

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, February 25 ♦ Second Sunday of Lent**  
 – Gn 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8: 31-34; Mk 9:2-10  
 9:00 a.m. Cris Morbitzer ( Betty Morbitzer)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family

**Monday, February 26 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, February 27 ♦ Lenten Weekday**  
 – Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12  
 6:15 p.m. George Paesano (Joann Paesano)

**Wednesday, February 28 ♦ Lenten Weekday**  
 – Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28  
 11:30 a.m. Robert Ruffing (Georgia Ruffing)

**Thursday, March 1 ♦ Lenten Weekday**  
 – Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31  
 11: 30 a.m. Living & Deceased of McNew Family  
 (Ruth & Wendell McNew)

**Friday, March 2 ♦ Lenten Weekday**  
 – Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 11: 30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Cullinan Family  
 (Jeanne C. Brown)  
 12:00 p.m. Sorrowful Mother Devotion  
 7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Intention of Presider)  
 Benediction & Devotional Prayers

**Saturday, March 3 ♦ Lenten Weekday**  
 – Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 11:30 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry (Brian & Lisa Henry)

**Sunday, March 4 ♦ Third Sunday of Lent**  
 – Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25  
 9:00 a.m. Special Intention ( Betty Morbitzer)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family

**+ Please remember in your prayers**

Our home-bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Michael Baker, Betty Cockran, Richard Deneski, Ann Froesch, Bernadette Froesch, Sr. Sally Groom, Robert Hackett, Louise Knapp, Julie Litsinberger, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Andy Piaskowy, Marilyn Scott, Baby Dylan Thomas Stock.

**St. Lawrence Haven – March 11, 2018**

Attention all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is March 11, 2018, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School.



During this season of Lent, the reflections you will be reading in our weekly bulletin are excerpts from Matthew Kelly’s book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*. These bite-sized excerpts are intended to be appetizers for your soul. Hopefully, these little morsels will inspire you to consider the book as a possible main course.

**Week Three**

“We tend to stumble through life a day at a time, and look back wondering where a summer, a year, or a decade went. The problem is, you don’t stumble into great things, or even worthy things. They have to be sought out with intentionality.”  
 “..People don’t just stumble into [a vibrant spiritual life]. We either actively seek it because we sense that something is missing in our lives, or we are led to it by another person, who recognizes how incredibly our lives would change if we took our spiritual development seriously.”



**Women’s Group Meeting**

The women’s group will be meeting on Wednesday February 28, at The Crest on Parsons at 6:00 p.m. 621 Parsons Avenue, Columbus, 43206. Please contact Jan Kustron at [jan@photoj.com](mailto:jan@photoj.com) or 614-443-5271 to RSVP. Thank you!



**Black and Indian Collection – Results**

**\$264.00** was contributed last weekend for the Black and Indian collection. Thanks for supporting this cause.

**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](mailto:dbrattain42@gmail.com) through singing with the choir.

**Rice Bowls Available**

We urge every family to take a Rice Bowl for this Lenten Season and return it on Psalm Sunday. Thank You!

<b>THANKS!</b>	
<b>FEBRUARY 18, 2018</b>	
<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) <i>Black &amp; Indian = \$264.00</i>	Offertory .....\$ 2,776.50 Mail-In .....\$ 228.00 Repair Collection .....\$ 0.00 Mail-in Repair .....\$ 175.00 Less 6% Diocese Tax ....(\$ 190.17) <b>Net To Parish .....\$ 2,979.33</b>
9:00 a.m. = 100	
11:00 a.m. = 103	

# THE WORD

How far would you go to express your love for God? As far as Abraham, willing to offer his son? As far as God, who took on every human limitation, except sin, to become one with us? As far as Jesus, who offered himself to God for us? Baptism joined us to Christ and made us God's beloved daughters and sons. We've already died to sin to be alive for God. How will you live out that love?

Every Second Sunday of Lent offers an account of the Transfiguration as a foretaste of the Resurrection we celebrate at Easter. It is meant to motivate us to continue our Lenten journey so that we keep looking for God's rainbow present amid the storms and sin of daily life. To find that rainbow we must face death and name sin. By seeking and living God's will, we are transformed.

I live with diabetes. The discipline of counting carbs and doing exercise keeps me healthy. By dying to having whatever I want, whenever I want it, my health is transformed. People in recovery live one day at a time. They die to the substances that they abused. The discipline of attending meetings and living honestly transforms them. Obedience to a new life discipline can offer freedom. Abraham and Jesus chose obedience to God, and by offering themselves totally, found freedom in God's presence and transforming love. The same freedom is offered to us. When we live for the God who is always for us, nothing can be against us. How far will you go to express your love for God? Will you die to self and take on the discipline of Lent? Listen for God's voice. Look for God's Lenten rainbow. Be transformed, one day at a time.

- *How are you asked to die to self and give everything to God this Lent?*
- *How has obedience to a discipline freed you to be transformed?*

“Living the Word”

## Mount Carmel Hospice Invites You to Hospice Volunteering 101

If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer whether at the bedside or behind the scenes, join us for a special panel discussion. A group of Mount Carmel Hospice volunteers will discuss their roles and contributions then answer your questions. The session can help you find the best way to serve your community at end-of-life. Please join us on March 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. or on March 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care Center. Register by calling 234-LIFE (5433).

## Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, March 4, 2018: Donut Sunday after 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School Building.**

## Lenten Opportunities

Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.: Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross. Mass at 6:15 p.m.

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 & Holy Communion

Holy Saturday: 8:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

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



**\*Fast = One main meal, 2 lesser meals, no food between meals for 18-59 years. Abstinence = no meat for over 14 years old.**

## 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.

## Sunday School Volunteers Needed

Adult volunteers are needed to staff the Children's Religious Education program which meets from 10:00 10:45 a.m. on the 2nd and 3rd floors of Holy Cross Church most Sunday mornings during the school year. Volunteers must be fingerprinted and attend a three hour session on Protecting Our Children. It is not necessary for the volunteer to be an expert in theology, but a willingness to share your faith with children and allow them to experience Jesus in their own lives is priceless. For more information, please contact Debi Matthews, phone 614-861-1746 or email [matthews9244@sbcglobal.net](mailto:matthews9244@sbcglobal.net).

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