

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 2, 2021

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SUNDAY MASS 9 am & 11:00 am
WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am

"I am the vine, you are the branches." - John 15:5

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel challenges the depth of our relationship to Christ, who calls himself the vine and us, the branches. The immediacy of this relationship was palpable among the early Christians. But what is it for us? We've been invited into something far deeper and more intimate than our relationship to our own family or someone we love. How comfortable are we with this invitation?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 9:26-31 Saul preached boldly in Jerusalem

Ps 22 I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people

1 John 3:18-24 Loving and believing in Christ is to keep his commandments

John 15:1-8 "I am the vine, you are the branches."



We continue to pray for the recovery from coronavirus epidemic and spare us from this illness.

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Edward Obsuth / 11:00 am – Lector: Mark Kosinski

Live stream Mass for homebound on Facebook www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES ARE GREAT GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

To date our income is \$74,000. Please 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.

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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: Dorothy O. Zaida Bueno; Annie Hornak, Filip Sepelowski, Emila Bargiel, Sophie Barnes, Frances Sanchez, Wendy Schlesinger, Jerry R., Ewa B., Jeffrey, Roy Zebrowski, Declan, Erik, Enrico, Josephine B. Jeanne L. Carmen.
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

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

Edward and Beverly Obsuth – 30th Ann. – 4/21

Christopher & Cynthia LaPorta – 4th Ann – 4/21

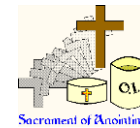
Diego Ochoa / Iris Miola – 8th Ann – 4/27

Sebastian Wysocki / Ashley Burr – 2nd Ann – 4/27

Daniel & Magdalena Brzyski – May 14 – 5 ann.

Jerome Rotsaert & Elaine Skawinski – 57th Anniversary – May 3

Al Cuccinello & Frances Bucci – 58th Anniversary – May 12



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.

Holy Cross Church Face Book – link

www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

Visiting our website Blog holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. 459 people follow our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

MEMBERSHIP 2021



BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2021

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 \$125.00. 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, MAY 2, 2021 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



9:00 AM HOLY MASS for + Anne Piascik, departed of the

Piascik, Raczkowski, Hrabosky, Hess, Merson and Jones families; *Offered by Adele & Michael Merson & Family (All Souls)*

10 AM - "HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR" - SOCIAL DISTANCING

10 am - Communion class / 10:00 – Tricky Tray Preparation Meeting

11:00 am – Sunday School class in the parish hall @11 am

11:00 AM HOLY MASS for Theresa Triggiano (4th

Anniversary)

"HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR" - SOCIAL DISTANCING

Confirmation Class after Mass

Monday, May 3, 2021 – Finding of the Holy Cross

8:30 am – Holy Mass for peace in the world

7:30 pm – Polish National Union of America District #2 Zoom Mtg.

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 – Easter Weekday – St. Pelagia, M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for the growth of our parish

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 – Easter Wednesday – St. Hilary Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for the youth

Thursday, May 6, 2021 – Easter Thursday – Evodius of Antioch, Bp.

10 am – Funeral Mass for +Al Katinsky – May he Rest in Peace

Blood Drive at Holy Cross 1 pm – 7 pm

Friday, May 7, 2021 – Easter Friday – St. Stanislaus of Krakow, Bp. M.

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

Saturday – May 1, 2021 – CONFESSIONS FROM 1 PM - 2 PM.



SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY – FREE BREAKFAST – SIGN UP IN PARISH HALL

9:00 AM HOLY MASS for All Mothers Living and Deceased

10 AM – MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST – SIGN UP TODAY

10:30am - Communion class

11:00 am – Sunday School class in the parish hall @11 am

11:00 AM HOLY MASS for All Mothers Living and

Deceased

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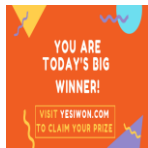
MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



On Sunday, May 9, 2021 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. (10:00 A.M.) All parishioners and friends especially Mothers are cordially invited to attend this special celebration.



Parish Picnic- June 25, 2021 -We would like our parishioners to invite their family and friends to our Picnic as guests. As you know there is no charge and we will have games for the children and food for all. Volunteers are welcome to bring your favorite dish. There will be a sign up sheet where you could indicate the dish you will bring. The parish picnic PREPARATION mtg. **Sunday May 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM.**



GRADUATES – Soon it will be graduation time for many schools in our area. We would like to salute the members of our parish who will be graduating from school in spring of 2021 and print their names in the Father's Day (JUNE 20) edition of the Sunday bulletin. Graduates or parents of graduates are asked to submit names and information to the church office no later than Sunday, June 13, 2021. You can send information by e-mail – holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

EASTER SEASON - During the 50 day season of Easter (until May 23, 2021) 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



The first Holy Communion celebration will take place on Sunday May 16, 2021 at 11 am Mass. Please pray for Veronica Murphy, Viviana Galindo, Parker Herrick, David Rodriguez, Jazmin Bradbury, Amber Herrick, Chirag and Aarti Taylor who will receive Holy Eucharist for the first time on Sunday May 16, 2021 at 11 am Mass.

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COME to Holy Cross Church



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. 201-247-4832



PRAYER CHAIN

HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN

Dear friends, please join our parish in **DAILY PRAYER CHAIN**. God is listening to our prayers when we address our needs. We pray for our nation, for peace and unity. May those who were elected to lead our country serve justly and

conscientiously implement policies that are respecting God's commandments. **IN OUR PRAYERS WE ASK FOR THE RESPECT OF THE SANCTITY OF EACH LIFE AND DIGNITY OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL SINCE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION TO LAST MOMENT OF LIFE REGARDLESS OF RACE, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL PARTY, GENDER, ETHNICITY, STATUS OR CREED. WE PRAY FOR PEACE THAT WE MAY LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH EACH OTHER, RESPECTING DIFFERENCES, CHERISHING DIVERSITY, LIVING WITHOUT FEAR OF THE OTHER HONORING THE IMAGE OF GOD IN EVERY HUMAN PERSON.**

We pray for all those who are affected by outbreak of coronavirus disease. We pray for those who lost their loved ones and well as those who lost their jobs and struggle financially. We pray for the sick for their recovery and for medical staff for endurance, wisdom and guidance in their service. We pray for the end of this global pandemic. Our prayers are offered for those who were affected by any recent and tragedies. We pray for peaceful resolutions in conflicts within our country and in the world. We remember persecuted Christians and for freedom of worship. 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 for the growth of our parish, for an increase of our dedication in the service for the Church established by our Lord, Jesus Christ. May the Holy Cross Church continue to grow in faith and in number as place of prayer where people can worship God and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.



Dear Friends, the Holy Cross Church 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 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.

Last week donation - \$20

Dear Parishioners – 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 for some essential operating costs of the parish. You can send donation by mail or place it in the collection basket.

The annual fire alarm system inspection: \$260 – donated by Adoration Society

The annual fire alarm monitoring: \$400 – Donated by Adoration Society

One monthly payment of the parish loan: \$490

The annual website fee \$325

Annual Burglary alarm - \$400 –

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



FOOD DRIVE – A food drive to benefit the Father English Food Pantry is open on weekly basis. Last week food items were picked up by Fr. English Food Pantry, Paterson. You can bring imperishable food items as “gifts for the poor” to the parish hall. We all need to remember the words of our Lord: *“Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me.” (Mat. 25:40).*

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.

THANK YOU

- Parish committee members for attending monthly meeting.
- Parishioners who donating nonperishable food items for Fr. English Food pantry (parish hall)
- Parishioners who support financially and are sending 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
- Richard Daum and Merry Sleece for selling shopping certificates in the parish hall. Plan to join this important fundraiser.
- Lynn Imperiale for updating our parish Facebook www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com
- We thank anyone for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of Holy Cross Church.

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.



Welcome!

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.



SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING Our Sunday School classes take place from during the 11 am Mass in the parish hall. Please join us. During classes 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 for teaching our students. Looking forward to seeing you soon.



Confirmation Classes – To date we have eight (9) students, (youth and adults) taking classes. Please contact parish office to register or contact Fr. Joseph after Sunday Mass. The classes are held after the 11 am Mass. Students who are in the 7th grade and older and adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons. The date of Confirmation will be scheduled.

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 May 2 – available

Week of May 9 – available

Week of May 16 - available

Week of May 23 -In memory of +Michael Gula Jr. (W.W. II Veteran)

Week of May 31 – In memory of +Henry Plachinsky (Korean War Veteran)

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

Upcoming Events

May 9, 2021 – Mother’s Day Breakfast at 10 am

June 6, 2021 – Corpus Christi celebration at?

June 13, 2021 – SOCL attendance awards

June 20, 2021 – Father’s Day Breakfast at 10 am

June 27, 2021 – Church picnic

Week of July 3rd 2021 - YOUTH CAMP – Kurs Waymart, PA



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 THEIR PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS.

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 **95 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.



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

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**11:00 AM Mass – to honor
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Fruit punch; popcorn; ice cream pops, water, soda, coffee, tea

We will be enjoying some children’s games with prizes:



- Simon says; Musical Chairs
- Donut Eating; Watermelon contest
- Other Games and Surprises



All Are Welcome

**Free for Parishioners and Woodland Park Residents
(donations accepted)**

RSVP by June 17, 2021

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Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic.

RAIN or SHINE the FUN is ON

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