4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JAN. 29, 2023

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> The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor The Deacon William Gavdos

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

" " Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

Matt 5:9

INTRUDUCTION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we will hear one of the most familiar, yet difficult, Gospel passages, challenging us to consider what it means to be one of God's chosen: humble, weak, lowly, poor, and meek.

These are not the typical goals of our education, our hard work, our hopes and dreams. Perhaps we could join together today and pray for understanding, for wisdom, and for the grace to hear and accept the message of God's Word today.



Scripture readings:

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 Seek the Lord, you humble of the earth.

1 Cor 1:26-31 God chooses the weak, the lowly, the despised.

Ps. 146 Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Matt 5:1-12 Blessed are the poor ...

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Richard Daum

Executival

11:00 am - Mark Koscinski

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 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.

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 $-2/28 - 5^{th}$ Ann.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes are expressed to the following parishioners: Claire Centrella – 1/21; Luis Tarazona – 1/22; Susan Knight – 1/22; Alex Lazor –1/24; Brenda Nin – 1/23; David Obssuth, 1/24; Thomas Emker – 1/25; Mayra Santiago – 1/25; Justin Fultz – 1/28; Sebastian Arias – 1/28; Susan Jakob – 1/29; Timothy Daum – 1/29; Derrick Wilborn – 1/29; Jazmin Bradbury – 1/30; William Estrella – 1/30; Diego Ochoa – 1/30; William Estrella – 1/30; Magdalena Brzyski – 1/31; Isabella Granada – 2/05; Laurie Gaydos – 2/6; Carla Rosa – 2/6; Carlos Garcia – 2/7; Troy Hilton – 2/7; Fr. Joseph Cyman – 2/8; Jennifer Palman – 2/8; Nicole Pellegrini – 2/10; Alexander Teimouri – 2/12; Karen Paulison – 2/12; Meghan Palman – 2/12; Julixa Lopez – 2/14; Joyce Diestler – 2/16; Michael Merson – 2/16; Anthony Canceres – 2/20; Brenda Nin – 2/23; Sebastian Rodriguez – 2/17; Neil Estanislao – 2/18; Natalie Cyman – 2/20; Michael Latorre – 2/20; Ned Kiame – 2/22; Natalie Lopez – 2/23; Juan Reyes – 2/24; (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.



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. 29, 2023 - 4RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Obssuth

10 am – Hughie Coffee and Cake Fellowship



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)

Monday Jan 30, 2023 – St. Martina, V., M. 8:30 am - Holy Mass for peace in the world Tuesday Jan. 31, 2023 – St. Marcella, W.



8:30 am - Holy Mass for our youth

Wednesday Feb. 1, 2023 – Ignatius Bp. M.

8:30 am - Holy Mass +Rafaella Porporino; Of. By Walter Porporino

Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023 – Presentation of the Lord

8:30 am – Holy Mass the sick and homebound
7:00 pm – CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE
"MY TIME WITH MARY" – see flyer



Friday, Feb. 3, 2023 – St. Blaise Bp., M.

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

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023 – St. Nicholas Studites, Ab.

12 Noon – 2 PM – Private Confessions

SUNDAY, FEB. 5, 2023 - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Blessing of candles and blessing of throats

9:00 AM Holy Mass for +William and Johanna Vrablik, Julius &

Enes Cimmino, Mary Gansereit, George & Mary Vrablik, Mary



Diomede; Off. by James and Susan Cimmino (All Souls)

10 am – Hughie Coffee and Cake Fellowship

<u>10:10 am – Preparation for First Holy Communion</u>

11:00 AM Holy Mass for +Hector L. Aponte; Req. by Parishioners of Holy Cross Church

After Mass – Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation



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 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 Wission - 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.

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



DONATIONS Jan. 22, 2023 - \$1,957.00 Venmo - \$80

Total Donations: \$2,037.00

ENERGY NEEDS: Since last newsletter: Dominick Bucci - \$30; Karol Sung - \$50; James and Susan Cimmino - \$100; Cyman

Family – 40:

DONATIOS FOR BUILDING FUND: Since last newsletter: Passaic Valley UNICO (hall) - \$75; Karen Hitchcock in memory of Eleanor Niedzwiecki - \$500; Edward & Michele Lazor - \$250; Ed and Michele Lazor - \$250; Karol Sung - \$50; Joan Kaynak - \$100; Donna & Martin Maher - \$50; Beverly Vickerilla - \$20; Michael Cyman - \$50; M/M O'Brien - \$50; Eileen Phillips - \$50; Adele Merson in memory of Jeffrey O'Brien - \$25; T. Heffernan - \$5;

SPECIAL DONATIONS TO HOLY CROSS: Sophie Barnes - \$50; Rachele Jean Louis - \$50; \$1000 in memory of Jeffrey O'Brien donated by George and Dorothy O'Brien; \$50 in honor of Serenity FanFan on her Baptism; \$50 In honor of Lexie Vargas on her Baptism; \$100 in honor of Isaiah Huertas on the occasion of his Baptism; \$100 in honor of Jionni Anthony on this occasion of his Baptism

POLISH NATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA -Fraternal Organization of our Church.



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



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.



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



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.

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 Koscinski; by Mark Koscinski

Week of Jan. 22, 2023 – Hughie Vickerilla; by Bev. Vickerilla

Week of Jan. 29, 2023 – Agnieszka Cyman; by Cyman Family

Week of Feb. 5, 2023 - Mary Gansereit; by Cimmino Family

Week of Feb. 12 - Tom Kaynak; by Joan Kaynak

Week of Feb. 19 – Tom Kaynak; by Joan Kaynak

Week of Feb. 26 – Available; 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

PRAYER CHAIN

DAILY PRAYER CHAIN. We pray for the safety in our communities; 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 DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD. 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.

Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations

- Pastor Rev. Joseph R. Cyman, 201-247-4832 / 973-256-4888
- Deacon Deacon William Gaydos, 973-902-9321
- Parish Committee Chairperson George O'Brien 973-341-3241
- Blessed Sacrament Society (ANS) Penni Lazor, 973-768-7917
- Organist Neil Estanislao, 201-966-9026
- Organist Jessica Muccilli, 973-903-7273
- Lectors 9:00 a.m. George O'Brien, 973-341-3241
- Lectors 11:00 a.m. Parish Office, 201-247-4832
- Altar Servers Deacon William Gaydos, 973-902-9321
- School of Christian Living Paul Murphy, 908-875-4493; Natalie Lazar, 973-563-6494
- St. Nicholas Min. Richard, Lucy Daum, 973-694-9457; Joan Kaynak 973-696-6035
- Stewardship Committee Mark Koscinski 908-672-2801; Pat Olsen, 973-696-6581
- Youth Group Deacon William Gaydos, 973-902-9321
- Greeters Fran Cuccinello 973-256-1392
- Coffee and Cake Fellowship Adoration Society (Tracey Banta) 973-874-6605
- Maintenance Dominick Bucci, 973-785-2299
- Shopping Certificates Sale Richard Daum, 973-694-9457
- Polish National Union of America BR #54 Fr. Joseph Cyman, 201-247-4832
- Hall Rental parish office 201-247-4832



<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 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.

EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS should be reported to the rectory office immediately. 201-247-4832

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 \$125.00 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 \$65 for each hour. Call 201-247-4832



<u>PARISH CHOIR</u> – 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.

<u>2022 Contribution Statements</u> - 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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New LED lights installed in the parish office and in the meeting room. They are brighter and saving on energy. We thank Dominick Bucci to make arrangements for this project.

The parish hall was repainted. We thank volunteer, Matthew Daniewski for job well done. He also cleaned brass candle tops and holders in the church sanctuary.



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.



<u>FOOD DRIVE</u> – Please bring nonperishable food items to parish hall on any Sunday. Your donation will be given to Fr. English Food Pantry. Won't you help the needy in the name of Christ the Savior? "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me." (Mat. 25:40)

January 29th, the last Sunday of January, has been set aside by Synodal resolution as Music



Scholarship Sunday, which puts special emphasis on the Music Scholarship program of the National United Choirs of the P.N.C.C. It is the Sunday when the choirs, organists, directors and choir members should be recognized for their contributions to the music ministry of our church. It is also the Sunday when we look to the future and identify those that we hope will be part of the music ministry of the church.

Thank you for your support of the music scholarship program. Scholarship applications are available on-line at the NUC website. https://nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com/

With the 2022 Scholarships awarded, we have given out 1124 scholarships totaling \$346,535.

The window for applying for the 2023 Scholarships will open January 1, 2023 and will continue until

May 1, 2023. Winners will be announced at the NUC Music Workshop in the summer of 2023.