

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, March 18 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Margaret & Elsie Haninger
 (Dr. Glenn Haninger)

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Monday, March 19 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, March 20 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 21 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 22 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Tsitsi Muccheche (Kurai Muccheche)
 Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 23 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Cecil John Matowe (Kurai Muccheche)
 Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 24 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Joe MacKinnon (Aggie MacKinnon)
 Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 25 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Marvin McGee (Warren & Carolyn Roberts)
 Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Mary Bonner, Mary Cordesco, Marianne Garrison, Joseph Huntzinger, Jestina Jones, Lauren Jones, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Mary Montell, Charles Mooney, Bob Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Graham Sowers, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

Support to St. Lawrence Haven – Today!

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. This is our day to support St. Lawrence Haven, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

Holy Land Woodcarvers – April 1st

Artisans will be at the Cum Christo Center selling their carvings in support of the Holy Land on Sunday, April 1, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. We encourage your support of them.

THANKS!

March 11, 2012 Offerings

Designated Collections
 (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

Mass Attendance

9:00 a.m. = 79
 11:00 a.m. = 99

Offertory	\$2,136.65
Votives	17.50
Eucharistic Vigil.....	0.00
Repair Fund.....	676.25
Less 5% Diocese tax .	(141.52)
Net to Parish:	\$2,688.88

Repair Fund Collection Results

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Repair Fund collection last week. \$676.25 was contributed.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – Today!

The second collection today is for the annual CRS Collection which funds critical work of the Church in caring for the urgent needs of our brothers and sisters around the world who are victims of war, persecution, disasters, and poverty. It supports the work of Catholic Relief Services; the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church; the Holy Father’s Relief Fund; the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development; the USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS).

Easter Basket Project

Once again the “thirty something” parish members will be putting together Easter baskets to be distributed to underprivileged children through J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs).

This year, we are offering you some options of how you can participate in this project.

1. Purchase a small (not elaborate) premade basket and leave it in the back of church in designated colored bins.
2. Purchase individual items which our volunteers will gather to make up baskets. Such items would include grass, baskets, crayons, coloring books, stuffed animals, chocolate candy, etc. These items should be placed in bins that will be in the back of church.
3. Volunteer to assemble baskets on Palm Sunday, April 1st after the 11:00 a.m. Mass as well as deliver baskets to J.O.I.N.
4. Donate canned ham (J.O.I.N. will distribute to families).

Thank you for your generosity.

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, 6:00 p.m.
Good Friday: Day of fast and abstinence.

1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 2:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy &
 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

You rarely hear anyone use the word “hellbent” these days, but it could easily be used to describe the Jewish people before the Babylonian empire destroyed their capital city of Jerusalem in 587 B.C., along with the temple, and then sent its people into exile. Second Chronicles tells a sad story: Judah’s princes, priest, and people had all turned away from the Lord. They had become a people hellbent on self-destruction. So finally, the Lord cut them loose.

Of course, the story does not end there. A new dawn comes with the ascendancy of the Persian empire under its leader, Cyrus, who looked more kindly on the Jewish people, allowing them to return home to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. And we are reminded that the hand of a merciful God is behind this.

Ephesians also speaks of a God rich in mercy, who loved us “even when we’re dead in our transgressions,” and who “brought us to life with Christ... raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:5-6, 10). For the author of Ephesians this has already happened. It might not feel that way to us much of the time, but faith calls us to see ourselves as “God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus.”

Imagine if we tried living out of that vision for the coming week! Imagine if we really took seriously that God truly loved the world so much that “he gave his only Son” to bring us all eternal life (see John 3:16).

from “Living the Word”

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

All adults involved in any activity with children must meet the diocesan Safe Environment criteria. This includes a background check, a signed Code of Conduct (see insert), and attendance at the child abuse awareness workshop, *Protecting God’s Children (PGC)*.

You may register for any PGC session in our diocese at www.virtus.org; choose the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, for location. There is no cost for participants, but you must preregister. If you do not have Internet access, please call Regina Quinn at the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 241-2565.

Soon the parish will establish a link from its web site: www.holycrosscatholic.com to the diocese web site on Protecting God’s Children as follows:

www.coldsdioc.org/ProtectingOurChildren.aspx



Choir Practice Continues!!

Continuing this Sunday, 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 (kellydoman.organist@gmail.com or 920-4443).

Catholic Veterans

The Greater Columbus Post of the Catholic Veterans will meet Tuesday, April 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the “Red Room” at St. Peter’s Church which is located on Smoky Row Road, near the corner of Snouffer Road. Any Catholic person honorably discharged with 90 days either peace or wartime active duty U.S. military experience, or on active duty now, is eligible to join. Please call John Francis at 614-395-8529 for more information.

Lecture on

Lay Leadership – ODU

The Center for Dominican Studies is sponsoring a lecture by Zeni Fox, Ph.D., on the “Emerging Lay Leadership in the Church” on Tuesday, March 21, 2012, in the Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, Ohio Dominican University, at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Fox will describe the new models of lay ministry that followed 50 years after Second Vatican Council and address the issues evolving from these new models so that we here in the Columbus Diocese might live this new reality better.

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Gathering Hymn	814	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>
Gloria	Worship Aid	<i>Chant Mass</i>
Readings	Missalette p. 83	
Psalm	Missalette p. 83	<i>Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Worship Aid	<i>Chant Mass</i>
Preparation of Gifts	528	<i>Return to God</i>
Eucharistic Acclamations	Worship Aid	<i>Chant Mass</i>
Communion Hymn	82	<i>We Have Been Told</i>
Closing Hymn	519	<i>Again We Keep This Solemn Fast</i>