

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

*29 November 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

We are the clay and  
you are the potter: we  
are all the work of  
your hands.

— Isaiah 64: 7b



## 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  
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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**

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

*Wednesday, 02 December 2020* ADVENT WEEKDAY  
6:30 pm Barbara Sievers

*Sunday, 06 December 2020* THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church



**NEW MEMBERS TO OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY**

Please pray for, and congratulate, two new members who want to be part of our Catholic Church. Today we take the first step to welcome them into a formal process of making them full members of our Catholic communion:

PORTIA GADSON and  
BELINDA HENRY-RUFFIN

We celebrate with them the Rite of Acceptance, the first public ritual which will reach its culmination at next spring's Easter Vigil. They are officially welcomed by the church as disciples desiring to become full members of the household of faith. The official texts call this rite "the first consecration by the church" of those seeking initiation. They are marked with the cross of Christ as God's own.

**AN ADVENT PRAYER**

*God of light and life,  
Give us hope as we wait for your coming again.  
When we are tempted  
To be grateful to have found you while others are lost,  
Send us out into the darkness  
In search of those who need you most. Amen.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Sunday* 2 Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

*Monday* Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

*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 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**REST IN GOD'S PEACE**

We offer our promise of prayers to Mary Sibyl Kress and her family on the passing of her mother Joan Russell, who died this past Tuesday. Mrs. Russell was a former member of St. Dominic and Our Lady of Peace parishes. May she rest in peace.

A happy, if belated, birthday wish to Rochelle Larkin-Carr whose birthday was this past Wednesday. We neglected to list her name in last week's listing.

| HAPPY BIRTHDAY |                                     |                       |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 11/29          | Maureen Belinson<br>William Pearson | Alice Rainge          |
| 12/01          | Peggy Gray                          | Regginald Taylor Jr.  |
| 12/02          | Roslyn Garner                       | Jules Ann Rosky-Owens |
| 12/03          | Thelma Arnold                       | Dan Kelleher          |
| 12/04          | Gabrielle Lawrence                  |                       |
| 12/05          | Frank Blackmon<br>Gail Ellington    | Asha Smith            |

**BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH*****Let's call it Current Events Month****We Are Part of Building that History Today***Deacon Shelby Friend****Deacon Ronald James**

On the last Sunday of Black Catholic History Month, it is most appropriate to acknowledge and celebrate those of us right here. We are building Black Catholic History every day.

Let's start with our deacons: Deacon Shelby Friend and Deacon Ronald James. Paving the way for Deacon Ron and Deacon Shelby was Joseph Newman, Cleveland's first permanent deacon and a nationwide leader of training for his counterparts. Deacon Joseph Newman, a former member of Saint Henry and Saint Timothy parishes became one of the first United States Catholic deacons in 1971. Black deacons comprise only 2% of the deacons in the United States.

Deacon Friend and Deacon James continue to be part of our Black Catholic history, as Deacon Friend has been serving for 26 years as a deacon at Saint Henry and Holy Spirit parishes. Even though he is recently retired, he'll never stop serving our community in many ways, particularly by visiting the homebound.

Deacon James has been a deacon for 11 years and is very active on our behalf. Do you know that he takes a strong lead in hosting a grieving family when we gather in church for a funeral? Do you know that he writes the texts that are used in the General Intercessions and the Penitential Act at every Mass? ... He writes the introductory comments we use every Sunday.

May Deacon Newman, Deacon Friend and Deacon James, as part of our Black Catholic history, inspire current and future generations to make their contribution to our story.

Look around church today. Do you see someone whom you think you should thank for being a part of Catholic history? Please take the time to go out of your way to do exactly that.

Let's celebrate all of us who are keeping a rich and vibrant history moving toward God's kingdom.

**KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY STRONG***Not only on Sunday:*

Our livestreaming of Sunday Mass has not yet missed a broadcast, and the expressions of appreciation for providing this service remain strong.

*But also on Wednesday:*

We have begun livestreaming the Wednesday Mass as of last week. It's a second opportunity to participate in a live event at the parish from the safety of home.

*And now on Thursday:*

This week we will begin a regular series of presentations on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in church for those who wish to attend in person, and it will also be livestreamed. The presentations will be based on the Scriptures and liturgy. Livestreaming allows us the chance to make the presentations a bit interactive in that YouTube viewers can submit a comment or question during the presentation. The first date is Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will continue on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, before taking a Christmas break until after the arrival of the new year. The title of Father David's presentation is: *The Year of Grace*. He promises it will be more interesting than it sounds.

*Epilogue:*

To make these extra livestreaming efforts sustainable, please be sure to express your appreciation to those who generously provide the service and are working hard to get better at it week by week. And encourage others to join the effort; we can always use more helpers.

**JESSE TREE MATERIALS**

At the church entrances you will find each Sunday during Advent a Jesse Tree symbol for each day of the week, along with a reference to a Scripture passage, a prayer and a reflection for that day. If you are unable to come to church to take the pages home with you, they are available on the website for printing.

The Jesse Tree has a long tradition in honoring Advent. You just might find it a pleasant and meaningful family activity with children and grandchildren.

**THANK YOU**

There is one small correction to the announcement that appeared in last week's bulletin. The donation of 100 turkeys to the Hunger Center, as well as a monetary donation to purchase additional items for Thanksgiving, was made by Trinity High School.

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

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Under ordinary circumstances, December 8<sup>th</sup> is a holy day of obligation, but during the pandemic the bishops of Ohio have suspended such obligations. Even so, there will be a public Mass in church at 6:30 on the evening of the 8<sup>th</sup> for anyone who wants to attend. There is no word yet about the availability of a videographer to livestream the Mass.

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the church, please contact the Diocese Response Service Office at 216-399-2999 or response\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

### FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY

Praying the rosary follows the 12:00 Noon Mass at the cathedral once a month. Join others in the diocese by livestream on Facebook @DOCParishLife on December 4<sup>th</sup> and the first Friday of each month.

| COLLECTION  |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| 22 November 2020 — online contributions               | \$2,848.00        |
| 22 November 2020 — envelope contributions             | \$2,380.00        |
| <b>Sunday collection total</b>                        | <b>\$5,228.00</b> |
| Ministries of Mercy — online contributions            | \$000.00          |
| Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions          | \$700.37          |
| <b>Ministries of Mercy total</b>                      | <b>\$700.37</b>   |
| Catholic Campaign of Human Development                | <b>\$444.00</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             | 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, SND | 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:

|                 |                      |                 |                  |                    |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 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 Pfleger    | Maurice Williams |                    |

