Holy Spirit Parish St. Philip the Apostle

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Christmas 2014

Holy Spirit and St. Philip Church The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 28, 2014

for the Mass Intentions Week Saturday, December 27 The Vigil Mass of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip - Paul Morrow (JoAn Dumas) 5:30 p.m. Clara, Mike, Pat Sergio (Sergio Family) Sunday, December 28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Readings: 17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 2:22-40 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip - For the People of Holy Spirit and St. Philip Parishes 11:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit - Sisters of the Carmalite Monastery (Shirley Wallace) Monday, December 29, The Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Readings: 202: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip - Dick Todd (JoAn Dumas) Tuesday, December 30, The Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Readings: 203: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40 8:15 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit - Elizabeth C. Zag (Joe Zag) Wednesday, December 31 The Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Readings: 13: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip - John Elk (Martha Wiler Family) 4:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit - Msgr. Ralph Huntzinger (Fr. Mike Nimocks) Thursday, January 1, 2015 The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 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 - Mary Hammonds (Pat Berry) 10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit -Melinda Butler (Parish Gift Mass) Friday, January 2, St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church Readings: 205: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28 8:15 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit - Ruth Eckstein (John and Allison Manson) Saturday, January 3 The Vigil Mass of The Epiphany of the Lord 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip - Frank and Helen Meehan (Pat Berry) 5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit - For the People of Holy Spirit and St. Philip Parishes Sunday, January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord Readings: 20: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip - Mary Romary (Pat Klingler and Family) 11:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit -Virginia Brenneman (Patricia Turnor)

From the Pastor's Desk...

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. Oftentimes the narrative of the Scripture readings reflect the theological point the author was trying to teach his readers. The Gospels do not tell us a whole lot about the childhood of Jesus or their life at home in Nazareth. In Luke, we read about the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the ominous prophesy of Simeon. Luke also tells us how the boy Jesus became lost in Jerusalem at the time of Passover and how his parents discovered him in the Temple, conversing with the teachers of the Law.

What theological point is Luke making? Simeon calls the birth of this child a "light of revelation to the Gentiles and glory for [your] people Israel." The first controversy of Christian belief was an effort to restrict Christianity to "prepared" Jewish listeners only. Luke, however, clearly states that salvation is intended for all – Jews and non-Jews, which opened up belief for the Greeks and Romans as well. Matthew does the same in his Gospel with the visit of the Magi to Jesus. The Magi were of course non-Jews and their journey, seeking the newborn king of the Jews, disturbs all Jerusalem.

What God offers – what Jesus brings – salvation – is intended for all people. While we might not think that this is so controversial today, think it over a bit. Pope Francis is doing his level headed best to get the whole Church to understand that faith, salvation, the Kingdom is offered to all of us. Churches (or their members), instead of holding the doors wide open for everyone, find ways to limit their membership. (Odd, isn't it?) Francis has not changed any Church laws. He just sees so many people who have left the Church or who have been shown the door and has posed the question, "Can anything be done?" He said as much in his now famous onboard airline interview with the press. " "Who am I to judge," he said.

The Christmas message of peace on earth to men of good will was addressed to poor shepherds. This Gospel announcement is intended for all to hear. Jesus Christ did not distinguish between the holy and the unwashed. He calls all to a change of heart, to turn away from sin, and to believe in the Gospel. The Holy Family was confronted by enormous challenges and dangers, just as families are today. Some survive and some are broken by theses difficulties. But the message of Christmas has been broadcast far and wide in the last several weeks. Why? Because it offers comfort, hope, and direction for all of us!

Continue to celebrate Christmas! Fr. Bill Arnold

January 1, 2015 – Feast of Mary, the Mother of God: New Year's Day, January 1, is a celebration of the Motherhood of Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are listed under shared information in this bulletin.

Information for Holy Spirit Parish

Please Remember in your prayers Richard Wood, age 66, who died on Thursday, December 18, 2014. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on December 22, 2014, at Holy Spirit. Burial will follow at a later time at St. Joseph Cemetery. Please keep Richard and his family in your prayers. May his soul and all the souls of our faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

Parish Offertory Summary: Because of bulletin deadlines for the holidays, the December 20 and 21 Offertory will be in next week's bulletin.

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers are needed for the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses. Please contact Mrs. Julie Cottrill at 614-861-1521 or <u>music@holyspiritcolumbus.org</u> if you can help.



Thursday, January 1, 2015 – Happy New Year! The Happy Spirits Meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2015, has been cancelled.

Holy Spirit School News – Monday, December 22, 2014 through January 2, 2015 – NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break



Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on January 1, 2015, and will reopen on Friday, January 2, 2015.

Thank You from St. Vincent de Paul – Because of your generosity, we were able to help 100 families enjoy this past Thanksgiving season. They had the option to dine-in or take-out their Thanksgiving meal from Bob Evans and enjoy treats in front of the TV for later. The grocery bags full of personal care items were well received. The Target gift cards give them a little help toward Christmas.

Thank you for thinking of the needs in our own community. Have a very Happy and Blessed New Year!

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.

Information for St. Philip Parish

Please Remember in your prayers all the sick, homebound or recovering of our parish.

Ministry Schedule:

Wednesday, December 31, 2014 – 4:00 p.m. Servers: Abraham and Christian Fouts Lector: Nancy Glover Eucharistic Ministers: JoAn Dumas, Jenise Hammonds, Bertie Shal

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Ministry Schedule: Saturday, January 3, 2015 – 4:00 p.m. Servers: Tom and Emma Kitsmiller Lector: JoAn Dumas Eucharistic Ministers: Angie Carfagna, Lois Hanf, Deacon George Zimmermann

Ministry Schedule, Sunday, January 4, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. Servers: Eric Kulas and Kamdon Royce Lector: Tani Rotonda Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Carter, Marianne Krebs, Deacon George Zimmermann

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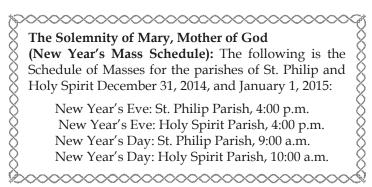
Calendars for the New Year are available at the church doors.

St. Vincent de Paul Members would like to thank everyone for their generosity for the past six months. We have collected \$4,092.00 through the "bucket collection." God Bless everyone.

Did you know there is a small Library in the rear of the church? Have you ever taken the time to browse the selections? Please feel free to browse and borrow materials.

Thank you for all those who helped with our census update. We are completing our report and it is being sent to the diocese. If you did not fill out the brief form and still wish to be registered at St. Philip, it is not too late. Forms are available in the church and can be returned in the collection basket or mailed or emailed to the office. You can always call Marti at the office and update your information over the phone. Being registered at a parish allows us to serve whatever needs you and your family may have (examples: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Burial, special Mass requests and spiritual education).

Our Shared Parish Events and Information



Christmas Thank-Yous! There are any number of people who need to be acknowledged and thanked because of all the extra hard work they put in to make Christmas so wonderful here at Holy Spirit.

- Thank you to all who donated so generously for the St. Philip Food Pantry and Giving Tree; Thanksgiving Grocery Basket Collection; to all who helped a young person from Whitehall in the "Whitehall Kids" Christmas project.
- Thank you to all who responded so favorably to the Annual Fund Collection for Holy Spirit School. Support for Holy Spirit School and keeping Catholic Education alive and vibrant in our Parish is an important goal!
- Thanks go out to all at St. Philip and Holy Spirit who assisted in making the Christmas liturgies so beautiful. Musicians, Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Greeters stepped up to make our holiday celebration all it should be.
- Thank you to all who assisted in the decorating of the churches St. Philip and Holy Spirit for Christmas. The flowers are the gift to the parishes of St. Philip and Holy Spirit from all who wanted to remember their loved ones at Christmas. Thank you for your support.
- Thank you to all who have supported Holy Spirit Parish and St. Philip Parish during the past year. Your contributions provide the funds to keep our parishes functioning.

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.

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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@holyspirit</u> <u>columbus.org</u>.

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Bethesda Healing Ministry has an immediate opening for part-time administrative support in our office on the campus of Christ the King Parish. Must be organized, an excellent communicator, enjoy a variety of interpersonal contacts and tasks, proficient in basic office skills. Excellent computer skills such as working with Outlook, Word and mail merges a definite plus! Must be knowledgeable of the Catholic faith. Position is part-time, approximately 24 hours per week. For more information, please contact Bethesda Healing Ministry at 614-718-0277.

St. Therese Retreat Center (located at 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43213), will be gathering for a New Year's Eve Mass celebrated by Fr. James Colman on December 31st, at 7:00 p.m. Praise and Worship will begin at 6:00 p.m. Fellowship will be held at 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Catholic Charismatic Renewal at 614-914-8556.

Information from the Martin de Porres Center – The following programs will be presented on January 17th by Sister Lisa Marie Belz, OSU, Ph.D. Suggested donation is \$15.00 per program or \$25 for both. Please register by January 13th. Call 614-416-1910 or email <u>martindeporres@oppeace.org</u>.

January 17th – 10:00-11:45 a.m. – "Paul and the Role of Women: Sorting through the Contradictions."

January 17th – 12:30-2:30 p.m. – "Growth in Prayer according to Theresa of Avila and John of the Cross."

The morning session will explore the tensions and questions around Paul's instruction About the proper place of women, in light of discoveries of the earliest surviving copies of Paul's letters. The afternoon workshop will focus on Teresa of Avila's teachings on growth in prayer and John's insights on the transformations and integration of the spiritual journey. If you plan to attend both programs, please bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

St. Peter and Paul Retreat Center is available for personal and business luncheons. It is located at 2734 Seminary Road, Newark, Ohio 43056. Just call 740-928-4246.