



Holy Cross

Connections

Lift High the Cross

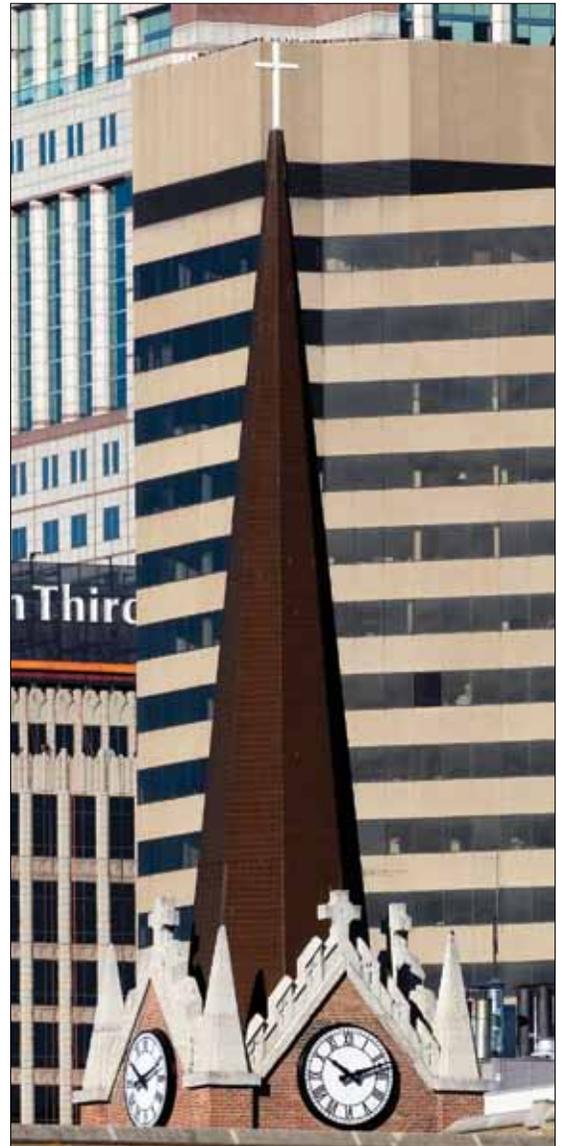
By Father Jerry Stluka

As we celebrate our patronal feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, you are invited to lift high the cross of Christ for all in downtown Columbus to behold and venerate. This cross is the throne of Christ our Savior and King. In the shadow of this cross lie:

- the sick who are being healed
- the dying who are being raised to new and eternal life
- the imprisoned who are being set free
- the merchants who struggle to make ends meet
- the parents and grandparents who give of themselves to nurture their children
- the sinners who seek and welcome forgiveness
- the pilgrims and homeless who seek refuge
- the brides and grooms who are beginning their new, sacramental life together
- the students preparing for their careers
- the young dreaming dreams and the elderly seeing visions

At one time this Holy Cross Church with its steeple, bearing the eight foot Cross, was the highest building in the city of Columbus. In this historic church, parishioners and visitors have come to worship for over 160 years. Thousands upon thousands have gathered as the Body of Christ to praise and thank the Lord of all Creation.

As we celebrate yet another of our annual feasts of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we give thanks for the countless blessings received here: healing, forgiveness, new life, faith, hope and love. It is here at the foot of this Cross that the Eucharist is celebrated daily; where heaven and earth, humanity and divinity, time and eternity all come together. With joyful and grateful hearts we join the angels and saints as we sing: "Lift high the Cross, the Love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His sacred name."



Parish NewsNotes:



DEANERY AMBASSADORS – **Jeanne Brown** and **Ray Kiersh**, above, are involved in representing Holy Cross in meetings of the Central Deanery. They are also currently working on plans for the development of a Parish Council. We'll hear more from them in our December Connections.

CONTINUING EDUCATION – **Mary Ann Scholl**, **Carrie Turley**, and **Debi Matthews** attended the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I Training program at St. Ladislav Church from August 2 – 7. This was in preparation for the opening of Sunday School on October 3.

OFF TO CINCINNATI – We will miss our faithful Eucharistic minister, **Katie Sheridan** when she heads for the University of Cincinnati in the fall. Katie will be

pursuing her studies for a Master's Degree to become a Speech Therapist. Blessings on your studies, Katie, and we will look forward to seeing you at holiday and break times.

MINISTRY SHARING – **Claire Miller**, among her other ministries at Holy Cross, has been the wedding hostess at the church on the wedding day itself. She is happy to welcome **Carrie Turley** and **Lisa Tripp**, who are excited about alternating with Claire in this parish ministry. Thank you for being willing to share your time and gifts.

THE MORBITZER REPORT – **Betty and Dick Morbitzer's** grandkids took part in the Franklin County Fair. **Beth** showed a horse and goats. **Chris** showed goats, **Christina** and **Matt** showed pigs and **Taylor** showed cattle. Matt took second place in creative baking. Beth served as OHIO DAIRY GOAT AMBASSADOR and **Tina** had a fun time in a class for city kids teaching farm culture. **Blaine** is doing lawn work and he also D Jays some weekends. He'll be off to Columbus State for his first year. And last but not least, **Brandon** enjoyed four weeks in Austria and Germany with the student exchange program.

OFF TO GERMANY – From Sept. 28-Oct. 5, **Fr. Jerry**, **Fr. Jan Sullivan** from Washington Court House and our own **John Feher**, along with 48 other pilgrims will be traveling to Germany and beyond. The highlight of their trip will be the Passion Play which is presented only every 10 years in Oberammergau by the local people. Safe travel and may it be a deep faith experience.



Dates to Remember:

Mon. Sept. 6	Labor Day - 10:00 a.m. Mass, Bishop Campbell presiding
Sun. Sept. 12	Patronal Feast Day - Exaltation of the Holy Cross One Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by reception
Thurs. Sept. 16	RCIA classes begin.
Fri. Oct. 3	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Confirmation preparation begin for children in our Parish Education Program
Sun. Oct. 10	Anointing of the Sick during both Masses
Sun. Nov. 7	Memorial Mass for Deceased Parishioners - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Nov. 21	Feast of Christ the King and Rite of Welcoming for RCIA Candidates at 11:00 a.m.
Thurs. Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Day - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Sun. Nov. 28	First Sunday of Advent

Welcome, Sr. Anne

By Jack Kustron

Born in Brooklyn, NY and raised in Manhattan; Sr. Anne was the only child of Irish-Catholic immigrants.

She attended high school at Dominican Academy in New York City, where during her senior year she decided that becoming a Dominican Sister was something that she thought she wanted to do. So in 1958 she left the skyscrapers of Manhattan and arrived at St. Mary of the Springs, here in Columbus.

“There were seven of us on the plane from NY and we arrived at the airport - which as you can imagine in 1958 was much smaller - and we got a taxi, thinking that we could stop some place and have a drink and something to eat, BUT the driver brought us right to the Motherhouse, and so we gave him - in our zeal - all our money - all seven of us - he certainly made a haul that day,” she said laughing.

So Anne Keenan went from a Manhattan girl to a first year Dominican Postulant, then a Novice, then Professed in 1960. She said, “I stayed in what we called the “House of Studies,” to finish my college degree and then went out on a mission to teach.”

She became a 1st grade teacher and started out in Lancaster, OH, then Steubenville, then West Hartford, CT, then went to Cincinnati Xavier, where she studied Montessori education and received her Master of Education degree, with Montessori Concentration. She started a Montessori school in Cincinnati, and then returned to the Columbus Montessori to teach.

Before working in the Diocesan office as a religion consultant, Sr. Anne received her MRE at Catholic University in Washington D.C., and then returned to her high school alma mater, in New York, to teach. She relished that assignment and said that “it was great, and I could be near my Mom, who was getting older.”

It was then back to Columbus, where she ministered in a parish and served on a leadership team of her order and served on the leadership team of her order, that eventually joined with 6 other dominican women’s congregations and are now known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

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She was on a sabbatical following her term on the leadership team and was interested in going back to a pastoral ministry, so she wrote to some of the priests that she knew, expressing her desire for parish work and received a reply from Fr. Jerry. She said - with a smile - “I came and interviewed, and it all worked out.”



Sr. Anne is seen with the statue of Saint Anne and the young Mary.

“I’ve had a wonderful welcome here. I find the people very warm - very helpful - and I feel a great sense of prayer here. People really seem to want to be here and have a great sense of community. When asked if she’s set any goals yet, she replied “anytime I go somewhere - my goal is to the best of my ability witness God’s love for us, and help share that with people.”

She said that Sr. Pat had been wonderful in helping her learn the ins and outs and has been very gracious during the transition.

Our new Pastorial Associate likes reading, Irish dancing, traveling and goes regularly to a gym to exercise. Although cooking is not her favorite thing to do; she says that her specialty is “spaghetti and meatballs; I do a nice baked chicken,” she added.

And so we welcome Sr. Anne and pray that her ministry at Holy Cross be full of God’s love and success.

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Liturgy Schedule

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Tuesday - Saturday

Confessions

Every Friday: 11:00 a.m.
Every Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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