

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church  
Easter 7  
ASCENSION**

**Sunday, May 16, 2010  
11:00 a.m.**

**Holy Cross Church  
3690 Armstrong Road, PO Box 318  
Syracuse, NY 13209-0318**

WEBSITE: <http://www.holycrossncc.org>

EMAIL: [holycrossncc@espeedusa.com](mailto:holycrossncc@espeedusa.com)

Intention: +Florence Kolonko

Requested by Angela and Joe Kolonko

Healing Intentions: Michelle Mallory  
Martha Shuman  
Joann Bogacki  
Polka Stoney

Lu Luch  
Diane Spina  
David Peelar  
Dominick Adornato

and all those in need of healing in our parish community

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Reading I**

Acts 1: 1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my first account, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up into heaven, having first instructed the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit. In the time after his suffering he showed them in many convincing ways that he was alive, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking to them about the reign of God. On one occasion when he met with them, he told them not to leave Jerusalem: "Wait, rather, for the fulfillment of my Father's promise, of which you have heard me speak. John baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized by the Holy Spirit."

While they were with him they asked, "Lord, are you going to restore the rule of Israel now?" His answer was: "the exact time is not yours to know. The father has reserved that to himself. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you; then you are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, yes, even to the ends of the earth." No sooner had he said this than he was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took him from their sight.

They were still gazing up into the heavens when two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking up at the skies? This Jesus who has been taken from you will return, just as you saw him go up into the heavens.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**All you people, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, for the Lord, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.**

R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.**

R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.**

R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Reading II**

Ephesians 1: 17-23

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians**

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, grant you a spirit of wisdom and insight to know him clearly". May he enlighten your innermost vision that you may know the great hope of which he has called you, the wealth of his glorious heritage to be distributed among the members of the church, and the immeasurable scope of his power in us who believe. It is like the strength he showed in raising Christ from the dead and seating him at his right hand in heaven, high above every principality, power, virtue, and domination, and every name that can be given in this age or the age to come.

He has put all things under Christ's feet and has made him thus exalted, head of the church, which is his body: the fullness of him who fills the universe in all its parts.

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

**Gospel Alleluia**

I call you my friends, says the Lord,  
For I have made known to you all that the Father has told me.

**Gospel**

Matthew 28: 16-20

**A conclusion of the holy gospel according to Matthew**

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to you.

The eleven disciples made their way to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had summoned them. At the sight of him, those who had entertained doubts fell down in homage. Jesus came forward and addressed them in these words:

*"Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth; go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name 'of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you. And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world!"*

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

## **Thoughts from the Pulpit** **Ascension of the Lord**

The Ascension of Jesus is a mystery which is beyond words to describe. It has to be seen in the context of the resurrection and the giving of the Holy Spirit. It is the one action that goes beyond earthly time and space. Jesus emerges from the tomb, returns to the Father, and gives the Holy Spirit.

God so loved the world (the human race – his children) that He sent His Only Begotten Son to this world for the purpose of Salvation.

God has glorified Jesus, raising him above all earthly powers and making him Head of the Church and Lord of creation.

By the virtue of Baptism the children of God are the part of God's plan in salvation. The plan of salvation takes an active initiative from both ends - God and His Children.

For our part, we need to answer God's invitation to come home, and we need to want to come home. Jesus Christ Our Savior through the mystery of Ascension took His human state into heaven, and thus He made it possible for humans to be partakers of the Mystery of Heaven! Alleluia!

We read in the Acts of the Apostles, there is no other name in Heaven or on earth through which we can be saved. The Son of God, Our Messiah, from his exalted position saves us from sin and from every evil, even death itself! And He seeks being together in one great family all of God's scattered sons and daughters. But we must be his witnesses! – being witnesses by continually trusting in God, by living according to his will, by keeping God's Commandments, especially the Commandment of Love of God and thy neighbor.

Thanks be to God for the eternal Home of Heaven! 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 16, 2010***

### **Financial Corner**

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Weekly Income</b>	<b>Weekly Income Needed</b>	<b>Balance</b>
May 2	\$681	\$647	\$34
May 9	\$658	\$647	\$11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1339</b>	<b>\$1294</b>	<b>\$45</b>

Please join us for coffee hour this morning following Holy Mass.

Last night's meatloaf dinner was a great success. Many thanks go to all who worked to make the evening so profitable and pleasant. If you ordered a dinner for takeout, you can pick it up during coffee hour. If you did not order a dinner and would like some meatloaf for dinner this week, you can buy a portion. One pound portions will be sold for \$6.00 each. Thank you.

Father Senior Walter will be leaving tomorrow for a two-week visit in Poland. During his absence, Father Marian Pocięcha will be serving at our altar.

The parish committee will meet next Sunday following coffee hour.

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**

Wednesday, May 19                      4:00 pm                      Choir practice

Thursday, May 20                      5:30 pm                      Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, May 23

### **Solemnity of Pentecost**

Intention: +Frank Piazza                      Requested by Rosemarie Piazza

Intention: +Anna Shelly                      Requested by John and Bertha Lukasiewicz

10:30                      Bible Study for children

11:00                      Holy Mass

12:15                      Coffee Hour

12:45                      Parish Committee Meeting

**Saturday, May 29    5:00 pm**  
**Holy Mass at the cemetery**