

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, December 13 ♦ Third Sunday in Advent

9:00 a.m. Patty Stover (Betty Morbitzer)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 Zep 3: 14-18; Phil 4: 4-7; Lk 3: 10-18

Monday, December 14 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, December 15 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Margaret Breeze (Mary Pulsinelli)
 Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13; Mt 21: 28-32

Wednesday, December 16 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Jim Stelzner (Vincent Staley)
 Is 45: 6-8, 18, 21-25; Lk 7: 18-23

Thursday, December 17 ♦ Late Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Special Intention (Betty Morbitzer)
 Gn 49: 2, 8-10; Mt 1: 1-17

Friday, December 18 ♦ Late Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)

Saturday, December 19 ♦ Late Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran (Robert Carter)
 Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25; Lk 1: 5-25

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+ **Please remember in your prayers** our home-bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Robert Hackett, Patty Jones, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Marilyn Scott.

Mass Intentions

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each; only one offering per Mass. All Mass intentions will be listed in the bulletin. Please contact Mike Agriesti by regular mail, or drop a note into the collection basket on Sundays or email admmike@columbus.rr.com to schedule a Mass.
 9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church

Religious Retirement Collection – Today!

The second collection this week will be for Retirement Fund for Religious. There are more than 11,000 Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests that need skilled care or help with tasks of daily living. Please be generous.

Deanery Reconciliation Service – Today!

You are encouraged to participate in our Deanery Reconciliation/Penance Service at St. Augustine/Gabriel, 1550 E. Hudson Street, today at 4:00 p.m.. There will be extra priests from our Deanery Churches to hear confessions. This is a good opportunity for us to pray together as a Deanery community.

Christmas Flower Donations

Donations toward the altar flowers for the Christmas season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in upcoming Sunday collections with the person's name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested. Please utilize the special envelopes available for this purpose.

Repair Fund Collection – Results

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Repair Fund collection held last week. \$ 768.00 was contributed.

Diocesan Charities Collection

A second collection will be taken for the Diocesan Charities during the Christmas Masses. This collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations, including J.O.I.N., St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center & St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Simbang Gabi

A Filipino Christmas tradition, featuring celebration of Mass for nine consecutive days, starts on Tuesday, December 15 (Holy Cross - first eight days) and closes on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, followed by a potluck in the cathedral undercroft.

Choir Practice at 12:00 noon!

Singing in the choir is easy, the time commitment minimal and the rewards are many. We continue after the 11:00 a.m. Mass today and will do so through December 20th. Please grant yourself the benefit of choral singing this Christmas season. Contact David Brattain for more information.

THANKS!

DECEMBER 6, 2015 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....\$2,474.81
	Mail-in.....378.00
	Repair.....768.00
Mass Attendance	Mail-in Repair.....0.00
9:00 a.m. = 70	Less 6% Diocese tax (217.25)
11:00 a.m. = 80	Net to Parish:.....\$3,403.56

THE WORD

Last week in Luke we saw that the ministry of John the Baptist took place at a specific time. This week Luke is also specific in the guidance John offers to each group who comes to him asking, "what are we to do?" The crowd is to share their resources. Tax collectors are to take nothing more than what is prescribed. Soldiers are not to abuse power. Each answer provides a hint about what people were doing that needed to change if they were going to repent and witness the Christ.

How would John the Baptist answer you if you asked the same question? I'd probably hear: Give from your resources, not just your abundance. Take more time to pray. Pay attention to the person who challenges or frightens you. Take time to ask God, "What do I need to do to live Jesus this Advent?" What might you hear? Asking someone you trust that question might point you in the needed direction.

When we were baptized with water and the Holy Spirit, we promised to love Jesus and to see and be his presence in concrete ways. Belonging to Christ is reason for great rejoicing. Hear Zephaniah's words addressed to you: God rejoices over us. The Lord has removed judgment against us. Then treat others as God has treated you so that others can rejoice. Believe these words. Live with rejoicing. Remove anxiety from your hearts. Let kindness abound in ways that help others see Jesus and experience God's love. Then dance with great rejoicing!

-- Name the person(s) in your life who call(s) you to live more like Jesus or John the Baptizer.

-- What needs to change in your life for you to follow Christ more closely and be free from needless worry?

from "Living the Word"

St. Dominic Concert – Today!

Come and join the St. Dominic Traditional Choir for their annual holiday concert on Sunday December 13, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Dominic Church located at 453 N. 20th Street, Columbus, Ohio. A featured performance from Joyful Inspiration Dance Ministry. The event is free and open to all.

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, December 13th – Advent Penance Service at St. Augustine/Gabriel – 4:00 p.m.**
- 2) **Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Carols at 3:30 p.m. followed by Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
- 3) **Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
- 4) **Sunday, February 21, 2016, Confirmation for our CGS students (Grade 6 or older) will be held at St. Timothy Church at 12:00 noon.**

2016 Bosco Bash – January 30th

Bosco Bash is a gathering for middle school teens (6th, 7th and 8th graders) from the Diocese of Columbus. Middle school teens are invited for an evening of fun, food, games, great music by Station 14, friends, Mass, and a great speaker.

Speaker Bob Lesnefsky (aka Righteous B)

Cost \$20.00 per youth participant, which includes a t-shirt and dinner. We would really like to encourage parents to participate in the Bosco Bash, so there is a special rate of only \$15 for all adult chaperones.

Location St. Cecilia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus, OH 43228

Schedule:

- 2:30 p.m. Doors Open, Gathering and Entertainment
- 3:00 p.m. Session 1
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Session 2
- 7:30 p.m. Mass
- 9:00 p.m. Departure

JOURNALING THE JOURNEY:

A Day of Writing into Prayer with Mary Van Balen

Saturday, January 16, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Center of Peace, 1111 E. Stewart Avenue. \$25.00 participation fee includes lunch & coffee breaks. Financial assistance is available. This is a quiet day of reflection for anyone interested in exploring the art of journaling. For information, call Corpus Christi Center of Peace at 614-512-3731 or email corpuschristicenterofpeace@gmail.com or register online at ccenterofpeace.org