

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, March 23 ♦ Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Michael L. Roberts
 (MaryJane Ronemus & Pickering Family)

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42;
 or Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39, 40-42

Monday, March 24 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, March 25 ♦ The Annunciation of the Lord

11:30 a.m. Joseph Horning [deceased] (Linda Henry)
 Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, March 26 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Sloan Schnell (John MacKinnon)
 Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 27 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Special Intention for Bill Messic (Linda Henry)
 Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 28 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Cullinan Family (Jeanne C. Brown)
 Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 29 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Darlene M. Manley
 (Domenic, Michael & Joseph Manley)
 Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 30 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Dan Koebel (Al Roehrenbeck)
 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41; or
 Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound 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 – April 27

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is Sunday, April 27, 2014, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Choir Practice Continues!!

Continuing this Sunday, all interested singers are invited to gather in the balcony for 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 kellydoman.organiist@gmail.com.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – March 30

The annual CRS Collection will be held next Sunday, March 30, 2014. The scope and reach of the Catholic Relief Services Collection is extraordinary. This collection funds the 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.

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.

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.

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).

Deanery Reconciliation Service: March 30th at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church.

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: Solemn Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.

***Fast = One main meal, 2 lesser meals, no food between meals for 21-59 years. Abstinence = no meat for over 14 years old.**

THANKS!

MARCH 16, 2014 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory	\$2,116.30
	Repair Fund.....	\$ 40.00
Mass Attendance	Less 5% Diocese Tax	(\$ 107.82)
9:00 a.m. = 68	Net to Parish:	\$ 2,048.48
11:00 a.m. = 69		

THE WORD

This Sunday’s readings all point to Jesus as the one who can quench the deepest thirsts of our souls. The book of Exodus focuses on bodily thirst, with God miraculously providing water for the Israelites in the desert. The Gospel presents Jesus’ dialogue with the Samaritan woman at the well, in which He reveals Himself as the source of living water. The Letter of Paul to the Romans speaks of the love of God that is poured into our hearts.

Perhaps the metaphor of thirst, even more than the metaphor of hunger, conveys the desperation of the soul’s need for God. We might pass a day or two or even more without food and experience only mild discomfort. But cut off from water, we are quickly afflicted with thirst; we experience it as an immediate threat to our life and health. Like the Israelites in the desert, we soon begin to grumble.

The Samaritan woman must already feel the pangs of spiritual thirst. Though initially disconcerted by being addressed by a Jewish man, she engages him in conversation, yearning for the living water that he offers, bringing relief to her life of spiritual longing. Lent is an opportunity to let ourselves feel our spiritual thirst and to welcome the living water that Jesus offers.

– What am I spiritually thirsting for? Acceptance? Wisdom? Forgiveness? Something else?

– Have there been moments when I have felt that the love of God was poured into my heart? Is God’s love poured into us even when we don’t feel it?

from “Living the Word”

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**** Spoken Mass Responses begin on page 1 ****		
Readings, collects & Antiphons	page 143	Living Liturgy Sunday Missal
Entrance Hymn	945	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Gloria	NONE	
Psalm	page 145	If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Gospel Acclamation	Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ	
Preparation of Gifts	932	What Wondrous Love Is This?
Eucharistic Acclamations	1212-1216	Cantus Missae
Communion Hymn	661	Our Blessing-Cup
Closing Hymn	790	The Thirsty Cry for Water, Lord

Special Parish Dates

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

1) **Sunday, March 30, 2014 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at 4:00 p.m.**

TWO POPES, TWO SAINTS: PERSPECTIVES ON JOHN XXIII AND JOHN PAUL II presented by noted theologians

Fr. Jared Wicks, S.J., and Msgr. Frank Lane

Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Saint Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street,

Columbus, Ohio 43215. For more information call

(614) 224-1295 or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org.



2014 Seek Holiness (Bike) Tour de Diocese:

This year mark’s the 6th year for the Seminarian Bike Tour scheduled for May 12-16. Our Diocese is blessed to have the only Pontifical Seminary in the U.S. and so for the past 5 years, after the Seminarians finish school, they take their bikes and hit the road. About 15 Seminarians and several clergy ride through our Diocese to various schools and parishes to reach out to our youth, speaking on living the life you are called to live. Everyone is called to a Vocation and the Seminarians help the students become aware through sharing a piece of their story, interactive Q&A games such as Stump the Seminarian, and just being present for those tough questions such as What is a vocation?, How can I tell if I have a Vocation?, Is a vocation a job? and more. Plans for the Bike Tour are underway and visits are being finalized. In the coming weeks, visit www.seekholiness.com and www.catholic-foundation.org (The Tour’s Sponsor) to find out if your school or parish will be visited in this year’s Tour de Diocese! For questions, contact jnaporano@seekholiness.com.

Become a Martha Today! The St. Martha Giving Circle – A Catholic Women’s Fund

Did you miss our Wine and Cheese Info Session at The Catholic Foundation? You can still join the Marthas! The St. Martha Giving Circle is a new initiative dedicated to bringing Catholic women in the diocese together in service. Throughout the year, the Marthas will gather to learn about organizations and their needs, to share ideas, to serve and to socialize. To learn more or to join, visit www.catholic-foundation.org/TheMarthas or call 866-298-8893.