

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, March 14 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
11:00 a.m. Lester Strawser & Bill Yates
(Thelma Yates)

Jos 5:9, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday, March 15 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, March 16 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Tom Flood (Anonymous)

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 17 ♦ St. Patrick

9:30 a.m. Special Intention (Shamrock Club)

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 18 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Jane Quinn (Ellen & Bob Griffin)

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 19 ♦ St. Joseph

11:30 a.m. Virginia Sartor (C. J. Sartor)

2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51

Saturday, March 20 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Seth Jenkins [deceased] (Dennis Wilcox)

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 14 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Lent

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 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

+ Please remember in your prayers our home-bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Mary Bonner, Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Dorothy Gaus, Sally Groom, Mary Kay Keefer, Frances Klausman, Mary Knapp, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Rita Neff, Baby Stella Ruscak, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Joe Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker, Brian Wollenberg.

Support to St. Lawrence Haven

April 11th

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers – Sunday, April 11 is the next opportunity to support St. Lawrence following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

THANKS!

March 7, 2010 Offerings

Designated Collections
(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

Offertory.....\$2,269.00
Votives.....52.55
Eucharistic Vigil..... 16.00
Repair.....40.00

Mass Attendance

9:00 a.m. = 108
11:00 a.m. = 98

Less %5 tax.....(118.88)
Net to Parish:....\$2,258.67

Attention, Liturgical Ministers

There will be an important meeting of all: Readers – TODAY, 10:00 a.m. – Rectory; Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist – March 21, 10:00 a.m. – Rectory

Keeping Connected

If you have not already received your copy of the latest parish newsletter, *CONNECTIONS*, you will receive it this week. If not, please let us know.

Once more, we are indebted to Jack & Jan Kustron for the ideas, photography, layout and design; to Mercedes Buck for providing & preparing the labels and Sr. Ruth Ann & Helen Meers for preparing the mailing.

Choir Practice

All interested singers are invited to gather in the balcony for choir practice in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We will rehearse for one hour immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

ALL are invited to deepen their Lenten experience through singing with the choir. Contact Kelly for more information at keladom@insight.rr.com or 920-4443.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!! You can still sign up for the *Catholic Times*. For only \$17.00 (parish rate) you will receive the weekly news of what's happening in the Catholic world. Simply write “Catholic Times” on a plain envelope, make your check payable to the parish, and drop it into the collection basket.

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.

St. Patrick

Legends about St. Patrick abound and details of his life are uncertain, but history agrees that he was humble and courageous in winning most of Ireland for Christ. This prayer that is attributed to him can be a wonderful blessing of each family member:

Christ shield me this day: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me.

THE WORD

When Israel packed its few bags and went rushing out of Egypt, God's chosen people began a journey into being a new creation, from being a nation of slaves to being a nation of free men and women, a people under the heel of Egypt to one joined to God by the covenant, a community that ate manna (which literally means “What is it?”) to one that ate the produce of the promised land. This journey took forty years and it wasn't easy.

When the prodigal son finally “came to his senses” and realized he would be better off back home as a hired worker than stealing slop from the pigs, he began a journey from being lost to being found, from being dead to being alive. This journey did not take forty years, but how do you measure in clock time a journey that transforms the heart? This journey wasn't easy either.

The path to being a new creation can take forty years, forty days, forty minutes, or forty seconds. Sometime it involves an outer journey; it is always an inner one. It is difficult – dying to self always is. What matters is that we make it. Because the end result is the radiance of a people, or a son or daughter, who has finally arrived where they belong, at a party where the father has an arm around them and the older brother who brought this about through his saving death is standing at the Father's side, with the Spirit hovering above them all.

from “*Living the Word*”

March 14, 2010	
✠ 4th Sunday of Lent ✠	
❖ Hymns are <u>not</u> announced ❖	
The first reading begins on page 97	
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. – Kelly Doman, organist	
Gathering Hymn	Amazing Grace (#662)
Responsorial Psalm	Taste and See [Refrain 1] (#398)
Gospel Acclamation	Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory
Offertory Hymn	<i>Our Father, We Have Wandered</i> (#666)
Eucharistic Acclamations	(#306) Sanctus, (#275) Memorial Accl., (#279) Great Amen
Lamb of God	(#311)
Communion Hymn	<i>Draw Near</i> (#613)
Closing Hymn:	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (#660)

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) 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).**
- 2) Thursday, April 1, 2010 – Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:00 p.m.**
- 3) Friday, April 2, 2010 – 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.**
- 4) Saturday, April 3, 2010 – 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.

St. Patrick Day Mass

Mass on Wednesday, March 17, will begin at 9:30 a.m. Bishop Campbell will be the celebrant.

*****There will be no 11:30 a.m. Mass.*****

CRS Collection Today!

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection will be taken this Sunday. The money collected will support the Catholic Church agencies that build international solidarity and relief efforts in countries like Haiti and Chile. This ministry is often the only source of hope for millions of people around the world. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Single Catholics

All single Catholics are cordially invited to the Columbus Catholic Alumni Club's St. Patrick's Day Singles Dance on March 20, 2010, from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at Saint Michael Church, 5750 N. High St. in Worthington. \$6.00 admission includes music, soda, and snacks. Deejay. BYO Alcohol. For information, call Peggy Schano at (614) 575-0518.

Day of Reflection – Separated and Divorced

“Working at Moving on with our Lives,” a day of reflection for separated and divorced persons, will be offered on Saturday, March 27, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Multipurpose Room, 313 N. State Street, Westerville. The registration fee is \$10.00 and includes lunch. Registration deadline is March 19. Contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560.

Repair Fund Collection March 21st

A second collection will be taken for the repairs on the church and rectory next Sunday. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.