

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 19, 2015

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## SUNDAY MASSES

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES 8:30 am (check bulletin)**

*"You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:48*

## INTRODUCTION



My friends, once again, we reflect on the early community's conviction that Jesus is risen and is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. But we see that their faith, like ours, did not emerge whole and complete overnight. Through a gradual unfolding, they came to understand who Jesus was and what he was asking of them. Jesus spoke directly to their fears and questions, with love and patience, promising them peace. Jesus is patient with us, too, in our own lifelong faith journeys. As we struggle and grow in our understanding, he promises us that same peace.

## Scripture readings:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Peter proclaims Christ as fulfilling God's promises to Israel.

Psalm 4 Lord, let your face shine on us.

1 John 2:1-5a Those who believe keep Jesus' commandments.

Luke 24:35-48 Jesus' final appearance to his disciples



## LECTORS SERVING TODAY

**9:00 AM – Nayef Kiame**

**11:00 AM – Jason 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



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 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.

**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 Obsuth – 24th Anniversary – April 21
- Robert Robinson and Barbara Skrzypek – 35th Anniversary – April 25

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*"You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:48*



**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 +August & Melissa Centrella; Offered by Claire Centrella**

After Mass – Confirmation Class

**Tuesday April 21, 2015 – St. Anselm - Easter Weekday**

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

**Wednesday April 22, 2015 –Easter Weekday**

**8:30 am – Holy Mass**

**Thursday, April 23, 2015 – St. Adalbert - Easter Thursday**

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

**Friday, April 24, 2015 –Easter Friday**

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



**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015 – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*"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*



**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

**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 19, 2015 – available**

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

**Week of May 2, 2015 -**

**WE THANK the Merson family for donating the new PNCC Ritual (\$30) in memory of Anne Piascik.**

**WE THANK Claire Centrella for purchase of thirty new Mass books (\$90) in memory of August & Melissa Centrella.**

**Holy Cross Church Face Book – link**      [www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com](http://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.

### 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 if you are available any of these days (10-2PM) and we will set up times and assignments. Dates: **Saturday April 25, Sunday April 26, Saturday May 2, Sunday May 3.** This is a great way to volunteer with charity services. Father Joseph could supply a letter of service times for you. Thanks so much for your help! – Claire Centrella

### 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:

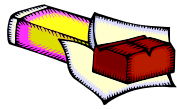
The preparation for first Holy Communion is held on Sundays, after the 11 AM Mass in the parish hall. NEXT CLASSES will be held on Sunday, April 12, 26, May 10 –Mother's Day, May 15 (Friday) – First Holy Communion rehearsal and Confessions at 7 pm, Sunday May 17, 2015 – First Holy Communion celebration 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 today 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.



**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: \$759.00**



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 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.

**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](mailto: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 148 Supporters registered so far. So please join us and you can imagine how much we can earn for our church! When you do your **Good Search** Shopping online please take advantage of 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 \$88.09. 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.

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



**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  
**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


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### We need your help

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 Slys / 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.

Congratulation! to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Robles on the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday April 18, 2015







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**THANK YOU** – We thank! Claire Centrella, Renata Cyman, Donna Maher and Andrea Lergios-Smith for preparations toward Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Party for our children held on Sunday April 12, 2015



**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.