

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, December 31 ♦ Holy Family Sunday**  
 9:00 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry (Ben-Dora-Noah Henry)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 – Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or  
 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**Monday, January 1 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 2 ♦ NO MASS**

**Wednesday, January 3 ♦ Most Holy Name Of Jesus**  
 11:30 a.m. Florence & Charles Palmer (Robert C. Carter)  
 – 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday, January 4 ♦ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
 11:30 a.m. Polisenno Family (Ben Casuccio)  
 – 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

**Friday, January 5 ♦ St. John Neumann**  
 11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of  
 Cullinan Family (Jeanne C. Brown)  
 – 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51  
 12:00 p.m. Sorrowful Mother Devotion  
 7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
 (Intention of Presider)  
 Benediction & Devotional Prayers

**Saturday, January 6 ♦ Christmas Weekday**  
 11:30 a.m. Intention of Presider (Robert C. Carter)  
 – 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

**Sunday, January 7 ♦ The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 9:00 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry (Thomas L. Henry)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 – Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**+ Please remember in your prayers** our home-bound 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.

<b>THANKS!</b>	
<b>DECEMBER 24, 2017</b>	
<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory..... \$1,387.50
	Mail-in..... \$ 245.00
	Repair Collection ..... \$ 0.00
	Mail-in Repair ..... \$ 20.00
	Less 6% Diocese Tax ..... (\$ 99.15)
<b>Mass Attendance</b> 11:00 a.m. = 92	<b>Net To Parish ..... \$1,533.35</b>

**Thank You and Blessings On All**

A heartfelt thank-you to all who helped make our Christmas celebration so beautiful and memorable: Claire Miller, Bill Hueckel, David Brattain, John our valiant server and all who assisted them in decorating the Church, all greeters, ushers, readers, extraordinary ministers, musicians, choir members, servers, and all who came to celebrate Christmas here at Holy Cross.

In addition all of us thank you sincerely for your many and varied expressions of holiday greetings and remembrances.

Finally, as this New Year of grace begins, we pray that you and your families will grow in faith, hope, and love each day. May God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to fulfillment. May we have Peace on Earth.

Prayerfully,  
 Your Pastoral Staff



**Additional Loved Ones Remembered  
 By Poinsettias Donations**  
 (as of December 21, 2017)

<b>In memory of:</b>	<b>Given by:</b>
Christina Chalmers	Frances Klausman
Joseph H. Davis	Kyle & Toni O'Reilly
Tracy L. Frank	Kyle & Toni O'Reilly
Jim Klausman	Frances Klausman
Frank Scholl Family	Frances Klausman
Paul Stover Family	Frances Klausman



**Christmas Collection Results**

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the Printing Company has requested an early submission of this bulletin. Therefore, Christmas Day results will be available next bulletin.

**Repair Fund Collection – January 14th**

A second collection will be taken up on Sunday, January 14, 2018, for the repairs on the church and Rectory. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

# THE WORD

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, was not your typical nuclear family. It consisted of a child, His birth mother, and an adoptive father. And yet they lived as faith-filled families of their day were expected to live. They went to the temple to present Jesus to God. They heard words of praise and thanksgiving about their son and a prediction of possible hardship from Simeon and Anna. Returning home, Jesus grew in wisdom and strength, as most children do. Abram, Sarah and Isaac were not typical, either. Sarah became pregnant well beyond childbearing years. And yet their lives are prototypes for living one's faith. They trusted God, even when God seemed to ask for the impossible.

Whether our family is described as "typical" or it would be defined in ways other than "typical," we are all children of a God who promises to be with us throughout our lives. Sometimes we feel God present in clear and concrete ways, as did Mary and Joseph and Abraham and Sarah. Sometimes God seems absent or life is challenging, as it was for them as well. Sarah doubted God and laughed at being told she would bear a child in her old age. Mary's heart was pierced watching her son ridiculed, rejected, and crucified. Yet they knew God's presence and that God promises to be with us, in good times and in bad. Look for God in your life as it is. Be who you are and be that well, for the same God who was with Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, and Jesus, Mary, and Joseph has promised to care for us today, tomorrow, and every day. Look to find God's favor, to grow and become strong, filled with wisdom and grace.

- *Who makes up your family?*
- *How has God been present to you in good times and in difficult times? How is God present now?*

"Living the Word"

## 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](mailto:admmike@columbus.rr.com) to schedule a Mass.

## Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, January 7, 2018: Donut Sunday after 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School Building.**



## OPEN HOUSE

Our Lady of Bethlehem feeds into many different schools in the Columbus area, many of which are Catholic schools. We want to start Catholic Education in early childhood and continue to higher education but we need your help in making your parishioner's aware of OLB and the programs we offer.

### Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare Open House

Sunday, January 28, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 7, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

614-459-8285

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### Bethesda Healing Ministry

In the fullness of time, Christ came as our infant King. He invites each of us to come to Him for healing and hope, even from an abortion of long ago. He is waiting! Bethesda Healing Ministry invites you to come to share in the graces of a 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).

Annual Dinner: April 26, 2018, St. Agatha Catholic Church,  
1860 Northam Road, Upper Arlington  
Mass and Dinner: 5:30-8:30 p.m., "Rich in Mercy,"  
Speaker: Bishop Wall, Gallup, N. M.

### World Day of Peace – January 1

The theme for Pope Francis' annual World Day of Peace message for 2018 is Migrants and Refugees: Men and Women in Search of Peace. In his message, Pope Francis urges us to turn a "contemplative gaze" toward our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters and to respond to their plight with four "mileposts for action." To read the message and for a bulletin insert, visit [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/world-day-of-peace.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/world-day-of-peace.cfm).

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