

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

26 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

Forever I will sing the
goodness of the Lord.

— Psalm 89: 2a



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

- Friday, 24 December 2021* VIGIL, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
7:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Saturday, 25 December 2021* THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 26 December 2021* THE HOLY FAMILY
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Wednesday, 29 December 2021* CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
6:30 pm Dora and Aaron Dodson
- Friday, 31 December 2021* VIGIL, MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
7:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 02 January 2022* THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY



The next two listening sessions are scheduled for next week: Thursday, January 6th at 7:00 pm on Zoom, and Saturday at Noon in the parish center.

That pattern will repeat itself every week through the end of January. Please make every effort to come to at least one of the sessions. Each one follows the same format and is designed to lead us in prayerful reflection and sharing on our experiences of church and striving to be all that God calls us to be. These sessions provide a unique opportunity to participate in shaping the future of the church. Please take your part.

REST IN GOD'S PEACE

Please offer the promise of prayers to Anthony Gibson and his wife Catherine Powell on the passing of her sister Claudette Powell. Claudette passed away on December 21st. The Hardin Martin Funeral home is handling the arrangements. May Claudette and all of the departed rest in God's arms, bathed in his light and peace.

SIDEWALKS

We received word 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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
12/26	Leslie Traylor	
12/27	Matthew Sacco	Erin Whatley-Baker
12/28	Deborah Bunkley LaShaun Carr Marvin McMichael Jr.	Walter Moore Christopher Williams Nyla Wilson
12/29	James Garrett	William Starks
12/30	Carlton Darrell Jr.	
12/31	Cora Williams	

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>
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 12/31/2021	Friday, 7:00 pm <i>livestreamed</i>
Epiphany 01/02/2022	Sunday, 10:30 am <i>livestreamed</i>

- There is no Mass on 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 Mass will be celebrated as usual at 6:30 pm on December 29th, and throughout January.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed through Monday, January 3rd, 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.

BIBLE STUDY

The Monday group will resume sessions on January 10th.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Thursday 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Friday 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Saturday Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Sunday Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

KWANZAA - A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY



Kwanzaa is a holiday tradition that is based on the “first harvest” celebrations in Africa. It is celebrated from December 26 - January 1. While many of these first-fruit celebrations differed among societies, they shared these common principles: people gathering together to celebrate, acknowledging the creator and thanking him for his blessings, a commemoration of the past and a recommitment to African cultural thought and a time to celebrate community.

Kwanzaa was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga – a professor of Black Studies at California State University. He created it after the Watts riots as a way to bring African-Americans together as a community. He gave it the name Kwanzaa — a word that is taken from the phrase “matunda ya kwanza” and is Swahili for “first-fruits.” Most Kwanzaa celebrations are based on Nguzo Saba – or the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

The Seven Principles:

- *Umoja (Unity): Striving for and maintaining unity in the family and the community*
- *Kujichagulia (Self-Determination): Defining oneself and speaking for oneself*
- *Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility): Building and maintaining a community and making our brother’s and sister’s problems our own and solve them together*
- *Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics): Building and maintaining our businesses for ourselves and each other*
- *Nia (Purpose): To build and develop our collective communities together*
- *Kuumba (Creativity): To do whatever we can to leave our communities more beautiful than when we inherited them*
- *Imani (Faith): To believe with our hearts in our people, our families and the righteousness of our struggle*

Kwanzaa celebrations often include: African clothing, eating fresh fruit and traditional African foods and a feast on the final day called Karamu. Seven candles are burnt in a candelabra called a Kinara that is lit during the celebration. A candle is lit to represent each of the seven principles. Although Kwanzaa is not a religious observance, the values can be referenced and supported in sacred text. The numeral “seven” which biblically means “complete” is rich in symbolism suggesting order and an expected end. In Scripture, seven often symbolized completion or perfection. Genesis tells us that God created the heavens and the earth in six days, and, upon completion, God rested on the seventh day. Lastly, the final principle of Kwanzaa is faith.

CONGRATULATIONS



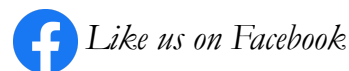
Please join in congratulating Allyssa Brand-Bey who graduated with honors from Cleveland State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism and Promotional Communication - *cum laude*. We are very proud of Allysa; may she go on to accomplish great things.

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

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Eternal God, You gave us the greatest gift,
the gift of life.

In the coming year, help us use it wisely.
May we grow in generosity, kindness and forgiveness,
hope, faith and love.
Amen.



Please have a very happy and safe New Year. We look forward to connecting with you and other members of our Holy Spirit Church community in 2022.

COLLECTION	
<i>19 December 2021 — online contributions</i>	\$3,319.00
<i>19 December 2021 — envelope contributions</i>	\$2,776.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$6,095.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$000.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$410.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$410.00
<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:

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

