

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, July 18, 2010
11:00 am**

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Requested by the Zalewski family

Healing Intentions: Michelle Mallory Lu Luch
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and all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Genesis 18: 1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, he saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." "Very well," they replied, "do as you have said." Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah, "Quick, three seahs of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls." He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Then he got some curds and milk, as well as the steer that had been prepared, and set these before them; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

"Where is your wife, Sarah?" they asked him. "There in the tent," he replied. One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15: 2-3, 3-4, 5

R: He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue,

R: He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; By whom the reprobate is despised, while he honors those who fear the Lord,

R: He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent; he who does these things shall never be disturbed.

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Reading II

Colossians 1: 24-28

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

Even how I find my joy in the suffering I endure for you. In my own flesh I fill up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of his body, the church. I became a minister of this church through the commission God gave me to preach among you his word in its fullness; that mystery hidden from ages and generations past but now revealed to his holy ones. God has willed to make known to them the glory beyond price which this mystery brings to the Gentiles – the mystery of Christ in you, your hope of glory. This is the Christ we proclaim while we admonish all men and teach them in the full measure of wisdom, hoping to make every man complete in Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Alleluia

**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.**

Gospel

Luke 10: 38-42

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

Jesus speaks with Martha and Mary

Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him to her home. She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and listened to his words. Martha, who was busy with the details of hospitality, came to him and said, "Lord, are you not concerned that my sister has left me all alone to do the household tasks? Tell her to help me."

The Lord in reply said to her: "*Martha, Martha, you are anxious and upset about many things; one thing only is required. Mary has chosen the better portion and she shall not be deprived of it.*"

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit

Putting First Things First

When we come to celebrate the Holy Mass on Sundays, we are sometimes told that we should leave behind us our cares and concerns. Rather, what we should do is bring them with us and lay them at the feet of Jesus Christ. This is what a woman called Mary does in the Gospel of today.

Mary from today's Gospel absorbed all her opportune time of Jesus' visitation and listened to His Words of Eternal Life! She put first things first. Afterwards she will be able to see to other things and see them in proper perspective.

Placing ourselves in the presence of God – it is so important! It gives us strength, encouragement, direction, and growth. "It is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path," discovering the whole purpose of our lives.

During the course of a week we find ourselves in the midst of different conversation, gossip, radio, television, media, and busybodies on every front. Yet we may end the week without having even one minute for the word of God. If only for a few minutes we could place ourselves in the presence of God!

God cries to this generation: "Be still, I, your God, want to speak to you. -About your destiny. - About your purpose of living. I have something very important to say to you!"

Let us find a time for our daily prayer....

Let us find a time for attending Holy Mass every Sunday...

Let us find a time for God, before losing all the gift of time given to us by God!

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 18, 2010

A very happy July birthday goes out to: Martha Shuman (July 4), Richard Zalewski (July 16), Kathy Dzencelowcz (July 21), and Sue Bednarek (July 29). STO LAT!!

The 2010 parish committee meeting is scheduled to meet **today** after Holy Mass.

Solvay Field Days will be held this year on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 19-20-21**. The Field Days Committee is currently planning the details of this fundraising event for our church. Please check your calendars and be ready to sign up for a shift at the field in early August. Thank you in advance for your support of this huge effort on behalf of our mortgage fund.

The White Eagle Medical Bridge Golf Tourney is scheduled for **Saturday, September 18**. Information and registration forms are available on the table in the church foyer.

A community garage sale has been scheduled for **Fri-Sat, September 24-25**. Bobbi will be coordinating this event. As you clean out this summer, please gather **clean, saleable** items and bring them to the church, **marked with the sale prices**. Donations will be stored in the old school room next to the office. Thank you in advance for your support.

The Bi-annual Convention of the YMS of R is scheduled for **Sat-Sun, October 23-24** at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish in Dupont, PA. Registration is \$35 per delegate and there is no limit to the number of delegates that can attend from a parish. Information on the convention is available on the table in the foyer. The deadline for registration is **Friday, October 1**.

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, July 21 No choir practice this week!

Thursday, July 22 6:00 pm Polish language class

Sunday, July 25 **ORDINARY 17**

Intentions: +Antonina Kielar Requested by Bill and Jane Ostroski
 +Blanche Kielar Forrester

10:15 Choir practice

11:00 Holy Mass