

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

## Mass Schedule

(Also live streamed on YouTube at Holy Spirit Palmyra)

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm**

**Sunday Mass: 8:30am inside & 11:00am**

### Daily Mass:

Monday, Thursday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Friday: 7:00am

**Confessions:** Sat 5—5:30pm; Wed 6:40—7:10pm

### Adoration Chapel:

Monday: 10am—5pm

Tuesday: 6am—10pm

Wed & Fri: 12noon—5pm

Thursday: 10am—9pm

Saturday: 2am—9am & 7pm—9pm

Sunday: 12 noon—1pm & 6pm—10pm

For more information call 717-838-3369 x 111 or email [adorers@hspalmyra.com](mailto:adorers@hspalmyra.com).

**Baptism:** To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email [church@hspalmyra.com](mailto:church@hspalmyra.com).

**Sponsor Forms:** Certificates to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to those who are registered and practicing members of the Parish.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Three weeks prior to publication. Please use the forms on our website for bulletin inserts, blurbs, or facility requests.

**Benevolence:** For financial assistance, please call 717-838-3369, x 112, and leave a message to set up an interview.

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**Gr 7-8: Logan Zugay,** [confirmation@hspalmyra.com](mailto:confirmation@hspalmyra.com)

**Parish Council:** [parishcouncil@hspalmyra.com](mailto:parishcouncil@hspalmyra.com)

### Office Hours:

Monday: 9:30am—4pm

Tuesday: remote only for phone calls & emails

Wednesday: 12noon—6pm

Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm

Friday: closed

## OUR MISSION

*To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ; to celebrate together as a Catholic family of faith; and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.*

**PASTOR’S MESSAGE**

The 2025 Jubilee Year has the theme “Pilgrims of Hope.” It is an Ordinary Jubilee, celebrated every 25 years, and will be a time of spiritual renewal, mercy, and hope for Catholics worldwide. Aims of the 2025 Jubilee Year:

1. Renewing Faith and Hope: In a world affected by crises, the Jubilee aims to restore hope and trust in God’s providence. The Church calls Catholics to reaffirm their faith and grow spiritually.
2. Promoting Pilgrimage and Spiritual Growth: The Jubilee encourages pilgrimages as a way of deepening one’s faith and experiencing God’s grace. The opening of Holy Doors in major basilicas symbolizes entering a renewed relationship with God.
3. Encouraging Mercy, Reconciliation, and Forgiveness: The Jubilee offers a plenary indulgence, which grants remission of temporal punishment for sins. Catholics are invited to seek reconciliation through confession, healing divisions in families, communities, and the world.
4. Strengthening the Church’s Mission of Evangelization: The Church calls for a renewed commitment to evangelization, spreading the message of Christ through service, love, and witness. Catholics are encouraged to live out their faith with joy, compassion, and active participation.
5. Promoting Social Justice and Care for the Poor: Inspired by the biblical concept of Jubilee (Leviticus 25), the Church highlights justice, charity, and care for the marginalized. It encourages acts of mercy, solidarity, and environmental responsibility, aligning with Catholic Social Teaching.

The 2025 Jubilee Year is a special time of hope, renewal, and mercy. As “Pilgrims of Hope,” believers are called to walk together in faith, trust in God’s plan, and build a more just and compassionate world.

**Mass Intention Book Open on February 19**

To schedule Masses, candles, or flowers, stop by the parish office. The Mass intention book is now open for May, June, and July.

**Caring Cupboard**

Please return your filled canvas bag for this week. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!

**TITHING: GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING**

Sunday Offering 2/9/2025    \$ 9,774  
 Poor Mission                    \$ 730



**CALENDAR & INTENTIONS**

The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn in loving memory of Mike (Gido) Bertoldi (From Family)

The **Chapel Candle** will burn in loving memory of Joseph Tursi (From Janet, Bob, & Family)

The **Altar Flowers** are offered in loving memory of Kathleen Donahue (From Maura Niziol)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17      Presidents Day**

Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

Office Closed

9:00am Mass

† **Grace & Chuck Persin**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10; Mk 8:14-21

3:15pm Cenacle

7:00pm Folk Group; Knight of Columbus Assembly

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

5:00pm Legion of Mary

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

† **James Deibler**

6:40pm Confessions

6:45pm Women at the Well

7:00pm RCIA

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

9:00am Mass

† **Ildefonso Pabalan**

4:45pm Shine Fitness

7:00pm Sunday Choir

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

Gen 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1

7:00am Mass

† **Albert J. Marone**

6:00pm 2nd Quarter Group

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

1:30pm Becky Messimer & Brett Montefour Wedding

4:00pm Mass

**For the People of the Parish**

5:00pm Confessions

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

8:30am Mass

† **Barbara Ann Nolan**

9:30am NO CGS-6th Grade PREP

11:00am Mass

† **Ann Marie DePasquele**

6:00pm 7th & 8th Grade PREP

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NO PREP CLASSES TODAY, FEBRUARY 16 IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND**

**NO CGS-6TH GRADE PREP CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23. EXTRA DAY OFF.**

### Wildfire Diocesan Collection

Please consider donating to Catholic Charities USA in response to the California Wildfires. Reports are that thousands of homes have been destroyed with families losing all their possessions. If you would like to donate to this cause, please mark under memo on your check or on your envelope "DISASTER."

### Fish Fry 2025

Come join us for our annual Lenten Fish Fry. Dine-in, to go, and online curbside to go is available. Fridays: March 7, 14, 21, & 28 and April 4 & 11, from 3pm—7pm. Featuring N. Atlantic Haddock (Baked or Fried), crab cakes, shrimp, clam strips, pierogi, soup, & mac-n-cheese. To volunteer, please sign-up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4EADA629A3FA749225444-fish>, or send an email to [fishfry@hspalmyra.com](mailto:fishfry@hspalmyra.com). We will need soda and water donations. Please drop off any donations at the church.

### Job Opening—Music Director & Organist

We are seeking to employ a Music Director and Organist beginning July 1, 2025. This person is responsible for oversight and training of all music ministries (Children's Choir, Folk Group, & Sunday Choir) and the overall planning, approval, rehearsal, and providing of music for liturgies. This person will be responsible for Wednesday evening Masses, Saturday and Sunday Masses, special services, weddings, and funerals. If interested, please email and send your resume to [pastor@hspalmyra.com](mailto:pastor@hspalmyra.com) and [Choir@hspalmyra.com](mailto:Choir@hspalmyra.com).

### Awaken Lenten Book Study (Corrections)

Join our group for a Lenten study of *Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem* by Fr. Mark Toups. This study will be on Wednesdays, March 5—April 9, from 9:30am—10:30am, or Monday evenings, March 3—April 7, from 6pm—7pm, in the third-grade classroom. There will be daily reflections, guided prayer, and a powerful video lead by Fr. Toups. A limited supply of journals is available for \$8.50. Anyone who wishes to do the study is welcome to attend or drop by when able. For information or to register, contact Kathryn Gentry at 717-838-6521, or email at [faithstudy@hspalmyra.com](mailto:faithstudy@hspalmyra.com).

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### Jr. Youth Group Paramount Event

Parish students who attend PREP/Catholic School in grades 1st-8th are invited to join our Jr. Youth Ministry at the Ninja Warrior Course and Main Gym at Paramount Sports on Sunday, March 2, from 2pm—4pm. RSVP by February 21 to [jryouthministry@hspalmyra.com](mailto:jryouthministry@hspalmyra.com).

### Lost and Found

Please take a moment to check the Lost and Found bin, located above the coat rack across from the restrooms. The last day to check the lost and found bin is March 9, 2025. We will donate the items after that weekend.

### PREP Baby Shower

The Respect Life Ministry will hold its annual PREP student Baby Shower in February. We are collecting items to support the Morning Star Pregnancy Services of Harrisburg and Align Pregnancy Services of Lebanon. Collection of items may be brought into the classrooms by the weekend of February 22 & 23. The PREP students will be given a handout with items needed by both pregnancy services.

**To report suspected abuse of a minor, please follow these two steps:**

- 1** Call the toll-free PA Child Abuse Hotline at **1-800-932-0313**
- 2** Report suspected abuse of a minor by a church official, employee or volunteer by calling the diocesan toll-free hotline at **1-800-626-1608**

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### FROM OUR ADORATION CHAPEL



Psalm 42:2 says "My being thirsts for God, the living God. When can I go and see the Face of God?" We here at Holy Spirit church provide you with that opportunity in our Adoration Chapel. There, we have the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus said, "if you have seen Me you have seen the Father." Visit Jesus in our Adoration Chapel and see the Face of God.

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