

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, February 4 ♦ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 11:00 a.m. Elsie Haninger (Warren & Carolyn Roberts)
 – Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mt 1:29-39

Monday, February 5 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, February 6 ♦ St. Paul Miki & Companions

6:15 p.m. Special Intention (Gerald & Velasquez)
 – 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 7 ♦ Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Casuccio Family (Ben Casuccio)
 – 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 8 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Hubert Froesch
 – 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 9 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)
 – 1 Kgs 11:29-32; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10 ♦ St. Scholastica

11:30 a.m. Patricia Jones (F. O. of Eagles 3261 Auxiliary)
 – 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 11 ♦ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Arthur Duncan (Tom & Kim Duincan)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 – Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mt 1:40-45

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound 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.

St. Lawrence Haven – Today!

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

**THANKS!
 JANUARY 28, 2018**

Designated Collections
 (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

Mass Attendance
 9:00 a.m. = 101
 11:00 a.m. = 102

Offertory.....	\$ 2,284.51
Mail-in.....	\$ 286.00
Repair Collection	\$ 0.00
Mail-in Repair	\$ 40.00
Less 6% Diocese Tax	(\$ 156.63)
Net To Parish	\$ 2,453.88

Did You Get A Postcard?

Are you here at Holy Cross because you received one of our invitational postcards in the mail? Please let us know! Feel free to leave your name and contact information on our parish answering machine at (614) 224-3416, or email to secmaryanne@columbus.rr.com. We would like to know what you think about Holy Cross Church and its people.

WOMEN'S GROUP

~ Invitation to all Women of Holy Cross ~

The Women’s Group will be meeting next on Wednesday, February 21, at The Crest on Parsons at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Jan Kustron to RSVP: jan@photoj.com or 614-443-5271. Thank you!



Repair Fund Collection – Today!

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

Catholic Times

Next week is our parish collection for the *Catholic Times* weekly newspaper. This donation helps our parish to provide the *Catholic Times* to you and many of our parishioners.

For a minimum donation of ONLY \$17.00 per yer (parish rate), readers receive a Catholic perspective on the world around us: local, national, worldwide, and Vatican news, diocesan, parish, and school stories and events are delivered right to your home. Come enjoy “ A journal of Catholic life in Ohio.” Envelopes for this collection are included in your January/February collection packet.



2017 Contributions

You can call the office at 614-224-3416, email Mike at admmike@columbus.rr.com or drop a note in the collection basket and request a copy of your contribution record to Holy Cross Church and Bishop’s Annual Appeal for 2017. You can expect this report within a week.

THE WORD

Have you ever felt hopeless, like Job? Yet, Job continued turning to God, even when he felt he would not see happiness again. Jesus spent Himself healing and teaching people in today's Gospel. Yet, He turned to God, too. He took time to pray, and felt free not to feel forced into service when He heard, "Everyone is looking for you." Prayer strengthened Him to move on and continue His mission to preach and manifest God's presence in His works.

Job and Jesus found freedom in their relationship with God. Job did not give up on God, even though God seemed absent. Jesus remained faithful to His mission, even when people wanted Him to remain with them. Paul's relationship with God freed him to preach the Gospel by becoming all things to all people. Centered in his relationship with Jesus, Paul discovered how to live Jesus in every situation he encountered.

We need not rise early in the morning to pray, as Jesus did. Some of us are night people. But we do need to make time for prayer. Even a short amount of time goes a long way. There, we find that God is present in our midst. There, we can discover true freedom, as Job, Paul, and Jesus did. To pray is to speak to God and listen for God's voice in order to breathe as one with God, according to St. Francis de Sales. So, take a deep breath. There is God. Exhale. Release anxiety, hopelessness, or a feeling of pressure. Repeat. Breathe deeply and be centered in the One who is the source of our freedom, who gives us hope, and empowers us to respond to every situation we meet in our lives.

- *Where do you find true freedom?*
- How do you pray to experience that God is with 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 utilize the envelopes in church or contact Mike Agriesti by regular mail, 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) **Sunday, February 4, 2018 – Donut Sunday after 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School Building**
- 2) **Wednesday, February 14, 2018 – Ash Wednesday Mass at 11:30 a.m.**

The 2018 Men's Conference Features

Become Fishers of Men with this year's Catholic Men's Conference and welcome three internationally-renowned speakers to Cardinal Hall at the Ohio Expo Center!

Saturday, February 24, 2018, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. with Adoration beginning at 6:00 a.m. Registration is still available online at www.CatholicMensMinistry.com.

Bethesda Healing Ministry

We know that after an abortion, mothers and fathers often feel isolated and alone. At Bethesda, we recognize that abortion wounds the body, soul, and spirit. You are not alone. Healing can begin with acknowledging the hurt, coming for support, and prayer. Is God calling you to take this journey with Him? Regular support group meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Please join us, Bethesda Healing Ministry, for support and assistance from those who know and have been there. We await your call. Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential phone lines: 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651 or visit our website at bethesdahealing.org.

Holy Cross Policy for Parental Observation

Holy Cross supports the Diocesan Safe Environment Program. It is the goal of Holy Cross Church to make our physical environment a place of safety: A place of prayer, ministry and comfort. Everyone who enters our facilities must be confident in this. In order to assure the safety of our children and young people, Holy Cross has enacted the following standard practice on Parental Observation:

1. Parents are encouraged to observe their children attending Sunday Morning Faith Formation Classes.
2. Parents are encouraged to attend the various liturgies when their children function as altar servers.