

CHRISTMAS 2023

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**Holy Spirit Church**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 7, 2024**



**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 – Anthony Iacobone (Gina Salamony)**

**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)**

**Monday, January 8 – The Baptism of the Lord**

Readings: 21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4,3b, 9b-10 /  
Mk 1:7-11/

**9:00 a.m. Mass – Toni Wilbur (Betty Sergio)**

**Tuesday, January 9 –**

Readings: 306: 1 Sam 1:9-20 / (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 / Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 10 –**

Readings: 307: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 / Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10 / Mk 1:29-39

**8:15 a.m. Mass – School Liturgy – Geraldine Torr**  
(Parish Gift Mass)

**Thursday, January 11 –**

Readings: 308: 1 Sm 4:1-11 / Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 /  
Mk 1:40-45

**9:00 a.m. Mass – Jose Rodriguez (Andrea Landin)**

**10:30 a.m. Mass at the Woodlands - Robert Weatherby**  
(Parish Gift Mass)

**Friday, January 12 –**

Readings: 309: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a / Ps 89:16-19 / Mk 2:1-12

**9:00 a.m. Mass – Francesco & Ernesta Iulianelli**  
(Catherine Iulianelli)

**Saturday, January 13 –**

**Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: 310:1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a / Ps 21:2-7 / Mk 2:13-17

**4:00 p.m. Mass – Madeline Curtis (Angie Carfagna)**

**Sunday, January 14 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: 65: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 / Ps 40: 2, 4, 7-10 /  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 / Jn 1:35-42

**9:00 a.m. Mass – Carolynn Heinmiller**  
(Parish Gift Mass)

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



**From the Pastor's Desk...**

For the Magi of today's Gospel, the skies above were not simply a light show or entertainment. Astrology and the movement of the stars were their life and religion. According to the Gospel of Matthew, they had seen movement in the stars and witnessed a new, different star at its rising. This disturbance in the heavens – the new light that had emerged – could not be ignored by them. They traveled far from their own homeland, despite great danger and uncertainty, to discover, at the end of their journey, what this new light in the heavens might mean. They sought the new-born king of the Jews.

I wonder how many of us would notice changes, large or small, grand or subtle, in our environment and world. The Christmas mystery we have been celebrating recalls the appearance of God to humankind in ways and circumstances people did not expect or were unaware of. So often, we seek signs (or answers) from God yet we are too busy or too distracted to even notice. Let's be prepared to meet God when and how He chooses, and not walk away from ordinary, unnoticed, and seemingly unimportant changes in the world around us. God is always trying to capture our attention.

Happy & Blessed New Year!  
Fr. Veevin Richard



**Christmas Blessings**

**Home Blessings:**

Father Richard will be starting home blessings this week. 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 for Father. Make room for Jesus to come and bless your home for the New Year!

**The Faithful Departed:**


- Vivian Williams, 92, a longtime parishioner died on December 16, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's German Village with burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery on December 21, 2023.
- Susan Foster, 68, died on December 22, 2023. The Rite of Christian Burial was held at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens on December 29, 2023.
- Robert Weatherby, 67, died on December 23, 2023. The Rite of Christian Burial was held at Evans Funeral Home with burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery on December 30, 2023.

Please keep our brothers and sisters in Christ and their families in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May almighty God bless us with His peace and strength, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



**Christmas Season Gratitude** is extended to Priority Designs, a business located at 100 S. Hamilton Road, who this past week delivered a check from donations from their employees, and an enormous amount of canned goods and grocery items for Holy Spirit food pantry to assist our neighbors in need. We extend to them our gratitude and that of our clients.



**ADORATION**  
*of the*  
**BLESSED**  
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**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.

**Lisa Rundag, Holy Spirit's bookkeeper/business manager** has been out of the office ill. The offertory totals for December 23-25, 30-31 and January 1 will be published upon her return. Please keep Lisa in your prayers. Year-end contribution statements will be available by request no later than January 31, 2024. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We appreciate your patience.

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

*O God, who on this day revealed Your Only begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in Your mercy, that we, who know You already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of Your sublime glory. 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.*



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**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 per Mass) to the Parish Office. You may also put your request in the collection basket. Requests will not be taken by phone.



**Additional Christmas Flower Memorials**

*In Loving Memory/Honor of:*

Julie Federer Adkins, Robert Federer, Mary Lou Bauman Tuthill, and All Deceased Members of the Federer Family by Mrs. Jeanne Federer

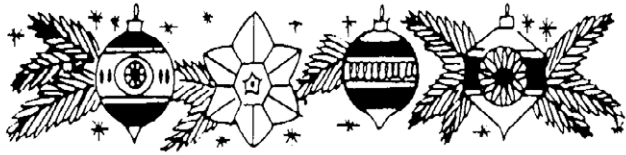


**Holy Spirit School** teachers, staff, and students wish all of you a very Happy New Year! Students settled back into their routine this week working hard preparing for their end of the quarter exams and assessments. Also, our 8th grade students are preparing for their upcoming *Invention Convention* presentations later in January. We are looking forward to productivity and fun in 2024!

– Miss Kathy Costello, Principal



**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, Isaiah A. Jackson, Lisa Rundag, Steve & Nancy Sagle, and Ron Scherer.



**Celebrations of Christmas:** During the Christmas season, the Church celebrates three major “appearances,” “revelations,” or “epiphanies” of Jesus Christ. Each represents a revelation of God’s plan in time and history. Each carries a distinct character and purpose, and influences our own celebration of Christmas, especially in duration. Unfortunately, our religious observance of the Christmas season has long ago been overwhelmed by secular forces, primarily the commercial nature of the season. Consider the following:

- Christmas Day marks the beginning of our salvation. We celebrate the Incarnation, the taking on of human flesh by God. The birth of Emmanuel, “God With Us,” signals the beginning of a new relationship between God and all humanity – God as one of us.
- The Epiphany (or the Visit of the Magi) is a special revelation of God in a human body to exotic visitors from a foreign land. The appearance of the “God became Man” is for the salvation of all humanity, Gentile and Jew alike.
- The Baptism of Jesus is the revelation by Water, Spirit, and eventually by Fire of the “beloved Son” of the Father. The identity of the Son is confirmed by the Voice of the Father, and through the ritual repentance by the water of Baptism.

*God of all the Ages, as we anticipate Your rebirth among us, we ask that we might see the blessing of every generation.*

*May we look beyond our peers to those older and those younger. May we find all the wisdom, joy, and insight You have planted there and may we know Your gifts.*

*And may we each discover within ourselves the gifts we bring to this inter-generational world. As a result, may we grow in our own efforts toward peace.*

*Dominican Sister of Peace  
Maxine Shonk, OP*

# a Gift to the Spirit

## **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.



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

**JANUARY:**

**7th: Fr. Robert Jager, St. John Chrysostom Byzantine**

**8th: Fr. Robert Kitsmiller, Judicial Vicar**

**9th: Fr. Robert Penhallurick, St. Brendan**

**10th: Fr. Rodney Damico**

**11th: Fr. Ryan Schmit, Immaculate Conception (Kenton)  
Our Lady of Lourdes (Ada)**

**12th: Sam Severance, Seminarian**

**13th: Fr. Sean Dooley, Our Lady of Peace**

### Dr. Alan Mostrom

On Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Parish at 20 E. Dominion Boulevard, Columbus will be hosting Dr. Alan Mostrom. Dr. Mostrom will present a talk as part of the parish's Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series. The talk is titled: *The Presence of God in the Soul, and the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist*. For more information, including bio info, please contact Katy Wyatt at OLP.

### Ministry Schedule:

**Saturday, January 13, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector: Sharon Woods**

**Servers: Elisa, Rocio & Victoria Pardo**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Biscuso, Emma Kitsmiller,  
De Ann Bukowski**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Lector: Ian Ruiz**

**Servers: Zoe Ruiz, Yami Ortega**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Jurkowitz, Geno Hoffman,  
Dan Gumbish**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Lector: Maureen Dodd**

**Servers: Blake Wyatt, Anthony Mendez**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Zimmermann, Mark Butler,  
Hank Miller**

### ODU to Host St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture on Jan. 25

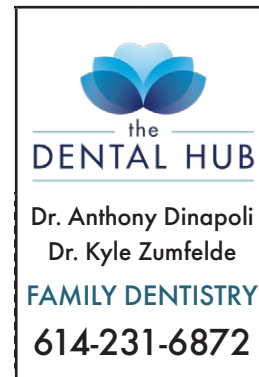
Ohio Dominican University will host its annual St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture on Thursday, January 25 as theologian and scholar Fr. Justin Brophy, OP, Ph.D. presents "Thomas Aquinas: What is Truth in the Modern World." The free lecture will take place at 11:00 a.m. in the Matesich Theatre, located inside Erskine Hall on ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. Fr. Brophy currently serves as an assistant professor of political science at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island. More information is available at [ohiodominican.edu](http://ohiodominican.edu).

### Jubilee of the Sacred Heart Pilgrimage

Please join the pilgrimage to the shrines of France this September 2024, spiritually led by Father Michael Donovan O. de M. The Sacred Heart highlight is to Paray-Le-Monial where Jesus revealed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

This September, take the spiritual walk to the Shrines of France and be in the places where saints were sanctified, our Mother Mary appeared and Jesus exposed His Sacred Heart. We are all called to be saints. Let us walk where the saints have been and grow in spirit and love of God. Register at [www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/donovan](http://www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/donovan). For questions, call Rebecca at 740-248-9098.

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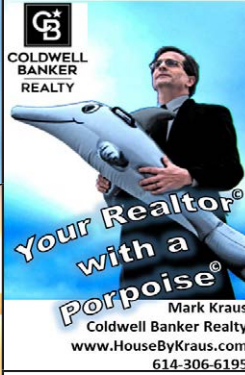
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