

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, December 10 ♦ Second Sunday in Advent**

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 11:00 a.m. Ralph Stapleton (Lois & Bridget O'Reilly)  
 - Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mt 1:1-8

**Monday, December 11 ♦ No Mass**

**Tuesday, December 12 ♦ Our Lady of Guadalupe**

6:15 p.m. Bonnie J. Henry (Byron-Stacy Henry & Family)  
 - Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; Lk 1:26-38 or 39-47

**Wednesday, December 13 ♦ St. Lucy**

11:30 a.m. Bishop Rudolf Deng Majak (Robert C. Carter)  
 - Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 14 ♦ St. John of the Cross**

11:30 a.m. Intention for Mom (Mark & Denise Meinhart)  
 - Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday, December 15 ♦ Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Cullinan Family  
 (Jeanne C. Brown)  
 - Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 16 ♦ Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry (Bradley-Marin Henry & Griffin)  
 - Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9, 10-13

**Sunday, December 17 ♦ Third Sunday in Advent**

9:00 a.m. Betty J. Duffy (Tom Duffy)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 - Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**+ Please remember in your prayers**

our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Michael Baker, Betty Cockran, Richard Deneski, Ann Froesch, Bernadette Froesch, Sr. Sally Groom, Robert Hackett, Ted Igel, Louise Knapp, Julie Litsinberger, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Andy Piaskowy, Marilyn Scott.

**St. Lawrence Haven- January 14, 2018**

Attention, all our "Lil Larry" sandwich makers – Sunday, January 14, 2018, is your next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School.



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**Sympathy and Prayers**

Herbert Froesch, a long-time parishioner, died last week. Please keep him and his family members in your prayers.



**Angel Tree**

**ATTENTION, ALL ANGELS!** It's time to shine! *Sunday, December 17th, is the last day to bring all your gifts* for J.O.I.N.'s children to the church. Please remember: **DO NOT WRAP the item.** Simply *attach the tag to the item, return the tagged item* to the rear of the church by the Christmas Angel Tree, and *draw a star after your name in the book* to show that you have returned the requested/tagged item.

**Mass/Christmas**

**Altar Flower Envelopes**

Would you like to recognize a loved one in a Mass or purchase flowers for the altar during the Christmas season? Envelopes for having a Mass in memory of a departed loved one, or for the donation of funds for altar flowers, can be found on the side tables in the center aisle of the church or in your envelope pack.



**We need YOU this Christmas!** Singing in the choir is easy, the time commitment minimal and the rewards are many. We begin after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and will continue to do so through Sunday, December 17th. Please grant yourself the benefit of choral singing this coming Advent/Christmas season. Contact David Brattain for more information.

**Open House – Today!**

Tom and Kim Duncan are having an Open House today for Holy Cross parishioners at 3:00 p.m. They ask you to sign up on the list located on the side table off the main aisle (St. Joseph side) and that you bring an appetizer or dessert to their party. Their address is: 4931 Cascade Drive Powell, OH 43065-8959 (Afterwards, you could take in the Columbus Zoo lights, which is near by.)

**THANKS!  
 DECEMBER 3, 2017**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....	\$3,088.50
	Mail-in.....	\$ 823.00
	Repair Collection .....	\$1,290.50
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Mail-in Repair .....	\$ 0.00
9:00 a.m. = 116	Less 6% Diocese Tax .....	(\$ 312.12)
11:00 a.m. = 89	<b>Net To Parish .....</b>	<b>\$4,889.88</b>

# THE WORD

Second Peter describes “what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God” (2 Peter 3:11b-12a). It is good to ask, “What sort of person am I to be?” I am to be a person of prayer and witness. How? I grow in holiness and devotion by taking time to pray. I make room for Jesus Christ by listening for His voice, crying out in my need, giving thanks for God’s gifts, or simply consciously spending time with God. In prayer, I hear God speak tenderly at times, and challenge me at others. In prayer, God empowers me to be a witness, through whom God lowers mountains of pride, fills in valleys of spiritual and emotional poverty, and brings life to desert regions of hardness of heart and fear. Prayer helps me see where Christ is present in our midst, how I already live Jesus in my body, and what I need to change to live Jesus more clearly.

John’s words are addressed to us: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Before receiving Communion, we say with John, “Lord, I am not worthy.” We add, “Speak but the word and my soul will be healed.” God has spoken the word, Jesus Christ. Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection have made us worthy to imprint the Gospels in our bodies and point the way to Him. Pray to reorient your life and witness Jesus in our midst. “What sort of persons ought we be?” People of prayer and witness, who manifest the glory of the Lord by how we have been imprinted with the Gospel, the good news, of Jesus Christ.

- *Name concrete ways in which you witness Jesus and prepare the way of the Lord.*
- *How do you pray to know God’s comfort and to be empowered to be a herald of the gospel?*

**“Living the Word”**

## Bethesda Healing Ministry

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 the abortion. Please come and heal me.” To share the graces of this journey with those who have been there, contact Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines at 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157, or visit our website at [bethesdahealing.org](http://bethesdahealing.org).

## Special Parish Dates

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



### MASS SCHEDULES – Christmas

- December 24, 2017 – Sunday Morning —10:00 a.m. only**
- December 24, 2017 – Christmas Eve – 4:00 p.m.**
- December 25, 2017 – Christmas Day – 10:00 a.m. only**
- December 26, 2017 – Tuesday – NO MASS**
- December 27, 2017 – Wednesday – NO MASS**
- December 28, 2017 – Thursday – NO MASS**
- January 1, 2018 – Monday – NO MASS (Not a Holyday)**
- January 2, 2018 – Tuesday – NO MASS**

## The Pastor’s Parish Christmas Wish List

Last year, I made out a Wish List of parish needs, because people prefer to give gifts needed and used by the parish. Last year’s wishes included an additional handrail up to the Choir Loft, Altar Server processional candles, a Benediction set, and new sinks for the church rest rooms. Santa was good to me, delivering the rail and sinks prior to Christmas and the others were ordered and delivered afterward. Some projects are too big for a Wish List, but I thought I would put these church needs out there and see what happens. My Parish Christmas Wish list this year includes:



- 1) Fixing the Choir Loft to make it more usable by removing the pews (that are not for adults) and adding some chairs with elevation.
- 2) Getting new kitchen flooring in the rectory.
- 3) Volunteers to help paint and clean up our parish hall in the school building.
- 4) New dishwasher for rectory kitchen – FULFILLED – MANY THANKS!

## Repair Fund Collection – Results

Thank you for your generosity and support of the Repair Fund Collection on December 3. \$1,290.50 was collected.

## Religious Retirement Collection – Today!

The special collection this week will be for Retirement Fund for Religious. There are more than 11,000 Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests that need skilled care or help with tasks of daily living. Please be generous.

**Catholic Radio – 820 AM.**