

Holy Spirit Church

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2013



Saturday, August 24,
Vigil Mass for the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:30 p.m. Joe Rath (Rath Family)

Sunday, August 25, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Readings: 123: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
 Lk 13:22-30
 11:00 a.m. Anson Chan, Jr. (Family)

Monday, August 26
 Readings: 425: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1-6, 9/
 Mt 23:13-22
 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip

Tuesday, August 27, St. Monica
 Readings: 426: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26
 8:15 a.m. Valeria Augustine
 (Valerio Dalicandro Family)

Wednesday, August 28, St. Augustine
 Readings: 427: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12/Mt 23:27-32
 8:30 a.m. George Bennett, Sr. (Parish Gift)

Thursday, August 29, The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 Readings: 428: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-4, 12-14, 17
 634: Mk 6:17-29
 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip

Friday, August 30
 Readings: 429: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12/
 Mt 25:1-13
 8:15 a.m. Roger Scheurell, Jr. (Jim and Judy Dick)

Saturday, August 31,
Vigil Mass for the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:30 p.m. Greg Wengerter (Rita Ralston)

Sunday, September 1,
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Readings: 126: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/
 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
 11:00 a.m. Virginia DiCiuccio (Mildred Bennett)

Are you or is someone you know: Curious about the Catholic faith? Interested in becoming Catholic? Baptized Catholic as a child, but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join the Catholic Church. The first step in this process is a period of inquiry, which gives you an opportunity to learn more about our parish communities, our Catholic faith, and our God. Holy Spirit Parish, in conjunction with St. Philip the Apostle Parish, will be hosting sessions starting in late September. You are welcome to participate with your questions in a warm setting with no commitment required. If you or someone you know is interested in more information, please call 614-861-1521, ext. 12 or e-mail reled@holyspiritcolumbus.org.

From the Pastor's Desk....

Notice that Jesus on His way to Jerusalem does not really answer the question posed to Him: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" His response reminds me of students, asking and pestering a teacher before the big test: "How hard are you going to make this test?" or "How many of us do you want to pass or fail this test?"

Jesus' answer, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate," is not necessarily an argument that few will be saved. His response does remind us once again that discipleship can be arduous, difficult, and challenging. His response is a warning to all who might presume that their response to God's call is always totally complete and fulfilled. Jesus is not trying to keep people out of the kingdom. But He is instructing His listeners that they must indeed "strive!"

Christianity (and Catholicism) succeed in fulfilling their mission only when the doors are opened as wide as possible. Jesus warns His listeners that discipleship cannot be a way of life limited by culture, language, or national origin. Membership is limited only by members who wish to strive along the more difficult road, less travelled by some people. The narrow gate means always reaching out to the poor, always sharing with the unworthy, always turning the other cheek, always carrying another's burden, always loving, even our enemies. It is indeed a difficult road to travel and a narrow gate to pass through.

Have a good week!
 Fr. Bill Arnold

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Marjorie Louise Gribble, age 89, of Whitehall, who died on Monday, August 19, 2013, at her home. She was a long-time member of Holy Spirit Parish. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for her on Friday, August 23, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. and burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Please also remember her six children, 24 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren in your prayers.

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Deborah Diane (Tarquinto) Pop, age 59, who died on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at Mt. Carmel East Hospital. Mrs. Pop had been assistant secretary here at Holy Spirit School for eighteen years. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Mrs. Pop at her home parish, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, on Thursday, August 22, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. and burial followed at Glen Rest Cemetery. Debbie Pop will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by the Holy Spirit School Community, especially by all who had the privilege of working with her. She is survived by her husband Eddie, son Brian, daughter Alicia, and son-in-law Clint Hardacre and three grandchildren. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Grief Support Gathering: Our Grief Support Gathering will be meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 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 who are also experiencing grief can be a way of getting through your grief journey. For further information, please contact Sister Joan at the Parish Office at 614-861-1521.

Join Us! If you have ever thought about singing with the choir or ringing with the bell choir, we will be starting rehearsals the week of September 2. The choir will begin on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m. and the bell choir will begin on Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. Both groups meet in the church. For questions or more information, contact Julie Cottrill, Director of Music and Liturgy, at 861-1521 or music@holyspiritcolumbus.org.

Liturgical Ministry Training: If you have ever considered being involved in the liturgy as a lector or Eucharistic Minister, we will be holding two training sessions in the month of September. There will be Eucharistic Minister training on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The lector training will be held on Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. We encourage current liturgical ministers to consider attending these trainings as well, to brush up on the procedures used at Mass. To sign up or for more information, contact Julie Cottrill, Director of Music and Liturgy, at 861-1521 or music@holyspiritcolumbus.org.

PSR and RCIC: The 2013-2014 Holy Spirit Parish School of Religion (PSR) and RCIA for Children (RCIC) classes will begin September 15th at 9:15 a.m., including a student/parent/teacher meeting in the gym. Our PSR provides religious education for preschool, elementary, and middle school students who do not attend a Catholic school. The RCIC is religious education for children who have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Reconciliation at the recommended age level. Registration forms are available in the parish office. If you have any questions, contact Mark Butler, Director of Religious Education, at 614-861-1521 or reled@holyspiritcolumbus.org.

Volunteers Needed: The Parish School of Religion (PSR) class for the upcoming school year has a few openings for teachers, teacher aides, and hall monitors. Classes are held on Sunday mornings between 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Information, training, and resources will be provided and volunteers will need to be brought into compliance with diocesan safe environment policies. Volunteering to teach or assist with the PSR program provides a great opportunity to help our children grow in faith and provides enrichment for the volunteers themselves. If you would like additional information or have questions, contact Mark Butler at 614-861-1521 or reled@holyspiritcolumbus.org.

Parish Offertory Summary: August 15

Assumption (35)	\$ 701.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 206.97
Total Contributions	\$ 907.97

Parish Offertory Summary: August 17 & 18

Offertory Envelopes (156)	\$6,016.90
Loose Offerings	\$ 224.22
St. Vincent de Paul (13)	\$ 475.00
Capital Improvement/Maintenance (5)	\$ 100.00
Assumption (21)	\$ 291.00
Candles	\$ 174.33
Total Contributions	\$ 7,281.45

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:

- **Sunday, August 25** - Preschool parent information meeting
- **Monday, August 26** - ½ Day for Kindergarten and First Grade
- **Tuesday, August 27** - All Kindergartners and First Graders attend
- **Tuesday, August 27** - Curriculum Night for Grades 6 through 8
- **Wednesday, August 28** - First All-School Liturgy at 8:30 a.m.
- **Thursday, August 29** - Curriculum Night for Grades 1 through 5
- **Friday, August 30** - Candy Sale begins

Holy Spirit Mothers' Club invites you to join us! This group is open to all women of Holy Spirit Parish and School. We are kicking off with our first meeting of the new school year on Wednesday, September 4. Meetings take place in the School Library (use main school entrance) and begin at 6:45 p.m. Mothers' Club is involved with many different fund-raising, appreciation and recognition activities throughout the year. Your time, talent and support is needed!

Silver Stars: Save the date for great food, fellowship and games! The Silver Stars are gathering on Monday, September 9th at 1:00 p.m. (note time change) at Blacklick Woods Metro Park, Meadows picnic area, for their annual picnic. Happy Spirits from Holy Spirit are invited to join in the fun! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Meat, beverages and ice will be provided. If you have questions, call Kathy Moriarty at 270-1138 or Bob Udeck at 738-1267.

Senior or Disabled In Need Of Home Repair? Service Saturday, sponsored by Catholic Social Services, will be held on October 12. Do you know of an older adult (60+) or a disabled individual living in Franklin County who needs help with a small home repair or special project? If so, please contact Peggy Sirbaugh at 614-857-1251 or psirbaugh@colscs.org with the name, street address, zip code, phone number and project idea. Be sure you discuss the event with the individual before making the referral. **Please call by Friday, September 6.** We can accept a maximum of 30 worksites, so please don't delay! (We are unable to accept plumbing and electrical projects.)



Columbus Faith Coalition Against Violence:

On Sunday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Martin De Porres Center, there will be a monthly prayer service held to end violence in central Ohio sponsored by the Columbus Faith Coalition against Violence. The September service will focus on gun violence in Columbus. All are welcome, registration is not required. Please call 614-416-1910 with any questions. The Martin de Porres Center is located at 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219.

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