

# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 19, 2023

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

"His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" John 9:2

## INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we hear the second of three lovely stories from John's Gospel. Today it's the story of the healing of the young man born blind, and we are invited to think about what it is to be spiritually blind. We all have times when we are unable to see clearly, when our actions hurt ourselves and others. Let us ask God today for the gift of clear vision.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a God sees into our hearts.

Psalms 23:1-6 The Lord is my shepherd.

Eph 5:8-14 Live as children of light.

John 9:1-41 The healing of the man born blind

## LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Tracey Banta

11:00 am – Chirag Taylor

**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, 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 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.

Cesar Gonzalez & Christine – Feb. 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.

Fr. Joseph Cyman & Renata (Bujak) – Feb. 21 – 25<sup>th</sup> Ann

Chirag & Aarti Taylor – 2/19 – 7 Ann.

Michael & Elizabeth Ruth – 2/28 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com)

Visiting our website Blog [holycrosssite.org](http://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.

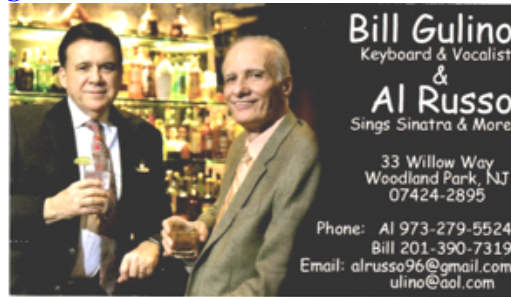


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**SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT / SOL. OF ST. JOSEPH**

**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 /*



**Sacrament of Baptism:**  
VIENNA POGGI – daughter of Matthew and Sheylla Poggi  
Sofia V. Russomanno – daughter of Gerard & Nicole Russomanno  
After Mass – Confirmation Class



**Monday March 20, 2023 – Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**Tuesday March 21, 2023 – Lent – St. Benedict, Ab.**

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

7:30 pm – Parish Committee Meeting



**Wednesday March 22, 2023 – Lent - St. Basil**



8:30 am - Holy Mass

4:00 pm – preparation for Sacrament of marriage

**7 pm – 7:45 pm – Bible Study**

**Thursday, March 23, 2023 – Lent - St. St. Victorian & Companions, M.**

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

**Friday, March 24, 2023 – Lent – St. Gabriel, Archangel**

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

**7:00 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Saturday, March 25, 2023** 12 - 2 pm – Private Confessions – call – 201-247-4832

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**9:00 AM** Holy Mass for Alphonse & Evelyn Cuccinello; Domenico & Anna

Bucci; *Off. by Fran & Al Cuccinello (All Souls)*

10 am – Coffee and Cake fellowship

10:10 am – Preparation for First Holy Communion



**11:00 AM** Holy Mass for John & Anna Boback, George & Genevieve

Jaremko, John & Valerie Yaskot; *Of. By Richard & Kathy Boback (All Souls)*

**3:30 pm – AGAPE at Holy Cross parish hall - You are invited to join us for prayers and hot meal reception (201-247-4832 or [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com))**





## 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:

- David Obsuth and helpers in the kitchen who prepared St. Patrick's Luncheon. Penni Lazor, Renata Cyman who decorated the parish hall.
- 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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."**



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



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**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](http://www.pnu.org)



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**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.**

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**The annual website fee \$325**

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## 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

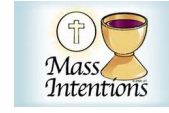
June 11, 2023 – Corpus Christi procession at Wallington parish at 3 pm

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

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

**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](mailto: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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EVENTS



**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



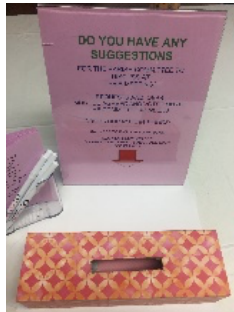


their service. We remember persecuted Christians around the world and for freedom of worship. We pray for those who are addicted to drugs and alcohol, for their recovery and protection from illness. We pray for the victims of any sexual abuse and harassment. Our Polish National Catholic Church has a 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.



**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)**

**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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**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.



# “St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon”

Holy Cross Church held its annual St Patrick’s Day Luncheon on Sunday March 12, 2023 in the parish hall. The menu consisted of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Irish Red Potatoes, Carrots, Baked Chicken – Variety of Vegetables, Assorted Breads, Irish Soda Bread, Homemade Desserts, soft drinks with Irish coffee. The green grab bags were part of the celebration giving an occasion for laughter and fun. Parishioners, friends and neighbors attended. We thank parishioner David Obsuth who headed the kitchen with a staff of church volunteers. Good food, Irish music and a fun time for all. Upcoming events are Agape celebration on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 3:30 pm, June 4th. picnic (Woodland Park residents are welcome) and the Annual Tricky Tray on Saturday Oct. 21, 2023. See more information on website [holycrosssite.org](http://holycrosssite.org), Facebook: [www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com). or e-mail [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com) for information on upcoming events. We thank everyone for coming to our annual celebration. Happy St. Patrick’s Day to everyone!



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