A Message of Welcome!

In the name of Jesus, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our parish. It is here, in all aspects of parochial life, that our Lord, Jesus Christ, is praised and worshiped.

It is in these parochial activities that the foundation of Christian Catholic life is fostered. In whatever way the Lord has gifted you, you will be able to express those talents both in and outside the parish.

Our Mission is to bring all people into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

"You are to go into the entire world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere! (see Mark 16:15)."

We believe that we are creating one of the great churches of the 21st century. We feel that we are a unique Church where the timeless message of Christ is communicated in a contemporary style.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save those who are lost (Luke 19:10)."

Feel free to ask questions. Your joining with us will truly be a blessing for you and a joy unto the Lord.

All Are Welcome!
Fr. Joseph, and Parishioners

About the Name of the Parish

The parish name is Holy Cross Church. Feast of the Holy Cross is observed on September 14th to remember the central role of the Cross in God’s plan of salvation. Our Lord Jesus Christ transformed the cross that was a tree of death, into the Holy Cross, which is the Tree of Life. Therefore, the Holy Cross is a sign of victory over sin and death and a means of salvation and eternal life.

The Holy Cross is a symbol of suffering and sacrifice, leading ultimately to redemption, resurrection, and new life. For this reason, we wear the Holy Cross around our necks, hang it in our churches, homes, and sign ourselves with the Holy Cross.

Our Mission

To build and serve a community of faith; to welcome all people and bring comfort and purpose to a struggling world.

Our Vision

To become a strong and faithful community, to unsselfish service to God and all our brothers and sisters, and giving unending praise and thanksgiving for the blessings and gifts bestowed upon us.

Welcome to our Home

87 Years of Service
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First Holy Communion 05/19/2013

MASSES
REGULAR SCHEDULE
9:00 AM & 11:00 am
Weekday – 9 am / Thursday 7:15 pm
Check bulletin or web site
Feasts and Solemnities – as announced
Confessions before each Mass
About Our Parish

Sacrament of Confirmation 06/23/2013
A number of members of SS. Peter and Paul Polish National Catholic Church in Passaic desired to build a church closer to their homes in Paterson. The Holy Cross Parish was organized on April 26, 1926. The first Mass was celebrated at the newly erected church at the corner of Lawrence & Mercer Streets on January 1, 1928. During the 1950's many parish members had moved from Paterson to surrounding suburbs. In order for the parish to grow the construction of a new building was necessary. A ground breaking ceremony on the property on Browertown Road, W. Paterson was held March 7, 1965. The first Holy Mass was celebrated on Mother's Day 1966. In April 1995 the parish dedicated Fr. John Slysz religious education building.

Stewardship gifts of time, talent and treasure have been fundamental to our growth as a parish. Recent Pastors who have served the parish: Fr. Sr. John Slysz (1957 – 1977), Father Joseph Milewski, Father Sr. Sigmund Peplowski (1979-2003) and Father Joseph R. Cyman since Oct. 10, 2003.

Parish Information

Sunday Masses
9:00 A.M. - Holy Mass
11:00 A.M. – Holy Mass

Daily Masses are held as announced in the weekly bulletin. Examples of the Mass intentions are: For the Sick, in Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Beseech God’s Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries. To make arrangements, please contact the Pastor.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism
Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor prior to finalizing dates and plans.

Our Uniqueness

- We are, One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and yet democratic Church.
- The laity and clergy have equal voice in the election of bishops.
- The members of the congregation have a voice in the management of the parish.
- The management of the material matters of a Parish rests in the hands of the Parish, executed by the Parish Committee with the Pastor. (Constitution PNCC, Art. XVI, 4)
- Polish ethnic beginning that has grown into a multicultural community.
- Clergy are allowed to marry before or after the ordination.

Organizations and Groups
- Parish Committee
- Daughters of Holy Cross
- Blessed Sacrament Society (ANS)
- Parish Choir / Lectors / Altar Servers
- School of Christian Living (SOCL)
- St. Nicholas Ministry
- Parish Life Committee
- Polish National Union of America
- Stewardship Committee
- Membership Committee
- Bible Study Group / Youth Group
- Ushers & Greeters
- Coffee and Cake Fellowship Group

Activities – holycrosssite.org
- New Year’s Day Brunch
- Youth Fundraisers / Bake Sales
- Mother’s Day & Father’s Day Breakfast
- Parish Family Picnic / Annual Tricky Tray event
- Christmas Dinner / Advent Tree
- Fr. English Food Pantry drive

Christmas Dinner

Sunday school building since 1995

Youth Convocation – 07/27/2010