

Holy Spirit Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2013



Saturday, March 9
Vigil Mass for Fourth Sunday in Lent
5:00 p.m. Elizabeth Fishking (Parish Gift)
Sunday, March 10
Readings: 33: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
8:00 a.m. Stephen Trouten (J.C. Richards)
11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
Monday, March 11
Readings: 244 Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/ Jn 4:43-54
8:15 a.m. Communion Service
Tuesday, March 12
Readings: 245: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
8:15 a.m. Herbert Krebs (Jarnot Ziccardi)
Wednesday, March 13
Readings: 246: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18/ Jn 5:17-30
8:30 a.m. Special Intentions (Williams/Sergio Family)
Thursday, March 14
Readings: 247: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
8:15 a.m. Carmen Suarez Del Villa (Parish Gift)
Friday, March 15
Readings: 248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
8:15 a.m. Duane J. Erney (Catherine Erney)
Saturday, March 16
Vigil Mass for Fifth Sunday in Lent
5:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish
Sunday, March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
Readings: 36: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/ Jn 8:1-11
8:00 a.m. Mario Cervi (Valeria Cervi)
11:00 a.m. Jack Federer (Jeanne Federer)



IN OUR PARISH

- **Sunday, March 10** - Men's Club Book group meeting in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 12** - Basketball Banquet for grades 4-6 in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 12** - School Board Meeting in the Parish Offices at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 13** - Parish Lenten Reflection at St. Therese's beginning at 9:00 a.m., preregistration is required
- **Wednesday, March 13** - Knights of Columbus general meeting at 8:00 p.m. at Marian Council Hall
- **Thursday, March 14** - Bell Choir practice at 6:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 14** - Basketball Banquet for grades 7-8 in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, March 15** - Morning Prayer in the Day Chapel
- **Sunday, March 17** - People of God in the Parish Hall

From the Pastor's Desk....

What is interesting in the Gospels is the criticism Jesus receives for spending time with sinners. Those who leveled these attacks on Jesus obviously did not consider themselves to be sinners or they held the faults of others to be more serious or grievous. These critics believed that Jesus' social contact with such public sinners rendered his preaching invalid and damaged his credibility.

Jesus told the parable of the Prodigal Son to the crowd (which included the Pharisees) because he wanted them to understand the nature and the need for forgiveness and reconciliation. The father of both sons faced a real dilemma, because both his sons had failed him. The younger son is wily and selfish, seeking a lifestyle of excess and extravagance at someone else's expense. The older son, though loyal and obedient to his father, cannot stomach the idea of welcoming his younger brother back to his good senses and his own family.

How do we react to those whose sins are public and are held in special scorn? Do we see ourselves as separate and above these sinners? Are we somewhat glad that we have learned to separate ourselves from such individuals? Or do we understand one important lesson of the parable, that all of us have indeed sinned before God and that we ourselves need to come back to the family? Lent is precisely for this purpose.

Have a good week!
Fr. Bill Arnold

New Music Book Envelopes: Help your parish replace all the hymn books in the Church. The new edition of the "GIA Gather Hymnal" will contain not only the recently updated Mass responses but also the Sunday readings for all weekend Masses. "One book" in the pew will replace the two separate books currently in use.

A book may be purchased by a donation of \$20.00 and may be dedicated in memory of a loved one. Please use the envelopes placed in the end of the pews and place your donation in the collection basket (or mail it in should you so wish). Don't forget to indicate in whose memory the book is being dedicated.

This Week in Lent at Holy Spirit Parish:



Soup Supper will take place on Wednesday, March 13, at 6:00 in the Parish Hall followed by **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Almsgiving the Second Collection after Communion every Sunday will be for the Community Kitchen at Holy Rosary/St. John the Evangelist on S. Ohio Avenue

Festival Steering Committee: The next meeting is Thursday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. All are welcome to join in the planning for this year's biggest event! We are looking for people to fill some open positions on the committee, for example; one or two individuals to (co)chair the advertising efforts. This would involve coordinating print advertising deadlines, updating and distributing yard signs, and overseeing the website content. All of the tasks occur well before the date of the Festival. If you are interested, contact Jim Cottrill at 614-747-1368 or jfcottr@gmail.

Parish Offertory Summary: March 2 & 3

Offertory Envelopes (184)	\$7,237.87
Loose offerings	\$ 438.06
St. Vincent de Paul (11)	\$ 253.00
Capital Improvement/Maintenance (3)	\$ 40.00
Catholic Times (4)	\$ 76.00
Home Missions (1)	\$ 10.00
Catholic Relief (2)	\$ 15.00
Easter Flowers (25)	\$ 435.00
Candles	\$ 77.53
Easter (2)	\$ 70.00
Holy Land-Good Friday (2)	\$ 25.00
Second Collection for St. John's Community Kitchen	\$ 740.50
Total Contributions	\$9,417.96



School Happenings!

- **Monday, March 11** - Dr. Mike Thomson will visit grades 4 through 8
- **Tuesday, March 12** - Health Fair in the gym

Tuition Assistance Application Deadline is March 15! In order to qualify for any tuition assistance from Holy Spirit, it is imperative that the FACTS Grant and Aid application has been submitted. This also applies for those with students in high school who may be seeking financial tuition assistance.

School Information Day will be held Sunday, March 17th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the School Library for anyone interested in learning more about Holy Spirit Catholic School.

Diocesan Elementary Art Show and Young Authors Exhibit: All are welcome to come see the terrific art and writings from students throughout the diocese featured here at Holy Spirit School on March 9 and 10, 2013, from 12:00 until 4:00 p.m. Please enter at the school gymnasium.

Health Fair: Holy Spirit will be having its first Health Fair Tuesday, March 12, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. There will be information on nutrition, grief support, poison control, cancer, vision and hearing. There will also be glucose and blood pressure screenings. Come and get some free information!



Youth Group Y.E.L.L.

****We are always accepting new High School and Middle School members. All are Welcome!**

March 9 and 10 - For those who signed up "Diocesan Youth Rally"

Sunday, March 17 - H.S. and M.S. Meeting 6:30-8:00 p.m. let's celebrate Saint Patrick's Day! Also, come help fill the Easter eggs and help plan for the children's Easter Egg Hunt that will be held on April 7.



Attention, Golfers: It's time again for the Friends of Holy Spirit Golf Outing VI to benefit the Holy Spirit School Tuition Assistance Program. The event, held at Cumberland Trail Golf Club in Pataskala, will take place on Saturday, April 27, starting at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Sarah Smith at 614-861-4710 or the school at 614-861-0475. More information to come!

Confession Schedule before Easter: The following extra opportunities for confession during Lent have been scheduled for Holy Spirit Parish:

Saturday, March 16, 2013: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23, 2013: 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27, 2013: 5:00-6:30 p.m. (before 7:00 Mass)

St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help: As part of your Lenten effort, please remember to make donations to St. Vincent de Paul. Cash donations allow for the purchase of nonperishable food for the pantry, and enable the Society to help in the prevention of utility shut-off or evictions. Your food donations go directly to the pantry. Basics such as cereal, canned fruit, canned soup, tuna fish, canned or boxed dinners, pasta and pasta sauce are always needed. Our pantry is open from 10:00 a.m. until noon on Thursdays and we help all who come to the parish door. Thank you for your constant support.

Rosaries Needed: The Missions Office is in need of plastic, all black rosaries (black beads, cord and crucifixes) for the prison ministries. Some prison chaplains are in need of several hundred of them, however, the Missions Office is unable to fulfill the requests at this time. If anyone is able to help them with this, please contact them via e-mail at gsergio@colsdioic.org or call 614-228-8603.

Pascha (Easter) Bread: On Saturday, March 16, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Church, 5858 Cleveland Avenue, will be offering loaves of Pascha Bread for sale; Nut, Poppy seed and apricot Rolls and potato/cheese, sauerkraut, sweet cheese and prune filling pirogue. The Pascha Bread is 1.75 pounds round loaf of rich, buttery, egg bread and is \$12.00 per loaf. The rolls are \$10.00 and the pirogue are sold frozen at \$5.00/dozen of each type. The sale is on a first-come first-served basis, no preorders will be taken.

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Easter Flower Memorials: Easter flowers are placed in the sanctuary each year in memory of deceased family and friends. A **minimum contribution of \$12.00** is asked for up to three names. Envelopes are included in your packets or you may use the form below. Place your contribution in the weekly collection by March 17, 2013. A list of names and donors will be published in the Easter bulletin.

Easter Flower Memorial

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