

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, January 7 ♦ The Epiphany of the Lord
 9:00 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry (Thomas L. Henry)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 – Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 8 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, January 9 ♦ Weekday
 6:15 p.m. Elsie Haninger (Warren & Carolyn Roberts)
 – 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10 ♦ Weekday
 11:30 a.m. George Paesano (Joann Paesano)
 – 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11 ♦ Weekday
 11:30 a.m. Polisenio Family (Ben Casuccio)
 – 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12 ♦ Weekday
 11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Cullinan Family
 – 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22; Mk 2:1-12 (Jeanne C. Brown)

Saturday, January 13 ♦ Weekday
 11:30 a.m. Intention of Presider (Robert C. Carter)
 – 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14 ♦ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 11:00 a.m. Mary Syx
 – 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

+ 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, Ted Igel, Louise Knapp, Julie Litsinberger, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Andy Piaskowy, Marilyn Scott.

St. Lawrence Haven – January 14, 2018

Attention all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. Sunday, January 14, 2018, is your next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is following the 9:00 a.m Mass at the Holy Cross School.

A Message – JOIN Staff and Volunteers

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Faith, The JOIN office would like to thank all of you for the support, prayers and love you have freely given to us over the past 50 years. As we celebrate this Jubilee year, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to all of you for allowing us to serve hundreds of thousands of people. Fifty years ago, we served a few families a week. Today, we have had times that we served over 100 families in one day. Of all the different services we provide, the most important gift you have given us to share is God’s love and our Faith throughout our community. Thank you for helping us touch more lives than any of us can ever truly know. **God bless you all!**



**Additional Loved Ones Remembered
 By Poinsettias Donations
 (as of December 26, 2017)**

<u>In memory of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Domenic and Ginny Conte	Don Manley
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Darlene Manley	Don Manley
James and Patricia Manley	Don Manley

Christmas Collection Results

Attendance : Christmas Eve = 556
 Christmas Day = 96
 Diocesan Charities Collection = \$ 301.00

Offertory	\$ 8,354.70
Mail-In	\$ 845.00
Mail -In Repair	\$ 20.00
less 6% Diocese tax	\$ (553.18)
Net To Parish	\$ 8,666.52



**Repair Fund Collection
 January 14th**

A second collection will be taken up on Sunday, January 14, 2018 ,for the repairs on the church and Rectory . We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

THANKS!	
DECEMBER 31, 2017	
Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory..... \$3,027.00 Mail-in..... \$ 535.00 Repair Collection \$ 0.00 Mail-in Repair \$ 50.00 Less 6% Diocese Tax (\$ 216.72) Net To Parish \$3,395.28
Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 89 11:00 a.m. = 91	

THE WORD

Why do you seek information in general, or seek a sign or answer in prayer? To confirm what you already believe? For self-protection? To learn and live in new ways? The contrast between why Herod sought to know where the Christ was to be born and why the magi sought that information is noteworthy. Herod was “greatly troubled.” Another king was competition. The magi wanted to reverence the newborn king. Herod wanted to protect himself by destroying a perceived threat. The magi were open to newness: in the heavens, on earth, and within themselves. They even returned home “by another way.”

Celebrating the Epiphany stretches us to include people, ways of thinking, and ways of being beyond our current beliefs or perceptions. That is the way of a God whose light shines on all peoples coming from all lands. Israelite hearts will be stretched. Paul makes clear “that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (Ephesians 3:6). These words challenged and stretched the hearts of Jewish Christians. The light of Christ challenges us to more inclusive ways of thinking and being.

Celebrating the Epiphany invites us to expand our understanding of the Other (God), of other people, and of ourselves, beyond the boundaries that narrowness tries to limit. St. Jane de Chantal taught that if we understand that the light of God dwells in all of us, we show honor and mutual respect to all people, in word, deed, and attitude. The words we sing in our responsorial psalm call us to learn to live in new ways: “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”

- *Why do I pray? Am I open to being stretched by the light of Christ?*
 - *To whom or what do I have difficulty showing honor and mutual respect? Where is it hard to see the light of Christ?*
- “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) **Sunday, February 4, 2018 Donut Sunday after 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School Building**

COFFEE AND DONUTS – TODAY!

Parish Council invites you the Holy Cross School building following the 9:00 a.m. Mass for coffee and donuts and fellowship.

Respect Life Mass – January 22

Day of Prayer for The Legal Protection of Unborn Children: The annual Respect Life Mass will be Monday, January 22, 2017, 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Campbell will be the celebrant. On this day of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, our diocese will join with all dioceses in the U.S. in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are invited. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/prolife or contact Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

Fr. Brian Davies to Present at ODU’s

St. Thomas Aquinas Convocation on January 25
Ohio Dominican University’s Center for Dominican Studies and Office of Academic Affairs will host its annual St. Thomas Aquinas Convocation at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018. The convocation will take place in the Matesich Theatre, located inside Erskine Hall on ODU’s campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. The lecture is free and open to the public. The keynote speaker, Fr. Brian Davies, O.P., Ph.D., will present “St. Thomas Aquinas on God and Evil.”

Bethesda Healing Ministry

Are there times of the year when sounds, images, and memories from a past abortion do not seem to go away? Please call Bethesda Healing Ministry to speak to someone who has been there and can help. Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines are 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at bethesdahealing.org.

Annual Dinner: April 26, 2018, St. Agatha Catholic Church, 1860 Northam Road, Upper Arlington
Mass and Dinner: 5:30-8:30 p.m. – “Rich in Mercy”, Speaker: Bishop Wall, Gallup, N.M.

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