5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 13, 2016

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SUNDAY MASSES

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES 8:30 am (check bulletin) / Thursday – 7:15 pm

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." Luke 15:21

Introduction



Lent is full of wonderful stories of mercy. Today we ponder Jesus' mercy toward the woman accused of adultery. His actions are not an invitation for her to continue in her sinful behavior, but a reminder of God's loving faithfulness. Those who judge her are confronted with their own need for forgiveness. And she who has been shown mercy is challenged to live out of the new thing God is doing on her behalf. Where mercy abounds, all kinds of new things can happen.

Today's Scriptures



Isa 43:16-21 The Lord is doing something new. Psalm 126 The Lord has done great things for us. Phil 3:8-14 Being one with Christ is worth everything. John 8:1-11 Parable of the woman caught in adultery

LECTORS SERVING TODAY



9:00 AM – George O'Brien 11:00 AM – Jason Cabrejos SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. WE RECEIVED \$1,000 from Shopping Certificates for a TOTAL of \$63,000! We thank Lucy Daum and Merry Sleece for organizing and running this project. 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. We thank all those who participate and who run this wonderful project. Gift cards are available for <u>STOP N SHOP</u>, FOODTOWN AND SHOP RITE. 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. WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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: Stella Skawinski, Mary Margo; Emila Bargiel, Jean Tierney; Sophie Barnes; Gene Kapchonick; Liz Wozney; Rose Gentile; Linda Brady, Ann Obssuth, Roy Zebrowski, Jo Ann Murphy, Nicky Minson, Stanley Mikolajczyk, Zachary Decker, Declan, Urbano, Helen Blum, Char O'Neill, Annie Lee, Danielle Geeza, Theresa Petrusky, Janice Krasulja, Jaclyn Monro . 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. HEALING MASS - The next Mass will be celebrated on Thursdays 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.

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

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

- Francesco Racanati / Krista Campbell 5th Anniversary April 2
- Wilian and Maria Matute 15th Anniversary April 4
- Richard Daum and Lucy Piontkowski 58th Anniversary April 6
- Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox 5th Anniversary April 15

Edward and Beverly Obssuth – 25th Anniversary – April 21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes are expressed to the following parishioners:



Arianna Ketter; Brendan S. Novak; Jacqueline Coss; Kayla Mullin; Zackary Mullin; Meghan Lazor; Lenny Hrinuk; Michael Muccilli; Matthew Montero; Christopher Paulison; Gianni Maher Hunter Rotsaert ; Viviana Galindo; Pamela Caceres; Vincent Poggi; Kiley Bartolozzi; Al Cuccinello; Dana Jakob; Edward Obssuth; Claudio Soto Sanita; Kaitlyn Gonzalez; Stivet Salcedo Sr.; Stephen Bradbury Sr.; Bryan Bucci. (If you would like to include the date of your birthday or the member of your family in the bulletin, please call the parish office at (973)-256-4888.

Holy Cross Church Face Book – link www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

Visiting our website Blog holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. 189 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP 2016

As of March 6, 2016 - 61 adult parishioners paid their membership in the year 2016. **EXPLANATION:** The parish needs to send to the diocese and General Church the following: \$12 to the Central Diocese, and \$100 to



the General Church (This amount was accepted at the General Synod in 2014); Total membership is \$112.00 per adult. The National membership dues were not increased for several years and this caused a large jump from \$55 to \$100 in 2015. Please contact Richard Daum at 973-694-9457 for further information. If you cannot afford to pay the church membership donation please contact Fr. Joseph 973-

2016 BULLETIN ADS - \$100 per year – THANK YOU

BUSINESS ADVERTISING – We thank businesses that gave donations for bulletin ads and thus helping us to defray the cost of bulletin printing. The donation for one year is \$100.00. If you wish to submit your ad, please contact church parish office at 973-256-4888 or send e-mail <u>holycrosspncc1@gmail.com</u>, thank you. **Parishioners and friends**, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.



9:00 am Holy Mass +Hubert Vickerilla; Offered by Bob & Merry Sleece 10:00 am – Coffee Time Fellowship 10:10 am – School of Christian Living Classes

11:00 am – Holy Mass +Sophie & Edward Budjinsky, Very Rev. Joseph Kobylarz; Offered by Junda Family

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 church vestibule, use special envelopes and make your check out to Adoration Society. You can send donation by mail. Thank you for your donations.



Week of March 6, 2016 - Stephen Morgan and Barbara Morgan - offered by Stephen and Karen

- Week of March 13, 2016 Melissa Centrella offered by Claire Centrella
- Week of March 20, 2016 August Centrella offered by Claire Centrella
- Week of March 27, 2016 Emanuele Triggiano offered by Claire Centrella

Week of April 3, 2016 – 95th Birthday Theresa Triggiano – offered by Claire Centrella

THANK YOU TO:



- George Fabricatore and Paul Murphy for fixing two pew kneelers in the church
- Deacon David Gaydos for preparing St. Patrick's Dinner along with Edward Obssuth and other volunteers.
 - Richard Daum, Claire Centrella and Lynn Imperiale for their help in the office

Lucy Daum and Merry Sleece for selling shopping certificates.

MAINTENACE AND REPARATIONS



Our parish committee hired contractor Butler Sign Company to replace the cross on the bell tower. It was rusted inside and a small part fell off recently caused by strong wind. The old cross was removed from the tower. We need to also replace the leaking roof on the bell tower and make necessary reparations on the tower such as Power-wash front tower, repair joints, caulk cracks, re-coat vertical "white" stucco above the stained glass window. We thank you for your continuous support for our Building Fund. The purchase

of the shopping certificates is one of the easy and effective ways of fundraising



ALTAR SERVERS

We would like to continue the process of bringing on more altar servers at our Masses. We thank those who served in the past weeks. <u>Please sign-up</u> on the sheet in the Parish Hall. Parents, please put your child's name in the Sunday that they can serve. You will be notified as a reminder prior to their Sunday Mass.



School of Christian Living Classes

Please join us by enrolling your child in this free of charge program. Level I - Pre-school – Kindergarten – 2nd grade – Nayef Kiame Level II – 3rd and 4th grades – Mrs. Claire Centrella Level III - 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades – Mrs. Donna Maher

NATIONAL YOUTH CONVOCATION - Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive – Manchester,

Date - 25 Jul 2016 until 29 Jul 2016. See enclosed attachment in email.



<u>GIFT SHOP OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES</u> WE THANK THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT.

There are new religious articles (donated) available in the parish hall for purchase at the much discounted price. They are perfect for weddings, baptisms, communions, confirmations, and other special days. **Come and Browse.**

HOLY CROSS PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - Do you crochet or knit? Then join us in this new ministry by helping make



shawls for home bound, persons in need of our prayers, people dealing with illnesses. We can make a difference by comforting them in their time of need by presenting them with a handmade shawl and special prayers for our blessed shawl. May God's grace be upon this shawl...Warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven....a sacred place of security and well being... May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace. And wrapped in love! Blessed Be!!! Great gift for the Caregiver as well! And if you know of anyone in need please contact Claire Centrella. We have patterns for your crocheting and/or knitting. We have given out 14



shawls to those in need. There is yarn available in the parish hall for those who would like to make a shawl. We thank all the ladies who made the shawls. We thank Daad Kasbo for her recent donation of prayer shawls.



<u>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES</u>: The preparation for first Holy Communion is on Sunday, **Mar. 13, April 3, 17, May 1, 2016.** May 13th will be rehearsal and Confession at 7:00pm. Parents meeting will be held on April 3, 2016 after 11:00am Mass.

The Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ who is 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) Celebration of First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 11:00am Mass.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES Upcoming classes: **March 20, April 10, 24, May 22, 2016.** <u>Students who are 13 years old and older as well as adults</u> are eligible to take confirmation lessons. Sacrament of Confirmation is a completion of the sacrament of Baptism and important step in your youth's religious education. The date of Confirmation – fall 2016.

90th Anniversary of Holy Cross Church - June 26, 2016. Solemn Mass at 11:00 am presided by Bp. Bernard Nowicki Reception at The Brownstone, Paterson NJ at 1:00 pm - Please mark your calendars.



 4th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – World's Finest Chocolate. TO DATE: \$1,538.00

 WE THANK THOSE WHO SELL OUR CHOCOLATES AND WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO BE

 INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

 We are selling World's Finest Chocolate candy bars and hope

you will help. Bring a box to work, sell to family and friends or just keep a box for your own snacking. At \$1.00 per bar and a coupon for Quiznos on the back of the wrapper, it is a wonderful deal. Pick up your boxes at the Church Hall and return money when you will sell as soon as you can. Such an easy way to help your parish raise funds!



We thank anyone who in any way, shape or form serves for the betterment of our parish. May the Lord reward you for sharing your time, talent and treasure.

LET US IMITATE THE WAYS OF GOD BY BEING MORE GENEROUS AND LOVING IN OUR SERVICE TO HIS MYSTICAL BODY, "THE CHURCH." Thank you for your anticipated support toward our parish.

ShopRite of Little Falls

171 Browertown Road Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

We appreciate any donations toward the Building Fund for our future necessary repairs. Also, we ask more parishioners to participate in the purchase of shopping certificates since the profit goes toward the Building Fund.

Good Search Help Holy Cross raise more \$. There are 171 Supporters registered so far. So please join us and you can imagine how much we can earn for our church! When you do your Shopping online please take advantage of GoodShop, GoodSurvey, Goodtvads, GoodOffers or GoodDining and the church will get a percentage of your purchase. We will get 1 cent for every search and it adds up quickly. To date we raised \$90.81. The link is: http://www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/holy-cross-churchwoodland-park.aspx. You can copy this link or mark it and open it as a Hyperlink. YOU CAN EVEN EARN \$ PLAYING GAMES, DOING SURVEYS, AND DINING OUT.

UPCOMING DATES

March 20, 2016 - Palm Sunday 9 am and 11 am

March 27, 2016 - Easter Sunday at 9 am and 11 am

March 30, 2016 - Senior Lunch for Woodland Park Boys & Girls Club April 3, 2016 - Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL) April 16, 2016 - W.P. American Legion Aux. Unit 238 - Beefsteak Dinner

Fundraiser May 1, 2016 - Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 7, 2016 (Saturday) - NY/NJ Central Diocese Adoration Society Convention at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish, Wallington, NJ

May 8, 2016 - Mother's Day Breakfast at 10 am

May 30, 2016 – Memorial Day Parade in Woodland Park

June 12, 2016 – SOCL attendance awards and Parish Picnic

June 19, 2016 – Father's Day breakfast at 10 am

June 26, 2016 at 11 am – 90th Anniversary of Holy Cross Church, dinner following at the Brownstone,

Paterson, NJ (ONE MASS THAT SUNDAY)

July 7, 2016 – Movies Under the Stars begins at dusk

August 2, 2016 – National Night Out 6-9pm



ALTAR SERVERS This is an important ministry for our parish and your support and involvement is needed! Please contact Deacon - William Gaydos 973-239-4725 or parish office 973-256-488 if your son /daughter are interested in becoming altar servers

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO DOES NOT BELONG TO A CHURCH OR WHO DOES NOT ATTEND MASS, WHY NOT INVITE HIM OR HER TO JOIN US IN WORSHIP AT HOLY CROSS PARISH? ALL ARE CORDIALLY WELCOMED.



THE PRAYERS REQUEST - The container "Prayer Request" is located at the side altar by the baptismal fount. Fr. Joseph says the Holy Mass on Thursdays for the sick and shut-ins. If you have any sick members in your family and/or homebound, please write their names and place them in the container. Fr. Joseph will include these intentions **elcome!** at the Holy Mass on Thursday evening Mass.

W.P. American Legion Aux. Unit 238 - Beefsteak Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, April 16, 2016 at American Legion Post 238 410 Mt. Pleasant Ave. Woodland Park, 7:00pm.

Catered by Giresi's Catering in Lodi / Menu includes: Veggie and Fruit Platter, Pasta, Beefsteak, Fries, Dessert, Coffee, Beer and Soda. BYOB – Entertainment – Donation \$50.00 per person.

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY APRIL 9TH, No tickets sold at the door.

Check payable to W.P. Ladies Aux. 238 and Mail to: Cathy Pagano 117 Highview Drive W.P., NJ 07424.

HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF HOLV WEEK



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 fee for each hour of rental time. Call 973-256-4888. / 201-247-4832 (cell) email holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

Tuesday March 22, 2016 – Tuesday of Holy Week
10:00 am – Central Diocese Clergy Conference, Scranton, PA
4:00 pm – Central Diocese Chrism Mass (blessing of oils), Scranton, PA
Wednesday March 23, 2016 – Wednesday of Holy Week
7:15 PM – Sacrament of Penance / General and Private Confessions
Thursday, March 24, 2016 – Holy Thursday
7:15 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.
Friday, March 25, 2016 – Good Friday
3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross with children and youth participation
ON GOOD FRIDAY at 3:00 pm the liturgy of the Stations of the Cross with children and youth participation will
take place. We will meditate the passion and suffering of our Lord for the last time during this Lent. The opening of
the Lord's tomb will take place. A simple reception will take place in the parish hall consisting of <u>coffee and juice</u>
with crackers hoping that some parishioners would stay for Good Friday Service which will be held at 4:15 pm.
4:15 PM – Liturgy of Good Friday / Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM.
Saturday, March 26, 2016 – Holy Saturday
4:00 PM – Blessing of Easter Food
6:00 PM – LITURGY OF HOLY SATURDAY / VIGIL LITURGY / Blessing of Easter Baskets
EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016 - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - EASTER
9:00 AM Easter Procession (Processional Cross, Pascal Candle, Resurrection Statue, Resurrection Cross, Members of the Blessed
Sacrament Society with candles, Altar Servers, Celebrant with Monstrance, Parishioners / Holy Mass for all Parishioners

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners



EASTER EGG HUNT – will take place on Sunday April 3, 2016 at 10:10 a.m. All children from our parish are invited to enjoy this event. The party in the parish hall will follow. Please invite your friends.



EASTER FLOWERS - An Easter Flower Fund Envelope is included in the Sunday Collection envelopes and is available in the parish vestibule. All parishioners are asked to make a donation to the fund so that flowers can be purchased for the Resurrection of our Lord and part of the Easter season. Your offering can be made in memory of a departed loved one. All offerings will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you for beautifying our church.