

HOLY CROSS CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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ISSUE 1

97 YEARS OF SERVICE

















of Baptism Lily Brzyska May 21, 2023 Congratulations!





























FROM PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners and Friends. Life at Holy Cross Church was quite busy with different events and celebrations. In spring - March 26, 2023 we hosted NY/NJ Seniorate Agape – commemoration of the Last Supper of our Lord. **In**

May, 2023 with members of the PNU of A. District #2 we made prayer blankets designated for the sick and homebound.

In winter, we delivered baskets to seniors living in Totowa, sandwiches and clothes for the homeless in Paterson, and in May we planted flowers for Veterans living at St. Joseph's Home in Totowa. We had a successful St. Valentines Luncheon, St. Patrick's Luncheon, Mother's Day Breakfast and FREE TOWN PARISH PICNIC last Sunday June 4, 2023.

The parish picnic was a huge success. It got bigger this year. As always, the food was delicious and plentiful. Thank you to the chefs Ed Obssuth, Dave Obssuth, Dominick Bucci and Tracey Banta for a job well done. Thanks to all that donated desserts and homemade dishes to share with friends. thank those who set up the hall and tents before the event: Penni Lazor, Cuccinello, Matthew Daniewski, Dominick Bucci and those who cleaned after the event, Hernan Patino, Laura Orrego, Diego Ochoa, Iris Miolan and others. I was impressed seeing so much new energy in many parishioners helping at the picnic. Children and adults enjoyed entertainments, 16' WATER SLIDE, DUNK TANK, "BLAKE CLOWN", FACE PAINTING BALLOON TWISTING, A TOUCH OF NATURE (20 ANIMALS DISPLAY that gave some educational tips. Many thanks to the Picnic Committee for planning and volunteering their time and talent to make the day fun filled for the young and adults.

Parishioners, friends, children, neighbors and Woodland Park residents all came together and enjoyed the afternoon festivities.

Many thanks to all that participated in any way with helping to make it a great day for all. This event was considered as an outreaching program in our community. As a result, we had people who sign up to become members of our parish and their children who will attend First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes.

Looking forward to 2024's picnic.

The baptisms in 2023 so far were administered to Vienna Poggi, Sofia Russomanno, Jill Taylor, Lily

Brzyska, and Layla Lamendola. We are looking forward to celebrating the First Holy Communion on Sunday June 25, 2023 at 11 am Mass.

Our parish supported again financially Ukraine (on the celebration of the first anniversary) and Turkey and Syria who were devastated by the powerful earthquake. We need to put our faith into practice especially when we see the most vulnerable who need support, encouragement and help.

On April 17, 2023 we lost our oldest parishioner, Sophie Barnes, (104) may she rest in peace. Our condolences to her family, relatives and friends.

We celebrate joyful occasions such as anniversaries of marriage, and birthdays. Please remember in your prayers those parishioners who need prayers for healing and encouragement in their times of illness and our aging seniors.

We are getting ready for Father's Day celebration with children preparing gifts for fathers.

Our parish relies financially on Tricky Tray fundraisers which will be held at (NEW LOCATION) St. George Orth. Church, 237 Long Hill Rd. Little Falls, NJ 07424; doors open 4 pm, callings begin at 6 pm

Join us in our upcoming events and celebrations of Holy Mass on Sunday at 9 am or 11 am to listen to the Word of God and put it in practice in our daily life through prayer and service. God bless you all.

Upcoming Events:

June 11, 2023 – Corpus Christi Procession at 3 pm – Wallington NJ June 18, 2023 - Sunday School awards Father's Day Breakfast at 10 am Week of July 4th 2023 - YOUTH CAMP -Kurs, Waymart, PA -see more information Sept. 10, 2023 – Sunday School classes begin 24, 2023 – Adoration Sept. **Society** Convention, Wallington, NJ 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 Sunday Oct. 1, 2023 – The Holy Mass with blessing of pets in the parish hall at 11 am Sund. Oct. 29, 2023 – All Souls Day procession at the East Ridgelawn Cemetery at 2 pm. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 – Christmas Dinner after 11 am Mass



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, Annie Hornak, Lucy Daum, Zaida Bueno, Fay Goglia; Michael Piascik, Mi Sun Lim; Josephine Porcoro, Maria Sobstyl, Frances Sanchez, Wendy Schlesinger, Steven O., 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 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 your family members in 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 congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage.

Robert Muller/Kim Kowalik - June 9 -21st Ann.

Gale Galese/Patricia Carrigan – June 14 – 36th Ann.

Keith Rotsaert/Donna Clavelle – June $24 - 24^{th}$ Ann.

Let us know about your Marriage anniversary if you want to have it included in the bulletin. Thank you.

HOSPITAL VISIT. "Is anyone among you sick? He should Sacrament of Anoisting 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 Facebook - link www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

Visiting our website Blog holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church Facebook. 608 people follow our church Facebook! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

THANK YOU TO:



Parishioners who attended All Souls Cemetery service at the cemetery in Clifton last

Sunday

- Parish Committee attending monthly meeting
- Lectors and Altar Servers serving in our parish
- Those who prepare Coffee Hour on **Sundays**
- Anyone who in any way shape or form supported our parish. God bless you all.

Confirmation Classes – The lessons are Confirmation Class

held on Sundays after 11 am Mass students who are in the 7th grade and older and adults are eligible to take confirmation

lessons.

Tentative date of Confirmation is October 1st or October 29th 2023.

Sacrament of Confirmation is a completion of the sacrament of Baptism and an important step in Christian religious education.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - The



celebration of First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday June 25, 2023 at 11 am. **Enrollment for 2024 is open.**

Communion classes are held Sunday at 10 am.

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 during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass when the priest says words of consecration which Jesus used during the Last Supper: This is My Body... This is My Blood. (Catechism)

Sanctuary Candle



The 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 the Adoration Society. Thank you for your donations.

Week of May 21 - For Deceased Veterans - Holv **Cross Church**

Week of May 28, 2023 – For James & Susan Cimmino Req by Rosalynn Cimmino

Week of June 4- for Deceased of the Glynn Family by Mark Koscinski

For more information, please call Penni Lazor, Adoration Society President, at 973-768-7917 or contact the parish office -201-247-4832.

Our Mission - The parish of Holy Cross, PNCC



is a Catholic community with doors open to all and bringing them into a personal relationship with Iesus Christ and

thus giving comfort and purpose to a struggling world. ""Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation". (see Mark 16:15) We believe that we are a Church where the timeless message of Christ is communicated in a contemporary style. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10) In the past 97 years of service we feel that we became a strong and faithful community with unselfish service to God and all our brothers and sisters, giving unending praise and thanksgiving for the blessings and gifts bestowed upon us.



MASSES OF HEALING – The Masses for the Sick and Home Bound are celebrated on the last Thursday of the month. In June, July and August these Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 am. After summer, in September we return

back to celebrate the Mass of Healing on the last Thursdays at 7:30 pm.

WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS. Dates of Healing Masses: June 29, 2023 at 8:30 am. July 27 - Mass cancelled - Fr. Joseph will be on vacation. August 24, 2023 at 8:30 am; September 29, 2023 at 7:30 pm; The Lord listens to our prayers and has the power of healing of body, mind and spirit. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS



FOOD DRIVE to benefit the Father English Food Pantry. You can bring your donations any Sunday to our parish hall and place them by the room "Food

Bank" 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)

HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN If



small children need more attention during the Mass, parents can now listen to the Liturgy of the Mass in the parish hall while the children can play or do the drawings. The TV

set is connected to a camera in the church sanctuary. You can see mass in the parish hall.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS - We welcome all our visitors who are



present with us for worship this Sunday. Please introduce yourself to Welcome! the Pastor, Father Joseph after Mass.

Please sign your name in the book, "Our Church Guests" book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.

HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER **CHAIN**



Dear friends, please join our parish in DAILY PRAYER CHAIN. We pray for the safety in 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 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 OF REGARDLESS 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. pray for each other asking for God's blessing especially for our parishioners who are sick, homebound 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.



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.

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<u>POLISH NATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA –</u> <u>Fraternal Organization of our Church.</u> <u>Information available in the parish hall and online www.pnu.org</u>



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





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.



<u>LASTING GIFTS</u> - "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.

GOD'S FIELD - (Rola Boza) ONLINE The



latest issue of *God's Field* is now available online

at http://www.pncc.org.

Click on the God's Field link at the top of the home page and follow the directions to access the recent issue.

Imagine a Church that is:



One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic

Democratic in governance

Welcomes ALL who wishes to follow Christ Teaches traditional spiritual

and moral values
Has Valid Sacraments,
Allows its priests to marry.
You don't have to Imagine anymore!
COME to Holy Cross Church

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.



HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH There is a limit of people in attending the hall rentals according to CDC

requirement. 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

THANK YOU

- Parish committee members for attending monthly meeting.
- Parishioners who support parish financially and those who send donations by mail or electronically using Venmo or PayPal. Each Friday, the Holy Mass for benefactors is celebrated.
- Fran Cuccinello for her help in the parish office
- Ed Obssuth for selling shopping certificates in the parish hall.
- Adoration Society for all activities in our parish
- Renata Cyman for changing the church altar linens for different seasons.
- Penni Lazor, and Rosa Lanos for cleaning church linens.

- Altar servers who serve during our Masses / Lectors who read the Holy Scripture / Ushers who collect donations and Greeters who welcome people and distribute bulletins.
- We thank anyone for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of Holy Cross Church. God bless you all!

Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor

Please remember me and my family in your
prayers. I remember you each day in my
prayers.



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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

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

TRICKY TRAY "It's a Small World"

At: St. George Orth. Church 237 Long Hill Rd. Little Falls, NJ 07424



Oct. 21, 2023

Doors Open: 4:00 pm

Callings begin: 6:00 pm

Must be 18 to play

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Approximately 5 Platinum Trays-over \$200 Approximately 25 Grand Trays - over \$100

Approximately 75 Super Trays - \$50 plus, Approximately 100 Regular Trays - \$35 plus, Scratch Offs / Door prizes and other great prizes 50/50 raffle (ID No. 543-136174) need not be present to win

Pre-Paid ADMISSION - \$15 payable to:

Holy Cross Church, 220 Browertown Rd., Woodland Pk, NJ 07424
Pre-Paid ADMISSION includes coffee / tea and an array of desserts & TWO sheets of 26 regular prize chances. Purchase pre-packaged raffles

ADMISSION FEE ON DAY OF THE EVENT (If available) - \$20 includes coffee

/ tea, sweets & ONE sheet of 26 regular prize chances.

Buy HOT DOGS, PIZZAS, WATER, SODA/ Bring your own food!!!

HAVE a FAMILY REUNION!!! Reserve a table for 8-10 participants

Deadline for tickets: Oct. 14, 2023

Contact: Fran francuccinello@gmail.com Office holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

Church cell phone 201-247-4832 - call or text

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Woodland Park May 21, 2023

TRICKY TRAY



Dear members of Holy Cross Church family,

Our Tricky Tray, the largest fundraiser of our Parish will be held on SATURDAY, October 21, 2023 at St. George Orth. Church

237 Long Hill Rd. Little Falls, NJ 07424. Doors Open: 4:00 pm; Callings begin: 6:00 pm. We are thankful for all those who in the past dedicated their time, talents and treasures for our successful fundraisers. We need donations of a variety of trays or monetary contributions for this event. Please include your name, the value and the content of the basket / donation that could appear on the outside of the prize. You can wrap your prize or we will do that for you. Consider to purchase scratch offs for the gifts. We appreciate those who already brought donations to the parish hall. Please bring your donations on

Sundays or call in advance 201-247-4832 to drop off your donation.

Value of TRAYS:

REGULAR TRAYS (\$35+) SUPER TRAYS (\$50+) GOLD TRAYS (\$100+) PLATINUM TRAYS (\$200+)

The entrance Tricky Tray Tickets are for sale. Get your entrance tickets in advance at \$15, or at the door for \$20. You can purchase tickets on Sunday after Mass in the parish hall or call the church at 201-247-4832 or Fran at 973-303-3874 or Penni at 973-768-7917.

TICKETS: You can reserve a table for 8-10 participants. **BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HAVE A FAMILY REUNION.** We would love you to join us for a fun filled evening with the opportunity to one of our great prizes. We really count on your support and hope you will attend. In the parish hall there is a sign-up lists for volunteers.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

Thank you and God bless you,

Parish Committee

Tricky Tray Committee





Join us for our Father's Day

Continental Breakfast

On

June 18, 2023 (10 am)

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Good Food and Music

Provided especially for you by our women from the

SUNDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF CORPUS CHRISTI JUNE 11, 2023

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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)

"Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life." J 6:57

INTRODUCTION



Brothers and sisters, today we celebrate in a special way the gift of the Eucharist: the gift of Jesus present in bread and wine; the gift of Jesus, present in word and sacrament; the gift of Jesus present in our midst.

Consequently, we celebrate the fact that we are one body in Christ.

Scripture readings:



Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a God fed them with manna in the desert.

Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20 Praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

1 Cor 10:16-17 We, though many, are one and partake of one bread.

John 6:51-58 I am the living bread that comes down from heaven

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Dominic Bucci

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. We pray for the end of war in Ukraine.



Parish Newsletter was prepared and sent by email. If you wish to receive a hard copy, please take it from the parish hall. Newsletters will be sent by mail to homebound parishioners.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 23 - SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CORPUS CHRISTI



9:00 AM Holy Mass for All Parishioners 10:00 am Coffee and Cake Fellowship 10 am – Preparation for First Holy Communion

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for All Parishioners





3:00 PM - CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION AT ST. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH, 126 RIVER DRIVE, PASSAIC, NJ

Monday – June 12, 2023 – St. Antonina, M.

8:30 am - Holy Mass for Parishioners Living and Deceased

Tuesday – June 13, 2023 – St. Anthony of Padua, C.

8:30 am - Holy Mass for our nation

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – St. Basil of Great, Bp. D.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for growth of Holy Cross Parish

7:00 pm - Preparation for First Holy Communion

Thursday, June 15, 2023 - St. Vitus and Companions, M.

8:30 am - Holy Mass for youth of our parish and in the world

Friday, June 16, 2023 – Solemnity of Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 am – Holy Mass benefactors of Holy Cross Parish

Saturday, June 17, 2023 – St. Harvey, Ab.

12 PM - 2 pm - Sacrament of Confessions - call 201-247-4832

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 23 - 11[™] SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / FATHER'S DAY



THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

9:00 AM Holy Mass for All Fathers Living and Deceased After Mass FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for All Fathers Living and Deceased Collection for Clergy Pension Fund (General Church)