

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

*04 December 2022*

**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**  
Come and save us,  
Lord our God; let  
your face shine upon  
us, that we may be  
saved.

— cf. Psalm 80: 4



## *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

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

*Sunday, 11 December 2022*

**NEXT SUNDAY**

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:30 MASS

This gathering will begin with a brief report on our parish finances. A print copy of our 2021-2022 year-end report will be available.

The conversation will focus on the state of planning regarding Mulligan Hall and early ideas about refurbishing it. The finance and pastoral councils want to hear your insights, concerns, and desires for our church building. The meeting will happen in church immediately after the 10:30 Mass. Please come to church that day and plan to stay for an extra hour or so after Mass to discuss all of this.

**FIFTEEN YEARS AND GROWING**

Our fifteenth anniversary celebration is just one month away. Bishop Roger will lead us in prayer on Epiphany Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 Mass. Remember that it will be the only Mass that weekend.

After Mass the celebration continues at the Mediterranean Party Center at 25021 Rockside Road in Bedford Heights with a festive lunch. Tickets will be available after the Masses this and subsequent weekends. The ticket price is \$40 with all the proceeds which exceed our costs going toward our plans for Mulligan Hall and accessibility.

We're still asking for your photographs of parish activities and gatherings to build a photographic history of these fifteen years. Whatever you have, in whatever format it is, please share with us.

God is so good to us and to our parish. Let's celebrate that goodness together in a grand way on our anniversary at the apex of the Christmas season.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Saturday, 03 December 2022* THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish

*Sunday, 04 December 2022* THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10:30 am Willie Averyhart

*Wednesday, 07 December 2022* THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
6:30 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish

*Saturday, 10 December 2022* THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
4:00 pm Thelma Frazier

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Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

While the final tally is not complete and some donations are still coming in, we can joyfully report that *Giving Tuesday* was a wonderful success for our parish. At this moment the bottom line is that at least 31 individuals have contributed over \$3900 to this opening effort to raise money for our plans for refurbishing Mulligan Hall and address accessibility issues in the building.

Thank you to everyone who contributed for getting us off to an encouraging start. And we offer a special expression of gratitude to Mrs. Brenda Anekwe-Smith and Ms. Cara Johnson for taking the lead in coordinating and managing our *We Give Catholic* campaign.

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with a Vigil Mass on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm; it is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. This is the day and time of our usual Wednesday Mass. There will be no Mass here on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

|       |                                  |                                  |
|-------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 12/05 | Frank Blackmon<br>Gail Ellington | Asha Smith                       |
| 12/07 | Edward Hawkins                   |                                  |
| 12/08 | Gina Burtnett<br>Braxton Lovett  | Margaret Luton<br>Patricia Moore |
| 12/09 | Evelyn James                     |                                  |

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Christmas Eve<br>12/24/2022  | Saturday, 6:30 pm |
| Christmas Day<br>12/25/2022  | Sunday, 10:30 am  |
| New Year's Eve<br>12/31/2022 | Saturday, 6:30 pm |
| New Year's Day<br>01/01/2023 | Sunday, 10:30 am  |
| Epiphany<br>01/08/2023       | Sunday, 10:30 am  |

- On the Feast of the Epiphany, January 8<sup>th</sup> and our parish anniversary, Bishop Roger Gries will preside over our celebration. The anniversary celebration will continue after Mass at the Mediterranean Party Center in Bedford Heights.
- There is no 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. As we have done in past years, we will have only one Mass as a community of faith that very important weekend.
- The Wednesday evening Masses will be celebrated as usual at 6:30 pm every week throughout December and January.



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

From Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon through Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the parish office will be closed to ordinary business. Father David will pay close attention to incoming messages and will respond to pastoral needs.

To reach Father David, please call the parish rectory and leave a message at extension 12. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**ON THE USE OF THE COMMUNION CUP – DELAYED**



While it is still the case that Bishop Malesic has lifted the restriction against offering the Blood of Christ during communion processions at Mass, we will delay its reimplementation here. With so many news stories about the unpredictability of this flu season, coronavirus variants expected to emerge at the same time, and hospitalizations due to a respiratory infection to which children and seniors are particularly vulnerable, the timing feels all wrong.

I truly look forward to the day when we can offer the Eucharist in the fullness of the symbols our Lord Jesus gave us. My heart just won't let me do it yet. Maybe by the time we get to Holy Week, things will be better and clearer. The Easter Triduum, especially our celebration of the Lord's supper on Holy Thursday, would be a wonderful time to begin again.

*fr. David*

- ◆ **PSR** class meets today (Sunday) right after Mass in the parish center.
- ◆ **FIRST COMMUNION** class meets next Sunday.
- ◆ **CONFIRMATION CLASS** and **PSR** meet on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**A DAY OF REFLECTION  
FOR ANYONE INVOLVED IN PARISH SERVICE**

These few hours of prayerful reflection on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, are meant for anyone who helps others in times of grief. It's perfect for those involved in our bereavement ministry and those who help in any way when we have funerals. But it is open to anyone interested. All the available details are on the bulletin boards in church.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday* Is 11:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
- Monday* Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday* Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday* Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday* Gn 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday* Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday* Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday* Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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**GRIEF SUPPORT**

Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly grief support meetings in-person and virtually. The next meetings are on December 18<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.cleccem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. Or call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

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



### FAMILY PROMISE HOLIDAY WISHES

Volunteers are collecting holiday gifts for the families at the Family Promise center. Unwrapped donations can be dropped off at the Family Promise wish box at the north church entrance through next Sunday.

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Next weekend's second collection is the annual collection for the retirement needs of the sisters and brothers who have served the church so faithfully over the decades.

| COLLECTION  |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| 27 November 2022 — online contributions               | \$4,149.00        |
| 27 November 2022 — envelope contributions             | \$2,021.75        |
| <b>Sunday collection total</b>                        | <b>\$6,170.75</b> |
| Ministries of Mercy — online contributions            | \$25.00           |
| Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions          | \$5.00            |
| <b>Ministries of Mercy total</b>                      | <b>\$30.00</b>    |
| <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        | Barbara Galloway         |
| 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 | Della Powell             | Sandra Cummings       | Sharm Starks       | Horace Reese             |
| Sandra Rose             | Raman Belinson           | Maureen Belinson      | Linda E. Williams  | Jonathan Traylor         |
| Doris St. Clair         | Ruby Fett                | Eunice & Jesse Smiley | Cora Williams      | Merline Goodson          |
| Kiana Pearson           | Mildred Jackson          | Star Lewandowski      | Barbara Oliver     | Sophonria Reed           |
| Jerry Cohea             | Dwight A. Carpenter      |                       |                    |                          |

*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   | Sadé Powers-Morgan | Uchechi Onwuanaibe |

