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Holy Spirit & St. Philip Church
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022



Saturday, December 17 – Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip – Greta Emmenegger**
(Jeanine Lee)
- 5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – Deceased Members of the Tata, Fiorini & Scali Families** (Gina Tata)

Sunday, December 18 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: 10: Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24:1-6 / Rm 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip – Matilda Hofacker**
(St. Philip Parish)
- 11:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – For the People of Holy Spirit & St. Philip Parishes**

Monday, December 19

Readings: 195: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17 / Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday, December 20

Readings: 196: Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24:1-6 / Lk 1:26-38

- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip – Herbert Torr**
(Steve & Nancy Miller)

Wednesday, December 21 – St. Peter Canisius

Readings: 197: Sg 2:8-14 / Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 / Lk 1:39-45

- 9:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – John Skirtich**
(Parish Gift Mass)

Thursday, December 22

Readings: 198: 1 Sm 1:24-28 / (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 / Lk 1:46-56

- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip – Evelyn Bailey**
(Steve & Nancy Miller)

Friday, December 23 – St. John of Kanty

Readings: 199: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14 / Lk 1:57-66

- 9:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – Anthony Iacobone**
(Parish Gift Mass)

Saturday, December 24 – 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 – Pat Morris**
(Fr. William Arnold)
- 6:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – Shawn Patrick Head**
(Allen Head)

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 – For the People of St. Philip & Holy Spirit Parishes**
- 11:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – Pete Polk**
(Fr. William Arnold)

From the Pastor's Desk...

The Gospel consistently calls each reader of its message to place faith and trust in God. The Gospel narrative offers, time and again, the example of strong yet simple reliance upon God and the overwhelming good which comes to those who place their future and cares in God's hands.

Consider the dilemma of the unassuming, simple man named Joseph. In the ordinary course of his life, he chooses a woman for his wife. Joseph's intention to marry her is jolted by some unexpected and bad news. His betrothed is pregnant with child. He knows the child cannot be his own. He is probably hurt and somewhat angered. At least that would be the normal, expected reaction. Confronted by this scandal, he could have publicly exposed his beloved, or behind the scene, quietly divorced her and broken the engagement.

Instead, Joseph decides to interpret this crisis through faith. He decides to listen to God directing his life through his messenger, who tells him, "Do not be afraid." Joseph embraces an invitation to place confidence in God and to act not out of fear and pride, but out of a response born of faith. Another more self-righteous and self-confident man might have moved to protect his own reputation first. Instead, he awakens from the sleep of self-doubt and decides to do as the Lord had commanded him.

When I was much younger, I remember my parents urging me, after cranky episodes or fits of whining, to get a good night's sleep. Afterward, they believed a clearer, more rested mind would guide my behavior. They were right, as it turned out. The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent offers us this, but far more. Joseph, in his sleep, decides to put aside personal doubt and potential shame and to embrace what God would have him do. God's grace, working in the human person, can accomplish miracles.

Have a Good Week!
Fr. Bill Arnold



Experience the Sacrament of God's Healing Grace.

Last opportunity for Confession before Christmas:


Monday, December 19 at Holy Spirit – 4:00-6:30 p.m.

(Two priests will be available for Confession.)

Information for Holy Spirit Parish


Parish Offertory Summary: December 10/11


Offertory Envelopes (72)	\$ 3,874.00
Loose	\$ 184.00
St. Vincent de Paul (8)	\$ 5,313.00
Religious Retirement (11)	\$ 315.00
All Saints Day (1)	\$ 30.00
Thanksgiving (2)	\$ 40.00
Christmas (1)	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers (12)	\$ 263.00
Immaculate Conception (17)	\$ 383.00
Catholic Charities (2)	\$ 75.00
Capital Improvement (10)	\$ 233.00
Human Development (2)	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 10,765.00

 **A Christmas Gift for Your Parish:** We put many people on our Christmas shopping lists. Please consider a Christmas gift to your parish. We celebrate our faith and come to know fellow parishioners on our journey through life to God. Help keep your parish financially strong for the future – remember Holy Spirit Parish this Christmas.

Please Remember in Your Prayers: Lorra Tilson, age 67, the sister of Shelly Willis, who is a member of Holy Spirit Parish. Lorra died at home on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2022. The Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated for her on Thursday, December 15th, at Schoedinger N.E. Please keep Lorra and her family in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Thank you!


 **Whitehall Kids Christmas:** Thank you for all you did to make the Giving Tree project for our Whitehall Kids Christmas a great success. Through the generosity of many, we were able to deliver all the gifts requested! This year, many basic necessities were requested, and those will be opened on Christmas morning, as well as a few surprises! We cannot thank you enough for embracing this project for kids in need in our community. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.


Christmas Season Gratitude is extended  to the Central Ohio Woodturners for their support of our efforts to assist the needy here at Holy Spirit. The Woodturners meet in the Parish Hall once a month to learn more about their hobby and craft (making things out of wood)! Every year, they take up a collection for our food pantry. We are grateful to them for their generosity to our neighbors here in Whitehall. Thanks especially to our parishioner, Mike Trucco, who heads up that effort!


Information for St. Philip the Apostle Parish

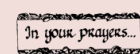
Parish Offertory Summary: December 10/11

Contributions (33)	\$ 1,636.00
Holy Days (26)	\$ 647.00
Capital Improvement (3)	\$ 160.00
Food Pantry (4)	\$ 75.00
Christmas Flowers (4)	\$ 85.00
Diocesan Charities (1)	\$ 10.00
Religious Retirement (10)	\$ 375.00
Human Development (1)	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 3,008.00

 **A Christmas Gift for Your Parish:** 'Tis the season of giving. As we spread our joy and good cheer, consider adding St. Philip Church to your gift list. Wishing you a Happy and Holy Christmas season as we await the birth of our Savior.

 The Sacrament of Marriage was celebrated by Edwin Bonham, Jr. and Alaina White, daughter of Clay White and the late Patricia White, at St. Philip the Apostle Parish on December 3, 2022. The St. Philip Parish family wishes them many happy years together!

 **St. Philip Food Pantry:** Thank you to everyone who helped with the November food collection. The St. Philip Food Pantry appreciates your generosity and willingness to assist those in need. **We will have a bucket collection this weekend, December 17/18.** Thank you again for your contributions.

 **Please remember in your prayers:** Trudi Rieser, Madeline Streich, and David Spencer, and all the sick, homebound or recovering in our parish. Pray for those in our parish coping with physical and mental health conditions.

Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, December 24, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Nancy Glover

Ministry Schedule:

Sunday, December 25, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Carolyn Jurkowitz

Parish Christmas Celebration! Please join us for our parish Christmas celebration after 9:00 a.m. Mass **today, December 18th** at the school cafeteria. Enjoy breakfast treats and a hot beverage. Jolly Ol' St. Nicholas will be there with treats for all, and to pose with your family for a photo in front of the Christmas tree. Kids of all ages are invited to visit our Secret Santa Shop to select and wrap gifts for their family. We look forward to celebrating with you!!



Additional Holy Spirit Information



Holy Spirit School students are headed into the fourth week of Advent and their final two days at school for 2022! We are on Christmas Break from December 21st through January 3rd. School will resume on Wednesday, January 4th. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Many blessings to all of you in 2023!

– Miss Kathy Costello, Principal

2022 Annual Campaign for Holy Spirit School:

Holy Spirit School is turning to its parents, friends, and supporters in the 2022 Gift to the Spirit Annual Campaign.



This year, our Parish School celebrates its 71st Anniversary in the Whitehall Community. We are proud of the education we provide. We must, however, always update and modernize our facilities.

Our project for the 2022-2023 academic year is to begin the process of upgrading security in our school building and surrounding property.

We know that you share our great concern for the safety of our students! We would appreciate your prayerful consideration. Envelopes are in the back of Church. Please help us in meeting the challenges ahead! Thank you.



Please Help Decorate Your Church! We need your help to decorate the church for Christmas. On **Thursday, December 22nd**, at 4:00 p.m., we will begin decorating

for Christmas. We appreciate any help you can give on that day.

Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, December 24, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Bob & Dee Dadik

Servers: Alex Dininni, Richie Dininni

Eucharistic Ministers: Bob & Kathy Zimmerman

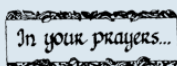
Ministry Schedule:

Sunday, December 25, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Bill Heinmiller

Servers: Kevin Gonzalez, Daisy Gonzalez

Eucharistic Ministers: Lois Baglione, Clifton Hawkins



Please remember in your prayers: all the sick, homebound, or recovering in our parish, especially Ned Braun, Bernie Comer, Lu & Bob Cudak, Edith J.B. Ingram, Carl Jura, Steve & Nancy Sagle, Maria Stevenson, and Geri Torr.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Almighty God and Father of light,
a child is born for us and a son is given to us.*

*Your eternal Word leaped down from heaven
in the silent watches of the night,
and now Your Church is filled with wonder
at the nearness of her God*

*Open our hearts to receive His life and
increase our vision with the rising of dawn,
that our lives may be filled with His glory and
His peace, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*

Christmas Mass Schedule

**Saturday, December 24, at St. Philip –
4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 24, at Holy Spirit –
6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 25, at St. Philip –
9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, December 25, at Holy Spirit –
11:00 a.m.**



Christmas Catholic Charities Collection:

This collection is for a variety of 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 share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year. Envelopes are in your packet.

Give Something That Means Something!

The American Red Cross Blood Drive: Whitehall United Methodist Church is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, December 27th, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. WUMC is located at 525 Bernhard Road in Whitehall. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS, or visit www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: WhitehallUMC.



Shared Parish Information



Feast of the Holy Family: Friday, December 30, 2022 – There will be one Mass that day at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit. Many

Catholics unfortunately take a pass on attending Mass on this day. But as we come to the end of the year, I want you to know what prayer intentions are connected to this feast:

- We pray for all families who work hard, raise their children, pay their bills, and struggle every day with the duties and troubles of daily life.
- We remember all families who are grieving this holiday season over the loss of a loved one and people close to them.
- We pray for families divided because of war or civil violence; families separated by immigration or deportation; families apart because of imprisonment; families separated by divorce, or families torn apart by domestic violence at home.
- We remember families separated because a loved one is serving in harm's way in the armed forces.
- We pray for all families whose parents are in nursing or care centers, especially elderly folks who are separated from their children who live great distances away.

Father, help us to love as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all people that we may share in your life forever. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



January 1, 2023, The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God: This day has also been designated as a Day of Prayer for World Peace.

The Masses will honor Mary, the Mother of God, and on the first day of the New Year, 2023, we will together pray for peace throughout the world, especially for protection from armed nuclear conflict and the threat of terror anywhere in the world. Masses will be celebrated as follows:

- ~ Saturday, December 31, at St. Philip – 4:00 p.m.
- ~ Saturday, December 31, at Holy Spirit – 5:30 p.m.
- ~ Sunday, January 1, at St. Philip – 9:00 a.m.
- ~ Sunday, January 1, at Holy Spirit – 11:00 a.m.



56th Day of Prayer for World Peace: Every Holy Father since Pope Paul VI in 1967 (that includes John Paul II, Pope Benedict, and Pope Francis) has called upon Catholics and peoples of the world to pray for peace. The Holy Father commands neither military force nor an arsenal of weapons to “fight” for peace. Rather, Pope Francis uses the words of Jesus in Luke’s Gospel.

In sending His disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them:

“Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you.”

Pope Francis has emphasized the role of good politics – more specifically – **good politicians**, as key to bringing peace to the world and society. Politicians should see themselves as the **servants of all**. These qualities the politicians of every (or any) nation ought to possess. They are called the “Beatitudes of the Politician.”

- Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role.
- Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.
- Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest.
- Blessed be the politician who remains consistent.
- Blessed be the politician who works for unity.
- Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change.
- Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.
- Blessed be the politician who is without fear.

One thing is certain: Good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.

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