

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, April 2 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Mary Endres (Barbara Wentgerter)
11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45, or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

Monday, April 3 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, April 4 ♦ Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. Nicholas & Anna Vasiliev (Bill & Inna Gould)
Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 5 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Rita Domin (Casen Hiser Family)
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 6 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Ludvig & Anastasia Gralko (Bill & Inna Gould)
Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 7 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family (Jeanne C. Brown)
12:05 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Intention of Presider)
Benediction & Devotion Prayers
Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 8 ♦ Lenten Week

11:30 a.m. Stephen A. O’Dea (Tom Duffy)
Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 9 ♦ Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Mary Endres (Barbara Wentgerter)
11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

+ 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, Julie Litsinberger, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Vicki Meyer, Marilyn Scott.

St. Lawrence Haven – Today!

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. This Sunday is our next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School.

THANKS!

MARCH 26, 2017 OFFERINGS

Table with 2 columns: Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) and Mass Attendance. Rows include Offertory, Mail-in, Repair Collection, Mail-in Repair, and Net To Parish.



WEDDING BANNS

Prayerful best wishes to Cary Boone and Brittny Weisner, who were married in our Parish Church on Saturday, April 1.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – RESULTS

\$371.00 was contributed last weekend for the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Thanks for supporting this very important collection.

REPAIR FUND COLLECTION – TODAY!

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

ALTAR EASTER FLOWERS



Donations toward the altar flowers (envelopes provided) for the Easter Season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in the Sunday collections with the person’s name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested.

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 on Sundays or email admmike@columbus.rr.com to schedule a Mass.

WELCOME!!

If you are not yet registered in our parish, please drop this form in the collection basket:

( ) Yes, I would like to register in Holy Cross Parish:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## THE WORD

My mother died when I was thirteen. I prayed for Jesus to come and raise her from the dead, like Lazarus. At the same time, I believed that she was with him and free from the pain and suffering that she experienced before her death. Life and death are intimately connected. Often to find life we must name and face whatever is death-dealing in our lives.

“I will open your graves and have you rise from them” (Ezekiel 37:12). “I will put my spirit in you that you may live” (Ezekiel 37:14a). These words both comfort and challenge. To experience new life we have to do what Jesus did, go to the tomb and face the stench of whatever is deadly for us. By facing our darkness, sin, and death we can find light, forgiveness, and life. When we are willing to name and claim these realities, we invite Jesus to come and say, “Come out!” and go free. It takes a willingness to reorient our lives to the Spirit of God who dwells in us. The first step is honesty about our fears, frustrations, and faith like Mary and Martha, and a willingness to be misunderstood as Jesus was when he wept. When we can be vulnerable and honest about the darkness and sin in our lives, Jesus shows us a way to freedom and fullness of life. His Spirit works within us and in the community, who must be willing to see us differently, to untie us and let us become new.

We need not say, “Lord, if you had been here,” like Mary and Martha. He is here. He comes to us in prayer, word, sacrament, and his living body. He says to us, “(Your name), come out and be free!”

- *When has being brutally honest with God and another human being helped you find healing and forgiveness?*
- *What darkness or sin keeps you from the love and life God promises us?*

*“Living the Word”*

### OUR LADY OF BETHLEHEM SCHOOL

Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare is currently accepting registrations for our Summer Program available for children three years through sixth grade! Have fun, learn, grow in faith and make new friendships this summer starting Monday, June 5 until August 18. Choose from 2 days a week to 5 days a week, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. For more information on our Summer Program, EdChoice Scholarships for Pre-Kindergarten and a list of our other programs for the 2017-2018 school year, visit [ourladyofbethlehem.org](http://ourladyofbethlehem.org) or call 614-459-8285.

## Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **April 2, 2017: Donut Sunday after each Mass at Holy Cross School Building.**
- 2) **April 11, 2017: No Mass at 6:15 p.m. due to Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral.**

### Lenten Opportunities

Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.: Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Stations of the Cross after 11:30 a.m. Mass. Day of abstinence (no meat for those over 14 years of age).

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m., Adoration till 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday: Day of fast and abstinence. 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday: 8:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

**\*Fast = One main meal, 2 lesser meals that together are not equal to a full meal, no food between meals for 18-59 years. Abstinence = no meat for age 14 onwards.**

### THE DIOCESAN SENIOR CITIZENS DAY CELEBRATION

will be Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell, Ohio. Bishop Campbell will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by a luncheon. Registration for the celebration is \$10.00. This annual event is a great opportunity of prayer, food and fellowship with senior citizens from around the Diocese. To register, please send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Registrations are requested by June 1. For questions, call 614-241-2540 or email [socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org).

### FIRST 1ST FRIDAY SALE OF 2017

Please join us on Friday, April 7th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. St. John Chrysostom's First 1st Friday Sale of 2017. We do appreciate your patience and are looking forward to seeing our “regulars.” We will have cabbage rolls, hot and ready to eat (\$10.00 per package of 6 rolls). Pirogi, sold frozen, 12/per package (\$6.00) and various baked goods. We hope to see you at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7 at 5858 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus.