

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, March 12 ♦ Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Judge John C. Duffy (Tom Duffy)

11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family

Gn 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10 ; Mt 17:1-9

Monday, March 13 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, March 14 ♦ Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. In Gratitude (Ruth & Wendell McNew)

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 15 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Charles A. Collura (The Collura Family)

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 16 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the
Cullinan Family (Jeanne C. Brown)

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 17 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. The Carey Family

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 18 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Dr. Glenn J. Haninger (Joan H. Fruin)

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 19 ♦ Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Rita Domin (Bill & Pauline Resch)

11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42, or 4:5-15, 19-26, 39, 40-42

+ 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, Marilyn Scott.

St. Lawrence Haven – April 2

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers: Sunday, April 2, is our next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School.

THANKS!

MARCH 5, 2017 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections

(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

Black & Indian = \$ 241.00

Mass Attendance

9:00 p.m. = 102

11:00 a.m. = 81

Offertory..... \$2,877.35

Mail-in..... \$1,110.00

Repair Collection \$ 0.00

Mail-in Repair \$ 60.00

less 6% Diocese tax ..(\$ 242.84)

Net To Parish \$3,804.51

Black and Indian Collection – Results

\$241.00 was contributed last weekend for the Black and Indian collection. Thanks for supporting this cause.



Altar Easter Flowers

Donations toward the altar flowers (envelopes provided) for the Easter Season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in the Sunday collections with the person’s name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested.

Choir Practice – Continues!

Continuing this Sunday, all interested singers are invited to gather in the balcony for the choir practice in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We will rehearse for one hour immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. ALL are invited to deepen their Lenten experience through singing with the choir. Contact David Brattain for more information (dbrattain42@gmail.com) through singing with the choir.

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 to schedule a Mass.

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 April 2, 2017. **Please join us.**

Repair Fund Collection – Today!

THE WORD

St. Francis de Sales said that those who go, stay and those who stay, go. A part of those who have touched our lives remains when they move on. Part of us stays with them when they go on their way, for good and for ill. Peter, James, and John glimpse Jesus' glory on the Transfiguration mount. The presence of Elijah and Moses and the voice of God clarify that Jesus is the promised Son of Man. They have a glimpse of Resurrection glory. They want to stay in this positive experience. Who wouldn't? And although Jesus returns them to daily life, they are changed. That glimpse remains with them and probably helped them through some tough times. I wonder how often they returned to that mountain in their minds and hearts.

God asks Abram, an old man, to take his kin to a land promised but unknown. He trusts God's promises and goes. I wonder how often he hearkened back to the home that he, Sarah, and their kin left. His deep faith and trust in God remained with him on the way.

Lent invites us to leave life as we have known it and embrace the way of the gospel more fully. Life's journey includes times of blessing and times of hardship. We can sometimes wish we had remained as we were. Our journey will take the best of life with us and open us to the healing, hope, and light the gospel offers. Are we willing to leave the familiar, like Peter, James, John, and Abram, to find Christ in daily life, whether easy or difficult? What goes along with us on the journey and what do we leave behind?

- *What experiences of Jesus do we wish would be as strong as they once were?*
- *Where have we found new life because we accepted the invitation to live the gospel more clearly in daily life by releasing something or someone?*

“Living the Word”

Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross Many facets of faith and justice will be the focus of the annual Walking Stations of the Cross. The walk begins with opening prayer at St. Joseph Cathedral at 8:00 a.m., Friday, April 14, 2017. Hundreds from across the Diocese will process to locations throughout downtown Columbus to recognize Jesus Christ's suffering and crucifixion as well as to reflect on current areas of social concern. This is open to all ages. For more information, contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540 or Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 614-241-2565.

Special Parish Dates

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

Lenten Opportunities

Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.: Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross.

Every Friday: Stations of the Cross after 11:30 a.m. Mass [**Sorrowful Mother Novena will resume on First Fridays after Easter.**] Day of abstinence (no meat for those over 14 years of age).

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: Day of fast and abstinence.

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday: 8:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

***Fast = one main meal, 2 lesser meals that together are not equal to a full meal, no food between meals for 18-59 years. Abstinence = no meat for age 14 onward.**

What's New at CSS?

On February 1st, Catholic Social Services attended the Age Friendly Columbus event to learn about the findings from their recent report with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). CSS's nearly 100 Senior Companions participated in focus groups that informed the findings of the Age Friendly Columbus report. At CSS, the goal of our senior programs is to help poor and vulnerable seniors remain independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. The report found that the majority of seniors are "very independent" and want to remain in their own homes as they age. Rachel Lustig, the President and CEO of Catholic Social Services, recently spoke about the Age-Friendly Columbus project and discussed the challenges facing Columbus, whose elderly population is set to double in 35 years.

The Vocation of Agriculture: To Till & Keep God's Creation

Saturday, March 25, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church Parish Hall, Plain City. Please join with Catholic rural leaders throughout Ohio for dialogue and reflection on the vocation of being a farmer. Panelists from the fields of faith formation, agribusiness, environment, and public policy will be present. If interested in attending, contact Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.