

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, July 12, 2009
11:00 am**

**Holy Cross Church
3690 Armstrong Road, PO Box 318
Syracuse, NY 13209-0318**

Intention: +Stanley Zalewski
Requested by the Zalewski family
Intention: all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Amos 7: 12-15

A reading from the book of Amos

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah (priest of Bethel) said to Amos, "Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple." Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The Lord took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
13-14

Psalm 85: 9-10, 11-12,

R: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the Lord – for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The Lord himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and salvation, along the way of his steps.

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Reading II

Ephesians 1: 3-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens! God chose us in him before the world began, to be holy and blameless in his sight, to be full of love; he likewise predestined us through Christ Jesus to be his adopted sons – such was his will and pleasure – that all might praise the divine favor he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

It is in Christ and through his blood that we have been redeemed and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God's favor to us. God has given us the wisdom to understand fully the mystery, the plan he was pleased to decree in Christ, to be carried out in the fullness of time: namely, to bring all things in the heavens and on earth into one under Christ's headship.

In him we were chosen; for in the decree of God, who administers everything according to his will and counsel, we were predestined to praise his glory by being the first to hope in Christ. In him you too were chosen; when you heard the glad tidings of salvation, the word of truth, and believed in it, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit who had been promised. He is the pledge of our inheritance, the first payment against the full redemption of a people God has made his own to praise his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel

Mark 6: 7-13

A reading of the holy gospel according to St. Mark

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two, giving them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing on the journey but a walking stick – no food, no traveling bag, not a coin in the purses in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals. “Do not bring a second tunic,” he said, and added: “Whatever house you find yourself in, stay there until you leave the locality. If any place will not receive you or hear you, shake its dust from your feet in testimony against them as you leave.” With that they went off, preaching the need of repentance. They expelled many demons, anointed the sick with oil, and worked many cures.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit: Sent out Christians

[Mark 6: 7-13]

The Bible starts with the story of how God made human beings partners in the work of creation.

A great responsibility has been laid upon human beings, and a great honor has been conferred on us as well. God has placed us as stewards of His creation. Each one of us has a little portion of that phenomenal mission, each one in his own measured little time of a lifespan.

In today’s Gospel Jesus Christ, the Son of God, continues the first Bible story of creation by sending out the apostles on a mission of filling this world with God’s Word, with God’s healing, with God’s forgiveness, with God’s Blessing, and with God’s Love. It is the mission of bringing the Kingdom of God to the people of this world. Jesus Christ made his followers not only receivers but also givers of God’s Gifts!

To do the work of Jesus Christ is really quite simple – to be faithful in little things. To be faithful in little things is a **big thing**. It means to do one’s task, no matter how humble, to do it thoroughly and joyfully, and to do it by being helpful and faithful, loyal and constant.

At the end of Mass we hear Christ’s command: “Go and serve the Lord.” We are sent out in the Lord’s name and with the Lord’s power to build up His kingdom. Amen.

The Communion

Welcome to participation in the Holy Eucharist. By receiving Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we fully participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be baptized, should not be conscious of grave sin, and normally should fast for one to two hours. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive Communion without prior Sacramental Confession.

We always welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. We pray that our common Baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions separating us.

Announcements for July 12, 2009

The parish committee will meet today following Holy Mass in the parish hall.

If you have the time, drop down to Johnson City this afternoon for All Saints' annual picnic. Good food and good music are a given; reconnecting with Father Dennis is always a treat!

Our thanks to Mike, Todd, Sue, and Chris for repositioning the sign in the front lawn along the road. Town regulations required it to be 15 feet from the road. Now at 15 feet, 10 inches, we should be in compliance. Thanks, Bednarek family!!!!

Please note that our new Internet address is www.holycrossncc.com. At this site, you will find the weekly bulletin, announcements, updates, notices, and information about our Syracuse parish family. Visit it often! Our local webmaster, Carol Rightnour, is working with Deacon Jim Konicki from Schenectady to bring current and helpful information to you and our larger Syracuse community. Pass along the web address to all who would like to stay current on the events here at Holy Cross!

Mass intentions for the summer are still available. If you would like to request a mass for any of the following Sundays, see Pat: July 19, July 26, August 2, August 9, or August 23. Thank you.

Financial Summary

Week of July 5	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
	\$875	\$642	\$233
TOTAL	\$875	\$642	\$233

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, July 14 6:00 Choir Practice

Sunday, July 19 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
11:00 am Holy Mass