

PRE-LENT 2 (7TH SUNDAY ORD.) - FEB. 12, 2023

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

"You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you..." Matthew 5:38-39

INTRODUCTION

Today's readings make even more difficult demands on us regarding our behavior as Christians. We live in a culture where there is so much rhetoric about protecting oneself and one's property, about guns and gated communities. How do we reconcile this with Jesus' call to turn the other

cheek and love one's enemy? What does it take to embrace these teachings, which many of us — quite honestly — find foolish?

Scripture readings:

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18 Be holy as God is holy

Ps 103 The Lord is kind and merciful

1 Cor 3:16-23 You are the temple of God

Mt 5:38-48 Turn the other cheek; love your enemy

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Richard Daum

11:00 am – Natalie Cyman

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES - RECENTLY WE ADDED \$1000 to Building Fund from shopping certificates sales (Total \$76,000.) We thank those who are involved in purchasing the certificates and those who make this project possible: Richard and Lucy Daum, and Ed

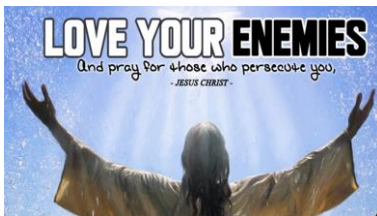
Obsuth. Please continue to support our Building Fund by purchasing weekly shopping certificates after 9 am Mass. You can buy them in the parish hall.

THANK YOU!

We pray for victims of earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

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: Barbara Koscinski, February 15th?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 C. & Renata – 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, FEB. 12, 2023 – PRE-LENT 2 (FROM 7TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME)

- 9:00 AM** Holy Mass for All Parishioners
10 am – Hughie Coffee and Cake Fellowship
10:10 am – Final preparation for St. Valentines Luncheon
11:00 AM Holy Mass for +Sophie Gula; *Of. By Ed and Michele Lazor*



After Mass - St. Valentine's Day Luncheon



Monday Feb. 13, 2023 – St. Polyeuctus, M.

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

Tuesday Feb. 14, 2023 – St. Valentine, M.

8:30 am - Holy Mass for our youth

Wednesday Feb. 15, 2023 – St. Faustinus & Jovita, M.

8:30 am - Holy Mass for God's Blessing

5:30 pm – blessing of home

7:30 pm – Parish Committee Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023 – St. Julianna, V., M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass the sick and homebound

Friday, Feb. 17, 2023 – St. Theodulus & Julian, M.

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

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023 12– 2 PM – Private Confessions – call – 201-247-4832



SUNDAY, FEB. 19, 2023 – PRE-LENT 3 (FROM 8TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME)

- 9:00 AM** Holy Mass for All Parishioners
10 am – **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**
11:00 AM Holy Mass for +August and Melissa Centrella, Emanuele and Theresa Triggiano; *Of. By Claire Centrella*



UPCOMING SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM:

- VIENNA POGGI** – daughter of Matthew and Sheylla Poggi – March 19, 2023
LILY BRZYSKA – Daughter of Daniel and Magdalena Brzyska - May 21, 2013
ASH WEDNESDAY – Feb. 22, 2023; Masses at 12 Noon and 7:30 pm with blessing and imposition of ashes.

THANK YOU TO:

- Renata Cyman, Penni Lazor, and Beverly Obsuth for preparation of the parish hall for St. Valentine's Luncheon. Ed Obsuth for his work in the kitchen preparing luncheon.
- 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. May God reward you abundantly.



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. *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.*

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.

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



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



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 before meeting. 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. 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 Feb. 12, 2023 – Tom Kaynak; by Joan Kaynak

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Week of Feb. 26, 2023 – Available

Week of March 5, 2023 - 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



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 ALL VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA FOR INTERNATIONAL HELP IN THIS TIME OF TRAGEDY.** 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.



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.
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



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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- Annual parish meeting on Sunday Feb. 19th (10 - 11 am) with refreshments. Plan to attend.

- On Sunday Feb. 19th our Sunday School with parents and youth is planning to feed the homeless in Paterson. We will gather that day after the 11 am Mass, finish preparation of sandwiches,

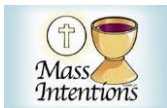


take with us winter clothes such as scarves, hats, socks, sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts, sweatpants, winter coats, blankets, sleeping bags, items of personal hygiene. Please donate these items on the following Sundays: **Feb. 12 and 19th**. Thank you.

- We are gathering monetary donations for the victims of war in Ukraine. Find special envelopes in the vestibule of the church or send donations in the mail.

- Checks payable to Holy Cross Church with memo - "Help for Ukraine". Thank you. Donations last week - \$110.

- WE PRAY FOR ALL VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA.



MASS INTENTIONS - In order to request the Holy Mass Intention such as For the Sick, In Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Beseech God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries, please contact Fr. Joseph 201-247-4832

EPIPHANY PASTORAL VISITATIONS – Fr Joseph is blessing homes. Please contact him to schedule the time if you wish to have your home/apartment blessed. Normally the blessing of homes takes place from Christmas until the season of Lent. During the blessing of home the door lintel is marked with the blessed chalk with following letters: "20+C+M+B+23" which are for the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat (Christ bless this house). At the same time the letters are the first letters of the names of the wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The prayer and blessing is petition to God for protection against illness and misfortune for those within.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Church will begin the Season of Lent this year on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. On that day two Masses will be celebrated with the blessing and distribution of Ashes at 12:00 P.M. and 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, April 9, 2023.



Ash Wednesday

PRAYER FOR SYRIA AND TURKEY

God,

In the face of unspeakable tragedy, the suffering of those in our community, and the destruction and loss of life in Syria and Turkey, we pray what the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 10:

Lord, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely, you will hear their cries and comfort them. You will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed.

Comfort the people whose family members and friends have died as a result of these earthquakes. Draw close to them.

Equip believers in Syria and Turkey to show the love of Jesus to their neighbors by helping in tangible ways and sharing the hope of the Gospel.

Inspire generosity in the hearts of people in the United States and across the world, prompting individuals to give the resources and money needed to help communities rebuild.

Empower the Church in America to show radical love for our immediate neighbors who are grieving the loss of life, beauty, and peace in Syria and Turkey.

Let us not turn away, but help us be your hands and feet to love those who are suffering and bear witness to your presence with them. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THANK YOU!

