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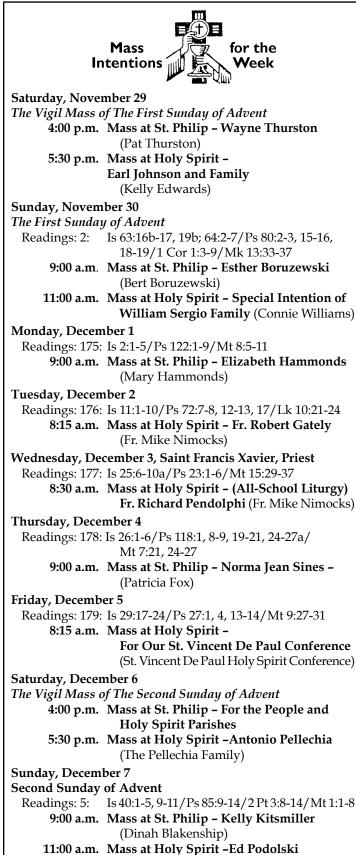
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Holy Spirit and St. Philip Church First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2014



(Don and Nancy Kelley)

From the Pastor's Desk...

The season of Advent is upon us. It is a great time of year. It comes quickly and moves along seemingly way too fast. Advent focuses on the two "comings" of Christ. His return (the Second Coming) and the birth at Bethlehem. Regardless of which liturgical year, the readings always speak to the coming at the end of time and the birth of God become man. This Advent begins the "B" cycle of readings and on most Sundays, we will hear the Gospel Mark proclaimed in the coming year. In the first reading from Isaiah, the prophet writes:

"No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways."

The prophet wrote these words at the time of the Jewish exile in Babylon (537-538 B.C.). The Jews were despairing of rescue and were longing for their homeland. Because they believed God had abandoned and forgotten His people, they turned away from their worship of God ("There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you, for you have hidden your face from us").

The Jews, in the sorrow and grief of captivity, believed that God no longer heard their prayers. I know a great many people (I think a lot of us do) who firmly believe that a merciful God does not exist or that if there is a God, he surely has not convinced all who believe in him to become His presence, His face, His arms and hands in this world. Even as we prepare to celebrate the annual holiday of the Birth of Christ, many have long since stopped expecting ever to encounter God in their lives.

The remedy, once again, is "us!" We need to take seriously the words of the Prophet, who reminded Israel that no one had ever seen or heard of God who has done such great things for his people. We used to prepare, hope, and pray, that God, when He comes, catches us doing something right and good. As grateful people, blessed in abundance, we need to watch and wait, patiently knowing that our God comes, and, when He does, we need to recognize Him.

Just how we will recognize the appearance of God? Recall, if you will, the words of last Sunday's Gospel. When we see the spiritually and physically hungry, the castaways of our community; when we visit the sick and imprisoned; when we welcome the stranger and immigrant; when we discover those who live in shadows out of shame or poverty; when we discover these people, we have seen the face of God. This is the appearance of our God present in our time. We discover Christ in the faces and needs of those no one else should ever love or care for: We need to show the world know how much we believe in Christmas.

> Have a good week, Fr. Bill Arnold

Information for Holy Spirit Parish

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and homebound of our parish especially Barbara Wheatley.

Parish Offertory Summary for November 22 and 23 will be in next week, due to the bulletin printing deadline.



Volunteers Needed. The Advent Wreath will be blessed and the candles lit at the end of the Prayers of the Faithful during each one of our weekend liturgies during Advent. At each

Mass, we need families or a group of individuals to assist in this part of the Mass. Instructions will be given on this procedure. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the welcome center

The following students from Holy Spirit Parish were listed on the Honor Roll at Bishop Hartley High School for the first quarter of the 2014-2015 School year. We congratulate the following students:

Stephanie Aeling, Alexis Gwilym, Hailee Hartmann, Andrew Heinmiller, Carolyn Heinmiller, Joshua Heinmiller, Ryan Henne, John Kurth, Lillian McClung, Alexia Nader, Haley Osburn, Maria Passero, Emma Perrot, Paige Rees, Erika Welsh and McKenna Welsh.

Successful Thanksgiving Drive. This past Sunday, November 23, our neighbors and friends from Whitehall came to Holy Spirit Church to receive of our bounty and generosity. The St. Vincent DePaul Society and numerous volunteers were here in the Church to make sure that everything got passed out in an orderly and fair manor. A great deal of effort came from many sides to make sure the Thanksgiving Drive met its goal. Thanks to all of you who donated – thanks to everyone who put all the bags, baskets and special treats together for our neighbors. All of you know who you are.



Christmas Flower Memorials: Christmas flowers are placed in the sanctuary each year in memory of deceased family and friends. A minimum contribution of \$15.00 is asked for up to three names. Envelopes are included in your packets or you may use the form below. Place your contribution in the weekly collection basket by December 7, 2014. A list of names and donors will be published in the Christmas bulletin.

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Information for St. Philip Parish

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and homebound of our parish, especially Tina Langston, Sally Mastenbrook and Glenna Collura.

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Thank you for your generosity to the St. Vincent de Paul collection. Cold weather has arrived, so please continue to keep in mind those who find themselves in need of assistance.

Ministry Schedule: Saturday, December 6 - 4:00 p.m.Servers:Madision Tesi and Ivey WalkerLector:JoAn DumasEucharistic Ministers: Pat Berry, Helen Cox, Bertie ShalMinistry Schedule: Sunday, December 7, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.Servers:Carl Emmenegger, Jim OrrLector:JoAn DumasEucharistic Ministers: Marianne Krebs, Pat Klingler,

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Congratulations to Madison Tesi, a St. Philip Parishioner, who was named to the Honor Roll at Bishop Hartley High School for the first quarter of the 2014-2015 school year. Congratulations to her on this accomplishment! We thank her also for her service to St. Philip as an Altar Server on Saturday evening.



Secret Santa News and Invitation – The Annual tradition of Secret Santa at St. Philip will be held on Sunday, December 7th. This will be in the social hall of the school after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. As in tradition, gently used ornaments and Christmas decorations will be available and looking for new

homes. If all goes well, there may even be a visit from the special friend up north!

This will also coincide with Donut Sunday hosted by the Knights of Columbus. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to gather together and spread Christmas cheer with the youth of our Parish.

This event will provide the children an opportunity to choose gifts (at no charge) for their family along with wrapping the gifts. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining your fellow Parishioners at this special event.



Annual Altar Rosary Bake Sale – Once again, we are asking for your support for our annual Bake Sale held on December 20th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass and on December 21st after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Donation of homemade goodies such as cookies, nut breads, coffee cakes or candies are being requested from our fellow parishioners. Your donations for the Bake Sale should be brought to the church vestibule (main doors) on December 20th between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

Volunteers willing to help package these items for sale are needed and are most welcome. This Bake Sale helps to underwrite the annual women's retreat held in February.

Volunteers wanting to help may call Judy Ketterer at 861-5025 or Fran Orr at 475-3893.

Additional Information for Holy Spirit Parish

Warm Hats, Warm Hearts Ministry. On Thursday, November 20, 248 hand knitted (crocheted) hats were delivered to the YWCA Family Shelter on Harvey Court. These knitted clothing items were made and donated by the Warm Hats, Warm Hearts group at Holy Spirit Parish. Over the years, this little ministry has donated over 6,000 hats, scarves, and gloves to open shelters and other agencies. These items are made available to the homeless and shelter clients. Special thanks are extended to Neva Richardson, who alone, has donated over 200 items this year. Thanks also to Judy Sandman, who has organized this group and kept this ministry alive here at Holy Spirit. As you read this, think it over. Would you like to be involved in this special, year round effort? New faces, more hats, warm hearts are always welcome.



Whitehall Community Kids Christmas: The "Giving Tree" is now up and adorned with many ornaments. The ornaments on the tree represent the children in Whitehall who Holy Spirit Parish has adopted to help make the Giving Season of Christmas possible. Holy Spirit has joined with other faith communities in Whitehall and adopted 25 out of 225 children.

These gifts consist primarily of necessities such as clothing and shoes, but also a few toys as well. Please consider taking an ornament (or two) from the "Giving Tree" and purchase these items. Please do not wrap any of the gifts, but securely attach the ornament onto the gift before placing it under the tree no later than December 7th. Your generosity will be rewarded. If you have any questions, call Mrs. Kathie Rath at 861-1521.



Monday, December 1 -Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. (School Library)
Tuesday, December 2 -R.C.I.A. - 6:30 p.m. (Parish Office)
Wednesday, December 3 -All-School Liturgy - 8:30 p.m. - Church Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 4 -Happy Spirits - 1:30 p.m. - Parish Hall Bell Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 6 -Men's Club Monte Carlo - (see information in bulletin)

Holy Spirit School News -

Monday, December 1 – Book Fair begins **Wednesday, December 3 –** All-School Liturgy – 8:30 a.m. Mass in Church



Help Our School – Apples for the Students at Giant Eagle started again On October 1. This program is a great way for you to help our school earn educational rewards such as computers, software, video equipment, gym and playground gear, and more. Is your Giant Eagle Advantage Card registered? Now's the time to check. All you need is our school code (5103) to verify or register a new card.

Visit <u>www.gianteagle.com/AFTS</u>. Enter your Giant Eagle Advantage Card number (which appears under the bar code). Enter the school code and you are done! Please encourage your extended family and friends to register. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 7th for the Winter Carnival. You are invited to the Carnival in the school from 12:30-4:00 p.m. join us in the gym for a hot lunch featuring O'Charley's delicious soup and sandwiches and listen as Holy Spirit's Children Choir and Miss Furr's piano students perform throughout the afternoon. Visit the Book Fair in the school library and consider selecting a book to donate to the library. Secret Santa Shop will be open in the school's lower level with loads of great things! Of course, there will be games and prizes for all the kids, a Bake Sale, basket raffle and more. Donation for the Bake Sale will be accepted in the School Gym on Saturday, December 6th between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and plan to spend the afternoon with friends and family.

A Gift to the Spirit – Holy Spirit School's Annual Fund Drive is now underway. This appeal raises money to help with extraordinary needs for the school and students. From last year's appeal, generous donors helped upgrade the school's technology. LearnPads were purchased and aged laptops replaced. Donations from this year's drive have been earmarked to help cover the \$72,000.00 cost to replace the boiler in the school's west end. Holy Spirit School is asking your assistance and is depending on your generosity. Please visit <u>www.holy-spirit-school-org</u> to make a donation via PayPal or fill out and return a pledge card before the close of 2014. Pledge cards are available in the Welcome Center in the vestibule of the Church.

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Please share in the season of giving. Our Giving Trees hold tags for those at Regency Manor and for the needs of the food pantry. Please return your wrapped gift with the tag firmly attached to the package by Sunday, December 21st. Gifts will be distributed that day after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Join the St. Vincent De Paul elves and share in the holiday spirit as they give your love and thoughtfulness along with your gifts.

Our Shared Parish Events and Information

Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 8. It is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. Mary is the patroness of this country under the title of the Immaculate Conception. Mass times for Holy Spirit/St. Philip Parishes are as follows:

9:00 a.m. Mass – St. Philip Church 1:15 p.m. Mass – Holy Spirit Church (All-School Liturgy) 7:00 p.m. Mass – St. Philip Church **Grief Support Gathering –** Our Grief Support Gathering will be meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 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. Our theme will be <u>Getting Through the Holidays</u>. 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 (861-1521).

Retirement for the Religious. On Sunday, December 14, the special envelope for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up during the regular collection. The Church in the United States owes a great deal to the members of Religious Orders who, for years, staffed our schools and parishes, and earned very little income for the task. They were selfless and dedicated. Now, in retirement, these sisters, brothers and their religious orders face enormous costs for their retirement and medical expenses. Individual dioceses and their bishops are not in the position to carry the expenses alone. Both St. Philip and Holy Spirit benefited from the work of the Sisters who staffed our schools and served as pastoral ministers. Please place your generous donation in the basket to help "pay back" these dedicated people who built the Church in the United States.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation. Plan now to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) before Christmas:

Sunday, December 14, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Philip. This Advent Penance Service will be held on Sunday afternoon/ evening on the Third Sunday of Advent. Please come and celebrate this Sacrament before Christmas.

Happy Spirits and Silver Stars will be holding their Christmas gathering on Thursday, December 4th at 1:30 p.m. in Holy Spirit's Parish Hall. It is a Potluck Dinner, so please bring a dish to share! All are welcome!

Living Waters Concert "On a Night Like This" Holy Spirit Catholic Church will host Columbus band Living

Water on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. **Living Water** will present their concert narrative <u>On a Night</u> <u>Like This</u>. <u>On a Night Like This</u> is an emotional experience of the Christmas journey. Using Scripture, narration and song, it views the timeless story of the Birth of Jesus from the perspective of many; Mary, Joseph, the Inn Keeper, even God the Father in Heaven, closing with the knowledge of salvation His Only Son brings and the pledge to honor God's great gift of love in the way we live our lives daily, keeping Christmas in our hearts always. These performances are about an hour in length and appropriate for all ages.

Come and hear the "Lessons and Carols" of this joyous advent season. The St. Philip Choir invites you to join them Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the Church to experience the inspiration and culmination of their hard work. With the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations, mark your calendar now and give yourself the gift of a few minutes of peace.

Holy Spirit Men's Club Monte Carlo Night! Saturday, December 6th from 7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Texas Hold-em, Omaha, Blackjack and 7-card Stud, as well as other games of chance will be available. Full kitchen available and Big Ten Championship Game will be broadcast on all TV Screens! All proceeds from Monte Carlo Nights benefit Holy Spirit Youth Athletic Programs.



Invite them to join us! <u>All of us</u> 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 someday. Now is the perfect time to extend an invitation for them to learn more. 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 614-861-1521, ext. 12 or e-mail reled@ holyspiritcolumbus.org.

Advent Day of Reflection: The annual Advent Day of Reflection will take place on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at St. Therese's Shrine. All St. Philip and Holy Spirit Parishioners 55 and older are invited to attend. The morning will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Morning Prayer, followed by a Spiritual Reflection, presented by Mr. Mark Butler. The opportunity for Confession will follow in the Shrine Chapel after the reflection. Mass will begin at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will follow to end our day. There is no cost involved. **Registration is required.** Please register to Sr. Joan at 861-1521 **no later** than December 8th. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Youth March for Life 2015 – 12:00 Noon on the Mall Washington, D.C. on January 21-22, 2015. This is a two-day, one-night trip to Washington, D.C. at the cost of \$140.00 per student. Cost includes bus fare, hotel room based on four person occupancy and March for Life events. Please contact Kathie Rath, Holy Spirit Youth Minister, at 614- 861-1521 if you are interested. Seton Parish is sponsoring this event and they have 20 spaces available for youth. All students will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to register, a form must be completed along with a \$70.00 deposit.



Church History Classes Offered: Holy Spirit School will be hosting the Christ and Church Course of the diocesan teacher/catechist certification program. These classes are also open to any adults interested in learning more about Church History. The classes will take place in the school building from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the

following dates:

- Revelation: God's Self Communication (January 14, 2015)
- Introduction to Scripture (January 21, 2015)
- Introduction to Liturgy and Sacraments (January 28, 2015)
- Spirituality (February 4, 2015)

Introduction to Catholic Morality (February 22, 2015) For more information or to register, please contact Mark Butler at 614-861-1521, ext. 12 or <u>reled@holyspiritcolumbus.org</u>.

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