

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Sunday, March 1 ♦ First Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Mary La Scala (Mary Montell)

11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**Monday, March 2 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, March 3 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Helen Boldizar (John & Rosalie Jahn)

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday, March 4 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Gary M. Fox (Mary Lane Mills)

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday, March 5 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Patty Groom (Patrick & Mary Allen)

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday, March 6 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. David Westenberger (Jo Anne Green)

12:00 p.m. Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother

7:30 p.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil

(Intention of Presider)

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday, March 7 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

7:30 a.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil closes

with Benediction

11:30 a.m. Intentions of Elsie Haninger

(Glenn Haninger)

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday, March 8 ♦ Second Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

11:00 a.m. Mary Fleming

(Tom & Leslie Fleming & Family)

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**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 homebound 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, Amanda Pilkington, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Sheila Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

THANKS!	
February 22, 2009 Offerings	
Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offering.....\$1,751.00
	Votives.....21.00
	Novena/1st Friday .....0.00
Mass Attendance	Repair.....140.00
9:00 a.m. = 97	Less 5% Diocesan Tax...(95.63)
11:00 a.m. = 78	Net to Parish .....\$1,816.87

**Thank You!!**

Our "Mardi Gras" Breakfast last Sunday was a grand success.

Special thanks to Claire Miller, Ann Reinhardt, Betty Morbitzer, John Santurello and his niece Mary Lou for their all day service, and to the many others who helped to set up, serve and clean up. A friendly spirit helped us all enjoy the delicious food and friendly conversation.

**Choir Practice at Holy Cross**

Holy Cross Choir is now practicing for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. **New choir members are welcome!** The first rehearsal will be held on Sunday, March 1st, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

**Spiritual Stimulus Plan Today 2:00 p.m.**

Many people are talking about the stimulus plan and all the money that will be spent. Will it work? Is it too much? How about a spiritual stimulus plan? Today at **2:00 p.m. in Cum Christo Center**, and March 8th at 10:00 a.m., come and hear Sister Carolyn Thomas, SCN, Ph.D. present St. Paul's spiritual stimulus plan based on his letter to the Romans, a plan that promises eternal results if you invest.

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**LENT**

**Lenten Opportunities at Holy Cross**

*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).

*Deanery Reconciliation Service:* March 8th at 4:00 p.m., at Holy Rosary/St. John, 648 S. Ohio Avenue.

*Holy Thursday:* Mass of the Lord's Supper, 5:30 p.m.

*Good Friday:* Day of fast and abstinence.  
1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
2:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Holy Communion

*Holy Saturday:* 8:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

**\*Fast = One main meal, two lesser meals, no food between meals for 21-59 years. Abstinence = no meat for over 14 years old.**

**THE WORD**

We begin Lent with the conclusion to the story of the flood in Genesis. The flood was sent because "the Lord saw how great was man's wickedness on earth, and how no desire that his heart conceived was ever anything but evil, [and] he regretted that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was grieved" (Genesis 6:5-6).

We might not think of God as having a heart that experiences different emotions. But the authors of Scripture were not so hesitant. God not only grieves and even repents, God forgives, searches out, and seeks. Most of all, God loves. Indeed, God is love. In Noah's story, we see the heart of God change from grieving at human sinfulness to entering once again into a new covenant with humankind through Noah and his family.

Jesus was the man of God's heart, the one who revealed both the heart of God and what the human heart could be. Today we hear that the Spirit drove Jesus into the desert, where he remained for forty days and was tempted by Satan. But the heart of Jesus did not turn from the Father who had called him "beloved son." And so he went from the desert proclaiming God's presence among us – *now* – so that we would turn to God and believe in this good news.

– from "Living the Word"

✠ 1 March 2009 ✠

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

❖ Hymns are not announced ❖

**The first reading begins on page 87.**

**9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Sarita Zaffini, organist**

<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	<i>These Forty Days of Lent</i> (#527)
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<i>Your ways, O Lord are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.</i> (#57, page 88)
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<i>Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!</i> (#58, page 89)
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<i>From Ashes to the Living Font</i> (#522)
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<i>I Received the Living God</i> (#657)
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>Again We Keep This Solemn Fast</i> (#519)

**Special Parish Dates**

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

- 1) **Sunday, March 1, 2009 – Rite of Sending at 9:00 a.m. Mass for R.C.I.A. candidates.**
- 2) **Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – St. Patrick Feast Day – Bishop Campbell celebrating Mass at 9:30 a.m. No 11:30 a.m. Mass.**

**Ash Wednesday  
Collections Results**

\$698.64 was contributed on Ash Wednesday for the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs (J.O.I.N.). Thanks for supporting this cause. Mass attendance was 165.

**R.C.I.A.**

Today at the 9:00 a.m. Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Sending for our catechumen and candidate. At this time, we as a parish will send them to the Bishop for the Rite of Election to take place at St. Edward in Granville at 6:30 p.m. All the candidates/catechumens of the diocese will officially be welcomed by the Bishop to enter the final phase of purification and intensive preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

**Black and Indian Collection Today**

This Sunday, the Annual National Collection for the Black and Indian evangelization will be taken at Mass. It is an important National Collection, vital to the Church today, as it is used to support current and new evangelization programs. Your support will help the many programs begun in the parishes and schools to continue. Our own R.C.I.A. is funded by this collection.

**Answering the Call**

New parishioner, Carrie Turley, has volunteered to assist Claire Miller as a wedding hostess to guide couples through their wedding day at Holy Cross. Fr. Jerry has 13 weddings planned so far in 2009. Thanks, Carrie!

**5th Annual Forum on  
Older Adult Issues**

Northwest Counseling Services, a nonprofit organization, is offering a **free seminar** on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at First Community Church located at 3777 Dublin Road. The main speaker is Dr. Judson S. Millhon, Jr., M.D. who is a well-known local cardiologist. He will cover *Taking Care of Your Heart, Making Heart-Healthy Lifestyle Choices*, and *Cardiac Health & Cardiovascular Care*. This program starts with a continental breakfast between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Dr. Millhon will present at 10:30 a.m. followed by Community Resource Update. A box lunch will be provided at 12:15 p.m. **Please register by March 13th by calling 457-7876, ext. 432.**