

*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.



**Readings for the Week of March 19, 2017**

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42  
or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18,  
22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/ Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/ Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/ Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Eph 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Mass Intentions:**

**Wednesday, March 22:**  
**6:30PM: NO MASS**

Saturday, March 25: Vigil:Fourth Sunday of Lent  
4:00PM: (+) Leslie Debrossard

Sunday, March 26: Fourth Sunday of Lent  
8:30AM: The People of Holy Spirit Parish  
10:15AM: (+) Andrew Porell

**Collection**

**(Weekly Goal: \$6,000.00)**  
**Actual: March 11-12: \$7,406.60**  
**+\$1,406.60**

*Thank you very much for your continued support!*

**Happy Birthday to:**

Krisita Gaston & Lawrence (Mckey) Tyus on Sunday, March 19th  
Patricia Tabor & Kenneth Ekechukwu, Jr. on Monday, March 20th  
Verna Moore & Tanya Brown on Tuesday, March 21st  
Kierra McClure on Wednesday, March 22nd  
Tyler Belinson, Joey Ciccotti & Curtis Edwards, Jr. on Thursday,  
March 23rd  
Ivy Greenidge & Latricia Edwards on Friday, March 24th  
Philo Nuosu & April McClellan-Copeland on Saturday, March 25th

**Happy Anniversary to:**

Patricia & James Williams on Tuesday, March 21st  
Helen & Lawrence Collier on Thursday, March 23rd  
Renee & Glenn Gillespie on Saturday, March 25th  
*May God Bless all of You!*

**Annual Lenten Fish Fry**

Get ready for the *Men of Faith's* Annual Lenten Fish Fry on **Friday, March 24, 2017 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.** in Mulligan Hall. Cost: \$9.00/ Dinner. SEE ANY MEMBER OF THE *MEN OF FAITH* for TICKET(S).

**Holy Spirit Youth and Young Adult Choirs Concert**

**The Concert is Sunday, April 2nd at 4pm.** Archbishop Lyke School students will also participate. 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– Sunday, April 2 at 5pm. A free will offering will be taken.

And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." - Jn 2:16-17

**Family Perspectives**

In Jesus' time, men and women did not converse; Samaritans and Jews hated each other. In today's Gospel, Jesus was able to change the life of the woman at the well because he was willing to break down the barriers of hatred and misunderstanding. Whenever we break the barriers of misunderstanding and mend tattered relationships in our own families, we too discover the "gift of God."

**Cemetery/Funeral Planning Workshop**

The Bereavement Group will host a Cemetery/Funeral Planning Workshop presented by Michael Vujas from the Catholic Cemeteries Association. Come gain knowledge on end of life issues. The workshop will begin **after** the 10:15 a.m. Mass on **March 26** in the Parish Center Chapel. These non-selling workshops are usually less than an hour. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

**Help Our Ushers to Help You**

If you wish to carry the gifts at Mass please let us know, all are welcome. If you are late attending Mass the Ushers will ask that you enter the Church by way of the side aisles. We are asking all to refrain from walking during all the Readings, Prayers, Gospel and Homily. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Fifth Annual Night at the Races**

Night at the Races for Archbishop Lyke School will be held at the Harvard Campus on **Saturday, April 1st from 6:30-11:00pm**. This year we will again be giving winning horse sponsors a trophy and \$20 if their horse wins its' race (excludes the Auction Race). Sponsor a race for \$100 or place an advertisement in the program. There will be refreshments, entertainment, 50/50 raffles, side boards, door prizes, and baskets. Cost \$10, horses \$10. **OUR STUDENTS ARE THE REAL WINNERS IN THIS RACE!** Sign-up forms will be available at each church entrance.

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

**March 19, 2017**  
**Liturgical Ministers**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lord give you peace.

Pope Francis urged Catholics in this past Tuesday's homily not only to avoid evil, but to pursue good in concrete actions, likening the Lenten conversion to a journey.

"Avoiding evil and learning to do good: this is the rule of conversion. Because being converted doesn't come from a fairy who converts us with a magic wand: No! It's a journey. It's a journey of avoiding and of learning," said the Pope during Mass at the Casa Santa Marta.

Beginning his homily with the first step of the journey, the Pope said that we must recognize "Each one of us, every day, does something ugly." He emphasized the importance of recognizing our own sins and he referenced a quote from the book of Proverbs: "For though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again."

This sin, he said, "poisons the soul," but he encouraged the faithful not to worry, for God responds with the words of the Prophet Isaiah: "though your sins should be like scarlet, they will become white as snow."

Pope Francis insisted that refusing evil is not enough, but we must learn to do good with a child-like attitude. He said, "Along the path of life, of the Christian life... You have to learn every day to do something, to be better than the day before," and good must be practiced through concrete actions and not just words.

The Pope pointed to the examples of Jesus in the Gospel: to "relieve the oppressed, give orphans justice, defend the cause of the widow." He also spoke on the "ruling class of the people of Israel," rebuked by Christ "because 'they talk and don't act,' they don't know concreteness."

This Lenten conversion is difficult and doesn't occur over night, Pope Francis said, but added that the Lord walks "with us to help us, to explain things to us, to take us by the hand" and heal our iniquities.

"And this is the path of Lenten conversion. Simple. It is the Father who speaks, it is the Father who loves us, who really loves us. And who accompanies us on this path of conversion."

Please take time to reflect on the Holy Father's words as you continue your Lenten journey of renewal and action.

In God's love and mine,

Brother Mick

**Stations of the Cross**

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

Friday, March 24

Sunday, March 26 after 10:15 Mass

Friday, March 31

Friday, April 7

**Sat. Mar., 25th 4:00PM**

**Reader (s):** Koryse Ekouevi

**Servers:** Tahj Kendrick

**Min of HC:** Faith Conroy

**Ushers:** Nyla Wilson  
Frank Blackmon  
Charles Douglas II

**Sun. Mar., 26th 8:30AM**

**Reader (s):** Cora Williams

**Min of HC:** Marie Thompson

**Servers:** Michael Chukwu

**Ushers:** People of Faith

**Sun. Mar., 26th 10:15AM**

**Reader (s):** Sr. Carol Pelegrin  
Patricia Douglas

**Min of HC:** Steve Neal  
Barbara Neal  
Barbara Price  
Sophronia Reed\*  
Peter Ciccotti\*

**Servers:** Gene Goodson  
Johnny Traylor  
Maya Crawford  
**Ushers:** John Gianguzzo  
Amanda Lewis  
Luis Lorenzo  
Dee Richards

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

**Meetings this Week**

Sun., Mar. 19:	After 10:15 Mass	Confirmation Class-SMR Rosary-Ch Bereavement Quilting-PC Cr
Mon., Mar. 20:	7:00pm	Bible Study-PC
Tues., Mar. 21:	7:00pm	OGN Meeting-PC Cr
Wed., Mar. 22:	12:30pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Bible Study-The Avenue Cantor Workshop-C <b>NO Mass</b> Choir Rehearsal-C
Thurs., Mar. 23:	6:00pm 7:00pm	Youth & Young Adult Choirs-C Praise Dance Rehearsal-C
Fri., Mar. 24:	3-7:00pm 7:00pm	Fish Fry-MH Stations of the Cross-C
Sat., Mar. 25:	12-2:00pm	Women's Guild-PC
Sun., Mar. 26:	After 10:15 Mass	Stations of the Cross-C First Communion Class-PC REC Cemetery Workshop-PC SAR Health Council Meeting-PC Cr

**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**

**St. Edward News**

The Edwardian Players are presenting **“Guys and Dolls”** at St. Edward High School, 13500 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood on Friday and Saturday, March 31, April 1, 7 & 8 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, April 9 at 3:00pm. *This musical fable of Broadway is appropriate for, and loved by, all audiences, young and old.* **For more information, please call 216-221-0793 ext. 201.**

**MEN...Last Call for March 25th**

**Men!** Plan to attend the 17th Annual Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference **“Answer the Call” on Saturday, March 25th** with keynote speaker Tim Staples, a nationally known Catholic Evangelist. The Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn on Rockside Road in Independence. Special prices are available for students and parish groups. All priests, deacons and seminarians are admitted free. The conference begins with a light breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and concludes with 4 p.m. Mass. Registration includes breakfast, lunch and all conference programs. **Advance on-line and phone registrations need to be in by Tuesday, March 21st. For more information or to register log on to [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com).**

**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!

**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).

**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).

**Retrouaille 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 Retrouaille 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).

**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.

**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, Sr. & Eric Baxter.

**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.