



# Holy Spirit and St. Philip Church

## The Nativity of the Lord

### December 25, 2016



#### Saturday, December 24

##### *The Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*

- Readings: 13: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29/  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
- 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip - For the People of St. Philip and Holy Spirit Parishes**
- 5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit - Shawn Patrick Head**  
(Allen Head)
- 10:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit - Flo Trustdorf**  
(Fr. Bill Arnold)

#### Sunday, December 25

##### *The Nativity of the Lord*

- Readings: 16: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip - Louise A. Lacoske**  
(Fr. Bill Arnold)
- 10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit - Judy Baker**  
(Friends of St. Philip)

#### Monday, December 26 - St. Stephen, The First Martyr

- Readings: 696: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/  
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16bc, 17/Mt 10:17-22
- 9:00 a.m. NO MASS**

#### Tuesday, December 27 - St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

- Readings: 697: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- 8:15 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit - David Charles Tipton**  
(Barbara Tipton)

#### Wednesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- Readings: 698: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
- 8:15 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit - Ron Rooker**  
(Mae Rooker)

#### Thursday, December 29 -

##### *The Fifth Day Within Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

- Readings: 202: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5-6/Lk 2:22-35
- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip - Dick Todd** (Marti Todd)

#### Friday, December 30 -

##### *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

- Readings: 17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-5/  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- 8:15 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit - Elizabeth Zag**  
(Zag Family)

#### Saturday, December 31

##### *The Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother*

- 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip - For the People of St. Philip and Holy Spirit Parishes**
- 5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit - Ana Maria Sebrango and her Deceased and Living Relatives**  
(Ana Villarroel)

#### Sunday, January 1

##### *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother*

- Readings: 18: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/  
Lk 2:16-21
- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip - Brother Louis Hurcik**  
C.S.C. (Mary Lou Johnson)
- 11:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit - For the People of Holy Spirit and St. Philip Parishes**

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

The message spoken by the angel to the shepherds in the fields on the first Christmas night is announced to us this Christmas, 2016. "Do not be afraid," the angel said to the fearful and overwhelmed poor men, watching their flocks at night. When we, the men and women, families and children of 2016 look at all the events in the world and perhaps in our personal lives, we need an act of faith in these words. We should not be afraid.

The world has always been a difficult place to live in, but it is **our world**. We sometimes are led to believe that the world today is more brutal and cruel today than at any time in human history. But I think not. We need always to remind ourselves of the Good News we celebrate for the next two weeks, that GOD IS WITH US. On this Christmas, we celebrate the great dignity and worth God has bestowed on every human person. God does not call us to react in fear. God calls us to live and act in the freedom of the sons and daughters of God.

We must never permit fear and anxiety to lead us to recoil from that dignity we have or the work God has entrusted to us. The world may be a mess, or our personal lives may be tangled up and flawed, but today we are called to live in faith that God never abandons us. God is with us, and calls us to be His good servants.

Live out in your lives the Good News and the hope we celebrate this Christmas. Never give in to the tendency or the easy path of fear and reaction. From all of us who serve you here at Holy Spirit and St. Philip the Apostle Parishes, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and every good blessing from God in the coming New Year. Be kind to your families, hold them tight now and throughout the year.

Merry Christmas!  
Fr. Bill Arnold

**OFFICES CLOSED:** Both Holy Spirit and St. Philip Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, December 26th, for the Christmas Holiday.

**Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve/Day 2016.** The following is the Schedule of Masses for the parishes of St. Philip and Holy Spirit on December 24/25, 2016:

**Masses on Christmas Eve:**  
Saturday, December 24:  
4:00 p.m. at St. Philip  
(Music begins at 3:30 p.m.)  
5:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit  
10:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit  
(Music begins at 9:30 p.m.)

**Masses on Christmas Day:**  
Sunday, December 25:  
9:00 a.m. at St. Philip  
10:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit

## Information for Holy Spirit

**Please remember in your prayers:** Joan Meigs, age 85, who died on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at Mt. Carmel East. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held for her Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at Holy Spirit and inurnment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Please remember Joan's family in your prayers. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Please remember in your prayers:** All the sick, homebound, or recovering in our parish especially Shirley Vesco, Kathy Rysavy and Barbara Gumbish.

### Parish Offertory Summary: December 17 and 18

Offertory Envelopes (94)	\$ 4,567.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 205.50
Capital Improvement (5)	\$ 90.00
St. Vincent de Paul (6)	\$ 570.00
Christmas (6)	\$ 139.00
Christmas Flowers (4)	\$ 65.00
Catholic Charities (1)	\$ 5.00
Campaign for Human Development (1)	\$ 20.00
Immaculate Conception (1)	\$ 25.00
Retirement for Religious (2)	\$ 45.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 32.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,783.85</b>

A very deep debt of gratitude is owed to all parishioners and friends of Holy Spirit Parish for their financial support of the parish during the past year. Your generosity enables our parish to remain steady financially, and to continue the ministries of the Catholic faith here in Whitehall, Ohio. A very Merry Christmas to all who have helped Holy Spirit Church. God will reward your generosity.



### IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 25 - Merry Christmas

### HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL NEWS

December 19 - January 2, 2017 - NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break



**Holy Spirit Parish Christmas Nativity Scene** stands for the first time outside the parish house. The crib scene was constructed by Mike Trucco, who did a wonderful job. He built the stable scene over the past several months and on Tuesday evening, December 20, 2016, it was dedicated to the eternal memory of his niece, Alissa Marie Trucco, who died recently on November, 21, 2016. May prayers for her eternal rest be offered by all who view the Nativity Scene. Thank you, Mike and Merry Christmas to all who drive by to view our nativity scene.

## Information for St. Philip Parish

**Please remember in your prayers:** Roger Hannahs, age 71, who died Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at Mt. Carmel East. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held for him Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., at St. Philip and burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Please remember his family especially his son Jonathan in your prayers. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Please remember in your prayers:** All the sick, homebound, or the recovering in our parish especially Debbie Oberting, Chuck Zagorsky, Thomas Haag and David Aeling.

### Parish Offertory Summary: December 17 and 18

Contributions (59)	\$ 2,152.20
Capital Improvement (1)	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers (1)	\$ 45.00
St. Vincent de Paul (1)	\$ 50.00
Diocesan Charities (3)	\$ 35.00
Retired Religious (1)	\$ 50.00
Parish Christmas Gift (3)	\$ 45.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,387.20</b>

**Votive Candles** \$ 15.50

To all who support St. Philip the Apostle Parish, I would like to express the deep appreciation of the entire parish community to you. Our finances here at St. Philip are solid (not outstanding!), but the bills get paid and the parish is getting along well. At this Christmas time, I express my gratitude for all you do. What you give away, comes back to you always in God's blessings.

### Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, December 31, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.

(New Year's Eve)

**Servers:** Emma Kitsmiller

**Lector:** JoAn Dumas

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jenise Hammonds,  
Sharon Kitsmiller

### Ministry Schedule:

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.

(New Year's Day)

**Servers:** Abraham Fouts, Julia Fouts

**Lector:** Brad Walters

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marcia Walters,  
Jeannie Henderson

**School of Religion (SOR):** SOR will be on Christmas Break, Sunday December 25th and Sunday January 1st. Classes resume on Sunday, January 8, 2017. Wishing you a blessed Christmas and 2017.

**Ministers Schedule** are available in the sacristy.

**We are looking** for collection counters. If interested, please contact Marti at the Parish Office.

## Shared Parish Events and Information



Consider a Christmas Gift for your Parish. Who is on your Christmas list? I am sure that you have included your family members, good friends, and folks who have helped you on your list and so it should be. I hope you will consider a gift to St. Philip or Holy Spirit Parish. Your parishes are there for you should you need them and they always will be. Could you place your Parish on your Christmas list? A special envelope has been placed in the pew as a reminder. Consider the envelope an extra hint from the coming Christ Child (or the parishes' elves!) Thank You for thinking of your parish this Christmas! God will reward you richly!

Fr. Bill Arnold,  
Your Pastor.



**January 1, 2017 - Feast of Mary, the Mother of God:** New Year's Day, January 1, is a celebration of the Motherhood of Mary. It is a holyday of obligation. **The Parish Offices at Holy Spirit and St. Philip will be closed January 2, reopening Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Holy Spirit School will be resuming January 3, 2017.**

### New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary

The following is the Schedule of Masses for the parishes of St. Philip and Holy Spirit on December 31, 2016/January 1, 2017:

New Year's Eve: St. Philip Parish, 4:00 p.m.  
New Year's Eve: Holy Spirit Parish, 5:30 p.m.  
New Year's Day: St. Philip Parish, 9:00 a.m.  
New Year's Day: Holy Spirit Parish, 11:00 a.m.



Epiphany of the Lord

**The "German Epiphany" Celebration.** The celebration of the Columbus Germania Verein for the Feast of the Epiphany will take place at Holy Spirit Church next year on Friday, January 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. The ecumenical prayer service will feature lessons and carols in German for the celebration of the traditional Epiphany, which historically was always set on January 6. You are invited to attend. Refreshments served afterward in Holy Spirit Parish Hall.

**Christmas Catholic Charities Collection:** This annual collection allows the Diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations, including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities Collection this year. Envelopes available in your packet.

# Peace On Earth

**50th World Peace - January 1, 2017.** On this past December 8, 2016, Pope Francis in Rome signed his World Peace Day Message, which he noted had first been done by Blessed Pope Paul IV back in 1967.

It may well be argued that the world at large has ignored the calls of the Catholic Popes for peace in the world. It is nonetheless the task of the Church to proclaim peace on earth, good will to all peoples. All war, terror, and violence is evil because it is contrary to the dignity of men and women, all created in the image and likeness of God.

Reflect, if you would, during this Christmas season, on the words Pope Francis has offered for our prayerful consideration:

- "While the last century knew the devastation of two deadly World Wars, the threat of nuclear war and a great number of other conflicts, we find ourselves engaged in a horrifying world war fought piecemeal."
- "In any case, we know that this violence, of different kinds and levels causes great suffering; wars in different countries and continents, organized crime and unforeseen acts of violence, the abuses suffered by migrants and victims of human trafficking and the devastation of the environment. Where does this lead? Can violence achieve any goal of lasting value?"
- Francis has quoted this predecessor, Benedict XVI: "To be true followers of Jesus today also includes embracing his teaching about nonviolence. As my predecessor Benedict XVI observed that this teaching 'is realistic because it takes into account that in the world, there is *too much violence, too much injustice* and therefore that this situation cannot be overcome except by countering it with more love, more goodness.'
- Finally, Pope Francis added that the Church must promote, "the inestimable goods of justice, peace, and the care of creation and concern for migrants, those in need, the sick, the excluded and marginalized, the imprisoned and the unemployed, as well as victims of armed conflict, natural disasters, and all forms of slavery and torture."

**The Knights of Columbus Marian Council 3864** will be having a Rosary Service on Wednesday December 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel at Holy Spirit. They will be hosting the Holy Family Icon during this time. Come join us to pray the Rosary in the presence of this Icon.



**RCIA Dinners Needed:** Do you love to cook? Are you looking for a simple way to support our evangelization efforts? Our RCIA program currently has 4 people interested in joining the Catholic faith! Each session begins with dinner for the participants, their sponsors, and the team members

(approximately 8 people.) Sessions meet on Tuesday evenings and we are looking for volunteers interested in donating/preparing meals from now through Pentecost. This is a great way to meet our candidates and catechumens and welcome them to our parishes. Please contact Mark Butler at 614-861-1521, ext. 12 for more information or to sign up.

**Mount Carmel East Hospital Masses:** Mass is offered at Mount Carmel East Chapel every Wednesday and Friday at noon, and every Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

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**Around the Diocese...**

**Late Christmas Day Mass:** If someone you know is seeking a late Sunday Mass on Christmas Day because of work or other obligations, Saint Joseph Cathedral on 212 East Broad Street, Columbus, will be offering a late Christmas Day Mass at 5:15 p.m. as part of their regular Sunday Mass Schedule. For more information, call the Cathedral at 614-224-1295 or visit [www.saintjosephcathedral.org](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.org)



**Catholic Cemeteries:** The schedule for all of the Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus offices for the Christmas season as follows:

Saturday, December 24-Christmas Eve -

Regular Saturday hours - 8:00 a.m. to noon;

Sunday, Christmas Day - Closed;

Monday - all offices are closed.

Saturday, December 31-New Year's Eve -

Regular Saturday hours - 8:00 a.m. to noon,

Sunday, New Year's Day - Closed;

Monday - all offices are closed.

**Vehicle Donations To The Josephinum:** The Pontifical College Josephinum is a Roman Catholic Seminary located in Columbus. Seminarians at the Josephinum that are studying for the priesthood need transportation from time to time for a variety of local needs.

The Josephinum has a fleet of vehicles that seminarians utilize for transportation and could use additional vans. If you have a used van that you would like to donate to the Josephinum and obtain an income tax deduction for 2016, please contact the business office at 985-2230 so that arrangements can be made to deliver the van before December 31, 2016.

The Josephinum is a non-profit charitable organization and will provide you with the appropriate documentation for the donation of a vehicle.

**From the Chair with Bishop Campbell on AM 820 Tuesday, January 3rd.** Bishop Campbell meets with our high school students from St. Francis DeSales, Bishop Watterson, Bishop Ready, Bishop Hartley, William V. Fisher Catholic, Newark Catholic, Christo Rey and St. Charles Preparatory High Schools for the 7th Annual Student Forum from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Tune in by car, stream live or download the free St. Gabriel Catholic Radio app to hear the students of our diocese.

**Young Professional Group:** Join the Catholic Foundation's Young Professional Group as we travel to St. Vincent Family Centers! (<http://svfc.org>). We will meet Wednesday, January 18, 2017, from 6:00-9:30 p.m. at 1490 East Main Street. Will have a speaker discuss the mission and purpose of the center as well as how it helps the community. Tours will also be given. Following the presentation and tours, will meet at Rusty Bucket (2158 East Main) for networking.

**Call for Volunteers - Catholic Social Concerns "Spirit of Hope" Gala:** Are you looking for meaningful volunteer opportunities? Have you thought about volunteering for Catholic Social Services, but never got around to contacting us? Well, now is your chance!

We are in need of volunteers for our Spirit of Hope Gala event. Volunteers are needed in the months leading up to the event (for help collecting and organizing auction items, making phone calls, and participating on our committee) and volunteers are also needed on the day of the event to ensure things run smoothly.

The Gala will be on March 11th, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at the Columbus Hilton Downtown, 401 North High Street. Contact Mackenzie Burton at [mburton@colscs.org](mailto:mburton@colscs.org) or 614-857-1254 for more information or to volunteer!

**National Migration Week - "Creating A Culture of Encounter":** National Migration Week, January 8-14, 2017, is an opportunity for the Catholic Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. Online tool kit of resources for parishes and schools, go to [www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week](http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week) or contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.