

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

11 September 2022

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass
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

I am grateful to him
who has strengthened
me, Christ Jesus, our
Lord.

— 1 Timothy 1: 12



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.

COME, WORSHIP WITH US

SAINT PETER CLAVER

26 June 1580 – 8 September 1654

... a Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary who, due to his life and work, is the patron saint of enslaved peoples and ministry to African Americans. He is an heroic example of putting the gospel of love into practice. September 9th is the day on the church’s calendar that his memory and example is honored.

As a priest in Colombia, South America, Saint Peter Claver would head for the wharf as soon as a slave ship entered the port. Boarding the ship, he entered the filthy and diseased holds to treat and minister to the abused, terrified human beings, who had survived a voyage of several months under horrifying conditions. It was difficult to move around on the ships, because the slave traffickers filled them to capacity. After the enslaved people were herded from the ship and penned in nearby yards to be scrutinized by crowds of buyers, Peter Claver joined them with medicine, food, bread, and lemons. With the help of interpreters and pictures which he carried with him, he gave first aid, basic instructions in Christianity, and most importantly he gave human warmth and dignity.



**THE LADIES AUXILIARY
OF THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER**

FREE *Grab 'N Go* LUNCH TODAY

As part of today’s celebration of the life and blessing of Saint Peter Claver, the Ladies Auxiliary has prepared a *Grab 'N Go* lunch, free of charge. On your way home after the 10:30 Mass today, please stop by the parish center and pick up some lunch.



The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary is an international Catholic fraternal service order. Founded in 1909 by the Josephites and parishioners from Most Pure Heart of M a r y C a t h o l i c Church in Mobile, Alabama, it

is the largest and oldest Black Catholic lay-led organization still in existence. Our local chapter of the Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary have taken the lead in the planning and celebration of this week’s 10:30 Mass. We join them in celebrating the great legacy of Saint Peter Claver and thank them for their work to honor the dignity of every human being, particularly the most vulnerable and neglected among us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 10 September 2022 THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish

Sunday, 11 September 2022 THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 am Fran E. Alexander

Wednesday, 14 September 2022 THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS
6:30 pm Rose Thomas

Saturday, 17 September 2022 THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm Elissa Coleman

Sunday, 18 September 2022 THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish

AFRICAN AMERICAN MINISTRY OFFICE



After a lengthy search, Sister Jane Nesmith, SBS is the new director of African American Ministry for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. She is a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, the order founded by Saint Katharine Drexel.

“My Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament are simply thrilled. Many of the sisters at our retirement community expressed their delight that we are returning to the Diocese of Cleveland where many of them have served,” Sister Jane said. She plans to join the diocese later this fall.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
09/11	Deana Bennett Pete Jenkins	James Lovett
09/12	Isaiah Boggan	Daniel Jefferson
09/13	Litrell Chapman Kiana Pearson	Curtis McClure Sr. Landon Richardson
09/14	Malik Jenkins	
09/15	Eric Johnson	Monica Starks
09/16	Lindsay Lovett	
09/17	Edward Caffey	Curtis McClure Jr.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY		
09/12	Barbara & Walter Moore	
09/14	Gloria and William Jefferson	

WOMEN'S GUILD RETREAT DAY

*Saturday, 17 September 2022
9:00 am - 2:00 pm*

The Women's Guild has planned and is sponsoring a retreat day for its members this Saturday in the parish center. Father David will provide some of the input, along with reflections by Faith Conroy and Ruth Jones. The day will anchor itself in Saint Paul's call to all followers of Jesus to be *Ambassadors for Christ* (2 Corinthians 5: 20).

Members of the Women's Guild can still register by calling Juanita Larkin (216.659.3569) or Margarete Smith (216.288.3241).

The major talks will also be livestreamed and recorded for anyone who wants to view them live, or later at any convenient time. You can find the livestream and recording in the usual way by going to our parish website and selecting the "You Tube Channel" button on the right hand column.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Seventeen of our brothers and sisters have accepted your nomination to serve for a three-year term on the Parish Pastoral Council. Throughout September we are voting.

We are electing four (4) parishioners from among the seventeen (17) on the ballot. Those members who receive the highest number of votes will begin this service to the parish with the council's October 23rd meeting.

Every adult parishioner is urged to complete a ballot before the end of September. By using the form on our website, your ballot will automatically be submitted to the parish office. If you use a paper copy, you may drop it in the collection basket, in the plastic boxes near the church entrances, or in the mail slot in the rectory office door.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

Monday 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Thursday 1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19:25-27

Friday 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

WE GIVE CATHOLIC

This fundraising campaign from the last few years is a part of an initiative called *Giving Tuesday* – the world's response to the commercialism and materialism associated with Black Friday, Cyber Monday and the holiday shopping season. We will participate again this year, and plans are in the kickoff stages.

The parish's finance and pastoral councils have acknowledged the need for an extensive renovation of Mulligan Hall, including the stage, the bathrooms, and the kitchen. Of course, without easy access to that lower level of the church any renovations, no matter how beautiful, will always be underutilized. So, the councils are stepping up their conversations about installing an elevator in the church building. Last week the question was posed: "what do you think?" Consensus is building across the parish community that we are not being good stewards of the sacrifice and work of the generations that have gone before us here if we allow almost half of our church building to fall into disrepair and leave it in an inaccessible state.

We are earmarking all *We Give Catholic* donations toward this renovation project, including accessibility needs. Because the elevator installation and the Mulligan Hall restoration depend upon each other in order to be successful, we're considering it one fundraising project to give us flexibility in planning the project and its eventual various stages of completion.

Please follow the announcements about *We Give Catholic* and *Giving Tuesday* so that we can get this initiative off to a great start. In the days to come we will come up with a fundraising goal to give us an idea of how much money we need.

SAFETY MINISTRY

A task force has been assembled and will begin to meet to create a safety plan which first focuses on our safety in church, and then expand to include other places on our campus.

Those who have agreed to serve on this task force and in this ministry are:

- * Sherman Whaley
- * Kay Tucker
- * James Bellanca
- * Juanita Larkin
- * Marcia Turner
- * John Temple
- * Kendall Fortson



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

PSR Staff meets on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

PSR Class begins next Sunday immediately after Mass in the parish center.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

The Monday evening group is resuming their gatherings by way of Zoom conference calling this Monday evening. They meet every Monday at 7:00 pm. The group is completing a study of angels in the Bible before starting a new topic. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84770754772?pwd=bEVwdUdYWVVPV1dNakhYWxJYbncwdz09> Everyone is welcome.

The Thursday afternoon group gathers in person in the parish center at noon and will begin meeting again on September 22nd. It's next topic is the parables of mercy that Jesus speaks so eloquently in the gospels. Please keep an eye on our website for more details as they become available.

Build this into your schedule; it's worth your time.

COLLECTION

<i>04 September 2022 — online contributions</i>	\$2,800.00
<i>04 September 2022 — envelope contributions</i>	\$4,429.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$7,229.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$0.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$915.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$915.00
<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 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	Tyrone & Terry Lester
Sr. Kathleen McCafferty, SND	Della Powell	Sandra Cummings	Sharm Starks	Horace Reese
Lucille Mahone	Raman Belinson	Maureen Belinson	Linda E. Williams	Jonathan Traylor
Doris St. Clair	Ruby Fett	Eunice & Jesse Smiley	D.D. Ward -Warden	Merline Goodson
Kiana Pearson	Mildred Jackson	Star Lewandowski	Cora Williams	Sophonria Reed
Tyric Green	Barbara Galloway	Sandra Rose	Barbara Oliver	

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

