

Holy Spirit and St. Philip Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014



Saturday, December 6

The Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip – For the People of Holy Spirit and St. Philip Parishes

5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit –Antonio Pellechia (Pellechia Family)

Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: 25: Is 40:1-5,9-11/Ps 85:9-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip – Kelly Kitsmiller (Dinah Blakenship)

11:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – Ed Podolski (Don and Nancy Kelley)

Monday, December 8,

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: 689: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip – Joe Klingler (Pat Klingler and Family)

1:15 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – (All School Liturgy) For the People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip – Janet Livingston (Friends and Family)

Tuesday, December 9

Readings: 182: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13/Mt 18:12-14

8:15 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – William English (Joe Pangrazio)

Wednesday, December 10

Readings: 183: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4,8,10/Mt 11:28-30

8:15 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – (In Day Chapel) Deceased Members of Chatfield Family (Family)

Thursday, December 11

Readings: 184: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13b/Mt 11:11-15

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip – Mary Kastle (Andy Kastle)

Friday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Readings: 690A: Zec 2:14-17/Ps Jdt 13:18bc, 19/Lk 1:26-38

1:15 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – In Church – All-School Liturgy – Charlotte Braun (Marjorie Hall)

Saturday, December 13

The Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip – Daniel Bochra and Family (Rose Bochra)

5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – Deceased Members of the Sergio Family (Sergio Family)

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: 8: Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11/Ps Lk 1:46-50, 53-54/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip – Josephine Fantozzi (Mary Jo Smith)

11:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – Special Intention (Connie Williams)

From the Pastor's Desk...

The Gospel is often referred to by the root meaning of the word itself: "good news." Good news is an event that makes people stop and take notice, appreciate and eventually repeat. It stirs up not only positive emotions but also positive reactions on the part of listeners. Good news has a way of energizing everyone from their troubles and changing the mood of the entire room, so to speak. It echoes and reverberates and gets passed along and then back again, all over again.

Today's readings, for the Second Sunday of Advent, leave that very same feeling and impact – real good news – if you appreciate the background and context of these readings. The first reading, from Isaiah, actually gave the great composer Handel the opening words to his famous oratorio "Messiah." "Comfort, comfort ye, my people" says the Lord. This is indeed good news to the people of Judah, who have been held as hostages and slaves in Babylon for over fifty years. It is encouraging, comforting news that their plight in a distant foreign land was about over and they were going home. The hand of God was moving the new ruler, Cyrus of Persia, to send them all home. It is God himself who will lead them home like the shepherd leading the flock home from distant pastures. This was good news – this was the long awaited, final release!

The Gospel from Mark is the very beginning of the "good news" according to Mark, whose Gospel we shall hear for an entire year. Unlike Matthew and Luke, he does not explain or narrate the origins or birth of Jesus, but he starts in at the beginning of the work of John the Baptist, who is announcing "good news." John proclaims a baptism of repentance with water as the symbol of a spiritual cleansing from sin. He announces that someone is coming, mightier than he, whose sandals he (John) is unworthy to unfasten. He announces that repentance for sins is now necessary and important because He is coming.

Both readings announce to their listeners a new beginning – a "rebeginning." The captive slaves get to go home to Jerusalem and be a free people. Those baptized by John receive release from their sins and are suitably prepared for the coming of one "mightier than he," who will baptize with the Spirit, the very presence of God. This is how we are to view Advent. We are about to be ushered into a new era, a celebration of God's renewed presence with his people. Having set aside slavishness to our faults and failures, we prepare to make room in our lives for the very presence of God. This is indeed good news at the beginning of the Gospel of Mark.

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 and Msgr. William A. Dunn.

Please remember in your prayers Betty Grabovich, age 90, who died on Monday, December 1, 2014. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for her at Holy Spirit on Friday, December 5th at 12:00 p.m. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Please keep Betty and her family in your prayers.

Parish Offertory Summary: November 22 and 23

Offertory Envelopes (138)	\$5,010.85
Loose Offerings	\$ 284.10
St. Vincent de Paul (11)	\$ 335.00
Capital Improvement (5)	\$ 150.00
Tuition (1)	\$ 5.00
Human Development (15)	\$ 213.00
Thanksgiving (13)	\$ 189.00
Immaculate Conception (2)	\$ 15.00
Christmas (1)	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers (3)	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 46.30
Total	\$6,308.25

Parish Offertory Summary:

November 29 and 30 and Thanksgiving

Offertory Envelopes (102)	\$5,158.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 387.66
St. Vincent de Paul (17)	\$ 310.00
Capital Improvement (2)	\$ 75.00
Human Development (3)	\$ 107.00
Thanksgiving (32)	\$ 597.00
Immaculate Conception (2)	\$ 20.00
Christmas (2)	\$ 60.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers (20)	\$ 535.00
Catholic Charities (1)	\$ 10.00
Total	\$7,284.66

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.

Christmas Flower Memorial (PLEASE PRINT)

In Memory of _____

Offered by _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

Information for St. Philip Parish

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who have died:

Glenna Collura, age 88, who died this past Saturday, November 29, 2014. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, December 3, at Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel. Entombment followed at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Mary Ann O'Neal, age 89, who died on Sunday, November 23, 2014. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel on Friday, November 28. Interment to follow.

James Alexander who died on Friday, November 28, 2014. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here at St. Philip on Saturday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. Interment at a later date.

May their souls 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 Tina Langston, Sally Mastenbrook.

Ministry Schedule: Monday, December 8 - 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Carl Emmenegger and Jim Orr

Lector: JoAn Dumas

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Carter, Pat Klingler

Ministry Schedule: Monday, December 8 - 7:00 p.m.

Servers: Eric Kulas and Kamden Royce

Lector: Brad Walters

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Decker, Teri Luzio,
Marcia Walters

Ministry Schedule: Saturday, December 13, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Madison Tesi and Ivey Walker

Lector: Judy Ketterer

Eucharistic Ministers: JoAn Dumas, Nancy Glover,
Debbie Pecinovsky

Ministry Schedule: Sunday, December 14 - 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Carl Emmenegger and Sean Fouts

Lector: Teri Luzio

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Burkey, Carole Burkey,
Deacon George Zimmermann

Parish Offertory Summary: November 22 and 23

Contributions (118)	\$3,734.25
Capital Improvement (2)	\$ 20.00
St. Vincent de Paul (8)	\$ 254.00
Human Development (11)	\$ 132.00
Flowers (23)	\$ 473.00
Total	\$4,613.25

Parish Offertory Summary: November 29 and 30

Contributions (76)	\$3,115.90
St. Vincent de Paul (1)	\$ 20.00
Flowers (14)	\$ 327.00
Candles	\$ 28.25
Total	\$3,491.15

St. Vincent de Paul Members will be seeking your donations after Masses on December 13 and 14. Unfortunately the needs of others know no season. Please be extra generous during this holiday season.



Additional Information for Holy Spirit Parish

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.

Ministers needed for the Masses of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This includes Servers and Lectors. Please call Julie Cottrill at the Parish Office (861-1521).



Whitehall Community Kids' Christmas: Thank you for taking ornaments from the Giving Tree! There are a few more tags left which need to be taken care of. If you didn't take a tag and would like to donate toward the purchase of those gifts, please place a donation in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office and mark the envelope "Giving Tree." Kathie Rath of our parish will be going out to purchase the items that are needed. Anything you can do for this project will help. Thank you for your generosity!



IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 8 - Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. (School Library)
Tuesday, December 9 - R.C.I.A. - 6:30 p.m. (Parish Office)
Wednesday, December 10 - Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 11 - Bell Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe - All School Liturgy - Mass in Church - 1:15 p.m.

Holy Spirit School News

Sunday, December 7 - Winter Carnival in School - 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 8 - All-School Liturgy (Immaculate Conception - Holy Day) - 1:15 p.m. - Mass in Church

Friday, December 12 - All-School Liturgy (Our Lady of Guadalupe) - 1:15 p.m. - Mass in Church



Holy Spirit Winter Carnival, sponsored by the Mothers' Club, takes place **TODAY**, Sunday, December 7 in the school from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy lunch (in the gym). Also check out the Book Fair, buy goodies from the bake sale and the Secret Santa Shop. Come and support Holy Spirit School and enjoy an afternoon with Family and Friends!



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 www.holy-spirit-school-org 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.

Additional Information for St. Philip Parish

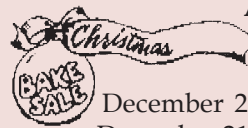
Please share in the season of giving. Our giving trees hold tags for those at Regency Manor and for the needs of the food pantry. Please return your wrapped gift with the tag firmly attached to the package by Sunday, December 21st. Gifts will be distributed that day after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Join the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



Secret Santa News and Invitation - The Annual tradition of Secret Santa at St. Philip will be held **TODAY**, 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.

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

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.

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

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 On a Night Like This. On a Night Like This 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.



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 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 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 reled@holyspiritcolumbus.org.

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St. Dominic Catholic Church and St. Andrew Presbyterian Church will present a Christmas Concert on December 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Dominic Church, 453 N. 20th Street, Columbus, Ohio 43202.