

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
with Benediction to the Blessed Sacrament**

**Sunday, August 1, 2010
11:00 am**

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and all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Ecclesiastes 1, 2: 2, 21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do all his labors profit a man?

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Here is a man who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and to another, who has not labored over it, he must leave his property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes to a man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he not at rest. This also is vanity.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us greet him with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading II

Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been raised up in company with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher realms where Christ is seated at God's right hand. Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth. After all, you have died! Your life is hidden now with Christ in God. When Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with him in glory.

Put to death whatever in your nature is rooted in earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires, and that lust which is idolatry. Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds and put on a new man, one who grows in knowledge as he is formed anew in the image of his Creator. There is no Greek or Jew here, circumcised or uncircumcised, foreigner, Scythian, slave, or freeman. Rather, Christ is everything in all of you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Gospel

Luke 2: 13-21

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

Why are you preparing these things?

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to give me my share of our inheritance." He replied, "*Friend, who has set me up as your judge or arbiter?*" Then he said to the crowd, "*Avoid greed in all its forms. A man may be wealthy, but his possessions do not guarantee him life.*"

He told them a parable in these words: "*There was a rich man who had a good harvest. 'What shall I do?' he asked himself. 'I have no place to store my harvest. I know!' he said. 'I will pull down my grain bins and build larger ones. All my grain and my goods will go there. Then I will say to myself: You have blessings in reserve for years to come. Relax! Eat hearty, drink well. Enjoy yourself.'* But God said to him, '*You fool! This very night your life shall be required of you. To whom will all this piled-up wealth of yours go?' That is the way it works with the man who grows rich for himself instead of growing rich in the sight of God.*"

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit

How Much is Enough?

The Gospel today warns against greed for possessions and stresses the foolishness of depending on material things rather than on God. In the search for security and happiness in this life, the rich man forgets God, forgets eternal life; forgets his obligation to the poor. He is truly a "fool" because he has not known how to use wisely the wealth which he has.

Jesus Christ said that rather than storing up treasure, we should seek to make ourselves rich in the sight of God. What makes us rich in the sight of God is not what we own, or even what we've done, but what we are.

It is not possessions that are sinful, but possessiveness! Possessiveness is not only a sinful habit, it is a disease that drenches out the innocence, happiness, freedom, and beauty from life, and leaves the greedy person in misery and very empty.

A non-possessive life is a free life. The only riches that are worth accumulating are the riches of the heart. A generous heart is a treasure. To have a generous heart is to be rich in the sight of God.

Lord Jesus, cleanse our hearts of greed for material things and from envy of others, and clothe us in gentleness and humility.
Amen!

Announcements for August 1, 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.**

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, August 3	4:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday, August 4	6:00 pm	Polish language class
Friday, August 6	SOLEMNITY – TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	
Sunday, August 8	ORDINARY 19	

Intention: +Stanley, Genevieve, and Joseph Lasinski
Requested by Bobbi and John Lasinski

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
July 25	Available	next	week
TOTALS	\$1824	\$1926	-\$102