

# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

**November 27, 2011**  
**First Sunday of Advent**



## *Masses of the Week*

**Sunday, November 27 – First Sunday of Advent**

Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3,  
15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**8:00 a.m. William R. & Sophie Widmyer**  
(Elaine & Stephen Trouten)

**11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish**

**Monday, November 28**

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**8:15 a.m. James R. Barlow (Family)**

**Tuesday, November 29**

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Lk 10:21-24

**8:15 a.m. George Williams**

(The Voit, Thornton & Criner Families)

**Wednesday, November 30 – Saint Andrew, apostle**

Readings: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 4:18-22

**8:30 a.m. Mark Lally (Georgeann Frey)**

**Thursday, December 1**

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

**8:15 a.m. Ray C. Perry (Jay & June Evans)**

**Friday, December 2**

Readings: Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt. 9:27-31

**8:15 a.m. Darwin Notturriano**

(Janice & Walt Ritchey)

**Saturday, December 3**

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8

*Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent*

**5:00 p.m. John Bender (The Bayer Family)**

**Sunday, December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent**

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14,  
Mk 1:1-8

**8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish**

**11:00 a.m. Maxine Overfield (Kathy Kraus)**



**A Gift to the Spirit.** Catholic Education is one of the most important ministries of the Church and of Holy Spirit Parish. In sponsoring Holy Spirit School, the parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish not only endorse the strong tradition of educating our young people in the Catholic Faith, they also reinforce the history of Holy Spirit Parish and School as an integral part of the Whitehall community and neighborhood.

Holy Spirit School is announcing the First Annual Fund Campaign, inviting parishioners, alumni, parents and friends to remember the importance of Catholic Education and Holy Spirit School. The campaign will continue through January 2012. The school faces two pressing needs: replacement of key computer and technical hardware as well as upgrading of the HVAC systems of the school's climate system. Neither is a small undertaking, but a "Gift to the Spirit" will enable us to begin moving toward accomplishing these necessary goals. Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated.

## **From the Pastor's Desk. . .**

Waiting is perhaps one of the most difficult tasks for people. Parents wait for their children to come home. People without transportation wait for the bus or for someone to pick them up. Everyone hates to wait in line at the grocery store, at the bank, in the car line at the drive-thru, in the waiting room of the doctor or dentist or emergency room. Consider for a moment how often all of us must wait in the course of the day or week. Waiting tests patience, unless we have something useful or productive to do – which makes the waiting go "faster."

The Gospel of the first Sunday of Advent urges that while we wait for the time to come, that we be "watchful" and "alert." Advent can be a time so packed with activities and preparations, that one wonders what we are "watchful" and "alert" for – the next party to attend, the biggest sale in the stores, or the traffic lights to get us home. As a parish community, let's wait for the coming of Christmas in a way that gives purpose to our hectic impatience. May I make some suggestions?

- Come to a Penance Service and go to Confession. The Penance Service for the school will be held on Friday, December 2 at 1:00 p.m.; The Parish Penance Service will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

- Come to Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mary is the patroness of our country under this title. The Church and our country need the protection and guidance of the Blessed Virgin.

- Attend the Day of Reflection at the Shrine Center (St. Therese's) right down the street from us. It will be a wonderful half-day of prayer and waiting together. This takes us out of the pre-Christmas rush and crush. Great opportunity!

- Pray and reflect on the true meaning of the coming feast of Christmas. The gifts are fun and fine, but why not try to grasp better that we celebrate "God with us." In all our challenges, hopes, and crises, God is with us.

Have a good week,  
Fr. Bill Arnold

## **Advent at Holy Spirit Parish**

- A School Penance Service will be held on Friday, December 2, at 1:00 p.m. in the church.
- There will be a Second Collection to help benefit the St. Philip's Food Pantry at the Masses on the weekends of December 3 and 4 and 7 and 8.
- The Vigil and Holy Day Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be held December 7th at 7:00 p.m. and December 8th at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- A Parish Penance Service will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 4:00 p.m.
- The Parish "Morning of Reflection" will be held at St. Therese's Shrine on Monday, December 12, from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Morning Prayer, Talks from Sr. Joan and Fr. Arnold, Mass and Lunch.

**Attention, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Lectors.** Ministers are needed to fill open positions for the Masses noted below. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you can help.

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

December 7th – 7:00 p.m.; December 8th – 7:00 p.m.

### **Christmas**

December 24th – 5:00 p.m.; December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

## Parish Offertory Summary

November 19 and 20, 2011

Parish Offertory Envelopes (179) (484 people attending Mass)	\$ 7,298.89
Loose offerings	\$ 305.85
Candles	\$ 83.67
All Saints (1)	\$ 2.00
Capital Improvement/Maintenance (6)	\$ 48.00
Campaign for Human Development (25)	\$ 296.40
Christmas & Catholic Charities (2)	\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers (1)	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception (1)	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	\$ 10.00
St. Vincent de Paul (11)	\$ 215.00
Thanksgiving (8)	\$ 78.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 8,377.81</b>

## This Week at Holy Spirit Parish

Sunday, November 27th

No PSR or RCIA

11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word/Church

Wednesday, November 30th

8:30 a.m. All-School Liturgy/Church

6:00 p.m. Cantor Practice/Church

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir/Church

8:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting/Pulito Room

Thursday, December 1st

1:15 p.m. Happy Spirits/Parish Hall

Friday, December 2nd

Morning Prayer after Mass/Chapel

1:00 p.m. School Penance Service/Church

Sunday, December 4th

Poinsettia Sale Pick-up after Masses

9:15 a.m. PSR Classes/School – West entrance

9:30 a.m. RCIA/Parish Office

12:30-4:00 p.m. Winter Carnival/Parish Hall

**Our Thanks to All Parishioners.** The members of St. Vincent de Paul want to thank all those who took the time to participate in our Thanksgiving Drive. Your heartfelt response was overwhelming. We were able to welcome and fill the needs of over 100 individuals and families this year. Some of those we served were families with 5 or 7 children; some were homeless men. All were very grateful for our help.

**Day of Recollection at St. Therese Shrine.** On Monday, December 12, 2011, Father Arnold and Sister Joan will conduct a day of Recollection in preparation for the coming of Christmas for the Seniors of Holy Spirit Parish. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will include sharing of spiritual reflection for the Advent season, the celebration of Mass and lunch served by the Shrine kitchen staff. Plan to take the morning and use the opportunity to get away from the hectic holiday pace. There is no cost, so this opportunity is priceless. Registration is required. Please RSVP no later than December 2nd to Sr. Joan.

**Vintage Holy Spirit Cookbooks for Sale.** These make excellent Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. Enjoy a "taste" of the heritage of Holy Spirit Parish. Contact the Parish Office to get yours for only \$5.00 each.

**Please Patronize Our Bulletin Advertisers**

– They make weekly publication of our bulletin possible. This week's featured advertiser is noted below. Please contact David Ballinger at Dee Printing (614-777-8700) to place an ad.

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## Community Kids Christmas Program

Thank you to all those who took some of the ornaments off of the Giving Tree! When returning the purchased gifts to place under the tree, please make sure the ornament is securely attached. If you took an ornament and you cannot make the purchase, please place it back on the tree for someone else to take. All gifts are due December 3rd or 4th. Please contact Kathie Rath with any questions.



## Happy Spirits (50+) Group to Meet

– **December 1st.** Parishioners are invited to attend the Happy Spirits meeting this Thursday, December 1st at 1:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Parishioners Carmen and Marjo Angelo will prepare and serve their authentic Italian spaghetti and meatballs, along with salad and rolls! For those born in the months of January to June, please bring a dessert to share; for those born in the months of July to December, please bring a nonperishable item for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Call Bob Udeck (614-861-6568) or e-mail [polishbob@att.net](mailto:polishbob@att.net) with questions.

**Community Kitchen.** Our next date to serve is December 17th. Please sign up in the orange binder.

**Winter Carnival.** Don't miss this year's Winter Carnival "It's Christmas Around The World," next Sunday, December 4th from 12:30-4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be games and prizes for the kids, raffles to win fabulous internationally "themed" gift baskets, a bake sale, lunch for sale by O'Charley's (take-out also available!), and a Secret Santa Shop. It is a lot of fun for all! For those who wish to donate home-baked goods, please bring them to the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 3rd, from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Then come back on Sunday, December 4th to purchase some goodies and enjoy the Winter Carnival festivities!

**Youth Group News.** We had a wonderful time with the Thanksgiving Celebration last week! Don't forget:

**December 4th during the Winter Carnival,** Youth Group will be selling and passing out ordered Poinsettias! I still need people to sign up to help. Contact Kathie Rath to get signed up.

**December 11th –** We will be gathering to attend the 5:15 p.m. Mass at the St. Joseph Cathedral. Following Mass we will walk down to the Nativity Scene at the State Auto Building located on Broad Street. Finally back at the Holy Spirit Parish Hall we will enjoy a Soup Supper! Contact Kathie Rath in the Parish Office to get your sign-up form and for questions or further details about the Youth Group meeting and activities.

**Christmas Flowers:** Christmas flowers are placed in the sanctuary each year in memory of deceased family members and friends. A contribution, **minimum \$12.00**, will be accepted for up to three names in their memory. The December 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 December 11. A list of names and donors will be published in the Christmas Bulletin. Thank You!

### Christmas Flower Memorial

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Include minimum donation of \$12.00 and return in the weekly collection by December 11, 2011. Thank you!