



**VENERABLE FATHER AUGUSTUS TOLTON**

*First African American Priest ordained, Rome, April 24, 1886*  
Saints emerge from the challenges of their times, and Venerable Augustus Tolton arose from the injustice of American slavery, the Civil War, and Reconstruction to witness to the Gospel amid racial hostility. Born into slavery and shaped by segregation, poverty, and exclusion, Tolton endured denied schooling, manual labor, and rejection from U.S. seminaries because of his race, yet his deep faith—nurtured by his mother and supported by courageous priests and religious—led him to priestly formation in Rome and ordination on April 24, 1886 as the first African American Catholic priest to serve in the United States. Returning to Illinois, he ministered with humility and pastoral charity to both Black and white Catholics despite relentless prejudice, rejection from society and segments of the Church, and personal suffering borne without bitterness or retaliation. Mild, gentle, and resilient, Tolton embodied the Gospel’s call to love enemies, honor human dignity, and unite suffering with Christ’s cross, showing how faith, hope, and gratitude can triumph over injustice. His life remains a powerful model of Christian virtue, racial reconciliation, and redemptive suffering, inspiring the Church—especially African American Catholics—to perseverance, solidarity, and hope as the work of justice continues. (Summarized from a biography written by Bishop Joseph N Perry Archdiocese of Chicago)

***VENERABLE AUGUSTUS TOLTON, PRAY FOR US!***

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**April 19, 2026**

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church**

4341 East 131st Street  
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44105  
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Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:00am-1:00pm or by appointment

**Weekend Masses**

4:00pm Saturday Vigil  
10:30 am Sunday

**Wednesday Weekday Mass**

5:00 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday, 4:00-4:50pm  
or by appointment

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesday, 4:00-4:50pm  
(Holy Rosary, 4:30 pm)

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## HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Holy Spirit Family,  
We have joyfully entered into our Easter Season...a season that lasts all the way to Pentecost's celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit on May 24! There is a great article on St Augustine in our current Word Among Us summarizing a homily where he said *during Easter we are supposed to practice the spiritual discipline of praise. For Augustine, Easter is a fifty-day preview of heavenly praise in which we joyfully chant the Alleluia, stand during prayer, and sing hymns of praise in honor of the resurrected Lord!* Let's take this perspective on Easter to heart as we continue to praise and worship the gift of Jesus alive in us today!

*To David Nomand OFM CAP.*

### A SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY IS COMING TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU!

Join us as we explore the early Church through our study of the Acts of the Apostles. The study groups will be small and located throughout the greater Cleveland area. We are looking to host the study groups at parishioners' homes, local cafés, libraries or any place that will allow for a lively discussion of God's Word. Meeting in small groups at different geographical locations will allow us to get to know each other better as we grow in faith. If you are interested in facilitating or participating in this small group Bible study, please contact Faith Formation Committee member Shawn Kennedy, @ 216-233-0880 for more details. Each small group will determine which day, time and location work best for them.



## OUR VALUES

### The Word

We are inspired by God's Word and the Eucharist as the source of our faith and salvation.

### Family

We are committed to know, understand, and love each other as members of Christ's Body, the Church.

### Inclusivity

We invite all to participate in the life and mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Outreach

We are called through the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel message and reach out to the poor and oppressed.

### Legacy

We nurture our faith across all generations to build a lasting foundation for our Church.

## OUR VISION

A parish where all find nourishment and support in family, life, and faith in Christ.

## OUR MISSION

To glorify, praise, and give thanks to God through Jesus Christ, by coming together as a diverse and welcoming community.

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR / MASS INTENTIONS

- 4/18-4/19 3rd Sunday of Easter  
4:00pm, *People of Holy Spirit Parish*  
10:30am, *Leslie DeBrossard*
- 4/20 Monday of the 3rd Week of Easter
- 4/21 Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Easter
- 4/22 Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Easter  
5:00pm, *Leroy Frager*
- 4/23 Thursday of the 3rd Week of Easter
- 4/24 Friday of the 3rd Week of Easter
- 4/25 Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist
- 4/25-4/26 4th Sunday of Easter  
4:00pm, *Willis Williams*  
10:30am, *People of Holy Spirit Parish*



- 4/19 Kendall Fortson, Marcus Jones, Helecia Vallery
- 4/21 Maureen Skoczen
- 4/22 Jesse Carr, Dan Lawson, Greg Lewis, Sandy Rose
- 4/23 Maxine Friend, Tina Pierce
- 4/24 Steven Abrams, Charnesia Larkin, Casey Pena, William Penn
- 4/25 Farrah Tabor

## PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

- Monday Bible Study**.....Mondays, 7:00pm, ZOOM
- Hardin Martin Men's Bible Study**.....Mondays, 7:00pm, PC
- Holy Spirit Food Pantry**.....Tuesdays, 4-5pm, PC
- Cleveland Food Bank Mobile Food Distribution**.....3rd Thursdays, 3-5pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous: Eastside Old Timers**.....Tuesday, 7:00pm, PC
- Alcoholics Anonymous: Wednesday Meeting**.....Wednesday, 10:00am, PC
- OGN**.....2nd Thurs, 7:00pm, ZOOM
- Thursday Bible Study**.....Thursday, 12:00pm, PC
- Women's Guild**.....1st Saturday, 10:30am, PC
- Peter Claver**.....3rd Saturday, 9:30am, PC
- OCIA (Sacramental Prep)**....Sunday 9:00am Rectory
- Men of Faith**.....1st Sunday, 12:15pm, PC
- Holy Name Society**.....2nd Sunday, 12:15pm, PC
- PSR (Religious Educ.)**.....1st/3rd Sunday, 12:15pm, PC
- Coffee and Conversation**.....4th Sunday after Mass
- Arts Reaching Kids**.....Sundays from 2-4pm, PC  
Call 216-925-9183 to register for the next session



**CONGRATULATIONS JORDYN DAWSON!**

Jordan and her mock trial team won the National Mock Trial Competition in Portland, Oregon last month. Jordyn will be graduating from CASE Law School in May her class mates elected her to be the student commencement speaker! On top of her commitments to her career in Law she faithfully serves our parish as a livestream team member and lector for Sunday Mass! Thank you Jordyn and God be praised for all the good He is doing for our parish and peace and justice for our world through you!

**Operation Good News  
Spring Weekend Retreat  
Fri. May 29th 5pm – Sun. May 31st 3:30pm  
at the Jesuit Retreat Center  
Parma OH**

The retreat theme is “Navigating Life With God’s Perfect Vision” and is led by two Lay-Directors & Spiritual Director, Sr. Jane Nesmith, SBS. The early registration cost is \$125 for Commissioned OGN members - \$75 for 1st time renewalists, before 4/1/2026. After 3/31, the cost is \$150 for Commissioned OGN members - \$100 for 1st time renewalists. Includes lodging for 2 nights, 6 meals, & retreat program materials. Space is limited, so interested participants are encouraged to register early. Contact Rhonda 216-396-4136, Carol 216-835-0117, or Shawn 216-233-0880 for any questions.

**VBS**

We are currently preparing for summer VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL to be held June 22-26 from 9:00am-12pm. If you are interested in volunteering or have children you would like to attend, please scan the QR code to fill out information form.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	4:00pm	10:30am	Total
2/14-2/15	18	153	171
2/21-2/22	30	129	159
2/28-3/1	22	160	182
3/7-3/8	18	156	174
3/14-3/15	17	170	187
3/21-3/22	23	150	173
3/28-3/29	27	180	207
4/2/2026, Holy Thursday		80	80
4/3/2026, Good Friday		100	100
4/4/2026, Easter Vigil		105	105
4/5/2026, Easter Sunday		222	222
4/11-4/12	29	157	186

WEEKLY COLLECTION	04/05/26	04/12/2026
<i>Weekly Collection Goal</i>	<b>\$7,712.00</b>	<b>\$7,712.00</b>
<b>Sunday Total Collection</b>	\$12,225.00	\$7,876.00
Sunday Online Contributions	\$4,466.00	\$3,236.00
Sunday Envelope Contributions	\$7,759.00	\$4,640.00
<b>Ministry of Mercy Total</b>	\$300.00	\$315.00
Ministry of Mercy (online)	\$60.00	\$125.00
Ministry of Mercy (envelopes)	\$240.00	\$190.00

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH?**

Holy Spirit is a vibrant parish community that values God’s Word, family, inclusivity, outreach to our surrounding sisters and brothers, and building a legacy of faith in God’s love and mercy! If you would like to learn more about becoming a part our parish family or the Catholic faith you can contact the office at 216-581-0981 and setting up a time to meet with Fr Dave our pastor.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING**

[www.osvhub.com/holyspiritcleveland/giving/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/holyspiritcleveland/giving/funds)



Take advantage of the simplistic convenience of safe, automatic, regularly scheduled contributions (or one-time gifts for special collections) through Our Sunday Visitor. You can see reports on your contribution history and generate tax statements at each year’s end.

*Holy Spirit Church’s Ministry of Mercy* is funded by the generosity of our Holy Spirit family to assist those in need of emergency assistance. It is primarily for our parish family member. It is also used to purchase food and supplies for our Holy Spirit Hunger Center, Tuesday Food Pantry and third thursday Mobile Food Pantry, which supports our surrounding neighborhood community. Thank you for your generous support of this valuable ministry that is helping so many!

**PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS**

*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 an extraordinary minister, please contact the parish office.*

**Let us always pray for our sick and shut-in parishioners. In particular, please remember in prayer:**

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|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Carrie Aaron             | Maxine & Shelby Friend | Margaret Luton           | Jean & Len Rosky     |
| Thelma Arnold            | Tyric Green            | Marian Mauldin           | Doris St. Clair      |
| Raman Belinson           | Maria Hanan            | Rosemarie McBride        | Sharm Starks         |
| Maureen Belinson         | Peggy Hampton          | Barbara Neal             | Bill & Monica Starks |
| Frank Blackmon           | Mary James             | Barbara Oliver           | Jonathan Traylor     |
| Bettina & Horace Bowling | Daniel Jefferson       | Jimmy Owens              | Leslie Traylor       |
| Allyssa Brand-Bey        | Clementine Jefferson   | Wilbur & Beverly Parker  | Cole Whaley          |
| Dwight A. Carpenter      | Reaver Jones           | Ann Payne                | Carmen Whaley        |
| Jesse & Jessica Carr     | John P. Jones, Jr.     | Kiana Pearson            | Preston Whatley      |
| Helen Collier            | Beverly Jordan         | Fletcher & Delores Posey | Linda E. Williams    |
| Denise Curry             | Tammy Larkin           | Della Powell             | Catherine Wilson     |
| Patricia Douglas         | Rochelle Larkin-Carr   | Roger & Connie Raines    | Marvin Young         |
| Ruby Fett                | Tyrone & Terry Lester  | Pauline Reed             |                      |
| Estella Fortson          | Wendy Lewis            | Edith Richardson         |                      |
| Kendall Fortson          | Shirley Liston         | Sandra Rose              |                      |

*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 PARISHINORS IN THE MILITARY:**

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| Saundra Clark     | Steven Rau    | Mario Williams   |
| Uchechi Onwunaibe | Sydney Turner | Maurice Williams |

