

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, April 5 ♦ Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

9:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Baumert Family (Eugene Baumert)

11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;

Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday, April 6 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, April 7 ♦ Tuesday of Holy Week

11:30 a.m. Frank & Mary C. Montell (Mary Montell)

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 8 ♦ Wednesday of Holy Week

11:30 a.m. Anne Filichia (Mary Collura)

Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 9 ♦ Holy Thursday

5:30 p.m. Chris Stluka (Agnes Cramer)

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday, April 10 ♦ Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

2:00 p.m. Liturgy & Communion

Saturday, April 11 ♦ Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

8:30 p.m. Cecillia Dury (Jim & Agnes Dury)

Sunday, April 12 ♦ Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

11:00 a.m. Lester Strawser & Frances Noll (Thelma Yates)

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Col 5: 6-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Mass Scheduling Policy: In order to accommodate as many requests for specific dates as possible, we cannot schedule more than five at one time. Requests without a specific date are scheduled as openings permit. Please include the suggested offering of \$10.00 (for each Mass) when the request is made. Thank You!

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners and those who are ill: Eugene Baumert, Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Elsie Haninger, Theresa Hyle, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Edith Kowalsky, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Dick Morbitzer, Rita Neff, Amanda Pilkington, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Sheila Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

THANKS!

March 29, 2009 Offerings

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offering.....\$1,751.00
	Votives.....27.50
	Novena/1st Friday.....0.00
Mass Attendance	Repair.....0.00
9:00 a.m. = 88	Less Tax.....(88.93)
11:00 a.m. = 116	Net to Parish.....\$1,689.57

Fill It Up Friday

Fill it up Friday: It was an overwhelming success because of your generosity. We were able to share 4+ truck loads of canned goods to Logan County shelters. Everyone was so grateful! Thank you again. Sincerely, Bridgid Davis, altar server and senior at Bishop Watterson

Choir Practice at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Choir has its last Sunday practice for Holy Week and Easter following the 11:00 a.m. Mass today. Pauline Fritz is leading the choir this year during Lent.

Altar Easter Flowers

Donations toward the altar flowers (envelopes provided) for the Easter Season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in the Sunday collections with the person's name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested.

Repair Fund Collection – Today

A second collection will be taken up for the repairs on the Church and Rectory. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

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LENT

Lenten Opportunities at Holy Cross

[Sorrowful Mother Novena will resume on First Fridays after Easter].

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday: Day of fast and abstinence

1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

2:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday:

8:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

***Fast = One main meal, 2 lesser meals, no food between meals, for 21-59 years.**

Abstinence = no meat for over 14 years old.

THE WORD

The Passion in Mark begins with a conspiracy, a scene foreshadowing Jesus' death, and then a promise of betrayal: "He looked for an opportunity to hand him over" (Mark 14:11). The story of the Passion then moves swiftly from the Last Supper to the arrest in Gethsemane to the trials before religious and civil authorities to the execution, and finally, to Jesus being laid in a stranger's grave, a large stone rolled in front of the tomb, while two of his followers "watched where he was laid" (15:47). Even in death, no loving hand can touch Him.

The Passion is a story of total abandonment. The disciples first fall asleep while Jesus prays; Judas betrays Him with a kiss, the perversion of that intimate sign of love, and the disciples flee; Peter denies ever having known the man; the chief priests and the ruling body, the Sanhedrin, put up false witnesses against Him; Pilate, knowing the charges were trumped up, caves in to the rabble, releasing a notorious prisoner; the soldiers mock, spit upon, and strike Him, and, once crucified, even the two crucified with Him revile Him along with all those passing by. Jesus' final words ring down through the centuries: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (15:35) The story is one of unrelenting cruelty, dishonesty, abuse of power, failure of those who knew better, and silence on the part of the One who could have done something. No one gets off the hook in Mark's Gospel.

From "Living the Word"

† 5 April 2009 †
**PALM SUNDAY
OF OUR LORD'S PASSION**

The first reading begins on page 52.

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Pauline Fritz, organist

Entrance Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
(Hymnal #546)

Responsorial Psalm *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*(Missalette, p. 52, #39)

Gospel Acclamation (Missalette, p. 53, #40)

Offertory Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord is King*
(Hymnal #720)

Communion Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign*
(Hymnal #702)

Closing Hymn **Leave in Silence**

Special Parish Dates

Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:

- 1) **Tuesday, April 7, 2009 – Chrism Mass (Blessing of Oils) at 6:00 p.m. – St. Joseph Cathedral**
- 2) **Thursday, April 9, 2009 – Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 5:30 p.m.**
- 3) **Friday, April 10, 2009 – Good Friday: (Day of fast and abstinence) 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 2:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy & Holy Communion**
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- 5) **Sunday, April 12, 2009 – Easter Sunday: Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

Coffee and Donuts

Please come to the Cum Christo Center for coffee and donuts following the 9:00 a.m. Mass today, and enjoy the company of your friends, family and new parishioners.

Easter Basket Project

The Holy Cross Young Adult Group will be putting together Easter baskets following the 11:00 a.m. Mass today to be distributed to underprivileged children through J.O.I.N (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs). Thank you for all your donations and help. It is greatly appreciated!

Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.

Rice Bowl

We request that you bring your Rice Bowl contributions to Mass next week on Easter Sunday. Thank you for supporting this program.

Otterbein Students for Life

Otterbein Students for Life is a pro-life organization that works to spread awareness of important life issues among Otterbein students, and encourage campuswide dialogue on matters such as abortion and euthanasia. Through events, socials, and volunteer work, their goals are to advance a culture of life among family, friends, and the entire Otterbein community.

On Monday, April 20, 2009, they will be hosting Fr. Peter West, Associate Director of Priests for Life, to speak on campus. Fr. West will address Otterbein students, faculty, and members of the community at 8:00 p.m., in Riley Auditorium in Otterbein's Battelle Fine Arts Center, located at 194 W. Park Street, in Westerville. In addition, he will be preaching at all Masses at Holy Family Catholic Church in Columbus, the weekend of April 18 and 19. E-mail andria.dorsten@otterbein.edu for information.