

Holy Spirit Church

The Feast of the Epiphany

January 5, 2014



Saturday, January 4

Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord

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

Sunday, January 5

Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: 20: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

11:00 a.m. Mary E. Bennett (Mildred Bennett)

Monday, January 6

St. Andre Bessette

Readings: 212: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7-8, 10-12a
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

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

Tuesday, January 7

St. Raymond of Penyafort

Readings: 213: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

8:15 a.m. Angie and Ray Perry (Diana Perry)

Wednesday, January 8

Readings: 214: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/
Mk 6:45-52

8:30 a.m. Marjorie Gribble (Rita Ralston)

Thursday, January 9

Readings: 215: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a

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

Friday, January 10

Readings: 266: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/
Lk 5:12-16

8:15 a.m. Dominic Pellechia
(Cesidio & Caroline Cervi)

Saturday, January 11

Vigil Mass for the Baptism of the Lord

5:30 p.m. Charlotte Braun (The Nader Family)

Sunday, January 12

Baptism of the Lord

Readings: 21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10/
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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

Please Remember in Your Prayers those who have been hospitalized or are ill, including Sal Panarello.

Confirmation Candidates: All Confirmation Candidates of Holy Spirit Parish will meet next Sunday, January 12, 2014, for the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The students will attend Mass together and attend class until 2:15 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk...

The Church continues the celebration of Christmas this weekend, and into next weekend as well. Christmas is not just a single day. It is a religious season, not merely a commercial or social season leading up to December 25. If Christians truly appreciated the meaning of the visit of the Magi, perhaps their observance of Christmas could extend further into January. Perhaps the reason for the rapid disappearance of "Christmas Spirit" is the close cultural tie to the commerce, excess consumption, and pure seasonal exhaustion.

The Magi did not believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They were Gentiles, not Jews. Yet, the story of their visit to Bethlehem displays an embrace of faith and belief far surpassing that of the Jewish court of King Herod. At the news of the birth of a potential Jewish heir, King Herod and all Jerusalem were greatly "disturbed." It is as if (to use more modern terminology) they sensed "a disturbance in the force" of the status quo of religious and political power. What does this tell us?

The good news of a Savior's birth has never been, nor is it today, embraced by everyone on the same level in the same way. The Gospel of St. Matthew does not portray Jesus as a rival political power to Herod or any "Caesar," but as a warning to those content with what they have, who they are, and how they view all humanity. The Gospel is to be proclaimed to everyone. Salvation will be offered to everyone in the person of Jesus, especially the forgotten, the powerless, and the non-believers. We must make the Good News visible in our lives beyond the shopping season and the calendar of celebration, parties and gift-giving. How long are we willing to celebrate Christmas?

Continue Celebrating Christmas!
Fr. Bill Arnold

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials:

In Loving Memory/Honor of...

The Deceased Members of the Lally, Pellican and Ralston

Families by Judy Pellican and Rita Ralston

Art Weatherby, Watzek Family, and Frances Young

by Mrs. Anna Weatherby

Family by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pelzer

Grief Support Gathering: Our Grief Support Gathering will be meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 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 614-861-1521.

National Migration Week will take place January 5-11 with the theme "Out of Darkness." Migrants and particularly the most vulnerable migrants (children, the undocumented, refugees, and victims of human trafficking) often find themselves existing in a figurative darkness where their options remain limited and their abilities to live out their lives in its fullness severely restricted. Learn more about how to stand in solidarity with our migrant brothers and sisters. For more information, contact the diocesan Office for Social Concern at 614-241-2540.



January "Back to the Basics" Sessions: Two excellent adult education sessions are being offered this month at St. Philip Parish for anyone who wants to deepen their knowledge of their Catholic faith. The first two of seven classes in this series will be offered in January 2014 at St. Philip Rectory.

- Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. Topic: "We Believe"
- Tuesday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. Topic: The Old Testament

As stated above, all sessions 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.



- ❖ **Tuesday, January 7** - Adult Education Class at 6:00 p.m. at St. Philip rectory
- ❖ **Wednesday, January 8** - Knights of Columbus meeting at the Main Street Hall at 8:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Sunday, January 12** - Baptism Class in the Parish Office following the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Parish Offertory Summary: December 25

Offertory Envelopes (137)	\$ 4,247.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 1,344.31
Holy Family (19)	\$ 788.00
St. Vincent de Paul (3)	\$ 83.00
Catholic Charities (25)	\$ 395.00
Total Contributions	\$ 6,857.31

Parish Offertory Summary: December 28 & 29

Offertory Envelopes (110)	\$12,054.60
Loose Offerings	\$ 397.00
St. Vincent de Paul (19)	\$ 370.00
Capital Improvement/Maintenance (2)	\$ 20.00
Immaculate Conception (1)	\$ 10.00
Christmas (15)	\$ 1,700.00
Solemnity of Mary (New Year's) (9)	\$ 107.00
Christmas Flowers (1)	\$ 10.00
Catholic Charities (6)	\$ 72.00
Thanksgiving (1)	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 44.55
Total Contributions	\$14,795.15

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.

Holy Spirit School News:

- Monday, January 6** - School resumes
- Wednesday, January 8** - All-School Liturgy at 8:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 8** - Mother's Club Meeting at 6:45 p.m.
- Thursday, January 9** - Social Studies exam for 7th & 8th grade

Men's Book Study/Meeting Group: If you signed up for the Book Study, don't forget to pick up your book in the back of the church **this weekend**. This year's book is "The Rhythm of Life," by Matthew Kelly, a well-known Catholic author and speaker. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Heinmiller by email at heiny571@msn.com.



**Youth Encountering Life and Liturgy
Upcoming Events**

Bosco Bash - The 7th Annual Bosco Bash is planned for February 1st, 2014, at St. Paul Parish Activity Center in Westerville. The Bosco Bash is a gathering for 6th, 7th and 8th graders from the Diocese of Columbus. It is an evening of fun, food, games, and great music by Station 14, friends, Mass, and a great speaker. The theme for 2014 is "Glory Revealed," reminding us that God is working in our lives and all we need to do is open our hearts to God's loving welcome. Parents are encouraged to come as chaperones at a special reduced registration fee! Contact Mrs. Kathie Rath at 614-861-1521 if you want to register or if you have any questions.



Monte Carlo Night: Our first Monte Carlo Night of the New Year will be on Saturday, January 11th, from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. If you can help out as a dealer (Blackjack, Poker, Texas Hold 'Em), shuffler, game worker, or instant Bingo sales, call Bill Heinmiller at 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 the 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 school and parish equipment and capital improvement needs. Your support is greatly appreciated!

St. Philip Silver Stars: The next gathering time for the St. Philip Silver Stars will be Monday, January 13, 2014, at the MCL Cafeteria on E. Main Street. For more information, contact Pat Berry at 834-5545.

German Epiphany Celebration: On Sunday, January 5, 2014, an ecumenical (interfaith) prayer service to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2001 Northwest Boulevard, Columbus (Upper Arlington), at 7:00 p.m. German Christmas Music will be provided by the Germania Club of Columbus and the homily will be preached (in German) by Fr. Bill Arnold, Pastor of St. Philip/Holy Spirit Parishes. If you celebrate the "Twelve Days of Christmas," and enjoy quality Christmas music, this is an event you want to place on your calendars.

The Columbus Faith Coalition Against Violence is holding their next prayer service this Sunday, January 5, 2014, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Corpus Christi Center of Peace, located at 1111 E. Stewart Avenue, Columbus 43206. The theme for the service is "Racial and Ethnic Violence." Recognizing that the foundation of true peace is the commitment of each individual to nonviolence in their personal thinking, life and actions, the Columbus Faith Coalition Against Violence pledges to sponsor a monthly hour of prayer/meditation, open to all, aimed at deepening the personal commitment of those attending to achieve this frame of thinking and living.

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