

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

*06 September 2020*

## Mass Schedule

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

Only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of  
the Lord all the days  
of my life.

— Psalm 27: 4



## Pastor

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

## Deacons

Deacon Ronald James  
Deacon Shelby Friend  
*emeritus*

## 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**

*Sunday, 06 September 2020* 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish

*Wednesday, 09 September 2020* WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
6:30 pm Audrey B. Hopkins

*Sunday, 13 September 2020* 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish

**KEEP IN PRAYERS**

Please keep Joi Jones and her family in your prayers on the passing of her brother Ronald Edwards. The services will be held in Maryland.

**AWAY ON RETREAT**

Father David is on retreat until Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Brother Mick celebrates this Sunday's Mass, and Fr. John Paul Kuzma (a friar new to Cleveland at Borromeo Seminary) will celebrate Wednesday evening's Mass this week. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not scheduled this week. Anyone is always welcome to schedule a more convenient time to celebrate the sacrament by contacting Father David directly (extension 12 at the parish phone number).

**NOMINATIONS**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council members are now closed. We received 22 nominations. We are in the process of confirming that those who were nominated, accept the nomination. We hope to have the election ballots available next Sunday. You may vote for up to four parishioners using the ballot available in church, or by going to the "Forms" tab on our website.

**2021 MISSALS**

Next year's missals have already arrived. They begin with the First Sunday of Advent, which is November 29<sup>th</sup> this year. If you'd like to reserve a copy for your personal use (\$5.<sup>00</sup>), please call the rectory.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Sunday* Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

*Monday* 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

*Tuesday* Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

*Wednesday* 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

*Thursday* 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

*Friday* 1 Cor 9:16-19; 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

*Saturday* 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

*Sunday* Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

If you have not previously provided the church with your birthday or wedding anniversary date, please contact the church office so that we can update our directory. We want to make sure that we accurately include your birthday and anniversary in the bulletin. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
09/06	Terrence Gaines I	Tia Hargrove
09/07	Curtis Hampton Sr. Isaac King Jr. Darrell Larkin	Barbara Moore Barbara Oliver
09/08	Sophonra Reed	
09/09	Charles Ellington	
09/10	Arianna Teasley	
09/11	Deana Bennett Pete Jenkins	James Lovett
09/12	Isaiah Boggan	Daniel Jefferson
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY		
09/03	Gennell Riley-Triggs & Harold Triggs	
09/12	Barbara & Walter Moore	

**FULL, CONSCIOUS, AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION**

*Reflections on the Celebration of Sunday Mass*

*In the middle of February this year, Father David began a series of articles under this title. Six articles appeared in the bulletin before the pandemic forced us to suspend the celebration of Sunday Mass. The first six articles are being printed again, and then the series will continue from there. The following article is the fifth in the series and first appeared in the bulletin on March 15<sup>th</sup>.*

***The Universal Prayer***

The Universal Prayer has also been called the Prayers of the Faithful and the General Intercessions. It brings the Liturgy of the Word to a close.

We speak of the Priesthood of all the Faithful in the church; every one of us who is baptized is a priest in the sense that we all have a duty to offer prayers. Offering prayer is an essential obligation of the priesthood — an understanding that goes all the way back to the earliest days of the Old Testament.

The deacon announces what we are asked to pray for; that’s not the prayer itself, but only the request that we pray. Not the words of the deacon, but rather our response to his bidding is our prayer. That’s why it is so important that we all respond to the invocations — we are fulfilling our priestly function when we do.

Recently we have begun to sing our response; please join all of your brothers and sisters to sing our prayer at the direction of the cantor. We are doing a holy thing when we do.

**CONFIRMATION LITURGY POSTPONED AGAIN**

We have decided to wait a little longer before we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Originally scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>, and then rescheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>, is postponed again due to the pandemic. Because this is the second time we have asked Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB to postpone his visit to our parish for confirmation, Father David has written to the diocese asking to be delegated himself to confer the sacrament when the timing is right for us. We have been in communication with the families.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Our First Communion liturgy was postponed from May 10<sup>th</sup> because we were not permitted to celebrate Mass in public then. First Communion will be celebrated with the seven youngsters of the class on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 am Mass.

**THE GOOD FRIDAY / HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

Because we were not able to gather in church to celebrate Good Friday this year, we did not take this collection in person. However, parishioners responded generously nonetheless both online and by using the envelope that was in the packet for March and April.

You may hear that the bishops of the United States have rescheduled the collection for next Sunday. But because donations for the Holy Land from our parish are already on a par with our yearly average, we will not go through the motions of adding a second collection next weekend. If you missed the opportunity to give to the important work of the church in the Holy Land, you are always free to give. Simply mark your donation for the Holy Land and drop it in our collection basket on any Sunday, or use the appropriate link when giving online.

**FR. AKOLLA HAS BEEN REASSIGNED**



Fr. Akolla Etuge, O.F.M. Cap. has been reassigned to St. John the Evangelist Church in Philadelphia, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. He will celebrate Mass here next Sunday to thank us for his time among us and the role we played

in leading him toward his ordination to the priesthood. It will also be our opportunity to thank Fr. Akolla for sharing his gifts and for his time among us. We will miss him and we promise to keep him in our prayers as he begins his new assignment.

**THE RACIST SITTING IN CHURCH**

The National Black Sisters Conference and the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus are sponsoring a presentation on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm by Father Bryan Massingale, a professor at Fordham University. The presentation entitled, “The Racist Sitting in a Church”, will address the historical and present-day implications of racism within our country and the church. To register for the conference call, go to [bit.ly/massingale](http://bit.ly/massingale).

**ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS**

Registered voters should receive from the Secretary of State an application for an absentee ballot; it is to be mailed around Labor Day. However, due to possible mail delays, it is recommended that you don’t wait, that you either: 1) download an application to receive your absentee ballot at <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-voting/> or, 2) pick up an application form at the church entrances. Once completed, mail it or drop it off in the secure box at your county Board of Elections office. Contact the church office if you have questions.

Please silence all cellular phones and other electronic devices prior to the beginning of our liturgies.

### WATER DAMAGE REPAIRS IN THE CHAPEL

Repairs to the ceiling and plaster in the chapel caused by residual moisture in the ceiling from our roof repair almost two years ago have been completed. When you have the opportunity, stop in to take a look, but also be sure to whisper a little prayer while you're there.

### THE WISDOM OF FATHER DAN BEGIN

A remote presentation by Kathy Ewing, from our parish, will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

As a close, personal friend of Father Dan, and as his recent biographer, Kathy is frequently asked what wisdom Father Dan would provide during our current situation: a pandemic and racial justice turmoil. Kathy will share her thoughts and will leave enough time for you to share your thoughts and questions.

You can register for this Zoom event by contacting [community.saintpeter@gmail.com](mailto:community.saintpeter@gmail.com).

### WE ARE STILL GATHERING ...

... photographs of absent parishioners for placement in the pews. When you come to church, please take a little time to look at the photographs and say a little prayer for those who cannot yet be present with us.

COLLECTION	
<i>30 August 2020 — online contributions</i>	\$3,428.00
<i>30 August 2020 — envelope contributions</i>	\$3,247.00
<b><i>Sunday collection total</i></b>	<b>\$6,675.00</b>
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$25.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$72.00
<b><i>Ministries of Mercy total</i></b>	<b>\$97.00</b>
<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	Carrie Aaron	John P. Jones, Jr.	Maxine & Shelby Friend
Calvin Singleton, Sr.	Marvin Young	Shirley Wenson	Elissa Coleman	Shirley Liston
Roger & Connie Raines	Jesse & Jessica Carr	Demateress Richards	Len Rosky	Jerry Freeman
Rosemarie McBride	Fletcher & Delores Posey	Jeffrey Rose	Luis Lorenzo	Bill & Monica Starks
Vera Payne	Pauline Reed	Catherine Wilson	Peter Ciccotti	Bettina & Horace Bowling
Beverly Jordan	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	Isaac King, Sr.
Dorothy Minor	Della Powell	Sandra Cummings	Sharm Starks	Tyrone & Terry Lester
Kenny White	Raman Belinson	Maureen Belinson	Linda E. Williams	Horace Reese
Doris St. Clair	Ruby Fett	Jesse Smiley	D.D. Ward -Warden	Jonathan Traylor
Kiana Pearson	Mildred Jackson	Mary Evans	Tammy Larkin	
Richard Bass	Sr. Mary Beth Daly			

### PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

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

