

# Holy Spirit Church

The First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2014



**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

**Monday, March 10**

Readings: 224:Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/  
Mt 25:31-46

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

**Tuesday, March 11**

Readings: 225: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

8:15 a.m. Mary Louise Stoltz  
(Peggy Rybinski & Friends)

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass with Bishop Campbell  
Sean Cherry (Fr. Arnold)

**Wednesday, March 12**

Readings: 226:Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/  
Lk 11:29-32

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Sergio Family  
(Mrs. Sapp)

**Thursday, March 13**

Readings: 227:Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/  
Mt 7:7-12

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip  
7:00 p.m. (Mass in Holy Spirit Chapel)  
Ron Rooker (Mae Rooker)

**Friday, March 14**

Readings: 228: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

8:15 a.m. Tom Schultz (Tom Turner & Family)

**Saturday, March 15**

*Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent*

5:30 p.m. For the People of St. Philip  
and Holy Spirit Parishes

**Sunday, March 16**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

Readings: 25:Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/  
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

11:00 a.m. Ed Podolski (Parish Gift Mass)

Please Remember in Your Prayers those who have been hospitalized or are ill including: Rita Siemer.

**Lenten Morning Reflection** – Our annual *Lenten Morning Reflection* for parishioners 50 years of age and older will be held on *Wednesday, April 2*, at St. Therese's Retreat Center. We begin at 9:00 a.m. with Morning Prayer, followed by the morning Presentation, Mass and end with lunch. Our presenter will be Deacon George Zimmermann. **Registration is required.** Please call Sr. Joan at Holy Spirit Parish Office (861-1521, ext. 26) **No Later than March 21, 2014.** Limit is 65 people. There is no cost involved.

## From the Pastor's Desk....

For many Catholics and Christians, Lent is often described in terms of "sacrifice." We associate the forty days with self-denial, fasting, and denying ourselves some of the pleasures of life, or at the least, some of our favorite things. It is a form of penance for sin, an attempt to make right or make up for sins we are not proud of.

It is simply good, personal discipline to see ourselves before God and others as not simply the sum total of our appetites, hungers, and wants. Lent call us to focus on Jesus' statement in response to the Tempter: man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Most of us seldom ever really go hungry and yet an enjoyable life seems always to start with our stomach. For the true disciple, life is so much more.

We must never forget, however, that for sacrifice to be sincere and genuine, it needs to hurt. True sacrifice denies the self something one truly wants and needs. What is sacrificed is then given to another, whose needs and hunger far exceed our own. This Lent, make what is offered up, or given up, come to the good of another. The needs of the poor and needy are genuine. So many wished they had our lives and lifestyle. Make this a meaningful Lent.

Have a good week,

**Fr. Bill Arnold**

**The Liturgy of Lent:** The season of Lent brings changes to the way we normally experience the celebration of Sunday Mass (or the weekday Mass for that matter.)

- Hymns of Lent are less celebratory, shorter in duration.
- The "Gloria" and "Alleluia" are excluded from the Lenten Mass.
- During Lent, no closing recessional hymn is sung (this is an optional choice, at every Mass, but during Lent, it adds to the somber nature of the Liturgy).
- The sanctuary is devoid of decoration; purple (or violet) replaces the green of Ordinary Time.



**Confirmation 2014:** There will be 42 students from Holy Spirit, St. Philip, and Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Campbell at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Holy Spirit Church. Students and their sponsors must be in the parish hall no later than 6:30 p.m. Please keep all of our Confirmandi and their families in your prayers.



**What does the Bible say about protecting the environment?** Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. Our Winter Bible Study examining the scriptural foundations of Catholic Social Teaching concludes this Monday, March 10, with "Care for God's Creation." This session will take place from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Parish Office. For more information, please contact Mark Butler at 614-861-1521.



**Learn more about your faith this Lent:** Our "Back to the Basics" Adult Education Series continues! Sessions are held at the St. Philip Parish Rectory for anyone who wants to deepen their knowledge of their Catholic faith.

- Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. – Topic: Key Moments in Church History
- Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m. – Topic: Sacraments and Prayer

Even if you missed previous sessions, all are welcome!

**Field Trip to Community Kitchen:** The religious education programs of Holy Spirit and St. Philip are joining together for a family field trip to the St. John's Community Kitchen Inc. We will meet at 10:00 a.m.-noon on Saturday, March 22 at Community Kitchen on 640 South Ohio Avenue. This hands-on experience will be beneficial for students and their parents to further appreciate our Christian call to serve others. For more information, call Brad Walters at 614-203-2871.



**Vacation Bible School Meeting:** If you are interested in volunteering for our summer Vacation Bible School program, we will have an information meeting from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25 in the Holy Spirit Parish Office. For more information, please contact Mark Butler at 614-861-1521.



**This week of Lent at Holy Spirit:**

- **Tuesday, March 11** - Confirmation Mass- 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 12** - Soup Supper before Stations - 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 12** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 13** - Mass in the Chapel - 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, March 14** - Stations of the Cross - 1:15 p.m.

**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.

**Parish Offertory Summary: March 1 & 2**

Offertory Envelopes (129)	\$6,014.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 219.13
St. Vincent de Paul (3)	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvement (1)	\$ 25.00
Catholic Times (3)	\$ 51.00
Catholic Relief Services (1)	\$ 10.00
Home Mission (1)	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 26.26
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$6,385.39</b>

Please Note: Your contributions are very important. The parish has experienced extraordinary heating bills (like you!) and huge costs for plowing the lots and sidewalks this winter. If you missed a Sunday Mass, because of bad roads or cold weather, please try to maintain your envelope contributions. Thank you - God will reward your generosity.

**Youth Encountering Life and Liturgy  
Upcoming Events**



**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 a loaf! 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! High School meeting will also be signing up for the Gospel Road Work Camp that will be taking place this July 13-17. This is a mandatory meeting for those interested in going. Please contact Kathy Rath prior to the meeting if you are interested in going to Gospel Road but cannot make the meeting. This event is going to fill up quickly this year so don't miss your chance!

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

**Holy Spirit School News:**

**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. Sale ends on March 28th. You may pick up your order on Friday, May 9th in the School Gym.

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Appeal** - The food pantry is open each Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Last January 79 grocery bags to 70 individuals/families were distributed. This January, 121 grocery bags were distributed to 106 individuals/families. This is over a 50% increase. February also surpassed last year's request. We need your help by increasing your financial donations through the monthly envelopes or increasing your contributions of bottled juice (100% vitamin C), canned food (fruit, beans, tuna, soup, "Chef Boyardee" type products) or boxed staples (cereal, potatoes, rice, pasta) would be greatly appreciated.

**Marian Council #3864 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry:** The K of C will be serving its famous fish dinners as always on all Fridays of Lent from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come for the best fish dinners in town. Dinners served at the Hall, which is located at 4217 E. Main Street in Whitehall. Gluten-Free available upon request. To-go orders are also available.

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