

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**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

**Monday, March 31 ♦ No Mass**

**Tuesday, April 1 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Msgr. James Berendt (Family)  
 Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday, April 2 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Sr. Mary Ann Creely (Family)  
 Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday, April 3 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Special Intention for Bill Messic  
 (Linda Henry)  
 Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday, April 4 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family  
 (Jeanne C. Brown)  
 Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday, April 5 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Darlene M. Manley  
 (Domenic, Michael & Joseph Manley)  
 Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-63

**Sunday, April 6 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Michael Roberts  
 (Glenn Haninger)  
 11:00 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners  
 Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45; or  
 Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

**+ 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, 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.

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – Today!**

The annual CRS Collection will be held today. 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.

**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](mailto:kellydoman.organiist@gmail.com).

**2013 Contributions**

You can call the office at 224-3416, email Mike at [admmike@columbus.rr.com](mailto: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: **TODAY** 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 23, 2014 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory .....	\$2,454.00
	Repair Fund.....	\$ 10.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Less 5% Diocese Tax ....	(\$ 123.20)
9:00 a.m. = 58	<b>Net to Parish: .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,340.80</b>
11:00 a.m. = 98		

## THE WORD

It is striking that in the story of the man born blind, the man’s neighbors enter into a debate – once he is healed – as to whether it is in fact the same man. It is as if they have difficulty recognizing him once the blindness that was for them his defining feature is gone. It is also note worthy that they refer to him as “the one who used to sit and beg.” For them, he was not a person with a name and a story, but simply a part of the landscape, wholly defined by his blindness and his begging. Furthermore, despite the fact that they know nothing about him, and seem to want to know nothing about him, they presume that his blindness must be the result of sin – either his sin or that of his parents.

Part of the irony of the story is that it is the man’s neighbors who are really the blind ones. It is they who cannot see beyond their presumptions and prejudices and truly perceive the blind man. Moreover, they cannot truly see Jesus, saying that they know that he is a sinner. As Jesus heals the man’s physical blindness, He is also trying to heal the blindness of the bystanders by giving them the eyes of faith, so they can see what the blind man now sees: that if Jesus were not from God, He would not be able to do anything.

Though we might think of healing physical blindness as a great miracle, the Gospel of John seems to be saying that it is spiritual blindness that truly needs to be overcome, and it is the healing of spiritual blindness that is the greatest miracle.

– Do I tend to reduce people to single characteristics, whether these are physical features or single events in their lives, as if these defined them?

– What would it mean to see others through eyes that had been healed of all spiritual blindness?

from “Living the Word”

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Today!**  
**There will be an opportunity to participate in the deanery Reconciliation Service today at 4:00 p.m. here at Holy Cross Church.**



### Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy

Experience the live production performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Catharine School Gym in Columbus on Thursday, May 1 at 8:00 p.m. The performance will be preceded by Holy Hour, Confessions, and Recitation of Divine Mercy Chaplet, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 12 and up. Admission is \$10.00 each or \$30.00 per family. For tickets and additional information, contact the St. Catharine Parish Office at 614-231-4509, [info@stcatharine.com](mailto:info@stcatharine.com) or visit [www.stcatharine.com](http://www.stcatharine.com).

### Martin de Porres Center programs in April:

#### THE FACES OF TRANSCARPATHIA

Photographs by Andrew J. Tonn Reception for the Artist Thursday, April 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Artist will speak at 7:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. This event will be held at the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219. For more information or to register, please call the Center at (614) 416-1910, visit [www.martindeporrescenter.net](http://www.martindeporrescenter.net), or email [martindeporres@oppeace.org](mailto:martindeporres@oppeace.org).

### The Catholic Foundation hosts: Conversation on Marriage

You’re invited to attend “A Conversation on Marriage” on April 22, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The Catholic Foundation (257 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43215). Join Ryan Anderson, co-author of *What is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense*, as he discusses and defends the reasons for the historical consensus of marriage between a man and a woman, and explains why redefining civil marriage is unnecessary and contrary to the common good. This event is free and open to all. Space is limited, please call early to reserve your seat. For more information, or to RSVP, call The Catholic Foundation at 866-298-8893, or visit [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org).

<b>March 30, 2014</b>		
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>		
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Readings, Collects & Antiphons	<b>page 150</b>	Living Liturgy Sunday Missal
Entrance Hymn	<b>807</b>	From Ashes to the Living Font
Gloria	<b>NONE</b>	
Psalm	<b>634</b>	The Lord Is My Shepherd
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ</b>	
Preparation of Gifts	<b>927</b>	Amazing Grace
Eucharistic Acclamations	<b>1212-1216</b>	Cantus Missae
Communion Hymn	<b>1092</b>	Forgive Our Sins
Closing Hymn	<b>791</b>	When from Bondage