

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Sunday, September 24 ♦**

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9:00 a.m. Janet Joffre (Annrose Reichert)
11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
– Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

Monday, September 25 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, September 26 ♦ Weekday

5:00 p.m. Holy Hour of Silent Prayer
6:15 p.m. Joann Paesano (George Joseph Paesano)
– Ezr 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 27 ♦ St. Vincent de Paul

11:30 a.m. Joan Bryant (Walsh/Burkey Family)
– Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 28 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Luke Morbitzer (Betty Morbitzer)
– Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 29 ♦ Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

11:30 a.m. Joan Koczan Rossi (Eileen & Ray Kiersh)
– Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; or Rv 12:7-12; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday, September 30 ♦ St. Jerome

11:30 a.m. Darlene M. Manley (Don Manley)
– Zec 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Michael Baker, Betty Cockran, Richard Deneski, Ann Froesch, Bernadette Froesch, Herbert Froesch, Sr. Sally Groom, Robert Hackett, Ted Igel, Louise Knapp, 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. This Sunday is our opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School.

From our Pastor

Oh, what a happy Feast Day!

Thanks to all those who made our celebration such a spectacular event! The Choir was so uplifting, I felt like I was in heaven! Special thanks to all those who came on Saturday morning to help get our Holy Cross Hall cleaned and ready for many more events.



I’m always amazed when people step forward with generous hearts. Another special “Thank You!” goes to someone who recently saw the awning on the church was torn and the awning on the house needed to be replaced and gave us new awnings. They want to remain anonymous, but I want to thank them publicly.

Am I looking for YOU or someone you know? Since February, I have been trying to get multiple jobs done but have been unsuccessful. I need an electrician to install an electrical outlet in the basement of the house to prevent black mold from coming back. Last year, the black mold was so bad, I almost moved out of the rectory. A company came in to spray for the mold, and they said a dehumidifier should be installed in the basement to prevent the mold from coming back. I also need an electrician to install a ceiling fan in my bedroom to prevent moisture from building up on the ceiling. Also since February, I’ve been trying to get a chain-link fence installed across two pieces of our property with no success. Anyone have any ideas on who can help me?



WEDDING BANNS

Prayerful best wishes to Tom Turner and Nicole Prissel who were married in our Parish Church on Friday, September 22.

COLLECTION RESULTS – TO ASSIST THOSE DEVASTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY = \$1,590.67

~ Invitation to all Women of Holy Cross ~

The women’s group will be meeting in October on Wednesday, October 11, at 6:00 p.m. again at Pam Beech’s place: Park Towers – 1620 E. Broad Street #302 Columbus 43203. Parking is on Broad or Woodland

Please contact Jan Kustron to RSVP at jan@photoj.com or 614-443-5271.

THANKS!

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....\$3,050.00
Hurricane Harvey = \$1,590.67	Mail-In\$ 0.00
Mass Attendance 10:00 a.m. = 186	Repair Collection\$ 0.00
	Mail-in Repair.....\$ 0.00
	Less 6% Diocese Tax ..(\$ 183.00)
	Net To Parish\$2,867.00

THE WORD

My first grade teacher, Sr. Nathaniel, taught us that if someone made a death-bed confession or “perfect” act of contrition, that person would go to heaven. That didn’t seem fair but it was attractive. I could do whatever I want in life, go to confession right before I die or pray the Act of Contrition, and still go to heaven. Of course I didn’t consider that we never know when we’ll die and more importantly that the point of life in faith is to live Jesus, seek the Lord, and live God’s ways throughout our lives.

Those workers, who began work in the morning, laboring under the hot sun all day, felt entitled to more money than those who came at day’s end. When that did not happen, they felt cheated. Maybe they did envy the owner’s generosity. They missed the point. The owner promised the usual daily wage to all, whenever they started working. Our gracious and merciful God promises eternal life to all who enter into relationship with God, whenever we do so and even after we fall. This is pure gift. We are not entitled to it. We can be blinded by God’s generosity to those we think undeserving. Envy blinds us to God’s nearness at all times and keeps us from gratitude for such generous mercy.

God’s justice looks more like human mercy. We can cry, “Unfair!” In the end, I’m glad that God’s ways are not my ways. Would that mine were more like God’s. The message is to conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the gospel we have received no matter when we **receive it or how often we fall. Seek the Lord and our union with Christ will be clear.**

- *Have you ever felt entitled or envious? What has it gained you?*
- *How have gratitude and seeking God’s ways transformed you?*

“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 to schedule a Mass.



Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) *September 24, 2017, Sunday – The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (PSR) begins TODAY for children ages 3-12+ from 10:00-10:45 a.m.*

ARE YOU SOMEONE, OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warmly accepting setting.

The program meets on Thursday at the Martin de Porres Center near the Ohio Dominican University and begins on October 5th. Four priests myself included present great talks. Please call the office if you are interested, or email me: Dwaynemcnew702@yahoo.com.

LECTOR MEETING & TRAINING – TODAY!

All individuals currently serving as Lectors, and all who wish to join or have any interest in knowing more about becoming Proclaimers of the Word, are invited, asked and welcome to attend a meeting in the church at 10:00 a.m. (between the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses). Training will be offered for all who are interested; and this meeting will provide an opportunity for everyone to ask any questions, and share comments, ideas, and suggestions that you may have to make our ministry even more joyful and service-friendly.

Sunday Morning, September 24, 2017, Holy Cross Parish School of Religion (PSR) utilizes the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children ages 3-12+ from 10:00-10:45 a.m. – see today’s insert page.