

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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Office hours:
Tuesday — Friday
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

24 November 2019

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass
8:30 a.m.
10:15 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Wednesday
6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday
5:00 — 6:00 p.m.



Holy Spirit Church

To him be glory and
power for ever and ever.

Revelation 1: 6



Pastor
Fr. W. David Nestler,
O.F.M. Cap.

Deacons
Deacon Shelby Friend
Deacon Ronald James

Music Minister
Mr. David Williams

Archbishop Lyke School
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ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND WORSHIP WITH US



**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

- Saturday, 23 November 2019* CHRIST THE KING
4:00 pm (+) Roderick Rencher
- Sunday, 24 November 2019* CHRIST THE KING
8:30 am (+) Orville Temple
10:15 am People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Wednesday, 27 November 2019* 34TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
6:30 pm (+) Philomena McClellan
- Saturday, 30 November 2019* 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm (+) Donald Williams
- Sunday, 01 December 2019* 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 am People of Holy Spirit Parish
10:15 am (+) Rose Thomas

WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY WE BELIEVE IT

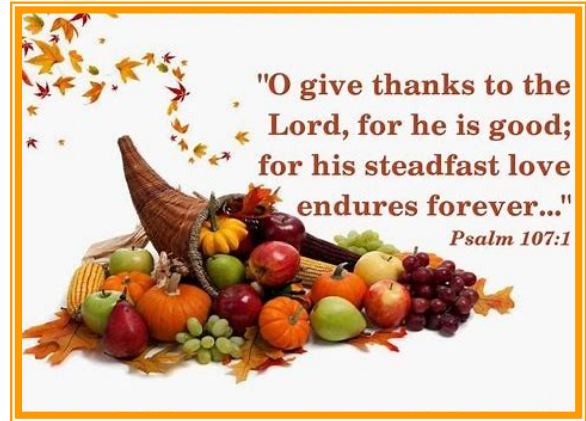
- *What's with all the getting up and down and kneeling when you Catholics worship?*
- *Why do you worship Mary and the saints?*
- *Why can't I receive communion when I come to a Catholic church?*

Have you ever been at a loss when you have been asked questions like these? Maybe some of those who are asking come across more as challenging you or accusing you, rather than sincerely trying to understand the ways we practice our faith.

At the request of some parishioners, we will have a town hall meeting in the church right after the 10:15 Mass next Sunday. Bring your questions and your experiences and together we'll talk about how we can respond to questions like these when they arise.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

First Communion class is today. The class is held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, following the 10:15 am Mass in the parish center. Parents are encouraged to participate in the classes.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday* 2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
- Monday* Dn 1:1-6,8-20; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday* Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday* Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday* Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
- Friday* Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday* Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
- Sunday* 1:Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

INSTALLATION OF WOMEN'S GUILD OFFICERS

Sunday, 8 December 2019

We congratulate the new Women's Guild officers who will be installed on Sunday, December 8th during the 10:15 am Mass. We also thank the Women's Guild outgoing officers who have done an excellent job serving our parish and community.

NEW OFFICERS

- President: Juanita Larkin
- Vice President: Brunie Vega
- Secretary: Barbara Oliver
- Treasurer: Bettye Hughes

OUTGOING OFFICERS

- President: Jasmine Adams-Linton
- Vice President: Cara Johnson
- Secretary: Clementine Jefferson

| HAPPY BIRTHDAY | | |
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| Sunday | Francis Adams Stephanie O'Rourke | Kalea Tucker Brunilda Vega |
| Tuesday | Sydney Ross | |
| Wednesday | Monet Davis | Jeanne Diamond Obie Nwosu |
| Thursday | Glenn Gillespie Merlyn Wenson | Cecil Washington Jr. |
| Friday | Maureen Belinson William Pearson | Alice Rainge |

THE ADVENT WREATH



This year we're taking a new approach to our Advent wreath. You won't see it in a single place in the church's sanctuary. Instead, the four candles are placed around the entire church. The hope is to give a sense that our entire community is being surrounded with the growing expectation of the coming of our God and his unfailing mercy. Look for the four candles around the church.

NORTHEAST OHIO'S ONLINE DAY OF CATHOLIC GIVING CAUSES - THEA BOWMAN CENTER AND HOLY SPIRIT HUNGER CENTER
Tuesday, 03 December 2019

Catholic organizations in Northeast Ohio will work together for #weGiveCatholic on #Giving Tuesday, 03 December 2019, for 24 hours of giving and gratitude. This day is celebrated annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving.

Through "We Give Catholic", Holy Spirit Church has chosen the Thea Bowman Center as one cause to support. Activities for grades K-8 include: an after school program, tutoring, Saturday activities, and a summer youth program. Also available are: a GED program, computer classes, and job readiness assistance. Food is distributed every Saturday for the area's needy. All programs are free of charge.

The second cause is the Holy Spirit Hunger Center which provides hot meals to those in need every Wednesday. Both centers have excellent staff and/or volunteers and your generous support will help to keep the programs active.

If you want to give, you can donate by: 1) giving online during the 24 hour period on December 3rd from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 pm only. Go to wegivecatholic.org and in the site's search field, type in "Holy Spirit". Click on "donate" at the bottom of the page to make a donation. 2) writing a check payable to either "Thea Bowman Center" or "Holy Spirit Church" (if you are donating to the hunger center). On the memo line indicate it is for the #weGiveCatholic.org. You can also donate cash. Place the check or cash in a white envelope and write on the outside #weGiveCatholic.org along with your cause. If you are not donating online, you can begin donating now through December 3rd and place your donation in the collection basket or bring to the church office.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN TO CELEBRATE FOUNDER'S DAY AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
Sunday, 8 December 2019

Members of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. will be worshipping at Holy Spirit Church in remembrance of their founder Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune on Sunday, December 8th. Please welcome them to our 10:15 Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR PURPLE, BUT WHY?

During the Advent season, Catholic priests and deacons wear purple vestments to celebrate the mood of the season. Since Advent prepares us for the Christmas season, being a season of joy, the lush purple color is made to embody that sort of joy which we feel in preparation for commemorating the birth of Christ. In the early periods, purple dye was very expensive and only a privileged few could afford to wear clothes dyed in purple. It was a color reserved for royalty. As such, with Jesus Christ considered by Christians as our king, it is well-suited that ministers of Christ wear purple when celebrating the liturgy.

In addition Advent is also a time of penance, preparation, and sacrifice, and the season is sometimes known as a "little Lent." This is also why the penitential color of purple makes an appearance during Advent. We encourage you to wear purple next Sunday, to celebrate the 1st Sunday of the Advent season.

HUNGER CENTER AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Last Wednesday, volunteers at our Hunger Center distributed 160 turkeys and baskets of food out of Mulligan Hall to our neighbors. That was after a core group of those same volunteers spent several hours here on Monday putting the baskets together. The stage in Mulligan Hall was packed with boxes and bags of food and more frozen turkeys than you might imagine. We are a generous parish.

The Cleveland Food Bank provides some of the food that we distribute. Trinity High School provided a number of the turkeys and other food items. For the rest, we rely on the Ministries of Mercy Fund. The fund, as you know, is supported primarily by donations from our parishioners. Your continued generosity is appreciated. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING WEEK SCHEDULE

This week's schedule is unusual due to the Thanksgiving holiday; please note the following:

Sunday, November 24

- First Communion class

Wednesday, November 27th

- The church office will close at noon and will not re-open until Tuesday, December 3rd.
- The Hunger Center will be closed.
- Sacrament of reconciliation at 5:00 pm.
- Mass for Eve of Thanksgiving at 6:30 pm.

Thursday, November 28th - Thanksgiving Holiday

- No Mass

Friday, November 29th

- The church office is closed.

Sunday, December 1st

- "What We Believe" town hall - church

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DAUGHTERS

A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will take place on Monday, 2 December 2019 at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Avenue, Cleveland. The concert is free and open to all. No tickets or reservations are required. For more information call: 216-696-6525 x5510 or email: ghesman@dioceseofcleveland.org.

GUN SAFETY PETITIONS AT NORTH CHURCH ENTRANCE

We continue to encourage our parishioners to sign the gun safety petitions at the north church entrance in an effort to get a referendum on next November's ballot. To listen to a short news report on the effort, type the following into your web browser: <https://www.ideastream.org/news/in-push-for-background-checks-gun-control-advocates-head-to-polling-sites>.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sadé Powers-Morgan, the granddaughter of Deacon Shelby and Maxine Friend who was married on 11 November 2019 to Shayne Morgan. Both Sadé and Shayne are in the United States Navy and stationed in Oklahoma.

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

If you or members of your family are admitted to the hospital and would like to be visited and remembered in prayer, please notify the parish office. If you are unable to attend Mass and want to receive a visit from the pastor or deacons, please contact the parish office.

Let us always pray for our sick and shut-in parishioners. In particular, please remember in prayer:

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| Rochelle Larkin-Carr | Estella Fortson | Catherine Powell | Amanda Lewis | Rosie Bridges |
| Eliza Solomon | Henry & Kay Tucker | Daphne Allen | John P. Jones, Jr. | Maxine Friend |
| Calvin Singleton, Sr. | Marvin Young | Juanita Adams | Elissa Coleman | Shirley Liston |
| Roger & Connie Raines | John Shields | Demateress Richards | Len Rosky | Patricia Pendleton |
| Rosemarie McBride | Fletcher & Delores Posey | Juanita McPherson | Luis Lorenzo | Bill & Monica Starks |
| Vera Payne | Pauline Reed | Catherine Wilson | Jewell Gardner | Bettina & Horace Bowling |
| James Wilson | Marian Mauldin | Marlene Land | Maria Hanan | Patricia Polk |
| Carmen Whaley | Don Miller | Denise Curry | Patricia Pendleton | Marlene DeBrossard |
| Edith Richardson | Allyssa Brand-Bey | Theresa Talbott | Frederick Whatley | Thelma Arnold |
| Helen Collier | Reaver Jones | Margaret Luton | Daniel Jefferson | Mattie Smith |
| Dorothy Minor | Della Powell | Sandra Cummings | Sharm Starks | Tyrone & Terry Lester |
| Phyllis Partee | Raman Belinson | Maureen Belinson | Linda E. Williams | Horace Reese |
| Sara Dickson | Ruby Fett | Jesse Smiley | D.D. Ward -Warden | Jonathan Traylor |
| Kiana Pearson | Mildred Jackson | Mary Evans | Tammy Larkin | Al Roberts |
| Jerry Freeman | Carrie Aaron | Jesse & Jessica Carr | | |

AN OGN THANK YOU NOTE

Maybe you wanted to be there for the Operation Good News (OGN) retreat day last Saturday, but couldn't make it. Maybe you prayed for the day's success. Maybe you were there, at least for part of the day. In the end, 48 people came, prayed, shared reflections and fellowship. Thank you from your OGN family for a wonderful retreat day. Your presence and participation was a grace in ways you may never know, but thanks be to God. Thanks to all who made the time with God so wonderful.

NEED A USED REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER?

The rectory has an old, used refrigerator/freezer that, in spite of its age, is still in working order. The rectory doesn't need it anymore. It is available to the first person who asks and can make arrangements to move it.

| COLLECTION | |
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| 17 November 2019 | \$6,787.00 |
| Thank you so much for your continuous support! | |

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

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| Sandra Clark | Melissa James | Stephanie Wentz | Andy Hutchinson | Uchechi Onwuanaibe |
| Joshua Sánchez | Tyrone Franklin, Jr. | Mario Williams | Steven Daniel | Sadé Powers-Morgan |
| Dennis Ross, II | Steven Rau | Glen Pflieger | Maurice Williams | |



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Nov 18. St. Benedict the Moor was born of Christian parents in Sicily in 1522 and became a Franciscan monk. He was known for his mild demeanor and humble spirit. He became superior of the community of hermits near Palermo, and he became the cook for the community. The congregation was disbanded by Pope Pius IV in 1553. St. Benedict joined the Franciscan Friars Minor of the Observance. The convent was poor but there was never a shortage of food. St. Benedict always kept seven Lents per year. He died at the age of 63 and was cheered on his deathbed by a vision of St. Ursula. He was canonized in 1589 and chosen Patron Saint of Palermo.

Nov 19. Sister Thea Bowman was born a Methodist named Bertha Bowman, in Yazoo, Mississippi. She became a Catholic when she was nine years old. She later went to college and then became the first African American to join to join the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Sister Thea Bowman taught for 16 years at the elementary, secondary and college levels. She was invited to be a special consultant for the Catholic church. Sr. Thea Bowman gave presentations around the country to bridge the racial and cultural gaps through her gifts of singing and preaching, praying and storytelling. She was diagnosed with bone cancer in 1994. Yet Sr. Thea Bowman continued her fight against the evils that drive people apart, from her wheelchair, until her death at age 53. Sr. Thea Bowman said she prayed "to live until I die – to live fully."

Nov 20. A Roman legion was virtually wiped out because of their Christian faith. The Theban Legion consisted of Christian soldiers. In about 300 A.D., they refused to sacrifice to the Roman gods and refused to kill innocent Christians in Gaul. Nearly all of them were massacred. A few of them escaped: Ss. Maurice, Victor, Exuperius, Candidus, Vitalis, Ursus, Alexander and Gereon.

Nov 21. Catholics from Africa led the way in being witnesses for Christ in the face of great persecutions. Charles Lawanga was one of 22 Ugandan martyrs who converted to Catholicism. He as a great leader and chief of the royal pages. He personally baptized boy pages and protected his companions from the immoral acts of the Babandan ruler Mwanga. He and his companions were burned to death by Mwanga's order on June 3, 1886. He and his companions were canonized On June 22, 1994 by Pope Paul IV. His memorial is celebrated on June 3. Charles is the patron of the African Youth of Catholic Action.

Nov 22. Black African Catholic, St. Anthony of Alexandria, is known as the Patriarch of Monks. He was born to wealthy parents near Thebes. He sold his vast fortune and gave the proceeds to the poor. He sent his sister to a nunnery and retired to an old ruin of a tomb. He ate only every three or four days and spent his time at manual labor and prayer.

Nov 23. Black Haitian Catholic, Toussaint L' Ouverture defeated armies of Spain, France and Great Britain, and won independence from European colonialism. The success of the Haitian Revolution (1791 – 1804) had enduring effects on shaking the institution of slavery throughout the New World. Haiti became an independent state on January 1, 1804.

Nov 24. One of the greatest Bible scholars, Origen, was from ancient Egypt. He was born in 185 A.D. Some of his most impressive concepts on religion had been taught to him by another African teacher named Clement. He won wide acclaim for his lectures at Rome, Caesarea, and Jerusalem. Even though he was never in complete harmony with his bishop and he had some differences with Rome, his strength and influence were in constant demand to fight heretics and the thinking of non-believers. Origen was a vital part of the foundation and fabric of what the great Christian Church was to become.

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Nov 25. Our Lady of Perpetual Help was formed in Washington, D.C. because Black Catholics were denied full participation in the parish life at St. Teresa Catholic Church. The members of the "Mission of St. Teresa" began construction of Our Lady of Perpetual Help August 1920. The land at Fort Stanton was purchased from Dr. J.C. Norwood, a Black physician. 525 members processed at Douglass Hill, up the steep incline of Morris Road, chanting the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They watched as a twenty-five-foot cross was placed atop their hill, and anew, but segregated, parish was begun for Black Catholics.

Nov 26. Of the one billion Roman Catholics in the world today, at least 20% or 200 million are Black. Africa alone has 130 million Black Catholics. One of the largest Catholic Church buildings is found in Africa, the Cathedral of Yamassouka, the capital city of the West African country of Cote d'Ivoire. There are many icons that depict Jesus and his mother as Black throughout Europe. Pope John II had a Black icon in his personal chapel that he prayed before every day. Black people have been and are a very vibrant part of the Catholic Church.

Nov 27. Dr. Lena Edwards (1901-1986) was born in Washington D.C. She was a dedicated physician, a mother of six, and a devout Catholic. As a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, she was very concerned about the poor. In her later years, Dr. Edwards taught at Howard University, and began to minister to the Mexican American migrant workers in Texas. Dr. Edwards received the President's Medal of Freedom in 1964 for her work with the poor. She had a very deep faith and dedicated her life to serving others.

Nov 28. One of the first foreigners mentioned in the Bible to be baptized as an African. In Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 8: 26-40, is the account of the Ethiopian eunuch. This Black person was baptized by Philip. He was in charge of the treasury of the Queen of Ethiopia.

Nov 28. Most people, Catholic and non-Catholic alike have heard of the Knights of Columbus. Far fewer have heard of the Knights of Peter Claver. This organization was founded in 1909 at the Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Mobile, Alabama. The organization was founded to give "colored men" a Catholic fraternal organization, at a time when those other knights allowed no "colored men" among them. The knights of Peter Claver are engaged in charitable works. From their start over a century ago in Alabama, they now have over 1,000 subordinate units around the country.

Nov 29. Father Cyprian Davis, a Benedictine priest and professor has been the most important leader in historical studies of the African American Catholic Church in the United States. Fr. Davis recovered a story that was largely hidden from public view. His lifelong commitment to recording the African American riches that have been lost to us has told the story of the diversity of Catholic life in this country. Fr. Davis has written numerous books and articles in the area of monastic history and the history and spirituality of African American Catholics. In 1990 he published "The History of African American Catholics in the United States" (New York: Crossroad). He has served as a visiting professor of Church History at the Monastic Studium established in West Africa at the Abby of Dzogbegan in Togo. He has also lectured at the Benedictine and Trappist Monasteries in Nigeria. He has also lectured on the development of monastic archives in monasteries of men and women in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Senegal and Togo in West Africa.

Nov 30. The National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (NBCCC) voted on July 24, 1990 while meeting in convention at Fordham University in New York, to establish November as Black Catholic History Month because of the number of important dates to Catholics of African descent that fell within this month.