

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, August 8, 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

Wisdom 18: 6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. Your people awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes. For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned. For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33: 1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

R: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Happy the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

R: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

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Reading II

Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Faith is confident assurance concerning what we hope for, and conviction about things we do not see. Because of faith the men of old were approved by God. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called, and went forth to the place he was to receive as a heritage; he went forth, moreover, not knowing where he was going. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose designer and maker is God. By faith Sarah received power to conceive though she was past the age, for she thought that the One who had made the promise was worthy of trust. As a result of this faith, there came forth from one man, who was himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sands on the seashore.

All of these died in faith. They did not obtain what had been promised but saw and saluted it from afar. By acknowledging themselves to be strangers and foreigners on the earth, they showed that they were seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking back to the place from which they had come, they would have had the opportunity of returning there. But they were searching for a better, a heavenly home. Wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac; he who had received the promises was ready to sacrifice his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your descendants be called." He reasoned that God was able to raise from the dead, and so he received Isaac back as a symbol.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Gospel

Luke 12: 32-48

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: *"Do not live in fear, little flock. It has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. Sell what you have and give alms. Get purses for yourselves that do not wear out, a never-failing treasure with the Lord which no thief comes near nor any moth destroys. Wherever your treasure lies, there your heart will be.*

"Let your belts be fastened around your waists and your lamps be burning ready. Be like men awaiting their master's return from a wedding, so that when he arrives and knocks, you will open for him without delay. It will go well with those servants whom the master finds wide-awake on his return. I tell you, he will put on an apron, seat them at table, and proceed to wait on them. Should he happen to come at midnight or before sunrise and find them prepared, it will go well with them. You know as well as I that if the head of the house knew when the thief was coming he would not let him break into his house. Be on guard, therefore. The Son of Man will come when you least expect him."

Peter said, "Do you intend this parable for us, Lord, or do you mean it for the whole world?" The Lord said, *"Who in your opinion is that faithful, farsighted steward whom the master will set over his servants to dispense their ration of grain in season? That servant is fortunate whom his master finds busy when he returns. Assuredly, his master will put him in charge of all his property. But if the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking his time about coming,' and begins to abuse the housemen and servant girls, to eat and drink and get drunk, that servant's master will come back on a day when he does not expect him, at a time he does not know. He*

will punish him severely and rank him among those undeserving of trust. The slave who knew his master's wishes but did not prepare to fulfill them will get a severe beating, whereas the one who did not know them and who nonetheless deserved to be flogged will get off with fewer stripes. When much has been given a man, much will be required of him. More will be asked of a man to whom more has been entrusted."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

In the calendar year, the date of 6th of August marks the Solemnity of Transfiguration. The Church each year perpetuates the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain of Tabor. On that mountain Jesus' disciples got a glimpse of the glory of Jesus the Son of God. It is also a revealing story of our own future glory as children of God.

The veil which separates the visible from the invisible, and the future from the present had been removed for a moment. The sequence of time had been lifted for a short time. On the mountain of Tabor at the moment of Transfiguration, Elijah and Moses, who were dead for many centuries, appeared as very alive in conversation with Jesus. Moses represented the Law, Elijah the Prophets. Thus Jesus being in the midst of them brings the Law and the Prophets to fulfillment.

At the heart of this event, a cloud came (v. 7) and covered the place. This was no ordinary cloud, but what the Old Testament called *shekinah*, the image to describe God's dwelling among his people. It was the way God came to the Tabernacle, it had filled the Temple, and it was what the Jews dreamed would return to the Temple when the Messiah comes.

From that cloud God spoke: "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him." Follow Him! He is the Light for this world! He is the Way to Salvation, where God's Glory is the Perpetual-Everlasting Inheritance for those who listen to Him and follow Him!

St. Peter, one of the witnesses of the event, for the rest in his life was focusing only on the one moment: on the voice from heaven – "This is my beloved Son." Everything that was revealed on that mountain, Moses and Elijah conversing with Jesus, the transfigured appearance of Jesus himself, that unusually strange cloud (shekinah) hovering all of them, impressive and heavenly as it was - all of it, would not compare to the impressive VOICE OF THE FATHER(!) from heaven. Amen!

Announcements for August 8, 2010

A special congregational meeting will be held **today** 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.

Sign up sheets for the Solvay Field Days are on the tables in the foyer of the church. Please take time this morning to sign up to work at the field or at the prep kitchen as often as you are able. The field days will be held this year on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 19-20-21**. Thank you in advance for your support of this huge effort on behalf of our mortgage fund.

Next Sunday we will honor the Solemnity of the Dormition/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary by bringing herbs, flowers, and the fruits of our gardens to Mary's altar. Please bring your offering and place it on Mary's altar before the beginning of Holy Mass. Thank you.

We extend our best wishes to our August birthdays: Tony Prince (August 4), Dave Greenfield (August 14), Bob Kolonko (August 21), Greg Fragola (August 25), and JJ Kolonko (August 28).
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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

Thursday, August 12 6:00 pm

Polish language class

Sunday, August 15

Holy Mass **ORDINARY 20** 11:00

Intention: +Dorothy Haberer

Requested by Pat and Steve Zalewsk

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Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
August 1	Available	\$642	next week
TOTALS		\$642	