

LENT

*"Behold, now is a very acceptable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation."*

2 COR 6:2

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

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.

ADORATION

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

Parish Office.....614-861-1521

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Preschool 3-5 years 614-861-4559

www.holy-spirit-school.com

**Holy Spirit Church
First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024**



Saturday, February 17 – Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. Mass – George Rundag (Lisa Rundag)

Sunday, February 18 – First Sunday of Lent
Readings: 23: Gn 9:8-15 / Ps 25:4-9 / Mk 1:12-15
9:00 a.m. Mass – Joe & Mary Buttress
(Bill & Anne Heinmiller)
11:00 a.m. Mass – Richard Berger (Carol Berger)

Monday, February 19 –
Readings: 224: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Ps 19:8-10, 15 / Mt 25:31-46
9:00 a.m. Mass – For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

Tuesday, February 20 –
Readings: 225: Is 55:10-11 / Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 / Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 21 – St. Peter Damian
Readings: 226: Jon 3:1-10 / Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 /
Lk 11:29-32
8:15 a.m. Mass – School Liturgy – Antonia Latella
(Clara Iulianelli)

Thursday, February 22 – The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Readings: 535: 1 Pt 5:1-4 / Ps 23:1-6 / Mt 16:13-19
9:00 a.m. Mass – Emil & Marie Klein (Elizabeth Klein)

Friday, February 23 – St. Polycarp
Readings: 228: Ez 18:21-28 / Ps 130:1-8 / Mt 5:20-26
9:00 a.m. Mass – Thomas Sapp (Annie & Shari)

Saturday, February 24 – Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. Mass – Deceased Members of the
Sergio Family (Sergio Family)

Sunday, February 25 – Second Sunday of Lent
Readings: 26: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Ps 116:10, 15-19 /
Rom 8: 31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10
9:00 a.m. Mass – Theresa Lehr (John G. Lehr)
11:00 a.m. Mass – For the People of Holy Spirit Parish

Holy Spirit Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024, for Presidents' Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Faithfulness is difficult in any age. It requires remaining faithful to God and His call, even when it seems easier or more logical to set it aside. Being faithful requires trusting in God's promises, even when so many walk away.

The Gospel according to Mark for the First Sunday of Lent is short and sweet. Jesus calls the first witnesses to His ministry to repent, and be faithful to the Gospel. It is the same message spoken to us on Ash Wednesday when the ashes were sprinkled on our heads.

Maintaining faith in times of distress is not easy, and the times we live in tempt us in so many ways to shortchange the call of the Gospel to forgiveness. Many people claim that there are sins that are simply unforgivable. Yet, faithfulness to the Gospel requires us to always remain committed to the prayer we invoke every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist: "Heavenly Father.... Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us." This is never easy, but let's remain faithful to our call.

Have a wonderful week!
- Fr. Veevin Richard



Home Blessings: Father Richard is blessing homes! He wants to meet all parishioners and bless your home, whether it is an apartment, trailer, house, or room. **He wants to complete this by April.** Please call the office to set up a time with Father.

First Week of Lent

*Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
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.*



We welcome this newly baptized member to Holy Spirit Parish:

**Ethan John Correa, child of
Agustin Correa & JoAnna Heck**



Holy Spirit School had a busy week! Congratulations to our Power of the Pen and Beta Club participants. They all did a wonderful job in their competitions last week. We are so proud of them! Next Sunday, our second graders will be

receiving the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Holy Spirit School will be closed on Monday, February 19th for Presidents' Day. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

-Miss Kathy Costello, Principal

Parish Offertory Summary: February 10/11

Offertory Envelopes (93)	\$ 4,072.00
Loose	\$ 576.88
St. Vincent de Paul (7)	\$ 526.00
Capital Improvement (9)	\$ 306.00
Easter Flowers (3)	\$ 35.00
Home Missions (2)	\$ 125.00
Catholic Times (16)	\$ 296.00
Total	\$ 5,936.88



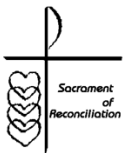
Stations of the Cross is a spiritual devotion reminding us of the essential truth of Christian faith: the Cross leads to the Resurrection. Every Friday, we will have Stations of the Cross in the church from 6:30-7:00 p.m. They will continue through

March 22nd. Come and spend some extra time in prayer with Jesus this Lenten season.



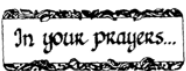
Holy Spirit Parish will once again participate in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Collection during this season of Lent. CRS is a reliable and cost-effective means to support the

efforts of the Catholic Church overseas where wars, natural disasters and famine are present. Rice Bowls will be available at the doors of church. Please plan to participate by saving your coins/dollar bills for the Rice Bowl collection.



First Reconciliation for our Holy Spirit School students and our PSR classes will be Sunday, February 25th at 4:00 p.m. We invite everyone from Holy Spirit to join them in receiving this special sacrament. Extra priests will be available

to hear Confessions. This is a great way to begin Lent!



Please remember in your prayers all the sick, homebound, or recovering in our parish, especially Kay & Ed Bramer, Ned Braun, Carole Brill, Sha & Sia Castle,

Judy Dick, Carol Eisenhart, Alex Gonzalez, Rose Hawn, Hilary Hatchett, Anne Hill, Joann Huffman, Bill Lind, Steve & Nancy Sagle, Ron Scherer, Jo Stewart, and Juana Wright.



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Holy Spirit Parish Hall

February 23

March 8

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

March 22

Fried or Baked Fish
French Fries
Mac and Cheese
Cole Slaw
Roll and Butter

DINE-IN OR TO GO:

\$12 Regular
\$15 Large
\$8 Child
\$40 Dine-In Family (2 Regular & 5 Child)

Volunteers for Dessert
NEEDED
Please sign up here:



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 info@holyspiritcolumbus.org. Please include a cover letter of interest and a curriculum vitae including references.



Adult Confirmation

Confirmation is a Sacrament that celebrates the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Occasionally, someone did not get confirmed in their younger years. Therefore, we will be

having special preparation classes for those adults desiring to be confirmed this spring. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Carol Gaeke at 614-861-1521.

Holy Communion For the Homebound

If you or someone you know is unable to get to Church for Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Sr. Carol for home visits at 614-861-1521.

Seminarian Funding Collection

There will be a second collection on February 24 & 25 to support the Seminarian Funding, at a time where there is a decline in the priesthood. We are blessed to have 16 vocations this year for our diocese. It is our duty to join our hands in supporting their needs. Please be generous in making a priest for God and the Church.

Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, February 24, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

Lector: John Swain

Servers: Valeria & Evelyn Valerio

**Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Biscuso,
Roseanne Sapp, De Ann Bukowski**

Sunday, February 25, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Carolyn Jurkowitz

Servers: Alex Dininni, Richie Dininni

Eucharistic Ministers: Geno Hoffman, Clifton Hawkins

Sunday, February 25, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Ian Ruiz

Servers: Zoe Ruiz, Anthony Mendez

**Eucharistic Ministers: Hank Miller,
Tim Heinmiller, Kathy Zimmermann**



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Black and Indian Missions Collection This Weekend, February 18th,

to help impoverished communities among the Black, Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut peoples in our country. Devoted priests, religious, and laity rely on the financial assistance from this collection, as they minister in parishes,

missions, and reservations to bring them the light of Christ. Envelopes are in your packets.

Around the Diocese



Spend Time Together Outside in God's

Beautiful Creation. Presidents' Day Drop-in Fun! February 19, 2024, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Come walk the trails and enjoy a nature scavenger hunt with your family at

Shepherd's Corner Ecological Center, 987 Waggoner Road, in Blacklick. This is a free event and is a Founded Ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

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

FEBRUARY:

18th: Fr. William Metzger

19th: Fr. William Thomas Kessler

20th: Fr. Wojciech Stachura, SAC (St. Michael)

21st: Zach Goodchild, Seminarian

22nd: Absalom Hall, Seminarian

23rd: Fr. Adam Streitenberger (St. Thomas More)

24th: Fr. Alberto Basabe, MSP (St. Stephen the Martyr)



Joseph's Coat is looking for volunteers to sort clothing, and for other administrative tasks, such as filing, answering phones and data entry. A monthly fundraiser will be held at Texas Roadhouse, 5940 East Main Street, Columbus, (Reynoldsburg, OH). Every month in 2024, when you dine on the dates listed below, 10% of your total bill will be donated to Joseph's Coat.

Fundraiser Dates:

February 27, March 26, April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30
August 27, September 24, October 29, November 26,
December 31.



Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus

Starting March 1, 2024, the staff of the Cemeteries will begin cleanup around the graves and mausoleums. Families that wish to retain any personal keepsakes should gather them by March 1st. Please

contact the cemeteries with any questions.

St. Joseph/Mt. Calvary: 614-491-2751, Resurrection: 614-888-1805, or Holy Cross: 740-927-4442.



What Do You Want of Me, Lord? If you have ever pondered this question and whether God is calling you to become a Sister, we encourage you to join us for a Come and See Retreat, March 15-17, 2024.

You can join us either in-person at the

Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse in Akron, OH, or via Zoom.

We invite you to give yourself the gift of some time to PRAY with our Sisters, to share with other women of FAITH who are discerning God's call, to discover God's PURPOSE for your life, to enjoy a behind the scenes experience of COMMUNITY LIFE, and to explore RELIGIOUS LIFE lived out as a Dominican Sister of Peace. For more information, visit our website at www.oppeace.org and to register for this event. Or, send me an email at june.fitzgerald@oppeace.org, or call or text me at 570-336-3991 to let me know that you are interested, and I'll get back to you with more details about this great retreat opportunity!



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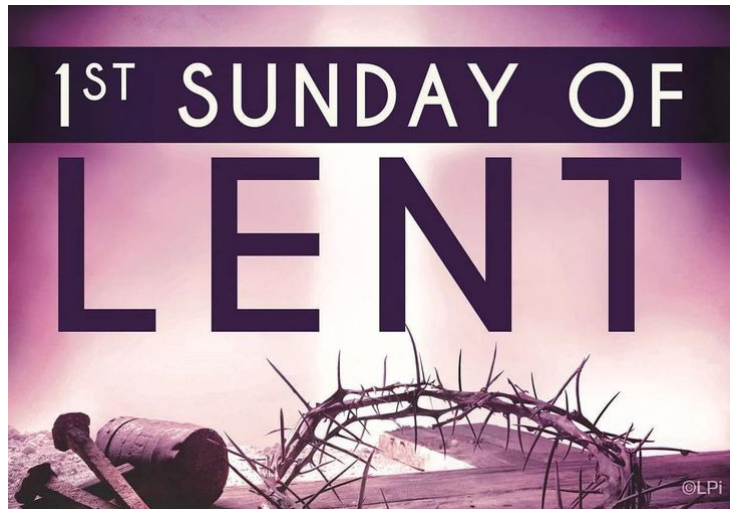
GOD IS STILL CALLING

Serra Club of North Columbus meetings include the Rosary, lunch, and a speaker at 11:30 a.m. on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Jessing Center at the Josephinum. Downtown Serra Club meetings include lunch and a speaker at noon on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Cavello Center at St. Charles Preparatory School.

Check out our website: SERRACOLUMBUS.ORG

St. Charles is pleased to be hosting the 15th Annual Father/Son Mass and Breakfast on Saturday, March 2.

Invited to attend are all alumni and alumni fathers with their sons, current and incoming students and their fathers, and any young man in grade school (with his father) who is interested in learning more about the school. We will start with Mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by a buffet breakfast in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons. Our guest presenter is SC father, Mr. Adam Johnson, the Chairman and CEO of NetJets Inc. The breakfast is free, but you are still asked to RSVP to the school's Alumni Affairs and Communications Director, Louis J. Fabro '83 by Monday, February 26, at lfabro@scprep.org.



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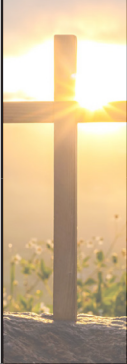
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