

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, May 7 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)

– Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday, May 8 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, May 9 ♦ Easter Weekday

6:15 p.m. Paesano Family (George & JoAnn Paesano)
 – Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 10 ♦ Easter Weekday

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of Janes Family (Rob Janes)
 – Acts 12:24–13:5; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 11 ♦ Easter Weekday

11:30 a.m. Alice Mushrush & Mary Roberts
 (Warren & Carolyn Roberts)

– Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 12 ♦ Easter Weekday

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

– Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 13 ♦ Easter Weekday

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of Glennon Family (Rob Janes)
 – Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 14 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 11:00 a.m. Mary Collura (Pezzuti Family)

– Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Michael Baker, Betty Cockran, Richard Deneski, Jean Finn, Herbert Froesch, Sr. Sally Groom, Robert Hackett, Julie Litsinberger, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Helen Meers, Vicki Meyer, Marilyn Scott.

St. Lawrence Haven – Today!

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

From the Pastor’s Desk



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ: As a parish and as a diocese, we are “Living the Gospel in Faith, Hope, and Charity.” This theme of the 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal reminds us that through these virtues, we are living the Gospel and immediately sharing in the life of Christ. In Faith, we believe in the saving grace of Christ; in Hope, we trust in His promise to give us everlasting joy; and in Charity, we are compelled to share with others the many blessings and gifts He has bestowed upon us.

The Bishop’s Annual Appeal begins today, May 7th. The funds realized through your gifts to the appeal help bring Life, Faith, and Hope to many through the various programs and ministries directed by our diocese. Christ entrusted to us the care of His Church, and with Charity, the care of each other. Many of the programs and ministries supported by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal benefit the good people of our parish.

In last week’s homily at Mass, I focused on the phrase from the Gospel, “We were hoping.” Hope is part of this year’s appeal; because without hope, we feel lost, and without direction and purpose, we cannot come together as a community of faith.

This year our parish has been asked to raise \$16,042.55 for the Appeal. May our good God open our minds, our hearts, and our hands to have a year filled with Faith, Hope, and Charity touching the lives of those in our parish, in our community, and throughout the entire diocese. I am asking you to please support this worthy cause. Remember 100% of everything that is collected over our goal comes back to us without any diocesan tax on it. It is the best way to raise money for projects in the parish.

Last year the project was a new sound system which has proven itself to be a worthy investment. In the beginning, not realizing the generosity of this parish, we were only going to install the first part. We were able to install the complete sound system because we went over our goal by \$21,216.11.

This year, any money collected over our goal will go toward our building and maintenance projects. We completed the Mural repair and ceiling repair project during the Lenten season at a cost of \$9,439.00. Next month, because the current air-conditioning units are no longer functioning, we will be purchasing new air-conditioning units that cost \$19,164.00. We have multiple projects which I will discuss at a later date, since I have already exceeded the short space allotted for the Pastor’s Corner. I just want to say, “Thank you from the bottom of my heart!” For your generosity shown to the parish through the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

THANKS!

APRIL 30, 2017 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory..... \$3,419.11
Central/East Europe=\$204.00	Mail-In \$ 497.00
	Repair Collection \$ 0.00
	Mail-in Repair \$ 60.00
Mass Attendance	less 6% Diocese tax ..(\$ 238.57)
9:00 a.m. = 106	Net To Parish \$3,737.54
11:00 a.m. = 103	

THE WORD

In 2013, at the Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Rome, Pope Francis asked bishops and priests to “be shepherds with the smell of the sheep.” Smelling like the sheep requires getting close to them. Shepherds got close: they slept at the entry to the pen to protect the sheep and keep them from wandering off. Sheep recognized the shepherd’s voice and followed; the shepherd held a wandering sheep around his neck to reinforce his smell and remind the sheep not to wander again.

Jesus got close to the people. The Pharisees set themselves apart. He still comes close, taking on human flesh. He healed by giving himself to us and to God on the cross. He took the high road: not returning insult, not threatening, but submitting to those who judged unjustly. To be close to him, we need to follow his example by reorienting our lives to live his unconditional, merciful love. Submission does not mean becoming doormats. Instead, we find strength in suffering and the power that comes from the work of dying to self. Filled with the Holy Spirit we can forgive, speak truth in love, avoid becoming defensive or going on the attack, and live like Christ, the servant of God, our shepherd.

The pope, bishops, priests, or religious are not the only ones to smell like the sheep. All of us are sheep and shepherds, called to care for one another in the name of Jesus Christ. By getting close to one another, we can help others hear the shepherd’s voice, feel the shepherd’s love, and experience the shepherd’s forgiveness. Just as the sheep gate is the doorway to the sheep pen, so are our lives doors through which Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, dwells in our midst and is made known.

- *When have you been a sheep gate that has opened the way to Christ for someone else?*
- *Who has been a sheep gate for you?*

“Living the Word”

Central/Eastern Europe Collection – Results

The proceeds from this week’s collection go directly to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers and the spreading of the Gospel message through the mass media in Central and Eastern Europe. \$204.00 was contributed.

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **September 3, 2017 – Mission Appeal Sunday at both Masses.**

WEDDING BANNES

Prayerful best wishes to Francis Kunkler and Krizia Melendes who will be married in our Parish Church on Saturday, May 27.

Soup Supper

On Care for Our Common Home, Thursday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m., Christ the King Catholic Church Undercroft, 2777 East Livingston Avenue, Columbus. Join us for supper and learn more about Pope Francis’ teachings on care for God’s creation. Program includes a tour led by Deacon Peter Labita of Christ the King’s LED light installation project and ongoing work to install new windows at All Saints Academy. Attendees will receive information on ways to reduce waste and energy use at home, including an overview of the recently released Creation Care Guide for the Diocese of Columbus. Preview the Creation Care Guide at <https://tinyurl.com/kzhuu6m>.

Senior Citizens Celebration – June 6th

The 40th annual diocesan Senior Citizens Celebration is Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road South, Powell, Ohio. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by a luncheon. Registration for the celebration is \$10.00. This annual event is a great opportunity of faith, food, and fellowship with senior citizens from the 23-county Catholic Diocese of Columbus. To register, please send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For questions, call (614) 241-2540 or email at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org. Registrations are requested by June 1.

JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES

2017 will take place Sunday, June 25 at St. Matthew Parish in Gahanna. Bishop Campbell will celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m., and an informal reception will follow. Please notify and encourage your parishioners who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries (25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and every year thereafter) to attend. More information, including parish bulletin announcements and a flyer, will be mailed to your parish shortly. If you have any questions about this celebration, please call the Marriage & Family Life Office at 614-241-2560.