

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

01 January 2023

**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

**FIFTEEN YEARS AND GROWING**



Our anniversary celebration is next Sunday. It all begins with Mass at 10:30. 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.

**MASS SCHEDULE NEXT WEEKEND**

There is no 4:00 pm Mass this coming Saturday. As we have done in past years, we will have only one Mass as a community of faith this most special weekend that commemorates our parish's founding.

Our weekend Masses return to their normal times the weekend of January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday, 31 December 2022* MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD  
6:30 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 01 January 2023* MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD  
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Wednesday, 04 January 2023* SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON  
6:30 pm Ricardo DeBrossard
- Sunday, 08 January 2023* THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish

**THANK YOU**



Thank you to everyone who had anything to do with making our church so beautiful and clean for these Christmas holy days. The Men of Faith spent a long time on our beautiful terrazzo floor. Our decorators placed trees and wreathes. The poinsettias are abundant and full. So much care and love went into beautifying our church for Advent and Christmas, culminating next week with our Epiphany celebration. To everyone who gave such attentive care in creating a beautiful atmosphere in which to pray and worship, your brothers and sisters here offer it from the bottom of our hearts —

*Thank you!*

*J. David*

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS**

Remember that the parish community celebrates Mass every Wednesday evening at 6:30. If you need a mid-week moment of rest and prayer, join us on Wednesday evenings. It just might be what you're looking for. An opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation precedes the Mass, from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

01/02	Myrtle Alexander Ruby Fett	Marylin Griffin
01/04	Denise Curry	
01/05	Connie Raines	Naomi Boggan
01/06	Jeneen Brownlee Marie Ciccotti	Frances Johnson Jesse Smiley
01/07	Gwendolyn Lewis	David Hawkins

**BROTHER KEON'S ABBREVIATED VISIT**



As of February 13<sup>th</sup> of last year he is Father Keon. On that day he was ordained to the priesthood in China. You may remember Brother Keon from the summer of 2019. He spent several weeks among us while he was still a theology student.

He has been living and working with other Capuchin friars in China and is back in the States for a while to study canon law at the request of the bishop of the Diocese of Zhouzhi – an expertise much needed to serve the church.

Brother Keon intended to join us for our Christmas Masses last weekend, but the storm forced his plans to change. He stopped by for a few hours this week and left some Christmas cards and a commemorative card of his ordination. Help yourself to them for as long as the supply lasts. And please take a moment to utter a small prayer for Brother Keon and his service to God's church.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

It is a centuries and centuries old devotional practice in the Catholic Church to ask a priest to celebrate Mass with a person's prayer intentions in mind. A donation is customary which, in our case, goes to support the friars living at Saint Paul Friary on Euclid Avenue. The recommended donation (set by the diocese, and customary throughout the United States) is \$10, but a priest is obligated to accept whatever is offered because the church's sacraments and God's grace are not for sale.

Church law requires that a priest honor his obligation to celebrate Mass for your intentions within one year of receiving them. Your requests for Mass remembrances are being carefully and prayerfully fulfilled when Father David celebrates Mass every day.

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**A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER**

Eternal God, You gave us  
 the greatest gift,  
 the gift of life.  
 In the coming year, help us  
 use it wisely.  
 May we grow in generosity,  
 kindness and forgiveness,  
 hope, faith and love.  
 Amen.

**BLESSING YOUR HOUSE**

Traditionally on the Feast of the Epiphany, Christians have blessed their homes using a practice sometimes known as "chalking the doors." The following inscription is marked above a doorway in chalk:

**20 + C + M + B + 23**

The letters C, M, B are the initials of the traditional names of the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. The "+" symbolizes the cross and the 20 and the 23 represent the year, 2023 *(please excuse a three-year-old photograph)*. Mark not only your outside door that welcomes guests to your house, but mark as many doors in your house as seems appropriate to you: bedroom doors, the threshold to living room and kitchen, and so on.

Say this prayer as you mark each door:

*May Christ Jesus dwell with us,  
 may he keep us from all harm,  
 and make us one in mind and heart,  
 now and forever. Amen.*



If you're not inclined to mark your best woodwork with chalk, you can still make this a prayerful experience for your family, marking the doorways with your finger (maybe with a little holy water from church) and a heart-felt prayer. It's a beautiful custom.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday* Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Monday* 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
- Tuesday* 1 Jn 2:29--3:6; Jn 1:29-34
- Wednesday* 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
- Thursday* 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
- Friday* 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
- Saturday* 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
- Sunday* Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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

### BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday group resumes meeting at noon in the parish center on January 12<sup>th</sup>. There are three more sessions in their study of Jesus' parables in the Gospel of Luke. Everyone is always welcome. Come when you can; each session is independent and can stand alone.

### AT HOME WITH THE LORD

Edward Broussard died peacefully on Monday this past week, the day after Christmas. He and his wife, Cheryl had been living in Orange, New Jersey with their son, Chris and his family for most of the past year. His funeral Mass and interment will take place in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Please remember them all in your prayers; may the peace of this season fill their hearts.

### CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

Now that 2022 has come to a close, the parish office is ready to prepare financial statements of your generous giving. If you need such a report, please leave a message at the parish office.

COLLECTION	
<i>25 December 2022 — online contributions</i>	\$6,510.00
<i>25 December 2022 — envelope contributions</i>	\$4,564.00
<b><i>Sunday collection total</i></b>	<b>\$11,074.00</b>
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$000.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$145.00
<b><i>Ministries of Mercy total</i></b>	<b>\$145.00</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	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

