

***Holy Spirit Parish  
Mission Statement***

We come together as a diverse and welcoming community to glorify, praise, and give thanks to God in Christ Jesus. Inspired by God's Word and the Eucharist, we go forth to serve the needs of our parish and the extended community.

We are called through the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel message and reach out to the poor and oppressed. We are committed to know, understand, and love each other as members of Christ's body.

**Mass Intentions:**

**Wednesday, April 5: No MASS**

Saturday, April 8: Vigil: Palm Sunday  
4:00PM: (+) Christina Woodrooffe

Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday  
8:30AM: (+) Obediah Williams, Jr.  
10:15AM: The People of Holy Spirit Parish

**Collection**

**(Weekly Goal: \$6,000.00)**  
**Actual: March 25-26: \$7,462.00**  
**+ \$1,462.00**

*Thank you very much for your continued support!*

**Happy Birthday to:**

Vance Parks on Sunday, April 2nd  
Joey Hawkins on Monday, April 3rd  
Tamika Pearson on Tuesday, April 4th  
Lamont Dodson, Gloria Alveranga & Beverly Jordan on Weds. Apr. 5th  
Joshua Starks on Thursday, April 6th

**Happy Anniversaries to**

Vallery & Terrence Gaines / Kelly & Charles Teasley on Weds, Apr. 5th  
Monica & William Starks on Thursday, April 6th

*May God Bless all of You!*

**"Lord I'm Available" Holy Spirit Youth and Choirs Concert**

**The Concert is today, April 2nd at 4pm** featuring: Archbishop Lyke School Choir and Holy Spirit Youth Praise Dancers under the direction of David Williams, Music Director. Location: **Holy Spirit Church**, 4341 East 131st Street, Garfield Heights. A free will offering will be taken.

**The Gospel According to Saint Mark**

St. Monica Parish is pleased to announce that Emmy Award winning actor, Wayne S. Turney will perform his production of **The Gospel According to Saint Mark** for **one night only**— this evening, April 2 at **5pm**. A free will offering will be taken.

**Away From the Parish**

Brother Mick will be in Washington, DC from Monday, April 3 through Thursday, April 6 for the monthly meeting of the Capuchin Provincial Council. He will be back in the office on Friday morning, April 7.

**Care Notes**

At the parking lot entrance to the church there is a display of Care Notes. Care Notes are brief booklets on a variety of topics. Be sure to check them out today!



**Readings for the Week of April 2, 2017**

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45  
or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62  
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/ Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/ Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/ Is 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11  
Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

**Family Perspectives**

In today's gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. When Lazarus came out of the tomb, Jesus instructed his family and friends to untie the bandages that bound him. God still depends on us to free others so they might live. Who in your family is tied up by pride or entombed by grief or resentment? Hear Jesus' call to "unbind him," with care and compassion.

**Archbishop Lyke School**

Some good news to share: Students in grades 5 thru 8 participated in this year's LifeWorks Ohio, "Respect Life" Art, Essay and Poetry Contest, and the following students are winners in the Essay Contest: **LeJon Woods** - Grade 6, Honorable Mention and **Jayla Perrin** - Grade 7, 3rd Place.

On Saturday, March 18th, students participated in the Western Reserve District 5 Regional Science Day at the University of Akron. **Four students** earned a **Superior Rating**, **six students** earned an **Excellent Rating**, and **one student** earned the **Naval Academy Award**. Additionally, **the following students have advanced to the State Science Fair** to be held at The Ohio State University on **May 13, 2017**: **Morgan Hudson**, Grade 7, **Imoni Anderson**, Grade 8, **Isyss Archie**, Grade 8, **Demetrius Talton**, Grade 8, **Ariyanna Toles**, Grade 8.

**Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA Awards Ceremony**

On Sunday, May 7th, the following parishioners will be recognized at the annual Sr. Thea Bowman FSPA Awards ceremony: **Carol Bugg** and **Margarete W. Smith (Women of Wisdom Award)** and **Maya Crawford (Innovative Youth of Today)**. Congratulations ladies and thank you for your respective commitments and valued witness to our Catholic Faith.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Pastor's Corner**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Lord give you peace.

For those preparing for baptism, or preparing for ordination or marriage, or religious profession of vows, doubts can tug at us as we near the date in question. Are we really making the right choice? Is this really the path that God wants me to follow? What am I getting myself into? The last few days can be particularly difficult if some of our family members and friends are sharing their doubts or suggesting that we choose a different path. Bachelor or bachelorette parties before a wedding, aimed at showing the engaged what she/he might miss by becoming married, are one example of how others can cause us to doubt the path on which we about to embark. Such actions might keep us bound by doubt, rather than freeing us to enter fully and joyfully into the experience of the sacrament or liturgical rite.

It is perhaps for this reason that today, two weeks before the Easter Vigil, the Church has traditionally proclaimed the gospel story of the raising of Lazarus. In this narrative, Jesus states unequivocally that he is the Resurrection and the Life. He demonstrates that he came to give us life when he orders Lazarus to come out of the grave. The community assists Lazarus when Jesus orders them to untie him.

Elsewhere in this weekend's gospel we encounter the smallest and perhaps the most powerful verse in Sacred Scripture: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). Jesus understands the pain and the anguish that can come with an experience of loss or doubt. He knows that, at times, the community of family and friends can continue to inflict pain by instilling a sense of doubt or by not releasing a person from their past. For this reason, Jesus orders them to "Untie him and let him go." Heeding this command may we speak words of encouragement to our sisters and brothers that instill confidence and not doubt.

In God's love and mine,  
Brother Mick

**Stations of the Cross**

We will have stations at 7:00PM in the Church.

Friday, April 7

**Good Friday, April 14 at 12Noon**

**The Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**Please be Generous!** For more information, visit  
[www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

**April 2, 2017**  
**Liturgical Ministers**

**Sat. Apr., 8th 4:00PM**

**Reader (s):** Jane Boggan

**Servers:** Tahj Kendrick

**Min of HC:** Faith Conroy

**Ushers:** Victor Ezirim  
Ernest Forte  
Charles Douglas II

**Sun. Apr., 9th 8:30AM**

**Reader (s):** Helene Vallery

**Min of HC:** Marie Thompson

**Servers:** Jessica Carr

**Ushers:** People of Faith

**Sun. Apr., 9th 10:15AM**

**Reader (s):** Maureen Belinson  
Jennifer Johnson

**Min of HC:** Maxine Friend  
Gene Goodson\*  
Joan Martin\*  
Willie Averyhart  
Margarete Smith

**Servers:** Isaac King, Jr.

Israel King  
Isaiah King  
John Gianguzzo  
Deborah Bunkley  
Danny King  
Marcia Turner

**NOTE:** Liturgical Ministers & Ushers please pick up your  
**April schedules** in the Vesting Sacristy.

**Meetings this Week**

Sun., Apr. 2:	After 10:15 Mass	Men of Faith Meeting-PC
	4:00pm	Youth Concert-C
Mon., Apr. 3:	7:00pm	Bible Study-PC
Wed., Apr. 5:	12:30pm	Bible Study-PC
	6:00pm	Cantor Workshop-C
	6:30pm	<b>NO Mass</b>
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal-C
Thurs. Apr. 6:	6:00pm	Youth & Young Adult Choirs-C
	7:00pm	Praise Dance Rehearsal-C
Fri. Apr. 7:	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross-C
Sat., Apr. 8:	8:30am	PSR Breakfast-PC
	9:00am	PSR Classes-PC REC
Sun., Apr., 9:	After 10:15 Mass	1st Communion Class-PC REC

**Holy Spirit Choir CD**

Don't forget to **purchase** a CD featuring the Holy Spirit Choir! David Williams, Music Director, and the Choir has put a lot of heart and love into making beautiful and unforgettable music for you to enjoy whenever and wherever you wish. The cost is \$15. You can buy a CD from any of the choir members or you can call our church office at 216-581-0981.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

If you or members of your family are admitted to the hospital and would like to be visited and remembered in prayers, notify the rectory at 216-581-0981. If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Communion, please contact the rectory.

### Holy Spirit Health Council

**Cold and Flu Season is here, now is the time to get your flu shots!**  
**Health Council will meet the fourth Sunday of each month in the Parish Center.**

**“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth” -3 John:2**

### Mission of Mercy Ministry

Pope Francis named 2016 **“The Year of Mercy.”** Holy Spirit Women’s Guild started a “Mission of Mercy Ministry” in June of 2016, as a pilot program, visiting our parishioners confined in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. They visit 3-4 nursing homes from east side to west side. A Eucharistic minister is always assigned to give communion to those able to receive communion. We pray, sing and fellowship. A bulletin and other church literature are left. We were able to visit four of our parishioners before they were called home to glory. Every one of us that served in this ministry feel blessed from our experience. To learn more about this ministry, call the rectory office at 216-581-0981 to leave your name and phone number for Edith Jones or Rose Dukes, you do not have to be a member of the Women’ Guild to join this ministry. **Our Father** said, “Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

### Business Member of AM 1260 The Rock

Are you a Catholic business owner? Become a business member of **AM 1260 The Rock, WCCR, Cleveland** 24/7 Catholic radio station, and reach 2,000,000 souls in the Greater Cleveland area. Show your support for Catholic radio **and** get valuable exposure for your business. Business members also are listed on the **AM 1260 The Rock** website with a link to your business website. Contact **AM 1260 The Rock** today at 216-277-1260!

### Retrouvaille Weekend - April 21-23

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring - your relationship cold, distant - thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help. RETROUVAILLE (rediscovery), which is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland but open to couples of all faiths, consist of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information or to register, call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or online [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

### Thea Bowman Center (TBC) Would Like Volunteer Help

Thea Bowman Center is looking for volunteer help. They need volunteers with marketing and/or graphic design skills to help develop flyers for children’s summer programming and other program information. TBC also needs volunteers to teach basic computer skills to community residents. TBC has computers and community residents have requested to learn the basic computer skills. Those who are interested can contact Ella Thomas, Executive Director, at 216-491-0699 or by email: [ella.thomas@theabowmancenter.org](mailto:ella.thomas@theabowmancenter.org).

### Seeds of Literacy Tutors are Needed

Seeds of Literacy provides free basic education & GED preparation to adults in the Cleveland area. Volunteer tutors help students one-to-one at a variety of skill levels and subjects. A tutor training session at the **Seeds West** will be **April 29th from 9:00am to 3:00pm**. For more information or to register, contact Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950 x15. Seeds West is located at 3104 W. 25th Street, 3rd Floor, Cleveland. **Seeds East** is located at 13815 Kinsman Road, Cleveland.

### Free Community Meals

On the last Saturday of every month free meals are available **from 1:00-3:00pm** at the *First Cleveland Mosque* located at **3613 East 131st Street**. The meals are cooked on site using fresh ingredients.

### FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

From March 1 through April 9, you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - **40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion**. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you’d like more information - and especially if you’d like to volunteer to help, please contact: John Noall @ 216-245-9744 or email at: [clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com).

### Please Remember in Prayer:

Let us always pray for our sick and shut-in parishioners. In particular, please remember in prayer: Rochelle Larkin-Carr, Jesse Traylor, Rose Thomas, Ivy Greenidge, Pauline Reed, Olivia Allen, Lillie Mae Baker, Moses Evans, Stephen Aarons, Sam Brooks, Cedric Greene, Sharon Fakadej, Elissa Coleman, Kay Tucker, Fred Whatley, Amanda Lewis, Horace and Bettina Bowling, Carl Cummings, Adlean Atterberry, Kelly Beckles, Helen Collier, Estella Fortson, Dorothy Minor, Tyrone Smith, Calvin Singleton, Sr., Luis Lorenzo, Monica Starks, Mattie Smith, Thelma and Rufus Arnold, Frances Shellenbarger, Della Powell, Lois Smith, Jonathan Traylor, Tammy Larkin, Mary Evans, Mildred Jackson, Barbara Lake, Kiana Pearson, Barbara Galloway, Eunice (Tommie) Smiley and Jesse Smiley, Ruby Fett, Sara Dickson, Linda E. Williams, Richard Bass, Raman Belinson, Phyllis Partee, Sharm Starks, Daniel Jefferson, Margaret Luton, Sandra Rose, Reaver Jones, Roger St.Clair, Fletcher Posey, Juanita McPherson , Dwight Carpenter, Brenda Anekwe, Rosemarie McBride, Sr. Rita Mary Harwood, SND, Theresa Talbott, Denise Curry, Carmen and Sherman Whaley, Eric Baxter & Maria Hanan.

### Pray for our Parishioners in the Military:

Saundra Clark, Stephanie Wentz, Andy Hutchinson, Steven Rau, Melissa James, Steven Daniel, Dennis Ross II, Tyrone Franklin, Jr., Maurice Williams and Mario Williams.