

# PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 29, 2015

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## SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES 7:30 A.M. (check bulletin)

"Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come." Mark 11:10

### INTRODUCTION

My brothers and sisters, it is time to hear once again the ancient story of self-giving; to ponder the mystery of the one who stays faithful to his calling, despite feeling abandoned. So many questions confront us today. What does it mean to totally empty oneself, to become obedient to a deeper calling? What is the cost of faithfulness? How can weakness and humility be powerful? How does someone suffer without becoming a victim, in the usual sense of the word? Our Lord Jesus is the servant who suffered on our behalf. He emptied himself and took on the form of a slave. He showed us the meaning of humility and obedience.

### Scripture readings:

**Isa 50:4-7** The suffering servant brings hope to God's people.

**Psalm 22** Why have you abandoned me?

**Phil 2:6-11** Paul's great hymn of Jesus' humility and exaltation

**Mark 14:1-15:47** The suffering and death of Jesus, the new Moses

### LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 AM – Adele Merson, Ed Obbsuth, Dominick Bucci

11:00 AM – Claire Centrella, Jason Cebrejos, Jasmine Cabrejos, Angela Gulla

**SHOPPING CERTIFICATES.** 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.**

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Please remember me and my family in your prayers. I remember you each day in my prayers. – Father 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; Bp. Bernard Nowicki; Roy Zebrowski. Our friends: Jo Ann Murphy, Judy Bozza, Stanley Mikolajczyk, Patricia Jarmakowicz, Zachary Decker, Joseph Denne, Jr., Declan, Urbano, Ann Catalano, Maryann Nuzzo, Helen Blum, Char O'Neill. 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, April 2 – (Holy Thursday) April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2015** 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 – 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 Obssuth – 24th Anniversary – April 21

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** wishes are expressed to the following parishioners:



Visiting our website [Blog holycrosssite.org](http://Blog.holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. 151 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book.

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**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015**

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- 9:00AM** – Holy Mass for All Parishioners
- 10:00 AM** – COFFEE AND CAKE FELLOWSHIP
- 11:00AM** – Holy Mass for +Robert Olsen, Deceased of Krzeminski and Olsen Families;  
*Offered by Patricia Olsen (All Souls)*

**Tuesday March 31, 2015 – Tuesday of Holy Week**

**10:00 am Central Diocese Clergy Conference and Chrism Mass (4:00 pm)**

at St. Stanislaus Cathedral Scranton, PA

**Wednesday April 1, 2015 – Wednesday of Holy Week**

7:15 PM – Sacrament of Penance / General and Private Confessions

**Thursday, April 2, 2015 – Holy Thursday**

7:15 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.

**Friday, April 3, 2015 – Good Friday**

3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross with children and youth participation

4:15 PM – Liturgy of Good Friday / Adoration until 6:30 pm

**Saturday, April 4, 2015 – Holy Saturday**

4:00 PM – Blessing of Easter Food

6:00 PM – EASTER VIGIL LITURGY After Mass - Blessing of Easter



Baskets

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015 – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - EASTER**

**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

*"Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb."*

*John 20:1*



**9:00 am** Easter Procession (Processional Cross, Pascal Resurrection Statue, Resurrection Cross, Members of the Sacrament Society with candles, Altar Servers, Celebrant with Parishioners / Holy Mass for all Parishioners



*Candle, Blessed Monstrance,*

**11:00 am** – Holy Mass for all Parishioners

**Christ is risen ! / He is Risen indeed!**

**Fr. Joseph, family  
and Parish Committee**

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 March 29 – in honor of Theresa Triggiano 94<sup>th</sup> birthday**



**On Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Homemade butter lambs (made by the Adoration Society) will be on sale for \$4 each. Please see any member to purchase yours.**

**On Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Parish Committee will take their oath for the year 2015 after 9AM mass.**

**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, 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 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)

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will begin on Sunday April 19, 2015 after the 11 am Mass. Students who are 13 years old and older as well as adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons.

**NOTE FROM PASTOR: LENT - SPIRITUAL RENEWAL – BIBLE STUDY**

I wish to thank all those who came for the Bible Study in Lent. The next Bible Study tentatively I plan to have in Advent 2015.

**Friday in Lent at 7:15 pm - Stations of the Cross** wish to thank all those who came to pray during Stations of the Cross.





**BEAUTIFUL CROSSES** – (donated by our parishioner) are for sale. **The retail price is \$25 each and the Holy Cross Church is selling them for \$5. Don't forget yours for gifts.** Father Joseph blessed all of these crosses in advance.

**4th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – World's Finest Chocolate. TO DATE: \$687.00**



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.

**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)*

**FLEA MARKET**

**by DAUGHTERS OF HOLY CROSS and ADORATION SOCIETY** on Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 9 to 3 PM. Parishioners and outside vendors can rent out space for **\$20 a table. Tables are still available.** To rent the table, please call Elaine 973-838-4246 or Penni 973-768-7917. There will be a parish table to sell for the church profit. The ladies are asking parishioners to donate GOOD CONDITION, CLEANED and NEW items for the sale. **You can bring those items beginning on Sundays April 12, 19, 26, 2015 and place them in the parish hall.** We need volunteers to set up the parish hall on Friday May 29, 2015 beginning at 9 am. We also need help in the kitchen and clean up after the event. The sign-up sheet will be placed in the parish hall. If you have any questions, please call Elaine 973-838-4246 or Penni 973-768-7917. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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**Thank you for your anticipated support toward our parish.**

**INCOME TAX**– Any parishioner who wishes to receive information regarding their donations to the church for the year 2014 for their income tax purposes, please contact Financial Secretary, Richard Daum 973-694-9457. We thank Richard Daum for his time and dedication in his service as Financial Secretary/Treasurer of Holy Cross Church.



**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.

**Upcoming Events**

- 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 30, 2015 – Flea Market
- 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
- Sept. 26, 2015 – Melissa A. Centrella Scholarship Fdn. Beefsteak T/T
- Oct. 23, 2015 – Tricky Tray at Amalgamated Meat Cutters hall, 245 Paterson Ave., Little Falls NJ 07424



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**NEW REGISTRATIONS** - Our parish is leasing the Sunday school building to the tenant **FUN KIDS ACADEMY, L.L.C from Monday to Friday.** The service is offered for the children from *two and half to five years old*. Ann Marie Scirica, the Director of the Fun Kids Academy accepts NEW registrations. Please call 973-256-0760. Discount rates are available for the members of Holy Cross Church.

**LECTORS - READERS WANTED** We are in need of lectors to read during our liturgies. Please contact John Surak, Lectors' coordinator 201-264-671 or the parish office 973-256-4888 or if you are interested in becoming a lector.



**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.

**BOX TOPS** – Children are collecting box tops as fundraiser for their schools. If you wish to bring box tops for that purpose, please place them in the envelope located in the parish hall. Thank you.

**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.

**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 at the Holy Mass on Thursday evening Mass at 7:15 pm.



**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*

**DAILY MASSES** are held as announced in the bulletin. Examples of the Mass intentions are: For the Sick, In Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Beseech God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries. Please contact Father Joe.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Arrangements at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

**EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS** should be reported to the rectory office immediately. Phone: 973-256-4888

**A HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN** *In the case when small children need more attention during the Mass, parents can now listen to the Liturgy of the Mass in the parish hall while the children can play or do the drawings.*

**NEXT PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING** – will take place on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM.



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



involvement is your son /daughter



the Father English Food Pantry will be held on **Sunday, April 12, 2015**. All parishioners are asked to bring a bag of groceries to church on this day. Won't you help the needy in the name of Christ the Savior? *"Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me."* (Mat. 25:40)

**FOOD DRIVE** – A food drive to benefit

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**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 88 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.

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# EXPLANATION HOLY WEEK

The services of the Holy Week are very significant and important for each parishioner to participate.

**ON WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK April 1, 2015** – The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance – General Confession will take place at 7:15 P.M. The youth who have received First Holy Communion and are under 16 years are strongly encouraged to attend the private forms of confession at 7:45 PM. Adults, if they wish, can attend private form of confession as well.

The decoration of the church for next day will take place after the service. ANS members are asked to help.



**ON HOLY THURSDAY April 2, 2015 at 7:15 P.M.** we will commemorate the **Last Supper of Jesus** and the institution of the Sacraments of Holy Orders, Holy Eucharist and Penance. On that day we will celebrate the Holy Mass in white vestments. At the end of Holy Thursday Mass, the Holy Eucharist will be taken to the side altar to signify that Jesus was taken at night from the Garden of Olives and imprisoned by Sanhedrin.

**ON GOOD FRIDAY – April 3, 2015 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 coffee and juice with crackers hoping that some parishioners would stay for Good Friday Service which will be held at 4:15 pm.



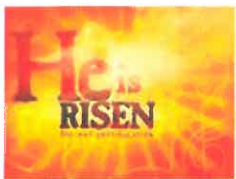
**The Liturgy of Good Friday will take place at 4:15 P.M.** The Liturgy of Good Friday consists of the Passion of Jesus according to the Gospel of St. John. The main purpose of the liturgy will be veneration of the Cross, the symbol of victory over death and sin. On that day the **Holy Communion will be distributed (consecrated on Holy Thursday) and the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place until 6:30 p.m.** Please sign up for the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on the list located in the parish hall.

**ON HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 4, 2015**

**On Holy Saturday you can bring the Easter baskets with festive food to be blessed at 4:00 p.m.** Easter baskets will be blessed also after the Liturgy of Holy Saturday. Since the ancient times the Holy Saturday was a day for the new catechumens to be baptized. **Our Liturgy will begin at 6:00 P.M.** with the blessing of fire and the **Pascal candle. The Liturgy of the Word with the history of salvation will take place.** The **Holy Water** will be blessed which we use during the upcoming weeks to bless ourselves in the church, and use for the Sacrament of Baptism. The Easter Vigil Mass will follow the service.

**EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5, 2015**

**THE LITURGY OF EASTER - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD** will be celebrated (regular Mass schedule) on Easter Sunday at **9:00 a.m.** preceded with the procession around the church. The solemn Mass will follow. The second Mass will be celebrated at **11:00 a.m.**



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The party in**



**EASTER EGG HUNT** – will take place on Sunday April 12, 2015 at children from our parish are invited to enjoy this event. 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.

**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).





On Sunday, May 10, 2015 we will celebrate Mother's Day and honor of all our mothers with special prayers during both Masses. The Mother's Day Breakfast will take place in the parish hall after the 9:00 A.M. Mass. (10:10 A.M.) All parishioners and friends especially Mothers are cordially invited to attend this special celebration



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#### **THANK YOU**

**THANK YOU** – I would like to thank the St. Nicholas Ministry who donated Easter flowers for the sick and homebound of our parish. Our homebound greatly appreciate the fact that they are remembered by the Holy Cross Church family. Special thanks are extended to Lucy and Richard Daum, and Merry Sleece who are members of St. Nicholas Ministry. I would like to thank all those who support this important parish ministry. - Fr. Joseph.

