

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, September 20 ♦**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church  
11:00 a.m. Paul F., Betty & Paul J. Morbitzer and  
Robert Sordelet (Family)

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

**Monday, September 21 ♦ No Mass**

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

**Tuesday, September 22 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Robert Heider (Franklin Houchins)

Ezr 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday, September 23 ♦ St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

11:30 a.m. Cathy Miller (Claire Miller)

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday, September 24 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Ficocella (Marcia Strall)

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday, September 25 ♦ Weekday**

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

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday, September 26 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. The Heider Family (Frank Houchins)

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45

**Sunday, September 27 ♦**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church  
11:00 a.m. Joan Bryant (Walsh & Burkey Family)

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**+ Please remember in your prayers** our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Anna Buk, Jodi Elgin, Robert Hackett, Eileen Kiersh, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Marilyn Scott, Dorothy Shirey, Patty Stover.

**St. Lawrence Haven – October 11, 2015**

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is Sunday, October 11th following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

**Good Time By All**

Last Sunday, September 13, 2015, Fr. Dwayne A. McNew, as our new Pastor and Administrator, celebrated the parish’s feast day – Exaltation of the Holy Cross at 10:00 a.m. Mass and followed by a catered reception in the parking lot between the Church and Cum Christo Center. Although the weathered was a little “cool,” it appeared everyone who attended enjoyed the fellowship and good food. Here is his homily:

*“First, I want to thank Fr. Lumpe for his generosity in helping me with my transition. It is a joy to be here with you and not celebrating Mass at a different church every weekend. It was a much-needed job to cover a priest on vacation or in the hospital, but it is nice not to jump in the car and drive over an hour to celebrate Mass. It must be the Holy Spirit in charge of all things, since my first Mass is the Feast of the Holy Cross, which is the big parish feast day.*

*From the twentieth-century perspective, the cross that has become the symbol of Christianity perhaps does not strike dread and disgust into our hearts. Yet, to the early Christians who had witnessed firsthand the horrors of crucifixion, it would have immediately conjured up gruesome images.*

*It took a few hundred years before the cross become acceptable – one might say bearable – as the central image of the Christian faith.*

*Today, it is worn as jewelry and hangs around the neck of many people throughout the world, yes, even movie and rock stars who probably don’t even go to church. I wonder if some people really realize what they are wearing when they wake up in the morning and decide to put on cross earrings or a gold cross around their neck. Do they say a prayer of thanks and kiss the image of Christ who hung on the cross for their sins? Probably not, but I give you that new devotion when you do wear the cross as jewelry.*

*Yes, today’s feast speaks of the cross as a thing of triumph. That is not to say that the cross does not evoke painful horrifying images to those familiar with the story of Jesus’ passion and death. The message of our readings and our liturgy today is not that we have to hide the cross and not wear or see it, but the cross is to be lifted up. We do not have to be afraid of the cross as the early Christians were in the church.*

*As I said the cross is a symbol of triumph, but unlike the flags or emblems of military victors, the cross is a humble sign and in some sense unimpressive. It reminds us of what Christ did for us and it also reminds us that, as Saint Paul says, “Christ emptied himself, becoming a slave and accepting the lowly possible form of death imaginable.” While Jesus was raised up on the cross to draw us closer to*

**THANKS!**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 OFFERINGS**

**Designated Collections**

(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

**Mass Attendance**

9:00 a.m. = 115

Offertory.....	\$1,459.90
Mail-in.....	538.00
Repair Fund.....	0.0
Mail-in Repair.....	60.00
Less 6% Diocese tax .	(123.47)
<b>Net to Parish: .....</b>	<b>\$1,934.43</b>

*God, He also bowed low to accept the weight of the cross, to share the horror and despair of human suffering and evil.*

*The cross, unlike other symbols and instruments of death, speaks of God's power to raise us up, to heal our sinfulness, to remove our pain. In this sense, the cross is something to be held up in triumph. At the same time, the cross reminds us of Jesus' willingness to bow and share our pain and grief that afflicts us. The cross does not just remind us of Jesus' suffering in order to bring us into His presence, it also reminds us of His presence in our sufferings. Jesus has shared our pain, and through His Spirit, He is with us in the darkest moments of our lives— even when we cannot bear to remember how bad things are, even when we refuse to believe things can never be better.*

*It is not a coincidence that making the sign of the cross, looking at a crucifix, touching the cross on the end of a rosary all have been important parts of Christian prayer for centuries. The two beams of the cross help us to pray, by directing us upward to the saving goodness of God and pointing around us to the needs and sorrows of those who suffer around us. When we are suffering, the cross speaks to us of Christ's share in our sorrow and of His power to redeem it. The cross is a powerful and wonderful gift – may we cherish it always.*



Anyone who may be thinking about becoming a Catholic? Anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith? If so, we welcome all to come to our RCIA information sessions. If interested, you can get more detailed information from Sr. Anne at [sranne@columbus.rr.com](mailto:sranne@columbus.rr.com).



### LITURGICAL MINISTER MEETING

There will be a meeting for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist on either Sunday, September 27th, 10:00 a.m., OR Tuesday, September 29th, 7:00 p.m. in the Cum Christo building (the old school building). If you are currently serving in one of these ministries, please contact Sr. Anne at 614-224-3416 on which session you will be attending.

Also, if you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Sr. Anne to learn when there will be training sessions.

### Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) Sunday, September 20, 2015, start of the Sunday morning Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Atrium.**

### Sympathy and Prayers

Miss Laura Petrlak, parishioner and resident of Nazareth Towers, died last week. Please keep her and her family members in your prayers.

### Mass for Religious Men and Women

A special Mass to celebrate the contribution of men and women religious within our Diocese will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 313 North State Street, Westerville, at 7:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frederick F. Campbell followed by a reception and women's vocation fair for young women in the Parish's activity center. All are invited to attend; come and give thanks for the contribution of the brothers and sisters in the life of our Church!

### Love Is Our Mission: A Call to Live the Joy and Mission of Marriage and Family Life:

All are invited to one of these four gatherings as The Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell discusses the recent World Meeting of Families. Come and discover how you can answer Pope Francis' call to become a family fully alive!

Monday, October 12th, 7:00 p.m.,

Ohio Dominican University

Wednesday, October 21st, 7:00 p.m.,

St. Francis DeSales, Newark

Saturday, October 31st, 10:30 a.m., St. Peter, Chillicothe

Tuesday, November 10th, 7:00 p.m.,

Bishop Ready High School

For more information, visit [www.colsdioc.org](http://www.colsdioc.org) or call 614-241-2560.

### Catholic Men's Luncheon Event – October 2nd

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club will continue its fall series with a presentation on "A Solution to the Crisis in the Family: Lessons from the World Meeting of Families," by Mr. Dan Thimons. Dan is the Director of the Marriage and Family Life Office for the Diocese of Columbus.

Join us for this inspiring talk on October 2nd at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus! Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and Dan Thimons' talk until 1:00 p.m. No reservations necessary. Cost of \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!