

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

19 December 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

You, Bethlehem-
Ephrathah, ... from
you shall come forth
for me one who ...
shall be peace.

— cf. Micah 5: 1 - 4a



Pastor

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

Deacons

Deacon Ronald James
emeritus

Deacon Shelby Friend
emeritus

Music Minister

Mr. David Williams

Archbishop Lyke School
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COME, 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, 18 December 2021 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Church

Sunday, 19 December 2021 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 am Billy Edwards

Wednesday, 22 December 2021 ADVENT WEEKDAY
6:30 pm Alice Aarons

Friday, 24 December 2021 VIGIL: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
7:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Church

Saturday, 25 December 2021 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

Sunday, 26 December 2021 THE HOLY FAMILY
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY



The parish has already had a total of four listening sessions for the synod process. Eight more opportunities to participate are scheduled. You can find the schedule of meetings on a page available at the church doors; it is also available on the home page of our website. Finally, it was one of the attachments to the email message we sent to every person in our database for whom we have an email address.

The key to a successful process is to have as many people as possible participate. Please look over the schedule and select one session to attend. The Thursday evening sessions are by way of Zoom, and the Saturday noontime meetings are in person at the parish center.

The tone of the listening sessions is prayerful and respectful. No one's experiences or ideas are disregarded or judged. Our goal is to allow the Spirit of God to work within every one of us, to inspire us, so that what may need healing can be healed, and new, fresh inspirations can take root and bear fruit in God's time.



REST IN GOD'S PEACE

Please offer the promise of prayers to Gloria Alveranga's family and friends. Mrs. Alveranga passed away on December 11th. Her funeral Mass was celebrated here this weekend. May Gloria and all of the departed rest in God's arms, bathed in his light and peace.

IT'S FINALLY TRUE

We received word late on Thursday afternoon that the cause of our sidewalk cave-in on Cranwood Drive has been repaired. The City of Garfield Heights in conjunction with Cuyahoga County has repaired the infrastructure deep below the street. When the city is convinced that their repair is holding up, we will be ready to replace our sidewalks and pursue other concrete replacement projects.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/20	Robert Moore	
12/21	Brenda Anekwe-Smith	Roslyn McClain
12/22	Michael Jones	McKenna Roseberry
12/23	Doreen Beckles	
12/24	Jasmine Adams-Linton Chase Hales Marlene Land	Betty Holden Mary Pinckney Ivy Vallery
12/25	Sylvia Little-Harris	Walter Wenson

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve 12/24/2021	Friday, 7:00 pm <i>livestreamed</i>
Christmas Day 12/25/2021	Saturday, 10:30 am
Holy Family 12/26/2021	Sunday, 10:30 am <i>livestreamed</i>
New Year's Eve 12/31/2021	Friday, 7:00 pm <i>livestreamed</i>
Epiphany 01/02/2022	Sunday, 10:30 am <i>livestreamed</i>

- There is no 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 25th or Saturday, January 1st.
- January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is not a holy day of obligation this Christmas season.
- On the Feast of the Epiphany, January 2nd and our parish anniversary, Bishop Roger Gries will preside over our celebration.
- The Wednesday evening Masses will be celebrated as usual at 6:30 pm on December 22nd, 29th, and throughout January.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

From Thursday, December 23rd at Noon through Monday, January 3rd, 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 Tuesday, January 4th.

Confirmation class meets this afternoon at Noon by way of a Zoom conference call.

BIBLE STUDY

The Monday group will not meet for the remainder of this month, but will resume sessions on January 10th.

The Thursday group will not meet again until January 20th.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT

The Catholic Cemeteries Grief Support group meets this Sunday, December 19th, from 3:00 - 4:00 pm at Calvary Cemetery. rabrums@clecem.org, 216-930-8866.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil through the blessings which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with pure hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS



Please join in congratulating Brandon James Taylor who graduated from Cleveland State University with a Master's Degree in Administration and Human Resources. We are very proud of Brandon; may he go on to accomplish great things.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

2022 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 2022 Josephite African American History & Heritage calendars are now available at the church entrances. If you are unable to come to church, please contact the church office to make other arrangements to receive one. Please take or request only one calendar per household. Thank you.

WORDS OF GRACE

The booklet of daily reflections and prayers for January - March is now available at the church entrances. If you will not be coming to church, please contact the church office to make other arrangements to obtain one.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Mt 5:1-41, Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Monday Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday Sm 1:24-28; Lk: 46-56

Thursday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Friday Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Saturday Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Sunday Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

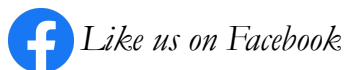
Please silence all cellular phones and other electronic devices prior to the beginning of our liturgies.

HAVE A JOYOUS, BLESSED AND SAFE CHRISTMAS

We pray that everyone celebrates a joyous and blessed Christmas. Please be safe as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

It is recommended that we follow the CDC guidelines to protect ourselves and each other while celebrating:

- *Make sure you are fully vaccinated and have received the booster shot to protect not only yourself, but also those who are high-risk and children who are not eligible to receive the coronavirus vaccine;*
- *Avoid crowded and poorly ventilated spaces;*
- *If you are not vaccinated always wear a mask in public, indoor settings; and if you are vaccinated wear a mask in places of high risk for spreading the coronavirus.*



COLLECTION	
<i>12 December 2021 — online contributions</i>	\$2,635.00
<i>12 December 2021 — envelope contributions</i>	\$3,418.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$6,053.00
<i>Retirement Fund for Religious — online contributions</i>	\$125.00
<i>Retirement Fund for Religious — envelope contributions</i>	\$504.00
<i>Fund for Religious Retirement total</i>	\$629.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$75.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$66.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$141.00
<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
Jewell Gardner	Henry & Kay Tucker	Carrie Aaron	John P. Jones, Jr.	Maxine & Shelby Friend
Cole Whaley	Marvin Young	Richard Bass	Wendy Lewis	Shirley Liston
Roger & Connie Raines	Jesse & Jessica Carr	Demateress Richards	Jean & Len Rosky	Jerry Freeman
Rosemarie McBride	Fletcher & Delores Posey	Gerri Fracasso	Cordell Curry	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	Clementine Jefferson
Edith Richardson	Allyssa Brand-Bey	Theresa Talbott	Preston 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
Lucille Mahone	Raman Belinson	Maureen Belinson	Linda E. Williams	Horace Reese
Doris St. Clair	Ruby Fett	Eunice & Jesse Smiley	D.D. Ward -Warden	Jonathan Traylor
Kiana Pearson	Mildred Jackson	Star Lewandowski	Cora Williams	Alanna King
Tyric Green	Mary Sibyl Kress	Hal Wyant	Patricia Pecnik	Merline Goodson
Barbara Galloway	Sophonria Reed	Sandra Rose		

If you decide that it is no longer necessary for your name to appear on this list because your condition has improved, please contact the parish office.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

Sandra Clark	Mario Williams	Maurice Williams	Steven Rau
Joshua Sánchez	Dennis Ross, II	Uchechi Onwuanaibe	Sadé Powers-Morgan

