

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church  
Easter 5  
With Benediction to the Blessed Sacrament**

**Sunday, May 2, 2010  
11:00 a.m.**

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Intention: +Rose Marie Kolonko  
and  
for all those in need of healing in our parish community

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Reading I**

Acts 14: 21-27

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news in Derbe and made numerous disciples, they retraced their steps to Lystra and Iconium first, then to Antioch. They gave their disciples reassurances, and encouraged them to persevere in the faith with this instruction: "We must undergo many trials if we are to enter into the reign of God." In each church they installed elders and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. After preaching the message in Perga, they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had first been commended to the favor of God for the task they had now completed. On their arrival, they called the congregation together and related all that God had helped them accomplish, and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13

R: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

**The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.**

R: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

**Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.**

R: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

**Let them make known to men your might and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

R: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

## **Reading II**

Revelations 21: 1-5

### **A reading from the book of Revelation**

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne cry out: "This is God's dwelling among men. He shall dwell with them and they shall be his people, and he shall be their God who is always with them. He shall wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain, for the former world has passed away.

The One who sat on the throne said to me, "See, I make all things new."

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

### **Gospel Alleluia**

I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another as I have loved you.

## **Gospel**

John 13: 31-33, 34-35

### **A reading of the holy gospel according to John**

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Once Judas had left [the cenacle], Jesus said:

*"Now is the Son of Man glorified  
And God is glorified in him.  
[If God had been glorified in him,  
God will, in turn, glorify him in himself,  
And will glorify him soon.  
My children, I am not to be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another.  
Such as my love has been for you,  
So must your love be for each other.  
This is how all will know you for my disciples:  
Your love for one another."  
**This is the gospel of the Lord.***

## **Thoughts from the Pulpit**

### **Jesus: the Way, the Truth, the Life**

During the Last Supper Jesus consoled his disciples with the promise: "There are many rooms in my Father's house. I am going to prepare a place for you. I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too."

We have an eternal home to go to, a home prepared by God for the people of God.

God has planted in every human being 'a sense of direction' – the conscience. God also gave his word of direction how to get to the eternal home: he sent out his prophets. The prophets' teachings are in the Old Testament of the Bible.

God finally sent out his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to the world, so people of God would have a very solid sense of direction to the eternal home by following His Word of the Gospel.

Jesus Christ has instituted the Church, so that His Word of the Gospel would be delivered to every generation, until the end of time and makes all things new. He loves to take what is "old" in our lives and replace them with newness of his love, his power, and his joy.  
His Word is the Living Power.

Jesus asks us to keep His New Commandment: love one another and show the world the riches of Christ's Gospel. Jesus Christ the Messiah as the Living Word in the Church proclaims the direction to our eternal home.

He says: "I Am the Way, the Truth, the Life. Follow Me!"

## 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 May 2, 2010*

#### Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
April 4	\$673	\$647	\$26
April 11	\$371	\$647	-\$276
April 18	\$745	\$647	\$98
April 25	\$866	\$647	\$219
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2655</b>	<b>\$2588</b>	<b>\$67</b>

Please join us for the YMS of R Breakfast this morning after Holy Mass. The boys will also serve breakfast next Sunday in honor of Mother's Day. Please invite your family/friends.

Requests for Mother's Day Reading of Names **are due this morning**. If you have not yet turned in your request, you can find a yellow request sheet on the small table at the back of the sanctuary. Drop your request in the collection plate OR give it to Pat before you leave today. Thank you!

The May fundraiser for the mortgage fund is a meatloaf dinner on Saturday, May 15 from 4:30 to 6:30. This will be the only dinner for the month. If you cannot attend the Saturday evening dinner and would like to order a dinner for takeout on Sunday, May 16, fill out one of the forms that are available in the parish hall and give it to Pat Zalewski, the dinner coordinator, along with your payment. Your order will be packaged and ready for pickup after mass on May 16. Dinners are \$9.00 for adults, \$8.00 for senior citizens, and \$5.00 for children ages 6-12. Thank you.

See the announcement about a one or two-day golf outing in Lancaster/Darien Center, NY on Fri July 16-Sat July 17. Deacon Tom Klusek is organizing the event. Information is available on the flyer on the door of the sanctuary.

2010 Central Diocese Acolyte Retreat

Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Bishop Hodur Retreat & Recreation Center, Waymart, Pa. All children and youth serving at the altar are invited for the retreat - recreation, fun, fellowship, spiritual refreshment, prayer, and summer games. Information is in the foyer - please contact Father Walter to apply.

Convo 2010: July 26 – 30, 2010 at Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ

Every two years our PNCC has the Convocation for the Youth of our Church. Convocation brings youth and children together for spiritual and educational benefits. It is run by a qualified staff of priests, educators, chaperones, and invited guest speakers. Parents are also invited. The cost is \$285.00 per person. Deadline for signing up is June 1, 2010.

**Weekly Calendar**

Monday, May 3

**SOLEMNITY – FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSSP**

11:00 am Polish Home - Polish Constitution Day Celebration and Memorial for Polish leaders who died April 10

Wednesday, May 5

4:00 pm Choir practice

Thursday, May 6

5:30 pm Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, May 9

**Easter 6  
MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE**

Intention: ALL MOTHERS, LIVING AND DECEASED

10:30 Bible Study for children

11:00 Holy Mass with Reading of Names for Mother's Day

12:15 YMS of R Mother's Day Breakfast