



Holy Spirit Church

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2014

Saturday, February 1

Vigil Mass for the Presentation of the Lord

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

Sunday, February 2

Presentation of the Lord

Readings: 524: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10 /Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40

11:00 a.m. Ann Marie Pizzurro (Husband and Children)

Monday, February 3,

St. Blaise, bishop, martyr

Readings: 323: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/
Mk 5:1-20

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

Tuesday, February 4

Readings: 324: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/
Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43

8:15 a.m. Elizabeth Zag (Joe Zag)

Wednesday, February 5

St. Agatha, virgin, martyr

Readings: 325: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-19/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6

8:30 a.m. Msgr. James Nugent (Fr. Mike Nimocks)

Thursday, February 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs

Readings: 326: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/(Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12/
Mk 6:7-13

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

Friday, February 7

Readings: 327: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51/Mk: 6:14-29

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

Saturday, February 8

Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, February 9

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 73: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

11:00 a.m. Charlotte Braun (Viv and Jim Williams)

Please Remember in Your Prayers Ron Rooker, Sr., age 79, who passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. Ron was a long-time Holy Spirit parishioner. The Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, February 1, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit. A private burial will be held at a later date. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through God's mercy, rest in peace.

St. Blaise Blessing: Today, the traditional "Blessing of the Throats" will be offered in honor of St. Blaise, the patron protector against all illnesses of the throat. Here at Holy Spirit, the blessing will be offered after the 5:30 Saturday Mass by Fr. Arnold and Deacon Zimmerman and after the 11:00 a.m. Mass by Fr. Arnold.

From the Pastor's Desk....

Today's feast, the Presentation of the Lord, always falls on February 2. Because it is a feast of the Lord, it can "suppress" or take the place of, the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Feast was established forty days after Christmas and was formerly titled "the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary." It focused on Mary's observance of the Jewish law and ritual of purification of a mother after childbearing. That perspective is now gone. The focus is instead on a manifestation of Jesus as a "Light to the Gentiles" and "glory for the people Israel."

This Gospel story places Simeon, a faithful, spirit-filled man, at its center. His pronouncements to Mary and Joseph begin to extend the story and mission of the Child beyond the manger at Bethlehem. His utterances are dark and foreboding, predicting the rise and fall of many in Israel. His prophecy ultimately points to the cross on Calvary, as well as the division and dissension the ministry of Jesus will bring to Israel. The evangelist Luke proclaims through Simeon the significance of this child for the Jewish people and beyond.

What should not be forgotten, however, is the amazement and joy both Simeon and the prophetess Anna express at the privilege of laying eyes on this child. The hearers of this Gospel are asked to understand the plan of God that both Israel and the Gentiles are to be led by the light of God become man – God having become one with His creation. The symbolism here is rich. Jesus' identity is unveiled in the city of His ultimate destiny and goal: Jerusalem. The ministry of Jesus will be accomplished, with the foreboding shadow of death, when Jesus returns to Jerusalem many years later.

Have a Super Sunday!

Fr. Bill Arnold



(Rescheduled) Bible Study Explores Social Justice & Scripture:

The Holy Spirit winter Bible Study examines the scriptural foundations of Catholic Social Teaching. The theme for this Monday (February 3, rescheduled from January 27 due to inclement weather) is the "Call to Family, Community, and Participation." 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.



It's never too late to learn about your faith!

The St. Philip the Apostle winter "Back to the Basics" Adult Education Series continues with an overview of the New Testament from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4. Sessions are held at the Parish Rectory for anyone who wants to deepen their knowledge of their Catholic faith. Even if you missed previous sessions, all are welcome! Light refreshments will be served. Come and join the discussion.



- **Sunday, February 9** – Baptism Class in the Parish Office following the 11:00 a.m. Mass
- **Sunday, February 9** – Men's Club Book Study in the Parish Hall from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m..

2013 Envelope Contributions: This past week, contribution statements for tax reporting purposes were sent out to all parishioners who use envelopes/checks to support Holy Spirit. Gratitude is extended for this loyal support of your parish. Should there be any questions, please call the parish office at 861-1521 and ask for Pat.

Grief Support Gathering: The Grief Support Gathering will be meeting on Tuesday, February 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 at 861-1521.

Parish Offertory Summary: January 25 & 26

Offertory Envelopes (75)	\$4,952.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 322.28
St. Vincent de Paul (10)	\$ 295.00
Tuition Assistance (1)	\$ 10.00
Capital Improvement/Maintenance (2)	\$ 20.00
Catholic Times (3)	\$ 51.00
Propagation of the Faith (1)	\$ 4.00
Candles	\$ 62.15
Total Contributions	\$5,716.43

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



Tuesday, February 4 - HS Theology of the Body from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. Parents interested in receiving email updates for Y.E.L.L. activities, please email youth@holyspiritcolumbus.org.

Summer Save the Dates: more info to come for these events

June 13, 14 & 15 Steubenville - for those who already signed up.

June 15-19 Summer Camp - Canoeing, hiking, archery, high ropes, horseback riding, campfires *and Faith* and much more!

July 13-17 Gospel Road - This is a great way to get your service hours!

July TBA - Diocesan-wide Ultimate Frisbee Tournaments



Holy Spirit School News:

Wednesday, February 5 - All-School Liturgy at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 5 - School Open House

Wednesday, February 5 - Mothers' Club Meeting

in the school library at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome!

Thursday, February 6 - Parent Teacher conferences

Friday, February 7 - No school, Parent Teacher conferences



Holy Spirit School Information Night and Open

House: Learn more about Holy Spirit School at the Information Night on Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.. Or, visit during the Open House on

Wednesday, February 5, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Call 861-0475 for a reservation or to inquire about registration for the 2014-2015 school year.

Happy Spirits: All church members "over age 50" are welcomed to the **St. Valentine Gathering**. It will be in the Holy Spirit parish hall on Thursday, February 6th at 1:30 p.m. BBQ Pulled Pork sandwiches from City BBQ will be furnished. Everyone is asked to please bring a side dish to share. If you have any questions, call Bob Udeck at 861-6568.

Second Collection Today, February 2: The opportunity to help support "Day to End Homelessness" should be extended to all Catholics who attend St. Philip and Holy Spirit Parishes. Because of adverse weather conditions and poor attendance last weekend, a second collection will be taken this weekend for the Campaign to End Homelessness in the Columbus community. Not asking for much - a dollar or two if you can afford it. Thank you for your generosity.

Homelessness: A Complex Problem: I offer a few thoughts to challenge thinking. Many people have found themselves "homeless" in the last many years. No group is all alike, but the Columbus Shelter Board is committed to moving people who are "homeless" or are "houseless," off the streets, into shelters, and eventually into a permanent residence (apartment or house) of their own. Consider the following:

- Many individuals and families who experienced unemployment or underemployment found themselves behind in rent payments and behind with mortgage payments. Many were evicted or faced foreclosure. Some were able to start again, finding a lower rent, but still needing rental deposits/one month payment in advance. Others were forced to ask relative and friends for assistance or move in with others. This has not worked in all cases, however.
- The bitter cold weather forced many people to move out of sleeping in cars (if they have one) and to seek overnight accommodations, moving from one house, one friend, or one family member to the next. Churches, social service agencies, and shelters have been overwhelmed with requests for help. Problems: believe it or not, not everyone has a willing friend with a couch/extra bedrooms. Problem: many people shy away from shelters for a variety of reasons.

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"Thank You" for Pancake Breakfast: Thanks are extended to all the members of the Men's Club who cooked a wonderful breakfast last Sunday after the 11:00 Mass. The snowy weather and cold temperatures cut into our attendance, but the nice crowd that came to eat pancakes and sausage donated \$580.00 to the "Day to End Homelessness" campaign conducted by the Columbus Shelter Board.



Monte Carlo Night: The next Monte Carlo night will be on Saturday, February 8, 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!

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