

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, July 16 ♦ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 11:00 a.m. Dr. Glenn J. Haninger (John & Kellie Erwin)  
 – Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

**Monday, July 17 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, July 18 ♦ NO MASS**

**Wednesday, July 19 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Collura (Collura Family)  
 – Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday, July 20 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of Reichert Family  
 (Annrose Reichert)  
 – Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

**Friday, July 21 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of Cullinan Family  
 (Jeanne C. Brown)  
 – Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday, July 22 ♦ St. Mary Magdalene**

11:30 a.m. Special Healing of Andy Piaskowy  
 (Michael Rensing)  
 – Ex 12:37-42; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Sunday, July 23 ♦ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Rev. Wilhelm Schonat (Rev. Frederich Weber)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 – Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:21-30

**+ 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, Vicki Meyer, Andy Piaskowy, Marilyn Scott.

**St. Lawrence Haven – July 30th**

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers – Sunday, July 30, 2017, is our next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School.



In case you missed last Sunday’s homily, I read from the book *The Giving Tree*, by Shel Silverstein: “Once there was a tree...and she loved a little boy,” begins a story of unforgettable perception. Every day, the boy would come to eat her apples, swing from her branches, or slide down her trunk...and the tree was happy. But as the boy grew older, he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave.

This is a tender story – touched with sadness, aglow with consolation. Shel Silverstein created a moving parable for readers of all ages. It offers an effective interpretation of the gift of giving and serene acceptance of another’s capacity to love in return.

There can be many interpretations of the parable in this awe-inspiring book, and I heard many at our first “Dinner or Dessert” potluck. Let me share mine with you, since I did promise my reflection on the book.

The tree is God and each of us is the little boy. When we are young, we have such beautiful faith. We trembled at our first Confession, but understood God’s love. We are excited to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Confirmation filled us with the Holy Spirit, and we did many good things. Like the boy in the book, as we grow older, we have less time for God; we are busy with work and our family. Occasionally, we come to God when we “need” something. God is always there waiting for us, much like the father in the story of the prodigal son. We just need to come back to God. Many people find their way back to God, but statistics show that many today are not going to church and have no relationship with God. Finally, the boy has grown old and comes back to the tree to rest. I believe he is preparing to rest with God for all eternity.

This summer, take time to read a good book and spend some time in prayer with God. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Love, Dwayne

**THANKS!  
 JULY 9, 2017**

**Designated Collections**  
 (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

**Mass Attendance**  
 9:00 a.m. = 86  
 11:00 a.m. = 81

Offertory.....	\$3,694.35
Mail-In .....	\$ 600.00
Repair Collection .....	\$ 0.00
Mail-in Repair.....	\$ 50.00
Less 6% Diocese Tax ..	(\$ 260.66)
<b>Net To Parish .....</b>	<b>\$4,083.69</b>

## THE WORD

St. Thomas Aquinas taught that grace builds on nature. To understand God more fully, look at and try to discover what nature teaches us. Discover what a sign or symbol's use in everyday life can reveal about its use in sacramental life. Jesus did that. He tried to open eyes and ears by using parables, everyday realities that could shed light on who God is and how God's Spirit works among us. The Gospel uses the parable of the sower. St. Paul uses the image of labor and childbirth. Isaiah uses rain and snow.

Are we open to hear what God is saying to us in the events of life and how we respond to them, or have we become as hard as the ground that cannot receive the seed? Do we labor to understand God when we are asked to change familiar attitudes or ways of living? Do we allow the rain of God's reign to fall upon us in ways that soften us so that the seed of God's will can sow mercy, Biblical justice, and reconciliation in us and our world?

Take time to reflect on the kind of soil that you are. What will it take for God's word to take root in you so that you remain as faithful in difficult times, as in easy ones? What thorns of anxiety choke you and keep you from trusting God's promise to be with you at all times? What will it take to make the soil of your life rich and pliable, rather than hard and unyielding? Open your eyes and ears to the world around and within you. Invite God's grace to build on nature by raining into the soil that you are and letting God's presence bear fruit beyond imagining.

- *How do I till the soil of my heart to let God's seed grow within me?*
- *What keeps my heart hardened to the ways in which God invites growth and life?*

*“Living the Word”*

## SAFETY ISSUE



A stranger recently entered and looked around the Sacristy during a Sunday morning Mass. To avoid having this happen in the future, the sacristy door will

be locked five minutes prior to the start of Mass. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Avoid being locked out at the last minute. Please check in at the Sacristy 10 to 15 minutes prior to your assigned Mass time to make your presence known.

## Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **July 16 to July 25, 2017** – No Tuesday evening devotion or 6:15 p.m. Mass.
- 2) **Tuesday, August 15, 2017** – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holyday of Obligation. Mass at 6:15 p.m.
- 3) **September 3, 2017** – Mission Appeal Sunday at both Masses.
- 4) **September 17, 2017** – Sunday – Parish Feast Day. Mass is at 10:00 a.m. only, followed by a reception.

## July 17 – Mass of Healing and Healing Service Saint Joseph Cathedral

*“Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:13,14).*

Bimonthly Healing Mass on July 17 at Saint Joseph Cathedral: A Mass of Healing and Healing Service will be celebrated on Monday, July 17, 6:30 p.m., at Saint Joseph Cathedral, 212 East Broad Street, Columbus. Following the Mass, a Service of Healing will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Service of Healing will close with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited – especially those who suffer with physical illness and infirmities (e.g., cancer and other debilitating diseases and conditions), in addition to those who seek emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited as well. Parking is available at the rear of the Cathedral accessible off East Gay Street; handicap accessible elevator is located in the courtyard (west side of the Cathedral) on East Broad Street. Bimonthly Healing Masses take place at the Cathedral on the third Monday of the month; during the remainder of 2017, they are scheduled for September 18, and November 20. If you have any questions about this special Mass, please call the Cathedral at (614) 224-1295.

## Ohio Dominican to Host

### MBA Information Session on July 27

Are you considering pursuing your MBA? Ohio Dominican University invites you to attend an information session for its Master of Business Administration program at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, located on ODU's campus at 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. At ODU, students can earn their MBA completely online or on campus during the evening in as few as 16 months. Register today at [ohiodominican.edu/MBAinfo](http://ohiodominican.edu/MBAinfo).