

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

18 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.



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Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.

— cf. Psalm 24: 7c, 10b



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
REPORT**



About 75 people remained in church after Mass last Sunday. We reviewed our financial statements and some of the work we've done over the last several years to take care of our buildings and properties.

Overall parishioners are very interested in seeing improvements in our building, particularly to Mulligan Hall. The discussion of accessibility took an interesting turn with a suggestion that there might be a way to accomplish our goal with an interior ramp rather than an elevator. At this early point in our planning, no idea is beyond consideration.

There are, of course, concerns about current inflation and how it impacts our own household budgets as well as the budget of the parish. Relying on our own resources is unlikely to raise the amount of money (\$300,000.00 is a very rough and low estimate) to address the needed improvements to Mulligan Hall. We just don't have enough deep pockets to make such a commitment in the current economic times.

We will be exploring the availability of grant money and ways to generate the funds needed to bring this dream to fruition. We seem to agree on the goals of this project and that they deserve our attention and energy. We just have to find the best way to accomplish them.

Not everyone had an opportunity to speak last Sunday. If you have thoughts, concerns or questions, we have created a form available on our website for your convenience. We'll keep a close eye on it and take your comments to heart as planning unfolds.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, 17 December 2022* THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 18 December 2022* THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 am Elanor Frazier
- Wednesday, 21 December 2022* ADVENT WEEKDAY
6:30 pm Leslie DeBrossard
- Saturday, 24 December 2022* CHRISTMAS EVE
6:30 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 25 December 2022* CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish



ON HELPING A REFUGEE FAMILY

Shortly after the Thanksgiving holiday, 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.

If you're willing to help, please leave your name and contact information on the form in church or complete the form that is available on the parish website.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
12/18	Ray Hines	Natasha Wilson-Dawson
12/20	Robert Moore	
12/21	Roslyn McClain	Brenda Anekwe-Smith
12/22	Michael Jones	McKenna Roseberry
12/23	Doreen Beckles	
12/24	Betty Holden Chase Hales Marlene Land	Mary Pinckney Ivy Vallery Jasmine Adams-Linton

FIFTEEN YEARS AND GROWING

Our anniversary celebration is only three weeks away. It all begins with Mass at 10:30 on January 8th. Bishop Roger will preside as he has every Epiphany Sunday since our beginning. Then, the festivities continue at the Mediterranean Party Center. Tickets are available this weekend again. And we are still collecting offers of services for a silent auction that day. Please consider making a donation.



Thank you for your generosity to the campaign this year and for designating Holy Spirit Church as the recipient of your kind sacrifices. We raised \$1845.93 online on Giving Tuesday, and another \$3312.00 in offline, direct gifts.

43 people donated a total of \$5157.93 toward moving forward with renovating Mulligan Hall and addressing the building's accessibility limitations. May God bless you for every gift you give to our parish and our mission.

- ◆ **PSR CLASS** meets this weekend immediately following the 10:30 Mass in the parish center.
- ◆ The **CONFIRMATION CLASS** also meets in the parish center at the same time.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS?



The release of Brittney Griner from imprisonment in Russia has highlighted the plight of many others unjustly detained, especially Paul Whelan. If you'd like to surprise him with an unexpected card and Christmas greeting, a mailing address is available at the church doors.

AT HOME WITH THE LORD

Dorris Jackson of our parish, after a long illness, died at home on December 14th. Her funeral liturgy will be at

Saint Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima Church on Friday this week at 11:00 am.

May she rest in our Lord Jesus' loving arms and may her family know the peace only God can give.



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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

- Christmas Eve begins with a short program of carols and hymns led by our choir to help us awaken the spirit of the celebration within us.
- On the Feast of the Epiphany, January 8th 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 7th. As we have done in past years, we will have only one Mass as a community of faith that very important weekend.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

From Friday, December 23rd at noon through Monday, January 2nd, 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 3rd.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Friday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Sunday Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

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

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH FOOD PROGRAM

The Hunger Center is not open this Tuesday or the following Tuesday, December 20th and 27th. It will reopen on January 3rd.



The Family Promise volunteers sent a thank you note to us early in the week for our parish's generous donations to the holiday wish list for the families they serve. The variety of donations received were greatly needed and appreciated. Our donations will enable the families to have a more blessed and enjoyable Christmas with their children.

COLLECTION	
<i>11 December 2022 — online contributions</i>	\$2,970.00
<i>11 December 2022 — envelope contributions</i>	\$2,506.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$5,476.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$85.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$90.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$175.00
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	

<i>The Immaculate Conception — online contributions</i>	\$50.00
<i>The Immaculate Conception — envelope contributions</i>	\$191.00
<i>The Immaculate Conception collection total</i>	\$241.00
<i>Retirement Fund for Religious — online contributions</i>	\$60.00
<i>Retirement Fund for Religious — envelope contributions</i>	\$395.00
<i>Retirement Fund for Religious total</i>	\$455.00

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	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

