

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 9/20/2015

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SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES 8:30 am (check bulletin)

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Mark 9:37



Introduction

Brothers and sisters, today's readings are once again about failing to grasp the whole truth. Jesus struggled with his disciples' slow understanding as he reiterated that he must suffer and die and that following him would not bring them positions of status or honor. They would have to be like children or servants — a hard reality to swallow. Many of our images of Christ depict him as victorious and risen. These images are real and true, but his suffering and death are also an essential part of the truth; and they are an essential part of our lives as his

followers.

Today's Scriptures

Wis 2:12, 17-20 Let us put the just one to the test.

Psalms 54 The Lord upholds my life.

James 3:16-4:3 Conflicts in the community come from within.

Mark 9:30-37 The disciples do not understand Jesus.

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 AM – Adele Merson

11:00 AM – Angela Gulla

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. WE RECEIVED \$1,000 from Shopping Certificates for a TOTAL of \$61,000! 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 *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. **WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

The following members of our parish community are in need of our prayers, cards and other signs of Christian support: **Mary Margo** 2 Oak Place, Little Falls, NJ 07424; **Jean Tierney** 207 Crane Road Brick, NJ 08723, **Sophie Barnes**, 35 Florence Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506; **Gene Kapchonick** 123 Cabrillo Blvd., Toms River, NJ 08757; **Liz Wozney** 3136 Oceanic Drive, Toms River, NJ 08753; **Mary Plucinski; Roy Zebrowski.** Our friends: **Jo Ann Murphy, Judy Bozza, Stanley Mikolajczyk, Zachary Decker, Declan, Urbano, Helen Blum, Dominick, Char O'Neill, Gloria Counsellor, Annie Lee.** 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. (next Mass on Thursday September 17, 2015). 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. **George and**

Dorothy O'Brien – 9/11 - 44 years

Edward Lazor/Michele Gula 10/8–37 years

Deacon David /Laurie Rusnak 10/ 28 – 35 years

Eric Olsen/Denise Piwowar 10/ 8 - 25 years

Keith Mullin and Jaclyn Ziobro 10/ 16 - 10 years;

Nicholas Lawler/Michele Peano 10/ 15 - 9 years

Martin Maher / Donna Giardino 10/24 – 25th Ann.

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP 2015

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 973-256-4888. Thank you.

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Mark 9:37



9:00 am – Holy Mass +August and Melissa Centrella; Offered by Claire Centrella

10:00 am – Coffee Time Fellowship

10:10 am – School of Christian Living Classes

11:00 am – Holy Mass for All Parishioners

After Mass – Confirmation Class



Monday September 21, 2015 –St. Matthew Ap.

8:30 am - Holy Mass

Tuesday September 22, 2015 –Weekday

8:30 am - Holy Mass for All Parishioners

Wednesday September 23, 2015 – Weekday

8:30 am - Holy Mass for All Parishioners

Thursday, September 24, 2015 –Weekday

7:30 pm - Holy Mass for the sick and homebound (Healing Mass)

Friday, September 25, 2015 – Weekday

8:30 am - Holy Mass for the Benefactors of Holy Cross Church



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

"For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." Mark 9:40-41



belong to Christ,



9:00 am – Holy Mass +Wanda Gec; Offered by Christine Solka

10:00 am – Coffee Time Fellowship

10:10 am – School of Christian Living Classes

11:00 am – Holy Mass

After Mass – First Holy Communion Preparation

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 parish hall, use special envelopes and make your check out to Adoration Society. Thank you for your donations.

Week of September 13 – In memory of Andrzej Cyman

Week of September 20 – In memory of Adele and John Sincavage

Week of September 27 - available



SUNDAY SCHOOL

School of Christian Living Classes started Sunday September 13, 2015 at 10:10 AM. The Sunday School (free) registrations for the school year 2015-2016 are accepted now. New registrations are still accepted. They are in the office and online - holycrosssite.org.



UPCOMING BAPTISMS

Hannah Joyce – October 11, 2015

Jhyanna Beato – October 25, 2015

ALTAR FLOWERS – Flowers at the altar are the wonderful sign of praise and thanksgiving to God. If you would like to donate flowers to remember an Anniversary, Birthday, departed loved one, etc. please call the rectory for further information (973-256-4888).



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.

THE PRAYERS REQUEST - The container "**Prayer Request**" is located at the side altar by the baptismal font. 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 at the Holy Mass on Thursday evening Mass.



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 wellbeing... 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.

Confirmation Class



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Upcoming classes: September 20, 2015 Students who are 13 years old and older as well as adults 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:

The preparation for first Holy Communion will begin on Sunday September 27, 2015. It is held on Sundays, after the 11 AM Mass. Children who are enrolled at second grade and older are eligible to take classes. 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)



GIFT SHOP OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES



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.

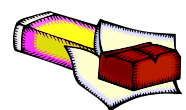
BEAUTIFUL CROSSES – (They are donated by our parishioner). **Don't forget yours for gifts. Father Joseph blessed all of these items in advance.**

GOD'S FIELD – (Rola Boza) ONLINE - The latest issue of *God's Field* is now available online at <http://www.pncc.org>.



Click on the God's Field link at the top of the home page and follow the directions to access the recent issue. We hope you enjoy reading about the life and work of our parishes.

4th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – World's Finest Chocolate. TO DATE: \$1,074.00



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!**



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.

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.

Help Holy Cross to raise more \$. There are 159 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,



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\$90.07. The link is:

<http://www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/holy-cross-church-woodland-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.

Thank you

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 26, 2015 - Melissa Centrella Scholarship Fdn. Beefsteak T/T

October 4, 2015 – Blessing of pets

Oct. 23, 2015 – Tricky Tray at Amalgamated Meat Cutters hall, 245 Paterson Ave., Little Falls

Nov. 29, 2015 – Lectors' meeting after 9 am Mass

Dec. 13, 2015 after 11 am Mass – Christmas Dinner



MINISTRY OF GREETERS – Those who would like to serve as **Greeters** in our parish by giving out Sunday bulletins are asked to contact Lynn Imperiale. Ministry of Greeters is very important in the parish's life that makes people feel welcome to participate in our liturgies. Thank you for your service.

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.



Stewardship Committee Next Project

The next project will be October 18 – November 8, 2015; We will bring items for the veterans living at Veterans Home in Paramus, NJ.

THE NEXT FOOD DRIVE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2015. The non-perishable items will be given to Fr. English Food pantry in Peterson, NJ. We all need to remember the words of our Lord: *“Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me.”* (Mat. 25:40)



Holy Cross Parish is having a 50 /50 raffle, TO DATE: The raffle drawing will be held during our Tricky Tray event on October 25, 2015. This fundraiser will help us raise money and pay for the balance on our new boiler. You received in the mail or please pick up your envelope from the parish hall. The Parish Executive Committee will be overseeing the progress of ticket sales.



ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS - will take place on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at the beginning of the 11:00 o'clock Mass. The Mass will take place in the parish hall. Well behaved dogs, cats, fish, birds and all God's creatures are invited with their owners. The blessing will be given in commemoration of Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4). As we know, animals trusted St. Francis and he treated them with courtesy. Near the end of his life St. Francis composed a song of praise and thanks to God for all his creations, called “Canticle to Brother Sun” - also known as the “Canticle of the Creatures.” From this song we know that St. Francis did not perceive himself isolated from other creatures. He simply assumed that all creatures - not only humans - form one family of creation. So we are encouraged to bless and praise God with cats, dogs, birds and all God's creatures.



ST. MATTHEW

Among the early followers and apostles of Jesus, Matthew is mentioned in Matthew 9:9 and Mt 10:3 as a publican who sat at the "receipt of custom" in Capernaum who was called into the ministry of the twelve by Jesus. He is also named among the twelve, but without identification of his background, in Mark 3:18, Luke 6:15 and Acts 1:13. He is also called Levi, son of Alphaeus, in Mk 2:14 and Lk 5:27. He may have collected taxes from the Hebrew people for Herod Antipas.

Matthew was a 1st-century Galilean (presumably born in Galilee, which was not part of Judea or the Roman Iudaea province), the son of Alphaeus. As a tax collector he would have been literate in Aramaic and Greek. After his call, Matthew invited Jesus home for a feast. On seeing this, the Scribes and the Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners. This prompted Jesus to answer, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Mark 2:17)

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