

FEBRUARY 22, 2015 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand." Mark 1:1

INTRODUCTION

My friends, on this First Sunday of Lent, bold, contrasting images confront us: a deluge of water and a vast expanse of desert. Both are powerful signs of God's covenant with us. Jesus began his ministry by being baptized in the Jordan and driven into the desert. We, too, have gone through the waters of baptism, and life often presents us with our own deserts for struggle and discernment. When God makes a covenant with people, things happen! What is God's covenant with us calling us to do? Lent is a good time to find out ...

Scripture readings:

Gen 9:8-15 God establishes a covenant with Noah.

Psalms 25 Make your ways known to me.

1 Pet 3:18-22 Christ suffered that he might lead us to God.

Matt 1:12-15 Jesus is tempted in the desert.



LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 AM – Ed Obsuth

11:00 AM – Angela Gulla

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. We thank all those who participate and who run this wonderful project. Gift cards are available for *STOP & SHOP, A&P, PATHMARK, FODDTOWN, 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. Since this project started the shopping certificates sale gave the profit of **\$60,000.** In 2014, the shopping certificates brought in profit of **\$4000.**

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; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

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

Italo Palman and Patricia Herrera – Feb. 12 – 15th Anniversary

Holy Cross Church Face Book – link

www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com



Visiting our website blog: holycrosssite.org, you can go directly to our church face book. 145 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand." Mark 1:1



9:00 AM – Holy Mass +August and Melissa Centrella, Emanuele Triggiano;

Offered by Claire Centrella

10:00 AM – COFFEE AND CAKE FELLOWSHIP

10:10 AM – SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CLASSES

11:00 am – Holy Mass Blessing upon Stella Skawinski on her 99th birthday; *Offered by Parishioners*

After Mass – Reception for 99th Birthday of Stella Skawinski

After Mass – First Holy Communion Class



Monday February 23, 2015 –Lenten Weekday

7:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday February 24, 2015 –Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle

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

February 25, 2015 –St. Cesarius

7:30 am – Holy Mass

7:00 pm – Bible Study – Welcome!

Thursday February 26, 2015 – St. Alexander

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

Friday, February 27, 2015 – St. Julian

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



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 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 **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

THANK YOU FOR ST. VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON

We thank those who supported our St. Valentine's day Luncheon held on Sunday February 15, 2015, especially Renata Cyman who decorated the hall, Ed Obsuth and David Obsuth for preparing the food as well as their kitchen help



George O'Brien, Tracey Banta, and those who served and cleaned after the event. Even though the weather was not on our side, we enjoyed the food, fellowship and music. We thank those who participated in 50/50 drawing.

THANK YOU FOR OUR FOOD DRIVE – A food drive to benefit the Father English Food Pantry gathered 19 bags of nonperishable food items and \$10 cash. May the Lord reward your support toward the needy.



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 will begin on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00 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)

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HEALING MASS – The next Mass will be celebrated on **Thursdays, February 26, 2015; 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

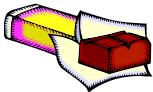


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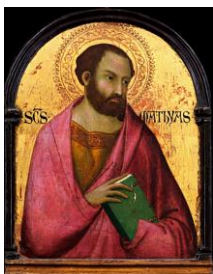


HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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)*

February 24 – St. Matthias (died c. 80), according to the Acts of the Apostles, was the apostle chosen by the remaining eleven apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following Judas' betrayal of Jesus and suicide. His



calling as an apostle is unique in that his appointment was not made personally by Jesus, who had already ascended to heaven, and, it was made before the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church. There is no mention of a Matthias among the lists of disciples or followers of Jesus in the three synoptic gospels. According to Acts, he had been with Jesus from his baptism by John to the Ascension. In the days following, Peter

proposed that the assembled disciples, who numbered about one hundred and twenty, nominate two men to replace Judas. They chose Joseph called Barsabas (whose surname was Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all [men], shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." [Acts 1:24–25] Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was numbered with the eleven apostles. Matthias was present with the other apostles at Pentecost.

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.