

MARCH 1, 2015 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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SUNDAY MASSES 9:00 & 11:00 am
WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

"Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.

INTRODUCTION

My friends: Does God test our faith? This has long been a disputed question. Whatever our views, today's readings speak to us about faith and trust in God. In two of these readings, God speaks directly, issuing commands — one to Abraham, the other to Peter, James and John on the mountain. All of them are challenged to listen and to act. Their responses come from a deeply rooted trust in God. God often challenges us in difficult ways. These models of faith show us how to listen and respond.

Scripture readings:

Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10, 13, 15-18 God put Abraham to the test.

Psalm 116 I will walk in the land of the living.

Rom 8:31b-34 If God is for us, who can be against us?

Mark 9:2-10 Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 AM – Adele Merson

11:00 AM – Jasmine Cabrejos

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. We thank all those who participate and who run this wonderful project.

Gift cards are available for *STOP & SHOP, A&P, PATHMARK, FOODTOWN, SHOPRITE and FAIRWAY*. Please encourage other members of the parish and friends to join in this wonderful project. If you have any questions contact Lucy Daum (973) 694-9457, or Merry Sleece 973-731-3611. The easiest way to support our

Building Fund is by purchasing weekly shopping gift cards. The Building Fund is needed to finance any future repairs and maintenance of our facility.

I remember you in my prayers each day.

Please keep me and my family in your daily prayers. *Fr. Joseph*

The following members of our parish community are in need of our prayers, cards and other signs of Christian support: Irene Novak, Mary Margo, Jean Tierney, Sophie Barnes, Jean Zajac,; Wanda Gec, Gene Kapchonick; Liz Wozney 3136 Oceanic Drive, Toms River, NJ 08753; Bp. Bernard Nowicki; Roy Zebrowski. Our friends: Jo Ann Murphy, Stanley Mikolajczyk, Vincenzo Gravino, Patricia Jarmakowicz, Zachary Decker, Declan, Urbano, Maryann Nuzzo, Ryley Gorski We pray also for all those who asked us to pray and for those whom we promised to pray: Hail Mary, Glory...

HOSPITAL VISIT. "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord..." (James 5:14). If you or a member of your family are ill and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home or at the hospital, please notify the rectory.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes are expressed to the following parishioners who celebrate birthday in March.

Brendan S. Novak; Jacqueline Coss; Kayla Mullin; Zackary Mullin; Meghan Lazor; Lenny Hrinuk; Michael Muccilli; Matthew Montero; Christopher Paulison; Pamela Caceres; Vincent Poggi; Kiley Bartolozzi; Dana Jakob; Edward Obsuth; Stivet Salcedo Sr.; Stephen Bradbury Sr.; Bryan Bucci

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage.

Francesco Racanati and Krista Campbell – 4th Anniversary – April 2

Wilian and Maria Matute – 14th Anniversary – April 4

Richard Daum and Lucy Piontkowski – 57th Anniversary – April 6

Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox – 4th Anniversary – April 15

Edward and Beverly Obsuth – 24th Anniversary – April 21

[Holy Cross Church Face Book – link](#)

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We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.



9:00 AM – Holy Mass – For All Parishioners

10:00 AM – COFFEE AND CAKE FELLOWSHIP

10:10 AM – ADORATION SOCIETY MEETING

10:10 AM – SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CLASSES

11:00 am – Holy Mass – +Andrzej Cyman; Offered by Fr. Joseph and

Tuesday March 3, 2015 – St. Cunegunda, Widow

7:30 am – Holy Mass for peace in the world

Wednesday March 4, 2015 – St. Casimir King, Confessor

7:30 am – Holy Mass

7:15 pm – Bible Study (in Lent) – Welcome!

Thursday March 5, 2015 – St. Eusebius, Confessor

7:15 pm - With intention for the sick and homebound (Healing Mass)

Friday, March 6, 2015 – St. Perpetua, Felicity & Companions, Martyrs

7:15 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS – LENTEN LITURGY



SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well. John 2:24-25



9:00 AM – Holy Mass – Suzanne and Frank Costelo, Andrew and Lucy Sleece; Offered by Bob and Merry Sleece (All Souls)

10:00 AM – COFFEE AND CAKE FELLOWSHIP

10:10 AM – SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CLASSES

11:00 am – Holy Mass – +Marie and Neil Stefanelli, Mark Lorfano; Offered by Lynn Imperiale (All Souls)

After Mass - First Holy Communion Class
SANCTUARY CANDLE:

Adoration Society is sponsoring sanctuary candles that are lit for a week in memory/honor of your special intentions for \$10. Please sign up on the list in the **vestibule of the church**, use special envelopes and make your check out to Adoration Society. Thank you for your donations.



Week of Feb. 22, 2015 – Melissa and August Centrella

Week of March 1, 2015 – Beverly Vickerilla

Week of March 8, 2015 – available

Week of March 15, 2015 – available

Week of March 22, 2015 – available

THANK YOU – Renata Cyman and Claire Centrella for cleaning storage room in the parish hall.

ST. PATRICK’S DINNER & FATHER & CHILD’S BAKE CONTEST



(WITH PARENTS HELP) SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2015 AFTER 11:00. MASS. MENU: CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE, IRISH RED POTATOES, BAKED CHICKEN - VARIETY OF VEGETABLES, ASSORTED BREADS / IRISH SODA BREAD, IRISH COFFEE /TEA, HOMEMADE DESSERTS. FOR THAT DINNER WE NEED 3 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP DEACON DAVID ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015 BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. AND 3-4 PEOPLE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015 AFTER 9:00 A.M. MASS. WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS

– ESPECIALLY THE YOUTH - TO SERVE THE DINNER. TAKE OUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE. ORDER TAKE OUTS WHEN PURCHASING TICKETS. TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES. Adults \$15 - Children and youth free of charge. THE CHILDREN WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE BAKE CONTEST WITH PARENTS ARE ASKED TO SIGN UP ON THE SIGN UP LIST IN THE PARISH HALL. Please purchase tickets by Sunday March 8, 2015. You may send donations by mail. If you have any questions call 973-256-4888 or e-mail holycrosspncc1@gmail.com



NOTE FROM PASTOR: LENT - SPIRITUAL RENEWAL – BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study classes during Lent are held Wednesdays at 7:15 pm. The classes will include Scripture readings, discussions and occasionally film reviews. This is a wonderful way to renew your spiritual life during Lent. Fr. Joseph



PRAYER NOTES – new prayer notes for children, teens and adults to help take care / give care and overcome some difficult situations are available in the vestibule of the church. They are sponsored by St. Nicholas Ministry.

ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PARISH – The new print of Holy Cross Church pamphlet is available in the vestibule of the church. Please use it as the tool to advertise our parish in your neighborhood welcoming especially those who are not affiliated with any church.

PARISH CHOIR –Volunteers who wish to share their vocal or musical talents and would like to join our choir, please contact our Organist, Neil Estanislao - tel. 201-966-9026.



Thank you.

Make a joyful shout to God all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious - Psalm 66:1,2

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:



The preparation for first Holy Communion is held on Sundays, after the 11 AM Mass in the parish hall. NEXT CLASSES will be held on Sunday March 8, 22, April 12, 26, May 10 –Mother’s Day, May 15 (Friday) – First Holy Communion rehearsal and Confessions at 7 pm, Sunday May 17, 2015 – First Holy Communion celebration at 11 am. Children who are enrolled at second grade and older are eligible to take classes. The Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ really present under the forms of bread and wine. In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ gives us Himself as a food for our souls. The bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of our Lord during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass when the priest says words of consecration which Jesus used during the Last Supper: This is My Body... This is My Blood. (Catechism)



HEALING MASS – The next Mass will be celebrated on **Thursdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26** at 7:15 p.m. You are invited to attend this special Mass if you have any health problems or you wish to present prayers for other people. The Lord always listens to our prayer and has the power of healing.

LASTING GIFTS - “Lasting Gifts, a guide for gifts to the Holy Cross Church.” Copies of these pamphlets are in the vestibule of the church. Please consider yourself to participate in this project. Our parish celebrates 89 years of service. Let us consider the future of our parish as it continues blessings for its members and for the community. This pamphlet was prepared by the Stewardship Committee and approved by the Parish Committee.



Upcoming Events

- March 15, 2015 – St. Patrick’s Dinner and Father child’s baking contest
- March 22, 2015 – ANS Agape in Howell, NJ
- March 27, 2015 (Friday) – Fish and Chips Dinner
- April 5, 2015 – Easter Sunday
- April 12, 2015 – Easter Egg Hunt and Party
- May 3, 2015 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- May 10, 2015 – Mother’s Day Breakfast
- May 17, 2015 – First Holy Communion celebration at 11:00 am
- June 7, 2015 – Corpus Christi Procession at Holy Cross Church
- June 14, 2015 – Parish Picnic and SOCL Awards
- June 21, 2015 – Father’s Day Breakfast
- October 23, 2015 – Tricky Tray at Amalgamated Meat Cutters hall, 245 Paterson Ave., Little Falls NJ 07424



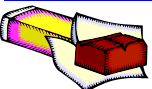
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HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Fees: For non-members of the parish: The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$110.00 for each hour of rental time. For members of the parish (paid membership). The rental hall fee for the use of facilities is \$55.00 fee for each hour of rental time. Call 973-256-4888.

ALMS BOX – Our parish traditionally uses the Alms Box in the vestibule of the church for the benefit of the poor. Please continue to support this great cause to help the less fortunate of our society. *“When you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right is doing – your alms giving must be secret, and your father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.” (Mat.6:3-4)*



Friday in Lent at 7:15 pm - Stations of the Cross (or Way of the Cross; in Latin, Via Crucis; also called the Via Dolorosa or Way of Sorrows, or simply, The Way) refers to a series of artistic representations, often sculptural, depicting Christ Carrying the Cross to His crucifixion. Most Catholic churches contain Stations of the Cross, typically placed at intervals along the side walls of the nave; in most churches, they are small plaques with reliefs or paintings. The tradition of moving around the Stations to commemorate the Passion of Christ began with St. Francis of Assisi and extended throughout the Catholic Church in the medieval period. It is also observed in other Christian Churches. It is most commonly done during Lent, especially on Good Friday, but it can be done on other days as well.

When God is in charge

When GOD solves our problems, we have faith in HIS abilities. When GOD doesn't solve our problems HE has faith in our abilities.

One may observe God's accuracy in the hatching of eggs.

-those of the canary in 14 days; -those of the barnyard hen in 21 days; -eggs of ducks and geese in 28 days; -those of the mallard in 35 days; the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days. (Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

See God's wisdom in the making of an elephant. . . .

The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body - too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily. The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.

Each orange has an even number of segments.

Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number. Amazing.

The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture, and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed.

The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with our lives. If we try to regulate our own lives, we will have only mess and failure. Only God, who made our brains and hearts, can successfully guide them to a profitable end. I Pray God Bless You In Ways You Never Even Dreamed. I didn't think twice about forwarding this one. When you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache; when you open it, he collapses. When he sees you reading it, he loses his strength, and when you stand on the Word of God. Satan can't hurt you!

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point.



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St. Patrick's Day Luncheon'

Sunday – March 15, 2015

12 P.M. (after 11:00 AM Mass)



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