

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**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*

**Monday, March 20 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, March 21 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

6:15 a.m. Dr. Glenn J. Haninger (Joan H. Fruin)  
 – *Dn 3: 25, 34-43; Mt 18: 21-35*

**Wednesday, March 22 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Dr. Glenn J. Haninger (John & Anne Medert)  
 – *Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19*

**Thursday, March 23 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Dr. Glenn J. Haninger (Joan Weber)  
 – *Jer 7: 23-28; Lk 11: 14-23*

**Saturday, March 25 ♦ The Annunciation of the Lord**

11:30 a.m. Dr. Glenn J. Haninger (Joan H. Fruin)  
 – *Is 7: 10-14, 8:10; Heb 10: 4-10; Lk 1: 26-38*

**Sunday, March 26 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Betty J. Duffy (Tom Duffy)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 – *1 Sm 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5: 8-14;*  
*Jn 9: 1-41, or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38*

**+ 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, 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.

**Repair Fund Collection – Results!**

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Repair Fund collection held last week \$955.85 was contributed.



**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. Contact David Brattain for more information at [dbrattain42@gmail.com](mailto:dbrattain42@gmail.com).

**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.

**WELCOME!!**

If you are not yet registered in our parish, please drop this form in the collection basket:

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( ) Yes, I would like to register in Holy Cross Parish:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANKS!**

**MARCH 12, 2017 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....	\$2,348.00
	Mail-in.....	\$ 928.00
	Repair Collection .....	\$ 955.85
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Mail-in Repair .....	\$ 75.00
	less 6% Diocese tax ..	(\$ 258.41)
9:00 p.m. = 88	<b>Net To Parish .....</b>	<b>\$4,048.44</b>
11:00 a.m. = 91		

# THE WORD

A canticle from Isaiah sings that we shall draw water joyfully from the wellsprings of salvation (Isaiah 12:3). Water bookends our readings and our lives of faith. The Israelites grumble in their thirst. Moses cries out to God in exasperation. God gives the people water from a rock. An extraordinary event makes known that the Lord is in their midst.

Jesus gives a Samaritan woman more than water by ordinary means – dialogue and presence. The story is not ordinary. Why? Jews considered Samaritans to be less than human. Men did not speak to women in public. But Jesus spoke to this Samaritan woman in a public place. His request, “Give me a drink,” put himself in need of her and began a conversation that satisfied her deeper thirsts for God and acceptance. Transformed, she returned to the people she tried to avoid and shared her experience. She led the people she tried to avoid to Jesus. Their encounter with him transformed them. They came to know that the Savior, the Lord, was in their midst.

When we were baptized the Holy Spirit was given to us and we became one with Jesus Christ. By his gift of self on the cross, Jesus gave us living water and offered us the wellsprings of salvation. God quenches our thirst when we are willing to be vulnerable, like the woman, and empty ourselves of whatever keeps us from believing that God’s love can transform us. Reflect on that love. Give thanks for the times that Christ has quenched your thirst and empowered you to bring his presence to others. Ordinary acts can open up the wellsprings of salvation for us and for others. Extraordinary!

- *When have you wondered whether or not the Lord was in your midst?*
- *How has being vulnerable freed you to be honest with God, yourself, or another and quenched your deepest longing?*

*“Living the Word”*

## Pregnancy Decision Health Centers

As we think about the life of St. Patrick around this time of year, we remember how the Lord specifically equipped and called him for specific work. St. Patrick was uniquely qualified for the job the Lord called him to, and he answered the call. We all have a story; what’s yours? Has God called you to minister to women facing unexpected or challenging pregnancies? Answer His call today! PDHC is looking for individuals to serve as greeters and consultants in our Caring Centers. Learn more online at [supportpdhc.org/volunteers](http://supportpdhc.org/volunteers). For more information, Contact Sara Nass at [saran@pdhc.org](mailto:saran@pdhc.org) or 614-888-8774, ext. 6115.

## Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **April 11, 2017 – No Mass at 6:15 p.m. due to Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral.**

## Lenten Opportunities

***Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.:*** Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m.

***Every Friday:*** Stations of the Cross after 11:30 a.m. Mass. 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 & 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 onwards.***

## Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – March 26th

The annual CRS Collection will be held next Sunday, March 26, 2017. The scope and reach of the Catholic Relief Services Collection is extraordinary. This collection funds the critical work of the Church in caring for the urgent needs of our brothers and sisters around the world who are victims of war, persecution, disasters, and poverty.

## Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club Event

Friday, April 7, 2017

The next Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club will feature a talk by John Bradford the founder of Wilderness Outreach. This month’s luncheon is sponsored by the Catholic Layman’s Retreat League. Please join us Friday, April 7th at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch and John’s talk until about 1:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

For information on Catholic Men’s Luncheons, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc) or contact Tim Merkle, CMLC President at [htm@ejhlaw.com](mailto:htm@ejhlaw.com).