

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 26, 2015

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS CHURCH** PNCC 88 Years of Service

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SUNDAY MASSES

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES 8:30 am (check bulletin)

"I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own." John 10:17-18

INTRODUCTION



My brothers and sisters: the early Christians had to defend themselves and their convictions about Jesus to skeptics, challengers and those with no knowledge of him. Who was this Jesus to his followers? How did they describe what he meant to them? Many titles were conferred by the early community. Today we ponder two of them: Jesus, the stone the builders rejected, who became the cornerstone; and Jesus, the good shepherd. What description of Jesus has the most meaning for you? If you were to ascribe a title to him, what would it be? What title would you be willing to defend with your life?

Scripture readings:

Acts 4:8-12 Peter proclaims Jesus as Savior to the Sanhedrin.

Psalms 118 The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1 John 3:1-2 We are God's children now.

John 10:11-18 Jesus is the Good Shepherd.



LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 AM – Deacon William Gaydos

11:00 AM – Claire Centrella

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. WE RECEIVED \$1,000 from Shopping Certificates for a TOTAL of \$61,000! We thank Lucy Daum and Merry Sleece for organizing and running this project. The easiest way to support our Building Fund is by purchasing weekly shopping gift cards. The Building Fund is needed to finance any future repairs and maintenance of our facility. **We thank all those who participate and who run this wonderful project.** Gift cards are available for *STOP & SHOP, A&P, PATHMARK, FOODTOWN, SHOPRITE and FAIRWAY.* Please encourage other members of the parish and friends to join in this wonderful project. If you have any questions contact Lucy Daum (973) 694-9457, or Merry Sleece 973-731-3611. **WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**



Please remember me and my family in your prayers. I remember you each day in my prayers. – Father Joseph



The following members of our parish community are in need of our prayers, cards and other signs of Christian support: Irene Novak, Mary Margo, Jean Tierney; Sophie Barnes, Jean Zajac, Wanda Gec.; Gene Kapchonick; Liz Wozney; Bp. Bernard Nowicki; Roy Zebrowski. Our friends: Jo Ann Murphy, Judy Bozza, Stanley Mikolajczyk, Patricia Jarmakowicz, Zachary Decker, Joseph Denne, Jr., Declan, Urbano, Ann Catalano, Maryann Nuzzo, Helen Blum, Char O'Neill, Gloria Counsellor. We pray also for all those who asked us to pray and for those whom we promised to pray: Hail Mary, Glory...

HOSPITAL VISIT. "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord..." (James 5:14). If you or a member of your family are ill and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home or at the hospital, please notify the rectory.



HEALING MASS – The next Mass will be celebrated on **Thursdays, April 30, 2015** at 7:15 p.m. You are invited to attend this special Mass if you have any health problems or you wish to present prayers for other people. The Lord always listens to our prayer and has the power of healing.

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage.

Robert Robinson and Barbara Skrzypek – 35th Anniversary – April 25

Jerome Rotsaert & Elaine Skawinski – 51st Anniversary – May 3

Al Cuccinello & Frances Bucci – 52nd Anniversary – May 12

Stephen and Pilar Bradbury – 4th Anniversary - May 16

Richard Minich & Mary Booker – 35th Ann. – May 18

Erick Urban & Fae Ludkiewicz – 16th Anniversary – May 22



Holy Cross Church Face Book – link

www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

Visiting our website [Blog holycrosssite.org](http://Blog.holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. 155 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book.

2015 BULLETIN ADS - \$100 per year – THANK YOU

BUSINESS ADVERTISING –The donation for one year is \$100.00. The monies received will go towards photocopy supplies. Please contact church parish office at 973-256-4888 or send e-mail holycrosspncc1@gmail.com, thank you. **Please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**



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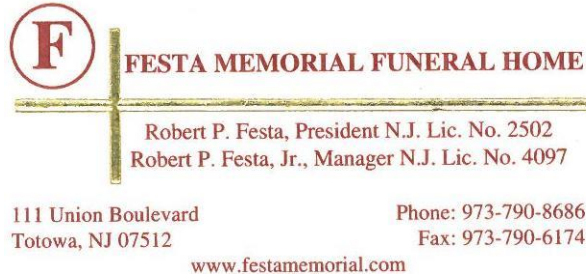
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- 9:00 am** Holy Mass for all Parishioners
10:10 am – Coffee and cake Fellowship
10:10 am – SOCL Classes
11:00 am – Holy Mass for +Jozef Cyman (2 Ann.); Offered by Cyman Family
+Luz Diaz; Offered by Rosa Rodriguez and family
+Emanuele Triggiano (3 Ann.); Offered by Claire Centrella
After Mass – First Holy Communion preparation

Tuesday April 28, 2015 – Easter Weekday

8:30 am - Holy Mass for the peace in the world

Wednesday April 29, 2015 – Easter Weekday

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Thursday, April 30, 2015 – St. Joseph the Workman

7:15 pm – Holy Mass for the sick and homebound (Healing Mass)

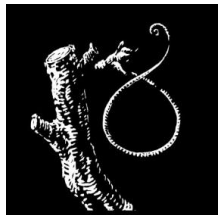
Friday, May 1, 2015 – Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles

8:30 am - Holy Mass for the Benefactors of Holy Cross Church



SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you." John 15:3-4



9:00 am Holy Mass for + Anne Piascik (25th Ann.); Offered by Piascik, Merson and Montero Families

+Adele Raczkowski; Joseph & Sophia Piascik; Genevieve & Joseph Hrabosky; Emily & Charles Hess; Frank, Theodore, Alex & Edward Piascik; Fannie & Rudolph Merson; Charlie Hrabovsky; Isabella & Albert Jones; Offered by The Merson Family

10:10 am – Coffee and cake Fellowship

10:10 am – SOCL Classes

11:00 am – Holy Mass for Parishioners / After Mass – Confirmation Class

Sanctuary Candle

Adoration Society is sponsoring sanctuary candles that are lit for a week in memory/honor of your special intentions for \$10. Please sign up on the list in the vestibule of the church, use special envelopes and make your check out to Adoration Society. Thank you for your donations.

Week of April 26, 2015 – in memory of Emanuele Triggiano

WE RECENTLY PURCHASED THE GOSPEL BOOK on the altar and would like someone to sponsor the cost of \$100 in honor or memory of a loved one. Please contact the Parish Office for your donation. Tel. 973-256-4888 or email – holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

World's Finest Chocolate SALE BY OUR YOUTH

Last year we did such a great job of selling candy (Matute, Rotsaert, Kiame and Cyman families) in front of the stores in the shopping center of Fairway on Rte. 46 Woodland Park. We actually had a contest of the boys versus the girls and the girls won! LOL. We would like to do this again this year so I have a few Saturdays and Sundays that we could do this. Please let me know when your children will be available so we can schedule another sale.

MOTHER'S DAY



On Sunday, May 10, 2015 we will celebrate Mother's Day and honor of all our mothers with special prayers during both Masses. The Mother's Day Breakfast will take place in the parish hall after the 9:00 A.M. Mass. (10:10 A.M.) All parishioners and friends especially Mothers are cordially invited to attend this special celebration.



THE PRAYERS REQUEST - The container "**Prayer Request**" is located at the side altar by the baptismal fount. Fr. Joseph says the Holy Mass on Thursdays for the sick and shut-ins. If you have any sick members in your family and/or homebound, please write their names and place them in the container. Fr. Joseph will include these intentions at the Holy Mass on Thursday evening Mass.

Information for our Youth



Acolyte Retreat - All altar servers are invited for the annual Acolyte Retreat that will be held at Bp. Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center in Waymart, PA from Tuesday June 23 (Noon) to Friday, June 26, (Noon), 2015.

Please contact Fr. Joseph for applications. Those who serve as altar servers will attend the retreat free of charge through the sponsorship of Adoration Society.



ALTAR SERVERS This is an important ministry for our parish and your support and involvement is needed! Please contact Deacon - William Gaydos 973-239-4725 or parish office 973-256-488 if your son /daughter are interested in becoming altar servers.

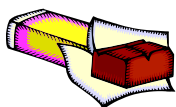
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:

The preparation for first Holy Communion is held on Sundays, after the 11 AM Mass in the parish hall. NEXT CLASSES will be held on Sunday, April 26 (meeting with parents), May 10 – Mother's Day, May 15 (Friday) – First Holy Communion rehearsal and Confessions at 7 pm, Sunday May 17, 2015 – First Holy Communion celebration at 11 am. Children who are enrolled at second grade and older are eligible to take classes. The Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ who is really present under the forms of bread and wine. In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ gives us Himself as a food for our souls. The bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of our Lord during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass when the priest says words of consecration which Jesus used during the Last Supper: This is My Body... This is My Blood. (Catechism)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGAN SUNDAY April 19, 2015 after the 11 am Mass **and will continue on following Sundays:** May 3, 24, June 7, 2015. Students who are 13 years old and older as well as adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons.

BEAUTIFUL CROSSES – (donated by our parishioner) are for sale. **The retail price is \$25 each and the Holy Cross Church is selling them for \$5. Don't forget yours for gifts. Father Joseph blessed all of these crosses in advance.**

4th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – World's Finest Chocolate. TO DATE: \$779.00



We are selling World's Finest Chocolate candy bars and hope you will help. Bring a box to work, sell to family and friends or just keep a box for your own snacking. At \$1.00 per bar and a coupon for Quiznos on the back of the wrapper, it is a wonderful deal. Pick up your boxes at the Church Hall and return money when you will sell as soon as you can. **Such an easy way to help your parish raise funds!**

ALMS BOX – Our parish traditionally uses the Alms Box in the vestibule of the church for the benefit of the poor. Please continue to support this great cause to help the less fortunate of our society. *"When you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right is doing – your alms giving must be secret, and your father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you."* (Mat.6:3-4)

FLEA MARKET

by **DAUGHTERS OF HOLY CROSS and ADORATION SOCIETY** on **Saturday, May 30, 2015** from 9 to 3 PM. Parishioners and outside vendors can rent out space for **\$20 a table. Tables are still available.** To rent the table, please call Elaine 973-838-4246 or Penni 973-768-7917. There will be a parish table to sell for the church profit. The ladies are asking parishioners to donate **GOOD CONDITION, CLEANED and NEW** items for the sale. **You can bring those items beginning on Sundays April 26, 2015 and place them in the parish hall.** We need volunteers to set up the parish hall on Friday May 29, 2015 beginning at 9 am. We also need help in the kitchen and clean up after the event. The sign-up sheet will be placed in the parish hall. If you have any questions, please call Elaine 973-838-4246 or Penni 973-768-7917. Thank you in advance for your participation.

The SYNOD body was to establish a P.N.C.C. database which is in progress with the creation of a church-wide email list. The name will be futuredirection@pncc.org. We will share the information with our parish as an attachment in our Sunday bulletin.

Help Holy Cross to raise more \$. There are 150 Supporters registered so far. So please join us and you can imagine how much we can earn for our church! When you do your Shopping online please take advantage of GoodShop,

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You can copy this link or mark it and open it as a Hyperlink. YOU CAN EVEN EARN \$ PLAYING GAMES, DOING SURVEYS, AND DINING OUT.



LET US IMITATE THE WAYS OF GOD BY BEING MORE GENEROUS AND LOVING IN OUR SERVICE TO HIS MYSTICAL BODY, "THE CHURCH."

We need your help - Repairs

In spring time we need to do some simple renovations such as paintings of railings and garage doors, filling major holes in the parking lot. We plan also to plant flowers in the front of the church and Fr. John Slysz / Sunday School building.

Men and women are welcome to sign up in the parish hall. You will be contacted by the maintenance committee. Thank you for sharing your time and talent for the good of our parish.

Thank you for your anticipated support toward our parish.

We appreciate any donations toward the Building Fund for our future necessary repairs. Also, we ask more parishioners to participate in the purchase of shopping certificates since the profit goes toward the Building Fund.

HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH



Fees: For non-members of the parish: The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$110.00 for each hour of rental time. For members of the parish (paid membership). The rental hall fee for the use of facilities is \$55.00 fee for each hour of rental time. Call 973-256-4888.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 3, 2015 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- May 10, 2015 – Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 30, 2015 - Flea Market
- May 17, 2015 – First Holy Communion celebration - 11:00 am
- June 7, 2015 – Corpus Christi Procession at Holy Cross Church at 4:00 pm
- June 14, 2015 – Parish Picnic and SOCL Awards
- June 21, 2015 – Father's Day Breakfast
- Sept. 26, 2015 - Melissa A. Centrella Scholarship Fdn. Beefsteak T/T
- Oct. 23, 2015 – Tricky Tray at Amalgamated Meat Cutters hall, 245 Paterson Ave.,



Little Falls



THANK YOU- Recently our Holy Cross Church donated twenty (20) bags of nonperishable food items for Fr. English Food Pantry, Paterson.

THE NEXT FOOD DRIVE WILL TAKE PLACE ON FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 21, 2015. We all need to remember the words of our Lord: *“Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me.”* (Mat. 25:40)



EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS – 2015 – Thank you

Mrs. Gene Kapchonick (*additional donations will be published in the next bulletin*)

If you wish to donate toward Easter flowers please use envelopes from the vestibule of the church. Thank you.

EASTER SEASON - During the 50 day season of Easter (until May 24, 2015) we commemorate the life giving resurrection of our Lord. Fasting does not take place during this time. We say our prayers standing rather than kneeling. We stand during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. We greet one another with the words, “Christ is Risen! Indeed, he is Risen! This is the time of great rejoicing

ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PARISH – The new print of Holy Cross Church pamphlet is available in the vestibule of the church. Please use it as the tool to advertise our parish in your neighborhood welcoming especially those who are not affiliated with any church.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO DOES NOT BELONG TO A CHURCH OR WHO DOES NOT ATTEND MASS, WHY NOT INVITE HIM OR HER TO JOIN US IN WORSHIP AT HOLY CROSS PARISH? ALL ARE CORDIALLY WELCOMED

The Alfred H. Baumann Library is holding its 20th Annual Poetry Contest. Three copies of your poem must be submitted with name, address, phone # and category on the back. Poems must be submitted by 3:00 on **Saturday, May 2nd**. Please call the library at 973-345-8120 for details.

Join the Alfred Baumann Library on **Sunday, May 17th** at 2:00 in council chambers, 5 Brophy Lane, for an afternoon of jazz. The Mike Luipersbeck Trio will perform music of the Great American Songbook, Jazz, Broadway and more!



May 1st - St. Joseph the Workman.

Saint Joseph is the patron saint of a number of cities, regions and countries, among them the Americas, Canada, China, Croatia, Mexico, Korea, Austria, Belgium, Peru, the Philippines and Vietnam, as well as of families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travellers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.

May 3 – Saint Philip and Saint James Apostles

Philip the Apostle was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. Later Christian traditions describe Philip as the apostle who preached in Greece, Syria, and Phrygia.

James, son of Zebedee was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus, and traditionally considered the first apostle to be martyred. He was a son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of John the Apostle. He is also called James the Greater or James the Great to distinguish him from James, son of Alphaeus and James the Just. James the Greater is the patron saint of Spain and Portugal.