



Holy Cross Connections

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

By Fr. Jerry Stluka



Inscribed on the arch above the altar of our historic church are the words of Saint Paul: “My only boast is in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ!”

Several years ago a local hospital advertised: “Good health is everything!” While we might tend to agree, this ad could be misunderstood to suggest that anyone in poor health is nothing. And nothing could be further from the truth! In fact, one of the primary symbols of our faith is the cross. Without faith this cross would be a sign of defeat. But with eyes of faith we can see in this same cross the sign of victory – the victory of life over death, love over hate and forgiveness over vengeance.

How appropriate that we begin and end all of our prayers with the sign of the cross. Our historic church is dedicated to the cross of Jesus Christ whose death and resurrection give hope and new life to all of God’s People. In fact, we are redeemed in the

blood of Christ who is exalted in glory.

During this Year of Faith we renew our confidence in God who brings new life out of suffering and death. With Saint Paul we dare to boast of this cross of Christ who died for us so that we can live forever. Together we proclaim this central mystery of Faith: “Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.”

Frequently I hear hospital patients express their faith in God as they assure me that new life has come and will come out of the labor pains of their illness. Among the many such expressions of faith was the young husband and father who said “Since my diagnosis with fourth stage terminal cancer my family has been reconciled. Our divided family has been re-united. We have received and given the gift of forgiveness and healing. Thanks be to God!”

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Holy Cross Parishioner Honored By Jack Kustron



Holy Cross church is blessed to have many talented and giving members in its congregation and recently one member was recognized in a special way.

Dr. Glenn Haninger was presented with the Dr. Tom F. Lewis Spirit of Philanthropy Award, by the Mount Carmel Foundation.

Glenn was born and raised in Cicero, IL, a suburb of Chicago, to a working class family, and has one sister, Joan. His mother was a convert to Catholicism as a young girl and his father converted later in life.

After starting public school, Glenn's parents transferred him to Mary

Queen of Heaven grade school because they were told by a teacher that he wouldn't succeed because of his "inability to write beautifully, that's why I'm a doctor," he laughed.

After high school he won a V-12 Navy scholarship to the Duke University pre-med college and then after graduation, back to Chicago's Loyola University Medical School. It was during an internship at

Cook County Hospital that Glenn met Dr. George Wisckster who due to his love for obstetrics was instrumental in Glenn's decision to enter that specialty.

In order to fulfill his Navy obligation Glenn was stationed for his residency at Port Columbus Naval Air Station (does that name sound familiar?) in 1951 and then was a resident at White Cross Hospital, in OBGYN.

One of the benefits of working at White Cross, which later became Riverside Hospital, was that Glenn met the woman that would later become his

loving wife, Elsie. After marriage, they spent some time in South Carolina, and upon returning to Columbus they started attending Holy Cross, where they became parishioners.

When asked what he likes best about Holy Cross, Glenn said "the congregation." As he told his son Paul, who takes him to Mass each week, "look around, you see people who are legally blind, in wheelchairs, poor, young, old – it's a small parish, that I love."

What follows is part of a press release that appeared in the Catholic Times regarding our parishioner:

"Dr. Haninger is a legendary physician, who has touched the lives of thousands of patients in central Ohio," said Doug Stein, president of the Mount Carmel Foundation. "Dr. Haninger helped launch a clinic for the underserved

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patients located in and around the former St. Ann's Hospital on Bryden Road. Today, this clinic

continues to thrive at Mount Carmel St. Ann's and makes a world of difference to the mothers and infants in our community who seek the best in perinatal care regardless of their ability to pay." "His strong passion for teaching and lifelong learning will be remembered through the Dr. Glenn and Elsie Haninger Labor and Delivery Endowment Fund, which benefits nursing and continuing education scholarships."

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thurs. Sept. 12.....RCIA Begins 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
- Sun. Sept. 15.....Feast of Holy Cross 10:00 a.m. Mass**
- Sun. Oct. 6.....Organ Recital 3:00 p.m. Featuring Organist Kelly Doman**
- Fri. Oct. 11Photo Sessions for new Parish Directory 2:00 – 9:00 p.m.**
- Sat. Oct. 12.....Photo Sessions for new Parish Directory 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
- Sun. Dec. 1Advent Begins**

Newsnotes

There's a new group in town and it's the Holy Cross Seniors' lunch group. As you may have noticed in the bulletin, **Betty Morbitzer** is heading up a group of seniors that go out to lunch "every once in a while." Betty said she and **Claire Miller** were talking not long ago and remarked on how there's a number of widows, widowers (and singles) in church and they just said "Ok, let's go to lunch!" As a result, a group of 8 - 11 people has been meeting since April and they go out regularly to restaurants such as the Olive Garden, Plank's, Schmidt's, TAT and the Florentine. If you would like to join them, feel free to give Betty a call at 614.875.4304.



MUST SEE TV – In case you missed it, our own **Frank Shirey** was seen on a **10 TV** news segment featuring his son Mike, who had just retired as Lt. of the Truro Township Fire Department. Frank also retired from that same post 18 years ago. To see that news segment online go to <http://tinyurl.com/m9pucrib>

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH - On September 22nd after the 11am Mass the **Chahine family** will celebrate the baptism of their daughter, **Ava Simone**. Congratulations!

HERE COMES THE BRIDE (and Groom) – We offer our prayers and best wishes to the following couples who will celebrate the sacrament of Marriage at Holy Cross.

- September 14.....Brice Civiello & Robin Mansfield
- September 28.....Aaron Mills & Amanda Alheit
- October 12.....Zachary Middleton & Kara Krispinsky
- November 9.....Nicholas Testa & Jenna Wagner
- November 16.....Damon Buchanan & Patricia Morris

MARK IT DOWN 📅 We will celebrate our Patronal Feast Day, **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, on Sunday, Sept. 15.** We will have one Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Reception.

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On Sunday morning September 15, at 10:00 a.m. our parish family will come together to celebrate our patronal feast, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We will praise God for the gift of redemption we have received in our individual families and in our parish family. Together with Saint Paul we will boast of the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Indeed, good health may not be everything but God's merciful love is! United in Faith we proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.



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Liturgy Schedule
 Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. Tuesday - Saturday
Reconciliation
 Every Friday: 1:00 a.m.
 Every Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.