

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

27 February 2022

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

God has called us
through the Gospel
to possess the glory of
our Lord Jesus
Christ.

— 2 Thessalonians 2: 14



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, 26 February 2022* THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm Fred Roberts
- Sunday, 27 February 2022* THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Wednesday, 02 March 2022* ASH WEDNESDAY
6:30 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Saturday, 05 March 2022* THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 06 March 2022* THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
10:30 am Edmond McGee

THE BEGINNING OF LENT AND A TIME OF MERCY



We are about to cross over into a spiritual journey of vast proportions and godly potential. Considering that the six weeks of Lent is followed by seven weeks (plus one day) of Easter,

we realize that a full 25% of the calendar year is devoted to our prayerful celebration of the last days of Jesus' life on earth and the mysterious ways God brings such abundant goodness, blessings, peace, mercy and love out of the ugliest evil.

Let's step back a moment and enter into this holy season with a determination to hear God's word to us in a fresh way and to conform our lives more closely to the life of our dear Lord Jesus.

PSR IN MARCH

PSR meets on two Saturdays this month: March 12th and 26th. The PSR staff will meet on Tuesday, March 8th to make final preparations; the meeting is scheduled to take place at 7:00 pm by way of Zoom.

First Communion class meets today and again on March 13th.

The next Confirmation class is March 20th.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is this week: March 2nd. We celebrate the beginning of Lent with Mass and the distribution of ashes at the usual time of our Wednesday evening liturgy (6:30 pm).

Every Friday during Lent, beginning on March 4th, we will pray the Stations of the Cross in church at 6:30 pm. As we have done in the past, one of our brothers or sisters will lead the prayer, prefaced by a short Scripture reading and a personal reflection.

Father David already knows what penance he will bear during this holy season. Do you know what cross you will embrace? Do you have a particular person or intention for whom, or for which, you want to lift your efforts to God's glory? There are many needs and concerns in each of our lives and throughout the world.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

It is never too late make a donation or commitment to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. The envelopes are still available in church at the end of the pews. You may also donate through the diocese's website: dioceseofcleveland.org. Our support helps the diocesan church to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us all: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
02/28	Horace Bowling	Penelope Whatley
03/02	Billy Dodd	Patricia Todd
3/03	Patricia Tabor Brittany Forte Alanna King Ivy King Isaiah Penn	Colleen Sauvain Joseph Vallery Jr. Amara Penniman-Whatley
03/04	Sharon Booker Marcella Lash Demetrius Ledgyard	Dolores Posey
03/05	Lamont Dodson	

**BLACKS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE 1619**

Juan Garrido was free African born in the Kingdom of Kongo, Mwisi Kongo or Kongolese and lived approximately from 1487 - 1550. He migrated to Portugal in his youth, converted to Catholicism, changed his name to Juan Garrido (“handsome John”), and became a Spanish conquistador. Juan joined Spanish expeditions, arriving in Santo Domingo (Hispaniola) in 1502; he participated in an invasion of Puerto Rico, and Cuba in 1508; he joined Ponce de León in the search for gold in Florida. He is the first known African to land in the North American continent. Eventually he joined with Cortes’ forces who invaded Mexico before going on to marry and settle there. He was the first farmer known to sow and harvest wheat in the Americas and owned African and Native American slaves.

Esteban the Moor (Estevanico), also known as Esteban de Dorantes or Mustafa Azemmouri born in 1500 in Azemmour, Morocco, was the first African to explore North America. He was captured, enslaved and sold to a Spanish nobleman in Spain around 1521. He died in 1539 in Hawikuh, New Mexico. He explored Florida, and other unexplored lands north and west of Florida, including northern New Mexico. He has been called “the first great African man in America.”

Pedro Menendez de Aviles established St. Augustin, Florida in 1565, and had free and enslaved Africans with him.

Spain had a different view of slavery than the rest of Europe. Their slaves were captured in “just wars” and enslavement was not based on race. Some sold themselves into slavery. The Spanish philosophy of “Siete Partidas” believes slavery is an unnatural condition, because God has created humans free; the philosophy established a means whereby enslaved people could become free.

This was carried over to Spanish Catholicism which speaks on the freedom of all people, slave or free, as brothers and sisters in Christ. The church and slave masters were expected to teach the rudiments of the faith wherein enslaved people might join the church and celebrate the sacraments. Since the sacrament of marriage means families could not be separated, enslaved persons were often tied to intricate kinship arrangements with owners behaving as godparents, and marriage sponsors.

Africans working with Menendez de Aviles worked on fortifications, sawed timber, built structures including churches, blacksmithing shops, and an artillery platform, and cleared land for planting. They were not free from racial prejudice either in Spain or in the New World. This didn’t stop them from climbing the social ladder by marriage, accruing wealth, military service or through the sponsorship of a person of higher status.

There were many others of African descent, not able to be mentioned in this article, who were involved in the exploration of North America in the 15th and 16th centuries.



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

For the last two years cantors have anchored our music ministry. It has not been safe for a group of people to gather in a choir, in close proximity, singing boldly and full-throatedly. We have used small scholas of cantors on occasion for the most solemn celebrations.

While so much uncertainty still surrounds us regarding the pandemic and how best to keep ourselves and each other safe as we are faced with variants, we are taxing the availability of the cantors willing to help lead our worship. So, this is a request to our cantors and choir: if you are feeling safe enough in church, will you take a turn being the sole vocal leader to help lead us in our sung prayer?

All you have to do is come to practice and agree to give your best effort while continuing to learn the art of leading a congregation in singing.

The future of our choir begins here.



Operation Good News Retreat

Operation Good News invites anyone seeking a spiritual uplift and a renewed sense of God's presence to the Spring Renewal Weekend, Saturday, April 23rd 8:00 am to Sunday, April 24th 3:00 pm at the Jesuit Retreat Center 5629 State Road, Parma. The cost of the subsidized weekend is \$30 per person which includes lodging and meals. Registration is due by March 25th. The theme is "We Are All Made In the Image of God." The spiritual director is Reverend Isidore Munishi AJ. All are welcome. Evidence of full COVID-19 vaccination is required. Masks are required and social distancing will be followed in the meeting spaces.



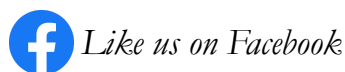
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday* Sir 27: 4-7; 1 Cor 15: 54-58; Lk 6:39-45
- Monday* 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10: 17-27
- Tuesday* 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday* JI 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday* Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday* Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday* Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday* Dt 26: 4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

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

PHYSICALLY PHRAGILE

Father David's second surgery was successful, even if logistical complications and poor communication between the hospital, the surgical team, and the nursing facility turned what was supposed to be an overnight stay into a four-day saga. Two titanium plates and about a dozen screws later, all that Father David has to do is to give his attention and energy to healing, strengthening, and rehabilitation. He's working hard at it so that his return to our community can be as soon as is practical and healthy.



COLLECTION	
<i>20 February 2022 — online contributions</i>	\$3,120.00
<i>20 February 2022 — envelope contributions</i>	\$6,901.90
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$10,021.90
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$0.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$75.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$75.00
<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	Hal Wyant
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	Merline Goodson
Tyric Green	Jimmy Owens	Sophronia Reed	Sandra Rose	Barbara Galloway

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

