples from nature. But if the birds fly and multiply and the flowers bloom with such simple beauty, notice how they do without worrying, without nervousness, without anxiety. God certainly cares for the creatures found in His image more than these simple beautiful creatures of nature!

Worry and anxiety can turn our attention away from God and lead us to seek security in our possessions. These two forces are able to so occupy our time and drain our energy that we fail to live in the moment for God and others. When we worry about money, future plans, possessions, and the details of life, our soul has little room or vision for God, who calls us to trust in Him, rest in Him, and rely on Him. Authentic faith can help us focus more on God and fret less about less important things. Seek first the things of God, and all else will be given to us besides.

Have a good week, and come to Mass on Ash Wednesday!
Fr. Bill Arnold

First Reconciliation - March 8. First Penance (the Sacrament of Confession) will be celebrated this coming Saturday morning, March 8, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church. The second graders of Holy Spirit School, as well as the Parish PSR program will gather with their parents for this important event in their faith life as young Catholics. Their parents are urged to receive the Sacrament as well with their young people. **Other parish members who wish to come to Confession are more than welcome to attend!**



Bible Study Explores Social Justice and Scripture:

The Holy Spirit winter Bible Study examines the scriptural foundations of Catholic Social Teaching. The theme for this Monday, March 3, is "Solidarity." This session will take place from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Mark Butler at 614-861-1521.



"Back to Basics" Class Continues - Our winter adult education series continues at St. Philip Parish for anyone who wants to deepen their knowledge of our Catholic faith. The topic for this Tuesday (March 4) is the Church. All sessions in this series take place in the rectory dining/living room and light refreshments will be served. Come and join the discussion! For further information, contact Mark Butler at 861-1521.



Lent Begins on March 5 - The Season of Lent begins in less than 10 days, on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. It is the 40-day season for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for the poor leading to the celebration of the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday.

The following schedule for Mass has been set for the clustered parishes of Holy Spirit and St. Philip for Ash Wednesday:

- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip
- 1:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip (Fr. Mike Nimocks)
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit

The Collection at all the Masses on Ash Wednesday will be taken for the benefit of the J.O.I.N. Office (the Joint Office for Inner-City Needs). This office, located on Main Street in Columbus, distributes help and assistance to the needy of Columbus. Although they are not able to fulfill all requests brought to them, the good folks there represent the Catholic Church's desire to serve the poor of Central Ohio. Please be as generous as you can be on this first day of Lent.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed together in the Church at Holy Spirit every Wednesday evening during the Lenten Season. Please plan on attending the Lenten devotion with your fellow parishioners every Wednesday evening beginning March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday evening during Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. in the Day Chapel at Holy Spirit Parish. This special, additional Mass time has been set so that people who work might consider coming to Mass as part of their Lenten observance this year. Plan to attend on one or several evenings.

Sharing with the Poor: Lent focuses attention on the need to do penance by showing generosity to the poor. You are asked as a Catholic to share with those in need. Please consider these two special Lenten activities for the benefit of those with far fewer blessings than we have:

- **Rice Bowl for Catholic Relief Services.** Take home a rice bowl for your dresser top or dining room table. Save your coins and single bills for the hungry and needy overseas.
- **Second Collection after Holy Communion.** At each Sunday Mass after Holy Communion, your generosity is needed to support the Community Kitchen at Holy Rosary/St. John Parish Soup Kitchen on S. Ohio Avenue on the near east side. Each week, consider your blessings, and consider sharing with the clients of this Soup Kitchen.

Grief Support Gathering - Our Grief Support Gathering will be meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Day Chapel. This gathering is for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. Being in a supportive atmosphere with others during a time of grief, can be healing. For further information, please contact Sister Joan at the Parish Office (861-1521).

Parish Offertory Summary: February 22 & 23

Offertory Envelopes (131)	\$4,666.92
Loose Offerings	\$ 354.85
St. Vincent de Paul (16)	\$ 377.00
Capital Improvement (2)	\$ 15.00
Catholic Times (11)	\$ 187.00
Candles	\$ 50.95
Total Contributions	\$5,651.72

Thank you very much for your support of Holy Spirit Parish. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Your contributions help keep our finances strong. May God reward your generosity.

**Youth Encountering Life and Liturgy
Upcoming Events**



March 4 & 18 - High School Theology of the Body, 7:00-8:00 p.m., meet in the Parish Office.

March 7, 8, 9 - High School Youth Rally! Those interested in attending should contact Mrs.

Kathie Rath at 861-1521.

March 15 & 16 - Bread Sale! After both Masses, Y.E.L.L. will be selling a variety of freshly baked loaves of bread to help offset the cost for High School students to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference in June! Cost will be \$5.00. Your support is very much appreciated!

March 16 - Y.E.L.L. meetings! High School from 12:20-2:00 p.m. and Middle School from 7:00-8:30 p.m.! Bring a friend and let's celebrate Saint Patrick's Day together!

March 22 - Game Night! From 7:00-9:00, Middle School and High School students come to the Holy Spirit gym for a fun night of games, food and friends!

Holy Spirit School News:

Tuesday, March 4 - 7:00 p.m., School Board Meeting

Saturday, March 8 - Art Show and Young Authors

Exhibit in School Gym from 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 9 - Art Show and Young Authors

Exhibit in School Gym from 12:30-4:00 p.m.



Now in Full Bloom!! Holy Spirit School Flower Sale - Offering flower flats, baskets and tomato plants. Order forms available in the Welcome Center. You may pick up your order on Friday, May 9th in the School Gym. Sale ends on March 28th.

Happy Spirits welcome new members to our seniors 50+ gathering. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. Lads and Ladies, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, so fancy yourself by wearing some green and bring in a dish to share as well. Bob will be bringing in BBQ pork sandwiches. For more information, call Bob at 614-861-6568.

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