

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, November 8 ♦

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Ficocella (Marcia Strall)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday, November 9 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, November 10 ♦ St. Leo the Great

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Ficocella (Marcia Strall)
 Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 11 ♦ St. Martin of Tours

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Ficocella (Marcia Strall)
 Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, November 12 ♦ St. Josaphat

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Ficocella (Marcia Strall)
 Wis 7:22-8:1; Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 13 ♦ St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)
 Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 14 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Margaret Fristoe (Brian & Lisa Henry)
 Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday, November 15 ♦

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Al & Margarite Roehrenbeck
 (Al Roehrenbeck)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Robert Hackett, Thomas Henry, Heather Jahn, Patty Jones, Eileen Kiersh, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Marilyn Scott.

St. Lawrence Haven – Today!!

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

Sympathy and Prayers

Patty Stover, a long-time parishioner, died recently. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS

The boxes for your food donations to needy families are in the back of church. Please put you nonperishable food items in the boxes by Sunday, November 15th. We cannot accept donations after that date. Gift certificates from local grocery stores will also be accepted. If you are donating gift certificates, please give them to Fr. Dwayne or Sr. Anne. Thank you for your generosity and may you and your families have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

Update On Repair Activities

- 1) The Rectory bathroom project has been completed at a total cost of \$2,000.00.
- 2) The Catholic Foundation has received over 300 grant requests and was unable to honor our grant request for the repair/replacement of the existing Rectory’s gutter system and shingle roofing and attached garage at an estimated cost of \$42,000.00. We will have to take funds out of our diocesan savings funds to complete this project.

MASS OF HEALING

A Mass of Healing and Healing Service will be held on Monday, November 16, 6:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, in downtown Columbus. Fr. Paul Noble will celebrate the Mass and provide the homily. Following the Mass of Healing, a Healing Service will take place beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of relics of the True Cross, with each person having the opportunity to speak individually with one of several priests present to discuss their particular situation and receive a prayer of healing; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Healing Service will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek healing – cancer, heart, all physical illnesses and infirmities – are invited, as are family members, caregivers, and medical professionals. For questions, please call St. Joseph Cathedral at (614) 224-1295.

11th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale

We, the parishioners of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, located at 5858 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43231, are holding our 11th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 12th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

We are taking phone orders for the following:
 Tray of 6 dozen assorted Christmas cookies – \$35.00
 11” long Homemade nut, apricot or poppy seed rolls – \$10.00
 Potato and cheese, Sauerkraut, and Prune pirogies sold frozen in packages of one dozen per filling – \$6.00/package
 Phone orders will be taken through Sunday, November 29th. Call 614-882-6103 and follow the prompts to place your order.

THANKS!

NOVEMBER 1, 2015 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory	\$1,895.00
	Mail-in	328.00
Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 100 11:00 a.m. = 70	Repair Fund	312.00
	Mail-in Repair	10.00
	Less 6% Diocese tax	(152.72)
	Net to Parish:	\$2,392.58

THE WORD

The point being made with the widows in the first reading and the Gospel seems on the face of it a simple one: those who have the least are often the most generous. But there is a danger here of romanticizing the poor and their poverty. If we probe a little deeper, the picture becomes a bit more complex. In both cases, their acts of generosity are in some sense acts of desperation.

The widow who feeds Elijah has given up: she is ready to die with her son from starvation. What does she have to lose by giving their last bit of food to this wandering prophet? Likewise, while the poor widow in the Gospel is generous in giving to the temple even in her poverty, Jesus has just moments earlier denounced those religious leaders who “devour the houses of widows.” He sees the danger of even something as holy as the temple becoming an occasion for exploiting those who see no way out of their poverty but to bet on divine deliverance. When we recognize the desperation of these two widows, we will be less prone to romanticizing their situations, while still appreciating their willingness to rely on God.

We shouldn’t read the Gospel’s denunciation of the scribes as only applying to religious leaders in Jesus’ day; we should apply it to our own Church. Have we grown too comfortable? Do we “devour the houses of widows” by playing on people’s desperation? Or do we, like Elijah, empower them with the hope that “the jar of flour will not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry?”

– In what situations do I find myself most needing to rely on God?

– Am I ever tempted to exploit another person’s neediness for my own gain? How do I respond to this temptation?

from “Living the Word”

Seven Church Tour from the Comfort of Campion Hall at Holy Rosary/St. John

Join us as we watch Fr. Joshua Wagner’s Seven Church Tour DVD, covering the first seven Catholic churches in Columbus: Holy Cross, St. Patrick, St. Mary (German Village), St. Joseph Cathedral, Holy Family, St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist. After the presentation, Fr. Wagner will answer questions. A light lunch will be served.

WHEN: Today, November 8th, 11:00 a.m. (after 9:30 Mass)

WHERE: St. John Community Center, Campion Hall, 640 South Ohio Avenue, Columbus

Freewill collection to raise funds for the church, St. John Food Pantry, Community Kitchen, and St. John Learning Center.

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) November 10th 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting
- 2) November 15th 11:00 a.m. Memorial Mass
- 3) November 18th 6:00 p.m. Parish Council
- 4) November 26th 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass
- 5) November 29th 11:00 a.m. Rite of Welcome
- 6) Sunday, February 21, 2016, Confirmation for our CGS students (Grade 6 or older) will be held at St. Timothy Church at 12:00 noon.

St. Charles announces Female Auditions for *The Lady Cries Murder*

The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department is pleased to announce women’s auditions for its winter play, *The Lady Cries Murder* by John William See. Women’s auditions will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, December 1 and 2 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 E. Broad Street. (You need only attend one of the two days.) For more information, call St. Charles at 252-6714, or email Doug Montgomery at scdramadirector@aol.com.

St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department presents *Good ‘N’ Plenty*

The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department is proud to announce its fall production, *Good ‘N’ Plenty*, a new comedy by Jeffrey Hatcher. *Good ‘N’ Plenty* will be presented Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 19, 20, and 21 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Campus Theatre, 2010 E. Broad Street. Adult tickets are \$10.00, student tickets \$5.00. Reservations may be placed by calling the St. Charles main office at 614-252-6714 Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.