

HOLY CROSS CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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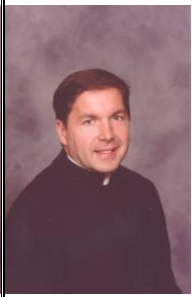
89 YEARS OF SERVICE

MARCH – APRIL 2015

Dear Friends, enjoy recent pictures showing the life of our parish.



Happy
Birthday
Stella!!!
Love,
Holy Cross
Church



FROM PASTOR'S DESK

PICTURES# 1, 2

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING AWARDS – CONGRATULATION!

On Sunday February 8, 2015 the following children received the Sunday School attendance awards (*Gifts cards to Barnes and Noble*) for their participation in fall 2014.

Perfect attendance Level I: Nicholas Gizzi and Sebastian Arias

Good attendance - Level I: Gabriel Iudici Flax

Perfect attendance Level II and Level III: Gianni Maher, Declan Maher, Natalie Cyman

Good attendance Level II and Level III: Neil Kiame, Ned Kiame, Nayef Kiame, Lina Abdelfattah and Omar Abdelfattah - Congratulations! Occasionally there were other student attending classes and they received

Participation awards:

Gabriela Rotsaert, Jean Rubio, Cindy Matute, Ariana Rubio, Kimberly Matute

We encourage parents to bring children to Sunday School lessons.

We thank Mrs. Donna Maher and Mrs. Andrea Lerggios-Smith for their dedication to teaching the children of our parish Christian way of life.

PICTURE # 3 ST. VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON – February 15, 2015

We thank those who supported our St. Valentine's day Luncheon held on Sunday February 15, 2015, especially Renata Cyman who decorated the hall, Ed Obsuth and David Obsuth for preparing the food as well as their kitchen help George O'Brien, Tracey Banta, and those who served and cleaned after the event. Even though the weather was not on our side, we enjoyed the food, fellowship and music. We thank those who participated in 50/50 drawing.

PICTURES # 4-9

On behalf of Holy Cross Church we wish Happy 99th Birthday to Stella Skawinski!

She is always positive, encouraging, and enthusiastic. We are blessed having Stella as member of our parish. On Sunday February 22, 2015 the parish celebrated birthday party for her. We are looking forward to celebrate her 100th birthday next year. Sto Lat!!! Sto Lat! (one hundred years! one hundred years!)

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING took place Sunday February 8, 2015 with refreshments after the 9 AM Mass. At the meeting, the reports were given from the following committees: Pastor's Report, Adoration Society, Daughters of Holy Cross, Stewardship Committee, St. Nicholas Ministry, Maintenance Committee, Auditor's Report, Finance and Polish

National Union of America. We had an election of Parish Committee for the year 2015. Congratulations to the following parishioners who were elected as members of the Parish Committee for the Year 2015: Chairman – Lynn Imperiale; Vice-Chairman – Bob Sleece; Recording Secretary – Paul Murphy; Treasurer – Richard Daum; Trustees: Dominick Bucci, Edward Obsuth, Hughie Vickerilla, Penni Lazor, George O'Brien and Guy Garofano. We welcomed George O'Brien and Guy Garofano as new members of the Parish Committee.

Also elected were parishioners to serve as:



Parish Tribunal – John Surak and Penni Lazor; Auditors: Penni Lazor and Beverly Obsuth

Envelope Recorder: Karen Hitchcock/Hughie and Beverly Vickerilla; Seniorate

Council Representatives: Alice Kriskewic and Judy Lamping



WE THANK BOB AND MERRY SLEECE for the purchase of the new Pre-Lit, 9 feet Christmas tree for our church sanctuary(\$277.)

WE THANK BEVERLY AND HUGHIE VICKERILLA



for the purchase of the new Combine Church Register for the church (\$197.50) in memory of Adele and John Sincavage.



WE THANK THERMAL DESIGN For reparation of the roof fan cover and two thermostats, one in church and the second in the parish hall (total \$600).

We thank Renata Cyman for changing altar linens from green set to purple for the Lenten season.

We thank Claire Centrella and Renata Cyman for cleaning the storage room in the parish hall.

Hughie Vickerilla for preparing coffee hour on Sundays.

Parish Committee members for attending meetings and making important decisions for the good of the parish.

THE LITURGY OF EASTER - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



will be celebrated on Easter Sunday at 9:00 a.m. preceded with the procession around the church. The solemn Mass will follow.

The second Mass will be celebrated at **11:00 a.m.** (regular schedule)

My Dear Parishioners and Friends, you are all welcome to attend these beautiful celebrations in order to more completely understand the meaning and important events of the life of Jesus especially His passion and glorious resurrection. Wishing you a Happy and blessed Easter,

Christ has risen! Indeed He is risen!

Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 15, 2015

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Deacon David Gaydos / Deacon William Gaydos

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES 9:00 A.M. (check bulletin)

"But whoever lives the truth comes to the light." John 3:21

INTRODUCTION



My friends, knowing what we do about history, we might ask: What is the limit of God's patience? Today's readings provide us with the definitive answer to that question. We hear about the painful exile of Israel to a foreign land after years of complaining, obstinacy, infidelity. Actions have consequences, just as they do in our own lives. But that isn't the end of the story. Israel is returned to Jerusalem, and God's Son is sent into the world. The final story is not about us, but about God's infinite persistence and mercy.

Scripture readings:

2 Chronicle 36:14-16, 19-23 The exiled Israelites are returned from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Psalm 137 The exiled will never forget Jerusalem!

Ephesians 2:4-10 By grace you have been saved.

John 3:14-21 God sent his Son, the light, into the world.



LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 AM – Dominick Bucci 11:00 AM – Jasmine Cabrejos

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. 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

PARISH NEWSLETTER- Today please pick up the copy of your newsletter. Also, we thank you to deliver it to those who are homebound and your close neighbor parishioners. Thank you

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"But whoever lives the truth comes to the light." John 3:21

9:00AM – Holy Mass for All Parishioners

10:00 AM – COFFEE AND CAKE FELLOWSHIP

10:10 AM – SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CLASSES

11:00AM – Holy Mass + ADELE & JOHN SINCAVAGE Offered by Beverly & Hughie Vickerilla (All Souls)



After Mass – St. Patrick's Dinner
Father / Mother & Child's Baking Contest

Tuesday March 17, 2015 – St. Patrick of Ireland

7:30 am – Holy Mass for peace in the world

Wednesday March 18, 2015 – Lent



7:30 am – Holy Mass

7:30 pm – Parish Committee Meeting



Thursday March 19, 2015 – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15 pm - With intention for the sick and homebound (Healing Mass)

Friday, March 13, 2015 – Lent

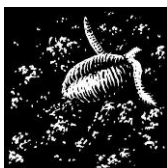
7:30 am – Holy Mass for the Benefactors of Holy Cross Church

7:15 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS – LENTEN LITURGY



SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." John 12:25



9:00AM – Holy Mass for +August and Melissa Centrella; Offered by Claire Centrella

10:00 AM – COFFEE AND CAKE FELLOWSHIP

10:10 AM – SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CLASSES

11:00AM – Holy Mass for All Parishioners

After Mass – First Holy Communion Preparation Class

March 17 - Saint Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland along with Saints Brigit and Columba.

March 19 - St. Joseph - Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. St. Joseph was "a just man". This praise bestowed by the Holy Spirit, and the privilege of having been chosen by God to be the foster-father of Jesus and the Spouse of the Virgin Mother, are the foundations of the honour paid to St. Joseph by the Church.

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. 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, March 19, 26, April 2 – (Holy Thursday) April 9, 16, 23, 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.

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 March 8 – Melissa & August Centrella, Emanuele Triggiano

Week of March 15 – available

Week of March 22 – available

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

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

Francesco Racanati / Krista Campbell – 4th Anniversary – April 2

Wilian and Maria Matute – 14th Anniversary – April 4

Richard Daum and Lucy Piontkowski – 57th Anniversary – April 6

Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox – 4th Anniversary – April 15

Edward and Beverly Obssuth – 24th Anniversary – April 21

Holy Cross Church Face Book – link

www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

Visiting our website 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.

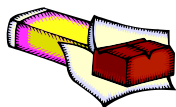
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES:

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 March 22, April 12, 26, 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 will begin on Sunday April 19, 2015 after the 11 am Mass. Students who are 13 years old and older as well as adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons.

4th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – World's Finest Chocolate. TO DATE: \$608.00



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.

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 12, 19, 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.



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.

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)*

Friday in Lent at 7:15 pm - Stations of the Cross also called the Via Dolorosa or Way of Sorrows, or simply, The Way; refers to a series of artistic representations, often sculptural, depicting Christ carrying the Cross to His crucifixion. Most Catholic churches contain Stations of the Cross, typically placed at intervals along the side walls of the nave. The tradition of moving around the Stations to commemorate the Passion of Christ began with St. Francis of Assisi and extended throughout the Catholic Church in the medieval period. It is also observed in other Christian Churches. It is most commonly done during Lent, especially on Good Friday, but it can be done on other days as well.



Help Holy Cross to raise more \$. There are 147 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 **Good Search** GoodShop, GoodSurvey, Goodtvads, GoodOffers or GoodDining and the church will get a percentage of your purchase. We will get 1 cent for every search and it adds up quickly. To

date we raised \$86.27. The link is:

<http://www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/holy-cross-church-woodland-park.aspx>. 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.**

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.

INCOME TAX– Any parishioner who wishes to receive information regarding their donations to the church for the year 2014 for their income tax purposes, please contact Financial Secretary, Richard Daum 973-694-9457. We thank Richard Daum for his time and dedication in his service as Financial Secretary/Treasurer of Holy Cross Church.

NOTE FROM PASTOR: LENT - SPIRITUAL RENEWAL – BIBLE STUDY

Future Bible Study classes during Lent:

March 25, April 1, 8, 2015 at 7:15 pm. The classes will include Scripture readings, discussions and occasionally film reviews. This is a wonderful way to renew your spiritual life during Lent. Fr. Joseph

Upcoming Events

March 22, 2015 – ANS Agape in Howell, NJ
March 27, 2015 (Friday) – Fish and Chips Dinner
April 5, 2015 – Easter Sunday
April 12, 2015 – Easter Egg Hunt and Party
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 at 11:00 am



June 7, 2015 – Corpus Christi Procession at Holy Cross Church
 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 NJ 07424

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**

NEW REGISTRATIONS – Our parish is leasing the Sunday school building to the tenant **FUN KIDS ACADEMY, L.L.C** from Monday to Friday. The service is offered for the children from *two and half to five years old*. Ann Marie Scirica, the Director of the Fun Kids Academy accepts NEW registrations. Please call 973-256-0760. Discount rates are available for the members of Holy Cross Church.

LECTORS - READERS WANTED We are in need of lectors to read during our liturgies. Please contact John Surak, Lectors' coordinator 201-264-671 or the parish office 973-256-4888 or if you are interested in becoming a lector.



LASTING GIFTS – “Lasting Gifts, a guide for gifts to the Holy Cross Church.” Copies of these pamphlets are in the vestibule of the church. Please consider yourself to participate in this project. Our parish celebrates 88 years of service. Let us consider the future of our parish as it continues blessings for its members and for the community. This pamphlet was prepared by the Stewardship Committee and approved by the Parish Committee.

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.**



MINISTRY OF GREETERS – Those who would like to serve as **Greeters** in our parish by giving out Sunday bulletins are asked to contact Lynn Imperiale. Ministry of Greeters is very important in the parish's life that makes people feel welcome to participate in our liturgies. Thank you for your service.

BOX TOPS – Children are collecting box tops as fundraiser for their schools. If you wish to bring box tops for that purpose, please place them in the envelope located in the parish hall. Thank you.

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PRAYER NOTES – new prayer notes for children, teens and adults to help take care / give care and overcome some difficult situations are available in the vestibule of the church. They are sponsored by St. Nicholas Ministry.

THE PRAYERS REQUEST - The container "**Prayer Request**" is located at the side altar by the baptismal font. 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 at 7:15 pm.

PARISH CHOIR – Volunteers who wish to share their vocal or musical talents and would like to join our choir, please contact our Organist, Neil Estanislao - tel. 201-966-9026.

Thank you. *Make a joyful shout to God all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious - Psalm 66:1, 2*

CENTURY 21 GEMINI

Voices Needed

LOURIE IUDICI
REALTOR/SHORT SALE SPECIALIST

CELL: 973-417-2211

NEW PARISHIONERS – If you are new to our parish, please submit your name and phone number to Father Joseph. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. **WELCOME!**

DAILY MASSES are held as announced in the bulletin. Examples of the Mass intentions are: For the Sick, In Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Beseech God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries. Please contact Father Joe.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Arrangements at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS should be reported to the rectory office immediately. Phone: 973-256-4888

A HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN In the case when small children need more attention during the Mass, parents can now listen to the Liturgy of the Mass in the **parish hall** while the children can play or do the drawings.

NEXT PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING – will take place on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 and April 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

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.



FOOD DRIVE – A food drive to benefit the Father English Food Pantry will be held on **Sunday, April 12, 2015**. All parishioners are asked to bring a bag of groceries to church on this day. Won't you help the needy in the name of Christ the Savior? *"Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me." (Mat. 25:40)*



Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations:

Pastor - Father Joseph R. Cyman 973-256-4888
Deacon - David Gaydos 973-209-4729
Deacon - William Gaydos 973-239-4725
Secretary – Claire Centrella 201-572-1299
Organist - Neil Estanislao 201-966-9026
Organist - Jessica Muccilli 973-903-7273
Parish Comm. Chairperson – Lynn Imperiale 862-368-3653
Adoration Society - Penni Lazor 973-768-7917
Daughters of Holy Cross Elaine Rotsaert 973-838-4246
Lectors Coordinators - John Surak 201-264-6711
Altar Servers - Deacon William Gaydos 973-239-4725
School of Christian Living (SOCL) Donna Maher; Andrea Lergios-Smith
St. Nicholas Ministry – Lucy and Richard Daum 973-694-9457
Stewardship Committee – Al Katinsky 973-694-3208 / **Pat Olsen** 973-696-6581 / **Diane Lacey** 973-256-1288
Ushers – John Surak 201-264-6711
Greeters - Karen Paulison 973-686-0584;
Lynn Imperiale 862-368-3653; **Claire Centrella** – 201-572-1299
Maintenance - Dominick Bucci 973-785-2299
Shopping Certificates- Lucy Daum 973-703-6473
Merry Sleece 973-731-3611
Polish National Union of America - Alice Kriskewic – 973-427-9648

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ALTAR FLOWERS – Flowers at the altar are the wonderful sign of praise and thanksgiving to God. If you would like to donate flowers to remember an Anniversary, Birthday, departed loved one, etc. please call the rectory for further information (973-256-4888).

HOLY WEEK

Wednesday April 1, 2015 – Wednesday of Holy Week

**7:15 PM – Sacrament of Penance
General and Private Confessions**

Thursday, April 2, 2015 – Holy Thursday

7:15 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.

Friday, April 3, 2015 – Good Friday

3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross with children and youth participation

4:15 PM – Liturgy of Good Friday

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM.

Saturday, April 4, 2015 – Holy Saturday

4:00 PM – Blessing of Easter Food

6:00 PM – VIGIL LITURGY After Liturgy Blessing of Easter Baskets



SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015 – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - EASTER

“Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.” John 20:1



9:00 AM Easter Procession (*Processional Cross, Pascal Candle, Resurrection Statue, Resurrection Cross, Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society with candles, Altar Servers, Celebrant with Monstrance, Parishioners / Holy Mass for all Parishioners*)

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners



Christ is risen !

He is Risen indeed!

Fr. Joseph and Parish Committee

EXPLANATION HOLY WEEK

The services of the Holy Week are very significant and important for each parishioner to participate.

ON WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK April 1, 2015 – The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance – General Confession will take place at 7:15 P.M. The youth who have received First Holy Communion and are under 16 years are strongly encouraged to attend the private forms of confession at 7:45 PM. Adults, if they wish, can attend private form of confession as well.

The decoration of the church for next day will take place after the service. ANS members are asked to help.



ON HOLY THURSDAY April 2, 2015 at 7:15 P.M. we will commemorate the **Last Supper of Jesus** and the institution of the Sacraments of Holy Orders, Holy Eucharist and Penance. On that day we will celebrate the Holy Mass in white vestments. At the end of Holy Thursday Mass, the Holy Eucharist will be taken to the side altar to signify that Jesus was taken at night from the Garden of Olives and imprisoned by Sanhedrin.

ON GOOD FRIDAY – April 3, 2015 at 3:00 pm the liturgy of the Stations of the Cross with children and youth participation will take place. We will meditate the passion and suffering of our Lord for the last time during this Lent. The opening of the Lord's tomb will take place. A simple reception will take place in the parish hall consisting of coffee and juice with crackers hoping that some parishioners would stay for Good Friday Service which will be held at 4:15 pm.



The Liturgy of Good Friday will take place at 4:15 P.M. The Liturgy of Good Friday consists of the Passion of Jesus according to the Gospel of St. John. The main purpose of the liturgy will be veneration of the Cross, the symbol of victory over death and sin. On that

day the **Holy Communion will be distributed (consecrated on Holy Thursday) and the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place until 6:30 p.m.** Please sign up for the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on the list located in the parish hall.

ON HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 4, 2015

On Holy Saturday you can bring the Easter baskets with festive food to be blessed at 4:00 p.m. Easter baskets will be blessed also after the Liturgy of Holy Saturday. Since the ancient times the Holy Saturday was a day for the new catechumens to be baptized. **Our Liturgy will begin at 6:00 P.M.** with the blessing of **fire** and the **Pascal candle**. **The Liturgy of the Word with the history of salvation will take place.** The **Holy Water** will be blessed which we use during the upcoming weeks to bless ourselves in the church, and use for the Sacrament of Baptism. The Easter Vigil Mass will follow the service.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5, 2015

THE LITURGY OF EASTER - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD will be celebrated (regular Mass schedule) on Easter Sunday at **9:00 a.m.** preceded with the procession around the church. The solemn Mass will follow. The second Mass will be celebrated at **11:00 a.m.**



EASTER EGG HUNT – will take place on Sunday April 12, 2015 at **10:10 a.m.** All children from our parish are invited to enjoy this event. The party in the parish hall will follow. Please invite your friends.



EASTER FLOWERS – An Easter Flower Fund Envelope is included in the Sunday Collection envelopes and is available in the parish vestibule. All parishioners are asked to make a donation to the fund so that flowers can be purchased for the Resurrection of our Lord and part of the Easter season. Your offering can be made in memory of a departed loved one. All offerings will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you for beautifying our church.

**FISH & CHIPS
DINNER**
“LET’S CELEBRATE SPRING!”

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
220 Browertown Rd.
Woodland Park, NJ

Friday, March 27, 2015
6 pm – 8 pm
50/50 Raffle – Door Prize

MENU

Manhattan Clam Chowder
Fresh Rolls and Butter
Salads and Coleslaw
Fish and Chips
Chicken Cutlet
Coffee / Tea
Assorted Desserts



****Take outs Available upon request***


Adults \$15/

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