

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

March 14, 2010
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Schedule of Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 13:

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the
 Mike Iulianelli Family (Family)

Sunday, March 14: Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. For the People
 11:00 a.m. Maria Tata (Valerio & Maria Tata)

Monday, March 15:

8:00 a.m. Ellen Grubbs (Parish Gift Mass)

Tuesday, March 16:

8:00 a.m. Fr. John M. Fulcher (Fr. Arnold)

Wednesday, March 17: St. Patrick, bishop

8:00 a.m. Vicky Antonelli (Fr. Arnold)

Thursday, March 18:

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Thomas Augustine (The Angelo
 & Antonella Iacobone Family)

Friday, March 19:

St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. Raymond Lach (Anne Lach)

Saturday, March 20:

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Ed Layton (Warren & Helga Zacccone)

Sunday, March 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Jane Knoblauch (Elaine Trouton)
 11:00 a.m. Jon Fowler (Holy Spirit Class of 2010)

Please Remember in Prayer: Parishioner Walter Morski, age 92, who died March 10, 2010. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, March 13, 2010, at St. Joseph Cemetery Chapel. Please keep Walter and his family in your prayers. Please also, pray for those of our parish family and friends who are hospitalized and/or ill, including Daniel Callahan, Patty Golden, Sharon Bukowski, and Phyllis Arndt. Please also remember to pray for the homebound and those in convalescent homes. Also remember in prayer those suffering from the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile.

Father Joseph E. Stanton, 1924-2010. They say (and as you know, they are always right) a priest is all things to all people. That is a bit of a heavy burden to place on any one man's shoulders, but one thing is for sure: Fr. Stanton was a good friend and a faithful servant to Holy Spirit Parish.

Fr. Stanton was actually assigned to Holy Spirit as Associate Pastor from 1984-1985. And, of course, most of you know him for the many weekend Masses he celebrated here during his retirement years at the Villas. Fr. Stanton could have, like so many other priests, spent his golden years of retirement in some warm, sunny climate. He stayed on, of course, serving the Diocese and the Church he loved.

Holy Spirit Parish is grateful for the life and priesthood of this grand old guy. I am also sure that many people he encountered along the way are grateful for the experience. We pray that our good and gracious God has already granted him a place of rest and peace – the goal of Christian life well lived.

Fr. Bill Arnold

From the Pastor's Desk



Our society is built upon the principal of a "meritocracy." That means that hard work, good effort, and genuine need merit recognition. Good grades, a raise from the employer, and an award (or reward) need to be earned. No one really objects to a totally helpless individual receiving a helping hand or a lift up, although there are many people who simply ignore even obvious needy cases. Many people are too proud to accept help, and refer to it as a "hand out." All of the above is well and good.

The Gospel, however, sets a different standard. It is important to remember one thing: not one of us has earned or merited God's grace and forgiveness. What God gives is given freely and without condition, to the deserving and the undeserving alike. The parable of the Prodigal Son, the Gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Lent, demonstrates forgiveness beyond measure, whether it is deserved or not.

The word "prodigal" means generous to the point of excess or even wastefulness. An argument could be made that the parable could be renamed the parable of the "prodigal father" because the father is generous beyond measure to the son who had deserted him and squandered his wealth. The other son – the good son – is angry over the generous forgiveness of the father toward the bad son. But so it is with God. Each of us needs so much forgiveness that we should never deny another forgiveness. Let's face it – it is a good thing that we cannot stop the mercy and forgiveness of God. We should never withhold our own from another.



Have a good week,
 Fr. Bill Arnold

Congratulations to David and Nancy Shultz on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. May God bless them as they celebrate with family and friends.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Needs: Our pantry is in need of peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned or boxed dinners, canned soup and cereal. Thank you for your continuous support.

Parish Offertory Summary

| Third Sunday of Lent | March 6 and 7 |
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| Parish Contribution Envelopes (274) (627 people attending Mass) | \$11,675.23 |
| Cash offerings | \$ 407.55 |
| Candles | \$ 99.70 |
| Easter Flowers | \$ 487.25 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ 452.00 |
| Religious Retirement Fund | \$ 100.00 |
| Holy Spirit School Endowment Fund | \$ 85.00 |
| Black and Indian Missions | \$ 25.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$ 66.00 |
| <i>Catholic Times</i> | \$ 290.00 |
| Total Contributions | \$13,687.73 |

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, March 14:

- 9:15 a.m. – R.C.I.A. – School Library
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- * 12:00-4:00 p.m. – Diocesan Art Show – Gymnasium
- 1:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study – Parish Office
- * 5:00 p.m. – Parish Penance Service – Church
- * 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Adult Religious Education – Parish Office

Monday, March 15:

- * 10:00 a.m. – School Penance Service (Grades 3-7) – Church
- 7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir – Loft

Tuesday, March 16:

- 4:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – School Music Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Technology Meeting – Computer Lab
- * 7:00 p.m. – Festival Meeting – Parish Office

Wednesday, March 17:

- * 1:00 p.m. – Reflective Prayer Experience – Day Chapel
- * 6:00 p.m. – Lenten Soup Meal – Church Hall
- * 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross – Church

Thursday, March 18:

- 5:00-6:00 p.m. – Children's Bell Choir – Church
- 6:45-8:15 p.m. – Adult Bell Choir – Church
- 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting – Parish Office

Friday, March 19: Last Day for School Flower Sale

Morning Prayer after 9:00 a.m. Mass – Day Chapel

Sunday, March 21:

- Confirmation at 9:00 a.m. Mass – Church
- 12:00-2:00 p.m. – Confirmation Reception – Church Hall
- * 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Adult Religious Education – Parish Office

Submit items for the March 21st Bulletin by Tuesday, March 16th at 5:00 p.m. E-mail: bulletin@holyspiritcolumbus.org. Fax number is 861-3746.

Diocesan Elementary Art Show and Young Authors' Exhibit: All are welcome to come see the terrific art and writings from students throughout the Diocese featured here at Holy Spirit School Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Please enter at the school gymnasium.

Adult Religious Education: Please come on Sunday evenings (March 14 and 21) from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Office to find out more about the Triduum. We will be using "The Three Days" – A Liturgical Guide by Lawrence J. Johnson, to explore Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Contact De Bukowski for further details.

Easter Flowers: Easter flowers are placed in the sanctuary each year in memory of deceased family members and friends. A contribution (minimum \$10.00) will be accepted for up to three names in their memory. The February envelope packet contains an envelope for just this purpose. Please see the cut-out form below which may also be used. Place your contribution in the weekly collection by March 26. A list of names and donors will be published in the Easter Bulletin. Thank You!

Easter Flower Memorial
 (Please print information below)

In Memory of _____

Offered by _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

Include minimum donation of \$10.00 and return
 in the weekly collection by March 26, 2010.



**The Experience of Lent
 at Holy Spirit Parish**

Lenten Penance Service – Sunday, March 14, 2010. Today at 5:00 p.m., the Sacrament of Penance will be offered to all parishioners who attend the service. There will be an adequate number of priests to hear the confessions of all who attend.

School Penance Service – Monday, March 15, 2010. The students of Holy Spirit School will have the opportunity to go to Confession this Monday at 10:00 a.m. Any adult parishioner who wishes to attend may also do so. Adults will be given the chance to receive absolution first before the students. Consider the following:

- Lent is a good time to go to Confession. (When was the last time you went to Confession?)
- At 5:00 Sunday evening, there is little traffic at Broad and Yearling. It will still be "light" outside when you come. (Daylight Saving Time started this week.)
- The Sacrament of Penance is important for all of us. The Church teaches the reality and availability of forgiveness even if many others do not believe in it.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held next Sunday, March 21, 2010 for our Holy Spirit School and PSR students at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors will meet in the Church Hall no later than 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow the 11:00 a.m. Mass for the Confirmation Candidates. Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

Stations of the Cross – Lenten Soup Meal. Continue your Lenten journey this season by participating in Stations of the Cross this coming Wednesday evening, March 17th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the parish church. A simple meal consisting of soup and bread will be served in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. A goodwill offering may be given to benefit "Operation Rice Bowl." Families and individuals are encouraged to attend.

Reflective Prayer Experience: As we enter into the 4th week of Lent, you are invited to come and join us for a special prayer time: a time to experience God's love in our daily lives through Scripture readings, quiet reflection, and group sharing. Our reflecting this week will be from Psalm 51. We will gather in the Day Chapel at 1:00 p.m. this Wednesday, March 17. For further information, please call Sister Joan at the Parish Office.

Festival Kickoff Meeting: An organizational and planning meeting for the 2010 Holy Spirit Festival and Homecoming will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, in the Parish Conference Room. If you would like to get involved in the planning of this fun-filled annual event, please plan to attend. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Bill Heinmiller at 475-3390.

A Reminder for PSR Families: There will not be a PSR Class next Sunday, March 21st as the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. PSR will meet at the regularly scheduled time on Sunday, May 2nd.

Attention, Youth – Excited for Easter Break? Some parents worry when spring break approaches because that means more meals to provide for their children who would normally be receiving government lunches. Join Holy Spirit youth in serving the children of the surrounding area lunch at Barnett Recreation Center on Thursday, April 8th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please contact Kate Allwein at 506-9598 or youthholyspirit@yahoo.com before March 16th if you are interested and to obtain a permission slip. We also need adult chaperones.

The Youth of Holy Spirit will be attending the Stations of the Cross at the Cathedral downtown on Good Friday, April 2nd. We will meet at Holy Spirit in the morning for rides (time TBA). If you are interested in coming, please e-mail Kate (youthholyspirit@yahoo.com) before March 23rd.