

*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 26, 2017**

Sunday: 1 Sm16:1b, 6-7,10-13a/ Eph 5:8-14/  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
Monday: Is 65:17-21/ Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/ Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/ Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/ Jn 7:40-53  
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or  
11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." - Jn 3:20-21

**Family Perspectives**

In the gospel today, Jesus cures a man born blind, using mud and dirt as a sign of His healing. Even the most ordinary things in our family can be sources of healing and signs of God's presence if we open our eyes and use them for the sake of others.

**Sympathy to:**

Eva Traylor, Denise Curry and Families on the death of their brother, James Curry. Funeral arrangements have not been finalized. May he rest in peace.

**Thank You:**

Holy Spirit Family, thank you for the beautiful Mass for our loved one, John L. Robinson. Your kindness, thoughts and prayers were truly appreciated.

Delores, Vicky, Joanne & Family.

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

**The Concert is next Sunday, 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— Sunday, April 2 at 5pm. A free will offering will be taken.

**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!

**Mass Intentions:**

**Wednesday, March 29: Mass**  
**6:30PM: (+) Fred Jefferson**

Saturday, April 1: Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent  
4:00PM: (+) Anthony Hughes

Sunday, April 2: Fifth Sunday of Lent  
8:30AM: The People of Holy Spirit Parish  
10:15AM: (+) Robert Cobbs

**Collection**

**(Weekly Goal: \$6,000.00)**  
**Actual: March 18-19: \$8,712.80**  
**+\$2,712.80**

*Thank you very much for your continued support!*

**Happy Birthday to:**

Brittanie Calhoun on Sunday, March 26th  
Richard Johnson, Jr., Nannette Haygood & Eric Rose on Monday,  
March 27th  
Edith Richardson, Edith Jones, Terrell M. Thompson & Tyric Green on  
Tuesday, March 28th  
Jasmin McGhee & Gayle Bullock on Wednesday, March 29th  
Casey Smith & Jeneba Samba on Thursday, March 30th  
Eyani Forte on Friday, March 31st  
Mary Sibyl Kress on Saturday, April 1st

*May God Bless all of You!*

**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 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.

**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 **today after the 10:15 a.m. Mass** in the Parish Center Chapel. The workshop is usually less than an hour. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

**Songs of Love and Praise: An Interfaith Concert**

Today at 4p.m. Holy Spirit Choir will join Borromeo/St. Mary Schola and several cantors at Congregation Shaarey Tikvah to sing **Songs of Love and Praise: An Interfaith Concert** located at **26811 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood**. Free and open to the public. Donations are accepted.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Lord give you peace.

I recently reminded the seminarians that Lent is a season for discernment. Looking back at Ash Wednesday, I recalled that the Lord exhorted us to be people of prayer, discipline and greater generosity. How are we doing now that we are four weeks into Lent? Are we faithful in lifting up our minds and hearts to our ever-present God? Are we persevering in our "fasting" from food, from our selfish use of time, from our tendency to self-indulgence? And as for the call to give, are we not only just but sacrificial in sharing our limited resources with others? Church, we are invited to discern whether our Lenten practices are from God or from some other source.

St. Paul, a master in the art of discernment, offers indications as to the presence of God's spirit (Gal 5:22). Three signs stand out: love, joy, and peace. If our behavior, values, and relationships lead to an increase of these fruits of the Holy Spirit, we have some assurance that we are on the right track. By contrast, if chaos, sadness, and indifference characterize our lifestyle, serious questions have to be raised.

After serving in formation work for close to twenty-five years, I can say that it is not unusual for people to be divided in the attempt to figure out what is of God and what is not. The Pharisees were divided because some of them gave great weight to the laws surrounding the Sabbath while others focused on the consequences of the deeds done on that holy day. Jesus kept the Sabbath by doing the Father's will: bringing life to others through the gifts of love and mercy. We are invited to do the same. May God bless your efforts!

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.

**Sunday, March 26 after 10:15 Mass**

Friday, March 31

Friday, April 7

Good Friday, April 14 at 12Noon

**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.

**March 26, 2017**  
**Liturgical Ministers**

**Sat. Apr., 1st 4:00PM**

**Reader (s):** Mary Greene

**Servers:** Komlavi Ekouevi

**Min of HC:** Pamela Kelso

**Ushers:** James Wilson

Nyla Wilson

Frank Blackmon

**Sun. Apr., 2nd 8:30AM**

**Reader (s):** Sr. Brigetta

**Min of HC:** Deacon Ron

**Servers:** Al Roberts

**Ushers:** People of Faith

**Sun. Apr., 2nd 10:15AM**

**Reader (s):** Sr. Kathleen

Barbara Oliver

**Min of HC:** Barbara Moore

Sophonra Reed

Tandy Rencher\*

Andre Smith\*

Pat Temple

**Servers:** Anthony Gibson

Michael Ogletree

Johnny Traylor

**Ushers:** John Gianguzzo

Kala Johnson

Amanda Lewis

Ken White

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

**Meetings this Week**

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
	4:00pm	Choir at Temple Shaarey Tikvah
Mon., Mar. 27:	7:00pm	Bible Study-PC
Wed., Mar. 29:	12:30pm	Bible Study-The Avenue
	6:00pm	Cantor Workshop-SMR/C
	6:30pm	Mass-Ch
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal-C
Thurs., Mar. 30:	6:00pm	Youth & Young Adult Choirs-C
	7:00pm	Praise Dance Rehearsal-C
Fri., Mar. 31:	3-7:00pm	Fish Fry-MH
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross-C
Sat., Apr., 1:	10-12:30pm	Women's Guild Meeting-PC SAR

**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.

St. Edward News

The Edwardian Players are presenting **“Guys and Doll”** 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.**

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, 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.