

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**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

**Monday, January 9 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 10 ♦ Weekday**

6:15 p.m. Blessings to the Wagoner Family (Fr. Dwayne)  
 – Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 11 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry (Brian & Lisa Henry)  
 – Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 12 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry  
 (Bradley, Marin & Griffin) Henry)  
 – Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday, January 13 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family  
 (Jeanne C. Brown)  
 – Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 14 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry  
 (Byron, Stacy, Eran, & Makenna Henry)  
 – Heb 4:12-16 ; Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday, January 15 ♦ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Robert Heider (Sr. Ruth Ann Heider)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 – Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

**+ 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.

**St. Lawrence Haven – Today!**

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

**Teasers on *Resisting Happiness***

Hope you enjoy your gift this year the book *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly. “Are you happy? That may be the wrong question. Most of us think we are relatively happy, while at the same time knowing that we could be happier...maybe even a LOT happier. Ordinary people and the finest philosophers have been exploring the nature of happiness for thousands of years, and theories abound.” This latest book from Matthew Kelly is easy to read and deeply thought-provoking. It helps explore what stands between us and happiness. You can read a chapter or two a day, or save it for your Lenten reflections.



**LOVED ONES  
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 (as of December 27, 2016)**

- Domenic & Ginny Conte by Don Manley**
- Msgr Joseph A. Hakel by Don Manley**
- Darlene Manley by Don Manley**
- James & Patricia Manley by Don Manley**

**Repair Fund Collection – Today!**

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



**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.

**THANKS!**

**JANUARY 1, 2017 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....	\$ 1,810.00
	Mail-in.....	\$ 355.00
	Solemnity .....	\$ 257.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Mail-in Solemnity .....	\$ 50.00
9:00 a.m. = 57	Less 6% Diocese tax .....	(\$ 148.32)
11:00 a.m. = 62	<b>Net to Parish: .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,323.68</b>

## THE WORD

Epiphany celebrates the appearance of a star that led three foreign Magi to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. An epiphany can also be a sudden, intuitive perception or insight into the meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple or commonplace occurrence or experience. New stars are common occurrences. The Magi chose to follow this new star and were changed. I have had epiphanies through common experiences like talking with someone, engaging in everyday tasks, and enjoying nature's beauty. What about you?

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's all-inclusive love. Any limits we try to place on it do not hold. The Magi were Gentiles, not Jews. Yet they listened to God in dreams, paid homage to Jesus, and gave Jesus gifts befitting a monarch. Isaiah tells Jerusalem, the center for Israelite faith, that God's glory would shine upon her and all nations. Paul tells the Ephesians that "the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Ephesians 3:6). The early church struggled with the fact that God was not limited by the experience and expectations of the Jewish Christians. Many tend to limit where God works, with whom, and how. Today's feast offers the essential insight that we cannot limit God's love. That insight is challenging, when someone I judge unworthy shows me how to live my faith, or when someone from another tradition lives God's love in ways that I fail, like the Muslims who stood hand-in-hand around a church in Egypt to protect their Christian sisters and brothers. Epiphanies come in many forms. The feast of the Epiphany asks us to open our eyes to see God's presence where we might least expect.

- *Describe an epiphany that came to you through some simple or commonplace experience.*
- *Where has the presence of God surprised you and stretched your understanding?*

*"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.

### 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.

### Propagation of Faith – January 15th

A collection **next week** will be for the Propagation of the Faith. Through the Propagation of the Faith, we can reach those at work at "the end of the earth" as we help to support the Church's evangelizing work in more than 1,150 mission dioceses worldwide. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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.

### Bethesda Healing Ministry

Sometimes memories can keep us from experiencing the fullness of new life, even following the reception and graced forgiveness from the Sacrament of Penance. If you have experienced abortion in your life and the memory continues to haunt you, perhaps inviting Jesus often into that memory will open your spirit to the peace only He can give. Begin by praying "Jesus, I don't want to be chained any longer to the memories of my abortion. Please come heal me." To share the graces of this 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).



### Explore Ireland

Fr. Pat Toner is leading a trip to Ireland in September. Contact him for itinerary and other information at [Patricktoner00@gmail.com](mailto:Patricktoner00@gmail.com).