

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

25 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

For ever I will sing
the goodness of the
Lord.

— Psalm 89: 2a



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



*Merry
May these holy days be*

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil through the blessings which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with pure hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

- 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.

◆ **PSR CLASSES** resume on January 15th immediately after the 10:30 mass.

◆ The **CONFIRMATION** and **FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** also meets in the parish center at the same time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 24 December 2022 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
6:30 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish

Sunday, 25 December 2022 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish

Wednesday, 28 December 2022 THE HOLY INNOCENTS
6:30 pm Mary J. Stokes

Saturday, 31 December 2022 MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
6:30 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish

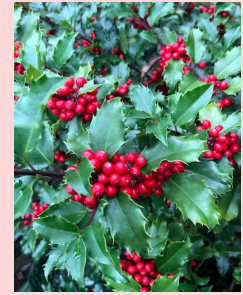
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10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/25	Sylvia Little-Harris	Walter Wenson
12/26	Leslie Traylor	
12/27	Matthew Sacco	Erin Whatley-Baker
12/28	Deborah Bunkley LaShaun Carr Marvin McMichael	Walter Moore Christopher Williams Nyla Wilson
12/29	James Garrett	William Starks
12/30	Carlton Darrell Jr.	
12/31	Cora Williams	

Christmas!

filled with God's blessings and peace



FIFTEEN YEARS AND GROWING

Our anniversary celebration is only two 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 at 25021 Rockside Road in Bedford Heights with an extensive luncheon buffet.

Tickets are still available after Masses in church or by calling the parish office.

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.

MULLIGAN HALL AND ACCESSIBILITY

We are looking toward this celebration as a kickoff to raise the money we will need to renovate Mulligan Hall entirely and to make our church building fully accessible to every person. The town hall meeting two Sundays ago suggested that we agree on the goals of this project and that they deserve our attention and energy.

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

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BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday group resumes meeting at noon in the parish center on January 12th. There are three more sessions in their study of Jesus' parables in the Gospel of Luke. Everyone is always welcome.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Lk 2:1-14

Monday Acts 6:8-10; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Friday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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

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 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jasmine Smoot earned first honors at Trinity High School last term. Congratulations to Jasmine! Let's remember to prayerfully support all our young members as determinedly as possible.

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH FOOD PROGRAM

The Hunger Center is not open this Tuesday, December 27th. It reopens on January 3rd.

COLLECTION	
<i>18 December 2022 — online contributions</i>	\$2,073.00
<i>18 December 2022 — envelope contributions</i>	\$2,528.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$4,601.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$000.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$166.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$166.00
<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	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	Sr. Mary Beth Daly	

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

