



Opening Prayer

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Jesus was a master teacher. His parables inspired and they were remembered in part because they were simple stories that conveyed multiple layers of meaning. Each story seems to have a variety of possible entry points, as does today's gospel. Is the landowner truly just when he gives all the workers the same wage? What would unionized workers say about this practice? Why does the landowner distribute wages in the manner he does, with those who worked the longest receiving their pay last? Is he trying to incite a riot, or maybe inspire jealousy and envy? All of these questions and more may be conjured up by a quick reading of the parable.

Not only was Jesus a master teacher, but we recall that he taught two thousand years ago! One challenge is that some of his stories are set deeply in the milieu of his context. The parable is not in fact making statements about modern labor law or the role of unions or day laborers. Instead, landowners in Jesus' time had incredible power over workers and over their property. Perhaps because there were no labor unions, guest worker programs, or labor laws to protect workers, the landowner was able to act with impunity. This kind of power makes for an apt image of a powerful and unaccountable God!

So Jesus uses the character of the landowner in the parable to say that God gives each his or her due at the very least, and he is generous. It is not up to us to tell God how and in what way he is to be generous with his resources. God gives to each what he will, though not less than what he promised.

In the early church this parable was often interpreted in terms of Jews and Gentiles, with Jews being the early workers and Gentiles being those who came late. God gives each a share of his kingdom. All will likely be surprised by the generosity of God and by who appears at the heavenly banquet.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are the master teacher, informing us of the meaning of discipleship and what that entails. Give us your spirit of perseverance so that we might live worthy of our call. Your Father, our God, is generous and gives what he will. We are grateful for all these gifts, in your holy name. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• How do you feel about God's justice as portrayed in the parable of the laborers in the vineyard?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

- 1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
- 2. One person read aloud the gospel.
- 3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
- 4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
- 5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.

After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

Going out about nine o'clock,

the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.'

So they went off.

And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise.

Going out about five o'clock,

the landowner found others standing around, and said to them,

'Why do you stand here idle all day?'

They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.'

He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.'

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard or

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman,

'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'

When those who had started about five o'clock came,

each received the usual daily wage.

So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more,

but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying,



'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.'

He said to one of them in reply,

'My friend, I am not cheating you.

Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go.

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?'

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Readings for the week:

25th Sunday in Ord.Time Isa 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Matt 20:1-16a

Monday St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Matt 9:9-13

TuesdayProv 21:1-6, 10-13
Ps 119:1, 27, 30,
34, 35, 44
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday Prov 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Luke 9:1-6 Thursday
Eccl 1:2-11
Ps 90:3-4, 5-6,
12-13, 14
and 17bc
Luke 9:7-9

Friday Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 Luke 9:18-22 **Saturday**Eccl 11:9–12:8
Ps 90:3-4, 5-6,
12-13, 14
and 17
Luke 9:43b-45

26th Sunday in Ord.Time Ezek 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Matt 21:28-32

25 SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - SEPT. 20, 2020

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SUNDAY MASS & 11:00 am (ONLINE) WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am

....Are you envious because I am generous?' - Mt 20:14-15

INTRODUCTION



Today's readings remind us that with God, we are wise to expect the unexpected. Life is full of surprises and, sometimes, reversals: We may suffer injustice; things may seem unfair or out of balance; bad things happen when we least expect them. But whatever happens to us, we can be confident that God is with us. Even more, a loving, generous God is actually pursuing us. God's love and compassion are always here...though sometimes just outside our line of vision. And sometimes that love and compassion may be expressed in ways

beyond our comprehension.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:



Is 55:6-9 Seek God, as God seeks us
Ps 145 The Lord is near to all who call upon him
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Paul ponders his future in light of the Gospel
Mt 20:1-16a A parable about God's generous salvation

Lectors serving today:

9 am – Ed Obssuth 11 am – Mark Koscinski

Live stream Mass for homebound on Facebook www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com - 11 am **SHOPPING CERTIFICATES ARE GREAT GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS.** RECENTLY \$1,000



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Please pray for the Sick of the Parish: Out of respect for the privacy we can only publish the names of the sick with their consent. The following members of our parish community are in need of our prayers: Filip Sepelowski, Emila Bargiel,

Sophie Barnes, Frances Sanchez, Wendy Schlesinger, Ewa B., Jeffrey, Roy Zebrowski, Declan, Erik, Enrico, Josephine B. Jeanne Lexton, Carmen. If you would like to have your name on the list or your loved ones with their permission, please contact the parish office. 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.

Vame (husband)	/Name (wife maiden name)
Date of Marriage	

Richard Bartolozzi/Jennifer Hitchcock 8/5–20th Ann. Rafal Daniewski/Ewa Sobstyl – 8/29 – 28th Ann George and Dorothy O'Brien – 9/11 - 49 Ann. Cesar and Christina Colon – 9/23 – 14 Ann. Edward Lazor/Michele Gula 10/8–43rdAnn. Fr. David Gaydos /Laurie Rusnak 10/28 – 40 years Keith Mullin and Jaclyn Ziobro 10/16 - 17 years;

Nicholas Lawler/Michele Peano 10/15 –14 years

Martin Maher / Donna Giardino 10/24 -304th Ann



(If you would like to include the date of your birthday or the member of your family in the bulletin, please call the parish office at (201)-247-4832

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, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 - 25 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Are you envious because I am generous?' - Mt 20:14-15



9:00 AM HOLY MASS FOR +Helen & Stanley Skawinski, Vi & Jerry Rotsaert, Helen & Clem Breen, John Patynski, Emily & Julian Patynski, Michael Skawinski: Offered by Elaine & Jerry Rotsaert (All Souls)

SOCIALIZING WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

11:00 AM HOLY MASS for +Henryk Wysocki, Zofia i Jozef Lisowski, Stanislaw Lisowski, Teofila Piorkowska, Leon, Helena Dziecior: Offered by Donna & Chris Wysocki (All Souls)

SOCIALIZING WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING Sacrament of Baptism of Scarlet Wysocki, daughter of Sebastian and Ashely Wysocki (nee Burr)

Monday, September 21, 2020 – St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 am – Holy Mass for the peace and justice in our country

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 – St. Maurice and companions M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for the peace and justice in our country

Wed., September 23, 2020 – St. Thecla of Iconium

8:30 am – Holy Mass for end of coronavirus pandemic

7:30 pm - Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism

Thursday, September 24, 2020 – St. Gerard, Bp. M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass with prayers for the sick and homebound Friday, September 25, 2020 – St. Sergius, Ab.

8:30 am - Holy Mass for benefactors of Holy Cross living and deceased

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 - 26 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME POLISH NATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA SUNDAY

> HOLY MASS FOR LIVING AND DECEASES MEMBERS OF 9:00 AM POLISH NATIONAL UNION OF AMERCICA (PNU.ORG) SOCIALIZING WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

[11:00 AM] HOLY MASS for blessing upon John and Joanne Plaxa

SOCIALIZING WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

Sacrament of Baptism of Christian James Gonzalez, son of Jason and Michelle Gonzalez



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). In this time of coronavirus, priests cannot visit the sick but can call and say prayers over the phone. If you or a member of your family are ill, please notify the rectory

201-247-4832.

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.

ACRAMENT 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. 201-247-4832



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 the end of this global pandemic.

IN OUR PRAYERS WE ASK FOR THE RESPECT OF THE SANCTITY OF EACH LIFE AND DIGNITY OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL REGARDLESS OF RACE, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL PARTY, GENDER, ETHNICITY, STATUS OR CREED. WE PRAY FOR PEACE THAT WE MAY LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH EACH OTHER SIDE BY SIDE, RESPECTING DIFFERENCES, CHERISHING DIVERSITY, LIVING WITHOUT FEAR OF THE OTHER HONORING THE IMAGE OF GOD IN EVERY HUMAN SOUL. Our prayers are addressed for those who were affected by any recent tragedies. We pray for the peace in the world to end any wars. We pray for peaceful resolutions in recent conflicts; for better relations between countries and for effective dialogues. We remember persecuted Christians around the world. We pray for those who are addicted to drugs 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 in that respect.

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 to be the place of worship where many people will accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Amen.



HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH There is a limit of people in attending the hall rentals according to CDC requirement. 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

UPCOMING EVENTS



September 20, 2020 – Baptism of Scarlet Wysocki September 27, 2020 – Baptism of Christian James Gonzalez Church of Transfiguration, 135 Hathaway St. Wallington – Chicken BBG October 10, 2020, 4-6 pm. Donation \$12. Call to reserve tickets: Mr. Ed 973-773-4090. Deadline for reservation October 7, 2020

Our Chission - 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.



<u>Dear Friends</u> Holy Cross is now able to accept donations through Venmo. By using Venmo, parishioners, donors, and benefactors can utilize electronic giving that comes <u>with no extra cost</u> to the donor or to Holy Cross. For anyone looking to donate electronically, Holy Cross' Venmo account is @holycrosspncc Electronic donations make it easy 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.

LET US IMITATE THE WAYS OF GOD BY BEING MORE GENEROUS AND LOVING IN OUR SERVICE TO HIS





<u>LASTING GIFTS</u> - "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.

THANK YOU

- We thank those parishioners who sent donations by mail or electronically using Venmo or PayPal. May the Lord reward your concern for the church generosity
- Fran Cuccinello for her help in the parish office
- Ewa and John Zuber for leading the prayer service called "My Hour with Mary A Spa for the Soul) on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020 on the Sol. of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary. Next service will take place on Oc. 7, 2020.
- Lynn Imperiale for updating our parish Facebook <u>www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com</u>
- We thank anyone for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of Holy Cross Church. May God bless you in return.

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<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u> 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.

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

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

Also, please prayerfully consider donating for some <u>essential costs of the parish</u>: Advertisement & website (annual) - \$350

Sunday School materials (annual) - \$300 Paid by Karen J. and Stephen M. (August 2020) General Supplies (per month) - \$300 - Paid by Karen J. and Stephen M. (August 2020)

Phone and Internet (per month) - \$150

Public Service (per month) - \$1,000

If you are interested in helping the parish, please contact parish office holycrosspncc1@gmail.com





50/50 tickets Church received \$3,400 in ticket sales

Here are the lucky winners of 50/50 drawing last Sunday, Sept 13, 2020:

- 1. **Penni Lazor \$850** Ticket No 1185
- 2. **Dave Ayd \$510** ticket No 2036
- **3. Mark Koscinski \$340** Ticket No 0069 Total \$1,700.



SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING Our Sunday School classes take place during the 11 am Mass in the parish hall. Please wear masks. The program is free of charge. You can register at the parish office or after the Mass. We thank Mr. Paul Murphy, Ms. Natalie Lazar and Mrs. Donna Maher for teaching our students. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Registration is open

Please contact parish office to register 973-256-4888 or 201-247-4832 or contact Fr. Joseph after Sunday Mass. The first class will be on September 20th between Masses at 10 am. 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)



<u>Confirmation Classes – ENROLMENT IS OPEN. Please contact parish office to register or contact Fr. Joseph after Sunday Mass.</u>. <u>The first class will be on September 27th after 11 am Mass.</u> Students who are in the 7th grade and older and adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons. Sacrament of Confirmation is a completion of the sacrament of Baptism and important step

in Christian religious education. THE FIRST CLASS WILL TAKE PLACE in September 2020 AFTER THE 11 AMA Mass.

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.

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 parish hall, use special envelopes and make your check out to Adoration Society. Thank you for your donations.

Week of September 13 - available

For more information, please call Penni Lazor, Adoration Society President, at 973-768-7917 or contact parish office – 201-247-4832



WE WELCOME SUSAN KNIGHT, CHRISTINE AND CESAR GONZALEZ AND KAREN PERLATA AND ALEX ORTIZ WHO JOINED THE HOLY CROSS CHURCH.

Dear Parishioners,

ON SUNDAY WE CONTINUE TO HAVE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MASSES AT 9 AM AND 11 AM with necessary precautions to keep you safe.

You are invited to attend Sunday Mass wearing masks and keeping social distancing. Our pews are prepared for these requirements indicating places where you may sit.

Hand sanitizer is available to disinfect hands. After careful calculations it was determined that 40 people can be seated in the church with a required 60 inch separation. Families may sit together in the same pew. If there is an overflow of people seating is available in the parish hall. The Mass can be seen and heard on the closed circuit TV.

In concurrence with families we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptisms that were postponed. Coffee hour takes place with necessary precautions. Socializing can take place with the 6 foot distancing rule in the parish hall. The 11am Live Stream on Facebook will sometime be available for those who cannot attend Mass. Please log in @ holycrosswoodlandpark.com We are considering alternative fundraisers in place of Tricky Tray in the near future.

More information will be provided in upcoming weeks. Do not hesitate to email, call or text if you have any questions.

With prayers and missing you all,

Father Joseph and the Parish Committee

My Time With Mary a Spa For The Soul.

Oct. 7, 2020 - @ 7:00 pm

On the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of the Rosary



Beautiful Candlelight Prayer
Service
With Special Music
Everyone Is Welcome
Come along and bring a
friend.

Please Come In



Rest In The Heart of Jesus

And Receive His Peace

Dear Friends of Holy Cross Church,

The Holy Cross Church annual Tricky Tray fundraiser is our largest event of the year to financially support our parish.

This important event scheduled for October 23, 2020 has been canceled due to the Covid19 pandemic's restrictions on the number of people allowed to be seated indoors.

We know that the Tricky Tray is a fun filled event, anticipating the chance to win prizes and to socialize with family and friends. Unfortunately it can't happen this year.

The parish committee after discussions on this matter made a decision to ask parishioners for monetary donations in lieu of trays or other contributions you normally donated in the past.

Your generosity is truly appreciated in this unprecedented pandemic time affecting our parish financially.

Please pick up envelopes from the parish hall. Some letters will be sent by mail. The mailing includes a self-addressed Tricky Tray Appeal envelope for your convenience.

Please return your envelope with the donation in the Sunday collection basket or by mail by the end of November 15, 2020. For any donations sent by Venmo please specify – Tricky Tray contribution.

P.S. Please find the winning results of 50/50 drawing on the reverse With appreciation and prayers,

Fr. Joseph Cyman

Pastor

George O'Brien
Chairman of Parish Committee

The Holy Cross Church In Woodland Park celebrated today parish Luncheon /Picnic with the dedication of the plaque in the memory of Hughie Vickerilla. The plaque says "In memory of Hughie's Coffee Hour". Hughie was sharing his culinary talents he learned from his father Hubert in preparing beefsteaks, fish and chips dinners and special menu for parish different celebrations. He was serving the coffee hour for many years and was bringing pastry to our parishioners. He left his legacy of service and dedication to Holy Cross Church. At today's celebration was present Hughie's wife, Beverly and his family members and several parishioners.







Sacrament of
Baptism
administered to
Raymond Rey
Bradbury, son of
Steven and Pilar
(nee Rey) Bradbury
on Saturday, Sept.
19, 2020. We
congratulate
parents,
godparents, Robert
and Mary family
members and
friends.

ANNUAL BLESSING



OF PETS - will take place on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at the beginning of the 11:00 o'clock Mass. The Mass will take place in the parish hall. Well behaved dogs, cats, fish, birds and all God's creatures are invited with their owners. The blessing will be given in commemoration of Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4). As we know, animals trusted St. Francis and he treated them with courtesy. Near the end of his life St. Francis composed a song of praise and thanks to God for all his creations, called "Canticle to Brother Sun" - also known as the "Canticle

of the Creatures." From this song we know that St. Francis did not perceive himself isolated from other creatures. He simply assumed that all creatures - not only humans - form one family of creation. So we are encouraged to bless and praise God with cats, dogs, birds and all God's creatures.



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