

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

16 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.

*J. David*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- 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
- Wednesday, 19 April 2023* EASTER WEEKDAY  
6:30 pm Sandra Cummings
- Saturday, 22 April 2023* THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
4:00 pm Jessie and Tommie Smiley
- Sunday, 23 April 2023* THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish



**EASTER BAPTISMS**

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

... were baptized at last 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.



**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a one-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, May 6, at 1:00 p.m. Come and learn about Catholic burial options, including cremation. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and a discount coupon. Please respond to All Saints Cemetery - 480 W. Highland Rd., Northfield. RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 5 or email Bob DeJohn at [bdejohn@clecem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
04/17	Mary Brown	Gloria Anekwe
04/18	Carol Bugg	William Hughes Sr.
04/19	Lee Carr Kendall Fortson	Helecia Vallery Marcus Jones Sr.
04/22	Jesse Carr Dan Lawson	Greg Lewis Sandra Rose
04/23	Lillian Carter	Maxine Friend

**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](http://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.

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The PSR Staff will  
 meet this Thursday  
 April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00  
 pm by the way of  
 Zoom.

**WOMEN'S GUILD RAFFLE BASKET**

In celebration of Mothers' Day, the members of the Women's Guild are raffling a gift basket. The basket is filled with useful and delightful items. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any member of the guild.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL**

With 26 donors, we have met and exceeded our goal for the annual Catholic Charities Appeal. \$25,760 has been pledged by 6% of our membership; this is 129% of the goal we are expected to achieve.

Thank you to everyone who is stretching their bank accounts to support the extensive work of Catholic Charities, helping those most in need among us.

**THE BOOK OF REVELATION BIBLE STUDY SERIES**

This past Thursday was the fifth and final of the series of Bible study evenings devoted to the Book of Revelation. Father Jerry Bednar, retired professor of Saint Mary Seminary and priest of the Diocese of Cleveland gave prayerful and meaningful presentations.

We thank Father Jerry and all his hard work to help us understand such an important book in our Bibles. And it is our hope that those who came found the teachings and discussion eye-opening.

thankful  
 AND  
 grateful

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Sunday* Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

*Monday* Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

*Tuesday* Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

*Wednesday* Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

*Thursday* Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

*Friday* Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

*Saturday* Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

*Sunday* Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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

# May Your Easter Celebration Be Blessed!

## 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).

COLLECTION	
<i>16- April 2023 — online contributions</i>	\$3,315.00
<i>16- April 2023 — envelope contributions</i>	\$3,257.25
<b><i>Sunday collection total</i></b>	<b>\$6,572.25</b>
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$10.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$280.00
<b><i>Ministries of Mercy total</i></b>	<b>\$290.00</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 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

