

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**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 13:44-46

**Monday, July 31 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, August 1 ♦ St. Alphonsus Liguori**

6:15 p.m. Special Intention (Jan Kustron)  
 – Ex 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday, August 2 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Robert Cain (Lois & Bridget O'Reilly)  
 – Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday, August 3 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Rev. George Ahrens (Rev. Frederich Weber)  
 – Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday, August 4 ♦ St. John Vianney**

11:30 a.m. Ruth & Wendell McNew –  
 55th Wedding Anniversary (McNew Family)  
 – Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Mt 13:54-58  
 12:00 p.m. Sorrowful Mother Devotion  
 7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Intention of Presider)  
 Benediction & Devotional Prayers

**Saturday, August 5 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Robert Ruffing (Georgia Ruffing)  
 – Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday, August 6 ♦ The Transfiguration of the Lord**

9:00 a.m. Janet Joffre ( Annrose Reichert)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 – Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

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

**St. Lawrence Haven – Today!**

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



**WEDDING BANNES**

Prayerful best wishes to Jon Stegner and Michelle Van Schaik who will be married in our Parish Church on Saturday, August 19.

**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 at 614-443-5271, or jan@photoj.com

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION – AUGUST 6TH**

Although approximately half of the world’s Catholic population lives in Latin America, the Church in the region is losing members at an alarming rate to other faiths or migration in pursuit of a better life. These tensions can contribute to the destabilization of families and faith communities. You can **keep faith with the Church in Latin America** through your support of this collection next Sunday, August 6th. Since there will only be ONE collection that day, please place your Latin American Donation Envelope in the same basket with the regular envelopes and your generosity will cast the love of Christ on our church and in our world.



**RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

*Cultivating Intimacy:*

*7 Steps to Creating a Eucharistic Marriage*

All married couples are invited to the Diocesan Retreat for Married Couples, Saturday, September 9th, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Upper Arlington. Bishop Campbell will celebrate Mass and offer a morning reflection. Greg Schutte, author of “Discovering our Deepest Desire” and director of Marriage Works! Ohio, will continue with presentations on enhancing the intimate relationship of husbands and wives. A guided Holy Hour will also be included in the day’s schedule. Continental breakfast and warm lunch will be provided. The cost for the event is \$65.00. Kindly register by September 1st at [columbuscatholic.org/retreat](http://columbuscatholic.org/retreat) or call 614-241-2560.

**THANKS!**  
**JULY 23, 2017**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory..... \$3,807.59
	Mail-In ..... \$ 4.00
	Repair Collection ..... \$ 0.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Mail-in Repair..... \$ 0.00
9:00 a.m. = 92	Less 6% Diocese Tax ..(\$ 228.70)
11:00 a.m. = 81	<b>Net To Parish ..... \$3,582.89</b>

## THE WORD

I recently spoke with a woman about why she went to visit her husband in an assisted living facility every day, even though Alzheimer's disease kept him from recognizing her as his wife of sixty-plus years. Without missing a beat, she said, "Because I love him and he would do the same for me." She added, "And as much as I love him, I know that after he's gone, only my faith will support me and keep us connected until we are in heaven, where he'll recognize me again." Their marital love is a great treasure to her. Her faith is her pearl of great price and the net in which they will be collected together again. What wisdom!

The things of this world pass away, even those we love. Only our faith in God is with us at all times, through thick and thin, sickness and health, from death to eternal life. Solomon asks God for the wisdom of faith: "Give [me] an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong" (I Kings 3:9). Our psalm echoes these words "The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple" (Psalm 119:130). Faith in God is the only treasure that remains with us when all else is gone and all other paths fail.

St. Francis de Sales offered a prayer for wisdom that went something like this: "Lord Jesus, I surrender to you. Make me a lute that you play. Touch any string and allow me to make music in harmony with you." Faith gives us the wisdom to love as Christ loved, live as he lived, and surrender all for that greatest treasure. Therein lies wisdom at all times!

- *Who or what is my pearl of great price?*
- *What role does my faith play in the decisions I make, whether big or small?*

*"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) Tuesday, August 15, 2017: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holyday of Obligation. Mass at 6:15 p.m.
- 2) September 3, 2017: Mission Appeal Sunday at both Masses.
- 3) Sunday, September 17, 2017: Parish Feast Day. Mass is at 10:00 a.m. only, followed by a reception.



## BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY

Summer is here. We slow down our pace a bit to reflect on the mystery of Jesus and his wondrous gifts. If you have experienced abortion in your life and that memory is keeping you from enjoying the fruits of summer, perhaps it is time to open your spirit to the peace only Jesus can give. We are a group of mothers and fathers who have suffered the experience of abortion, We gather twice a month to share, heal and grow. "We've been there. We understand. We invite you to join us. Please call Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential phone lines: 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651 or visit our website at [bethesdahealing.org](http://bethesdahealing.org).

**The Cathedral backdoor ministry** is requesting more plastic grocery bags for their backdoor ministry to distribute food. If you have any to spare, please bring them on in! Any questions, please contact Julie Greer, Executive Assistant, Catholic Diocese of Columbus at 614-224-2251 198 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

## TIME FOR A TUNE-UP

Your marriage needs care and maintenance too! That's what you'll get on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones – and focus only on each other. The next weekend is September 15-17 in Central Ohio. For more information or to apply, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at [www.wwmecolumbus.org](http://www.wwmecolumbus.org).