Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

22 November 2020



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, 22 November 2020 SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING 10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

Wednesday, 25 November 2020 THANKSGIVING EVE 6:30 pm The deceased of the O'Hara Family

Sunday, 29 November 2020 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Due to additional restrictions recommended by the state and county as a result of the pandemic, our parish celebration of the sacrament of confirmation has been postponed again. Please continue to encourage and pray for the following youth who were to celebrate the sacrament today.

> Theresa Hefferman Israel King Alesia Ogletree Isabella Pena

Teshirah Rau Joy Starks Amiir Talbott

The office will close on Wednesday, November 25th at noon for the Thanksgiving holiday and will reopen on Tuesday, December 1st.

MASS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Our parish celebration of Thanksgiving will be Mass at the ordinary Wednesday evening time, 6:30 pm (November 25th). If everything goes according to plan, that will be the first time that the Wednesday evening Mass will be livestreamed. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

We are planning two Masses for Christmas. The first will be on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm and then on Christmas Day we will celebrate Mass at 10:30 am. We are hoping to livestream both Masses.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31 -46
Monday	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	2 Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE DECEASED

During Mass on November 8th a candle burned for each of our brothers and sisters who were buried from our church throughout the year. If you were unable to attend Mass that day, you may pick up the candle in remembrance of your loved one. Please contact the church office to arrange a time. Otherwise the candle will burn in remembrance of our loved ones in church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY						
11/22	Shawn Kennedy	Johnny Traylor				
11/23	Jessica Carr Blake Lewis	Clarence Smith, Jr.				
11/24	Francis Adams Stephanie O'Rourke	Kalea Tucker Bruni Vega				
11/26	Sydney Ross					
11/27	Monet Davis	Obie Nwosu				
11/28	Cecil Washington Jr. Glenn Gillespie	Merlyn Wenson				

A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us.

Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes.

Thank you for your great love and care.

Thank you for your mercy and grace.

Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us.

Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.

Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given.

Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh.

Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy.

We love you and we need you, this day and every day.

We give you praise and thanks, for you alone are worthy!

In Jesus' name. Amen

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Holy Trinity Church who donated 100 turkeys to the Hunger Center, as well as a monetary donation to purchase additional items for Thanksgiving. Also, thank you to the Hunger Center coordinator and all of the helpers who are diligently working to make the upcoming holiday special for as many as possible.



PREPARING FOR ADVENT

Next weekend, the first Sunday of Advent, pages will be available for each day of the season with a reference to a Scripture passage, a prayer and a reflection. Ideas for decorating an ornament to hang somewhere in your home will also be provided. If you cannot come to church to take the pages home with you, they will be available on the website for printing.

If you are attending church, you are encouraged to wear purple.

May our Advent be blessed!

CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH SISTER THEA BOWMAN



As we near the end of Black History Month, we recognize Sister Thea Bowman. A granddaughter of slaves, and the only Black woman in the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, Sister Thea was first a teacher, and later an advocate for racial justice. She spoke across the country in gatherings that combined gospel teaching,

prayer, storytelling, song, and dance. Ironically, she had been told by the church that her black expressions of music and worship were "uncatholic."

In 2018, Sister Thea's cause for canonization was approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which means the path has been opened for Sister Thea to be formally recognized as a saint. Sister Thea has long been recognized among the Black community as a holy and prophetic woman whose living witness points the way to Christ. Saints offer prophetic words, appropriate for their time, and their wisdom transcends generations. Thirty years later, we wonder what Sister Thea would say to us today. At the end of a 1989 US bishops' meeting, she told the bishops who were predominantly Caucasian to join hands and sing the black national anthem, "We Shall Overcome." What if Sr. Thea Bowman were living today, and she was among the groups of opposing protestors standing between them, and asked them all to join hands and sing, "We Shall Overcome?" Sister Thea believed that we all must work together to tear down the walls of racial division in our segregated and polarized society and church, by making the effort to truly be in contact with one another: to get to know another's story, their joys, sorrows, hopes and dreams.

Sister Thea said, "Some of the best preaching does not go on in the pulpit!" She reminds us of our responsibility as disciples to preach, teach, worship and pray. Our work to end systemic racism is part of this call and it is our duty. Who will be today's Sister Thea?



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Amiir Talbott a 9th grade student at Davis Aerospace and Maritime High School. Amiir made the honor roll based upon grades earned during the first quarter of 2020.

Please join us in recognizing his hard work and supporting all of our students in maintaining high standards.

OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS: THE ENDURING CALL TO LOVE

You are invited to attend the last of four evenings of reflection entitled, "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love." The conferences address responding to racism: understanding, conversion and action. The presenters include Mr. Cary Dabney, the Director of the Diocese of Cleveland's Office of Ministry to African American Catholics and Dr. Valerie D. Lewis-Mosley who is a healer, scholar, pastoral theologian and social justice advocate. The teleconference call is on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm. To register go to <u>https://</u> <u>forms.gle/kxMLbxF6u37mPL6W8</u>. For more information, please contact Michele G. Gilfillan at 646-584-8187 or mggilfillan@yahoo.com. A flyer with further details is posted on the church bulletin boards.

SECOND COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity toward today's second collection, for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The collection helps to support programs that provide aid for people who live in poverty.

Collection			
15 November 2020 — online contributions	\$2,590.00		
15 November 2020 — envelope contributions	\$2,054.00		
Sunday collection total	\$4,644.00		
Ministries of Mercy — online contributions	\$95.00		
Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions	\$10.00		
Ministries of Mercy total	\$105.00		
Thank you so much for your continuous support!			

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	Richard Bass	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	Tammy Larkin	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.
Sr. Kathleen McCafferty	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	Cole Whaley	Gerri Fracasso
Clementine Jefferson				

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:							
Saundra 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 Pfleger	Maurice Williams				