

126TH ANNIVERSARY OF PNCC 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 12, 2023

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS PARISH** PNCC 96 Years of Service

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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)

I am the true vine, and my father is the vine-grower. John 15:1-8

INTRODUCTION

My friends, today we celebrate the anniversary of the institution of the Polish National Catholic Church. Our Church has roots in the Church in Jerusalem established by our Lord Jesus Christ. As a denomination, our Church had been in existence since 1897, under the leadership of the Most Reverend Francis Hodur. The first Polish National Catholic parish of St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA and many parishes throughout the USA joined together with their legal ownership of church properties, the parish government in secular matters was directed by parish committees elected by the parishioners and appointment of their pastors was approved by parishioners. This democratic system of the administration of the church was the only cause of the establishment of the PNCC. The consecration of the Rev, Francis Hodur by the Old Catholic Bishops of Holland in 1907 gave the Polish National Catholic Church of America that important direct line of Apostolic Succession. Apostolic Succession is the belief that bishops succeed one another in an unbroken chain from Christ himself through his apostles and their successors. Our PNCC church welcomes new members who are from other racial and cultural background. We become Church increasingly rich in diversity.

My Brothers and Sisters let us continue our Lenten journey with more prayer fasting and giving alms so we would bear much fruit in the Lord. Amen.

Scripture readings:

Wisdom 5:1-5 He is accounted among the sons of God

Ps 137 Let me tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you

1st. Paul to Timothy 4:1-5 Everything created by God is good

John 15:1-8 I am the true vine, and my father is the vine-grower.



LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Dominick Bucci 11:00 am – Natalie Cyman

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, Mi Sun Lim; Josephine Porcoro, Inid Smith, Lucy Daum, Maria Sobstyl, Zaida Bueno, Annie Hornak, Sophie Barnes, Fay Goglia; Michael Piascik, 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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes are expressed to the following parishioners:

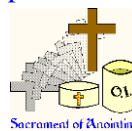
Aarti Taylor – 3/2; Cameron Rodriguez – 3/4, Christine Gonzalez – 3/11;

Rafael Santiago – 3/12; Viviana Galindo – 3/13; Brian Camacho – 3/15;

Pamela Caceres - 3/17; Susan Cimmino – 3/17; David Rodriguez – 3/17; Francisca Roche – 3/18; Al Cuccinello – 3/21; Dana Jakob - 3/21; Edward Obsuth – 3/22;

Iris Miolan – 3/23; Christopher LaPorta – 3/24; Kaitlyn Gonzalez – 3/26; Stivet Salcedo Sr. – 3/28; Stephen Bradbury Sr. – 3/27; Tiziana Riccobono – 3/29; Noah Telleria – 3/29; Bryan Bucci – 3/31; Serenity Armstrong – 3/31

(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. **595** 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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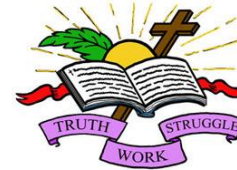
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, MARCH 12, 2023 – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
INSTITUTION OF THE PNCC**

9:00 AM Holy Mass for Parishioners Living and Deceased
10 am – Coffee and Cake fellowship
10:10 am – Preparation for First Holy Communion



11:00 AM Holy Mass for +Sophie and Michael Gula, Jr.,
Anastasia and John Lazar Sr., Henry Plachinski, Mary and
Eileen Crane; *Off. by Ed and Michele Lazor* **After Mass:**
“St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon”

Monday March 13, 2023 – Lent - St. Gerald, Ab.

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

Tuesday March 14, 2023 – Lent – St. Matilda, M.

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

Wednesday March 15, 2023 – Lent - St. Longinus, M.

8:30 am - Holy Mass

7 pm – 7:30 pm – Bible Study
7:40 pm – Preparation for Baptism

Thursday, March 16, 2023 – Lent - St. Julian, M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for the sick and homebound

7:00 pm – CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

“MY TIME WITH MARY” – see flyer

Friday, March 17, 2023 – Lent – St. Patrick of Ireland, Bp.

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

7:00 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 18, 2023 12 - 2 pm – Private Confessions – call – 201-247-4832

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 – 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT / SOL. OF ST. JOSEPH

9:00 AM Holy Mass for Stephen and Katharin Rozic, Agnes & John Rozic;
Off. by Kathleen Krom (All Souls)

10 am – Coffee and Cake fellowship

10:10 am – Preparation for First Holy Communion

11:00 AM Holy Mass for +Robert Olsen, deceased of Krzeminski and Olsen Families; *Off*
by Patricia Olsen / After Mass – Confirmation Class



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.

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM:

- VIENNA POGGI – daughter of Matthew and Sheylla Poggi – March 19, 2023**
- Sofia V. Russomanno – daughter of Gerard & Nicole Russomanno – March 19, 23**
- JILL TAYLOR – Daughter of Chirag & Aarti Taylor – April 16, 2023**
- LILY BRZYSKA – Daughter of Daniel and Magdalena Brzyska - May 21, 2013**

THANK YOU TO:

- David Obsuth and helpers in the kitchen who prepared St. Patrick’s Luncheon. Penni Lazor, Renata Cyman who decorated the parish hall.
- Committee members for attending the monthly meeting
- Fran Cuccinello for helping in the office
- Adoration Society for attending meetings and their help in activities of our parish
- Sunday School teachers, Mr. Paul Murphy, Ms. Natalie Lazor 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.

Confirmation Class



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.*

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



DONATIONS March 6, 2023 - \$2,465. Venmo: \$190

Total Donations: \$2,655.

***DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE in 2023; Donations made by K. Jarmakowicz; M/M Merson, M/M Obsuth, Cyman Family, Al & Fran Cuccinello, M/M Cimmino, David Obsuth, M/M Koscinski,**

Joseph Ruyzam, Joan Kaynak, anonymous; TOTAL \$796

***As per parish Committee in March we will collect donations to help the victims of earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Thank you for your generosity according to your means.**

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: Joseph Ruyzan in memory of Joan Ruyzam - \$250; 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.spojnicreditunion.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.

ALMS BOX – Our parish traditionally uses the Alms Box in the vestibule of the church for the benefit of the poor. Please continue to support this great cause to help the less fortunate of our society. *“When you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right is doing – your almsgiving must be secret, and your father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.”* (Matthew 6:3-4)

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

The annual fire alarm monitoring: \$400

The annual website fee \$325

Annual Burglary alarm - \$480

One monthly payment for Xerox copy lease - \$200

Upcoming Events

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



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.

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

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. 19, 2023 – Tom Kaynak; by Joan Kaynak

Week of March 5, 2023 – Andrzej Cyman – by Cyman Family

Week of March 12 - 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. After one year of war we wish that the suffering will end soon. **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 remember persecuted Christians around the world 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.



201-247-4832

➤ **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



FOOD DRIVE – 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)



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 – Penni Lazor - 973-768-7917
- 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 & Lucy Daum, 973-694-9457, Ed Obsuth
- Polish National Union of America BR #54 – Fr. Joseph Cyman, 201-247-4832
- Hall Rental – parish office – 201-247-4832

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.

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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!

HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH. 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



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THE GOSPEL Jn 15:1-8

The Vine and the Branches. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.



On the second Sunday of March, we celebrate the feast of the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church. Today we celebrate its **126th anniversary**. It was established on the second Sunday of March 1897. We pray for blessing upon deceased and living members of the Church and the growth in the future.

The Holy Cross Church celebrates this year **97th anniversary**.



1897 – 2021
126th Ann.



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 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.