

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, February 16 ♦ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Michael Roberts
(Glenn Haninger)

11:00 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners
Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or
Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34

Monday, February 17 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, February 18 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners
Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 19 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners
Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 20 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Cullinan Family (Jeanne C. Brown)
Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 21 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners
Jas 2:14-24; Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday, February 22 ♦ The Chair of St. Peter

11:30 a.m. Darlene M. Manley
(Domenic, Michael & Joseph Manley)
1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday, February 23 ♦ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioner
11:00 a.m. William O'Reilly (Lois O'Reilly)
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

+ Please remember in your prayers our home bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Jodi Elgin, Sandra Hilbert, Robert Hackett, Walter Jakeway, Jestina Jones, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Marilyn Scott, Patty Stover, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

Support to St. Lawrence Haven – March 9

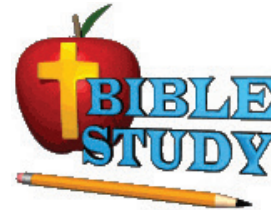
Attention all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is Sunday, March 9, 2014 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Renewal of Wedding Vows – Today!

Holy Cross will recognize World Marriage Day today. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew your Marriage Vows during both Masses – see insert.

Sympathy and Prayers

Ann Rinehardt, formerly of Nazareth Towers and Holy Cross cook, died last week. Please keep her and her family members in your prayers.



Lenten Bible Study

We will begin a Lenten Bible Study on Tuesday, March 4th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Rectory Offices and continue meeting on Tuesday evenings, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, and 8. We will be using the Liguori Catholic Bible Study Series. This study will give us a greater familiarity with the Bible’s themes, personalities, and message. But that’s not enough. This program will also teach us to use Scripture in our prayer. If interested, you **need to RSVP by Sunday, February 16** to Sister Anne (224-3416) to register.

Catholic Times

Thank you to all new and returning readers of the *Catholic Times*. Contact the parish office if you missed the special collection and learn how to sign up for the upcoming year for a minimum donation of **only \$17.00** (parish rate). As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*. Come enjoy “A journal of Catholic life in Ohio.”

Bishop Ready Theatre Presents....

The students at Bishop Ready, under the direction of Ready faculty member Jill Larger, are mounting the Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy *Harvey*, on Friday and Sunday evenings, February 21 and 23, at 7:00 p.m., with a Saturday matinee on February 22 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$9.00 for those 65+, and \$8.00 for students. For more information, call Bishop Ready at 614-276-5263.

2013 Contributions

You can call the office at 224-3416, email Mike at admmike@columbus.rr.com or drop a note in the collection basket and request a copy of your contribution record to Holy Cross Church and Bishop’s Annual Appeal summary for 2013. You can expect this report within a week.

THANKS!

FEBRUARY 9, 2014 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory	\$ 3,057.30
	Repair Fund.....	\$ 108.00
Mass Attendance	Less 5% Diocese Tax	(\$ 158.27)
9:00 a.m. = 74		
11:00 a.m. = 55	Net to Parish:	\$ 3,007.03

THE WORD

The Gospel of Jesus is a Gospel of grace. The new law that Jesus gives is not a written code, but is the Holy Spirit who works within us to transform us into God's children, adopted into God's family not because of our own merits but rather out of God's abundant love. This does not mean that the Gospel of Jesus places no demands on us. As today's Gospel reading makes clear, if anything, the new law of Christ is more stringent in its demands than the law of Moses. It calls not simply for outward conformity, but rather for an inward transformation in which we are conformed to God's Spirit, the Spirit who, as Paul says in the second reading, "scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God."

We all know that it is much easier to go through the motions and grudgingly obey a rule than it is to truly grasp the reason for the rule and let it become part of the fabric of our lives. A child might simply follow a rule to avoid punishment or to obtain a reward, but with maturity and life experience comes an appreciation for the reason behind the rule. The new law requires the hard work of inner transformation, by which we grow into the wisdom and spiritual maturity of which Paul speaks.

The hard work that the new law of Jesus asks of us does not make it any less a Gospel of grace, for what Jesus ultimately asks is that we let His Spirit work within us. Our task is to get out of the way and let the Spirit guide us.

– What do I consider the signs of a spiritually mature person?
– Are there rules that I follow, without really grasping the reason behind the rule?

– from "Living the Word"

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Readings, collects &		
Antiphons	page 112	Living Liturgy Sunday Missal
Entrance Hymn	945	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Gloria	1223	Gloria Simplex
Psalm	page 113	Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord
Gospel		
Acclamation	Gospel Acclamation VI	
Preparation of Gifts	991	My People, What Do I Require?
Eucharistic Acclamations	1188-1193	Memorial Acclamations from "Missa Pacem"
Communion		
Hymn	940	Eye Has Not Seen
Closing Hymn	963	We Are Your People

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, March 2, 2014 – Burning of Ashes followed by Pancake Breakfast after each Mass in the Cum Christo Building.**
- 2) **Wednesday, March 5, 2014 – Ash Wednesday – Mass at 11:30 a.m.**
- 3) **Sunday, March 30, 2014 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at 4:00 p.m.**

Old Palms needed on Sunday, February 23

On Sunday, March 2nd, two unique parish events will occur: First is the special ceremony to burn the old palms from last year to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday. **Please bring in your old palms to church on Sunday, February 23rd and deposit them in the baskets provided.** Second is the annual Pancake Breakfast after each Mass. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Coffee & Conversation

Join Father Paul Noble for a gathering and informal discussion around Vocations. One hour, one great meeting place, one lively discussion about Vocations. Everyone is welcome to attend February 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

**The Undercroft of St. Joseph Cathedral
212 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

For more information or to RSVP, contact me at 614-221-5565 or noble@seekholiness.com.

Enjoy a Lenten Pilgrimage

Last year, during the Year of Faith, a 500-year-old Roman tradition came to Columbus, Ohio. This Tradition is known as The Seven Church Tour and is a bus tour based on the "Seven Church Walk" started by St. Philip Neri in the 16th Century in the City of Rome. Fr. Joshua Wagner, a priest of the Diocese of Columbus and experienced Roman Tour Guide, invites you to become a part of this Tradition as we visit and pray in some of the most beautiful Catholic Churches of the City of Columbus (includes Holy Cross). Seats are EXTREMELY limited for this Pilgrimage, and this tour sold out in two weeks last year, so if you want to buy tickets, go to www.SevenChurchTour.com for either March 15 or March 29.

St. Charles Production

The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department is proud to announce its winter production, *almost, maine* by John Cariani. *almost, maine* will be presented February 27, 28, and March 1, at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 2 at 3:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Campus Theatre. Adult tickets are \$10.00 each, and student tickets are \$5.00 each. Reservations may be placed by calling the St. Charles main office at 614-252-6714 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.