

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, October 25 ♦ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Virginia (Ginny) Farrell (Tom & Kim Duncan)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Monday, October 26 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, October 27 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Ficocella (Marcia Strall)
 Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 28 ♦ Sts. Simon & Jude

11:30 a.m. James & Louise Kramer. (Kramer Estate)
 Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday, October 29 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Ficocella (Marcia Strall)
 Rom 8:31-39; Lk 13:31-35

Friday, October 30 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. John Varley (Al Roehrenbeck)
 Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday, October 31 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. James & Louise Kramer. (Kramer Estate)
 Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday, November 1 ♦ All Saints

9:00 a.m. Clyde E. Sheline, Sr. (Sheline Family)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

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

St. Lawrence Haven – November 8th

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is Sunday, November 8, 2015, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

Kudos!

Prayerful best wishes to Justin Riccobene and Lauren White, who will be married in our Parish Church Saturday, October 31.

Opportunity – Last Chance

Due to the Columbus Marathon, we have extended the window for all adult parishioners to have the opportunity to identify existing Holy Cross members or themselves as possible candidates to parish Pastoral Council. Please use the **election form** found on the tables which we hope you will return today. Thank you for your participation.



Thanksgiving Food Donations

“For I was hungry and you gave Me food ...whatever you did for one of these least, you did it for me.”

Mt. 25:35, 40

In order to help with the logistics of distributing Thanksgiving meals to needy families, our efforts in collecting food donations will start a little early this year. Our boxes of food will be picked up on Sunday, November 15th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, so we will begin collecting food on the following Sundays, October 25th, November 1st and November 8th. Suggested food items are stuffing, canned yams, soups, canned corn, green beans, boxed potatoes, canned fruit and cranberry sauce, muffin mix, evaporated milk, etc.

Place all items in boxes located in the back of church.

Gift certificates from local grocery stores will also be accepted. If you are donating gift certificates, please give them to Sr. Anne.

In advance, we thank you for your generosity knowing you will, in turn, continue to receive many blessings from our Generous God.

Open House – St. Charles

On Sunday, November 1, St. Charles Preparatory School will have an Open House for all 8th grade boys and their parents. St. Charles, the diocese’s college preparatory school for boys, is located at 2010 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43209.

FINANCE REPORT

Included in this week’s bulletin is the parish’s financial budget for fiscal year 2015-2016. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Agriesti in the office at 224-3416. We want to thank all the members of the Finance Committee: Terry Creedon, Jason Despetorich, Ryan Stock, Ralph Urban and David Ward.

THANKS!

OCTOBER 18, 2015 OFFERINGS

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| Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) Mission Sunday = \$389.00 | Offertory\$ 1,893.50 |
| Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 50 11:00 a.m. = 62 | Mail-in 110.00 |
| | Repair Fund 0.00 |
| | Mail-in Repair 85.00 |
| | Less 6% Diocese tax(125.75) |
| | Net to Parish:\$1,962.75 |

THE WORD

The Gospel reading, the story of the healing of the blind man Bartimaeus, finds an echo in the first reading, a prophecy of the people of Israel's return from exile in Babylon with the blind and the lame among those returning. But there is a deeper connection more than a mere mention of blindness. For in the ancient world – and maybe in our world as well – disability often incurred a form of exile or social exclusion, compounding whatever physical condition the disabled person had.

We can see signs of this in the Gospel story. Bartimaeus is begging because his blindness has pushed him to the margins of an economy that seemingly has no interest in finding a productive place for him. When he cries out to Jesus, others try to silence him, presumably because he has no place among those who can hope to receive God's mercy. But Jesus hears him and calls for him, and suddenly those around Bartimaeus begin to change their tune, telling him to "take courage." Even prior to healing Bartimaeus' blindness, Jesus has begun to heal the circumstances that make that blindness such an affliction.

Jesus' healing of Bartimaeus' blindness is a sign of the coming kingdom of God, a sign that humanity's long exile from God is coming to an end. But this restoration of Bartimaeus from his exile from human community is no less a sign of God's kingdom. Even if we cannot heal the disabilities of those we encounter, by treating them with dignity – by asking them, as Jesus asked Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" – we can help to heal the exile that they often suffer, and in that way we participate in the healing ministry of Jesus.

from "Living the Word"

A Call to Live the Joy and Mission of Marriage and Family Life

Please join Bishop Frederick Campbell for a presentation on the issues and topics discussed at the September World Meeting of Families and answer the call to live the joy and mission of marriage and family life. Contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Office for additional information at (614) 241-2560 or familylife@colsdio.org.

– Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m.,
Bishop Ready High School

St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820

From the Chair with Bishop Campbell on AM 820 Tuesday, November 3rd. Bishop Campbell takes your questions from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd during his LIVE monthly call-in show. Call St. Gabriel Catholic Radio at 614-459-4820 to ask your question about the Catholic faith and growing in holiness.

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**

World Mission Sunday – Results

Thank you for the generosity and support of the World Mission collection held last week. \$389.00 was contributed.

Bake Sale

St. John Chrysostom's First Friday Sale will be held this Friday, November 6th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. St. John is located at 5858 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43231. We will have halubki (cabbage rolls), halushki (noodles and cabbage), pirogi, and various baked goods for sale. We hope to see you there!

50+ GROUP:

The 50+ group provides experienced adults with spiritual, social, educational, and service activities, as well as fellowship in a welcoming environment. The 50+ Group meets on the second Sunday of each month after the 12:30 p.m. Mass in the Undercroft of the Cathedral. Adults age 50 and up – all are welcome! For more information, contact Ruth Holt at ruthholt.1@gmail.com.

Bethesda Healing

Sometimes memories can keep us from experiencing the fullness of new life even following the reception and graced forgiveness from the Sacrament of Penance. If you have experienced abortion in your life and the memory continues to haunt you, perhaps inviting Jesus often into that memory will open your spirit to the peace only He can give. Begin by praying "Jesus, I don't want to be chained any longer to the memories of my abortion. Please come heal me." To share the graces of this journey with those who have been there, contact Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines at 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651, or visit our website at bethesdahealing.org.