

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

**Sunday, July 25, 2010  
11:00 am**

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**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Reading I**

Genesis 18: 20-32

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out."

While the two men walked on farther toward Sodom, the Lord remained before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer to him and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty, so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The Lord replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" "I will not destroy it," he answered, "if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying, "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then he said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still he went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" "I will not destroy it," he answered, "for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted, "Please let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are but at least ten there?" "For the sake of those ten," he replied, "I will not destroy it."

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

R: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, [for you have heard the words of my mouth;] in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.**

R: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called you answered me; you built up strength within me.**

R: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**The Lord is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me; against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand.**

R: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**Your right hand saves me. The Lord will complete what he has done for me; Your kindness, O Lord, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.**

R: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**Reading II**

Colossians 2: 12-14

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Colossians**

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

In baptism you were not only buried with him but also raised to life with him because you believed in the power of God who raised him from the dead. Even when you were dead in sin and your flesh was uncircumcised, God gave you new life in company with Christ. He pardoned all our sins. He canceled the bond that stood against us with all its claims, snatching it up and nailing it to the cross.

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

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

**Gospel**

Luke 11: 1-13

**A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke**

Ask, and it will be given to you.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he had finished, one of his disciples asked him, "Lord teach us to pray as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "*When you pray say:*

*"Father,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
For we too forgive all who do us wrong;  
And subject us not to the trial."*

Jesus said to them: "*If one of you knows someone who comes to him in the middle of the night and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has come in from a journey*

*and I have nothing to offer him'; and he from inside should reply, 'Leave me alone. The door is shut now and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up to look after your needs' – I tell you, even though he does not get up and take care of the man because of friendship, he will find himself doing so because of his persistence and give him as much as he needs.*

*"So I say to you, 'Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you.'*

*"For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted. What father among you will give his son a snake if he asks for a fish, or hand him a scorpion if he asks for an egg? If you, with all your sins, know how to give your children good things, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"*

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

### **Thoughts from the Pulpit**

#### **ASK, SEEK, KNOCK**

"Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." – In this way Jesus Christ is urging his disciples to have recourse to God with confidence and persistence in all their needs. We are His disciples. And we receive the promise from Our Lord that when we ask, seek, and knock, we will receive, we will find, and the door will be opened to us.

Jesus Christ has even taught us how to pray. "When you pray, say: **Our Father...**" – He said. The Our Father is the first and greatest of all Christian prayers. This prayer, in short and simple phrases, embraces every relation between us and God. It not only tells us what to pray for but also how to pray for it.

If you really want the Lord's Prayer, said by you, to reach the God's Throne, it needs to be said not hurriedly and not unthinkingly. Most of Christians say it in speed and without a heart. This is a pity. Because, properly understood, the Our Father contains a whole program for Christian living.

The first part of the Lord's Prayer deals with God. We praise His Name, we long for God's Kingdom, and we pray that His will may be done on earth. 'On earth' means in our lives too. God's will may not always be the easiest thing to do, but it is always the best thing.

The second part of the Lord's Prayer deals with us and our needs. And we pray here for material and spiritual needs: for our daily bread, for forgiveness, for not to be led into temptation, and for the deliverance from all evil, both physical and moral.

Notice that the whole of Our Father is in plural terms. God wants to hear a voice of His Family. He wants His Family to be gathering on the Lord's Day each week and cry out to Heaven, and ask, and seek, and knock!!!!

Amen!

#### ***Announcements for July 25, 2010***

A special congregational meeting has been called for **Sunday, August 8, immediately following Holy Mass.** The only item on the agenda is the election of a delegate to the synod in October. Please plan to stay for this brief but important task of the parish. Thank you.

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 next parish committee meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, August 29**, following Holy Mass. Please mark your calendars.

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**. **See Joe to sign up on the group registration form**. Thank you.

### Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 26

**FEAST – ST. JAMES THE GREATER, APOSTLE  
CONVO 2010 @ Monmouth Univeesity, Long Branch, NJ**

Wednesday, July 28

No choir practice this week!

Thursday, July 29

6:00 pm Polish language class

Sunday, August 1

**ORDINARY 18  
with Benediction to the Blessed Sacrament**

Intention: +John and Mary Drebitko Requested by the Walter Kolonko family

11:00 Holy Mass

### Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
July 4	\$534	\$642	-\$108
July 11	\$394	\$642	-\$248
July 18	\$896	\$642	\$254
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1824</b>	<b>\$1926</b>	<b>-\$102</b>