

# Holy Spirit Church

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 15, 2013



**Saturday, September 14, Vigil Mass  
for the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:30 p.m. David Charles Tipton (Barb Tipton)

**Sunday, September 15,  
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Readings: 132: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/  
1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32

11:00 a.m. Anna Marie Pizzurro (The Gillilan Family)  
**Monday, September 16, Saint Cornelius and St. Cyprian**  
Readings: 443: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10  
**No Mass due to Priest Convocation**

**Tuesday, September 17, St. Robert Bellarmine**  
Readings: 444: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps101:1-3, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17  
8:15 a.m. Communion Service

**Wednesday, September 18**  
Readings: 445: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35  
**No Mass due to Priest Convocation**

**Thursday, September 19, St. Januarius**  
Readings: 446: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-10/Lk 7:36-50  
**No Mass due to Priest Convocation**

**Friday, September 20,  
Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Saint Paul Chong Ha-Sang**  
Readings: 441: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11/  
Lk 6:39-42

8:15 a.m. Communion Service and Morning Prayer  
**Saturday, September 21, Vigil Mass  
for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:30 p.m. Elizabeth Zag (Carol Ashcraft)

**Sunday, September 22,  
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Readings: 135: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/  
Lk 16:1-13  
11:00 a.m. Chuck Brill (Carole Brill and Family)

**No Weekly Masses:** Due to all Diocesan priests attending the Priest Convocation the week of September 16th through the 20th, there will be no daily Masses at St. Philip or Holy Spirit. The regular Mass schedule will resume on Saturday, September 21st. All Mass intentions will be rescheduled. If you have any questions, please contact Mary at Holy Spirit's Parish Office at 861-1521.



- **Sunday, September 15th** – People of God in the Parish Hall at 1:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, September 18th** – Reflective Prayer in the Day Chapel at 1:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, September 18th** – Choir practice at 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, September 19th** – Bell Choir at 6:00 p.m.

**Please Remember in Your Prayers** those who have been hospitalized or are ill including Barbara Wheatley, daughter of Geri and Herb Torr.

## From the Pastor's Desk....

The Gospel today contains three parables with the same theme: God's forgiveness for the sinner who is lost. The lessons in discipleship have up to now focused on the cost of being a disciple and the faithfulness required to carry the cross of daily living. The disciples, in hearing these parables, are urged to understand the unconditional and compassionate mercy of God and are urged to adopt a new posture, a new attitude toward the morally flawed.

Understanding mercy allows us to understand God. The three parables – the lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost son – illustrate how much God desires the return of sinners and the bottomless depth of the mercy of God. Mercy is in very short supply in a world in which the effects of sin and evil touch all of us. It seems so much easier and convenient to write off, isolate, and dismiss people whose faults become so obvious and public. Yet, divine mercy is perfect, it is not flawed and it reflects the goodness of God who calls everyone – saint and sinners alike – to Himself.

The owner of the sheep searches far and wide to recover one lost animal. The woman missing a coin sweeps and searches until the lost coin is found. The father of the lost son forgets his anger, his hurt, and his lost fortune when the son finally returns home. Jesus urges His disciples to listen carefully and learn that these actions of welcome are to be their response to the sinner scorned, lost, and cut loose. Discipleship so defined and understood is indeed difficult. But the rewards for sinners and “forgiver” alike are indeed great. These are the rewards of faith and discipleship. What is lost can be found! That includes all of us.

Have a good week,  
Fr. Bill Arnold

**Homecoming and Festival Report:** The final figures are now available for the 2013 Holy Spirit August Festival. The results are absolutely awesome:

Total Income:	\$83,307.44
Total Expenses	\$52,077.52
Net Income/Profit	\$31,229.92

These figures are the best yet in the eight years of the homecoming celebration. Consider the growth of the Festival over the last eight years. The profit from 2006 Festival was \$19,611.71, and this year's results top the previous high from 2011, which totaled \$31,185.00. All of this can be attributed to extensive planning learned over the years, good donors and sponsors, an improving economy and only one night of rain (Thursday).

But there is one more, very important factor. A great many people worked hard, long hours to make this Festival successful. It is no wonder that by Sunday so many people were so “dead dog tired.” The volunteers who served the festivalgoers on the parish grounds make the Festival a fun, enjoyable, safe venue to come and celebrate summer's end. The Whitehall police and security commented how much anticipated and welcoming the Festival has become for the entire community. The funds will be used for necessary and urgent repairs to our church and school. To all who volunteered their time and energy, a heartfelt “thanks” for their tireless efforts is extended. A special thank-you goes to Jim Cottrill and the entire Festival Committee whose advance planning and hard work are appreciated by the entire parish.

**Parish Council Elections** will take place in a few weeks. You must be 18 years of age and a registered member of the parish. Please contact Anna Telerski at 856-3311 or call the Parish Office if you would like to be considered to run on the ballot. You **can** nominate yourself!



**Let us know what you think!** Next week's bulletin will include a special insert, a survey to help us identify the adult religious education needs and interests of our community. Please take the time to complete and return the survey.

**Invite them to join us!** All of us have neighbors, friends, and members of our family who have questions about our Catholic faith; perhaps some of them have attended Mass with you or even expressed a desire to become Catholic. Now is the perfect time to extend an invitation to them to learn more. Our first RCIA Inquiry Session will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25th at the Holy Spirit Parish Office. This is a great opportunity for them to explore Catholicism in a warm setting with no commitment required. Please share this information with the ones you love. Call the Parish Office for more information at 614-861-1521, ext. 12 or e-mail [reled@holyspiritcolumbus.org](mailto:reled@holyspiritcolumbus.org).



**Reflective Prayer Experience:** Come and join us for a special time with the Lord, in Reflective Prayer. Reflective Prayer involves the reading of a passage from Sacred Scripture, time for quiet reflection, and the opportunity for group sharing. This month, our passage will be from Psalm 8. Please join us in the Holy Spirit Day Chapel at 1:00 p.m. this Wednesday, September 18, 2013. For further information, please call Sister Joan at the Parish Office at 861-1521, ext. 26.

**Parish Offertory Summary: September 7 & 8**

Offertory Envelopes (157)	\$7,593.60
Loose Offerings	\$ 352.20
St. Vincent de Paul (6)	\$ 175.00
Capital Improvement/Maintenance (19)	\$ 223.00
Tuition Assistance (1)	\$ 29.00
Assumption (1)	\$ 1.00
Candles	\$ 22.75
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$8,396.55</b>

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.

**Not sure if you are registered at Holy Spirit?** We welcome everyone here at Holy Spirit, but we want to make sure you are registered. You can find out by calling the Parish Office at 614-861-1521.

**Holy Spirit School News:**



- **Wednesday, September 18th** - Prayer Service at 8:30 a.m.
- **Thursday, September 19th** - School picture! Be sure to wear your uniform and smile!
- **Friday, September 20th** - 1st Quarter interims go home



**Youth Encountering Life and Liturgy:** All Students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to participate with Y.E.L.L.! We meet a few times a month to do service projects and discuss hot topics that pertain to teens today!

- **Sunday, September 22:** High Schoolers from 12:30-2:00 p.m.; Middle Schoolers from 7:00-8:30 p.m., both in the gym.
- **Saturday, September 28:** Friends of the Poor Walk with St. Vincent de Paul. Sign-ups will be next weekend in the Welcome Center.
- **Saturday, October 12:** CSS "Fall Service Saturday"; if you are interested in service hours while helping those less fortunate, please contact Mrs. Kathie Rath for details.

**Holy Hour for Immigration Reform:** On Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., St. Paul the Apostle Church, located at 313 N. State Street in Westerville, will host a Holy Hour for immigration reform, sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Columbus Office for Social Concern. The Catholic Church in the US is an immigrant church. Along with our nation, we have grown as successive waves of immigrants have come to this country. Immigrants helped build our nation and continue to do so today. As Congress debates immigration reform, we stand in solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters. We pray for a just and compassionate solution to fix the broken immigration system through comprehensive immigration reform. For more information about Church teaching on immigration, visit the US Catholic Bishops' Justice for Immigrants website at [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org). **All are welcome.**

**40 Days for Life Founder to Speak at the Josephinum:** Shawn Carney, co-founder of the pro-life movement 40 Days for Life, will present "What Else is There?" on Wednesday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center at the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street. The event is part of the seminary's Priests, Poets and Philosophers series, and is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, please call 614-885-5585 or visit [www.pcj.edu](http://www.pcj.edu).

**Love Your Neighbor, Lend a Hand:** Join Catholic Social Services on Service Saturday, October 12, to help older and disabled Franklin County residents in need of help with a small home repair, painting, yard work or special project. Interested volunteers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Peggy Sirbaugh in the CSS office at 614-857-1251 or [psirbaugh@colss.org](mailto:psirbaugh@colss.org), **no later than September 23.** The impact of past volunteer efforts has been remarkable! We hope you will continue to be part of the team as we expand our outreach efforts throughout Franklin County.

**Awareness Sunday is October 27:** 70% of men and 33% of women have visited adult sites in the past year (Pew Internet & American Life Project, 2010.) My House Columbus is here to help. My House Columbus offers an avenue of healing for those who have been harmed by pornography's destructive effects. Call our confidential hotline at 888-989-9886. Visit [MyHouseColumbus.org](http://MyHouseColumbus.org) for more information.

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