

Holy Spirit Church

The Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2014



Saturday, March 15

Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday, March 16

Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

Monday, March 17

Readings: 230: Dn 9-4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11-13/Lk 6:36-38

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

Tuesday, March 18

Readings: 231: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21,
23/Mt 23:1-12

8:15 a.m. Dominica Pellechia (Persichetti Family)

Wednesday, March 19

Readings: 543:2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27,
29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

8:30 a.m. Ann Puskar (Baptism Group)

Thursday, March 20

Readings: 233: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

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

**7:00 p.m. Mass in Holy Spirit Chapel
Richard Sawicki (Carol Stone)**

Friday, March 21

Readings: 234: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:15 a.m. Ed Wengerter (Jack Quinn)

Saturday, March 22

Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent

**1:30 p.m. Wedding of Jethro Ridenour and
Kimberly Euman**

5:30 p.m. Joanne Hammond (Hammond Family)

Sunday, March 23

Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: 28: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42

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

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Irvin Gibson Lowery, age 90, who died on Saturday, March 8, 2014. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for him on Saturday, March 15, 2014, at Holy Spirit Parish. Internment will follow at a later date. May his soul and all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Please remember his daughter Lynn, and sister Wanda in your prayers as well.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage – March 22, 2014.

Jethro Shell Ridenour and Kimberly Mae Euman.

From the Pastor's Desk....

St. Matthew's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of Peter, James and John offers believers a study in contrast. Initially, the disciples welcome this vision of their transfigured Lord. It conforms to their hopes of glory and triumph and confirms their belief in a victorious Messiah. Suddenly, the bright cloud casts its shadow and they recoil to the ground in fear as they hear the voice announce the beloved Son, pleasing to the will of the Father.

The question might well be asked, "why this sudden change?" The experience and assurance of glory is appealing, yet they react in fear at this display of divine power. Can it be that this vision draws out of the disciples emotions of unworthiness? Can it be that they lack the faith and courage to freely embrace all that Jesus has revealed in His ministry? Could it be that the transfigured, risen Christ challenges their inadequate response to the price and cost of discipleship?

Jesus addressed their reaction. He said, "Rise, and do not be afraid." Jesus knew well how their fear could cripple them and destroy their potential for growth in faith. They could fear the hard work, the price to be paid, the suffering of a faithful disciple. They could also fear a God who makes demands and lays down challenges for their faith life, revealing their weaknesses and inadequacies. Jesus knows He is on the road to Calvary and He invites disciples to join Him. Fear is useless on this journey and on the faith journey of life. If we, like the disciples, could only set aside our fear and inadequacies. Fear is useless. It cripples us, stops us in our tracks. What is needed is the strength and courage that come from faith.

Have a good week,
Fr. Bill Arnold

Congratulations to the Students who were Confirmed by Bishop Frederick Campbell on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. Stephany Aeling; Ethan Amaya; Nathaniel Amaya; Olivia Block; Jesus Carrera; Catherine Cottrill; Tyler Davis-Viau; Kirsten Dacumus; Desiree Emmers; Emily Grossman; Alexis Gwilym; Hailee Hartmann; Carolyn Heinmiller; Kristie Hooker; Angelina Inthavongsone; Aron Kassa; Jacob Kiger; Noah Kiger; Dylan Knecht; Nicholas Knecht; Nathan Kuhr; Abigail Laibe; Nayeli Lopez; Justin Lyons; Anthony Maciejewski; Emily Manning; Lillian Fay; Jessica Onate; Marie Passero; Emma Perrot; Erika Welsh; Maximilian Wright.

J.O.I.N. Collection Thank You – The parishioners of Holy Spirit and the students of Holy Spirit School responded generously to the Ash Wednesday collection for the J.O.I.N office downtown. A total of \$1,460.00 will be sent from our parish to assist the needs of the inner city of Columbus. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



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. Next sessions are on Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. - Topic: Key Moments in Church History and April 8, at 6:30 p.m. - Topic: Sacraments and Prayer. All are welcome.



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:

- **Wednesday, March 19** - Soup Supper before Stations - 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 19** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 19** - Festival Steering Committee meeting in Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 20** - Mass in the Chapel - 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 20** - Bell Choir Practice - 6:00 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.** 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. Each week, consider your blessings, and consider sharing with the clients of this soup kitchen.

Parish Offertory Summary: March 8 & 9

Offertory Envelopes (150)	\$6,367.65
Loose Offerings	\$ 353.05
St. Vincent de Paul (12)	\$ 241.00
Capital Improvement (19)	\$ 289.00
Easter Flowers (5)	\$ 42.00
Catholic Times (4)	\$ 56.00
Home Mission (20)	\$ 257.00
Candles	\$ 72.36
Second Collection for Community Kitchen	\$ 506.26
Total Contributions	\$8,184.32

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.

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.



**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.

March 22 - Game Night! 7:00-9:00 p.m. for Middle School and High School Students. Meet in the Holy Spirit gym for a fun night of games, food and friends!

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 Main Street in Whitehall. Gluten-free available upon request. To-go orders also available.

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