

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, September 19, 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

Amos 8: 4-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! "When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the Sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly man for silver, and the poor man for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: never will I forget a thing they have done!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8

R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever.

R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

High above all nations is the Lord; above the heavens is his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who is enthroned on high and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor to seat them with princes, with the princes of his own people.

R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Reading II

I Timothy 2: 1-8

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone, for he wishes that all men be saved.

First of all, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be offered for all men, especially for kings and those in authority, that we may be able to lead undisturbed and tranquil lives in perfect piety and dignity. Prayer of this kind is good, and God our savior is pleased with it, for he wants all men to be saved and come to know the truth. And the truth is this:

"God is one. One also is the mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all."

This truth was attested at the fitting time. I have been made its herald and apostle (believe me, I am not lying but speak the truth), the teacher of the nations in the true faith.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men shall offer prayers with blameless hands held aloft, and be free from anger and dissension.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Alleluia

**Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
You have the words of everlasting life.**

Gospel

Luke 16: 1-13

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: *"A rich man had a manager who was reported to him for dissipating his property. He summoned him and said, 'what is this I hear about you? Give me an account of your service, for it is about to come to an end.' The manager thought to himself, 'What shall I do next? My employer is sure to dismiss me. I cannot dig ditches. I am ashamed to go begging. I have it! Here is a way to make sure that people will take me into their homes when I am let go.'*

"So he called in each of his master's debtors, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' The man replied, 'A hundred jars of oil.' The manager said, 'Take your invoice, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he said to a second, 'How much do you owe?' The answer came, 'A hundred measures of wheat,' and the manger said, 'take your invoice and make it eighty.'

"The owner then gave his devious employee credit for being enterprising! Why? Because the worldly take more initiative than the other-worldly when it comes to dealing with their own kind.

"What I say to you is this: Make friends for yourselves through your use of this world's goods, so that when they fail you, a lasting reception will be yours. If you can trust a man in little things, you can also trust him in greater; while anyone unjust in a slight matter is also unjust in greater. If you cannot be trusted with elusive wealth, who will trust you with lasting? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's money, who will give you what is your own?"

"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other or be attentive to the one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to God and money."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit

The Root of Evil: Money

One of the most common idols that people worship is money. Greed for money has brought many people to ruin.

The story in today's Gospel about the dishonest steward teaches Christians about the wise use of money for God's work on earth and the honest, diligent strife for future glory in heaven.

The glass in the window, if it is clean, allows you to see the beautiful outside: the sky, the sun, the trees, the birds, the people... When you cover the glass with a thick veneer of silver, the window becomes a mirror and you stop seeing the outside world; you start seeing only yourself.

When you are concerned only with money, you stop seeing others and see only yourself.

Money may buy the husks of things but it cannot buy the kernel. It brings you food but not appetite; medicine but not health, acquaintances but not friends, servants but not faithfulness, days of pleasure but not peace and happiness. (Henrik Ibsen)

But your wealth, if it is wisely used, may help to build the Kingdom of God, for God's glory and for the happiness of human beings here on earth. Just think of sharing, helping others, using your resources for good and noble programs in promoting your Parish, the Christian work and the mission of your Church.

God puts people in different platforms of life for the purpose of practicing the Commandment of Love, sharing, and giving, and receiving.

This world is a banquet table: there are rich and poor, wealthy, and needy, greedy and generous, satisfied and those always desperate to have more... It is a grave scandal when some of God's children are starving and in dire needs.

Amen!

Announcements for September 19, 2010

Last week's picnic was a great success! The food was delicious, and we welcomed many new faces and enjoyed music, auctions, and fellowship in abundance. Thanks to Bobbi, Maureen, and John, who coordinated all of the "extras," to the kitchen and serving staff for all of their hard work, and to all who donated food or other items for the cause. We could not have done it without you. Great job, everyone!

The first YMS of R breakfast is **today** following Holy Mass. French toast and ham are on the menu. Join us!

The parish committee will meet **today**, following the YMS of R breakfast.

This week is the final push to get ready for our community garage sale on **this Fri-Sat, September 24-25 from 9:00 – 4:00. See Bobbi this morning** to find out how you can assist. Thank you in advance for your support.

Our first Community Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, October 9**, from 9:00 – noon. Joe will head up the pancake crew. Please spread the word and come to join us for a delicious breakfast.

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.**

A special semi-annual meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, October 31.** The purpose of the meeting is to approve changes to our parish constitution/by-laws and to our cemetery by-laws. Copies of the proposed revisions to each of these documents will be available next Sunday. Please review each document thoroughly before the meeting on October 31 and bring your copies with you to the meeting. Thank you in advance for marking your calendars to attend this important responsibility for our parish.

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday, September 21 **FEAST – MATTHEW, APOSTLE/EVANGELIST**

Wednesday, September 22 4:00 pm choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 23 6:00 pm Polish language class

Sunday, September 26 **ORDINARY 26**

Intention: +Robert and Teresa Greenfield
Requested by Mary and Dave Greenfield

11:00 Holy Mass
12:00 Last Chance Garage Sale
NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY!!

Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
September 5	\$645	\$642	\$5
September 12	Available	\$642	next week
TOTALS	\$645	\$1284	