

Holy Spírít

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend MassesSaturday4:00 p.m.Sunday9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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

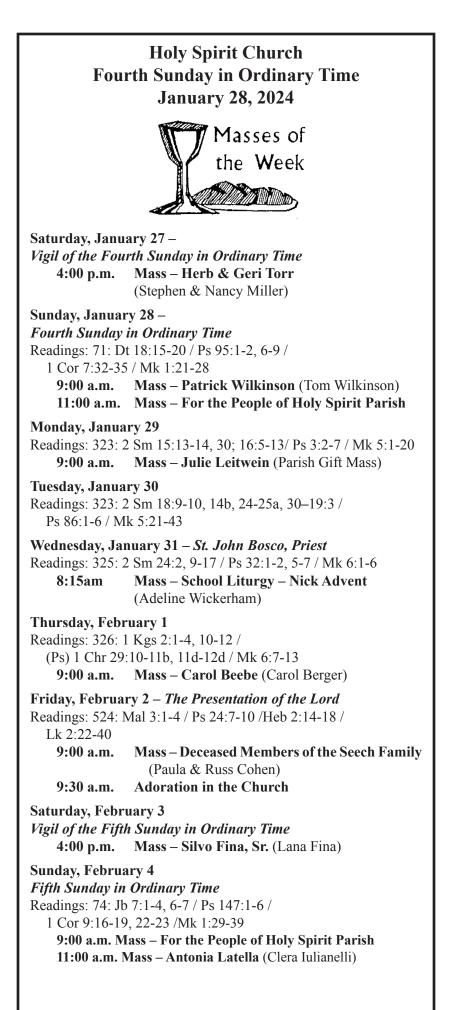
Holy Day Masses 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Saturday 3:00 p.m.

ADORATION

First Friday of the Month 9:30 a.m.

Parish Office	.614-861-1521
Elementary School K-8	614-861-0475
Preschool 3-5 years	614-861-4559
www.holy-spirit-school.com	



From the Pastor's Desk...

At the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, the evangelist is introducing Jesus and His true identity. Although the crowds and even the disciples are unclear about who this Jesus really is, the unclean spirit He drives out is certain about Jesus: "I know who you are, the Holy One of God. What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Jesus drives out the demon, thereby demonstrating His power and authority. Others will waiver, however, in their beliefs about Jesus. Is this truly the Anointed, the Messiah, and the Son of God?

When Jesus teaches in their synagogue, however, the listeners, and the newly chosen disciples, marvel at His teaching. The Gospel states: *"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority.*" Questions persisted in the minds of His listeners throughout the Gospel. Through His teaching, ministry, and miracles, Jesus is trying to establish faith and belief in Him.

It is often assumed that learned experts in any field are the ones to be consulted and questioned. In this text, the listeners have already disregarded the scribes and other experts in the Law. The listeners in the synagogue, and the fisherman called in last week's Gospel, are simpler individuals. These are the people Jesus is teaching and calling to believe in Him. They are amazed at His authority and the power of His teaching.

All of us are learners, students if you will. It is not our expertise in religion or history Jesus needs. Jesus is calling upon our willingness to engage His very person. He seeks our openness to His teachings. We need not be accomplished in the Law or Scripture. We are all always learning. We must remain open to the authority and truth Jesus Christ brings. His teaching and authority stand out from all we have experienced.

> Have a wonderful week! Fr. Veevin Richard

Home Blessings: Father Richard has started blessing homes! He wants to meet all parishioners



and bless your home, whether it is an apartment, trailer, house, or room. Please call the office to set up a time with Father. Make room for Jesus to come and bless your home for the New Year!

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor You with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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. Amen



Holy Spirit School celebrates Catholic Schools Week this week! We are proud of our school and grateful for the wonderful Catholic education provided to our students. This week, we will celebrate with various spirit days, a

favorite lunch, and a volleyball match between the teachers and 8th grade students! If you are interested in finding out more about Holy Spirit School and what it has to offer your student, please come to our Information Night on Monday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m. For more information about this night or our fall enrollment process, please call the school office at 614-861-0475.

- Miss Kathy Costello, Principal

Catholic Schools Week,

January 28 – February 2, 2024: This week, we recognize and honor the value of Catholic Schools across the United States. Here at Holy Spirit, our school is our most Catholic Schools Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

prominent and essential ministry. Every day, our teachers instruct around 275 students, pre-K through 8th grade.

Our Holy Spirit School has three important mission goals: 1) to promote and live Catholic and Gospel values in the school setting; 2) to offer a strong academic program and promote love of learning; 3) to instill good discipline and responsibility in the young people entrusted to our care. These three goals are the benchmarks of a good, solid Catholic education.

Many of us here at Holy Spirit are the product of Catholic schools and education earlier in our lives. Holy Spirit School is an important asset on the east side of Columbus and in the Whitehall community. Our neighborhood would be radically different without the presence of this valuable religious and educational asset.

As pastor, I ask that each one of you would keep our parish school – its teaching faculty, its parents, and families, as well as its students, in your prayers. We are a humble, yet proud community which exists to keep alive in the hearts of all who attend here, the values of Catholic faith and Christian family life.

Fr. Veevin Richard

Parish Offertory Summary: January 13/14

Offertory Envelopes (69)	\$ 3,981.00
Loose	\$ 388.00
St. Vincent de Paul (5)	\$ 287.00
Solemnity of Mary (3)	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvement (13)	\$ 355.00
Propagation of Faith (2)	\$ 12.00
Tuition (5)	\$ 75.00
Miscellaneous Donation (1)	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 7,628.00

Parish Offertory Summary: January 20/21

Offertory Envelopes (83)	\$ 4,469.00
Loose	\$ 399.00
St. Vincent de Paul (10)	\$ 435.00
Solemnity of Mary (2)	\$ 35.00
Capital Improvement (5)	\$ 134.00
Catholic Charities (1)	\$ 5.00
Propagation of Faith (16)	\$ 388.00
Tuition (2)	\$ 25.00
Christmas (1)	\$ 25.00
Catholic Charities (1)	\$ 25.00
Catholic Times (1)	\$ 17.00
Total	\$ 5,957.00

Thank You

Your support of Holy Spirit Parish is very important and much appreciated. I am fully aware that your contributions to your church are voluntary. It is my hope that you believe in the importance of your Catholic Faith and the importance of Holy Spirit Parish in the Whitehall Community. Thank you for all that you do for the parish.



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. There are intention forms in the back of Church to send in for your requests. You

may also put your request in the collection basket. Requests will not be taken by phone.

In your prayers...

Please remember in your prayers all the sick, homebound, or recovering in our parish, especially Ned Braun, Carole Brill,

Sha & Sia Castle, Judy Dick, Carol Eisenhart, Alex Gonzalez, Rose Hawn, Hilary Hatchett, Joann Huffman, Isaiah A. Jackson, Steve & Nancy Sagle, Ron Scherer and Jo Stewart. **Director of Religious Education:** Holy Spirit Catholic Church is currently looking for a Director of Religious Education. Holy Spirit is a parish community serving Whitehall and the Eastside of Columbus, Ohio. We are a multicultural parish and have a vibrant ministry of outreach in the area. It proclaims the Gospel of Jesus and supports the needs of its diverse community through an array of ministries, liturgies and programs, including Holy Spirit Elementary School.

The DRE is responsible for developing and maintaining a parish-based ministry of evangelization and catechesis for children, youth, and adults. The DRE reaches out to families and individuals in the community, provides formal instruction and empowers parishioners to serve one another. The DRE fosters close communication and collaboration with other community organizations and parish ministries, especially Holy Spirit Elementary School. This position is an at-will position and may be terminated by the pastor.

The position of DRE is a full-time, 12 months a year position. The DRE must be a practicing Catholic and in good standing with the church, a knowledgeable person of the faith and doctrines of the Catholic church. The ideal candidate should have a bachelor's degree in education, catechesis, theology or a related field. A master's degree is preferred. Experience in this field is a plus. Fluency in Spanish would be an advantage.

Interested and qualified applicants may inquire via email to <u>info@holyspiritcolumbus.org</u>. Please include a cover letter of interest and a curriculum vitae including references.

Are you being called to Parish Ministry? If you are looking for a way to be involved here at Holy Spirit, please consider the following ministries. We are in immediate need of Lectors and/or Eucharistic Ministers. If either is of interest, please come to the meeting on Monday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the church. (Refer to the announcement following this one) Are you interested in music? How about joining our choir or the bell choir, or being a Cantor at Mass. We are also in need of PSR teachers for the fall and instructors for those interested in becoming Catholic. Perhaps you would like to assist those in need by joining our St. Vincent de Paul Society. We could also use more ushers/greeters for all Masses. If you are interested in any of these ministries, please leave your name and contact information with the parish office.

Attention, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors: All current and new volunteers are asked to come to a review/training session on Monday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Following the brief meeting, there will be light refreshments served in the social hall. Fr. Richard would like to meet all the ministers and it is also a chance for you to meet each other, which makes it easier and more comfortable if you need to find a sub. Please plan on attending. <u>Ministry Schedule:</u> <u>Saturday, February 3, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.</u> Lector: Diane Udeck Servers: Amy & Emiliano Gonzalez, Heidy Rangel-Rivas Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Biscuso, Bob & Kathy Zimmerman

<u>Sunday, February 4, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.</u> Lector: Carolynn Heinmiller Servers: Alex & Richie Dininni Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Heinmiller, Mark Butler, Clifton Hawkins

<u>Sunday, February 4, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.</u> Lector: David Wayton Servers: Isabelle Hertzel, Lohan Dossou-Koko Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Makowski, Debbie Miller, Moné Hertzel



Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2024. The beginning of Lent is fast approaching. In fact, it is two weeks away from this coming Wednesday. The schedule for Masses and distribution of ashes for that day is as follows:

Holy Spirit (with school students)	8:15 a.m.
Holy Spirit	7:00 p.m.

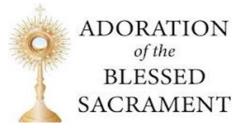
Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting for those between the ages of 18-59. The offertory collection on that day is a voluntary offering to support the J.O.I.N. Office, the outreach center of the Church for the needy, in downtown Columbus.

Ash Wednesday Collection: Proceeds of the Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs (JOIN). JOIN operates under Catholic Charities of the Columbus Diocese. JOIN provides emergency assistance to the poor and vulnerable throughout the Diocese. This assistance may be in the form of food, life sustaining medications, utilities, infant needs, birth certificates, transportation, eyeglasses, burial assistance, senior needs, referrals, personal care/household items and more.



Catholic Times Collections: In two weeks, our parish will be collecting
for the *Catholic Times* newspaper.

This donation helps our parish to provide *Catholic Times* to you and many of our parishioners. Donation envelopes for this collection are included in your collection packet. For a minimum donation of only \$17.00 per year (parish rate), readers receive a Catholic perspective on the world around us: local, national, worldwide, and Vatican news; diocesan, parish, and school stories; articles, regular columns, editorials, and events are delivered right to your home.



Monthly Adoration will take place this Friday, February 2nd in the church from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Please join us in spending some time with Jesus, it is a great way to start your month!

Around the Diocese

Join Our Lady of Peace Parish in praying for a different priest or seminarian in the diocese each day of the month.

JANUARY:

28th: Fr. Theodore Sill, St. Matthew

29th: Fr. Thomas Blau, OP, St. Patrick

30th: Fr. Thomas Buffer, St. Cecilia

31st: Fr. Thomas Gardner, St. Peter (Coshocton), St. Peter (Millersburg)



St. Charles Preparatory School will host its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 4th, from 1:00-6:30 p.m., in the school's Walter Student Commons. Dinner will be prepared by the Susi Family and its staff from Berwick

Manor. Entertainment will be provided by the SC Concert & Jazz Band, which will perform at 2:15 and 4:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy a bountiful meal of spaghetti with meatball, salad, rolls, ice cream, and a beverage. \$14.00 for Adults: \$10.00 for Senior Citizens; \$7.00 for Children 4-12 (3 and under are free). There is also a \$55 Family rate (dine-in, up to six immediate family members). Carry-out orders will be available.



Inviting All Women... to the 2024 Columbus Catholic Women's Conference, *This Wondrous Gift* at the Ohio Expo Center: Saturday, February 17th, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Come rest with Jesus and join your sisters in Christ for Holy Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, inspiring speakers, food, shopping, and be lifted up in faith and fellowship together. This is an opportunity for women to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, to grow in the realization of their dignity as Catholic women, and to strengthen their commitment to be a disciple of Christ. If you have any questions, please go to <u>www.ColumbusCatholicWomen.com</u>, or call our office at 614-398-2292.



Calling All Men... to the 2024 Columbus Catholic Men's Conference, *Called to Be Saints!* The 27th Annual Catholic Men's Conference returns to Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center on Saturday, February 24, 2024, from

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Hear amazing speakers, celebrate brotherhood, and further your journey toward sainthood. The day-long event will feature Adoration, Reconciliation, and Mass with Bishop Earl Fernandes. If you have any questions, go to <u>www.catholicmensministry.com</u>, or call 614-920-3776. As in previous years, anyone unable to bear the registration cost only need ask for assistance from the parish.

Catholic Man of the Year Luncheon: Join us Friday, February 2, 2024, at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon to award the 2024 Catholic Man of the Year. The award will be presented by Bishop Earl Fernandes. Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m., and Bishop Fernandes' presentation of the award. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday, March 1, 2024, and will feature a presentation by Michael Fry about Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

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