

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, September 25 ♦**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Jean & Don Bryant (Betty Morbitzer)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 Am 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

**Monday, September 26 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, September 27 ♦ St. Vincent de Paul**

6:15 p.m. Joan Bryant (Walsh/Burkey Family)  
 Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday, September 28 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Mass in Thanksgiving (Sr. Ruth Ann Heider)  
 Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday, September 29 ♦**

**Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**

11:30 a.m. Michael Roberts  
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12; Jn 1:47-51

**Friday, September 30 ♦ St. Jerome**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family  
 (Jeanne C. Brown)  
 Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday, October 1 ♦ St. Therese of the Child Jesus**

11:30 a.m. Christopher Artman  
 (Sara Artman & Richard O'Shaughnessy)  
 Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday, October 2 ♦**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Peg Burnes (Glenn Haninger)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

**+ Please remember in your prayers** our home-bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Michael Baker, Betty Cockran, Richard Deneski, Herbert Froesch, Sr. Sally Groom, Robert Hackett, Dr. Glenn Haninger, Julie Litsinberger, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Marilyn Scott.

**St. Lawrence Haven - October 16th**

Attention, all our "Lil Larry" sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is October 16, 2016, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

**Mission Appeal Results**

Fr. Richard Lamoureux, Augustinian Missionary, expresses his gratitude to the generous donations from the Holy Cross parishioners. Last Sunday's collection resulted in \$1,817.00 (plus previous envelope donations of \$202.00) in support of their missionary work.

**Opportunity**

All adult parishioners will have the opportunity to identify existing Holy Cross members or themselves as possible candidates to parish pastoral council. Please use the **election form** in today's bulletin, which we hope you will return by October 2nd. Thank you for your participation.



**Special Collection for Flood Victims – Today!**

A collection will be taken up at both Masses in support of this major disaster, since we have seen the terrible news of the historic flooding in Louisiana. The region is experiencing what is being called the worst domestic disaster since Hurricane Sandy. As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged, with nearly 20,000 people being rescued from the flood waters. Lives have been cruelly altered. As a result, Bishop Campbell requests that all parishes in the Diocese of Columbus participate in the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' emergency collection to assist the victims of the 2016 Louisiana Floods.

**Repair Fund Collection – October 2nd**

A second collection will be taken next Sunday for the repairs on the church and rectory. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

**JOIN Wish List:**

**MOST NEEDED:**

- .... Toothbrushes
- .... Bar soap
- .... Lotion
- .... Shampoo
- .... Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6
- .... Cleaning supplies

**ALWAYS NEEDED:**

- .... Prayers
- .... Gasoline Cards
- .... Phone Cards
- .... Grocery Cards
- .... Cash donations

**\*FYI: You can now drop off J.O.I.N. donations in the 197 E. Gay Street lobby area.**

**THANKS!**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....\$2,212.07
Mission Appeal = \$1,817.00	Mail-in.....\$ 223.00
	Repair Coll.....\$ 0.00
	Mail-in Repair.....\$ 85.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	less 6% Diocese tax ...(\$ 151.20)
9:00 a.m. = 81	<b>Net to Parish:.....\$2,368.87</b>
11:00 a.m. = 86	

# THE WORD

Being complacent means to be pleased with yourself. The prophet Amos paints a vivid picture of a pampered people, lying on couches, snacking and sipping to soothing music, massaged into a state of lethargy. Then he lowers the boom: “Party’s over. Get ready for exile.”

Jesus also paints a portrait of ongoing indolence. Rich Man lies on his couch, dressed in luxuriant purple and soft linen, eating rich foods and drinking choice wines “each day.” The problem is that he has become so anesthetized that he can’t move, not even to go out to the gate where poor Lazarus lies, smelly, starving, and sickly. Then, suddenly, death pulls down the curtain.

Next scene: a reversal. The gate has become a gap, an abyss. Rich Man is on one side, Lazarus on the other. What is the point? If you enjoy this life, you will pay for it in the next? More that gates have an expiration date and we need to go through the gates life gives us now. The Latin word for gate is *porta*. The word opportunity comes from it. Every opportunity is a gate for entering into a world where we can make a difference. Who is on the other side can vary: a sick person, a sore person, a helpless person, a poor person.

And someone has come back from the dead to tell us this is our calling – Jesus, Resurrection Man. There is always some gate nearby. Open it and look at what’s in front of you.

– *Who is “outside the gate” in your life?*

– *When have you heard the voice of the Risen One call you to care for the poor?*

from “Living the Word”

## SPIRITUAL SPA DAY

You’d love to spend a day at the spa for some pampering, right? Why not pamper your soul, as well? Father Wagner presents The Spiritual Day Spa at St. John Neumann in Sunbury October 8th, 2016. “Catholic Spiritual Day Spa: Immaculate Mary, Light of Hope in Times of Change.” Agenda: “Harvesting Hope” talk by Fr. Wagner. “Bearing the Light of Christ” stretching and walking exercises. Lunch through Freedom A La Cart Catering, benefiting adult survivors of human trafficking. Examination of Conscience, Penitential Prayer of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, Opportunity for Confession. Votive Mass to Mary. Registration is Limited! Seats are going fast! To Register, go to [www.spiritualdayspa.com](http://www.spiritualdayspa.com).

## Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Wednesday, November 16, 2016, Parish Council meets in the Rectory at 6:00 p.m.**

## *From the Chair* with Bishop Campbell on **AM 820 Tuesday, October 4th.**

Bishop Campbell takes your questions from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4th, 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.

## Bethesda Healing Ministry

God still heals today! Do we think that His miracles of healing were for another time in history? Every time our Bethesda program meets with the people who participate with varied situations and circumstances, we leave the evening KNOWING without a doubt that His mercy was in and with us. Each person has had an abortion experience with a unique story, but He does not hold back His healing. Right there our gentle Shepherd provides a priest for confession, a companion who knows the pain and evidences new grace and peace. Please come. He is waiting for you. Bethesda Healing Ministry sessions occur on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Please call Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines at 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at [bethesdahealing.org](http://bethesdahealing.org). Be sure to “Like” us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BethesdaHealing](http://www.facebook.com/BethesdaHealing).

## FAMILY ROSARY DAY – OCTOBER 9

The Diocese of Columbus’ annual Family Rosary Day is 3 p.m., Sunday, October 9, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell is the celebrant. All are welcome. This event needs financial support, so we ask that you consider making a donation of \$25.00 or more. Patrons who contribute will be listed in the Family Rosary Day program booklet. Our printing deadline is September 30, and we ask that you respond by that date so we will be able to include your name in the program. Checks or donations should be made payable to the Diocese of Columbus and sent to Family Rosary Day, 198 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215.