

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JAN. 22, 2023

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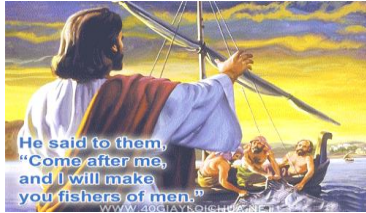
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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor

The Deacon William Gaydos

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

"From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:12,17



Jesus begins his healing ministry by calling ordinary people — simple fishermen — to follow him. What was it about his invitation that appealed to them, caused them to accept it? One would not have guessed what was yet to come of his being and

doing. We never know the outcome of an invitation or a promise that is made. We are called in many ways, most of them simple. We don't know where we will be led. Our task is to keep our hearts and minds open to God's calling, however or whenever it may come. Lord Jesus, you began your ministry by preaching repentance: Lord, have mercy. Christ Jesus, you called simple fishermen to follow you: Christ, have mercy.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

Psalms 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Paul urges unity

St. Matthew 4:12-23 4:12-17 Jesus begins his ministry

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Dominick Bucci

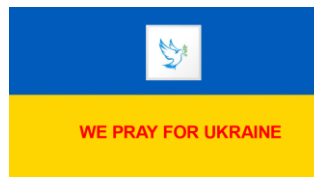
11:00 am – Natalie Cyman

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES - The profit of shopping

certificates sale was \$75,000. Please continue to support our Building Fund by purchasing weekly shopping certificates after 9 am Mass. You can buy them in the parish hall.



THANK YOU! We continue to pray for peace and safety in our streets and schools. We pray for the end of war in Ukraine.



Please remember me and my family in your prayers. I remember you each day in my prayers.

Please pray for the Sick of our 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: Mi Sun Lim; Josephine Porcoro, Inid Smith, Lucy Daum, Maria Sobstyl, Zaida Bueno, Annie Hornak, Emila Bargiel, Sophie Barnes, Frances Sanchez, Wendy Schlesinger, Steven O., Ewa B., 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... Hail Mary, Glory...

THE PRAYERS 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 on Thursday evening Mass.

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

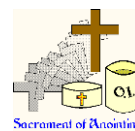
Melissa and Manuel Rodriguez – 12/20 – 10th Ann.

Cesar Gonzalez & Christine – Feb. 2 – 3rd Ann.

Fr. Joseph Cyman & Renata (Bujak) – Feb. 21 – 25th Ann

Chirag & Aarti Taylor – 2/19 – 7 Ann.

Michael & Elizabeth Ruth – 2/28 – 5th Ann.



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

BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2023

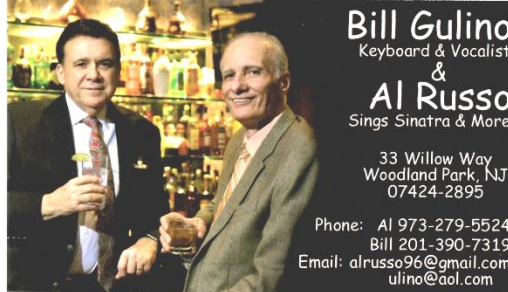
We thank businesses that gave donations for bulletin ads and thus helping us to defray the cost of bulletin printing. The donation for one year is \$125.00. If you wish to submit your ad, please contact the parish office at 201-247-4832 or send e-mail holycrosspncc1@gmail.com, thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**

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SUNDAY, JAN. 22, 2023 – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Holy Mass for All Parishioners

10 am – Hughie Coffee and Cake Fellowship

10 am – Preparation for First Holy Communion

11:00 AM Holy Mass for +Hughie Vickerilla (3rd Ann) by Beverly

Confirmation Class
 *Vickerilla*
+Melissa and August Centrella; Emanuele and Theresa Triggiano;
Of. By Claire Centrella
After Mass – Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation
Monday Jan 23, 2023 – St. John the Almsgiver, Bp.

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

Tuesday Jan. 24, 2023 – St. Timothy

8:30 am - Holy Mass for our youth

Wednesday Jan. 25, 2023 – Conversion of St. Paul

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

8:30 am - Holy Mass +Hughie Vicerilla; Off. by daughter, Jamie and Family

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023 – St. Polycarp, Bp., M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass the sock and homebound

Friday, Jan. 27, 2023 – St. John Chrysostom, Bp. D.

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

+August Centrella; (11 Ann.) ; Req. by Claire Centrella

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 – St. Paulinus, Bp.


12 Noon – 2 PM – Private Confessions

SUNDAY, JAN. 29, 2023 – 4RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

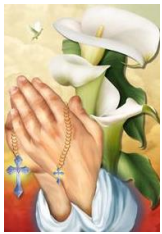
9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Ann Obsuth (Birthday); Off. by David

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10 am – Hughie Coffee and Cake Fellowship

Confirmation Class
 **11:00 AM** Holy Mass for +Emilio Bueno Bueno; Julia Escobedo De Bueno; Emilio Bueno Escobedo; Celia Bueno Alvarez; Req. by Zaida Bueno Escobedo (All Souls)
After Mass – Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation





Prayers of Sympathy

We express our sympathy to family of **Hector Aponte**, who passed away on Jan. 16, 2023. May he rest in Peace. Amen.

THANK YOU TO:

- Parish Committee members for attending monthly meetings
- Fran Cuccinello for helping in the office
- Adoration Society for their ministry and help in activities of our parish
- Sunday School teachers, Mr. Paul Murphy, Ms. Natalie Lazar for their service teaching our children Christian values.
- Anyone who in any way shape or form supports our parish by sharing time, talent and treasure.



HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN In the case when small children need more attention during the Mass, parents can listen and follow the Liturgy of the Mass in the **parish hall** while the children can play or do the drawings.

2023 ADULT ENVELOPES . Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church. If you need Sunday envelopes, please contact parish office. Thank you



Confirmation Class **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. Next class will be held on



Sunday Jan. 8, 2022 *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 when priest says words of consecration which Jesus used during the Last Supper: This is My Body... This is My Blood. (Catechism)*

Our Mission - The parish of Holy Cross 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. *“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 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 those who are lost (Luke 19:10).”* In the past **97 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.



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 97 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.

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!

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.

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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. 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.

2022 Contribution Statements - Any parishioner who wishes to receive information regarding their donations to the church for the year 2022 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.

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Polish National Union of America

In the parish hall you can find pamphlets about PNU of A explaining different programs and benefits offered by this organization. One of them, to receive the college stipends, students have to be at least five years member of this organization. Ask Fr. Joseph for further

information. 201-247-4832

SPOJNIA CREDIT UNION Information is placed in the parish hall and online <https://www.spojniacreditunion.org/> **Polish National Union of America**, Information available in the parish hall and online www.pnu.org



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EPIPHANY PASTORAL VISITATIONS Fr Joseph Is available to bless homes especially during Christmas time. Please let Fr. Joseph know that you wish to have your home/apartment blessed by calling 201-247-4832 or email holycrosspncc1@gmail.com.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Will be held on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2020 after 9:00 a.m. Mass. There will be refreshments after the 9 AM Mass. **All the societies of our parish are asked to give their annual report from the past year 2022 and their projects for the year 2023.** Another important aspect of our Annual Parish Meeting will be the election of the Parish Committee. The Parish Committee is the council, which meets once per month (usually for about 1 hour on the 3rd Tuesday of the month) to discuss concerns and make decisions for the parish. Would you consider serving on this committee? Please contact Fr. Joseph or George O'Brien (Parish Committee Chairman).

Upcoming Events

Feb. 12, 2023 – St. Valentine's Luncheon after 11 am Mass

Feb. 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday

March 12, 2023 – St. Patrick's Luncheon after 11 am

March 26, 2023 – Agape at 3:30 pm at Holy Cross Church

April 3, 2023 – Clergy Conference, Chrism Mass, Scranton, PA

April 9, 2023 – Easter – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 16, 2023 – Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL)

May 6, 2023 – NY/NJ Seniorate Council meeting at SS. Peter and Paul, Passaic

May 7, 2023 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 14, 2023 – Mother's Day Breakfast at 10 am

June 4, 2023 – Parish Picnic after 11 am Mass

June 11, 2023 – Corpus Christi procession at Wallington parish at 3 pm

June 18, 2023 – Father's Day Breakfast at 10 am

Week of July 4th 2022 - YOUTH CAMP – Kurs , Waymart, PA

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 January 15 – Walter Kosciński; by Mark Kosciński

Week of Feb. 12 – Tom Kaynak by Joan Kaynak

Week of Feb. 19 – Tom Kaynak by Joan Kaynak

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

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HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN Dear friends, please join our parish in DAILY PRAYER CHAIN. We pray for the safety in our streets and schools; for the propel gun control in our country and in the world. We pray for peaceful resolutions in and reconciliation especially in Ukraine. **WE PRAY FOR END OF WAR.**



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 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.

At the last Parish Committee meeting, we made a decision to support the people of Ukraine who are tremendously suffering due to war. We are approaching first anniversary of this terrible war. We will send donations through the Ukrainian American Cultural Center located in Whippany, NJ as we did last year. Please use envelopes from the vestibule of the church "Help Ukraine" and donate generously. You can send donations by mail with the memo "Help Ukraine". Thank you



WE HELP UKRAINE

WE PRAY FOR UKRAINE