

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, March 9 ♦ First Sunday of Lent

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

11:00 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners
Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19, or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday, March 10 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, March 11 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Alex & Aileen Toth (Julie & Alan Toth)
Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 12 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Sr. Mary Ann Creely (Family)
Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 13 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Cullinan Family (Jeanne C. Brown)
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 14 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Patricia Ann Passen (Frances Klausman)
Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 15 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Darlene M. Manley
(Domenic, Michael & Joseph Manley)
Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 16 ♦ Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Michael L. Roberts
(MaryJane Ronemus & Pickering Family)
11:00 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners
Gn 12:1-4; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

+ 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.

Monthly Financial Target – February 2014

Average Monthly Budgeted Expense:	\$ 20,460.42
February 2014 Net Offerings	= \$ 11,621.26
Other Parish Income	= \$ 5,454.60
Total February 2014 Income	= \$ 17,075.86
Monthly Results – Loss	(\$ 3,384.56)

**THANKS!
MARCH 2, 2014 OFFERINGS**

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory	\$1,377.01
	Repair Fund.....	\$ 574.80
Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 61 11:00 a.m. = 36	Less 5% Diocese Tax	(\$ 97.59)
	Net to Parish:	\$ 1,854.22

Repair Fund Collection – Results

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Repair Fund collection last week. \$574.80 was contributed.

Ash Wednesday Collections – Results

\$902.27 was contributed on Ash Wednesday for the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs (J.O.I.N.). Thanks for supporting this cause.

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.

Support to St. Lawrence Haven – Today!

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

Black and Indian Collection – Today!

This Sunday, the Annual National Collection for the Black and Indian evangelization will be taken at Mass. It is an important National Collection, vital to the Church today, as it is used to support current and new evangelization programs. Your support will help the many programs begun in the parishes and schools to continue. Our own deanery RCIA is funded by this collection.

Lenten Opportunities at Holy Cross

- 1.) Pick up at church exits the Black Booklets – daily prayers during Lent.
- 2.) Pick up your Rice Bowls – for daily almsgiving during Lent to help the Poor.

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: 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

I remember as a child watching the comedian Flip Wilson on television, whose character Geraldine had as her signature line, “The devil made me do it” – invariably uttered in an attempt at self-exoneration from bad behavior. The first reading might lead us to think that the human race as a whole might attempt such a self-exoneration. After all, if the devil had not tempted Eve and Adam, they would never have disobeyed God and we would not be in the mess that we find ourselves in today.

While not denying the importance of the devil’s temptation, however, the Christian tradition has always laid the blame for sin squarely on the shoulders of Adam and Eve themselves, our ancestors in disobedience. While evil forces might provide the occasion for our turning away from God, no demonic power can force us to do anything against our will, no matter how severely they may tempt us. Temptation is something we give in to.

At the same time, sin has made our wills so feeble that we cannot resist temptation without God’s grace. As Lent begins, it is important to bear in mind both that our sins are our own responsibility – the devil did not make us do it – and that we need the grace of Christ in order to turn back to God. Lent is an appeal to our freedom, as well as a reminder that we need God’s grace in order to use that freedom well.

– Do I ever blame other people or things for my bad actions? Whom or what do I blame?

– What sort of actions can I undertake in order to make Lent a time in which I let God’s grace work in my life?

– from “Living the Word”

Special Parish Dates

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

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



Choir Practice – Starts Today!

Choir rehearsals in preparation for the Easter Triduum will begin today. We will meet in the balcony from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. each Sunday of Lent.

National Catholic Sisters Week

A grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation was recently established to launch National Catholic Sisters Week from March 8 to 14, 2014, as part of Women’s History Month. The purpose of this week is to bring greater awareness to a unique band of women Catholic Sisters – to make them more known and visible on a broad national level.

There is a great story to tell. Sisters have and still are making contributions in education, health care, the arts, social work and politics. Can you contribute to that story by remembering any sisters who played a part in your life?

At the entrances of the Church there are cards for you to pick up as a remembrance of National Catholic Sisters Week along with a Prayer for Lent.

Kindergarten Open House at Mater Dei Academy

Mater Dei Academy is now accepting applications for Kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year. You are welcome to come to our Open House for prospective Mater Dei Academy Kindergarten students on March 12 and 13, Wednesday-Thursday, and March 19 and 20, Wednesday-Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Mater Dei Academy, 3695 Elm Street, Columbus, Ohio 43213. For more information, see www.materdeiacademy.org or call 614-231-1984.

BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY

“Bethesda Healing Ministry offers a radiant witness to Christ’s merciful, healing love.” The women and men gathered the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month decided perhaps months or years ago that it was time to find comfort and inner peace from an earlier abortion. Healing time is offered through open enrollment to those who want to bid farewell to the grievous sorrow in their life and embrace growth, healing and hope. We await your call: 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651.

March 9, 2014		
First Sunday in Lent		
**** Spoken Mass Responses begin on page 1 ****		
Readings, collects & Antiphons	page 132	Living Liturgy Sunday Missal
Entrance Hymn	800	Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
Gloria	NONE	
Psalm	page 134	Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Gospel Acclamation	Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ	
Preparation of Gifts	789	Our Father, We Have Wandered
Eucharistic Acclamations	1212-1216	Cantus Missae
Communion Hymn	788	Attende Domine
Closing Hymn	796	The Glory of These Forty Days