

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, January 1 ♦**

**Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 11:00 a.m. In Memory of Kathleen Albert  
 (Christine Farris)

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Monday, January 2 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 3 ♦ Christmas Weekday**

6:15 p.m. In Memory of Kathleen Albert  
 (Daniel & Margaret Christie)

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday, January 4 ♦ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

11:30 a.m. In Memory of Kathleen Albert  
 (Christine Farris)

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday, January 5 ♦ St. John Neumann**

11:30 a.m. In Memory of Kathleen Albert  
 (Daniel & Margaret Christie)

1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

**Friday, January 6 ♦ Christmas Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family  
 (Jeanne C. Brown)

1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

12:00 p.m. Sorrowful Mother Devotion

7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
 (Intention of Presider)

11:30 p.m. Benediction & Devotion Prayers

**Saturday, January 7 ♦ Christmas Weekday**

11:30 a.m. In Memory of Kathleen Walsh  
 (Christine Farris)

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11

**Sunday, January 8 ♦ Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 11:00 a.m. In Memory of Kathleen Albert  
 (Christine Farris)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**+ Please remember in your prayers** our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Michael Baker, Betty Cockran, Richard Deneski, Herbert Froesch, Sr. Sally Groom, Robert Hackett, Dr. Glenn Haninger, Julie Litsinberger, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Marilyn Scott.



**Thank You and Blessings On All**

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make our Christmas celebration so beautiful and memorable: Claire Miller and her family, Bill Hueckel and all who assisted in cleaning and decorating the Church, all greeters, ushers, readers, extraordinary ministers, musician, 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.

Prayerfully,  
 Your Pastoral Staff

**St. Lawrence Haven – January 8, 2017**

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. Next Sunday, January 8, 2017 is your next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School.

**Diocesan Charities**

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Diocesan Charities collected on Christmas Masses. \$277.00 was collected.

**Good News!**

Our parish received a second refund from the Diocese for exceeding the 2016 BAA goal. The amount of the refund was \$10,175.00 bringing the total to date of \$20,901.11. Fr. Dwayne now plans to order the additional speaker components to improve the hearing throughout the entire church. THANK YOU!

**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 admike@columbus.rr.com to schedule a Mass.

**THANKS!**

**DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2016 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b>	Offertory..... \$ 2,208.00
(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Mail-in..... \$ 793.00
	Christmas ..... \$ 5,892.16
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Mail-in Christmas ..... \$ 405.00
9:00 a.m. = 482	Less 6% Diocese tax ..... (\$ 557.89)
11:00 a.m. = 140	<b>Net to Parish: ..... \$ 8,740.27</b>

## THE WORD

What do you seek in a new year? What blessing do you ask of God, who has revealed the depth of divine love in the birth of Jesus? Consider the blessing the Lord ordered Moses to give to Aaron and his sons to speak to the people of Israel. God offered them a blessing that brings divine protection through God's gracious presence, revealing a God who intends to look kindly upon and give peace to the chosen people.

Our annual celebration of Christmas extends these same blessings into God's plan that we become adopted into the family of God by our birth in Christ through baptism. We are given not only the freedom that comes from being made children of God, taken up into a relationship allowing us to call God *Abba* (Father), but also to consider ourselves as heirs and inheritors of our God's kingdom when we pass from this life to eternal life.

The name Jesus means "God saves." This is the message of this season: God became one of us to save us, to seek us out and bring us into communion with the God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are invited to think of ourselves as part of the family of the Trinity. Mary is set before us every first day of the new year as the woman who ponders this wonderful mystery of God-become-human from the beginning. She gently extends to us an invitation to quiet reflection, prayer and praise.

*– Where is God's blessing clear in your life?*

*– Describe how you speak heart to heart with God.*

*from "Living the Word"*

### Respect Life Mass – January 23

Day of Prayer for The Legal Protection of Unborn Children: The annual Respect Life Mass will be Monday, January 23, 2017, 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Campbell will be the celebrant. Since January 22nd, the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, falls on a Sunday, we will join with all dioceses in the U.S. in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on Monday, January 23. All are invited. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife) or contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

### Special Parish Dates

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

1) **Wednesday, March 1, 2017, Ash Wednesday – Mass will be at 11:30 a.m.**

### Special Collection for the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine

The Bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time collection to take place in parishes across the country in 2017 to support the mosaic ornamentation of the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The National Shrine has been a century in the making, and our bishops are grateful for people's support of this initiative to help complete America's Catholic Church in advance of its 100th anniversary in 2020. In the Diocese of Columbus, the collection will be taken on the weekend of August 26-27. Those wanting more information can visit [www.trinitydome.org](http://www.trinitydome.org) or [www.nationalshrine.org](http://www.nationalshrine.org).

### Repair Fund Collection – January 8th

A collection will be taken up next week for the repairs on the church and Rectory. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

### World Day of Peace Message

Non-Violence: A Style of Politics for Peace": In his message for the 50th World Day of Peace (January 1), Pope Francis will urge families, faith communities, government leaders, and the international community to practice nonviolence and work to build a just peace. For the Holy Father's message and a two-page handout, 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) or contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

### Stand Against Violence Week is January 15-22.

In 1994, the U.S. Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral letter titled "Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action." As a response to the pastoral letter, parishes and dioceses across the United States are called to focus on peacemaking and policy efforts against violence January 15-22. To read the statement visit [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/violence/confronting-a-culture-of-violence-a-catholic-framework-for-action.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/violence/confronting-a-culture-of-violence-a-catholic-framework-for-action.cfm).