

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 30, 2023

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

And the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." John 10:3

INTRODUCTION

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, and we will hear in the Gospel that sheep recognize the true shepherd's voice. Sheep aren't known to be very smart, but too often we are not even as smart as a sheep. There are many voices out there, and we often follow the wrong one.

Let us pray today for ears to hear the voice of our true shepherd, Jesus.

Scripture readings:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Peter exhorts those who crucified Jesus and 3,000 are baptized.

Psalms 23:1-6 Lord, you are my shepherd.

1 Pet 2:20b-25 You have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10:1-10 The sheep know the shepherds voice.

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Tracey Banta

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

Richard Daum / Lucy Pionkowski – 65th Ann. – April 1

Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox – 12th Ann. – 4/15

Edward and Beverly Obsuth – 32nd Ann. – 4/21

Diego Ochoa / Iris Miola – 10th Ann – 4/27

Sebastian Wysocki / Ashley Burr – 4th Ann – 4/27

Daniel & Magdalena Brzyski – May 14 – 7th Ann.

Jerome Rotsaert & Elaine Skawinski – 59th Anniversary – May 3

Al Cuccinello & Frances Bucci – 60th Anniversary – May 12



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.

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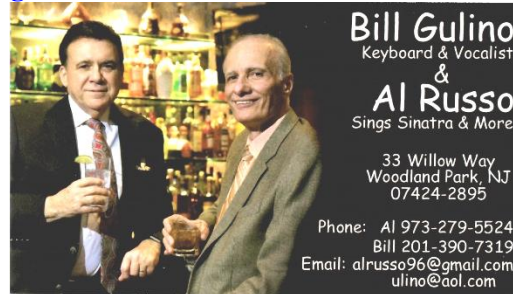
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BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2023

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, APRIL 30, 2023 – 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Mary, Frank, Stanley, Grace, Edith & Ludwik Piontkowski, Helen & John Anderson, Jennie & John Dziuba, Gene & George Kapchonick, Elizabeth, Oscar & John Daum, Elizabeth Sadler, Margaret & Warren Preisser, Theodor

Jarnutkowski, Jennifer Palumbo; *Of. By Richard & Lucy Daum (All Souls)*

10:00 am – Coffee and Cake Fellowship

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for +Jozef Cyman (10 Ann.); *Off. by Fr. Joseph & Family*
After Mass Preparation for Sacrament of Confirmation

Monday - May 1, 2023 – St. Joseph, The Workman

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

Tuesday – May 2, 2023 – ST. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

8:30 am - Holy Mass for youth of our parish

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 – St. Finding of Holy Cross.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for Peace in the world

7:00 PM – Preparation for Sacrament of Marriage

Thursday, May 4, 2023 – St. Pelagia, M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for +Theresa Triggiano (*Anniversary*)

Friday, May 5, 2023 – St. Hilary of Arles, Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass benefactors of Holy Cross living and deceased

Saturday, May 6, 2023 – Easter Weekday

10:00 am – NY/NJ Seniorate Meeting at St. Peter and Paul Parish Passaic, NJ

1 PM - 2 PM – PRIVATE CONFESSIONS CALL 201-247-4832



SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



9:00 AM Holy Mass for All Parishioners

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for +Emilio and Rafaella

Porporino; *Offered by Children*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION – SUNDAY JUNE 25, 2023 DURING THE 11 AM MAS. LOOKING FORWARD TO CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL EVENT EASTER SEASON - During the 50 day season of Easter we commemorate the life giving resurrection of our Lord. Fasting does not take place during this time. We say our prayers standing rather than kneeling. We stand during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. We greet one another with the words, “Christ is Risen! Indeed, he is Risen! **In the sanctuary the cross is covered with a white cloth so we can focus more on Jesus’ resurrection not on his passion.** This is the time of great rejoicing! Easter time ends on Sunday June, 28, 2023.

UPCOMING BAPTISMS:

Lily Brzyska – Daughter of Daniel and Magdalena Brzyska - May 21, 2013
Layla R. LaMendola – daughter of Charles & Nicole LaMendola – June 4, 2023
Odette A. Baczyk – daughter of Robert & Maja Baczyk – Aug. 13, 2023

THANK YOU TO:

- Parish Committee members for attending monthly committee meetings and making important decisions for our parish.
- 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 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



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 for year 2023-24.
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**



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)

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

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!



2023 ADULT ENVELOPES are available in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church.

Upcoming Events

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

July 1- 8, 2023 - YOUTH CAMP – Kurs, Waymart, PA

Sat. Oct. 21, 2023 – Tricky Tray at (NEW LOCATION) St. George Orth. Church, 237 Long Hill Rd. Little Falls, NJ 07424; doors open 4 pm, callings begin at 6 pm



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 April 23, 2023 - For James & Susan Cimmino for Julius Cimmino

Week of April 30, 2023 – for Jozef Cyman; By Cyman Family

Week of May 7, 2023 – For Walter Kosciński and Ernie Hornak; Req. by Susan Hornak

Week of May 14, 2023 – For Maysoon Awad, Balkees Awad, Mazen Sami, Najeba Aboudi, Mikhail Awad, Sabeeh Quako; Req. by Hilal Hana and Family

May 28, 2023 – For Roslyn Cimmino for James & Susan Cimmino

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. 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 pray 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 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)*



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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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

One monthly payment for property insurance - \$630

If you are interested in helping the parish, please send donation by mail or donate it in the collection basket on Sunday. May the Lord reward your generosity.

**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.**



MOTHER'S DAY

On Sunday, May 14, 2023 we will celebrate Mother's Day and honor of all our mothers with special prayers during both Masses. The Mother's Day Breakfast will take place in the parish hall after the 9:00 A.M. Mass. All parishioners and friends especially Mothers are cordially invited to attend this special celebration.

And Receive His Blessing & Peace

Candlelight Prayer Service

“My Time with Mary - a Spa for The Soul”

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7pm

Holy Mass that day at 8:30 am

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

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Please Come In - Rest In The Heart Of Jesus