

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

09 April 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.



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The stone which the
builders rejected has
become the corner-
stone.

— Psalm 118: 22



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

EASTER GRACE, EASTER GRATITUDE

We offer our most profound thanks to everyone who played a part in any way to make our Triduum liturgies as prayerful and beautiful as they were. There is so much labor and skill we rely upon to make our liturgies as beautiful and worthy of our gracious Lord as possible and as inviting to genuine prayer and worship for all of us who gather. Please offer a grateful prayer with me for:

- * those who cleaned the church and the many accoutrements used during Holy Week;
- * those who studied the liturgies with me and helped plan the logistics of movements and flow;
- * the musicians, cantors, dancers and music planners practicing so diligently and rehearsing a very large volume of music;
- * the decorators who generously gave many hours in a few days to create the unique prayerful atmosphere of each celebration;
- * the videographers and livestreamers working many hours and many extra days especially these last two weeks;
- * the catechists who carefully prepared families for the Easter sacraments over several months;
- * and you, whom I'm forgetting to call out right now ... please know that in my heart I deeply appreciate your effort to make our celebrations as beautiful and prayerful as they were.

Every contribution here, from changing a light bulb to singing the Easter Proclamation, is no small matter, as it is part of building an experience of prayer that has the potential to lead us into the loving hands of the God who won't let us go.

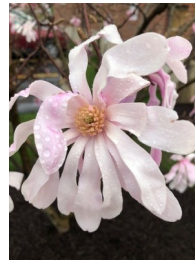
So many people of our church family spent so much effort for love of the Lord and our brothers and sisters. To everyone who made any contribution to our liturgies and who joined our community for prayer: *thank you*. May these Easter days be the font from which many blessings and graces flow from and for our community and all whom we love.

fr. David

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, 08 April 2023* THE EASTER VIGIL
8:45 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 09 April 2023* EASTER SUNDAY
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Wednesday, 12 April 2023* OCTAVE OF EASTER
6:30 pm Jerome Newsom
- Saturday, 15 April 2023* THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 16 April 2023* THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:30 am Minnie Rencher

EASTER BAPTISMS



*Kadeon Bogan
Janae Collier
Dominic Darrell
Maximus Kress
Olivia Kress*

... were baptized at this weekend's Easter Vigil. Kadeon and Maximus also celebrated their First Communion that night.

Edwin Leon

... completed the sacraments of initiation, being sealed with the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of confirmation and joining us in receiving the Eucharist at the altar.

We offer all of them our warmest welcome and congratulations. We pray for them and their families, offering every support as they strive to fulfill their duty as Christian families.

BOOK OF REVELATION SERIES

This Bible Study series comes to an end this Thursday evening at 6:30 in the parish center. Fr. Jerry Bednar's presentations have been based on the research and study of Fr. Francis Moloney, a highly regarded professor of Scripture who lives and teaches in Australia. He will Zoom in to the session that night to discuss the Book of Revelation and the questions and comments submitted by those who have participated in the series. Don't miss this one.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
04/09	Alyssa Brand-Bey	
04/10	Lawanda Williams	
04/12	Dorien Strong	
04/13	Sheryl Blakemore	
04/14	Juanita Pollard Hurt	LaShelle Wilson
04/15	Morgan Crawford	Lillianna Morales
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY		
04/11	Evelyn & Ron James	
04/12	Gail & Charles Ellington	

*Have a Safe and Happy Easter
May you and your Families be Blessed*

THE AFRICAN PRESENCE IN SCRIPTURE

A THREE-NIGHT SCRIPTURE STUDY

Sponsored by the Office of Black Catholic Ministries

Fr. Charles Smith will present a seminar entitled, "African Presence in Scripture" at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma. The dates are April 26 - 28 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The seminar is designed to be an opportunity to learn to read scripture with enlightened eyes. There is no charge; refreshments will be provided.

The instructor, Fr. Charles Smith, a member of the Society of the Divine Word, has been Co-director of the Bowman Francis Ministry of Indianapolis for more than twenty years. The ministry provides religious education and evangelization projects to the African American Catholic community and non-practicing Catholics.

This seminar provides a comprehensive overview, awareness, and understanding of the biblical historical perspectives that authenticate African presence in Scripture.

Flyers are available at the church doors; register at dioceseofcleveland.org/events. Bring your bible and a notebook.

MOTHER LANGE'S CANONIZATION CAUSE

The canonization cause of Mother Mary Lange has taken a step forward. The Vatican has accepted documentation of Mother Lange's life; the text will be reviewed by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, and following that review it will be sent to Pope Francis who is expected to declare Mother Mary Lange venerable.

The processes involved are painstakingly slow, so every step forward is a reason to thank God. We keep our prayers lifted before God.

WILL YOU STAND WITH ME?

This is my request to our community as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist together. The Easter posture is to stand. Please stand with me.

Ordinarily, kneeling remains the preferred posture during the eucharistic prayer in the United States. But kneeling is not easy or possible for everyone. Standing during the eucharistic prayer is better than sitting. We stand when someone enters a room to greet them. We stand to show respect to another.

Throughout the Easter season, I call upon us to remain standing through the entirety of the eucharistic prayer as we are able. A single posture can speak eloquently to a unity of faith.

Please stand with me through the entirety of the Easter season. When we get to Pentecost, let me know how you experienced it. I'm quite thrilled to be able to stand at the altar this year; please stand with me.

Fr. David

RESTING IN THE LORD'S LOVING ARMS

Thursday this week is the day we celebrate the Funeral / Memorial Mass for Tommie Smiley. Please join us in church at 10:00 am as we commend her to the Lord's gentle embrace for eternity. Every one of the eight days from Easter Sunday to the next Sunday is celebrated in the church as Easter day. Commending a dear friend to God while actively celebrating Jesus' resurrection is a beautiful way to give someone to God and to celebrate this central mystery of our faith.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Cor 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Monday Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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The Ladies of Peter
Claver will meet on
Saturday, April 15th
at 9:30 am in the
parish center.

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

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Don't forget to keep dropping your spare change in the cardboard rice bowl on your kitchen table. We'll collect them next weekend.

OPERATION GOOD NEWS RETREAT DAY, MAY 27

The spring retreat is to be held at the Loyola Retreat House in Clinton, Ohio. Mrs. Betty Holden and Fr. Phil Bernier are leading the day. Registration forms are at our church doors. For more information, call Carol (216.443.4443), Juanita (216.659.3569) or Shawn (216.233.0880).

PSR AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

PSR and Confirmation classes meet right after the 10:30 Mass next Sunday, April 16th.

COLLECTION	
<i>02 April 2023 — online contributions</i>	\$2,595.00
<i>02 April 2023 — envelope contributions</i>	\$4,956.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$7,551.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$25.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$315.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$340.00
<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 a eucharistic minister, 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
Dwight A. Carpenter	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	Sr. Mary Beth Daly	Sharm Starks	Horace Reese
Sandra Rose	Raman Belinson	Maureen Belinson	Linda E. Williams	Jonathan Traylor
Doris St. Clair	Ruby Fett	Jesse Smiley	Cora Williams	Merline Goodson
Kiana Pearson	Mildred Jackson	Star Lewandowski	Barbara Oliver	Sophonria Reed
Jerry Cohea	Tyric Green	Sr. Brigetta Waldron	Rachel Gason	

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

