

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, March 29 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Mary Fleming (Ida Rappich)
 Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Monday, March 30 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, March 31 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Patricia Manley (Tom & Mary Gross)
 Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 1 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Gary M. Fox (Lois Reilly)
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Fr. Robert Schuer (Betty Angelo Noesner)
 Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 3 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Patty Groom (Chuck & Lina Eckel)
 Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
 12:00 p.m. Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother
 7:30 p.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
 (Intention of Presider)

Saturday, April 4 ♦ Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil closes
 with Benediction
 11:30 a.m. Kathy Lavitchka (Nancy & Jeff Lee)
 Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11: 45-56

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

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
 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;
 Mk14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

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: 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 22, 2009 Offerings

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offering.....\$1,516.00
Catholic Relief Services = \$766.50	Votives.....16.00
Mass Attendance	Novena/1st Friday0.00
9:00 a.m. = 87	Repair.....70.00
11:00 a.m. = 97	Less Tax.....(80.10)
	Net to Parish.....\$1,521.90

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are pleased to announce the following who have recently registered in the parish:

Mr. & Mrs. John (& Irene) Probasco
 Susan Luck
 Joey Smith & Tiffany Sekinger
 (to be married in May 2010)

Choir Practice at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Choir is now practicing for Holy Week and Easter. New choir members are welcomed! These rehearsals will be held on Sundays, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Pauline Fritz is leading the choir this year during Lent.

Keep in your Prayers

Please remember in your prayers our candidate, catechumen and their sponsors who will be having a retreat day this April 4, in preparation for their reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter vigil.

Staff E-mail Addresses

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Lenten Opportunities at Holy Cross

Every Friday: Stations of the Cross after 11:30 a.m. Mass [Sorrowful Mother Novena will resume on First Fridays after Easter]. Day of abstinence (no meat for those over 14 years of age).

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

***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 first reading today describes the new covenant that Jeremiah sees as the one effective answer to the human condition. What can be done, the prophet laments, when sinful behavior has become so crystallized by habit that reform seems impossible?

Jeremiah is not sanguine about humanity's ability to follow unaided the dictates of the law. In image after vivid image throughout his book, he has shown how set in their sinful ways the people have become. They seem to have lost all ability to change. Thus, he says, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin? /the leopard his spots? /As easily would you be able to do good, /accustomed to evil as you are" (13:23). Jeremiah calls the people evil, refusing to hear God's word and instead "walk[ing] in the stubbornness of their hearts" (13:10; cf. 18:12). It is this recalcitrance that causes God to mourn the "pernicious thoughts" within the people and to claim that their conversions are half-hearted (4:14; 3:10). Their heart remains "stubborn and rebellious" with the result that "they turn and go away" (5:23). The sorry state of the people's continued bad behavior leads Jeremiah to conclude: "More tortuous than all else is the human heart, /beyond remedy" (17:9).

Today's passage from the book of Jeremiah is God's response to this desperate state of affairs. God speaks of days that are coming in which God will give the people a new covenant unlike the one that they broke in the past. This covenant will be unbreakable because it will be written not on tablets of stone but rather on the hearts of the people. The image conveys a realignment of the orientation that so perverts their actions; they will be aligned now with God's orientation.

Today, we hear of the inner transformation that God can accomplish even when our dispositions themselves are our worst enemies.

– From "Living the Word"

✠ **29 March 2009** ✠
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The first reading begins on page 105.

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

Entrance Hymn	<i>These Forty Days of Lent (Hymnal #527)</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Missalette, p. 106, #69)</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>(Missalette, p. 106, #70)</i>
Offertory Hymn	<i>This is Our Accepted Time (Hymnal #531)</i>
Communion Hymn	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Hymnal #699)</i>
Closing Hymn	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Hymnal #701)</i>

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**
- 4) **Saturday, April 11, 2009 –Holy Saturday: 8:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil**
- 5) **Sunday, April 12, 2009–Easter Sunday: Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**

CRS Collection Results

Thank you for your generosity and support of the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection held last week. \$766.50 was contributed.

Altar Easter Flowers

Donations towards 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.

Coffee and Donuts

Please come to the Cum Christo Center for coffee and donuts following the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, April 5th, 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 to be distributed to underprivileged children through J.O.I.N (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs). Please bring your items to church on April 5. All donations and any help are much appreciated.

Repair Fund Collection –April 5th

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.

College Live-In

On April 16-18, the Pontifical College Josephinum and the Diocesan Office for Vocations will host a College Live-In for young men who are juniors and seniors in high school and college students who are interested in knowing more about seminary life. The Live-In schedule will include a tour of the campus, discussions, meals and prayer with the college seminarians, attendance at classes, time for swimming and recreation, and a tour of the Columbus area. There is no charge for the event. For further information, please call the Parish Rectory or Fr. Jeff Coning, Diocesan Director for Vocations, at 614-221-5565, ext. 294 or frjeff@seekholiness.com.