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Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 8:15 a.m.

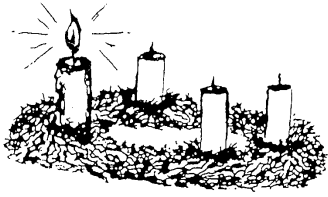
Holy Day Masses 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

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**Holy Spirit Church
First Sunday of Advent
December 2/3, 2023**



Saturday, December 2 – Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. Mass – Thomas Sapp (Linda & Alan Green)

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent
Readings: 2: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 / Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 /
1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37
9:00 a.m. Mass – Anthony Iacobone (Gina Salamony)
11:00 a.m. Mass – June Jackson (Don & Nancy Kelley)

Monday, December 4 – St. John Damascene
Readings: 175: Is 2:1-5 / Ps 122:1-9 / Mt 8:5-11
9:00 a.m. Mass – Richard Lumpe (Fr. Richard Lumpe)

Tuesday, December 5 –
Readings: 176: Is 11:1-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 /
Lk 10:21-24
NO MASS

Wednesday, December 6 – St. Nicholas
Readings: 177: Is 25:6-10a / Ps 23:1-6 / Mt 15:29-37
8:15 a.m. Mass – School Liturgy – Lucia &
Valerio Canini (Pellecchia Family)

Thursday, December 7 – St. Ambrose
Readings: 178: Is 26:1-6 / Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a /
Mt 7:21, 24-27
9:00 a.m. Mass – Patricia Bonewitz (Jeannine Lee)

**Friday, 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
8:15 a.m. Mass – Jim & Jimmy Gillilan
(Nancy, Don, & Marilyn Kelley)
7:00 p.m. Mass – Carolynn Heinmiller
(Todd & Maribeth Marxen)

Saturday, December 9 – Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. Mass – Julie Leitwein (Jim & Fran Orr)

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent
Readings: 5: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ps 85:9-14 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8
9:00 a.m. Mass – For the People of Holy Spirit Parish
11:00 a.m. Mass – Carl Jura (Paul & Joanie Linder)

From the Pastor's Desk...

The season of Advent is upon us. It seemingly comes very quickly and moves along way too fast. None of us has escaped the clear, commercial messages. We have been inundated on the airwaves with announcements about Black Friday and Cyber Monday, reminding us of the urgent need to purchase and spend in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It all seems so overwhelming, this message of commercial preparedness, materialism, and consumption.

We obviously need something more. In today's Gospel passage, the message is simple and clear: "Be watchful! Be alert! May He not come suddenly and find you sleeping." This Gospel exhortation stands in sharp contrast to the advertisements for great deals and bargains. We are awaiting the coming of our God who appears, not when we plan or predict, but when and how He wills. The preaching and parables of Jesus teach us that He comes to save us from the distractions of this world and to save us from ourselves.

We need to prepare and pray that when God comes, He may find us doing right and thinking of God's ways upon His arrival. How do we recognize the appearance of God? Recall, if you will, the words of last Sunday's Gospel. When we see the spiritually and physically hungry, when we visit the sick and imprisoned, when we welcome the stranger and immigrant, when we discover those who live in the shadows out of poverty or shame; when we discover these people, we have seen the face of God.

This is the appearance of God in our times. We discover Christ in the faces and needs of people whom others will never love or care for. We need to show the world how much we believe in Christmas. As people of faith, we must be alert and watchful, now and at all times throughout the year. Our God comes to meet us.

Have a Good Week!
Fr. Veevin Richard



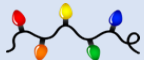
Information for Holy Spirit Parish

Parish Offertory Summary: November 25/26

Offertory Envelopes (78)	\$ 3,190.00
Loose	\$ 311.00
St. Vincent de Paul (8)	\$ 277.00
Capital Improvement (3)	\$ 30.00
Human Development Campaign (1)	\$ 6.00
Thanksgiving (12)	\$ 250.00
Christmas Flowers (9)	\$ 315.00
Total	\$ 4,379.00



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



Whitehall Community Kids Christmas: All gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 3, 2023. If you did not bring your gift back yet, please bring it to the office on Monday. Please be sure to attach the tag from the tree to the unwrapped gift, and, if possible, please include gift receipts with your purchases.



Holy Spirit School students have started preparing for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by making Advent wreaths and learning about the Jesse Tree. We are also looking forward to a visit from St. Nicholas on Wednesday, December 6th.

– Miss Kathy Costello, Principal

2023 Homecoming & Festival Report:

Total Deposits:	\$ 107,653.75
Total Expenses:	\$ 77,220.92
Net Profit to Parish:	\$ 30,432.83

Thanks be to God and the many people who contributed, volunteered, and attended this event.



Please remember in your prayers all the sick, homebound, or recovering in our parish, especially Ned Braun, Carole Brill, Bernie Comer, Lu & Bob Cudak, Judy Dick, Carol Eisenhart, Anne Hill, Joann Huffman, Steve & Nancy Sagle, and Ron Scherer.

Information for St. Philip the Apostle Parish

Offertory Summary for November 25/26:

Contributions (18)	\$ 1,835.35
Holy Days (4)	\$ 85.00
Capital Improvement (1)	\$ 20.00
St. Vincent de Paul (1)	\$ 20.00
Retired Religious (1)	\$ 10.00
Human Development Campaign (2)	\$ 20.45
Diocesan Charities (1)	\$ 10.00
Christmas Flowers (2)	\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 2,040.80
Candles	\$ 51.70

Please remember in your prayers Marilyn Allread, Barb Berry, Jay Masterson, Trudy Rieser, Denny Slusser, and JoAnn Smith, as well as the sick, homebound or recovering in our parish. Pray for those in our parish coping with physical and mental health conditions.

A Note of Gratitude: I am so grateful for all the love, support, and prayers during my most recent illness. As we all search for our next faith community, please remember I will always hold St. Philip parishioners close to my heart.

~ Marti

First Sunday of Advent

*Grant Your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet Your Christ
with righteous deeds at Him coming,
so that, gathered at His right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

Fr. Arnold "Farewell" This is the first weekend when I may call myself for the first time "the former pastor of St. Philip the Apostle and Holy Spirit Parishes. At the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, Bishop Fernandes will formally install Fr. Veevin Richard as the new pastor of Holy Spirit Parish. I urge you all to get behind him, introduce yourself to him, and to continue the work of building this Holy Spirit Parish Community.



Thank you for all I have experienced at Holy Spirit Parish and St. Philip Parish. I will be around from time to time perhaps. I will now need to build a new "lifestyle" for myself apart from the spiritual and administrative duties of being your pastor. The change will be difficult, but I know it will happen. Once again, I extend my gratitude to all of you and will keep Holy Spirit (and the parishioners of St. Philip) in my prayers.

God bless you all,
Fr. Bill Arnold



ADVENT

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 10th.** A list of names and donors will be published in the Christmas bulletin.

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New Mass Times at Holy Spirit:
Beginning today, the First Sunday of Advent there will be a new Mass/Confession schedule at Holy Spirit Church.

Saturday: Confessions at 3:00 p.m.
Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



Friday, December 8, 2023 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holyday of Obligation. Mary is the patroness of this country under the title of the Immaculate Conception. Masses for this day will be **at 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Experience the Sacrament of God’s Healing Grace. Special Advent Confession Times: In addition to the regular, weekly time for Confession, there are two additional times before Christmas.

- **Thursday, December 14, 2023**, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Adults are welcome; Holy Spirit students will be present.)
- **Wednesday, December 20, 2023**, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the Church. (3-4 priests available)

Additional Information for Holy Spirit Parish

Ministry Schedule:

Thursday, December 8, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Deb Matthews

Servers: Blake Wyatt, Isabelle Hertzell

Eucharistic Ministers: Moné Hertzell, Maureen Dodd

Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, December 9, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Iris Quezada

Servers: Elisa, Victoria, & Rocia Isabelle Pardo

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Biscuso,

Tim Hienmiller, De Ann Bukowski

Ministry Schedule:

Sunday, December 10, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Carolyn Jurkowitz

Servers: Lohan Dossou-Koko, Yami Ortega

Eucharistic Ministers: Clifton Hawkins, Geno Hoffman

Ministry Schedule:

Sunday, December 10, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Dar Riturban

Servers: Alex Dininni, Richie Dininni,

Anthony Mendez

Eucharistic Ministers: Lois Baglione,

Mark Butler, Hank Miller



Produce Market This Friday, December 8th. Our parish will be hosting our monthly produce market in the Holy Spirit parking lot this Friday, December 8th. Volunteers are again needed to help set up, distribute and clean up. Setup 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. Weather permitting, we will set up outside. If necessary, the market will be moved inside.

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. 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.



Pope Francis' 54th Ordination Anniversary: Our Holy Father Pope Francis will celebrate 54 years of priesthood on Wednesday, December 13th. Please keep Francis in your prayers as he leads the Church in our time, especially as

he confronts the many problems and challenges that confront the church worldwide.

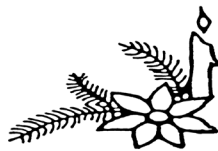
“Father of mercy, we come before You with gratitude for the fifty-four years of priesthood of Pope Francis, whom You have made Peter’s successor. Support him with the Spirit’s gifts, so that he can continue to preach the Gospel with priestly zeal and lead the Church with wisdom and strength and courage. May his example of long and faithful service be an inspiration to Your priests and to all Your faithful. We ask this through Christ our Lord.”

RCIA To Begin Soon: Are you or is someone you know curious about the Catholic faith? Interested in becoming Catholic? Baptized Catholic as a child, but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join the Catholic Church. The first step in this process is a period of inquiry, which is an opportunity to learn more about our parish community, our Catholic faith, and our God. You are welcome to participate with your questions in a warm setting with no commitment required. The first date for this gathering will be announced soon. If you or someone you know is interested in more information, please call 614-861-1521 or e-mail info@holyspiritcolumbus.org.

“Gaudete!” Rejoice! Come join us as we prepare for the birth of our Savior by accompanying Mary, our Mother, from the Annunciation to the Incarnation. The Buckeye Catholic Choir at the St. Thomas More Newman Center will present a concert with music for the Annunciation, Advent, and Christmas season. Please join us December 9th at 7:00 p.m. Rejoice! Christ is born of Mary!



Give Something That Means Something! The American Red Cross Blood Drive: Whitehall United Methodist Church is hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, 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.



URGENT SUPPORT NEEDED IN THE HOLY LAND: As the war rages on, Pope Francis is reaching out to world leaders calling for a cease-fire, entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza and the release of all hostages being held by Hamas. Due to their longstanding presence, Catholic Relief Services has been responding to meet urgent, comprehensive needs, while also monitoring possible extended needs across the region. To support their efforts, pray and consider learning more and donating to CRS at: Catholic Relief Services (crs.org). For more information, contact the diocesan Social Concerns Office at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or call 614-224-2540.



Our Church supports organ and tissue donation and recognizes the healing benefits it can provide for others. We encourage you to learn more about how you can become an organ and tissue donor. By registering to be a donor, you have the potential to save the lives of eight people through organ donation and to enhance the lives of dozens more through tissue donation. For more information about organ and tissue donation or to join the Ohio Donor Registry, please visit www.lifelineofohio.org, or call 614-291-5667.

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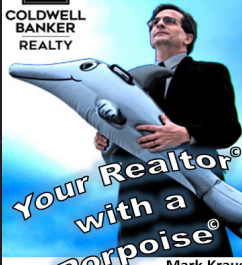
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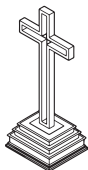
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