# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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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

5, 1	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER The People of Holy Spirit Parish
5, 1	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER John and Sharon Temple
Wednesday, 27 April 2022 6:30 pm	Easter Weekday Kay Tucker
5, 1	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Madelyn Blake

Sunday, 01 May 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish



FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH COMMUNION PARTICIPATION MISSION

At today's pastoral council meeting, the members will review the first draft of our parish's synod report to the diocese which is due at the end of this month. After hearing their suggestions and wisdom, the document will go through a final editing and be made available to all the members of the parish.

#### THE FREEDOM TO VOTE ACT

Do you remember the letter we sent to Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell, and other congressional leaders, urging the U.S. Congress to support the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021? We sent the letter on January 27<sup>th</sup> with 59 signatures below Father David's. We finally received a response.

With a letter dated March 31<sup>st</sup>, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown is the first to answer our letter stating his support for the Freedom to Vote Act. Copies of his letter are on the three-sided literature rack at the north entrance of the church. As we receive more responses, we will share them.



#### **PRAISE DANCERS**

Did you notice the effort of our praise dancers during Holy Week and Easter? Their graceful movements did much to lead us into prayer and worship of our mighty and merciful God.

They will continue to be a part of our worship throughout the Easter season and beyond. If you are inclined to join the group and use your movements to lead us in prayer, you are most welcome.

### AT HOME WITH THE LORD

We recently learned that Patricia Pecnik of our parish died this past New Year's Eve. A funeral Mass is scheduled to be celebrated at Saint Adalbert Church in Berea on April 30<sup>th</sup> with interment to take place for both Pat and Skip (John), who preceded her in death by eight years, at Saint Adalbert Cemetery.

# ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLAND AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

May is designated for honoring the heritage of Asian-Pacific Islander Americans. In a similar way to our acknowledgements of Black History in our bulletin in February, we will provide a short article of some kind to heighten awareness and appreciation of this rich heritage that helps make up the diversity of our nation and our community. Keep an eye on this space each week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY			
04/24	Steven Abrams	Charnesia Larkin	
04/26	Pat Temple	David Singh	
04/27	April Moore		
04/28	Bobbie Dodson Christian Sisson	Jimmie Waugh Harold Wyant	

# EASTER GRACE, EASTER GRATITUDE

We offer our most profound thanks to everyone who played a part in any way to make our Triduum liturgies as prayerful and beautiful as they were. There is so much labor and skill we rely upon to make our liturgies as beautiful and worthy of our gracious Lord as possible and as inviting to genuine prayer and worship for all of us who gather. Please offer a grateful prayer with me for:

- those who cleaned the church and the many accoutrements used during Holy Week;
- those who studied the liturgies with me and helped plan the logistics of movements and flow;
- the musicians, cantors, dancers and music planners practicing so diligently and rehearsing a very large volume of music;
- the decorators who generously gave many hours in a few days to create the unique prayerful atmosphere of each celebration;
- \* the videographers and livestreamers negotiating a very fickle and unreliable internet connection;
- \* the catechists who carefully prepared families for the Easter sacraments over several months;
- \* and you, whom I'm forgetting to call out right now ... please know that in my heart I deeply appreciate your effort to make our celebrations as beautiful and prayerful as they were.



Every contribution here, from changing a light bulb to singing the Easter Proclamation, is no small matter, as it is part of building an experience of prayer that has the potential to lead us into the loving hands of the God who won't let us go.

So many people of our church family spent so much effort for love of the Lord and our brothers and sisters.

To everyone who made any contribution to our liturgies and who joined our community for prayer: *thank you*. May these Easter days be the font from

which many blessings and graces flow for our community and all whom we to. David love.



# GET VACCINATED THIS THURSDAY

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health is providing free Covid vaccines this Thursday afternoon from 2:00 - 4:00. Whether you need a first dose, a second dose, or one of the boosters, from any manufacturer, you can receive the shot at our parish center this week. Please spread the word.

# GARFIELD HEIGHTS MARKS THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 5th. From coast to coast, community to community, thousands upon thousands gather in person and call on God to pour out his love, life and mercy on a nation so badly in need. This year's theme is, "Exalt the Lord, who has established us" (see Colossians 2: 6 - 7).

Garfield Heights invites everyone to gather in prayer at the Civic Center (5407 Turney Road) at 6:00 pm on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 5:30.

# HONOR ROLL CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate two of our own for achieving honors at Central Catholic High School for the third quarter:

Danaysia Harris	Cum Laude
Morgan Crawford	Magna Cum Laude

We are grateful to God for their achievement and promise the support of our prayers for a blessed conclusion to this academic year.

- The Pastoral Council is meeting today.
- Confirmation class also meets today.
- The Finance Council has a meeting on Thursday evening this week.
- First Communion class is on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> is the last PSR class of the school year.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Sunday* Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Monday 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

- Tuesday Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

- Saturday Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday Acts 5:27-32; 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

#### **Reserving Meeting Space**

In-person activity is on the rise around the parish complex. If your group is planning anything for any of our gathering or meeting places, please be sure that you reserve the room(s) you want by asking that it be placed on the parish calendar. It is not safe any more to presume that no other group will want to use the room you want at the same time.

# FALSE START

Our new office manager, Yashira, has decided to end her employment with us. However, we are not back at the proverbial square one. We are working to quickly return to a place where we can consistently honor the rectory's posted office hours with a person who possesses the skills to provide the necessary support to the parish and its mission.

# Thank you for your generosity to this weekend's collection for the Catholic Home Missions.

Collection		
17 April 2022 — online contributions	\$3,274.00	
17 April 2022 — envelope contributions	\$4,454.84	
Sunday collection total	\$7,728.84	
Ministries of Mercy — online contributions	\$190.00	
Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions	\$50.00	
Ministries of Mercy total	\$240.00	
Thank you so much for your continuous support!		

#### 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	Jimmy Owens	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	Barbara Galloway	Sandra Rose	Barbara Oliver	Sophronia Reed
Rose Clark				

# 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	