

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, March 11 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Viens Family
(Ruth & Wendell McNew)

11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
- 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Monday, March 12 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, March 13 ♦ Lenten Weekday

5:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Rosary
6:15 p.m. William Petrakis (Al Roehrenbeck)
- Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 14 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. George Paesano (Joann Paesano)
- Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 15 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. George Tannehill (Timothy Tannehill)
- Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 16 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory (Michael Kozlowski)
Stations of the Cross and Benediction
- Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 17 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Alma & William McCarthy, Sr.
(William & Debra Ann McCarthy)
- Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 18 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Fred Miller (Mickey & Jerry Boyd)
11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
- Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

+ 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, Baby Dylan Thomas Stock.

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.



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-size 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 5

“When we become convinced of ‘I can do that!’ our lives begin to flood with hope... and hope is a beautiful thing. ...we have something of immeasurable value to offer to the world. When a people becomes full of hope, incredible things begin to happen.”

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – Today!

The annual CRS Collection will be held today. The scope and reach of the Catholic Relief Services Collection is extraordinary. This collection funds the critical work of the Church in caring for the urgent needs of our brothers and sisters around the world who are victims of war, persecution, disasters, and poverty.



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.



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) through singing with the choir.

JUST A REMINDER

The church office is staffed on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS ONLY** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Fr. Dwayne is not available on **MONDAYS**, which is his sole day off for each week.

THANKS!	
MARCH 4, 2018	
Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....\$ 2,556.35 Mail-In\$ 150.00 Repair Collection\$ 0.00 Mail-in Repair\$ 0.00 Less 6% Diocese Tax(\$ 162.38) Net To Parish\$ 2,543.97
Mass Attendance	
9:00 a.m. = 101	
11:00 a.m. = 86	

THE WORD

Instead of signs with “John 3:16,” I wish people held signs with “John 3:17”: “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” That’s the deeper message today. After multiple infidelities, King Cyrus announces God’s saving love: “Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!” (2 Chronicles 36:23). Ephesians proclaims God’s lavish mercy that brought us to life “even when we were dead in our transgressions” (Ephesians 2:5). God loves us. Why do we fear bringing our darkness to light so that God’s love can transform us?

I believe many have a poor image of God. Too many people picture God as a judge ready to condemn us if we are not the best little boys or girls in the world. Jesus paints another picture. God is rich in mercy. God reaches out to us over and over again, even after we choose darkness rather than light. We try to hide. But God seeks us out when we hide. God wants to raise us up when we fall down. Being raised up requires admitting I’ve fallen down. Seeing the light requires naming my darkness. Becoming whole requires naming my brokenness. In other words, I need to name my whole truth, for “Whoever lives the truth comes to the light” (John 3:21a). God meets us where we are, so invite God into your life as it is, whether in light or darkness. God hasn’t stopped reaching out. Remember, “God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” Make that your operative image of God.

- *What is your operative image of God?*
- *How has your experience of God’s lavish mercy made you whole?*

“Living the Word”

Ohio Dominican to Host Catholic High School Visit Day on April 18 and May 3

All Columbus Diocesan high school students are invited to attend Ohio Dominican University’s Catholic Visit Day on April 18 or May 3, from 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on ODU’s campus at 1215 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Students will have an opportunity to participate in numerous activities, including classroom discussions, campus tours, Mass, and a group service project competition. Attendees can register at ohiodominican.edu/VisitDay.

****See Insert For Responding To the Drug Addiction Epidemic****

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Tuesday, March 27, No Mass due to Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral.**
- 2) **Tuesday and Wednesday, April 3 and 4 – No Mass since Fr. Dwayne will be on Retreat.**
- 3) **Sunday, May 6, 2018: Donut Sunday after 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Parish Hall.**

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 Devotion 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. and 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.**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



We are trying to find a cleaning company for the church. Do you or anyone you know have a licensed, bonded, and insured cleaning business that would like to be considered for hire? Contact Fr. Dwayne as soon as possible.

Since we don’t have a cleaning company at this time, Fr. Dwayne would really appreciate any good spirits and souls to come to help clean the church on **Saturday, March 24th, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** This is the Saturday before Palm Sunday and Holy Week, and a perfect opportunity to prepare our servant hearts for the Lord’s Resurrection!



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