

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, July 26, 2009
11:00 am**

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

Intention: +Antonina Kielar Requested by Jane and Bill Ostroski
Intention: for healing of Lu Luch Requested by Paul Zalewski and Jocelyn Thomas
and
all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

2 Kings 4: 42-44

A reading from the second book of Kings

They will eat, and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the first fruits, and fresh grain in the ear. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said. But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred men?" "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha insisted. "For thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the Lord had said.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145: 10-11, 15-16, 17-18

R: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

R: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Reading II

Ephesians 4: 1-6

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I plead with you as a prisoner for the Lord, to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, with perfect humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another lovingly. Make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force. There is but one body and one Spirit, just as there is but one hope given all of you by your call.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all, and works through all, and is in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel

John 6: 1-15

A reading of the holy gospel according to St. John

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee [to the shore] of Tiberias; a vast crowd kept following him because they saw the signs he was performing for the sick. Jesus then went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near; when Jesus looked up and caught sight of a vast crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" (He knew well what he intended to do but he asked this to test Philip's response.) Philip replied, "Not even with two hundred days' wages could we buy loaves enough to give each of them a mouthful!"

One of Jesus' disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, remarked to him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and a couple of dried fish, but what good is that for so many?" Jesus said, "Get the people to recline." Even though the men numbered about five thousand, there was plenty of grass for them to find a place on the ground. Jesus then took the loaves of bread, gave thanks, and passed them around to those reclining there; he did the same with the dried fish, as much as they wanted. When they had had enough, he told his disciples, "Gather up the crusts that are left over so that nothing will go to waste." At this, they gathered twelve baskets full of pieces left over by those who had been fed with the five barley loaves.

When the people saw the sign he had performed they began to say, "This is undoubtedly the Prophet who is to come into the world." At that, Jesus realized that they would come and carry him off to make him king, so he fled back to the mountain alone.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit:

Multiplication of Bread – A Miracle of God's Generosity

[John 6: 1-15]

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 126, 2009

Mass intentions for the summer have been filled. If you have any requests for September, please submit them as soon as possible. Thank you.

We extend a happiest of birthdays to Sue Bednarek, whose special day is this coming Wednesday, July 29. STO LAT!!!

Sign up sheets for working at the Solvay Field Days [August 6, 7, 8] are on the table in the foyer. Please sign up for as many shifts as you are able to fill. This year we MUST insist, however, that only those people who are actually working the booth are allowed behind the food counter. This will allow the workers to move more effectively around the tent. ALSO, let Joe Kolonko know if you can come to help assemble the golumbki for the field days and fall picnic on **Friday afternoon this week**, starting at **1:00 pm**.

Other events of the summer: White Eagle Medical Bridge Golf Tourney – Saturday, August 15
Deadline for sign up: Saturday, August 8

Fall Picnic – Sunday, September 13

Weekly Calendar

NO CHOIR PRACTICE THIS WEEK!

Wednesday, July 29 HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SUE BEDNAREK!!!

Friday, July 31 1:00 pm Making of golumpki with Joe Kolonko

Sunday, August 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Intention: +Antonina Kielar Requested by Bill and Jane Ostroski

11:00 am Holy Mass

12:15 pm Meeting for all workers for the Field Days

Monthly Financial Summary

| Week of | Weekly Income | Weekly Income Needed | Balance |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| July 5 | \$875 | \$642 | \$233 |
| July 12 | \$476 | \$642 | -\$166 |
| July 19 | \$473 | \$642 | -\$169 |
| TOTAL | \$1824 | \$1926 | -\$102 |