1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 6, 2022

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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor The Deacon William Gaydos

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

"Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days. - Luke 4:1



Trust. Trouble. Temptation. The Israelites remembered and trusted in God's constant, guiding presence and gave back to God the first fruits of the land. The psalmist trusted God would be present in times of trouble. Jesus survived temptation in the desert, only by trusting in God. In whom or in what do we place our trust when we are troubled and tempted?

We continue to pray for people in Ukraine. For peace, end of war and endurance in defending freedom.

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Dt 26:4-10 I have brought you the first fruits of this land flowing with milk and honey

Ps 91 Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble Rom 10:8-13 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved Lk 4:1-13 You shall not put the Lord God to the test

Lectors serving today:

9 am – Ed Obssuth

11 am – Mark Koscinski

<u>SHOPPING CERTIFICATES</u> Please support our Building Fund is by purchasing weekly shopping certificates. The shopping certificates you can use also as gift cards for any occasion. <u>GIFT CARDS</u> are available for <u>SHOP RITE</u>. May God bless and reward you.



WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF Ukraine in time of war. For their protection and peaceful reconciliation with Russia. We pray... 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: Lucy Daum, Maria Sobstyl, Zaida Bueno; Annie Hornak, Emila Bargiel, Sophie Barnes, Frances Sanchez, Wendy Schlesinger, Ewa B., Jeffrey, Roy Zebrowski, Declan, Erik, Enrico, Josephine B. Carmen, Elsie. *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...



<u>ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE</u> Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage. Wilian and Maria Matute – 21st Anniversary – 4/4 Richard Daum and Lucy Piontkowski – 64th Ann – 4/6 Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox – 11th Ann. – 4/15 Edward and Beverly Obssuth – 31st Ann. – 4/21



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

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. 543 people follow our church Face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.



BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2022

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 the parish office at 201-247-4832 or send e-mail holycrosspncc1@gmail.com, thank you. Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.





SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022 - 1 st SUNDAY OF LENT	
9:00 AM Holy Mass for PEACE and for Parishioners Living and Dec	eased
10:00 AM – "HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR"	C
10:00 am – Adoration Society Meeting	Coffee
10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class	Hour
11:00 am – Sunday School class in the parish hall	
11:00 AM Holy Mass for All Parishioners	
After Mass – Confirmation Class	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Monday, March 7, 2022 - St. Thomas Aquinas	
8:30 am – Holy Mass for PEACE and end of war	
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – St. Philemon and Apollonius, M.	
8:30 am – Holy Mass for PEACE and the growth of our parish	
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 – St. Gregory of Nyssa, Bp.	
8:30 am – Holy Mas for PEACE and end of war	
7:15-8:00 pm - Adult Bible Study Gospel of St. Mark (During Lent - plan to a	ittend)
Thursday, March 10, 2022 - Martyrs of Sebaste, M.	
8:30 am – Holy Mass for PEACE and for the sick and homebound	
Friday, March 11, 2022 – St. Constantine, M.	
8:30 am – Holy Mass for PEACE and Benefactors of Holy Cross Church	1
7:30 pm – Stations of the Cross (Lenten Service - plan to attend)	
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022 - 2 [™] SUNDAY OF LENT	
INSTITUTION OF PNCC	
9:00 AM Holy Mass for PEACE and for Parishioners Living and Dec	eased
10:00 AM – "HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR"	E
10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class	Coffee
11:00 am – Sunday School class in the parish hall	
11:00 AM Holy Mass for PEACE and All Parishioners	
After Mass – Confirmation Class	SUNDAY SCHOOL



BIBLE STUDY - LENT 2022 During Lent - The Bible Study classes will take place ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: Wed., March 9, 16, 30, and April 6, 2022 from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. The classes will include Scripture readings, and discussions. This is a wonderful way to renew our spiritual life during Lent. Interested, please sign up in the parish hall or

send email at holycrosspncc1@gmail.com. Fr. Joseph



2022 ADULT ENVELOPES were sent by mail and some are available in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward Holy Cross Church.

Confirmation Classes - Enrollment is open. To register please ask Fr. Joseph or call parish office 201-247-4832. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Enrollment is still open. These classes are held Sunday 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)

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 March 6 – Jeffrey "O" Week of March 13 - Penni Lazor Week of March 20 – Dom. Bucci / David Bucci Week of March 27 – Memory of Hughie Vickerilla Week of April 3 – available

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

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.



GOD'S FIELD - (Rola Boza) ONLINE The latest issue of God's available online *Field* is at http://www.pncc.org. now Click on the God's Field link at the top of the home page and follow

the directions to access the recent issue. We hope you enjoy reading about the life and work of our parishes.

Upcoming Events

March 20, 2022 – St. Patrick's Luncheon after 11 am TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE April 3, 2022 – Agape at 4 pm, (location TBD) April 12, 2022 - Clergy Conference, Chrism Mass, Cathedral, Scranton, PA April 17 2022 - Easter - Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord April 19, 2022 – Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL) May 1, 2022 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary May 8, 2022 – Mother's Day Breakfast at 10 am June 12, 2022 – Sunday School awards Church picnic June 19, 2022 – Corpus Christi celebration (place – TBD) June 19, 2022 – Father's Day Breakfast at 10 am Week of July 4th 2022 - YOUTH CAMP - Kurs, Waymart, PA



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 donations

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 NEED TO PRAY FOR THE NATION OF UKRAINE IN UNGOING TIME OF WAR. We pray for peaceful resolutions in and reconciliation. IN OUR PRAYERS WE ASK FOR THE RESPECT OF THE

SANCTITY OF EACH LIFE AND DIGNITY OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL SINCE THE MOMENT OF **CONCEPTION TO LAST MOMENT OF LIFE REGARDLESS OF RACE, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL** PARTY, GENDER, ETHNICITY, STATUS OR CREED. MAY WE LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH EACH OTHER, RESPECTING DIFFERENCES, CHERISHING DIVERSITY, WITHOUT FEAR OF THE OTHER, HONORING THE IMAGE OF GOD IN EVERY HUMAN PERSON.

We pray for all those who are still affected by coronavirus disease. We pray for those who lost their loved ones and as well for those who lost their jobs and struggle financially. We pray for the recovery of the sick and for the medical staff for their endurance, wisdom and guidance in their service. We pray for the end of this global pandemic. 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 and 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 a place of prayer where people can worship God and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Amen.

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







NATIVITY SET (missing) Since we haven't had our Nativity statues of Holy Mary, St. Joseph and Baby Jesus returned, the majority of the parish committee members made a decision on Sunday Jan. 9, 2022 to ask parishioners to voluntarily donate toward the purchase a new Nativity set. We are installing new security cameras and other measures.

THE NEW SET WILL COST - \$3000.



Dear Parishioners, WE NEED TO HELP UKRAINIAN PEOPLE

Our hearts are broken seeing so many innocent people affected by the terrible war caused by the illegal Russian unprovoked invasion of Ukraine.

We are just recovering from the Covid pandemic and now we unfortunately have to deal with another evil that has already destroyed thousands of people. Many have been wounded and over one million refugees have fled from danger and the possibility of death and are searching for a safe place in other countries.

As a parish family we join with the majority of people in the world who are helping people in their dire need.

Ash Wednesday's Mass began the holy season of Lent. We prayed for the people of Ukraine. The participation of many parishioners and the community members showed deep faith and willingness to pray together during these trying times.

I ask you to continue to pray for freedom in Ukraine, for the end of this barbaric war. Secondly, we need to answer Jesus' call:

"I was hungry, you gave me food. I was a stranger and you welcomed me...."

As a parish we will be accepting donations of desperately needed items for the people of Ukraine for example:

Nonperishable food; Clothing for children, women, and Thermal underwear; Hygiene products; Blankets; Bedding

Tents, mattresses, and sleeping bags; • First aid supplies and first aid kits including Bandages, Tylenol, Advil, aspirin

The complete list of needed items prepared by the Ukrainian organization is enclosed. Please donate new and only slightly used items.

Buy shipping boxes (small or medium) in Home Depot.

Pack the items neatly into a box. The packed box must be ready to ship. Type up an itemized list of everything you packed. (e.g. 10 pairs of men's thermal underwear, 5 blankets, etc.) Tape the packing list to the box. You can deliver these items directly to the address: Ukrainian American Cultural Center of NJ, 60-C North Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ Or, bring these items to the parish hall. Bring your donations on Sundays March 6, 13, 2022.

Also, in the next two Sundays we are going to collect monetary donations for Ukraine. With the parish committee we will decide which organization we will choose in order to support the people in Ukraine.

Envelopes with the memo "We Support Ukraine" will be included in the Bulletin and in the vestibule of the church. Please write checks payable to Holy Cross with memo "We Support Ukraine" Donate generously according to your possibilities. In doing so we will directly support the suffering people of Ukraine in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that the goodness of many people will prevail over the evil of war.

With prayers - Fr. Joseph / George O'Brien, Chairman of Parish Committee



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The Ukrainian Center in Whippany, NJ is starting a humanitarian aid drive to help the victims of the Russian War Against Ukraine of 2022.

Collection Date: March 5 and 6, 12 PM-4 PM Bring Aid To : UACCNJ, 60 North Jefferson Rd, Whippany, NJ 07981

Below is a list of items that are needed:

High Priority: **Please focus on HIGH PRIORITY items**

	First Aid - Kits and Supplies	* Walkie-Talkies
	Bandages, Homeostatic Bandages	* Drones
	Tourniquets	* Telephones (Iphone 6 and higher)
	Daipers for children - all sizes	new or used (if used, new battery please)
	a	* Thermal underwear
	Sleeping pads (for insulation, dark)	* Flashlights and batteries
	Tents (Dark Colored)	* Disposable forks, spoon, knives,
	MREs (meals ready to eat)	plastic plates, cups, etc,
•	Personal Hygiene - toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, shampoo	* tactical foot wear (sizes 39-46 European) Men's US sizes 6-13
	Tactical Glasses	But mostly Men's US sizes 10-12
•	Baby wipes	* Ultraviolet flashlights
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•	Clothing	for	children,	women,	men	* Candles

- * Containers for liquid Bedding
- (10-20 liters) Blankets
- Mattresses * Paper Towels

Instructions:

- 1. Read through the list of items needed.
- Choose 1 or 2 items and buy a lot of them. 2.
- 3. Buy shipping boxes (small or medium) in Home Depot.
 - 4. Pack the items neatly into a box. The packed box must be ready to ship.
- 5. If it is clothes, they must be
 - a. new or nearly new b. clean c. sorted and folded
- 6. Type up an itemized list of everything you packed.
 - (e.g. 10 pairs of men's thermal underwear, 5 blankets, etc.)
- 7. Tape the packing list to the box.
- Please bring your box to the center or to a designated drop off point.
- 9. There will also be a Donation Box to help with shipping costs. Any leftover funds will be passed on to Ukrainian charitable organizations providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

Real important (What NOT to do):

Do not pack unsorted clothes and other items into garbage bags or shopping bags. Do not donate old, used dirty clothes. Our volunteers do not have time to sort.

Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 60-C North Jefferson Road, Whippany, New Jersey 07981-1030 Tel: (973) 585-7175; Fax: (973) 585-7185; Website: www.uaccnj.org; Email: info@uaccnj.org

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 Ŵ in becoming altar servers. We thank Deacon Bill for lessons preparing new altar servers.

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.



HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN If 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.



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) FORWARD FOR SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS, PRAISES AND EVEN COMPLAINTS.

Holy Cross Chocolate

Fundraiser available in the parish hall – purchase the remaining

chocolates

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- Imagine a Church that is One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic and yet democratic
- The ethnic beginning has grown into a

multicultural community.

- The Church that has all valid sacraments
- Teaches traditional spiritual and moral values
- Marriage has been allowed before or after ordination for deacons, priests and bishops since 1921.
- The laity and clergy have equal voice in the election of bishops.
- The management of the material matters of each parish is performed by the Parish Committee along with their Pastor. Church that welcomes ALL who wishes to follow Christ

Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations

Pastor - Father Joseph R. Cyman Deacon - William Gaydos	201-247-4832 / 973-256-4888 / 973-239-4725				
Parish Comm. Chairperson, George O'Brien 973-809-7091					
Secretary – Fran Cuccinello	973-303-3874				
Organist - Neil Estanislao	201-966-9026				
Organist - Jessica Muccilli	973-903-7273				
Adoration Society - Penni Lazor	973-768-7917				
Lectors Coordinator (9 am service) - George O'Brien 973-809-7091					
Altar Servers - Deacon William Gaydos 973-239-4725					
School of Christian Living (SOCL)	Mr. Paul Murphy (201-463-7656),				
• • •	Ms. Natalie Lazar – 973-653-6494				
St. Nicholas Ministry – Two volunteer are needed					
Advent Tree –	Pat Olsen 973-696-6581				
Greeters -					
Maintenance -	Dominick Bucci 973-785-2299				
Shopping Certificates Sale –	Ed Obssuth 201-233-6351				
Polish National Union of America -	Fr. Joseph Cyman – 201-247-4832				
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Shopping



Please let Fr. Joseph know that you wish to have your home/apartment blessed by calling 201-247-4832 email or holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

Blessed Sacrament of Adoration Society at Church of Transfiguration in Wallington, NJ is hosting the Pasta Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Eat-in or Take Out. Reservations Only. Dinner includes: salad, pasta, meatballs and sausage. Plus entertainment by "Songs from the Heart" oldies. Donation: \$12.00 Adults & \$5.00 Children. Proceeds for the Church maintenance fund.

For Tickets please contact the Rectory 973-779-4329 or Barbara Puzak 201-939-3533

PLEASE DONATE GENTLY USED COATS, JACKETS, SWEATERS BY FEB. 13. These items will be given to Fr. English Food Pantry in Paterson. Thank you

NEW REGISTRATIONS - Our parish is leasing the Sunday school building to the tenant, GOLDEN STEPS LEARNING CENTER, from Monday to Friday providing PRE SCHOOL DAY CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS. Please see flyer for more information or contact Mrs. Gail at 973-812-8030. Discount rates are available for the members of Holy Cross Church.

2021 Contribution Statements - Any parishioner who wishes to receive information regarding their donations to the church for the year 2021 for their income tax purposes, please contact Financial Secretary, Richard Daum 973-694-9457 email DICKDAUM@gmail.com. We thank Richard for his time and dedication in his service as Financial Secretary/Treasurer of Holy Cross Church.