PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 2, 2023

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

"Hosanna to the Son of David," "Matthew 21:15.

INTRODUCTION



Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we begin our annual retreat that we call Holy Week. We are invited to take more time to reflect on where we are spiritually. Who is Christ for us? What do we want from our Christian faith? Consider accepting the invitation to retreat this week. Cancel the less important business and come pray together this

Holy Week, so that on Easter Sunday we may rejoice together. And now we remember our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem and his passion to save us.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 50:4-7 The true servant of God did not protect himself from death.

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 My God, why have you abandoned me?

Phil 2:6-11 An early Christian hymn

Matt 26:14-27:66 The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lectors: George O'Brien; <u>Passion</u>: Deacon Bill, Ed Obssuth, Tracey Banta 11:00 am – Lectors: Chirag Taylor; <u>Passion</u>: Mark Koscinski, Chirag Taylor, Chris, Daniel, Marcella, Athena Galindo

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 Obssuth. 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, Mi Sun Lim; Josephine Porcoro, 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.

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. **598** 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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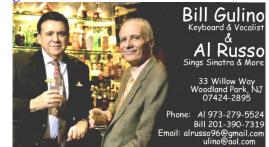
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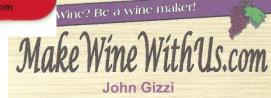
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SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 - PALM SUNDAY



9:00 AM Holy Mass for + Regina Zaremba, Chester Zaremba Sr., Chester

Zaremba Jr., Theodore Zaremba; Off. by John and Joe Ruyzam

+Adele Sincavage, John Sincavage and Hughie Vickerilla; Off. by Cathy & Al Pietrkowsky (All Souls)

10 am - Coffee and Cake fellowship

10:10 am - Preparation for First Holy Communion

11:00 AM Holy Mass for +Rafaella Porporino; Off by Susan Salzano;

+John & Anna Boback, George & Genevieve Jaremko, John & Valerie Yaskot; Of. By Richard & Kathy Boback (All Souls)

Monday of Holy Week - April 3, 2023 - St. Pancras, Bp. M.

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

Tuesday of Holy Week - April 4, 2023 – Lent

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

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 5, 2023 – Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 am - Holy Mass for PEACE and end of war

Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023

7:00 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross with youth and Parishioners

4:00 PM – Liturgy of Good Friday/ Adoration until 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023

3:00 PM – Liturgy of Holy Saturday

4:00 pm - Blessing of Easter Baskets

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - EASTER

"Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed." John 20:



9:00 AM Easter Procession outside the church

Holy Mass of Resurrection

11:00 AM – Easter Procession inside, Holy Mass

Christ is risen! - He is Risen indeed! Fr. Joseph, family and Parish Committee ALL ARE WELCOME!







THE **ADORATION** SOCIETY PREPARED HOME-MADE FROZEN EASTER BUTTER LAMBS. THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL. Donation \$5 for each. You can decorate your Easter Basket using Easter Butter Lambs. Happy Easter!

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM:

JILL TAYLOR – Daughter of Chirag & Aarti Taylor – April 16, 2023 LILY BRZYSKA – Daughter of Daniel and Magdalena Brzyska - May 21, 2013 **THANK YOU TO:**

- Parish Committee members for attending monthly meeting and making important decisions for our parish.
- David Obssuth, Ed Obssuth, Tracey Banta, Penni Lazor and Cyman Family and anyone else who prepared Last Supper on Sunday March 26, 2023 for our parishioners and guests from Passaic, Wallington, Bayonne and Dunellen parishes.
- Fran Cuccinello for helping in the office
- Adoration Society members for their service and involvement in 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.



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 MYSTICAL BODY, "THE CHURCH."**



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



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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.

<u>ALMS BOX</u> – 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)

Prayer for the Sick

O Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen

2020 ADULT ENVELOPES are available in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross

Church.

Upcoming Events

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

<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.



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.



<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)

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.

<u>NEW PARISHIONERS</u> – 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

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.

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Holy Cross Church Parish Committee Members Oath – Sunday March 26, 2023

From left: Danny Galindo, Chris Galindo, George O'Brien, Ed Obssuth, Natalie Lazar, Fr. Joseph Cyman, Penni Lzor, Richard Daum, David Obssuth and Dominick Bucci. Guy Garofano and Paul Murphy will be sworn in at another date. We thank all members of the Parish Committee for their service and dedication for the good of our parish. God Bless them all and Holy Cross Parish.



The annual celebration of the Last Supper of Jesus called - Agape was held at Holy Cross Church Sunday March 26, 2023 at 3:30 pm. Our parish was glad to welcome guests from Passaic, Wallington, Bayonne and Dunellen parishes for the NY/NJ Seniorate prayer service and reception. The hot dinner followed with a menu: Baked Lamb, Fish, Macaroni, Potatoes, Salad and variety of pastry.

