

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, January 25 ♦ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

11:00 a.m. Patty Groom (J.O.I.N.)

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Monday, January 26 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, January 27 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Hilda Barrett

(The Lawrence Keck Family)

Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 28 ♦ St. Thomas Aquinas

11:30 a.m. Gary M. Fox

(Michael & Carol McConehay)

Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 29 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Joseph & Helen Boldizar

(John & Rosali Jahn)

Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 30 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Della & John McDevitt

(Harold & Julie Tucker)

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 31 ♦ St. John Bosco

11:30 a.m. Pardi & Shough Families (Sr. Pat)

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, February 1 ♦ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

11:00 a.m. Mary Fleming (Ida Rappich)

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Mass Scheduling Policy: In order to accommodate as many requests for specific dates as possible, we cannot schedule more than five at one time. Requests without a specific date are scheduled as openings permit. Please include the suggested offering of \$10.00 (for each Mass) when the request is made. Thank You!

+ Please remember in your prayers our home-bound parishioners and those who are ill: Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Elsie Haninger, Theresa Hyle, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Edith Kowalsky, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Rita Neff, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Sheila Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

| THANKS! | |
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| January 18, 2009 Offerings | |
| Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) Prop. of Faith = \$402.00 | Offering \$1,225.00 Votives 27.00 Novena/1st Friday 0.00 Repair 65.00 Less Tax (65.85) Net to Parish \$1,251.15 |
| Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 76 11:00 a.m. = 66 | |

Thank You and Farewell

Our sincere thanks to Jen and John Drew who have done such a great job coordinating our Christmas and Easter gift projects for the last few years. John had also been a faithful lector. John and Jen with little son, Carson, will be leaving us in February for Phoenix, AZ. At least for a few months with the future to be determined. We ask God's blessing on your new venture and assure you are always welcome back home at Holy Cross.

Dear Parishioners at Holy Cross

Thank you for your generosity and kindness with all of the toys, clothing, diapers and monetary gifts, absolutely wonderful!

Thank you in serving women and children and building the culture of life. A very happy New Year to all of you, with many blessings.

Monica Mack, Director, Women's Care Center

Propagation of Faith Results

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Propagation of Faith collection last week. \$402.00 was contributed.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

If you have not yet received your February/March schedule, please contact Sr. Pat.

2008 Contributions

You can contact the office at 224-3416 and request a copy of your contribution record at Holy Cross Church and Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2008 (2nd Year of Holy Cross' Campaign Drive).

World Marriage Day

The Marriage and Family Life Office and Marriage Ministries Leadership Council call your attention to World Marriage Day, February 8, 2009. Plan to celebrate this special day at St. Elizabeth Pastors' Hall from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Dr. Kevin Anderson, author of the *7 Spiritual Practices of Marriages* will share insights on "the Surprising #1 Secret to Your Best Marriage." Light refreshments will follow. Contact the Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 of FLOmailbox@colsdioec.org to register or for additional information.

WELCOME

If you are not yet registered in our parish, please drop this form in the collection basket:

Yes, I would like to register in Holy Cross Parish.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

THE WORD

Paul was religious, charismatic, dedicated, and zealous, even before his conversion. This feast reminds us that breeding is not enough. Paul was born a Jew in a little town in Asia Minor, Tarsus, but he was raised in the center of the Jewish world, Jerusalem. Education was not enough, nor was a wise mentor; Paul was taught by Gamaliel, a dedicated scholar who educated him strictly in Jewish ancestral law. Zeal was not sufficient, either; Paul's zeal led him to persecute Christians, to the point of going to Damascus to bring them back in chains to be punished. He was a man on fire with zeal.

But, he was going in the wrong direction. On his way, a light surrounded him that ended up blinding him. But in that light, Paul heard this voice: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" When he inquired who "me" was, he was told: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:4-5).

"Faith comes through hearing," he was to write later on in his masterpiece, the Letter to the Romans. Faith in Jesus began with that message he heard on the road to Damascus and then he saw truly, even though he was blinded for a short time. When his sight came back, he didn't forget the message he had heard: "Persecute my church, persecute me." The belief in the Church as the body of Christ goes back to this event. It is the mystery we continue to live today.

Paul's life changed when he heard the voice of Jesus. It gave him a different way of seeing. And he ran with it for the rest of his life.

From "Living the Word"

| † 25 January 2009 † | |
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| The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle | |
| ❖ Hymns are not announced ❖ The first reading and Gospel are not found in the Missalette. 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Sarita Zaffini, organist | |
| Entrance Hymn | <i>Faith of Our Fathers</i> (Hymnal #805) |
| Responsorial Psalm | <i>Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord</i> (Missalette, p. 72, #45) |
| Gospel Acclamation | (Missalette, p. 73, #46) |
| Offertory Hymn | <i>By All Your Saints Still Striving</i> (Hymnal #954) |
| Communion Hymn | <i>Gift of Finest Wheat</i> (Hymnal #629) |
| Closing Hymn | <i>Holy God, We Praise Thy Name</i> (Hymnal #761) |

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, January 25, 2009 – Parish Town Meeting, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
- 2) **Sunday, February 8, 2009 – Meeting for all Readers at 10:00 a.m., in Rectory**
- 3) **Sunday, February 15, 2009 – Meeting for All Eucharistic Ministers at 10:00 a.m., in the Rectory**
- 4) **Sunday, February 22, 2009 – Burning of Palms and Pancake Breakfast after each Mass.**
- 5) **Wednesday, February 25, 2009 – Ash Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. Mass.**

Update and Follow-up on Self-Study

You are invited and encouraged to come to our Town Hall Meeting today, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., in the Cum Christo Center. There will be an update on the recommendations formulated by the Deanery representatives and forwarded to the Diocese. Secondly, of vital importance is the beginning work on the recommendations unique to our parish, which surfaced at our Self-Study Meeting in June, such as: Parish Council, Liturgy Committee, Communications Outreach/Service and Stewardship.

Please plan to attend, bringing your interest, ideas, and commitment to our parish. We are hoping for the same or better attendance as we enjoyed at the June meeting. We will again share pizza following the meeting.

Cum Christo Weekends

Renew your commitment to Christ by making a Cum Christo weekend. The Cum Christo ministry brings Christians together in an ecumenical environment. Applications are now being accepted for upcoming 2009 weekends:

Men's: March 12-15 and September 12-20

Women's: April 23-26 and October 15-18

For more information, contact Peter Garrett at 614-224-6810 or visit the web site at www.cumchristo.org.

St. Joseph Cathedral Events

Sunday, February 22nd – Philip Brisson, Director of Music at the Cathedral of Assumption in Louisville, Kentucky, is the first to be invited to St. Joseph Cathedral for what will become an annual recital by a distinguished American cathedral musician. **Reservations are not required. A \$10.00 suggested donation will be collected at the door.**

What Happened at Vatican II

The most recent book by theologian Rev. John O'Malley, S.J., is being heralded as the most important and detailed synthesis of the Second Vatican Council ever written. Rev. O'Malley will speak at the Pontifical College Josephinum on Sunday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. Call 614-985-2497 or visit www.pcj.edu for information.