

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 22, 2020

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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor
The Reverend David Gaydos, (Reserve clergy in Diocese)
The Deacon William Gaydos

Regular SUNDAY MASSES 9:00 & 11:00 am
WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

"His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" John 9:2

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we hear the second of three lovely stories from John's Gospel. Today it's the story of the healing of the young man born blind, and we are invited to think about what it is to be spiritually blind. We all have times when we are unable to see clearly, when our actions hurt ourselves and others. Let us ask God today for the gift of clear vision.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a God sees into our hearts.

Psalms 23:1-6 The Lord is my shepherd.

Eph 5:8-14 Live as children of light.

John 9:1-41 The healing of the man born blind

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Mass CANCELLED

11:00 am – Deacon Bill (Mass online)

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES ARE GREAT GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS. To date income

\$72,000. The easiest way to support our Building Fund is by purchasing weekly shopping certificates. The more you participate in purchasing certificates the loan taken for recent renovations will be paid back earlier. The shopping certificates you can use also as gift cards for any occasion. The Building Fund is needed to finance any future repairs and maintenance of our facility. **GIFT CARDS** are available for

STOP N SHOP, FOODTOWN AND SHOP RITE. If you have any questions contact Lucy Daum (973) 694-9457, or Merry Sleece 973-731-3611. God bless.

WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



Please pray for the Sick of the Parish: Out of respect for the privacy of the person who is ill we can only publish the names of the sick with their consent. We review our list monthly. The following members of our parish community are in need of our prayers: **Filip Sepelowski, Mary Margo, Emila Bargiel, Sophie Barnes, Frances Sanchez, Wendy Schlesinger, Ewa B., Jeffrey, Roy Zebrowski, Declan, Erik, Enrico, Josephine B. Amanda.** If you would like to have your name on the list or your loved ones with their permission, please contact the parish office. We pray also for all those who asked us to pray and for those whom we promised to pray. Hail Mary, Glory...

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE: Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage. Those who were married in another church, and we don't have your records, please write your name and the date of your marriage on the form below and mail it to us or place it in the collection basket or send it by mail.. Thank you for your cooperation.



Name (husband) _____

Name (wife maiden name) _____

Date of Marriage _____

Wiliam and Maria Matute – 19th Anniversary – 4/4

Richard Daum and Lucy Piontkowski – 62nd Ann – 4/6

Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox – 9th Ann. – 4/15

Edward and Beverly Obsuth – 29th Ann. – 4/21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes are expressed to the following parishioners:



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.

MEMBERSHIP 2020



BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2020 – We thank businesses that gave donations for bulletin ads and thus helping us to defray the cost of bulletin printing. The donation for one year is \$100.00. If you wish to submit your ad, please contact church parish office at 973-256-4888 or send e-mail holycrosspncc1@gmail.com, thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**

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SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020 - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



9:00AM – Holy Mass – MASS CANCELLED

First Holy Communion Class (Study at home at your convenient time)

Sunday School classes at home at your convenient time– texts enclosed in attachment

11:00AM – Holy Mass (ONLINE) – CHURCH DOOR CLOSED

+Dusze cierpiace w czysccu oraz za +Jonathana Nowinskiego; *Od Rodziny Fidurski*

PRIVATE MASSES DURING WEEK

Monday, March 23, 2020 – St. Victorian & Companions, M. - Lent

8:30 am – Holy Mass for cure infected and spare from coronavirus

Tuesday March 24, 2020 – Lent

8:30 am - Holy Mass for the youth

Wednesday March 25, 2020 – St. Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am – Holy. Mass for unity in our country

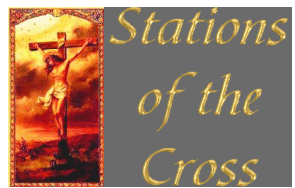
Thursday, March 26, 2020 – St. Castulas, M.

8:30 am – Mass for the cure infected and spare from coronavirus

Friday, March 27, 2020 – St. John of Damascus, C., D.

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

7:30 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS – PRAYERS AT HOME, SEE ATTACHMENT



SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020 - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



9:00AM – Holy Mass – CANCELLED

First Holy Communion Class (Study at home at your convenient time)

Sunday School classes at home at your convenient time– texts will be send next week

11:00AM – Holy Mass (ONLINE) – CHURCH DOOR CLOSED

+ Hughie Vicekilla; *Offered by Al and Fran Cuccinello*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Due to Coronavirus classes are held at home until further notice. The First Holy Communion teachers are Fr. Joseph and Ms. Mary Vitaletti.



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 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!

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS - We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, Father Joseph after Mass. Please sign your name in “Our Church Guests” book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.

HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN

Dear friends, please join us in our parish DAILY PRAYER CHAIN. We pray for all those who are affected by outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). We pray for the sick for their recovery and for medical staff for wisdom and guidance and protection in their medical service. We pray for end of this global illness.



Our prayers are addressed for those who were affected by any recent tragedies; for the victims of natural disasters; we ask that God be their source of strength in their horrible time. We pray for the peace in the world to end any war. We pray for peaceful resolutions in recent conflicts; for better relations between countries and for an effective dialogue. We remember persecuted Christians around the world. We pray for those who are addicted to drug and alcohol, for their recovery and protection from illness. We pray for the victims of any sexual abuse and harassment. Our Polish National Catholic Church has a zero tolerance.

Please pray for each other asking for God’s blessing especially for our parishioners who are sick, home-bound and are in need of any kind of healing and support. We pray to increase our dedication in the service for our Church established by our Lord, Jesus Christ and for the growth of our parish. God is listening to our prayers when we call for His blessing. May the Holy Cross Church continue to grow in faith and number so that we continue be the place of worship where many people who will accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Amen.

HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH

The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$120.00 for each hour of rental time (for non-parishioners). For members of the parish (paid membership). The rental hall fee for the use of facilities is \$60 for each hour. Call 201-247-4832 (cell) email holycrosspncc1@gmail.com



50/50 Drawing for to benefit Philip Sepelowski took place last Sunday 3.15.20

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Our Mission - The parish of Holy Cross, PNCC is a Catholic community with doors open to all and bringing them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and thus giving comfort and purpose to a struggling world. **“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation”.** (see **Mark 16:15**) We believe that we are a Church where the timeless message of Christ is communicated in a contemporary style. **“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”** (Luke 19:10) In the past **94 years of service** we feel that we became a strong and faithful community with unselfish service to God and all our brothers and sisters, giving unending praise and thanksgiving for the blessings and gifts bestowed upon us.

UPCOMING EVENTS



March 29, 2020 – Agape at 4 pm, Wallington, NJ - CANCELLED

April 7, 2020 – Clergy Conference, Chrism Mass, Cathedral, Scranton, PA?

April 12 2020 – Easter – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 19, 2020 – Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL)

May 3, 2020 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 10, 2020 – Mother’s Day Breakfast at 10 am

May 17, 2020 – First Holy Communion Celebration at 11 am

June 7, 2020 – Church picnic

June 14, 2020 – Corpus Christi celebration at Holy Cross

June 21, 2020 – Father’s Day Breakfast at 10 am

Week of July 4th 2020 - YOUTH CAMP – Kurs , Waymart, PA

Friday October 23, 2020 – Tricky Tray at Amalgamated Meat Cutters, Little Falls, NJ

THE LORD’S DAY SUMMONS US TO REJOICE IN THE GOD WHO BROUGHT US FROM DEATH TO LIFE IN JESUS, HIS SON. LET US GIVE THE LORD PRAISE WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS.

Dear Friends Holy Cross is now able to accept donations through Venmo. By using Venmo, parishioners, donors, and benefactors can utilize electronic giving that comes with no extra cost to the donor or to Holy Cross. For anyone looking to donate electronically, Holy Cross’ Venmo account is @holycrosspncc Electronic donations make it easy for those to donate whether they are near or far – again, with no added cost associated with the transaction.



For your convenience here is the link you can scan to access or find Holy Cross’ Venmo account.



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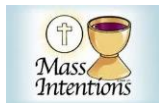


LASTING GIFTS - “Lasting Gifts, a guide for gifts to the Holy Cross Church.” Copies of these pamphlets are in the vestibule of the church. Please consider yourself to participate in this project. Our parish celebrates 94 years of service. Let us consider the future of our parish as it continues blessings for its members and for the community. This pamphlet was prepared by the Stewardship Committee and approved by the Parish Committee.

THE PRAYER 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.



DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PARISH COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AT THEIR MEETING? REQUESTS AND IDEAS MUST BE AGREED AND VOTED ON BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS DROP YOUR NOTE IN THE BOX (NO NEED TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME) LOOKING FORWARD FOR SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS, PRAISES AND EVEN COMPLAINTS.



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.

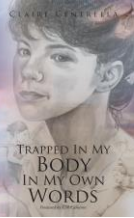
SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

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

HEALING MASS – The Masses for the Sick and Home Bound are celebrated on the last Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS.



Our dear parishioner Claire Centrella who lost her daughter to complications from Dystonia 17 years ago, has put together a beautiful book with friends on her daughter Melissa's life and legacy. THERE ARE SOME COPIES OF THESE BOOKS IN THE PARISH HALL AVAILABLE FOR THE PURCHASE.



WINTER COATS , SCARFS, GLOVES, SWEATERS



PLEASE DONATE LIGHTLY USED AND IN GOOD CONADITION COATS , SCARFS, GLOVES, SWEATERS. Please your donation in the parish hall. Donations will be given to Fr. English Food Pantry and Eva’s Shelter respectfully in Paterson, NJ.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38

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 201-247-4832 if your son /daughter are interested in becoming altar servers. We thank Deacon Bill for lessons preparing new altar servers.

BLESSING OF HOMES Please contact Fr. Joseph if you wish to have blessed your home or apartment. 201-247-4832 or holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

THANK YOU

- We thank Fran Cuccinello, and Janet Andrews for their help in the parish office.
- Lynn Imperiale for updating our parish Facebook www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com
- Altar servers who serve during our Masses / Lectors who read the Holy Scripture / Ushers who collect our donations and Greeters who welcome people and distribute bulletins.
- We thank anyone for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of Holy Cross Church. God bless you all!



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. In the words of St. Augustine: “He who sings, prays twice” Please consider joining our choir. You can help our parish to grow. Thank you

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Prayer for the Sick

O Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen

HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN In 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. **The TV set is connected with camera in the church sanctuary. You can see mass in the parish hall.**



2020 ADULT ENVELOPES are available in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church.

2020 CHURCH CALENDARS

Shook Funeral Home has given us 2020 calendars for distribution. **Anyone wishing to have one please take yours free of charge from the vestibule of the church.**

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My Time With Mary – a Spa For The Soul.

Thursday, April 16, 2020
at 7pm.

Candlelight Prayer Service
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Everyone Is Welcome.

Come along and bring a friend.

Please Come In
Rest In The
Heart of Jesus And Receive His Peace



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March 19, 2020 / St. Joseph's Day

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of this week we were instructed by civil authorities to avoid gatherings of more than ten (10) people. Because of this, we are not celebrating Sunday Mass. The church will be closed. However, I will celebrate privately one Mass on Sunday at 11 am. The Holy Mass will be available for viewing on Live-stream through (Facebook) www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com Mass will be videotaped and available on our website holycrosssite.org on Sunday afternoon.

Additionally, the Candlelight Service "My time with Mary" scheduled for today is cancelled. Also, the Stations of the Cross (Friday night) will be cancelled to comply with the current recommendations by the authorities. The Stations of the Cross can be read on website holycrosssite.org.

Because of necessity of cancelation Sunday Mass you may take advantage of our existing daily Mass 8:30 am from Monday to Friday and 10 am Mass on Saturday.



In this difficult time for our church we would appreciate your donations by mail, or electronically through Venmo, highly recommend and safe form of contribution. The Holy Cross' Venmo account is [@holycrosspncc](https://www.venmo.com/HolyCrossPNCC)
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Also, you can support the church through PayPal available on website holycrosssite.org

Once again, please be safe, use your special precautions protecting yourselves and others and help civil authorities from spreading this illness.

With prayers and best wishes to you and your loved ones,

Fr. Joseph and Staff

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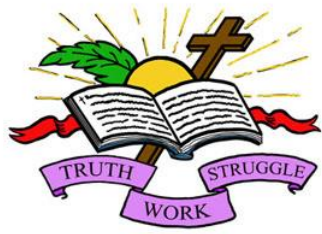
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COME to Holy Cross Church

Worship with Us - Pray with Us

Praise with Us - Witness with Us -

Build the Kingdom of God together in our daily Living and spiritual journey.



Dear Parishioners – Thank you in advance for your generous support:

You have all generously supported your parish, for which parish committee and I we are extremely thankful. Nevertheless, we ask you to prayerfully consider underwriting the cost of some needed supplies for the parish.

Also, please prayerfully consider underwriting some essential operating costs of the parish:

The annual fire alarm system inspection: \$260.

The annual fire alarm monitoring: \$400

– paid by Karen Hitchcock (thank you)

One monthly payment of the parish loan: \$490

The annual website fee \$325

Annual Burglary alarm - \$400

One monthly payment for Xerox copy lease - \$195

If you are interested in helping the parish, please see Father Joseph or a member of the Parish Committee.