

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, April 24 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Peg Burns (Glenn Haninger)

11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family

– Acts 14: 21-27; Rv 21: 1-5; Jn 13: 31-33, 34-35

Monday, April 25 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, April 26 ♦ Easter Weekday

6:15 p.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family

– Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

Wednesday, April 27 ♦ Easter Weekday

11:30 a.m. Dick Morbitzer (Betty Morbitzer)

– Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, April 28 ♦ Easter Weekday

11:30 a.m. Joyce Kozlowski (Michael Kozlowski)

– Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday, April 29 ♦ St. Catharine of Siena

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

– Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, April 30 ♦ Easter Weekday

11:30 a.m. Deceased Members Meers Family
(Helen Meers)

– Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 1 ♦ Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family

11:00 a.m. James & Patricia Manley (Don Manley)

– Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

St. Lawrence Haven – May 15

Attention all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. Sunday, May 15, 2016 is our next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven following the 9:00 a.m Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

THANKS!

April 17, 2016 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections

(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

Mass Attendance

9:00 a.m. = 91

11:00 a.m. = 101

Offertory.....	\$ 1,693.95
Mail-in.....	\$ 355.00
Repair Collection	\$ 0.00
Mail-in Repair	\$ 31.00
Less 6% Diocese Tax (\$	124.68)
Net to Parish:	\$ 1,953.27



**2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
May 1st**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is once again the time of year when nature renews itself with Spring and we look to new beginnings. We renew our faith each day through prayer and action. Pope Francis, in this “Year of Mercy,” has challenged us to take on the task of service to others and to do so with a joyful heart. The Bishop’s Annual Appeal provides us this opportunity by sharing our faith, and the many gifts which God has bestowed upon us with our brothers and sisters in need. The Appeal provides funds for programs and services in education, charity, spiritual formation, pastoral ministry, parish assistance and much more. Our parish goal for this year is only \$14,396.00. Since last year we went over goal easily I am encouraging those who did not give last year and our new parishioners to consider a gift so that we can increase the participation from 66 households last year to at least 75 households. It was through the gift of a generous benefactor that we were able to restore the pews and put down new wood flooring. The church is really spectacular, but with all the new wood the acoustics have been changed and the sound is bouncing around more. The Mass is the source of summit of our faith and we should do it well, with reverence and love, but also be able to hear the Word of God proclaimed. Any monies we raise above our goal comes back to us without Diocesan tax. So I am proposing the monies raised above our goal be used for the new sound system which will cost about \$8,000.00, and can be another goal to achieve in order to make our liturgies even more vibrant. Remember all gifts given freely are rewarded in ways that sometimes we never know. Once again thank you for your generosity and May God bless you all and keep you safe.

Fr. Dwayne McNew

Kudos!

Prayerful best wishes to Jeremy Vila and Diana Wieser, who will married in our Parish Church Saturday, May 7.

THE WORD

How do you pray? At times I pray as Jesus taught: your kingdom come, give us what we need, forgive us, help us forgive, do not test us. However, in all honesty, my prayer often focuses mostly on me. On other days I have the consciousness of Abraham. I am persistent in asking God to live up to the divine promise of mercy toward others. When my focus is on me, my vision narrows and I tend to give up when I don't get what I want. When my focus is on God and openness to the good that God offers, I often find God present even when the answer is not what I'd asked. A spiritual director used to remind me, "God always answers our prayers. Sometimes the answer looks different than what we ask and sometimes the answer is no."

Jesus says ask, seek, and knock. Then we will receive, find God present in every situation and doors will be opened. He doesn't say that we will receive what we asked, unless we ask for the Holy Spirit. Nor that we will find what we seek, unless we seek to do God's will. Nor that the door on which we knock will be opened unless that door is the heart of Christ. In his 2015 Lenten letter, Pope Francis asked the Church to pray to the Lord, "Make our hearts like yours." If that is our prayer, we will find God with us in every life circumstance. We will have Abraham's courage to be persistent before God. We will find God's power alive in us. Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him. Pray as he taught. Ask, seek, and knock today.

– *How would you describe your prayer life to a close friend?*

– *Do you focus on gratifying your own will, finding and living God's will, or some of both?*

from "Living the Word"

Gospel Road 2016 – July 10-14, 2016

Columbus, Hosted by Holy Spirit and St. Pius X

Gospel Road is a five day mission focused work camp for youth in grades 9-12 from Catholic churches and schools throughout the Diocese of Columbus. High school graduates of the class of 2016 will also be included in this year's program as participants.

Group Registrations due May 20, 2016

Special Parish Dates

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

1) **Sunday, September 11, 2016, Parish Feast Day – Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 10:00 a.m. Mass only followed by a reception.**

St. John Chrysostom's – Goodies!

For those of you who have been missing homemade pierogi and cabbage rolls... St. John Chrysostom's Kitchen will have their First Friday Sale on May 6, 2016 from 4:00pm until 6:00pm!

We will have cabbage rolls hot and ready to eat, \$9.00 for a package of six rolls. Pierogi, various fillings, sold frozen in packages of one dozen per filling for \$6.00. Homemade noodles and cabbage and various other goodies. This is first come first served, we do not take orders for First Friday sales.

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.

We are in need of daily Mass intentions. Please contact Mike Agriesti by regular mail, or drop a note into the collection basket or email admmike@columbus.rr.com to schedule a Mass.

Catholic Author in Town

Popular Catholic author, Joe Paprocki, will be in Columbus on April 28 from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Church to talk about his new book: *A Church on the Move: How to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion* (Loyola Press). Don't miss this opportunity to hear Joe offer a number of exciting, practical, realistic, and doable strategies for transforming the way the average parish thinks, functions, worships, forms people in faith, and engages the world so that we can truly become a church on the move where people encounter the transforming grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In this presentation, Joe will specifically focus on how a church on the move forms people in faith.

Event is open to all and is FREE! Please email orec@cducation.org to register to call 614-221-4633, ext. 1341

Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, Ohio will offer a Mass for victims of cancer, their families, friends and caregivers on Friday, May 6th at 7:00 pm. We welcome all to come and pray together. Following Mass, visitors are invited to participate in special prayers for healing.