

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, January 22 ♦ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry ( Thomas Henry)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 – Is 8:23–9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 ; Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17

**Monday, January 23 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 24 ♦ St. Francis de Sales**  
 6:15 p.m. In Memory of Alda Waylonis  
 (Jeanne & John Swisher)  
 – Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday, January 25 ♦ Conversion of St. Paul**  
 11:30 a.m. Mary Collura (Ann Froesch)  
 – Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

**Thursday, January 26 ♦ Sts. Tomothy and Titus**  
 11:30 a.m. Patricia Mazza (Mary Sailor)  
 – 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday, January 27 ♦ Weekday**  
 11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family  
 (Jeanne C. Brown)  
 – Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday, January 28 ♦ St. Thomas Aquinas**  
 11:30 a.m. Dr. Glenn Haninger (Helen Meers)  
 – Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday, January 29 ♦ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00 a.m. Vincent Carey  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 – Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

**+ 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, Julie Litsinberger, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Marilyn Scott.

**St. Lawrence Haven – February 5th**

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. Sunday, February 5th is our next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School.

**Believe and Receive the blessings of God**

God is Good! All the time. When I was the pastor in Portsmouth I started a secret prayer wish list. I will tell a few people in the office and a few friends my prayer request to God but never went public until my fifth year of being at the parish. The first year, my secret prayer wish was to raise \$850,000.00 to build the new activity center. God is good and people shared their blessing, so in 4 months, we raised the money, built the center and paid it off in three years. Over the eleven years that I lived in Portsmouth, the small parish of Holy Redeemer, with about 325 families, raised close to 3 million dollars for building projects and maintenance of buildings and grounds. All things are possible with God. Now sometimes the answer is not we expect but what we must accept. God only wants the best for all of us. I have a saying that I use a lot in my life, which I acquired while teaching college in Hilton Head a few years ago.

*“If you believe it! and If you see it! You Receive it!”*



**The Holy Cross wish list has been fulfilled**

Thanks for all the gifts and love you have given to Holy Cross. I want to especially thank those who made this years wish fulfilled. Jeannie Brown for helping with the choir loft rail. Pat, Gary Davis and Robert and Kevin for the new sinks in the bathroom, installing the choir loft rail and a few other projects that helped our parish before Christmas. Cynthia Waldon and Scott Maurer both for the donation to get the new altar server processional candles.

Finally, once again, thanks to Claire Miller for all her hard work in decorating and un-decorating the church at Christmas, our gifted organist David Brattain, the beautiful choir, our server John, and all our ministers at the altar. Finally, an unknown group that is dedicated and goes unnoticed is the collection counters – thanks for giving your time on Sunday.

**Propagation of the Faith – Results**

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Propagation of Faith collection last week. \$348.00 was contributed.

**THANKS!**

**JANUARY 15, 2017 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) Prop of Faith = \$348.00	Offertory..... \$ 2,797.61 Mail-in..... \$ 861.00 Repair Collection ..... \$ 0.00 Mail-in Repair ..... \$ 35.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b> 9:00 a.m. = 98 11:00 a.m. = 81	Less 6% Diocese tax ..... (\$ 221.62) <b>Net to Parish: ..... \$ 3,471.99</b>

## THE WORD

“The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light” (Matthew 4:16). That light was needed in Isaiah’s time, in Matthew’s time, and even in Paul’s time after Jesus walked the earth. It is still needed today. Pope Francis reflects on this need, reminding us that when we are faced with tragic events, we sometimes feel crushed, even asking, “Why?” Humanity’s evil can appear to be an abyss or loveless void, containing no goodness or life. We ourselves cannot fill the emptiness; only God can. (See the pope’s homily from the Mass proclaiming St. Gregory of Narek a Doctor of the Church, April 12, 2015.) God uses us to fill the world’s abyss with the light of Christ. We become instruments of light by heeding Jesus’ call to repent, which means reorienting our lives to live the way of Jesus. He offers hope and life. Rather than viewing the world through glasses of gloom and doom, Christ helps us see that change is possible. Evil does not have the last word. Rather than playing the game that divided the Corinthians – “My baptizer is better than yours” – we focus on Christ into whom we were all baptized. Rather than being self-centered, we seek the greater good that alone can transform our world. Rather than thinking that I am in charge, we submit to the One who really is and can fill the emptiness that evil deepens. For us it is impossible, but not for God made known in Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation. Sit in Christ’s light. Give your darkness to him to lessen. Recharged, spread that light as the fishers of people we are called to be.

– *What darkness feels overwhelming to you?*

– *Where do you see the light of Christ calling you out of darkness to be a marvelous light?*

*“Living the Word”*

### 2016 Contributions

You can call the office at 614-224-3416, email Mike at [admmike@columbus.rr.com](mailto: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.

### Bishop Campbell – February 7th

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

### 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 10:15 a.m. (for Cristo Rey School) and 11:30 a.m.**



### CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MEN!

The Catholic Men’s Conference of 2017 is calling men of faith to “Step into The Breach” at this year’s Conference on Saturday, February 25th. Bishop Campbell will celebrate Mass, and a day of prayer, reflection, and music by dynamic speakers and recording artists will be held at Cardinal Hall in the Ohio Expo Center. Find out all about it, men, by taking one of the brochures on the tables in the middle aisle of the church.

### Lecture Series – Josephinum

The Pontifical College Josephinum’s annual lecture series continues Wednesday, February 8, with a presentation by Christopher Ruddy, Ph.D., associate professor of systematic theology at The Catholic University of America. Dr. Ruddy will present “Gaudium et Spes: Its Crafting and Legacy” at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center on the Josephinum campus. The event is free of charge and open to the public; reservations not required. For more information, please call the Academic Dean’s office at 614-985-2274.



### ODU – Open House

Ohio Dominican University invites high school students who are interested in pursuing a career in the science or healthcare fields to attend its Natural Sciences Open House on Thursday, February 23. The event will take place from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Battelle Hall, located on ODU’s main campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43219. To register for the free event, visit [www.ohiodominican.edu/NaturalScience](http://www.ohiodominican.edu/NaturalScience).