

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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 13:24-30*

**Monday, July 24 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, July 25 ♦ NO MASS**

**Wednesday, July 26 ♦ Sts. Joachim & Anne**

11:30 a.m. Special Intention (Jan Kustron)

– *Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9*

**Thursday, July 27 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Reichley's 50th Wedding Anniversary

(Annrose Reichert)

– *Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20; Mt 13:10-17*

**Friday, July 28 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of Cullinan Family

(Jeanne C. Brown)

– *Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23*

**Saturday, July 29 ♦ St. Martha**

11:30 a.m. Rev. J. Bernard Hernsteger

(Rev. Frederich Weber)

– *Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30*

**Sunday, July 30 ♦ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family

11:00 a.m. Darlene M. Manley (Don Manley)

– *1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 44-46*

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

**St. Lawrence Haven – July 30th**

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



**WEDDING BANS**

Prayerful best wishes to Joe Bills & Megan Corbin and Steven Fromhold and Elizabeth Rafferty who will be married in our Parish Church on Saturday, July 29.

**2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

The Bishop's Annual Appeal continues to move forward with 81 pledges and 240% of our goal of \$16,042.55. **Since we have exceeded our goal, every dollar pledged and paid now comes back directly to the parish. Not too late to make a pledge and no pledge is too small. Fr. Dwayne thanks you for your continuous generosity to date.**

**SANDWICHES FOR ST. LAWRENCE HAVEN**

Once a month Holy Cross parishioners and friends gather in the old school building (north of the church) first floor kitchen and assemble two slices of bread, lunchmeat and cheese into a sandwich (called “Lil Larry” after long-time resident of Holy Cross Church – deceased Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran).

This occurs on Sunday after 9:00 a.m. Mass for one hour. This activity is open to anyone in the parish and helps St. Lawrence Haven feed the poor and homeless one day during their Monday through Friday schedule. **The next opportunity is July 30, 2017. Please join us.**

**WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING**

All Holy Cross Women are invited to our next Women's Group meeting coming up on Wednesday, August 9, at 6:00 p.m. Pam Beech's condo at Park Towers 1620 E. Broad Street #302, Columbus, OH 43203 (parking on Broad or Woodland) – A light meal will be served.

Please contact Jan Kustron to RSVP:  
614-443-5271, or [jan@photoj.com](mailto:jan@photoj.com)

**Please join us!**

**THANKS!  
JULY 16, 2017**

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

**Mass Attendance**

9:00 a.m. = 79

11:00 a.m. = 83

Offertory.....	\$1,592.00
Mail-In .....	\$1,050.00
Repair Collection .....	\$ 0.00
Mail-in Repair .....	\$ 340.00
Less 6% Diocese Tax ..	(\$ 178.92)
<b>Net To Parish .....</b>	<b>\$2,803.08</b>

# THE WORD

A few years ago I asked my dentist about a small growth on my gum. He examined it and asked if it hurt when pushed. I answered "No." He wondered if it got in the way of normal functioning. I answered "No." He continues to monitor it and will only remove it if it changes shape or becomes problematic. It took me a while to accept this foreign growth. Now it makes sense to avoid unnecessary surgery.

Weeds and wheat, bad and good, sin and grace coexist in life. News reports tend to highlight the former over the latter. People ask, "Why does God allow this?" Great minds have addressed this question. The most common answer: Without choice there is no real love. Life is what it is with both good and bad. We can choose to accept that both the weeds and wheat, the bad and good, are part of life and choose the good as much as possible. Or we can spend so much energy on the "why" that we miss the good before us. Like the growth on my gum, the less we focus on it, the less power evil has. The more we feed the good, the more we rob evil of its power and grow in trust that God's merciful love will reign in the end.

The Letter to the Romans assures us, "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness" (Romans 8:26). If we turn to God in truth, even when we have a growth that might need removing, we can discover what we need to accept, what we can change, and the wisdom needed to know the difference.

- *What are the weeds and wheat that invite you to discern God's will in your life?*
- *How do you know the difference between what you need to accept and what you can change in life?*

*"Living the Word"*

## 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.

## SPECIAL PARISH DATES

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

- 1) **July 23 to July 25, 2017 – No Tuesday evening devotion or 6:15 p.m. Mass.**
- 2) **August 15, 2017, Tuesday – 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.**

## ST. MARY, GERMAN VILLAGE EVENT

All are invited to the Ohio Theater Monday, July 31, 5:30 p.m. for a campaign kick-off to, "Restore Renew Revitalize" St. Mary Church in German Village (Columbus). There is no charge for admission, but a free will offering will be taken up during the evening. The evening will include many things with the highlight being a showing of the movie, "The Bells of St. Mary's." There will be no charge for refreshments served at this event. Please RSVP by July 25 to [sheilalutz13@gmail.com](mailto:sheilalutz13@gmail.com).

## NFP AWARENESS WEEK IS JULY 23-29, 2017:

The USCCB annually focuses attention on Natural Family Planning and Catholic teachings which supports its use in marriage. This year's theme is "It's Time! Say 'Yes' to God's plan for married love." For additional information, contact Jennifer Fullin, NFP Coordinator, at [jfullin@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:jfullin@columbuscatholic.org) or 614-241-2560.

## The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio

Invites you to come and pray during the Novena of Our Lady, August 6-14, at 8:00 p.m. (Sunday, 2:30 p.m.). Fr. Paul Gawlowski will be the Novena preacher. Join us on this journey of faith, hope and healing. For more information, call 419-396-7107 or look us up at [olcshrine.com](http://olcshrine.com).

## From the Chair with Bishop Campbell

on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 Tuesday, August 1st, Bishop Campbell on Tuesday, August 1st will take your questions on how to live your Catholic faith. Call 614-459-4820.