

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

*11 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

**FIFTEEN YEARS AND GROWING**



Our fifteenth anniversary celebration is just four Sundays 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.

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.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

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.

**RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION**

The several parish organizations have been approached to put together gift baskets of various kinds to be raffled at the banquet. Tickets will be available at the luncheon; each basket is valued at a minimum of \$50.

We are also planning a silent auction of various services fellow parishioners might offer. What are you good at? Would you consider donating a particular service to be auctioned: writing a will; doing garden work for two hours; bake one pie a month for a year; tutoring; providing a ride to the market? The possibilities are limitless and based on your unique skills.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

*Sunday, 11 December 2022* THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish

*Wednesday, 14 December 2022* SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS  
6:30 pm Joan Pancoast

*Saturday, 17 December 2022* THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish

*Sunday, 18 December 2022* THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10:30 am Elanor Frazier



**ON HELPING A REFUGEE FAMILY**

Two Wednesdays ago a small group of us met with representatives of Catholic Charities to finally move this initiative forward. After considering several ways our parish might respond to a growing refugee crisis, we believe that the best option for us is to sponsor a family that has resettled in Cleveland.

The responsibilities include checking in on a family at least once a week and then following up on the support they need to make the adjustment to life in the United States. The support consists of tender care for a family that has escaped frightful conditions to search for a place of safety. It might be an afternoon's help to go to a grocery store, to help them purchase bus tickets, to help them enroll children in school, obtain a driver's license, and the like.

To make this work we believe we need a minimum of ten people to be willing to help – perhaps teams of two for a week at a time. The whole commitment is expected to last for three months for one family. Then we can evaluate the experience and decide if we can do it again for another family.

The image above is of a bronze statue called "The Holy Family Resting" depicting their escape from the plotting of King Herod. It is housed at the east entrance to the crypt church in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
12/11	Tiana Craft	Renee Gillespie
12/12	Esther Sam-Ezirim	
12/13	Kim Fortson	
12/14	Alisa Smith	
12/15	Annette Lyons	Carley O'Rourke
12/16	Samuel Johnson	

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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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.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. Or call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

**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 reimplementa- tion here. With so many news stories about the unpredictability of this flu season, coronavirus variants expected to emerge at the same time, and an alarming number of 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, beginning with our celebration of the Lord's supper on Holy Thursday, would be a wonderful time to begin again.

*fr. David*

**ADVENT REVIVAL**

"THE CHRIST CALLS US TO BE ONE"

This week Saint Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima Church (6800 Lexington Avenue) is hosting an Advent Revival for three consecutive evenings: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. Musical preludes begin each night at 6:45. The program follows at 7:00 pm. The revivalist is Father Roy Lee, Ph.D.



- ♦ **FIRST COMMUNION** class meets this Sunday.
- ♦ **CONFIRMATION CLASS** and **PSR** meet next Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ♦ **PSR Teachers** have a Zoom meeting on Thursday this week, the 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.
- ♦ **Ladies of Peter Claver** meet this Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am in the parish center.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Sunday* Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

*Monday* Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

*Tuesday* Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

*Wednesday* Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23

*Thursday* Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

*Friday* Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

*Saturday* Gn 49:2,8-10; Mt 1:1-17

*Sunday* Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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

### LADIES OF PETER CLAVER

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver thank everyone who supported their *Soup for the Soul* fundraiser.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT SAINT PETER CHURCH

The Cleveland Chamber Choir will bring *Winter Carols and Lullabies* to Historic Saint Peter Church (East 17th Street and Superior Avenue) on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

### LIVE NATIVITY

Visit the live nativity at Saint Aloysius Church on Saint Clair Avenue on Thursday evening, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. See the flyers on the bulletin boards for complete details.

COLLECTION	
<i>4 December 2022 — online contributions</i>	\$3,354.00
<i>4 December 2022 — envelope contributions</i>	\$4,765.00
<b><i>Sunday collection total</i></b>	<b>\$8,119.00</b>
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$25.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$660.00
<b><i>Ministries of Mercy total</i></b>	<b>\$685.00</b>
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

This 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.

### 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	Dorris Jackson	Tyric Green	

*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

