

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

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

Monday, March 27 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, March 28 ♦ Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. Dr. Glenn J. Haninger (Joan H. Fruin)
 – *Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16*

Wednesday, March 29 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Marianne Garrison (Helen Meers)
 – *Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30*

Thursday, March 30 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Dr. Glenn J. Haninger (Joan Weber)
 – *Ez 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47*

Friday, March 31 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)
 – *Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30*

Saturday, April 1 ♦ Lenten Week

11:30 a.m. Dr. Glenn J. Haninger (Joan H. Fruin)
 – *Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53*

Sunday, April 2 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Mary Endres (Barbara Wentgerter)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 – *Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,*
17, 20-27, 33-45

+ 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.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – Today!

The annual CRS Collection will be taken today. 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. **Only one collection: use your envelopes.**

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.

Repair Fund Collection – April 2nd

A second collection will be taken next Sunday for the repairs on the church and rectory. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

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 e-mail 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:

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

THANKS!	
MARCH 19, 2017 OFFERINGS	
Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory..... \$ NA
Black & Indian = \$ 241.00	Mail-in..... \$ NA
	Repair Collection \$ NA
	Mail-in Repair \$ NA
	less 6% Diocese tax ..(\$ NA)
Mass Attendance	Net To Parish \$ NA
9:00 p.m. = NA	
11:00 a.m. = NA	

THE WORD

How is your sight? As I get older, my eyesight depends upon the assistance of glasses. But my insight is clearer, more open to seeing beyond the surface in situations, events, or persons before making a judgment. Lent sharpens our vision by inviting us to look into the heart and see as God sees.

Jesus saw more than the surface in the man born blind. Jesus sees both a person and an opportunity to make the works of God visible through him. Ordinary clay, saliva, and washing heal the man's physical blindness. His openness frees him to do as Jesus asked, and so he gains physical sight. As the story unfolds, he also gains insight into who Jesus is: naming Him prophet, from God, and Son of Man. He also gains the courage to speak truth to the Pharisees, blinded by seeing only what they wanted to see. By their refusal to look into the heart and really see Jesus and the healed blind man, they choose sin. To sin, one must know that something is wrong and choose to do it.

Our union with Christ gives us light to distinguish truth from falsehood, right from wrong, light from darkness. His light helps us see beyond mere appearance and preconceptions into the heart. Are we willing to see as God sees? Or does fear of rejection or change keep us blind, like the man's parents and the Pharisees? When we look into the heart, we see others and ourselves as God does, people of light and darkness, whose darkness, when named, can be healed. Turn to the light and ask the Divine Physician to open your eyes.

- *When has blindness kept you in the dark and unable to see the works of God?*
- *When has bringing your sin or doubt to light freed you to experience God's incredible love?*

"Living the Word"

From the Chair with Bishop Campbell on AM 820 Tuesday, April 4th. Bishop Campbell talks with our college students for the Annual College Student Forum on Tuesday, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio.

EVENING MASS AND SOCIAL

MARCH 30, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

St. Timothy, 1088 Thomas Lane, Columbus. Recitation of the Rosary is at 6:00 p.m., followed by praise and Adoration, led by Yglesias Worship. Trained prayer team ministers are available for individual prayer. Holy Mass is celebrated by Fr. Justin Reis at 7:30 p.m., followed by fellowship. Sponsored by Columbus Catholic Renewal. Information at www.cccolumbus.org or call 614-582-1721.

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **April 2, 2017 – Donut Sunday after each Mass at Holy Cross School Building.**
- 2) **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. and 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.

2017 National Catholic Youth Conference November 16-19, 2017 Indianapolis, IN

The National Catholic Youth Conference is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, catechesis, community, and discipleship. Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones learn about the Catholic faith through keynote presentations and workshop sessions that address a wide variety of topics. The Eucharist is celebrated daily and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in addition to recreation and special activities such as concerts, exhibits, and the interactive thematic park.

2017 Theme Called • Aquí Llamados

Location: Indianapolis, IN

Official NCYC Website: ncyc.info

Price Per Person Accommodations:

5/6 people to a room (\$480.00), 4 people to a room (\$525.00), 3 people to a room (\$555.00), 2 people to a room (\$645.00)

Questions? Contact us at (614) 241-2565, ext. 1311 or srobinso@cdeducation.org