

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church
Easter 6
With Mother's Day Remembrance**

**Sunday, May 9, 2010
11:00 a.m.**

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and
for all those in need of healing in our parish community

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It seemed right to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down to Antioch from Judea and began to teach the brothers: "Unless you are circumcised according to Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." This created dissension and much controversy between them and Paul and Barnabas. Finally, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some others should go up to see the apostles and elders in Jerusalem about this question.

It was resolved by the apostles and the elders, in agreement with the whole Jerusalem church, that representatives be chosen from among their number and sent to Antioch along with Paul and Barnabas. Those chosen were leading men of the community, Judas, known as Barsabbas, and Silas. They were to deliver this letter:

"The apostles and the elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of Gentile origin in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia. We have heard that some of our number without any instruction from us have upset you with their discussions and disturbed your peace of mind. Therefore we have unanimously resolved to choose representatives and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated themselves to the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. Those whom we are sending you are Judas and Silas, who will convey this message by word of mouth: 'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit, and ours too, not to lay on you any burden beyond that which is strictly necessary, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals, and from illicit sexual union. You will be well advised to avoid these things. Farewell.' "

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8

R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Reading II

Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of Revelation

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

The angel carried me away in spirit to the top of a very high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. The city had the radiance of a precious jewel that sparkled like a diamond. Its wall, massive and high, had twelve gates at which twelve angels were stationed. Twelve names were written on the gates, the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city. The Lord, God the Almighty, is its temple – he and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

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 14: 23-29

A reading of the holy gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Anyone who loves me will be true to my word, and my Father will love him; we will come to him and make our dwelling place with him always. He who does not love me does not keep my words. Yet the word you hear is not mine; it comes from the Father who sent me. This much have I told you while I was still with you; the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will instruct you in everything, and remind you of all that I told you. 'Peace' is my farewell to you, my peace is my gift to you; I do not give it to you as the world gives peace. Do not be distressed or fearful. You have heard me say, 'I go away for a while, and I come back to you.' If you truly loved me you would rejoice to have me go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I tell you this now, before it takes place, so that when it takes place you may believe."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit **Peace I Leave with You**

In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus Christ saying to us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Peace I leave with you; my own peace I give you."

Christ heals and gives his peace.

He calms fears with his Words of Hope.

He heals troubled minds and restless hearts.

Christ guides through all doubts and uncertainties.

All this He does for his followers, to those who follow his Commandment of Love.

The "Peace" Jesus Christ offers is not the peace of escape. It is the peace of conquest, of search, of doing the best in one's life span, using all energy from God to be involved, to love, to share, to forgive, to generate – to live in fullness, to live free, to live in God's peace!

The starting point in possessing Christ's Peace is keeping his Word, his Commandment of loving God and loving of our neighbor. "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word, and my Father will love him; We will come to him and make our dwelling place with him always."

Peace be with you! Amen!

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 9, 2010

Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
May 2	\$681	\$647	\$34
TOTAL	\$681	\$647	\$34

Please join us for the YMS of R Breakfast this morning after our service of worship. All women in our parish family are being honored today. Happy Mother's Day!

The May fundraiser for the mortgage fund is a meatloaf dinner next 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 to take home next Sunday, fill out one of the forms that are available today in the parish hall and give it to Pat Zalewski. Your order will be packaged and ready for payment and pickup during coffee hour next Sunday. 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 29th – Friday, July 2nd 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

Wednesday, May 12	4:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday, May 13	SOLEMNITY – ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 5:30 pm	Weight Watchers meeting
Saturday, May 15	9:00 – 11:30	Cycle in the City! at the MOST 500 Franklin Street, Syracuse
	4:30 – 6:30	Meatloaf Dinner
Sunday, May 9	Easter 7 ASCENSION	
	Intention: +Florence Kolonko	Requested by Joe and Angela Kolonko
	10:30	Bible Study for children
	11:00	Holy Mass
	12:15	Coffee Hour