

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling
among us, and we saw his
glory,
the glory of the Father's
only Son,
full of grace and truth.
- Jn 1:14

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Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon
M, T, TH, F	8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
Holy Day	8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Holiday	Consult Bulletin
Adoration	Thursdays 6—8 p.m. (Chapel)

Reconciliation

Saturday	3:30—4:30 p.m. (Church)
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New Parishioners

Welcome to Holy Spirit Parish!

Please register **online** or call us at **440-933-3777**.

Parish School of Religion Classes (P.S.R.)

Grade 1 through Grade 8

Grades 6 through 8 – Mondays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Grades 1 through 5 – Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Youth Groups

Jr. High (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Sunday 6:00 p.m. (St. Joseph Parish)

Sr. High (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Sunday 7:30 p.m. (Holy Spirit Parish)

Confirmation Preparation

Grades 9–12 (Contact the Parish Office)

Parish Staff

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Directory

Parish Office	440-933-3777
Fr. Mosovsky Hall	440-933-8818
P.S.R. / Youth Ministry	440-933-8818
Catholic Credit Union	440-933-2524

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Baptism:

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Pre-Baptism instructions are required.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Pre-Cana Program and Couples Ministry are required. Please contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communal celebration yearly. Please call the office to arrange for visitation of the sick on Sundays and First Fridays at home or to advise of those in the hospital.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.):

We welcome any adult interested in learning about the Catholic faith to call the parish office.

Rosary:

Recited each weekday at 7:50 a.m. before Mass.



Community Resource Services (CRS) is a responsive, community-based organization whose mission is to diminish the effects of poverty in Avon and Avon Lake. CRS provides basic needs assistance and individualized resource and referral services in a compassionate and confidential manner.

Our parish collects food and personal items for donation to CRS on the first weekend of each month. Our next collection will take place on **the weekend of January 1st/2nd in the Narthex of the Church.**

These are the items on their current "wish list": Toilet paper, diapers (sizes 4 and 5), canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats including tuna, chicken, roast beef, turkey, Spaghettios, ravioli, jelly/jam, meals in a can (hearty soup, stew, chili, chicken & dumplings), pasta and pasta sauce, cereal, instant oatmeal, healthy snacks, dinner "helpers" such as rice sides, pasta sides, Hamburger Helper, etc. Thank you in advance!

Our Parish Life—Holy Spirit Parish celebrates and remembers the events of our parish family. Please keep the following people in your prayers as we are all called to be brothers and sisters in Christ.

Holy Spirit Remembers: Our prayers are with the family and friends of Karen Mitchell and Marilyn Schlegel. May the gift of eternal life be theirs.

Prayers for the Sick: Wm. Christopher Hoag, Vicki Fritzman, Bethany Fritzman, Nora Lally, Richard Stofear, Lucy Janoush, Jake Olsavsky, Ann Grossman, Rob Noland, Glenna Reno, Jim Strickland, Thomas Schneider, Dorothy Boehnlein, Rosa Maria Santos, Meredith McCartney Singer, David Kohl, Elayne Lewis, Linda Biesterveld, Grace Slarsgarten, Daniel John Zimmerman, Holland Neifer, Grace Penkala, Viola Free, Joanne Jubach, Vanessa Scott, Patricia Flynn, Alex Noland, Kathy Graham, Liz Elliott, Kevin Graham, Brian Grace, Paul Mitchell, Robert Sanson, Jim Novak, Pam Bouffard, Tina Morbito, Vera Snell, Fletcher Rollinson, George Shepherd, Melissa Goode, Jack and Susan Storm, Susan Fain, Peggy Montgomery Hedgpeth, Kelley Rybarczyk, William Arkey, Leah Templeton, Ann Valerio, Dolly Keberle, Mike Taylor, Roland Kracoe, Robert (Ryan) Ihlenfeld, Nick Hudak, Nick Pudar, Mary Ann Gallo, and all the sick.

From the Pastor

“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.”—John 1:14

Dear Parishioners:

Merry Christmas to all our parishioners and visitors at this holy time of the year! It is good to have you here celebrating the birth of our Lord. Things are really coming together with the staffing here at Holy Spirit and I look forward to many great things. I hope you took a copy of our special newsletter that tells of some of the events that will be happening in the next few months. I have been thrilled recently to see new faces and families in our congregation for Sunday Mass. If you are new to the area or looking to connect with a parish, please call the office and we’ll get you registered so that we can get news, activities, and faith enhancers from the parish to you.

One of the things that has been renewed is Eucharistic Adoration. It is now on Thursday nights from 6-8 p.m. We would love to grow this into expanded time and even days of the week. There are many blessings to be had by a parish that centers itself on the Lord in the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is really what we celebrate at Christmas: The Lord our God come down from heaven and dwelling among us. The God who came to us as a child, comes to us in the form of bread. The God of heaven who dwelt among us dwells among us in the Eucharist. He who was placed in a manger is placed in a monstrance. Angels proclaimed the birth of Jesus, we proclaim Him *Panis Angelicus*, the bread of angels. Shepherds and magi adored Him and offered him homage, we can come and adore in homage before Him in the Eucharist. To be in His Eucharistic presence is to continue to celebrate this Christmas celebration throughout the year.

As we celebrate our newborn King and our Eucharistic Lord, the invitation is the same:

O, Come, Let Us Adore Him!

Sincerely,

Rev. Charles F. Strebler, Pastor

Entrance Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing:— "Glo - ry to the new-born King; Peace on earth, and
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord; Late in time, be -
 3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteous ness! Light and life to

mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled! Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, —
 hold him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Word Made Flesh, the God - head see! —
 all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his glo - ry by,

Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an - gel ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in
 Hail th'in car - nale De - i - ty! Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em
 Born that we no more may die, — Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us

Beth - le - hem!" Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."
 man - u - el!
 sec - ond birth.

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Penitential Act

Cantor, then all repeat:

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace to people of good will.
 We praise you, we bless you,
 we adore you, we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

First Reading

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first Book of Samuel.

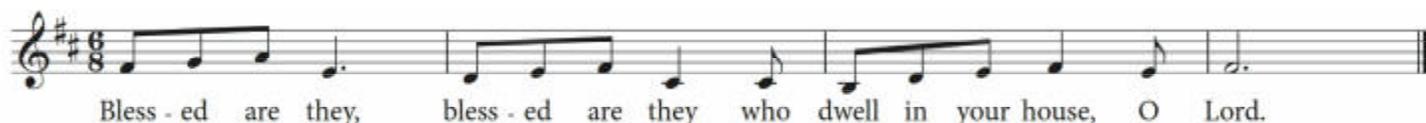
In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite."

Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left

Samuel there. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10



How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD,
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Happy they who dwell in your house!
Continually they praise you.
Happy the men whose strength you are!

Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob!
O God, behold our shield,
and look upon the face of your anointed.

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Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Cry Out With Joy



Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

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Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
[All bow until "and became man"]
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory Hymn**What Child is This?**

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come peas - ant, king, to own him;



1. Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
2. Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing?
3. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - fold him.



1. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
2. Nail, spear shall pierce him through, The cross he borne for me, for you;
3. Raise, raise the song on high, The Vir - gin sings her lull - a - by,



1. Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the Son of Ma - ry.
2. Hail! Hail the Word - Made - Flesh, the babe, the Son of Ma - ry.
3. Joy! Joy! For Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Ma - ry.

Text: 62-67 with melody: William C. Dix, 1857-1898. Tune: GIFFENS FIVES, traditional English melody, 16th century. from: Buntings and Stainer's *Chorales, Carols and Mazurkas*, 1871.

Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, miserere nobis, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, miserere nobis, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, dona nobis pacem, dona nobis pacem.

Communion Hymn

The Table of Emmanuel



As we break the bread of heav - en, and the cup of love out - poured,
we pro - claim your birth, Em - man - u - el, Child of Mar - y, Christ the Lord.

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| 1. The house of bread rejoices,
Singing heaven's great refrain.
Let us join them in their "Gloria"
And give glory to God's name. | On the love she bears into the world,
Singing lullabies of praise. |
| 2. On those who walk in darkness,
Those who dwell in lands of gloom,
Shines the light of love's eternal flame,
Jesus, fruit of Mary's womb. | 4. This banquet of God's goodness
now reveals the love of Christ:
Child of heaven, child of Bethlehem,
Who has died to bear new life. |
| 3. Behold the Virgin Mother,
As she casts her loving gaze | 5. So let us join our voices
With the angels high above
In their hymn of praise through all the earth,
Telling wonders of God's love. |

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Please kneel or be seated once the Communion Hymn has ended.

Dismissal Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains.
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Text: / / / with Gloria. French carol ca. 16th century. English tr. by James Chadwick, 1814-1882, and others, alt. Music: GLORIA, traditional French carol.

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And the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us.
Oh Come, let us Adore Him.



Merry Christmas!



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From the Parish Catechetical Leader

"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

A very merry Christmas to everyone! During this celebration of our Lord's birth, let us make our own the promise of Ebenezer Scrooge to honour Christmas throughout the year. We are all aware of what a marvelous holiday Christmas is as reflected in all the wonderful customs we associate with the day. While the secular world starts its celebration of Christmas sometime in September or October with displays in the stores (often resulting in a strange *Nightmare Before Christmas* ambience when the Halloween and Christmas decorations start mixing in the store aisles), we Catholics officially start our celebration with First Vespers (Evening Prayer) on December 24. Our celebration continues for eight days until January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. And, guess what, we keep on celebrating Christmas beyond that, to the Epiphany of our Lord, to His Baptism, and even to His Presentation forty days following Christmas Day. What is important for us is that we continue to live the message of our Lord's coming in flesh throughout the whole liturgical Christmas season and throughout the year.

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Chris Hoag

2021-22 In-Person PSR – CHRISTMAS BREAK. PSR is currently on Christmas Break. Classes resume for In-Person PSR Grades 6-8 on Monday, January 4. Classes for In-Person PSR Grades 1-5 resume on Tuesday, January 5.

First Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation Program. Two preparation sessions for our children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion had to be cancelled because of my illness. These sessions focus on how to make a confession—what is done and what is said for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These two sessions will be rescheduled early in the New Year. Parents will be notified of these new dates once these have been scheduled.

Confirmation Preparation Program. Two events for the Confirmation preparation program had to be cancelled because of my illness—the initial parent meeting and the first preparation session for the Confirmation candidates. These two events will be rescheduled early in the New Year. Parents will be notified of these new dates once these have been scheduled. **Please note: Registration forms for the Confirmation program will be distributed at the rescheduled parents meeting. The parent meeting precedes the rescheduled first preparations session.**

Contribution Report

December 12, 2021	\$9,303.00	134 envelopes
Repairs & Improvements	\$560.00	7 envelopes
Retirement Fund	\$4,821.00	74 envelopes
Christmas	\$1210.00	7 envelopes
Food Bank	\$50.00	1 envelope

The current Repairs & Improvements project total is now \$105,139.

Thank you to all who contribute in both large and small ways to Holy Spirit Parish. Your help is greatly appreciated!



The Wish List/Sharing Tree Committee wants to thank all of you who helped to make Christmas a happy one for so many families.

137 children from 42 St. Boniface families, 15 developmentally handicapped adults from Our Lady of the Wayside, 50 young children from incarcerated families, and 80 children from Avon Lake's CRS are happy today thanks to your generosity!

On behalf of all those receiving gifts we offer each of you a big

THANK YOU!



The Parish Office will be closed on:
Monday, December 27th
 and
Friday, December 31st



2022 Pre-Baptism Classes

Pre-Baptism Class is intended for first time parents and is not required if you attended a previous Baptism class. There are many classes to choose from around the area. Please call the parish office of the church hosting for that month to register:

Holy Spirit—440-933-3777 **St. Joseph**—440-933-3152
St. Mary (Avon)—440-934-4212 **St. Thomas (Sheffield)**—440-949-7744

Sunday, January 16	11:30 a.m.	St. Thomas
Tuesday, February 15	7:30 p.m.	St. Mary
Thursday, March 24	7:30 p.m.	Holy Spirit
Tuesday, April 19	6:30 p.m.	St. Joseph
Sunday, May 15	11:30 a.m.	St. Thomas
Tuesday, June 14	7:30 p.m.	St. Mary
Thursday, July 14	7:30 p.m.	Holy Spirit
Tuesday, August 16	6:30 p.m.	St. Joseph
Sunday, September 18	11:30 a.m.	St. Thomas
Tuesday, October 18	7:30 p.m.	St. Mary
Thursday, November 17	7:30 p.m.	Holy Spirit

NO CLASS IN DECEMBER

To Schedule a Baptism for your child at Holy Spirit, please call the Parish Office: 440-933-3777.

Ladies Guild Juliet Lunch will be on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 12 noon at Arribiattas's Restaurant 600 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village. Please text Datie Wynne 216-408-8637 if you would like to attend. All parishioners are welcome!

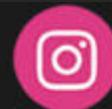
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Mass Intentions

***NO CONFESSIONS OR EVENING MASS ON SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 25, 2021***

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 26 / The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9:00 a.m.	Sandy Petechik (Pat and Roger Mihalik)
10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Holy Spirit
12:00 p.m.	Irene Gordon (Gordon Family)
MONDAY	DECEMBER 27 / St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
8:30 a.m.	Robert Tomanek (Mike, Patricia, and Clare Sweeney)
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 28 / The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
8:30 a.m.	Timothy Henley (Dr. and Mrs. William Guinter)
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 29 / Fifth Day within the Octave of Our Lord/ St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
	No Mass
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 30 / Sixth Day within the Octave of Our Lord
8:30 a.m.	Marian and George Clarke (Family)
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 31 / Seventh Day within the Octave of Our Lord
8:30 a.m.	Sue and Steve Lapsansky (Nancy Fitch)
SATURDAY	JANUARY 1 / The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
11:00 a.m.	Laverne Madigan (Pauline Kuebler)
5:00 p.m.	Kathy Farrell (Cockman Family)
SUNDAY	JANUARY 2 / Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 a.m.	Mark Ehrbar (Mike and Patricia Sweeney)
10:30 a.m.	James Hulsebus (Ann Nolan)
12:00 p.m.	Parishioners of Holy Spirit

Cluster Parish Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedules

St. Joseph Church —32929 Lake Rd., Avon Lake

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday—8 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday—3 to 4 p.m.

St. Raphael Church—525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday—9:15 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday—3 to 4 p.m.

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