

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Rev. William L. Arnold, Pastor

January 17, 2010

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 16:

2:30 p.m. Wedding Ceremony of
Abby Yochum and Bruce Kyle

Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Carole Gilmore
(Tina Langston & the DiNucci Family)

Sunday, January 17: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sara Rettemnier
(Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Turner)

11:00 a.m. For the People

Monday, January 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

8:00 a.m. Dec. Members of the Flesch Family
(Family)

Tuesday, January 19:

8:00 a.m. Allegra Urbana (Vic S. & Betty Urbana)

Wednesday, January 20:

Saint Fabian, pope and martyr; Saint Sebastian, martyr

9:00 a.m. Peggy Whelan
(Friends – “The B.I.G. Group”)

Thursday, January 21: Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr

8:00 a.m. Maria Iacobelli
(Evangelista & Elena Canini)

Friday, January 22: Saint Vincent, deacon and martyr

Day of Penance/Anniversary of Roe v Wade

8:00 a.m. Kathleen O’Grady (Fr. Arnold)

Saturday, January 23:

Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, January 24: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Philip Harwick (Virginia Brenneman)

11:00 a.m. Maria Tata (Valerio & Maria Tata)

Please Remember in Prayer those of our parish family who have died:

Former long-time parishioner Dolores A. Devlin, of Dayton, Ohio, died January 5th; John L. Davis, parishioner and Knights of Columbus member, died January 8th. John’s funeral will be held at St. Thomas of Canterbury in Cornwall in Hudson, NY. Our sympathy and prayers are with both Dee’s and John’s families and friends.

Let us pray for the thousands of people in Haiti who have lost their lives in this past week’s major earthquake. We also pray for the injured survivors, the emergency workers, the first responders and volunteers.

We remember in prayer those parish family and friends who are hospitalized and/or ill including: Joe Gillilan, Jane Draghi, Helen Herbert, Jane Knoblauch, Norma Bukowski, Sharon Bukowski, Joseph Zag, and Vera Morris.

January 18 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

As a Christian nonviolent civil rights leader, Martin Luther King, Jr. understood that “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” We may want to pray these words with our families: “Gracious God, You create us and love us and make us to live together in community. We thank You for Martin Luther King, Jr. and all Your children who have been filled with Your vision and who have worked to bring it into reality. Guide us to live by Your vision, working to build the community where everyone is welcomed and valued, power is shared, and all Your children know wholeness and well-being. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.”

From the Pastor’s Desk...



The first letter of John (an epistle, similar to Paul’s writings) contains an important spiritual statement of faith: “We know and believe in God’s love for us.” Pope Benedict XVI’s first encyclical letter was titled “*Deus Caritas Est*,” translated “God is love.”

I write this week, not on the Gospel or the readings of the day, but on the meaning of the above statements. I ask you also to reflect on the events in Haiti this week: an apocalyptic earthquake in a small, impoverished country rife with political unrest. It seems like the social and political upheavals in Haiti have gone on most of my lifetime. Now, this. If it were not for bad luck, the poor citizens of Haiti would have no luck at all.

Our God is a God of love, not a God of hatred, vengeance, or retribution. This past week, the Reverend Pat Robertson publicly expressed his belief that the earthquake in Haiti was a deserved, merited act of God. The people of Haiti, according to Mr. Robertson, had two centuries ago made a “deal with the devil,” in return for a political alliance to win independence from the French. Which is it, my fellow Catholics: Is God love, or is our God a God of vengeance, especially against the poor and suffering of the world?

Respectfully,
Fr. Bill Arnold

Special Second Collection – Haiti Earthquake Relief

The Caribbean country of Haiti endured a devastating earthquake this past week. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Of Haiti’s 9 million citizens,

- 50% live on less than \$1.00 a day
- 95% are black
- 80% are Roman Catholic

Catholic Relief Services is the very effective arm of the Catholic Church in times of war, natural disaster, famine, and poverty overseas. Immediate foreign aid must consist of clean water, temporary shelter, makeshift sanitation, as well as medical supplies. **Help! Now!** The Second Collection today, taken after Holy Communion, will be sent this week directly to Catholic Relief Service headquarters in Baltimore, MD. Please remember **your** good Christmas, the roof over **your** head, the food on **your** table. Help the people of Haiti now. Please be as generous as you can be. God will reward your generosity.

Parish Offertory Summary

Baptism of the Lord	January 9 and 10
Parish Contribution Envelopes (191) (585 people attending Mass)	\$8,541.00
Cash offerings	\$ 385.64
Candles	\$ 49.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 260.00
Holy Spirit School Endowment Fund	\$ 410.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 35.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 100.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 110.00
Total Contributions	\$9,890.64

Your contributions to Holy Spirit Parish keep the ministries and the operations of the Parish in good financial standing. Your financial sacrifice will be used wisely. Thank You – God will reward your generosity.

This Week at Holy Spirit Parish

Bingo Games are held each Monday and Friday in the Church Hall. The doors open at 6:00 p.m., the games begin at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 17:

9:15 a.m. – R.C.I.A. – School Library
9:15 a.m. – PSR (Parish School of Religion) – School Building
10:45 a.m. – Preschool & Kindergarten – enter at Yearling Road – Preschool entrance
1:00-2:30 p.m. – People of God – Parish Hall & Church
7:00-8:00 p.m. Adult Education – Parish Office

Monday, January 18: Parish Offices Closed/No School

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

* 8:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition – Gym

Tuesday, January 19: No School

6:30 p.m. – Technology – School
7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting – Parish Office

Wednesday, January 20:

* 1:00 p.m. – Reflective Prayer – Day Chapel
7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir – Church Loft
* 7:00 p.m. – First Communion/First Reconciliation Parent Meeting – Gymnasium

Thursday, January 21:

6:45 p.m. – Adult Bell Choir – Church
7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, January 24:

Children’s Liturgy of the Word during 11:00 a.m. Mass

9:15-10:45 a.m. – R.C.I.A. – School Library

9:15-10:45 a.m. – R.C.I.C. – Parish Office

2:00-6:00 p.m. – Echoes of Faith – School Classroom

Submit items for the January 24th bulletin by Tuesday, January 19th at 5:00 p.m. E-mail: bulletin@holyspiritcolumbus.org. Fax number is 861-3746.

Adult Education: This evening’s session, January 17, will focus on the Encyclical Letter: Charity in Truth by Pope Benedict XVI as presented by De Bukowski. Sessions are held in the Parish Office from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please contact De (577-9191) for questions. God bless.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition:

The Marian Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Free Throw Competition on Monday, January 18, 2010, at 8:00 p.m. for all children of the parish ages 8-14 who do not play basketball. (All Holy Spirit basketball players will compete at one of their practices during the week.) Any questions, contact David Imwalle at 473-9982.

Reflective Prayer Experience: Come and join us for a special prayer time to experience God’s love in our daily lives through Scripture reading, quiet reflection, and group sharing. This week we will be reflecting on a Psalm. We will be gathering in the Day Chapel at 1:00 p.m. this Wednesday, January 20. For further information, please call Sister Joan at the Parish Office.

2010 First Communion and First Reconciliation Meeting

This Wednesday, January 20th, there will be a First Communion and First Reconciliation Meeting for parents at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library.

This is a required meeting for the parents of Second Grade students attending Holy Spirit School and PSR that will be receiving these sacraments in 2010.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call De Bukowski at 614-861-1521, ext. 12, or 614-577-9191 in the evening.

A Sincere Thank-you from the Bereavement Meal Committee:

Thank you to the many volunteers who have prepared side dishes and desserts for funeral luncheons held in the Parish Hall. Many times there is little notice given and more than one luncheon needed in the same week. The generosity of these volunteers’ time is unceasing. For those who wish to help with this ministry, please contact Cathy Biscuso at 237-9523 to be contacted when a future need arises.



Liturgy and Spiritual Life Committee–

This new committee under the direction of our Pastor, Fr. Bill Arnold, will hold its first meeting next Tuesday evening, January 26, 2010.

Public Prayer of the Church (Liturgy and Spirituality) is the “source and fountainhead” of the life of the Church (Vatican II). As such, it deserves primary focus and attention, from the parish and from us as individuals. The purpose of the Committee is to assist Father Arnold in 1) creating oversight and insight into all parish worship activities; 2) increasing parishwide understanding of the reasons behind the order of liturgy; 3) seeking input from committee members and parishioners on possible growth areas of our common worship and spirituality.

Looking for Science Fair Judges:

Holy Spirit School is looking for adults to help judge their 7th grade students’ Science Fair Projects on Wednesday evening, February 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. Judges can have no affiliation with the 7th grade students. Please contact the School Office at 861-0475 if interested.



Holy Spirit School Registration for 2010-2011 School Year

Holy Spirit School is accepting registrations for children in three- and four-year-old preschool and students in Kindergarten through eighth grade. During the months of January and February, registrations will be accepted for parishioners’ children and members of Catholic parishes that do not have their own school. Families of other faiths and members of other Catholic parishes that have their own school may register beginning March 1st.

Open House – Thursday, February 4, from 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Information Night – Wednesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m.
Please call the School Office at 861-0475 for further details.

What’s Happening Around Town

Respect Life Mass – January 22, 2010 – Day of Penance and Prayer: Bishop Frederick F. Campbell, Celebrant – The Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, Bishop of Columbus, will be the celebrant at Mass on Friday, January 22, 2010, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus, in observance of the “day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.” This day of penance and prayer falls on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Columbus Right to Life is sponsoring a rally at the State House at noon following the Mass. All are invited to attend. To read about the Church’s teaching on respect life issues, visit the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ web site at <http://www.usccb.org/prolife>.

Interactive Weekend Retreat for Men: February 12-14, 2010. Father John D. Corbett, O.P., will be the Retreat Director and the theme will be: “Our Friends and Our Enemies.” For more information, please contact team captains Gary Hasson at (614) 216-4500 or Mark Hasson at (614) 734-0591.

Bishop Hartley Style Show and Luncheon: The 19th Annual Bishop Hartley Style Show and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at the Columbus Country Club. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. Look for further details in upcoming bulletins. Mark your calendars!

2010 Family Life Calendars including monthly blessings, weekly Sunday readings with related discussion questions, Feast Days, Holy Days, suggested activities that encourage awareness of God’s constant presence, as well as large spaces for families to record daily celebrations and commitments are available from the Family Life Office of Altoona-Johnstown Diocese for \$4.00 each (including postage) by calling 814-886-5551 or e-mailing familylife@dioceseaj.org. Inquire about quantity prices.