

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
4th Sunday of Lent
Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC**

**Sunday, March 14, 2010
11:00 a.m.**

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and all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Joshua 5: 9, 10-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the Passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, "*Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.*"

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the Lord with me; let us together extol his name. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the afflicted man called out, the Lord heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

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Reading II

II Corinthians 5: 17-21

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old order has passed away; now all is new! All this has been done by God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. I mean that God, in Christ, was reconciling the world to himself, not counting men's transgressions against them, and that he has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us. This makes us ambassadors for Christ, God as it were appealing through us. We implore you, in Christ's name: be reconciled to God! For our sakes God made him who did not know sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the very holiness of God.

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Gospel

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all gathering around Jesus to hear him, at which the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then he addressed this parable to them: *"A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.' So the father divided up the property. Some days later this younger son collected all his belongings and went off to a distant land, where he squandered his money on dissolute living. After he had spent everything, a great famine broke out in that country and he was in dire need. So he attached himself to one of the propertied class of the place, who sent him to his farm to take care of his pigs. He longed to fill his belly with the husks that were fodder for the pigs, but no one made a move to give him anything. Coming to his senses at last, he said: 'How many hired hands at my father's place have more than enough to eat, while here I am starving! I will break away and return to my father, and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son. Treat me like one of your hired hands.'"' With that he set off for his father's house. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was deeply moved. He ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' The father said to his servants: 'Quick! Bring out the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Take the fatted calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and is found.' Then the celebration began.*

"Meanwhile the elder son was out on the land. As he neared the house on his way home, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked him the reason for the dancing and the music. The servant answered, 'Your brother is home, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has him back in good health.' The son grew angry at this and would not go in; but his father came out and began to plead with him.

"He said in reply to his father: 'For years now I have slaved for you. I never disobeyed one of your orders, yet you never gave me so much as a kid goat to celebrate with my friends. Then when this son of yours returns after having gone through all your property with loose women, you kill the fatted calf for him.'

"My son,' replied the father, 'you are with me always and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice! This brother of yours was dead and has come back to life. He was lost, and is found.' "

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Thoughts from the Pulpit **Institution of the PNCC**

Today on the 4th Sunday of Lent, we celebrate in our Polish National Catholic Church the Institution Solemnity, bringing to the Altar of Jesus Christ's Church our solemn thanksgiving for the existence of our Church, for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the Church, and for all the blessings provided to the Church in its history.

On the 4th Sunday of Lent Christians around the world meditate the Word of God on the journey to the Promised Land. After miraculously crossing the Jordan, the children of Israel renewed their covenant with the Lord and celebrated their first Passover in the Promised Land.

And then it happened: the manna stopped. The miraculous provision that had sustained them for forty years in the desert came to a halt, and the people had to learn how to live off the bounty of the land of Canaan instead. It must have felt odd to wake up that morning and not to see the manna on the ground there, ready to be eaten.

Now they had to work for their food, and work every day in order to have food every day. To work in the Land of Milk and Honey - the land provided by gracious God!

As we look into Our Church, we should see it as so precious the Gift of God, the Land of Milk and Honey!

God calls us to work in this Land!

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 March 14, 2010

Join us after mass today for the YMS of R Breakfast. Following breakfast, the parish committee will hold its monthly meeting.

Invite your family and friends to join us for the Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner this coming Saturday, March 20 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm **or** Sunday, March 21 at 12:30 pm.

Sign up with Bobbi for the annual Palm Sunday bake sale, to be held after Holy Mass on Palm Sunday (March 28). We want to provide *some* smaller portion items again this year, for those of our parish family who live alone. Thank you!

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, March 10 6:00 pm Choir practice

Thursday, March 11 5:30 pm Weight Watchers meeting

Friday, March 19 **Solemnity – Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**

Saturday, March 20 4:30 – 7:00 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Sunday, March 21 Lent 5
Passion Sunday

Intention: +Russell Haberer Requested by Pat and Steve Zalewski

10:30 Bible Study for children
10:45 Private Confession for Children
11:00 Lenten General Confession and Holy Mass
12:30 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Saturday, April 17 Ham Dinner

4:30 – 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 18 Swieconka Dinner following Holy Mass

Saturday, May 15 Meatloaf Dinner

4:30 – 7:00 pm

Monthly Financial Summary

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
March 6	\$1794	\$647	\$1147
TOTAL	\$1794	\$647	\$1147