

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, February 26 ♦ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Rev. Ronald Aubry (Dennis J. Wilcox)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 – *Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34*

Monday, February 27 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, February 28 ♦ Weekday

6:15 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry (Brian & Lisa Henry)
 – *Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31*

Wednesday, March 1 ♦ Ash Wednesday

10:15 a.m. Dr. Glenn J. Haninger (Joan H. Fruin)
 11:30 a.m. Deceased Sanders Family Members
 (Ruth & Wendell McNew)
 – *Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18*

Thursday, March 2 ♦ Thursday after Ash Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Dr. Glenn J. Haninger (John & Kellie Erwin)
 – *Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25*

Friday, March 3 ♦ Friday after Ash Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)
 12:05 p.m. Sorrowful Mother Devotion
 7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Intention of Presider)
 11:30 p.m. Benediction & Devotion Prayers
 – *Is 58: 1-9; Mt 9:14-15*

Saturday, March 4 ♦ Saturday after Ash Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Anna Kozlowski (Michael Kozlowski)
 – *Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32*

Sunday, March 5 ♦ First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 11:00 a.m. Mary Endres (Rosalie John Jahn)
 – *Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4: 1-11*

+ 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, Marilyn Scott.

St. Lawrence Haven – March 5th

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

THANKS!

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections
 (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

Mass Attendance
 9:00 p.m. = 65
 11:00 a.m. = 75

Offertory.....	\$2,108.00
Mail-in.....	\$ 343.00
Repair Collection	\$ 0.00
Mail-in Repair	\$ 45.00
less 6% Diocese tax ..(\$	149.76)
Net To Parish	\$2,346.24

WEDDING BANNES

Prayerful best wishes to Matthew Carter & Vanessa Foreman who will be married in our Parish Church on Saturday, March 11.



ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION – MARCH 1

The proceeds of Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to The Joint Organization for Inner City Needs (JOIN). JOIN is a Diocesan agency which provides emergency assistance to the poor in the form of food, clothing, prescription help, utility help, infant formula and ensure, eyeglasses, bus transportation, burial assistance, senior items and referrals to other public and private service providers.

CATHOLIC TIMES – STILL TIME TO ORDER

Thank you to all new and returning readers of the *Catholic Times*. Contact the parish office if you missed the special collection and learn how to sign-up for the upcoming year for a minimum donation of only \$17.00 (parish rate). As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*. Checks should be made payable to Holy Cross.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Ash Wednesday – March 1: Ashes will be distributed during the 10:15 & 11:30 a.m. Mass. Day of fast and abstinence.*

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

Every Friday: Stations of the Cross after 11:30 a.m. Mass [**Sorrowful Mother Novena will resume on First Fridays after Easter.**] Day of abstinence (no meat for those over 14 years of age).

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: Day of fast and abstinence.
 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy & Holy Communion

Holy Saturday: 8:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

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

***Fast=One main meal, 2 lesser meals, no food between meals for 21-59 years. Abstinence = no meat for over 14 years old.**

THE WORD

Picturing God as a tender mother unable to forget her infant is one of my favorite images in scripture, most likely because I was raised by a single mother who sacrificed much for my grandfather and me. She died when I was thirteen. She was forty. While we had our ups and downs, I could rely on her love, even when she seemed absent. I felt most safe when she came home from work, when we were together. I worried when she was late or gone for an extended period of time. I had to learn how to live without her. But worry only drained my energy and faith. It was turning to God in prayer, voicing my concerns and letting them go, that freed me to find strength by sensing God's continual presence. That's where I found hope, security, and peace as a child and do today.

St. Francis de Sales taught that with the exception of sin, anxiety is the greatest evil we can experience. It distracts us, robs us of energy, and leads us to trust what is not God (mammon) more than God. God alone is our rock. Anxiety weakens our immunity to the Evil One, who gains access to our minds and hearts in ways that chip away at faith. Living without worry and anxiety is easier said than done, but not impossible. Close your eyes. Imagine yourself in your mother's or father's arms, whichever relationship is more comforting. Take a deep breath. Pray, "Rest in God alone, my soul." Then exhale and pray, "Take my worries and anxieties from me, God." Breathe again and pray, "Rest in God alone, my soul." Now pray as you exhale, "Give me this day my daily bread."

- *What has worry or anxiety gained for you in life?*
- *Have prayer and trust in God offered peace even in the midst of difficulty? How?*

"Living the Word"

2016 CONTRIBUTIONS

You can call the office at 614-224-3416, email Mike at admmike@columbus.rr.com or drop a note in the collection basket and request a copy of your contribution record to Holy Cross Church and Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2016. You can expect this report within a week.

SPECIAL PARISH DATES

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

- 1) Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross following 11:30 a.m. Mass.

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CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

Founder and President of Cristo Rey Columbus High School, Mr. Jim Foley, to address Catholic Men's Luncheon on Friday, March 3, 2017.

St. Patrick Church, downtown Columbus, Ohio

11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (Mass)

12:15 p.m.-12:30 p.m. (luncheon)

12:30 p.m.-1:15 p.m. (presentation by Jim Foley)

Reservations are NOT needed

Please bring \$10.00 to cover the lunch and meeting costs

BISHOP CAMPBELL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MARCH 7TH –

ST. GABRIEL RADIO AM 820

From the Chair with Bishop Campbell on AM 820 Tuesday, March 7th. Bishop Campbell takes your questions from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7th 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.