

Holy Spirit Church

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2014



Saturday, April 5

Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:30 p.m. Sofia Durusan (Emily Durusan Family)

Sunday, April 6

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 34: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45

11:00 a.m. Melvin Llana (Family)

Monday, April 7 - Lenten Weekday

Readings: 251: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30/Ps 23:1-6/
Jn 8:1-11

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

Tuesday, April 8 - Lenten Weekday

Readings: 252: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3/Jn 8:21-30

8:15 a.m. Jennie A. Lavria (Dave Martinelli)

Wednesday, April 9 - Lenten Weekday

Readings: 253: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Ps Dn 3:52-56/
Jn 8:31-42

8:30 a.m. Domenica Pellechia
(Domenic and Ilva Canini)

Thursday, April 10 - Lenten Weekday

Readings: 254: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

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

7:00 p.m. Mass in Holy Spirit Chapel
William and Dan English (Fr. Arnold)

Friday, April 11 - Lenten Weekday

Readings: 255: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

8:15 a.m. Msgr. Schweitzer (Fr. Nimocks)

Saturday, April 12

Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

5:30 p.m. Tom Schultz (Tom and Darlene Easley)

Sunday, April 6

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

Readings: 38: Mt 21:1-11/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

11:00 a.m. Duane Erney (Catherine Erney)

Remember in your prayers all of those sick in our parish including: Judy Dick.

Confession Times at Holy Spirit. The following additional times are being offered for Confession here at Holy Spirit before the celebration of Easter:

Thursday, April 10: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Confessions in Church
7:00 p.m., Mass in Day Chapel
7:45-8:30 p.m. Confessions in Church

Wednesday, April 16: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Confessions in Church
7:00 p.m., Mass in Church
7:45-8:30 p.m., Confessions in Church

From the Pastor's Desk....

Where is the risen Jesus Christ? Where is Christ in our own personal lives when we need the assurance of His presence? Where is the presence of Christ in today's world, which could sorely use a divine healer, comforter, and mediator? This question is posed by faithful, believing people today, who could truly use a source of strength and reassurance. The theme of Jesus' apparent absence appears twice in today's Gospel when both Mary and Martha needed Jesus. Their brother, Lazarus, was sick and eventually died. The critics of Jesus in the Gospel are also quick with a remark: "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

Faith in the risen Christ challenges us to realize that even though Jesus did not rush to Martha and Mary's side, Jesus calls Lazarus from the tomb, even though the stench of death permeates the opened tomb. This is the faith we are called to have in the Church today. We fear death, naturally, because we fear what we do not know and cannot control. It is, however, the faith of the Christian to believe - even in a world filled and colored by death in so many ways - that the dead are "asleep" as was Lazarus. We wait for the Resurrection, the ultimate event of our lives, when we too - like Christ - will be transformed in glory.

Have a good week,
Fr. Bill Arnold



Holy Week at Holy Spirit and St. Philip is the most sacred week in the Christian calendar, and Catholics, in particular, hold the three days of the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) as special days of prayer and liturgical observance. Please consider attending the special services of these three days as an important way to celebrate the most important event of our salvation: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.


Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. Parish Mass in preparation of the Triduum (no Soup Supper tonight).

Holy Thursday, April 17, all parishioners from Holy Spirit and St. Philip Parishes are invited to share a meal together at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall and celebrate the Mass of the Last Supper in the church at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Philip and 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit is the solemn Celebration of the Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Passion according to John is proclaimed, the holy cross is venerated, and Holy Communion is distributed. There is no Mass on Good Friday.

Holy Saturday, April 19, at 8:30 p.m. at St. Philip Church, we will celebrate the Easter Vigil, preceded by the beautiful, once-a-year ceremonies of the Easter Night: The blessing of the New Fire, the lighting of the Easter Candle, Scripture readings narrating Salvation History, admission of the Candidates into full communion in the Church.

Congratulations, Ashley Skube! Ashley Aniceta Skube received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation on Sunday, March 30, 2014. Ashley was baptized Catholic as an infant, but was un-catechized prior to becoming a candidate in the RCIA last September. Ashley completed her Christian Initiation at a special liturgy celebrated by Bishop Campbell at St. Joseph Cathedral. Ashley is the mother of two young children, Rocky and Ivy, who were baptized at Holy Spirit Parish in the fall. Ashley is the daughter of Tony and Donald Skube. Please join us in congratulating Ashley on this important step in her faith journey and in welcoming her to our parish community.

 **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 session is on April 8, at 6:30 p.m. - Topic: Sacraments and Prayer. All are welcome.



This week in Lent at Holy Spirit:

- **Wednesday, April 9 -**
Living Water Concert at 1:00 p.m.
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Living Water Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 10 -** Mass in the Chapel - 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 10 -** Bell Choir Practice - 6:00 p.m.

Share with the Poor in Lent. Please continue the Lenten practice of sharing with the needy during the Lenten Season.

- **Rice Bowl for Catholic Relief Services.** Save your change daily for the hungry of the world for CRS.
- **Second Collection for Community Kitchen.** After Holy Communion each Sunday, take the opportunity to support the Community Kitchen at St. John/Holy Rosary Parish Soup Kitchen.

Parish Offertory Summary: March 29 & 30

Offertory Envelopes (1,594)	\$ 7,608.85
Loose Offerings	477.75
St. Vincent de Paul (15)	521.00
Capital Improvement (1)	3.00
Easter Flowers (17)	348.00
Home Mission (1)	5.00
Catholic Relief (16)	280.00
Candles	62.55
Second Collection for Community Kitchen	833.17
Total Contributions	\$10,139.32

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.

**Youth Encountering Life and Liturgy
Upcoming Events**


April 9 - 6:15 p.m. - Please meet in the Church Hall for a quick planning meeting for our participation in the Walking Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 18!

Living Water Concert - Wednesday, April 9th at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church. *Living Water* gives joyful thanks and praise for many gifts from God and assists people on a spiritual journey of receiving God's message of hope and salvation through the purposeful union of narrative, music and song. The presentation of "Way of the Cross" is a musical reflection on the last hours in the life of Jesus Christ and a powerful reminder of the suffering our Lord endured for our salvation.

Congratulations to those students who made the Third Quarter Honor and Merit Rolls at St. Charles. Honor Roll - Jacob Galden, Daniel Shannon, William Siefert, Anthony Baglione and Stephen Cottrill. Merit Roll - Karl Lang and Evan Perrot.

Marian Council #3864 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry: There are only two Friday Fish Fries left at our Knights of Columbus Hall. Help make them as successful as the previous ones! Spread the word, come and buy a meal, drop off a dessert dish, or if you are a Knight - come help. We will need help running the register at the door this week and there are always opportunities to help serve, keep the serving line stocked, and just spend time with our diners from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Hall which is located at 4217 E. Main Street in Whitehall. Gluten-Free available upon request. To-go orders are also available.

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