

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, December 3 ♦ First Sunday in Advent

9:00 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence J. Corcoran P.A.
(Robert C. Carter)

11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
– Is 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mt 13:33-37

Monday, December 4 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, December 5 ♦ Advent Weekday

6:15 p.m. John Dean Rhodes (JoAnn Paesano)
– Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Heider Family
(Sr. Ruth Ann Heider)
– Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7 ♦ St. Ambrose

11:30 a.m. Intention for Mom (Mark & Denise Meinhart)
– Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8 ♦

Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

10:15 a.m. Cristo Rey
11:30 a.m. Rita Domin (Casen Hiser Family)
– Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry (Brian & Lisa Henry & Family)
– Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35–10:1, 5, 6-8

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

+ Please remember in your prayers

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

St. Lawrence Haven – Today!

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. This Sunday is our 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

Patty Jones, a long-time parishioner, died last week. Please keep her and her family members in your prayers.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Parish Council invites you the Holy Cross School building following the 9:00 a.m. Mass for coffee and donuts and fellowship.



“For it is in giving that we receive” (St. Francis)

Let the light of Christ’s loving Spirit shine out from you this season by making a child’s wish come true. Our Christmas Angel Tree is here! Tags contain the request of a child (received from J.O.I.N. Joint Organization of Inner-City Needs). Please take a tag, then sign your name (in the notebook of stars) below the number and item listed on the tag. Purchase the item written on the tag, but **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.

Immaculate Conception – Holy Day!

The Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day with obligation to attend Mass. Holy Cross will have two Masses on Friday, December 8 at 10:15 a.m (Cristo Rey) and 11:30 a.m.

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.

THANKS!

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory..... \$2,262.00
	Mail-in..... \$ 1.00
	Repair Collection \$ 0.00
Mass Attendance	Mail-in Repair \$ 100.00
9:00 a.m. = 92	Less 6% Diocese Tax (\$ 141.78)
11:00 a.m. = 84	Net To Parish \$2,221.22

THE WORD

Some recent conversations have helped me see how many people want God to “rend the heavens and come down with the mountains quaking before [God]” (Isaiah 63:19). It seems that we want a God who dramatically comes into our midst to end violence, war, poverty, famine, and the various isms that divide us. But God has already come by taking on our flesh in Jesus Christ. Every Advent recalls his first coming, looks forward to his return, which could occur at any time, and prepares us to celebrate that Incarnation on Christmas. Baptism makes us sharers in his first coming. We put on Christ and have what we need to experience God’s saving love today. It’s up to us to make Christ’s coming known.

In Advent, we prepare God’s way by placing ourselves into the hands of our potter, God, by becoming more mindful that we constantly live in God’s presence. In Advent, we call upon God’s name to make a difference in our world. We experience that difference by living the peace we seek, becoming the nonviolence we desire, and affirming the uniqueness of persons to proclaim that our diverse lives matter. Christ is born again at Christmas through us. God rouses power and comes to save our world through us. When we turn to God in abundance, in need, or in between, we become alert to God’s presence in our midst. Alert, we are ready whenever Christ returns, and the heavens are rent, the earth quakes, and true peace transforms us and our world. Pray. Listen. Watch, so that God finds us doing right. Be clay in the hands of a God who wants to transform us more clearly into being and seeing the face of Jesus Christ, who came to make known the power of God’s saving love.

- *Where do you want God to break into the world and recreate it?*
- *What small step can you take to be more mindful of God’s presence, make Christ’s coming known, and be the difference you seek?*

“Living the Word”

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 hand rail up to the choir loft, altar server processional candles, a Benediction set, and new sinks for the church restrooms. 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.

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

~ Church Women Meet in December ~

The women’s group will meet on Wednesday December 6, at Pam Beech’s place: Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Park Towers – 1620 E. Broad Street #302 Columbus 43203

Parking is on Broad or Woodland

Please contact Jan Kustron to RSVP at jan@photoj.com or 614-443-5271.

Come Join Us
for an
OPEN HOUSE

December 10th

Tom and Kim Duncan are having an open house on Dec. 10, 2017 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 (Afterward, you could take in the Columbus Zoo lights which is near by.)

Repair Fund Collection – Today!

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

CCHD Results

Thank you for your generosity and support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) which was collected on November 19. \$264.00 was contributed.

Religious Retirement Collection – December 10th

The special collection next 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.