

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

*01 December 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

"Yes, I am coming  
soon." Amen! Come,  
Lord Jesus!.

Revelation 22: 20



## Pastor

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

## Deacons

Deacon Shelby Friend  
Deacon Ronald James

## Music Minister

Mr. David Williams

Archbishop Lyke School

216.991.9644

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, 30 November 2019* 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
4:00 pm (+) Donald Williams
- Sunday, 01 December 2019* 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
8:30 am People of Holy Spirit Parish  
10:15 am (+) Rose Thomas
- Wednesday, 04 December 2019* 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT  
6:30 pm (+) Oona Temple-Lucienne
- Saturday, 07 December 2019* 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
4:00 pm (+) Barbara J. Davis
- Sunday, 08 December 2019* 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
8:30 am (+) LaBertha Burns  
10:15 am People of Holy Spirit Parish

**WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY WE BELIEVE IT  
THIS WEEKEND AFTER THE 10:15 MASS**

- *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? Today's town hall meeting is at the request of some parishioners, who sometimes struggle to explain our faith and our practices. Stay right in church after the 10:15 Mass and bring your questions and your experiences; together we'll talk about how we can respond to questions like these when they arise.

**NEXT SUNDAY  
08 December 2019  
Youth Mass**

At the 10:15 Mass next weekend, the youth of our parish will be taking the lead in serving our community in the various liturgical roles of prayer and worship. Please be sure to encourage and compliment them on their efforts and their involvement in the life of our parish.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday* Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
- Monday* Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday* Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday* Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday* Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday* Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday* Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday* Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**INSTALLATION OF WOMEN'S GUILD OFFICERS**

*Sunday, 8 December 2019*  
NEXT SUNDAY

We congratulate the new Women's Guild officers who will be installed next Sunday 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    | Chante DeCluett                  | Peggy Gray        |
| Monday    | Roslyn Gardner                   | Jules Rosky-Owens |
| Tuesday   | Thelma Arnold                    | Dan Kelleher      |
| Wednesday | Gabrielle Lawrence               |                   |
| Thursday  | Frank Blackmon<br>Gail Ellington | Asha Smith        |
| Saturday  | Edward Hawkins                   |                   |

**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 surrounded with the expectation of the coming of our God and his unfailing mercy. Look for the four candles around the church.

**ADVENT LITURGIES**

Our veteran drummers have been spending time with our youth in the choir room after the 10:15 Mass to pass along their skill as percussionists to a new generation. These months of work is paying off. For the four Sundays of Advent, the percussionists will play a prelude accompanied by the praise dancers, highlighting the power of percussion to lead us into prayer. Please continue to encourage our youth to be actively involved in our liturgies and parish life.

**GUN SAFETY PETITIONS AT NORTH CHURCH ENTRANCE  
LAST CHANCE**

We continue to encourage you to sign the gun safety petitions at the north church entrance. This is the final weekend we will have the petitions available.

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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| Sunday, 01 December 2019<br>after the 10:15 am Mass  | "What We Believe" Town Hall  |
| Monday, 02 December 2019<br>7:00 pm  | Bible study  |
| Wednesday, 04 December 2019<br>12:30 pm<br>5:00 - 6:00 pm<br>6:30 pm<br>7:30 pm            | Bible study<br>Sacrament of reconciliation<br>Mass<br>Adult choir rehearsal  |
| Thursday, 05 December 2019<br>6:30 pm<br>6:00 pm<br>7:00 pm                                | Sexual abuse crisis task force<br>Youth choir rehearsal<br>Praise dance rehearsal  |
| Saturday, 07 December 2019<br>12:30 pm   | Women's Guild meeting and luncheon   |
| Sunday, 08 December 2019<br>10:15 am Mass<br><br>after 10:15 am Mass<br><br>1:00 - 5:00 pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Installation of Women's Guild officers</li> <li>◇ Founder's Day: National Council of Negro Women celebration</li> <li>◇ First Communion class</li> <li>◇ PSR teachers' meeting</li> <li>◇ Holy Name Society meeting</li> <li>◇ OGN Christmas party</li> </ul> |

**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, this Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 pm only. Go to [wegivecatholic.org](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 next Sunday. Please welcome them to our 10:15 Mass.

**SEEKING FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS  
FROM HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**

Family Promise of Greater Cleveland provides interim housing and support services to homeless families. Are you interested in becoming a Family Promise volunteer? The Family Promise volunteers provide food items for the pantry of homeless families and assist with donation drives when their schedule permits. Please consider being a volunteer by providing your contact information on the sign-up sheet at the entrances.

**OUR LADY OF PEACE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
*Saturday, 7 December*  
*10:00 am - 3:00 pm*

Come to the Our Lady of Peace Christmas Bazaar at Our Lady of Peace Cummins Hall, East 126<sup>th</sup> Street and Shaker Blvd. Holiday crafts, baked goods and household items will be sold.

**WEST SIDE CATHOLIC CENTER**

The West Side Catholic Center Workforce Development Program helps people who are unemployed, who face significant obstacles. Over the course of an eight-week program, they are helped with life issues, prepared for job interviews, and assisted in their job searches. After graduation, each person is matched up with a partner to support their job search.

The organization is looking for dedicated, conscientious volunteers to be partners who would be: a sounding board listening to client's issues; helping them make tough decisions, encouraging them to continue, praying with them and seeing them become the best they could be.

If you are interested in helping, call 216-631-4741 x122.

**2ND COLLECTION  
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**  
*Sunday, 8 December 2019*

30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Most ministered in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes, and social services, usually for little or no pay.

Today, hundreds of religious communities lack enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care. Your generosity is appreciated.

| COLLECTION  |            |
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| <i>24 November 2019</i>                               | \$5,932.61 |
| <i>Ministries of Mercy</i>                            | \$966.32   |
| <i>Catholic Campaign for Human Development</i>        | \$500.00   |
| <i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i> |            |

**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 |                    |                          |

**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 |                    |

