

Holy Spirit Church

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2014



Saturday, February 22

Vigil Mass for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. Greg Wengerter (Mary Ann Miller)

Sunday, February 23

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 79: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/
1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

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

Monday, February 24

Readings: 341: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 9:14-29

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

Tuesday, February 25

Readings: 342: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-11, 23/Mk 9:30-37

8:15 a.m. Joanne Hammond (Parish Gift Mass)

Wednesday, February 26

Readings: 343: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-11/Mk 9:38-40

8:30 a.m. Deacon Joe Poland

(Deacon George Zimmerman)

Thursday, February 27

Readings: 344: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-20/Mk 9:41-50

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

Friday, February 28

Readings: 345: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12/
Mk 10:1-12

8:15 a.m. Deceased Members of the Sergio Family

Saturday, March 1

Vigil Mass for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 p.m. Deacon Kas Santos

(Deacon George Zimmerman)

Sunday, March 2

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 82: Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor 4:1-5/
Mt 6:24-34

11:00 a.m. Jack Federer (Jeanne Federer)

Please Remember in Your Prayers those who have been hospitalized or are ill including: Jo Messmer, mother of Patty Chalfant.



- **Sunday, February 23** - Men's Club Book Study in the Parish Hall from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
- **Monday, February 24** - Bible Study in the Parish Office from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Mount Carmel Hospice Seeks Volunteers from all over Columbus to serve those who need support at end-of-life. The ideal volunteer is one who has a spiritual center, values life until its end. All talents and abilities are appreciated. If interested, call Betsy at 234-0200 for further information.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Today's Gospel is difficult to hear. It is even more difficult to live. But it is based on the absolute power of divine love over evil and hatred. Consider briefly what Jesus asks his disciples to do:

"Offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well ...give to the one who asks of you and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow... love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you... be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Imagine the disciples, trying to take Jesus seriously! It is hard to do, because even today many cringe at the idea that someone demanding your heavy coat should also receive the sweater underneath. It sounds absurd, that one's own efforts for friendship with others should extend primarily to the hostile and unfriendly, because there exists no reward in treating kindly one's family, friends, and other admirers.

Today's Gospel calls each who would be a disciple to go against not only one's own inner feelings, e.g., the need to get even, but also the support of the crowd to do so. Feelings of anger and the urge for revenge come from ourselves internally as well as from others ready to support those urges. It easily suspends one's own faith and better judgment, when the "common sense" of peers and faces in the crowd support retribution.

Hatred is wide spread. It can be present in one's own family and extend to enemies we personally do not even know far away. Its power is far reaching and powerfully destructive. That is why Jesus in the Gospel calls for love beyond all measure and beyond common sense. Ignore snide remarks and comments. Overlook injury. Don't waste energy on revenge. Forgive. Always give generously to others. The overwhelming powerful grace of God can enable us to override the irresistible, extensive power of hatred. The perfect love of the Father can overcome the considerable reach of hate and make us practitioners of God's perfect love.

Have a Good Week,
Fr. Bill Arnold

Welcome Father Noble - Father Paul Noble, Diocesan Director for Vocations, will join us for all the Masses at Holy Spirit and St. Philip the weekend of March 1 and March 2, 2014. Father Noble will speak about the vocation to the priesthood. The work of promoting priestly and religious vocations is the responsibility of all in the Church. We are all invited to welcome Father Noble and to join him in this vital ministry of the Church.



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 24, is the "Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers." 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.



Lent Begins on March 5 – The Season of Lent begins in less than 10 days, on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. It is the 40 day season for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for the poor leading to the celebration of the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday.

The following schedule for Mass has been set for the clustered parishes of Holy Spirit and St. Philip for Ash Wednesday:

- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip
- 1:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip (Fr. Mike Nimocks)
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit

The Collection at all the Masses on Ash Wednesday will be taken for the benefit of the J.O.I.N. Office (the Joint Office for Inner-City Needs). This office, located on Main Street in Columbus, distributes help and assistance to the needy of Columbus. Although they are not able to fulfill all requests brought to them, the good folks there represent the Catholic Church's desire to serve the poor of Central Ohio. Please be as generous as you can be on this first day of Lent.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed together in the Church at Holy Spirit every Wednesday evening during the Lenten Season. Please plan on attending the Lenten devotion with your fellow parishioners every Wednesday evening beginning March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday evening during Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. in the Day Chapel at Holy Spirit Parish. This special, additional Mass time has been set so that people who work might consider coming to Mass as part of their Lenten observance this year. Plan to attend on one or several evenings.

Parish Offertory Summary: February 15 & 16

Offertory Envelopes (127)	\$ 5,239.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 390.51
St. Vincent de Paul (12)	\$ 232.00
Capital Improvement (3)	\$ 1,280.00
Catholic Times (10)	\$ 173.00
Total Contributions	\$ 7,314.51

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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**

- Summer Save the Dates: more info to come for these events**
- June 13, 14 & 15, Steubenville (for High School students)
 - June 15 -19, Summer Camp (for Middle School students)
 - July 13- 17, Gospel Road (for High School students)

Holy Spirit School News:

Wednesday, February 26 – All School Liturgy at 8:30 a.m.

Friday, February 28 – Flower Sale Begins

Tuesday, March 4 – 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting



Reminder, Confirmation Retreat.

The Confirmation Retreat for the young people of Holy Spirit, St. Philip and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parishes receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held this coming Monday, February 24, 2014 at the St. Theresa Shrine Center. Students will meet at the regular time in the Holy Spirit parking lot. They will return before the end of the school day.

Holy Spirit Baseball and Softball Registration - February 14 thru February 28. Registration forms are available in the School Office or on the school website www.holy-spirit-school.com or the Columbus Diocese Recreation web site www.cdeducation.org/rec. Cost is \$40.00 per child plus a \$50.00 refundable Uniform Deposit. Checks or money orders should be made out to "Holy Spirit Men's Club." Address envelope to "Kelly Hoffman - Baseball/Softball - Men's Club." We are still in need of a few coaches. Call Kelly Hoffman at 614-327-0416 if you are interested.

Happy Spirits welcome new members to our seniors 50+ gathering. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. Lads and Ladies, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, so fancy yourself by wearing some green and bring in a dish to share as well. Bob will be bringing in BBQ Pork sandwiches. For more information, call Bob at 614-861-6568.

The 17th Annual Columbus Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:45 p.m., at the Ohio Expo Center Voinovich Building. This year's theme, **Be a Man of Courage**, includes many great speakers, including Bishop Campbell. The cost is \$30.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students - includes a continental breakfast and lunch. To sign up, please contact Tom Mignery at 614-855-0784 or tom.mignery@burgessniple.com or Mike McFadden at mmcfadd@columbus.rr.com. Additional information is available at www.columbuscatholicmen.com.

Spring Cleanup: St. Joseph, Resurrection, Holy Cross and Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemeteries will begin removing wintertime decorations on March 3. Families are advised to remove any personal keepsakes they wish to retain prior to March 3.

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