

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

*04 April 2021*

## 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

Give thanks to the  
Lord, for he is good.

— Psalm 118: 1



## 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, 04 April 2021* EASTER SUNDAY  
10:30 am People of Holy Spirit Parish

*Wednesday, 07 April 2021* OCTAVE OF EASTER  
6:30 pm Christine McConnell

*Sunday, 11 April 2021* 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
10:30 am People of Holy Spirit Parish

**PRAY FOR HIS ETERNAL REST**

The funeral Mass for Fred Whatley Sr. is Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at Holy Spirit Church. The wake will be at 10:30 am. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**DRIVE-THROUGH DISTRIBUTION  
OF THE EUCHARIST**

Last Sunday we began offering Communion between 12:30 and 1:30 in the parking lot. We estimate that approximately 30 people received communion that way. Because it was Palm Sunday, and Mass always takes longer that day, we were a little behind schedule getting things set up. But we'll keep working our plan and improving the logistics of it all.

It was only with the help of many people that we were able to do this. We are all grateful for their willingness to endure the cold and the rain to provide this service. If you can help, please call the office.

Until you feel safe returning to church in person, this is a way you can receive Communion each Sunday. We will make the Eucharist available in this way until the bishop reinstates our obligation to attend Sunday Mass in person.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Sunday* Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or 41: Mt 28:1-10

*Monday* Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

*Tuesday* Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

*Wednesday* Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

*Thursday* Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

*Friday* Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

*Saturday* Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

*Sunday* Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**BISHOP'S LETTER**

Bishop Malesic has written a letter, dated March 22<sup>nd</sup>; it is a reflection on our pandemic experience and a caution to continue to be careful as we seem to be turning a corner.

Please take the time to read the bishop's letter; it is an insert in this bulletin and available on our website.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
4/04	Calee Metlock	
4/05	Gloria Alveranga Adlean Atterberry	Lamont Dodson Beverly Jordan
4/06	Joshua Starks	
4/09	Alyssa Brand-Bey	
4/10	Lawanda Williams	
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY		
04/05	Vallery & Terrence Gaines Kelly & Charles Teasley	
04/06	Monica & William Starks	

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Over the years our brothers and sisters in the parish have led the Stations of the Cross when we pray them during Lent. They not only lead the prayers, but carefully select a Scripture passage, and then offer a brief reflection from their heart. All of the reflections were carefully prepared and spiritually thoughtful. Let's offer a prayer of gratitude for our fellow parishioners who shared their time and talent with us; we have much to be grateful for here. When you see them, please thank them in person. Those who led us in praying the Stations this year were:

<i>Erin Whatley-Baker</i>	<i>Charlotte Brown</i>
<i>James Daniels</i>	<i>Faith Conroy</i>
<i>Michele Garrett</i>	<i>Kim Fortson</i>

### THE THEA BOWMAN CENTER THANKS US

During this season of resurrection and rebirth, the Thea Bowman Center is especially grateful to the members of our parish for our support. If this last year has taught us anything, it's that the things we've always taken for granted can bring us to our knees in an instant. Because of our help, the Thea Bowman Center has been able to provide food support for an average of 800 residents each month, including home delivery services to 100 seniors, and to secure computer devices and access to online learning for adults and children.

The center listens and learns from the people of Mount Pleasant in order to meet their needs. Right now, that need is to take the focus away from surviving and be able to aim it towards thriving. The Thea Bowman Center board and staff thank Holy Spirit Church for being there for them and for the people that use the center. When you have a moment, please take the time to visit their website: [www.theabowmancenter.org](http://www.theabowmancenter.org).

### HOSPICE OF THE WESTERN RESERVE

Hospice of the Western Reserve is dedicated to sharing the importance of advance care planning. In honor of National Healthcare Decisions Day on April 16<sup>th</sup>, they are offering virtual community workshops. The goal is to break down the barriers of fear and confusion that may prevent individuals from communicating health care wishes to their loved ones. To register, email [cstrang@hospicewr.org](mailto:cstrang@hospicewr.org).

Wednesday, April 14 - 6:00 pm  
 Friday, April 16 - 10:00 am  
 Friday, April 16 - 2:00 pm

### HAPPY EASTER



May God bless you and all who are close to you with his choicest graces throughout this holy season.

Your parish staff offers you the promise of our prayers and all our efforts. May you know his peace and mercy.

This Easter you will notice that we have a beautiful new altar cloth, vestments for the deacons and a vestment for the priest. They are displayed in the photograph above. Of course, your best look at them will be in person. We'll be using them all through the Easter season. Hope to see you in church.

### LIVE STREAMING

So many people continue to express their appreciation for our parish efforts to provide the opportunity to participate in our liturgies through live streaming. Even when the pandemic is behind us, we are planning to continue live streaming.

There is potential for this technology to be useful in many different ways for the parish. So we want to invest in the equipment and training we need to improve the quality of what you see and hear on Sunday mornings.

Eventually we want to be able to offer other spiritual and educational activities through the live streaming technology, not just in person.

One parishioner has already offered a generous donation to get us started; if you want to make a contribution toward the effort, simply write live streaming in the memo line of your check. Or look for a way to donate to this through our website's online giving portal.

### WORDS OF GRACE

Words of Grace reflection booklets are still available for the period of April - June 2021.

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a contribution report for 2020, please contact the church office. We will print a report of contributions only at your request.

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

### COVID-19 TESTING

The City of Garfield Heights in conjunction with Holy Spirit Church is offering Covid-19 testing on our property, between the parish center and the school Monday - Saturday. Please call the office to confirm the hours for this week.

You will need to register on the site at [www.OHcovidtesting.org](http://www.OHcovidtesting.org). You must register through the site to be eligible to be tested, but you are not required to schedule an appointment. You can come any day during the hours indicated by the church office.

COLLECTION	
<i>28 March 2021 — online contributions</i>	\$4,044.00
<i>28 March 2021 — envelope contributions</i>	\$2,470.06
<b><i>Sunday collection total</i></b>	<b>\$6,514.06</b>
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$25.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$40.00
<b><i>Ministries of Mercy total</i></b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	

***HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY EASTER***

### 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	Gerri Fracasso	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	Walter Malcomb	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	Star Lewandowski	Cole Whaley	Alanna King
Clementine Jefferson	Lucille Mahone			

### 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	





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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we approach the most sacred time in the life of the Church and prepare to celebrate another Easter Season together, I want to acknowledge the challenges, difficulties and blessings we have experienced during the past year of the pandemic. One year ago, who would have guessed all that we would have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We never would have imagined that over 500,000 people would lose their lives from the virus, some of them our friends, relatives, and fellow parishioners. We never would have thought that the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays would be suspended, publicly celebrated Masses would be cancelled for several months, and we would have experienced isolation, confinement, the wearing of masks and social distancing for over a year. Added to this we also experienced deep political division, racial tension, riots in our streets and in our nation's capital, and a general unrest in our hearts. But now we must slowly begin to pull ourselves together and move forward with the faith, generosity and charity that is expected from all who claim to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

I want to acknowledge and express my gratitude to so many of you who have cooperated with your local pastors and church leaders by going above and beyond the call of duty through your generosity to Catholic Charities and supporting the work of the church. Thank you for continuing to live your faith by participating in corporal works of mercy, continuing your prayer life, and taking opportunities to deepen your spiritual life through in-person or streamed celebrations of Holy Mass and other devotions done in the silence of your homes.

Thank you for helping to keep the Church alive and well despite all the hectic and unexpected roadblocks along the way. We all need to thank so many of our priests, deacons, pastoral ministers and parish staffs for their creativity, courage, great patience and dedication to us during the past year. They did an outstanding job moving ahead with all of the unknowns and changing instructions, making adjustments, implementing new directives, struggling to determine how to reach out and minister to parishioners in the various parishes throughout the diocese. Our clergy, pastoral ministers, catechists, administrators, parishioners, young and old responded in heroic and selfless ways to ensure that the proclamation of the Gospel never stopped and the Sacraments continued to be celebrated either in-person or able to be viewed by way of online streaming, although the later was not ideal. I am also so proud of our Catholic schools that were ready to go online the day after in-person classes were cancelled and then returned to in-class instruction last fall. Our school teachers are heroes to many of our children in our Catholic schools.

All of us were stretched beyond imagination and frustrated by the limitations of the past year. It was also difficult for me to come as your new bishop mid-pandemic. Through it all, however, God

certainly did provide. God gave us what we needed, especially in the most difficult times. God remains a steadfast help in times of need. The cross of the past year, if we permitted it, made us people of deeper faith, closer as families, and more appreciative of parish life.

But we are not quite done yet. Even though we are beginning to get this pandemic under control, the virus still remains, and we all need to remain vigilant until that time when masks are no longer necessary and appropriate social distancing is no longer expected. The health and safety of everyone, especially those whose health is compromised in any way, is of extreme importance and these ordinary means of protecting life are have proven to be helpful. Remember that patience is like all the virtues. It comes with practice. And, if these limitations and temporary requirements were a great burden to us, they were also the sufferings that we able to endure and offer up for the salvation of souls, our own included.

Although the dispensation from the Sunday Mass remains in effect at the present time, we are never exempted from keeping the Lord's Day holy. Continue to make Sunday a day of prayer, rest, and family. We will continue to offer live streaming at the diocesan website [www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org) and, if available, on your local parish website. However, as we begin to get outside of our homes, visit restaurants and attend sporting events, it will also become the time for us to return to the altar at our parish churches where we can receive the Body and Blood of Christ for ourselves as the true food of eternal life. For Jesus has said to us, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

Yes, there is hope on the horizon. As more and more people become immune to COVID-19, our churches, schools, parish events and diocesan events will eventually return to normal. I hope that we return to better than normal. I ask you to pray for that.

As your bishop, I thank you, the faithful, for your cooperation in this difficult and confusing time. I look forward to the days and months ahead trusting that we all may be one in our commitment to remain faithful to the Lord and supportive of each other.

It is good to be the Bishop of Cleveland. I am blessed to be among you at this time of grace for all of us.

God bless you and those you love.

Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward C. Malesic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL  
Bishop of Cleveland