

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, July 19, 2009  
11:00 am**

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

Intention: all those in need of healing in our parish community

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Reading I**

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

**A reading from the book of Jeremiah**

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the Lord.

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; As king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The Lord our justice."

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 23: 1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.**

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage.**

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.**

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

## **Reading II**

Ephesians 2: 13-18

### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians**

Christ is the peace between us.

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near through the blood of Christ. It is he who is our peace, and who made the two of us one by breaking down the barrier of hostility that kept us apart. In his own flesh he abolished the law with its commands and precepts, to create in himself one new man from us who had been two, and to make peace, reconciling both of us to God in one body through his cross which put that enmity to death. He came and "announced the good news of peace to you who were far off, and to those who were near"; through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

## **Gospel**

Mark 6: 30-34

### **A reading of the holy gospel according to St. Mark**

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles returned to Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and what they had taught. He said to them, "Come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place and rest a little." People were coming and going in great numbers, making it impossible for them to so much as eat. So Jesus and the apostles went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving, and many got to know about it. People from all the towns hastened on foot to the place, arriving ahead of them.

Upon disembarking Jesus saw a vast crowd. He pitied them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them at great length.

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

## **Thoughts from the Pulpit: A Shepherd's Service**

[Mark 6: 30-34]

Today's Gospel shows Jesus very much encouraged when the Apostles had just returned from a successful missionary round. They had healed some sick people, delivered others from demons, brought many to conversion, preached the Word of God, and they themselves had discovered the wonderful meaning of being chosen for this joyous work of God.

Jesus invited them for the retreat to a secluded place. It was a very practical approach. Just to find yourself in God's presence...

Jesus pointed out to them a very practical approach, if they want to be productive in life, they must maintain a balance of going from the presence of people to the presence of God and back again.

There are dangers in each of the alternatives. One can spend too much time in the activities of people and thus gradually lose contact with God. It is a heresy of busybodies. And one can go to God to escape from serving people. It is a heresy of wrong holiness.

The good shepherd who is sent by Jesus Christ knows the middle way: being refreshed by God to have something to offer to people, and loving people enough to help them with their lives and to bring them to that refreshing balance of being with God's presence and the people's presence.

The most enjoyable moments of pastoral service are when the Priest can be with the people and has his Daily Mass to be with God and converse about his people's needs,

accomplishments, disappointments, health problems, dreams, uncertainties, and their final journeys....

## 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 19, 2009

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

We extend a happiest of birthdays to Maureen Navatka, whose special day is this coming Thursday, July 23. STO LAT!!!

Our calendar is filling up for the summer! Mark your calendars for the events below:

Solvay Field Days – Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 6, 7, 8

White Eagle Medical Bridge Golf Tourney – Saturday, August 15  
Deadline for sign up: Saturday, August 8

Fall Picnic – Sunday, September 13

## Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, July 21 6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, July 23 HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MAUREEN NAVATKA!!!

Saturday, July 25 FEAST – ST. JAMES THE GREATER, APOSTLE

Sunday, July 26 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Intention: +Antonina Kielar Requested by Bill and Jane Ostroski

11:00 am Holy Mass

## Monthly Financial Summary

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
July 5	\$875	\$642	\$233
July 12	\$476	\$642	-\$166
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1351</b>	<b>\$1284</b>	<b>\$67</b>