

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY – MAY 7, 2023

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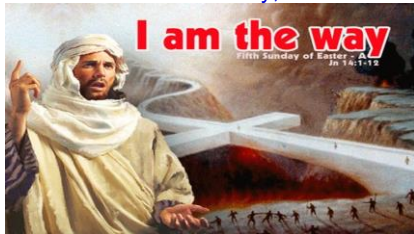
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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor
The Deacon William Gaydos

SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14



INTRODUCTION

We are reminded today that spreading the word about Christ did not go smoothly in the early church. Understanding and accepting Jesus was a slow and often unsuccessful process. It may seem different now, but if we consider our own questions and struggles with faith, we realize that our commitment is not formed overnight. There is still work to be done in spreading the good news. If we want to contribute to the effort, we need to begin with ourselves.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 6:1-7 Challenges in the early Christian community

Ps 33 Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1 Pet 2:4-9 Christ is the true foundation

John 14:1-12 "You have faith in God; have faith also in me."

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Dominick Bucci 11:00 am – Mark Kosciński

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 Kosciński, 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.

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.



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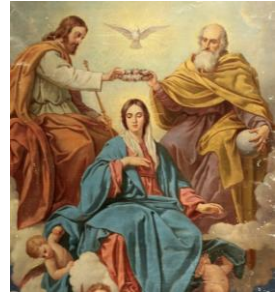
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SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the beginning of each Mass

9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Emilio and
Rafaella Porporino; Offered by Children
10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class
10:00 am – Adoration Society Meeting
10:30 am – Tricky Tray Preparation meeting
11:00 AM – Holy Mass for All Parishioners
Preparation for Sacrament of Confirmation



Monday - May 8, 2023 – Easter Weekday

8:30 am - Holy Mass for peace in the world
Tuesday – May 9, 2023 – St. Gregory of Nazianzen, Bp. D.
8:30 am - Holy Mass for youth of our parish
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – St. St. Gordion & Epimachus, M.
8:30 am – Holy Mass for successful Fatima’s Dental Exam; By Mother, Martina B.

Thursday, May 11, 2023 – St. Ausfrid of Utrecht, Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for growth of Holy Cross Parish
Friday, May 12, 2023 – St. Nereus, Achilles, & Domitilla, M.
8:30 am – Holy Mass benefactors of Holy Cross living and deceased
7:00 pm – Preparation for Sacrament of Marriage



Saturday, May 13, 2023 – Easter Weekday

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

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023 – 6TH SUN. OF EASTER / HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 AM Holy Mass for All Mothers living and deceased
10:00 am – MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
11:00 AM – Holy Mass for All Mothers Living and Deceased
Intention for Fatima’s successful Dental Exam; *By Mother, Martina B.*



Next Parish Committee meeting – Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:30 pm

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
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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)

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!

Upcoming Events

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

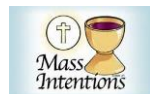
Sat. Oct. 21, 2023 – Tricky Tray at (NEW LOCATION) St. George Orth. Church, 237 Long Hill Rd. Little Falls, NJ 07424; doors open 4 pm, callings begin at 6 pm



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.

SACRAMENT 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 May 7, 2023 – For Walter Koscinski 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.





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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ALTAR SERVERS This is an important ministry for our parish and your support and involvement is needed. Please contact Deacon - William Gaydos 973-239-4725 or parish office 201-247-4832 if your son /daughter are interested in becoming altar servers. We thank Deacon Bill for lessons preparing new altar servers.



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)

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Candlelight Prayer Service

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

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7pm

PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

Pray for Private Intentions

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