

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

May 16, 2010

Ascension of the Lord

Schedule of Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 15: *Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord*

5:00 p.m. Happy 6th Wedding Anniversary
Sebastian & Elizabeth (Family)

Sunday, May 16: *Ascension of the Lord*

8:00 a.m. For the People
11:00 a.m. LaVerne McNerny-Miller (Family)

Monday, May 17:

8:00 a.m. Maria Tata (Guiseppe & Cesiolia Babusei)

Tuesday, May 18: *Saint John I, pope and martyr*

8:00 a.m. Lucien & Helene Locheron
(Ginette Andrews)

Wednesday, May 19:

9:00 a.m. Marcel & Suzanne Mollidor
(Ginette Andrews)

Thursday, May 20: *Saint Bernadine of Siena, priest*

8:00 a.m. Paulette & Jean Data (Ginette Andrews)

Friday, May 21: *Saint Christopher Magallanes, priest and martyr, and his companions, martyrs*

8:00 a.m. Bob Kaiser (Barb Kaiser)

Saturday, May 22: *Saint Rita of Cascia, religious*

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Vigil of Pentecost

5:00 p.m. Luigia Pezzutti (Family)

Sunday, May 23: *Pentecost Sunday*

8:00 a.m. For the People
11:00 a.m. Thomas Augustine
(Valeria Augustine & Family)

Please Remember in Prayer: Antoinette Stocco, mother of parishioner Judy Bracken, who died Friday, May 7, 2010. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with Judy and her family at this time. Keep in your prayers those who are hospitalized and/or ill including, Pauline Castrillo, Joe Zag, Esther Wilson, and Christina Krites. Please also remember to pray for the homebound and those in convalescent homes.

Missions Second Collection, this Weekend: Fr. Robert Conway, representing the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, will preach at all the Masses this weekend. A second collection will be taken up to support the work of the Precious Blood Fathers in mission lands around the world. Thank you for your generosity!

Special Offering at all Masses for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection funds media projects that spread the Good News through the Internet, radio, TV and print media. Please use a specially marked envelope and place it in the regular collection.

We Congratulate Matias Santos, son of Leonardo and Ana Santos, who received the Sacrament of Baptism this past Saturday, May 8, 2010, during the 5:00 p.m. Mass. May God bless Matias, his Godparents and family.

Lost and Found. After the First Holy Communion Mass Celebration (Saturday, May 1, 5:00 p.m.), a ring was found in the areas of the sidewalk near the shrine. Describe it and it's yours! Ask relatives or friends who attended that Mass. Contact the Parish Office, please.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Why do so many bad things happen in the world? Why, after two thousand years of teaching the Gospel, after the lives of so many good (and saintly) people, does the world still not reflect the goodness of the God who created it? Well, as a matter of fact, lots of good things are done all the time by people who believe in God and through their lives, they attempt to make a difference in our world!

Today is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. The Gospel reminds us that we are now commissioned by our Lord Himself to preach the Gospel – and repentance for the forgiveness of sins – throughout the whole world. Quite simply stated, the change and transformation of the world is in our hands! The work of tending and healing is now entrusted to us and as those who believe in the risen life Jesus Christ won for us. It is now our task to preach the Good News throughout the whole world.

We must surely preach to our community, our country, and the world. We need to support the missions and those who work for the Gospel in lands far away. But it begins with each one of us in our own parish. Does each one of our lives reflect the faith in Jesus Christ that He left us with? Let's preach by our own example – a good starting point. Others will never believe if we don't show that our lives are changed and transformed!

Have a good week...
Fr. Bill Arnold

Bishop's Annual Appeal, 2010 Holy Spirit Parish Totals (as of Monday, May 10, 2010)



Parish Goal:	\$51,688.00
Pledged to Date:	\$27,170.00
Total Possible Gifts:	769
Percent of Goal:	52%
Average Gift:	\$ 696.66
Number of Gifts:	39

This is our total received thus far from Holy Spirit Parishioners. Remember, every gift counts and no gift is too small. If every family or wage earner did their part, Holy Spirit Parish would receive a huge rebate. Your parish needs the excess funds for upcoming capital repairs on our buildings. Thank you very much to those who have already contributed. Please prayerfully consider your own gift. God will reward you abundantly.

Parish Offertory Summary

Sixth Sunday of Easter	May 8 & 9
Parish Contribution Envelopes (226) (649 people attending Mass)	\$ 8,244.63
Cash offerings	\$ 5,341.10
Candles	\$ 72.26
Good Friday	\$ 5.00
Ascension Thursday	\$ 25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 200.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 30.00
Holy Spirit School Endowment Fund	\$ 329.00
Total Contributions	\$14,246.99

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, May 16: *Missionary Appeal*/School Board Elections

9:15-10:45 a.m. – PSR – enter via School Gym
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – PSR Preschool & Kindergarten
1:00-2:30 p.m. – People of God Program – Parish Hall
1:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study – Parish Office

Tuesday, May 18:

4:00-5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Music Room
7:00 p.m. – Finance Council Meeting – Parish Office

Wednesday, May 19:

* 1:00 p.m. – Reflective Prayer – Day Chapel
7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir – Loft

Thursday, May 20:

5:00-6:00 p.m. – Youth Bell Choir – Church
6:45 p.m. – Adult Bell Choir – Church
7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting – Parish Office

Friday, May 21:

Morning Prayer after 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Day Chapel

Sunday, May 23:

* 8:00-11:00 a.m. – Picnic Setup
Children's Liturgy of the Word during 11:00 a.m. Mass
* 12:00-3:00 p.m. – Parish Picnic
* 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Parish Picnic Cleanup

Submit items for the May 23rd and the May 30th Bulletins by Tuesday, May 18th, at 5:00 p.m.

E-mail: bulletin@holyspiritcolumbus.org or Fax: 614-861-3746.

Reflective Prayer Experience – As we continue to celebrate the Easter Season, please 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 reflection will be a passage from one of the Psalms. We will be gathering in the Day Chapel at 1:00 p.m. this Wednesday, May 19, 2010. For further information, please call Sister Joan at the Parish Office.

Playpen for Birthright – The newly organized Social



Concerns Committee of Holy Spirit is seeking items which can be used by a mom who has just given birth to a child. Items include welcoming blankets, onesies, baby lotion, body shampoo, disposable diapers, baby wipes, etc.

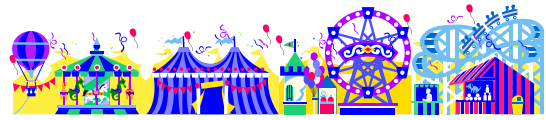
Preferred are new items, or very lightly used items – cleanliness is a real concern. These items will be donated to Birthright, an organization which provides needy moms and families the things they need to support a newborn life.



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry – The pantry always needs to be restocked and we look to you for help. Please remember, when grocery shopping, to purchase a few extra items for the pantry. Right now, we are in need of boxed or canned dinners (like stew or Chef Boy Ar Dee), pasta including spaghetti, soup, canned or jarred fruit and cereal. Thank you for helping the Whitehall Community!

10 Minutes That Could Save Your Life! Are you more than 30 pounds overweight? Do you smoke? If yes, you may want to consider being screened for abdominal aortic aneurysm risk. Life Line Screening screens the aorta for aneurysms as warning signs are vague and if ruptured, aneurysms are 80-90% fatal. Holy Spirit Catholic Church is hosting a screening on June 17, 2010. Call 1-800-324-1851 for more information or to preregister. The cost of this screening itself is \$45.00.

2010 Holy Spirit Vacation Bible School will be held June 22, 23, 24 and 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. Young people ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to register. Cost is \$10.00 per person. The program will be held in the Parish Hall and on the church grounds. We are seeking adult youth helpers (grades 6 through high school age). Please contact De in the Parish Office to sign up to help and to answer any questions.



Holy Spirit Parish 63rd Annual Picnic May 23, 2010

- **Volunteers are Needed!** Please sign up to help with Setup, Cleanup and Activities. Sign-up sheets are located in the back of church.
- **Sell your Raffle Tickets!** Be sure to turn in your raffle ticket proceeds to the Parish Office soon for your chance to win \$500.00 the day of the Picnic. Please return unsold tickets so they can be sold the day of the picnic.
- **Bake some cookies or brownies to share at the Picnic!**

Many volunteers are needed to help with the Picnic, which will be held next Sunday, May 23, 2010! Please consider offering a half-hour or more for setup/cleanup and for the activities the day of the picnic. There are a variety of ways to get involved. Stop by the sign-up tables or e-mail info@holyspiritcolumbus.org to lend a helping hand! **Service Hours can be obtained for jr. high and high school youth!!**

Summer Raffle Tickets are here! A \$500.00 drawing will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Parish Picnic and the \$1,000.00 drawing will take place at 10:00 p.m. Saturday, August 28th, at the Parish Festival and Homecoming! The seller of each winning ticket will receive \$100.00. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Plan to bring brownies or cookies for a dessert to share at the Picnic! The parish will provide the Picnic meal and beverages. Parishioners are asked to bring brownies or cookies to share for dessert. Blankets, chairs and Frisbees are other good things to bring!

Arrive and park early the day of the Picnic, as the 11:00 a.m. Mass will begin the day's festivities! Parking will be limited on our lot. You may also park at the Library, across Yearling Road, or in the vacant lot on the east side of the church. The church parking lot will be roped off at 10:45 a.m. before Mass.

What's Happening Around Town

Seminarian Bike Tour: Seminarians from our diocese will be riding their bikes from Dover to Sunbury, May 17-20, to visit schools, parishes and to encourage religious Vocations. Please join them for a Social at Granville St. Edward the Confessor on May 19th, at 11:00 a.m., followed by an All-States-in-Life ride on a paved, automobile-free bike trail from Granville to Alexandria. All are welcome. Visit www.seekholiness.com for more information.

Cristo Rey Columbus – Second Annual Gathering, in support of their projected opening in 2011, will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Sushi Rock (Short North neighborhood of Columbus). Tickets are \$50.00/person. To purchase tickets, e-mail Barbara@crstoreycolumbus.org or call 614-205-3958. To learn more about Cristo Rey, visit www.cristoreycolumbus.org.

Senior Citizens Day Celebration is Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 600 Hill Road North, Pickerington. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon. Registration for lunch is \$15.00. To register, please send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or call (614) 241-2540. Registrations are requested by June 2.

New mid-week Retreat Programs at Saints Peter & Paul Retreat Center in Newark, Ohio. Come and spend two days with God alone. Newly renovated private single and double rooms; Freshly prepared meals; 500 acres of woods with walking paths; Spiritual Guide is here to pray with and share; large library for your quiet meditation. Call 740-928-4246. Visit their web site (www.stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org).

Bishop Hartley ChemCamp for 6th-8th Graders will be offered June 21-25, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Students will learn science by doing science, and see what chemistry is all about as they conduct experiments in a high school chemistry laboratory. They will be amazed by many chemical demonstrations and may begin looking at the work in a whole new way! Cost of \$75.00 includes a T-Shirt and all lab supplies. Contact Evan Wagner at ewagner@cducation.org for details.