

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, October 3, 2010
11:00 am**

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| | Father John Fetcho | Bill Moran |
| | Margaret Fitzgerald | Erika Zalewski |

and all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk

The just man will live by his faithfulness.

How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The rash man has no integrity; but the just man, because of his faith, shall live.

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 our hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me through they had seen my works.

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

Reading II

II Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God bestowed when my hands were laid on you. The Spirit God has given us is no cowardly spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving, and wise. Therefore, never be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but with the strength which comes from God bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails.

Take as a model of sound teaching what you have heard me say, in faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the rich deposit of faith with the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Alleluia Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life,
You have the words of everlasting life.**

Gospel

Luke 17: 5-10

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith," and he answered, *"If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore, 'Be uprooted and transplanted into the sea,' and it would obey you.*

"If one of you had a servant plowing or herding sheep and he came in from the fields, would you say to him, 'come and sit down at table'? Would you not rather say, 'Prepare my supper. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink afterward'? Would he be grateful to the servant who was only carrying out his orders? It is quite the same with you who hear me. When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit

Faith in God with Love

The Gospel today tells us that a little faith, provided it is authentic, can do great things.

Faith is the greatest power in the world: not tanks, not bombs, not even atomic power; but faith is the greatest force in this world.

Jesus said: "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." This is a striking way of saying that with faith what looks impossible becomes possible.

The saying about the uprooting of a tree is not to be taken in a literal sense. It is a vivid eastern mode of expression, which means that with faith what looks impossible can become possible.

Faith is not a thing, but a relationship with God.

The expression: "to lose your faith", as one might lose a key or a purse, is really rather silly. Faith is not a thing.

Faith is to live in God's presence and to breathe in God's world. It is to be guided by His inspiration, by His love to be motivated. It is to serve Him with love and devotion.

Blessed are those who live in faith! They realize that to serve God is not a duty but a privilege! People with faith are indeed the people of power, they are destined to do the impossible measures!

And yet they are humble enough to realize that they are only servants.

Announcements for October 3, 2010

Many thanks to those who helped clean up and pack up after the garage sale last weekend: Bobbi and John Lasinski, Phil Stepkovitch, Sue and Tony Prince, and Connie La Voie. Many of the remaining items were picked up by Interfaith, Incorporated, for use with refugee resettlement in the Syracuse area.

Our first Community Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for this coming **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.

Next Sunday during Holy Mass, Vincent Leonard Fragola will be baptized. Everyone is invited to join the family in the parish hall after mass to celebrate this blessed day.

Happy October birthdays to: Todd Bednarek (10/8), Andrea Zalewski (10/14), Nicole Kolonko (10/19), Laura Sabotka (10/21), John Dzencelowcz (10/24), Mike Bednarek (10/27), and Marlina Beebe (10/28). STO LAT!!

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

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| Wednesday, October 6 | 4:00 pm choir rehearsal |
| Thursday, October 8 | SOLEMNITY – HOLY MOTHER OF THE ROSARY <i>Happy Birthday to Todd Bednarek!</i> 6:00 pm Polish language class |
| Saturday, October 9 | Pancake Breakfast: 9:00 - noon |
| Sunday, October 10 | ORDINARY 28 with baptism of Vincent Leonard Fragola |

Intention: +Dominick Fragola
Requested by Jen and Greg Fragola

11:00 Holy Mass
12:00 Coffee Hour

Financial Corner

| Week of | Weekly Income | Weekly Income Needed | Balance |
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| September 5 | \$645 | \$642 | \$3 |
| September 12 | \$564 | \$642 | -\$78 |
| September 19 | \$404 | \$642 | -\$238 |
| September 26 | \$493 | \$642 | -\$149 |
| TOTALS | \$2106 | \$2568 | -\$462 |