

Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church

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SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

11:00 am

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The Liturgy of the Word

Reading I

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

He gave you food which you and your fathers did not know.

Moses said to the people: "Remember how for forty years now the Lord, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.

"Remember, the Lord, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its seraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20

R: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Glorify the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

R: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you. He sends forth his command to the earth; swiftly runs his word!

R: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his ordinances to Israel. He has not done thus for any other nation; his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia.

R: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Reading II

I Corinthians 10: 16-17

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Though we are, many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

Is not the cup of blessing we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Alleluia

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
the man who follows me will have the light of life.**

Gospel

John 6: 51-58

A reading of the holy gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowds of Jews: *"I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world."* At this the Jews quarreled among themselves, saying: "How can he give us his flesh to eat?" Thereupon Jesus said to them: *"Let me solemnly assure you, if you do not eat of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood real drink. The man who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the Father who has life sent me and I have life because of the Father, so the man who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and died nonetheless, the man who feeds on this bread shall live forever."*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Thoughts from the Pulpit

Graduation Sunday

We give thanks to God for the gifts of Children and Youth who strive in their studies and expand the horizons of knowledge, thus coming to know God the Creator and pursue the fulfillment of their destinies. Parents hope and invest in their children education and pray for their best. Parents save every penny to send their children to the best schools, so their children can have a better life, becoming morally good people, as well as educated and productive adults.

But very often it happens that parents harvest disappointments and disillusion. Their children in college move from innocent Christian life and piety to a cynical adolescence with a lost faith and moral values. All of a sudden they are "enlightened and liberated". We don't see them in Church on Sundays; they don't feel any need of being a part of Christian Community. Why is that happening? They don't realize, and their parents as well, that college students in many cases are victims of ideologically motivated attacks on religion and traditional morality that has been launched in Western culture colleges. Biologist Kenneth Miller testified in court trials: "a presumption of atheism or agnosticism is universal in academic life...The conventions of academic life, almost universally, revolve around the assumption that religious belief is something that people grow out of as they become educated" (Kenneth R. Miller, *A Scientist's Search for Common Ground Between God and Evolution*). Philosopher Richard Rorty affirms that secular university professors ought "to arrange things so that students who enter as religious will leave college with views more like our own." (cited by Jason Boffetti, *First Things*, May 2004).

So, parents invest a good portion of their life savings in a college education to entrust their offspring to people who are supposed to educate them but many instead indoctrinate them.

It is a striking fact that we live in a religiously illiterate society. The Bible is rarely taught. Many Christians even cannot name five of the Ten Commandments. In our own Church there are parents that feel it is not necessary to send their children to the School of Christian Living. And no wonder the religiously ignorant children, when going to colleges, are the easy prey of anti-religious formation and the secularization of their minds.

Let us pray on this Graduation Sunday for our children so that in going through the education process they may become more knowledgeable, stronger in faith, closer to God, the Creator of the Universe, valuable professionals, always professing their Christian values.

Announcements

Please join us this morning after Holy Mass for coffee hour in honor of our two high school graduates: Marlena Beebe and Nick Farfaglia.

The parish committee will meet today immediately following coffee hour.

This Sunday is Graduation Sunday, when we celebrate the successes of those who are completing another year of their education. We are pleased to honor two high school graduates this year, **Marlena Beebe** and **Nick Farfaglia**.

***Marlena** graduated this past Friday evening from Cicero-North Syracuse High School. She is planning on attending Onondaga Community College in the fall.

***Nick** will graduate this afternoon from Jamesville-Dewitt High School. He is also planning to attend Onondaga Community College this fall.

We wish them both continued success in their future studies.

Mass intentions are open for the weeks of July 10, 24 and 31 and August 7. If you have a request, see Pat.

Weekly Calendar

JUNE IS SACRED VOCATIONS MONTH TODAY IS GRADUATION SUNDAY!

Tuesday, June 28	Happy Birthday to Chris Klik-Zalewski... STO LAT!!!
Wednesday, June 29	FEAST – SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES <i>No choir practice this week!</i>
Thursday, June 23	OCTAVE OF CORPUS CHRISTI
Friday, June 24	SOLEMNITY – SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Saturday, July 2	SOLEMNITY – VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sunday, July 3	Ordinary 14 INDEPENDENCE DAY REMEMBRANCE 11:00 Holy Mass 12:00 Coffee Hour in honor of our high school graduates
Monday, July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY

Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
June 5	\$641	\$673	-\$32
June 12	\$832	\$673	\$159
June 19	\$467	\$673	-206
TOTALS	\$1940	\$2019	-\$79