

# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

**April 25, 2010**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Schedule of Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, April 24:** *Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter*

5:00 p.m. Quincenera de Dulce Rodriguez  
(Family)

**Sunday, April 25:** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 a.m. Raymond Jones (Mary Jones)

11:00 a.m. For the People

**Monday, April 26:**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Tuesday, April 27:**

8:00 a.m. Maria Tata  
(Giuseppe & Cesiolia Babusel)

**Wednesday, April 28:** *Saint Peter Chanel, priest and*

*martyr, Saint Louis Mary de Montfort, priest*

9:00 a.m. Jo Ann M. (Dick) Sauvage  
(Jim & Judy Dick)

**Thursday, April 29:**

*Saint Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m. LaVerne McNerny-Miller  
(Jeanne Federer)

**Friday, April 30:** *Saint Pius V, pope*

8:00 a.m. Michael John Dick (Jim & Judy Dick)

**Saturday, May 1:** *Saint Joseph the Worker*

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

*Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter*

5:00 p.m. Jack Kraus (Jeanne Federer)

**Sunday, May 2:** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 a.m. For the People

11:00 a.m. Thomas Augustine  
(Mr. & Mrs. Mariano Cervi)

**Please Remember in Prayer:** Please pray for those who are hospitalized and/or ill including, Patricia Groom, Paul DaSilva, and Paul DaSilva, Jr. Remember in your prayers, the homebound and those in convalescent homes; those suffering from the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile and the mining tragedy in West Virginia.

**Social Concerns Committee Formation.** The most important characteristic of a vibrant, healthy Catholic Parish is the well-planned and prayerful celebration of the Eucharist on weekends. That's why attendance at Mass on weekends is so important. It is the life-source of the parish, the only time when all parish members are obligated to be present. We remain united to Jesus Christ through hearing the Word of God (the Readings) and receiving the Eucharist (Holy Communion).

The second most important trait of a vibrant healthy parish is our response to needs of the least of our brothers and sisters. Already at Holy Spirit, we have a well-organized and active St. Vincent de Paul Society. Its members respond to immediate and emergency needs: groceries, possible rent payment, a bus ticket, a shut-off notice for electric or gas.

A Social Concerns Committee is more concerned with organizing activities which invite greater participation of Holy Spirit Parishioners in issues and problems which affect our society. A social concerns committee also organizes activities which demonstrate broader-based parish concern for social issues and problems – by doing, not merely talking about them. Come to an organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office meeting room. Practice what you believe!

## From the Pastor's Desk...

The image of the Good Shepherd is continued in this Sunday's Gospel. Sheep are by nature, very timid animals. They do not readily recognize the new or strange voice of a stranger. They do, however, develop a bond with their caretaker – in this case – the shepherd. Most animals possess this voice recognition ability. The master's voice is important to many farm animals, and that includes our pets.

Many voices call to us in this modern culture. They are more powerful today, given our exposure to all kinds of media. The voices sound attractive, because they promise us good things – popularity, acceptance, prosperity, the good life, or happiness, just to name a few. But all of us have to some extent or at one time been misled by the promises of these voices. How often have we been misled by false or misleading advertising or promises and guarantees that have not been fulfilled? How many times have we taken really bad advice – or worse yet – let someone convince us to do something we knew was wrong?

The voice of the Good Shepherd calls us to God. The path may not always sound to be the most attractive or be the easiest to follow along. Evil has ways of disguising itself and making itself look very attractive. Cheating, or covering the truth, or being popular all may bring us temporary satisfaction. But many times the consequences of actions can be disastrous and harmful for us and others.

We, in faith, follow the voice of the Shepherd. The Good Shepherd can direct us to a wholesome and fulfilled life, the kind of life which gives us genuine peace, satisfaction, and happiness. The Gospel tells us today, in fact, that once we belong to Christ, no one can take us away from Him. The voice of the Shepherd reaches us today through the Scripture and the community of the Church. We need to listen and discover the rewards – eternal life.

Have a good week,  
Fr. Bill Arnold

## 4th Sunday of Easter

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. (John 10:27-30)

### Parish Offertory Summary

| Third Sunday of Easter   | April 17 & 18     |
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| Parish Contribution Envelopes (212)<br>(593 people attending Mass) | \$6,512.90        |
| Cash Offerings   | \$1,557.10        |
| Candles  | \$ 71.10          |
| Church in Central & Eastern Europe                                 | \$ 25.00          |
| Good Friday – Holy Land  | \$ 10.00          |
| Holy Spirit School Endowment Fund                                  | \$ 32.00          |
| Tuition Assistance   | \$ 30.00          |
| St. Vincent de Paul  | \$ 20.00          |
| Catholic Charities   | \$ 8.00           |
| Rice Bowl  | \$ 108.44         |
| <b>Total Contributions</b>   | <b>\$8,374.54</b> |

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, April 25:**

9:15-10:45 a.m. – RCIA – School Library

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 a.m. Mass

\* 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Youth Group Night – Youth Room

\* 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Adult Religious Education – Parish Office

**Monday, April 26:**

4:00-5:00 p.m. – Baseball/Softball Pictures – Gym

7:00 p.m. – St. Vincent de Paul Conference – Parish Office

**Tuesday, April 27:**

4:00-5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Music Room

**Wednesday, April 28:**

\* 7:00 p.m. – Social Concerns Committee Meeting – Parish Office

7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir – Choir Loft

**Thursday, April 29:**

6:00 p.m. – First Communion Practice – Church

**Saturday, May 1:**

3:30 p.m. – First Communion Individual Photos – Parish Hall

4:15 p.m. – First Communion Group Photo – Church

First Communion reception after 5:00 p.m. Parish Mass – Parish Hall

Submit items for the May 2nd bulletin by Tuesday, April 27th at 5:00 p.m. E-mail: [bulletin@holyspiritcolumbus.org](mailto:bulletin@holyspiritcolumbus.org) or Fax number is 614-861-3746.

**Attention, Youth:** Bring your talents for Open Microphone Night on Sunday, April 25th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. There will also be a talk on "Giving Back." We will meet in the Youth Room in the School Basement. All students from 8th-12th grade are invited to attend. Contact Kate Allwein for additional questions – 506-9598 or [youthholyspirit@yahoo.com](mailto:youthholyspirit@yahoo.com).

### Your Community Needs You and You Can Help!

Volunteer today to build your community! For volunteer and fund-raising opportunities, visit [facebook.com/faceforwardcolumbus](http://facebook.com/faceforwardcolumbus) and [faceforwardcolmbusblog.com](http://faceforwardcolmbusblog.com). Face Forward: Connecting Catholic Youth Designed and Developed by MJ2 Marketing, Dublin, Ohio

**Adult Education at Holy Spirit:** This evening, Sunday, April 25, there will be a final presentation titled, "Christian Art in Sacred Scripture." Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room. Discussion will be based on the text, *Beyond the Written Word*, by St. Mary Press. If you have any questions, please call De Bukowski, CRE, at 861-1521.

### PSR Volunteers Needed for the 2010-2011

**School Year.** Anyone interested in becoming an aide, hall monitor, or teacher for our Parish School of Religion (PSR) program for the 2010-2011 school year, please call De Bukowski at 861-1521, ext. 12. PSR classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. from September to May, excluding holidays. Schedules can be flexible and training will be provided. Attendance at a "Protecting God's Children Session," obtaining a background check, and sign-off on Policy Statements are required. Please visit the web site Home Page and click on "Policy Handbook" to receive directions and complete items before classes start in the fall. Parish web site: [www.holyspiritcolumbus.org](http://www.holyspiritcolumbus.org).

**Happy Spirits:** Please come and have fun at our over 50 club, on Thursday, at 1:00 p.m., May 6th, in the Church Hall. We will have a "Mexican Fiesta" celebrating "Cinco De Mayo." Please come dressed with your ponchos and sombreros, along with bringing a Mexican covered dish to share. Reminder: We will be eating first... then having our meeting.

## Upcoming Events at Holy Spirit Church

- **The Bishop's Annual Appeal** kicks off in May. This is our annual effort to show our support for all the activities of the Church within the Catholic Diocese of Columbus.
- **First Holy Communion** on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass. There will be plenty of room for all the regular Saturday evening Mass attendees.
- **Mission Appeal** on May 15 and 16: The Fathers of the Precious Blood will have a representative to preach at all the Masses to seek your support for their Mission Activities.

**Roof Replacement** – Another section of roofing on the church required immediate attention and replacement recently. The flat roof over the sacristy and the cry room began to leak aggressively right after Christmas. Actually, when the roof replacement was done in the week after Easter, three layers of deteriorated roofing were removed over these rooms. Parish Council and Finance Committee were aware of these needs. Total cost of the project = \$18,000. Holy Spirit Parish currently does not have the reserves to pay for this project. A grant application has been submitted to the Catholic Foundation to assist the parish in these repairs. We are awaiting word on our application. In the meantime, the Diocesan Finance Office has given us a bridge loan to pay the contractor.

**Announcement! Good News!** Holy Spirit Parish will have the opportunity and privilege of celebrating a Parish Mission from December 11-15, 2010. Our parish will host Fr. John Collins, C.S.P., a Paulist Priest who has preached at many parishes throughout our diocese in years past. More details to come! Plan to make the parish mission a part of your Advent preparation this December!



**Benefit Fund Raiser.** A benefit Spaghetti Dinner will be held at Holy Spirit Parish Hall on Thursday evening, May 13, 2010, for Barb Torr Wheatley, the daughter of parishioners Herb and Geri Torr. The fund raiser will support Barb in the expenses connected with her fight against her cancer diagnosis. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors, \$5.00 for children 8 and under. Come, eat, and support a good cause!

**Protecting God's Children for Adults** is a three-to four-hour awareness session in which adults of the Church, who interact with children, receive instruction that one must have continuous awareness and vigilance regarding the protection of our youth. This course is required for any parish volunteer involved with or around our youth. If you are considering volunteering in any role with and/or around the youth of the parish and/or school, you must register for one of the upcoming PGC sessions. You should complete the course by the first day of the event/session for which you plan to volunteer. The session is free of charge and only needs to be completed one time if you remain an active volunteer within the parish. All registration is online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Upcoming local sessions: St. Paul Elementary (wheelchair accessible): Tuesday, May 4, 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 12, 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 6:00 p.m.; Seton Parish, Pickerington, Tuesday, June 8, 6:00 p.m.; Immaculate Conception, August 28, 9:00 a.m.

Please keep in mind other requirements to volunteer include obtaining an electronic background check, reading and signing off on the policies outline in the Policy Handbook including, but not limited to, Codes of Conduct, Harassment, Application Form, etc. View the policies in their entirety on the parish web site at [holyspiritcolumbus.org](http://holyspiritcolumbus.org).