

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, January 11 ♦ Baptism of the Lord
 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Seminarians –
 Dan Dury, Ty Tomson & Michael
 Connaughten
 (Jack Balogh & Veronica Wolfe)
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Monday, January 12 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, January 13 ♦ Weekday
 11:30 a.m. Hilda Barrett
 (Marie [Keck] George & Family)
 Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 14 ♦ Weekday
 11:30 a.m. Gary M. Fox
 (Mary Lane Mills)
 Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 15 ♦ Weekday
 11:30 a.m. Cecillia Dury (Patty Jones)
 Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 16 ♦ Weekday
 11:30 a.m. Jim Henderson
 (The Guerin Family)
 Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 17 ♦ St. Anthony
 11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne Cullinan Brown)
 Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday, January 18 ♦
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Intentions of Elsie Haninger
 (Carolyn & Warren Roberts)
 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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!

THANKS!	
January 4, 2009 Offerings	
Designated Collections	Offering \$1,898.95
Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese	Votives 53.00
December 25	Sol. of Mary 751.25
Diocesan Charities	Repair 40.00
\$1,139.75	Less Tax (137.16)
Mass Attendance	Net to Parish \$2,606.04
9:00 a.m. = 93	
11:00 a.m. = 113	

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

Sympathy and Prayers

The following loved ones died recently:
 –Patricia Groom–Parishioner
 –Neil Ashmus–Father of Catechumen Bryan Ashmus
 –Willie Moore–Chairman of Black Catholic Ministries of Columbus
 Please keep them and their family members in your prayers.

Commissioning Service

Holy Cross will be commissioning all new Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. If you are interested in these special ministries, please call the Parish Office (224-3416) before January 18th. Please consider these ministries as a service to your community.

Prayers Answered

We are most grateful to Winston Swaby, who is our new Web Site Manager. Thanks also to Mickey Boyd and Dan & Carla Bednar who volunteered as “back-ups.”

Repair Fund Collection

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.

2008 Contributions

You can contact the office at 224-3416 and request a copy of your contribution record to Holy Cross Church and Bishop’s Annual Appeal for 2008 (2nd year of Holy Cross’ Campaign Drive).

2008 in Review

Did you know that during this year recently ended, we celebrated the following events in our parish?

- 15** Baptisms
- 3** Confirmations
- 4** First Communions
- 19** Marriages
- 16** Deaths

Diocesan Charities

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Diocesan Charities collected on December 25th. \$1,139.75 was collected.

Propagation of the Faith

Next Sunday, the 2nd collection will be for the Propagation of the Faith, which is the central means of the Church to encourage daily prayers and financial help for the missions.

THE WORD

This is one of the key moments in the life of Jesus. He must have heard about John up north in His hometown of Nazareth. At some point, an inner voice must have said, “Go south, go to the desert. Go listen to this preacher John.”

When He came to the desert, He may have stood in a long line before that moment came when He entered the water and John baptized Him. Mark gives us only the briefest account of their meeting, but does present John as expecting someone mightier than he who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

It is this same Holy Spirit who came down on Jesus as He was coming out of the water. At that moment, the heavens were torn open, heaven reached down to touch the Galilean, and the Spirit descended like a dove. Have you ever seen a gull descend to snatch a fish, or a hawk swoop down to seize its prey? By contrast, the image of a descending dove is one of beauty and grace, of gentle alighting.

The words do not announce Jesus to others, as in Matthew’s account, but they are spoken only to Him: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (1:11), echoing the words the Lord speaks in the first song of the Servant in the book of Isaiah.

The descent of the dove did not mean an easy life for Jesus, but God had penetrated His being in a way that would then drive Him into the desert to begin His mission of confronting the powers of sin and death. This gentle dove came—and continues to come—with a mighty power.

From “Living the Word”

† 11 January 2009 † The Baptism of the Lord	
❖ Hymns are <u>not</u> announced ❖	
The first reading begins on page 61.	
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Dan Di Santo, organist	
Entrance Hymn	<i>On Jordan’s Bank</i> (Hymnal #516)
Responsorial Psalm	<i>The Lord will bless his people with peace</i> (Missalette, page 65, #39)
Gospel Acclamation	(Missalette, page 65, #40)
Offertory Hymn	<i>Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise</i> (#Hymnal #512)
Communion Hymn	<i>Humbly We Adore You</i> (Hymnal #991)
Closing Hymn	<i>Joy to the World</i> (Hymnal #487)

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) Sunday, January 25, 2009–Parish Town Meeting at 2:00 p.m.**
- 2) Sunday, February 22, 2009–Burning of Palms and Pancake Breakfast after each Mass.**
- 3) Wednesday, February 25, 2009 –Ash Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. Mass.**

Update and Follow-up on Self-Study

You are invited and encouraged to come to our Town Hall Meeting on January 25th, from 2:00 -4:00 p.m. in the Cum Christo Center. There will be an update on the recommendations formulated by the Deanery representatives and forwarded to the Diocese. Secondly, of vital importance is the beginning work on the recommendations unique to our parish which surfaced at our self-study meeting in June, such as: Parish Council, Liturgy Committee, Communications Outreach/Service and Stewardship.

Please plan to attend, bringing your interest, ideas, and commitment to our parish. We are hoping for the same or better attendance as we enjoyed at the June meeting. We will again share pizza following the meeting.

Electronic Giving

Many parishes in the Columbus area offer electronic giving to make it easier for parishioners to make their weekly contributions. Please call the office (224-3416) or e-mail Mike Agriesti at admmike@columbus.rr.com, if you are interested in using this method versus envelopes. Thanks!

Save These Dates

We are pleased to announce our 2nd Columbus Catholic Women’s Conference which will take place on **February 21st, 2009**. This year’s conference will be held at the Lausche Building at the Ohio Expo Center, located at 717 E. 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211. Registration fee is \$25.00 and ends for mail-in registrations on January 31, 2009. Online registration is open until sold out, visit: www.Columbuscatholicwomen.com.

12th Annual Catholic Men’s Conference is scheduled for **March 7th, 2009** and will be hosted by St. Joan of Arc Parish, located at 10700 Liberty Road, Powell, Ohio 43065. For more details, please visit the web site (www.columbuscatholicmen.com).