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Holy Spirit Church Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 31, 2023

JOY TO THE WORLD

Saturday, December 30 – Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

4:00 p.m. Mass – Frank & Eleanor Wirth (Dominico & Lynn Cervi)

Sunday, December 31 – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Readings:17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Ps 128:1-5 / Col 3:12-21 / Lk 2:22-40

9:00 a.m. Mass – Antonio & Rosa Battaglia (Catherine Iulianelli)

11:00 a.m. Mass – For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

Monday, January 1 – *Solemnity of Mary, 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

> 11:00 a.m. Mass – Thomas Sapp (Roseanne Sapp & Family)

Tuesday, January 2 – *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen* Readings: 205: 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 / Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3 – *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*Readings: 206: 1 Jn 2:29–3:6 / Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 / Jn 1:29-34
9:00 a.m. Mass – Attilio Mike Iulianelli
(Catherine Iulianelli)

Thursday, January 4 – *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*Readings: 207: 1 Jn 3:7-10 / Ps 98:1, 7-9 / Jn 1:35-42
9:00 a.m. Mass – Thomas Sapp

(Roseanne Sapp & Family)

Friday, January 5 – St. John Neumann

Readings: 208: 1 Jn 3:11-21 / Ps 100:1-5 / Jn 1:43-51

9:00 a.m. Mass – In Honor of the 90th Birthday of Carl Seech (Paula Cohen)

9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration – In the Church

Saturday, January 6 – *Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord*Readings: 209: 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20 / Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

4:00 p.m. Mass – Carl Moore, Jr. (Parish Gift Mass)

Sunday, January 7 – 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 – For the People of Holy Spirit Parish 11:00 a.m. Mass – Julie Leitwein (Marilyn Noll)



From the Pastor's Desk...

We celebrate this weekend the Feast of the Holy Family at Nazareth. The family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus is set before us as an example to emulate in our lives. Firstly, in the Holy Family, no lone lived for himself/herself only: they lived for the other. They lived for the love of the other.

Secondly, everything in the family at Nazareth was centered around Jesus the Son of God. Mary and Joseph drew meaning and purpose of their life from Jesus. It was Jesus who strengthened them, when they were weighed down physically and spiritually. As we celebrate this feast, we are called to live for the love of the other and center our lives on Jesus.

We are also on the threshold of the New Year, 2024. We begin the New Year with the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. I pray that Mother Mary intercedes for each of your families. May this new year bring you God's abundant blessings. May God give you good health and prosperous life in the New Year.

Happy & Blessed New Year! Fr. Veevin Richard

Adoration: The Saints drew their energy from the Eucharistic Lord. Spending time in adoring the Lord will keep us healthy physically and spiritually. The new year of 2024 will be a good opportunity to keep it rolling. We shall have Adoration on the First Friday of every month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the main church.

OFFICE CLOSED: Holy Spirit Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1st, New Year's Day. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

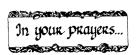
O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Feast of the Holy Family: Sunday, December 31, 2023 – Many Catholics unfortunately take a pass on attending Mass on this day. But as we come to the end the year, may we be reminded of the prayer intentions 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



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.

Parish Offertory Summary: December 16/17

Total	\$ 10,076.00
Tuition (1)	\$ 50.00
Religious Retirement (1)	\$ 40.00
Immaculate Conception (3)	\$ 65.00
Christmas (3)	\$ 135.00
Christmas Flowers (4)	\$ 120.00
Easter Flowers (1)	\$ 20.00
Capital Improvement (5)	\$ 145.00
St. Vincent de Paul (2)	\$ 45.00
Loose	\$ 420.00
Offertory Envelopes (92)	\$ 9,036.00

Due to the printer's publishing deadline, the collection totals for December 23/24/25 will be published in the next bulletin.



Thank You

Gratitude and thanks are extended to all Holy Spirit Parishioners who placed their parish church on their giving list this Christmas season. The support of Holy Spirit is the task of all parishioners. While some can be and are more generous than others, all of us can sacrifice something to make sure our parish stays strong financially. The parish is here to announce the Gospel to the Whitehall community and to deepen the faith of Catholics who call Holy Spirit their home parish. "Thank You" to all for your generosity.

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! We cannot thank you enough for embracing this project for kids in need in our community. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.



Many Thanks to All from St. Vincent de Paul! The members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society wish to extend our sincere thanks to our parishioners who supported our Christmas Blessings event in so many ways! Whether you prayed for the success of this event, baked cookies or brownies, decorated the church hall, volunteered time packing gift bags on the day of the event, or donated funds to make it possible ... ALL of these contributions made a big difference in telling our neighbors that THEY MATTER and that we care about them. What a wonderful day we had as we opened our doors to our neighbors for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun! We could not have done this without all of you, and for this we are grateful! Merry Christmas to all of you!

January 1, 2023, The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God: This day also has been designated as a Day of Prayer for World Peace. The Mass will honor Mary, the Mother of God, and on the first day of the New Year, 2024, we will together pray for peace throughout the world, especially for protection from armed nuclear conflict and the threat of terror anywhere



nuclear conflict and the threat of terror anywhere in the world. There will be one Mass that day at 11:00 a.m.

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, 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.



Christmas Thank Yous! Every year, I feel it is important to express gratitude to the people here at Holy Spirit who have helped make the holiday season as wonderful and rich as it is.

- ~ First, let me thank all of you who support the parish at the holiday season, but also all year long. Your contributions are completely voluntary, and they provide the heat, airconditioning, maintenance and upkeep, as well as the salaries of all who work here.
- ~ The **St. Vincent de Paul volunteers** do a tremendous job in the food pantry. Thank you to those who selflessly donate their time and hard work to serve our neighbors.
- ~ The people who donated so generously to the **Whitehall Kid's Christmas** campaign on our Giving Tree.
- ~ The musicians here at Holy Spirit have put in hard work. They prepare weeks in advance to lead you in worship, song, and prayer at Mass. My thanks to all those who work so hard to help make the Christmas Masses as nice as they are.
- ~ Mass could not be properly celebrated without additional lectors, servers, and Eucharistic ministers. Thanks are extended to so many who step forward to continue our Catholic traditions.
- ~ Thanks to everyone who decorated the church. It looked wonderful! Many people expressed compliments.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you, and God bless!

Fr. Richard

57th 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.

Mass Intention Requests: We have many openings in the Mass intention schedule for 2024. If you would like to request a Mass Intention, please submit it in writing with the suggested stipend (\$10.00 per Mass) to the parish office. You may also put your request in the collection basket. Requests will not be taken by phone.



Holy Spirit School teachers, staff, and students wish all of you a very Happy New Year! Students will return from break on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Thank you for your continuous support

and prayers! May your 2024 be filled with endless blessings, joy, and love!

- Miss Kathy Costello, Principal



2023 Annual Campaign for Holy Spirit School: Holy Spirit School is turning to its parents, friends, and supporters in the 2023 Gift to the Spirit Annual Campaign. This year, our Parish School celebrates its 72nd 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 2023-2024 academic year is to continue 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 the church. Please help us in meeting the challenges ahead! Thank you.



Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

In Loving Memory/Honor of:

Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Carfagna, Pierino Carfagna, Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Tedeschi, Mr. Frank Gonzales, Mr. Zohare Tackla by Mrs. Angie Carfagna

Patricia & Frank Hannon, Charlotte & George Zimmerman by Mr. & Mrs. George Zimmerman

Tom Sapp, Deceased Members of the Sapp Families by Mrs. Roseanne Sapp

Robert H. & Joanne C. Braun by Mr. Ned Braun

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.

Ministry Schedule: Monday, January 1, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: VOLUNTEER NEEDED Servers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Eucharistic Ministers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ministry Schedule: Saturday, January 6, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Steven Miller

Servers: Amy & Emiliano Gonzalez, Heidy Rangel-Rivas Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Biscuso, Bob Zimmerman,

Kathy Zimmerman

Ministry Schedule: Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Darlene Riturban Servers: Alex & Richie Dininni

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Heinmiller, Carolyn Heinmiller, Clifton Hawkins

Ministry Schedule: Sunday, January 7, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: David Wayton

Servers: Isabelle & William Hertzel

Eucharistic Ministers: Moné Hertzel, Richard Makowski,

Debbie Miller



Plenary Indulgence during Christmas Season: The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has granted the privilege of a plenary indulgence for all the faithful to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Christmas in Greccio, Italy. The indulgence is available from December 8, 2023,

the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to February 2, 2024, Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The usual conditions for receiving plenary indulgence are:

- Confession of our sins;
- Receive Holy Communion;
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (Our Father & Hail Mary);
- Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin.

Added to this – visit a church run by the Franciscans and stop in prayer in front of the Nativity scene set up there. In the Diocese of Columbus, Christ the King Parish and St. Thomas Parish are run by Franciscans. Those sick or unable to participate physically can obtain plenary indulgence by offering their sufferings to the crucified Lord and praying.

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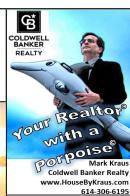
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