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3:30 p.m. on Saturday

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Holy Spirit & St. Philip Church
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

Saturday, December 3 – Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip – Greta Emmenegger
(Angie Carfagna)

5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – Deceased Members of the
Henne & Slevin Families (Rick & Ryan Henne)

Sunday, December 4 – The Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: 4: Is 11:1-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 / Rom 15:4-9 /
Mt 3:1-12

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip – Patti Grove (Maggie Grove)

11:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – For the People of
Holy Spirit & St. Philip Parishes

Monday, December 5 –

Readings: 181: Is 35:1-10 / Ps 85:9-14 / Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 6 – St. Nicholas

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

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip – Robert Ortman
(Dick & Trudi Rieser)

Wednesday, December 7 – St. Ambrose

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

9:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – Lucia & Tony Canini
(Family)

Thursday, 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 – Mr. & Mrs. Fred Miller
(Steve & Nancy Miller)

10:00 a.m. Mass at The Woodlands – Albert Dolder, Sr.
(Parish Gift Mass)

1:15 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – All-School Liturgy –
Mary Hartzman (Mindy Mays & daughters)

7:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – Ruth Grannan
(Joe Prendergast Sr.)

Friday, December 9 – St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Readings: 185: Is 48:17-19 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Mt 11:16-19

8:15 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit – Valerio Canini
(Mr. & Mrs. Vince Romanelli)

Saturday, December 10 – Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip – Evelyn Bailey
(Gray & Scarberry Families)

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

Sunday, December 11 – The Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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 – Patricia Morris
(Fr. William Arnold)

From the Pastor's Desk...

The words of the Prophet Isaiah in today's first reading may seem to describe an impossible, overly idealistic view of the world and of all human history. There comes a new leader, a Messiah, says the prophet, who is an ideal leader. He will transform the most brutal, forsaken situations of this world in a so far reaching way as to create a new order, even in nature, where the most gentle, defenseless animals fear no harm from their predators. The proof of this leader's genuine credentials, so to speak, is his treatment of the poor:

“Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide a right for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.”

When we hear the words of the prophet, we might think to ourselves, “give us always such a leader, Lord.” Yet alas, in our day, we still wait for such a leader. Why? Because we do not link these words with those of John the Baptist. **John says that this new ruler certainly comes, but we must first open our minds, change our hearts, and undergo an inner conversion.** Only then will we be prepared to welcome such a ruler, when we understand the part we must play.

John's mission was to convince the people that the way things were in their world was not the only possibility, that God had something much better in mind. But a better world begins not with arrival of a big “Mr. Fix It,” an individual, or even God who waves a magic wand and suddenly all is transformed for the better. It begins with a change of heart – conversion of the human heart, which starts with each and every individual.

The world may seem to be a wilderness of pain and disorder. A Messiah who can preach hope and healing is, of course, to be embraced and believed. But there is hope for the world in the coming of the Son of God precisely because of one central fact. **If the world is a mess, it is a mess of our own making. We have the power to change it. But it begins with us.** Listen to John the Baptist in today's Gospel: “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance.” Repent, have a change of heart! Turn away from sin!

Have a Good Week!
Fr. Bill Arnold




Information for Holy Spirit Parish

Parish Offertory Summary: November 26/27

Offertory Envelopes (72)	\$ 4,869.00
Loose	\$ 171.00
St. Vincent de Paul (7)	\$ 417.00
Religious Retirement (1)	\$ 15.00
All Saints Day (2)	\$ 15.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	\$ 15.00
Thanksgiving (13)	\$ 540.00
Christmas (1)	\$ 15.00
Christmas Flowers (12)	\$ 320.00
Immaculate Conception (1)	\$ 15.00
Catholic Charities (1)	\$ 15.00
Human Development (3)	\$ 42.00
Capital Improvement (3)	\$ 73.00
Total	\$ 6,522.00

A Christmas Gift for Your Parish: We put many people on our Christmas shopping list. 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.



 **From Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP):** During the past 6 months, our SVDP members have received unprecedented calls for rental assistance, utilities, and visits to our food pantry. With your generous support, we have been able to provide assistance in these challenging times.

With the Christmas season approaching, we want to provide our neighbors with some extra assistance (in the form of gift cards and some other household necessities) to bring them a bit of cheer and good will. We have been blessed to receive a generous donation to aid in this endeavor, and we are inviting you, our parishioners, to contribute as well.

You will find envelopes in the pews for you to contribute if you wish. Your generosity and support of our efforts is never taken for granted. Please know how much you are appreciated by our neighbors AND our members of St. Vincent de Paul!

Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, December 10, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Lector: Lori Fowler

Servers: Law Wheeler, Mark Fowler

Eucharistic Minister: De Ann Bukowski, Mark Heinmiller

Ministry Schedule:

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

Lector: Jim Cottrill


Servers: William Hertzell, Isabelle Hertzell

Eucharistic Minister: Moné Hertzell, Hank Miller

Information for St. Philip the Apostle Parish


Parish Offertory Summary: November 19/20

Contributions (39)	\$ 1,970.15
Holy Days (3)	\$ 15.00
Capital Improvement (4)	\$ 195.00
Food Pantry (6)	\$ 190.00
Christmas Flowers (10)	\$ 330.00
Human Development Campaign (6)	\$ 195.00
Diocesan Charities (1)	\$ 10.00
Religious Retirement (2)	\$ 55.00
Total	\$ 2,960.15
Candles	\$ 10.00

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.



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 the weekend of December 17/18. Thank you again for your contributions.

 **Please remember in your prayers** Trudi Rieser 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:

Thursday, December 8, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Sharon Woods

Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, December 10, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Judy Ketterer

Ministry Schedule:

Sunday, December 11, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Velda Hofacker

Parish Christmas Celebration! Please bring your family or a friend and join us for our parish Christmas celebration after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 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... including siblings. Adults who wish to visit the shop can do so after all the kids have finished their wrapping. We look forward to celebrating with you!!



Shared Parish Information

Second Sunday of Advent

*Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet Your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to His company.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*



Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated Thursday, December 8th. Mary is the patroness of this country under the title of the Immaculate Conception. Mass for the Holy day will be as follows:

9:00 a.m. – at St. Philip the Apostle

1:15 p.m. – at Holy Spirit

7:00 p.m. – at Holy Spirit

Produce Market: Our parish will be hosting our monthly Produce Market this Friday, December 9th. Volunteers are again needed to help set up, distribute and clean up. Set-up will begin about 1:30 p.m., with distribution from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Come when you can and work as long as you are able.



Experience the Sacrament of God's Healing Grace.

Confession opportunities before Christmas are as follows:

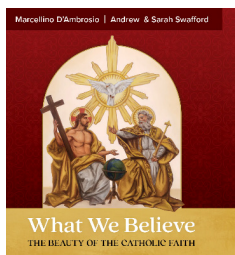
Saturday, December 3 at St. Philip – 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 10 at St. Philip – 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 17 at St. Philip – 3:00-3:45 p.m.

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

(Two priests will be available for Confession.)



Last Autumn Adult Education Session: What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. In the Church, we encounter God in His Word, His sacraments, and His people. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church. **The last session, *Almsgiving: Our Mission of Mercy*, will take place in the Holy Spirit Parish Conference Room from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5th.** Light refreshments will be provided.

Additional Holy Spirit Information



Holy Spirit School students are preparing in many ways for the coming of our Lord Savior, Jesus Christ, making Advent wreaths, learning about the Jesse Tree, and continuing our collection of food items for the holiday food drive. We are looking forward to a visit from St. Nicholas on St. Nicholas Day on Tuesday!

– Kathy Costello, Principal

Regarding “Late Delivery” Church Envelopes:

Some parishioners have contacted the office concerning non-delivery of church envelopes. Even my envelopes (meaning Fr. Arnold's) came late this month. Be assured, the company mailed all packets. It is a problem of delivery by the U.S. Postal Service. In the meantime, use a simple plain envelope with your name on it and you will be given credit.



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.

Shared Parish Information

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 by December 8th.** A list of names and donors will be published in the Christmas bulletin.



Christmas Flower Memorial

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Holy Spirit Church: _____ **St. Philip Church:** _____

Shared Parish Information

Covid-19 Status for December, 2022: You are asked to read and consider the following points as we head into the Advent and Christmas Season:

- Covid spread currently in Ohio is moderate-to-low. Infection remains a distant possibility for all of us, however.
- The third booster against the Omicron variant, the current virus, has been available for some time. Consider getting the vaccine, especially if you are elderly with any health conditions or simply wish to protect yourself and loved ones. Ages five and up are eligible.
- Masks remain optional while in Church. Please, know you are welcome and encouraged to wear one. All our Eucharistic Ministers have been and will be wearing one for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Spread may well increase because of the Thanksgiving holiday and contact with family members. The available medications, especially Plaxovid, are effective in suppressing the virus within five days of symptoms. (Fr. Arnold used Plaxovid in May/June and found it very effective.) Contact your doctor or pharmacy for details.



Support the Retirement Fund for Religious Next Week. The Church owes a great deal to 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 religious orders face enormous costs for their retirement and medical expenses. Individual dioceses are not in the position to carry these expenses alone. Both of our parishes benefited from the work of the Sisters who staffed our schools and served as pastoral ministers. Please help “pay back” these dedicated people who built the Church in the United States. Envelopes are in your packets.



Christmas Cookies! St. John Chrysostom Church is holding their 18th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at 5858 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus. Pirogi and rolls are in limited supply, so preordering is encouraged. Order on our website now until the sale, at www.byzantinecolumbus.com, or call 614-882-6103.

Gospel

The Gospel of Matthew, Cycle A: The new Church calendar year, begins with this season of Advent, reintroducing us to the Gospel according to Matthew.

Most are familiar with Matthew, the tax collector, who was a disciple of Jesus. While it remains possible that “this” Matthew could have been the author of this Gospel, scripture scholars are not at all certain. What they do believe is that the author of this Gospel was most likely a Jewish convert to the Christian faith, and perhaps even a rabbi.

His familiarity with Jewish scriptures is much in evidence. The author of this Gospel often quotes the prophets throughout his text, especially Isaiah. But he also references other Old Testament sources broadly, especially texts supporting the central theme of his Gospel: Jesus Christ is the one who fulfills and completes the Jewish longing for a new relationship of the people with their God.

Matthew’s Gospel, however, also emphasizes the all-embracing, universalistic theme of Salvation which includes the Gentiles, just not the Jewish tribes of Israel. Matthew presents a Jewish Messiah, whose mission embraces “the others,” the Gentiles. He presents a Gospel to be proclaimed and preached to all nations, a distinct departure from traditional Jewish thinking. In Matthew’s infancy narrative, this is most clearly illustrated by the visit of the Magi, foreigners and Gentiles who come to give homage to the newborn “King of the Jews.”



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