

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

*22 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**

Let the Lord enter; he is  
king of glory.

*Psalm 24: 7c*



**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, 21 December 2019* 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
4:00 pm (+) Noel Howard
- Sunday, 22 December 2019* 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
8:30 am People of Holy Spirit Parish  
10:15 am (+) Alice Aarons
- Tuesday, 24 December 2019* THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
7:00 pm People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Wednesday, 25 December 2019* THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
10:15 am People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Saturday, 28 December 2019* THE HOLY FAMILY  
4:00 pm (+) Anthony W. Edwards
- Sunday, 29 December 2019* THE HOLY FAMILY  
8:30 am (+) Willametta Edwards  
10:15 am People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Tuesday, 31 December 2019* MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD  
7:00 pm People of Holy Spirit Parish

**THANK YOU**

Merline Goodson thanks everyone for their kind expression of sympathy upon the death of her mother, Daphne May Allen. The family sincerely appreciated the services, prayers, kindness, and warm words which provided a tremendous amount of strength and support during their difficult time.

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY  
PARISH ANNIVERSARY  
SUNDAY, 05 JANUARY 2020**



January 5<sup>th</sup> marks our twelfth anniversary as Holy Spirit Parish. As is customary, Bishop Roger Gries will celebrate the 10:15 am Mass that day. Because it is our anniversary, and therefore an important celebration in the life

of our parish community, Mass with Bishop Roger is the only Mass that weekend. Please accept whatever inconvenience this may entail for you for the sake of the great feast of the Epiphany of our Lord. A small reception of cookies and punch will follow Mass in the parish center. Please plan on attending.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday* Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
- Monday* Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
- Tuesday* Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
- Wednesday* Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Thursday* Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
- Friday* Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Saturday* Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
- Sunday* Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**PARISH OFFERING THROUGH ONLINE GIVING**



The parish will soon be offering a convenient service for contributions. Online giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions

at any time. When you receive the next offering envelopes in March, there will be a check box which indicates "I've given online," which you can use to present during offertory at Mass. Online giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the internet. Go to our church website at [www.holyspiritcleveland.org](http://www.holyspiritcleveland.org) and select online giving.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
Sunday	Michael Jones	McKenna Roseberry
Monday	Doreen Beckles	
Tuesday	Chase Hales Betty Martin-Holden Marlene Land	Jasmine Adams-Linton Mary Pinckney
Wednesday	Nikki Alexander Sylvia Little Harris	Walter Wenson
Thursday	Leslie Traylor	
Friday	Erin Whatley-Baker	Shirley Wenson
Saturday	Deborah Bunkley Ian Williams	Nyla Wilson

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

We offer the promise of prayers to Priscilla Shields and her family on the passing of her husband John who passed on December 14th. John was a long time member of the Diocesan Race Relations Committee and was the current chairperson.

Memorial visitation will be on Friday December 27th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at the Fortuna Funeral Home, 7076 Brecksville Rd., Independence, Ohio. The family will receive friends at Holy Spirit Church, on Saturday, December 28th from 10:30 am, followed by the funeral mass at 11:00 am.

Memorial gifts may be made to:

The Singers' Club of Cleveland
P.O. Box 16611
Cleveland OH 44116
or
Holy Spirit Church

THE SIGN OF PEACE and THE LAMB OF GOD

One of the charming features of our celebration of the Mass at Holy Spirit Church is the warmth and energy that is part of the sign of peace. I don't want to do anything to stifle the joy, the care, the authenticity of the moment. It is impossible to not go out of our way to give a special smile and greeting to someone whom we haven't seen for several weeks because of travel, illness, or other reasons; but the sign of peace must remain in proportion to the rest of the Mass.

Sometimes, when I give the signal to Mr. David Williams that it is time to go on to sing the Lamb of God, we can be almost halfway through it before the entire congregation is settled back in and attentive. So, we're going to try something new and see if it works.

At my signal, Mr. Williams will play the accompaniment of the Lamb of God, which will serve as a signal to all of us that it is time to return to our places and give our fullest attention to the action at the altar, and our immediate preparation for the most intimate and communal act of the Mass — the reception of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Again, it's not about keeping us from moving around or stifling our affections and enthusiasm. It's about coming back to attention and our places at the appropriate moment.

Fr. David

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th
7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25th
10:15 am

NEW YEAR'S EVE

December 31st
7:00 pm

On New Year's Eve we will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm. This Mass fulfills our obligation to attend Mass on the holy day, January 1st, the feast of Mary, the Mother of God.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

From Monday, December 23rd through Wednesday, January 1st, the parish office will be closed to ordinary business. Fr. David will pay close attention to incoming messages and will respond to pastoral needs. To reach Fr. David, please call the parish rectory and leave a message at extension 12. The office will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event that winter weather forces us to cancel parish events, a notice will be posted to several mainstream media outlets through the i-Alert system. The i-Alert system notifies WKYC-TV 3, Newsradio WTAM 1100 AM, WMVX, WMJI, WGAR, WAKS, WMMS, WHLO, WKDD, RADIO FREE OHIO 1350 AM, WVIZ/PBS ideastream, 90.3 WCPN ideastream, WCRF 103.3 FM, WCLV 104.9 FM, wkyc.com, wtam.com, wmvx.com, wmji.com, wgar.com, kisscleveland.com, wmms.com, 640whio.com, wkdd.com, and 1350radiofreeohio.com. Please watch or listen to any of these media sources for information about our open or closed status.

A PRAYER TO PREPARE MY HEART FOR CHRIST'S COMING

As we enter into these last days of Advent, take the time to pray the prayer below with your family, in preparation of the feast of the coming of Christ.

Father, just as you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, help me to clear the path in my heart, too. Show me the distractions in my life that block me from all-out worship of you. Lord, I await your coming! As I celebrate Christmas, I look toward the day when I will see you face to face; I imagine what it will be like. Give me a heart, Lord, that looks for your coming on a daily basis. Help me to live my life so that I'm constantly seeking your presence. My offering to you today is my life. Show me today how I need to be refined, purified, forgiven. Give me the strength to ask for forgiveness and to then change my ways.

SAVE THE DATES

DAY OF REFLECTION, FR. AUGUSTUS TOLTON

Saturday, 01 February 2020
10:30 am

Movie Screening of "Across"

The story of Father Tolton's escape from slavery
Our Lady of Peace Parish

2020 ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN LENTEN REVIVAL

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 26-28 February 2020
St. Agnes + Our Lady of Parish

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

First communion class is this Sunday, following the 10:15 am Mass.

**CAPUCHIN BROTHER COMPETES ON NATIONAL BAKING SHOW**



Brother Andrew Corriente, OFM Cap., from the Capuchin fraternity in Washington, DC, is 1 of 10 contestants in a national televised baking competition called, "The Great American Baking Show".

He is currently going head-to-head with some of the best bakers from around the country in holiday-themed challenges and eliminations all in hopes to be named "America's Best Amateur Baker." You can catch a peek of Brother Andrew's cooking skills, on "The Great American Baking Show: Holiday Edition" on Thursdays at 9:00 pm on the ABC TV network.

**BLACK NATIVITY PERFORMANCE**

**KARAMU HOUSE THEATRE**

*Sunday, 29 December 2019*

Danny McElroy, one of the music directors of the Diocesan Gospel Choir, and the music director of St. Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima Church is selling tickets for the final performance of *Black Nativity* on December 29<sup>th</sup>. Danny's son Joshua is a featured actor. Tickets are \$45. Contact Danny at 216-326-0823 to purchase tickets.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY FOOD DRIVE**

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a food drive from now until Christmas. Please place non-perishable food items in the boxes at the church entrances. Thank you.

COLLECTION	
<i>15 December 2019</i>	\$9,368.94
<i>Ministries of Mercy</i>	\$181.00
<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:*

Rochelle Larkin-Carr	Estella Fortson	Catherine Powell	Amanda Lewis	Rosie Bridges
Eliza Solomon	Henry & Kay Tucker	Jesse & Jessica Carr	John P. Jones, Jr.	Maxine Friend
Calvin Singleton, Sr.	Marvin Young	Juanita Adams	Elissa Coleman	Shirley Liston
Roger & Connie Raines	Carrie Aaron	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	Jerry Freeman

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:**

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	

