

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

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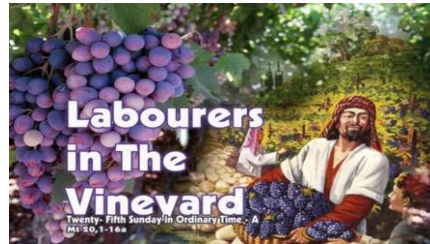
The Deacon William Gaydos

SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

...Are you envious because I am generous?' - Mt 20:14-15

INTRODUCTION

Today's readings remind us that with God, we are wise to expect the unexpected. Life is full of surprises and, sometimes, reversals: We may suffer injustice; things may seem unfair or out of balance. But whatever happens to us, we can be confident that God is with us. Even more, a loving, generous God is actually pursuing us. God's love and compassion are always



here... though sometimes just outside our line of vision. And sometimes that love and compassion may be expressed in ways beyond our comprehension.



Is 55:6-9 Seek God, as God seeks us

Ps 145 The Lord is near to all who call upon him

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Paul ponders his future in light of the Gospel

Mt 20:1-16a A parable about God's generous salvation

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Dominick Bucci 11:00 am – Chirag Taylor

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES - 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. **We pray for the end of war in the world..**



I pray for all parishioners each day. Please continue to pray for me and my family. Thank you

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: Pat Olsen, Barbara Kosciński, Annie Hornak, Lucy Daum, Fay Goglia; Michael Piascik, Mi Sun Lim; Josephine Porcoro, Maria, Tadeusz Sobstyl, Steven O., Roy Zebrowski, Declan, Erik, Enrico, Josephine B. Carmen,. If you would like to have your name on the list or your loved ones with their permission, please contact the parish office. Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father..

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. Those who were married in another church, and we don't have your records, please write your name and the date of your marriage on the form below and mail it to us or place it in the collection basket or send it by mail. Name

(husband)_____

Name (wife maiden name)_____ Date of Marriage

George and Dorothy O'Brien – 9/11 - 52 Ann.

Cesar and Christina Colon – 9/23 – 17 Ann.

Edward Lazor/Michele Gula 10/8 – 46th Ann.

Martin Maher / Donna Giardino 10/24 – 34th Ann.



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Visiting our website Blog holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. **632** 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.**

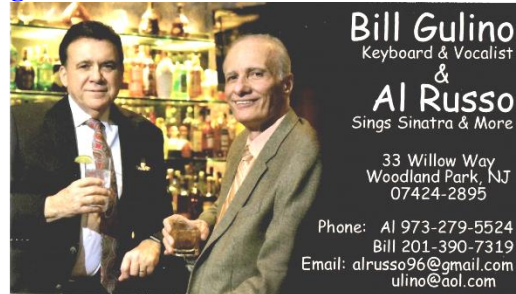
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SPOJNIA SUNDAY

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH

9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Joan Ruyzam (1st Ann.); *Req. by*

Joseph Ruyzam

Members of Spojnia members living and deceased

10:00 am - Coffee and Cake Fellowship

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class

11:00 am – Sunday School class in the parish hall

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for Spojnia members living and deceased

After Mass - Coffee and Cake Fellowship

AFTER MASS - CONFIRMATION CLASS



Monday – Sept. 25, 2023 – St. Sergius Ab.

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

Tuesday – Sept. 26, 2023 – St. Cyprian and Justina, M.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023 – St. Cosmos and Damian, M.

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

Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023 – St. Wenceslaus of Bohemia, M.

7:00pm - Holy Mass of Healing prayers for sick and homebound

Friday, September 29, 2023 – Feast of St. Michael, Archangel

8:30 am - Holy Mass for all benefactors living and deceased

Saturday, September 30, 2023 – St. Jerome, D.

12-2 pm – Private Sacrament of Confessions call 201-247-4832

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023 – 26TH SUN. IN ORD. TIME

9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Vincent O'Rouke; *Off by The Cimmino Family*

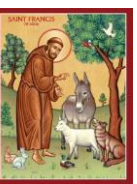
10:00 am - Coffee and Cake Fellowship

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class

11:00 am – Sunday School class in the parish hall

11:00 AM – Holy Mass in the Parish Hall – Blessing of Pets After Mass - Coffee and Cake Fellowship

AFTER MASS - CONFIRMATION CLASS



Confirmation Classes –The lessons are held on Sundays after 11 am Mass, beginning Sept. 10th. students who are in the 7th grade and older and adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons. **THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION IS OCTOBER 29, 2023 AT 11 AM.** Sacrament of Confirmation is a completion of the sacrament of Baptism and an important step in Christian religious education.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Enrollment for 2024 is open. Communion classes are held Sunday at 10 am. Next Class will be held on Sunday Sept. 10, 2023 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 become 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)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 24, 2023 – Adoration Society Meeting, Wallington, NJ at 3 pm
- 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 hall at 11 am
- Saturday Oct. 7, 2023 – Flea market in the front of the church 9 – 3 pm
- Sunday Oct. 22, 2023 – Lector’s meeting at 10 am (those serving @ 9 am)
- Sunday October 29, 2023 – Sacrament of Confirmation at 11 am; reception in the parish hall
- Sund. Oct. 29, 2023 – All Souls Day procession - East Ridgelawn Cemetery at 2 pm.
- Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 – Christmas Dinner after 11 am Mass



DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS? 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 LOCATED IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH. (NO NEED TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME)

LOOKING FORWARD FOR SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS.

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



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.



THANK YOU



- Parishioners who support parish financially and those who send donations by mail or electronically using Venmo or PayPal. Each Friday, the Holy Mass is celebrated for all benefactors living and deceased.
- Richard Daum for his work as a treasurer
- Fran Cuccinello for helping in the office
- Ed Obsuth for selling shopping certificates in the parish hall.
- Adoration Society for supporting activities in our parish
- Those who prepare Coffee Hour on Sundays
- 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!

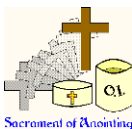
Help for Hawaii Fire Victims

The Parish Committee made the decision to help the Hawaii victims by special collection. Envelopes are in the vestibule of the church. Please donate toward victims generously and according to your means. Thank you INCOME TO Date – \$537

LET US IMITATE THE WAYS OF GOD BY BEING MORE GENEROUS AND LOVING IN OUR SERVICE TO HIS MYSTICAL BODY, “THE CHURCH.”



UPCOMING BLESSING OF MARRIAGE



Sacrament of Anointing

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

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

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



Polish National Union of America

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)*

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 Sept. 3, 2023 – Victor Lunski Sr. – by Mark Koscinski



Week of Sept. 10, 2023 – Jeff Latimer – by Charlyne McCard

Week of Sept. 17, 2023 – available

Week of Sept. 24 – available

Week of Oct. 1 – Johanna Vrabic by James and Susan Cimmino



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

HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN

Dear friends, please join our parish in DAILY PRAYER CHAIN. We pray for thousands of people who died due to flood in Libya.

We continue to pray for the safety in our communities; for the propel gun control in our country. WE PRAY FOR ALL VICTIMS OF RECENT HURRICANES AND DEVASTATING FIRE IN HAWAII, FOR INTERNATIONAL HELP IN THIS TIME OF TRAGEDY. We pray for peaceful resolutions and reconciliation especially in Ukraine and other countries in the world. 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.

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DEAR PARISHIONERS – Thank you in advance for your generous support:

You have all generously supported your parish, for which parish committee and I we are extremely thankful. Nevertheless, we ask you to prayerfully consider underwriting the cost of some needed supplies for the parish.

Also, please prayerfully consider underwriting some essential operating costs of the parish:

The annual fire alarm monitoring: \$400

One monthly payment for property insurance - \$630

The annual website fee \$325 – Donation by Passaic Valley UNICO - \$145;

The annual fire alarm system inspection: \$260 – Donation by Adoration Society

Annual Burglary alarm - \$480 – Donation by Marietta and Frederick Erhardt, Jr.

One monthly payment for Xerox copy lease - \$200 – Mark & Susan Koscinski

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.

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)



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!

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.**



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Holy Cross,

Holy Cross Parish is having a 50/50 raffle. **TO DATE - \$1,830** Tickets are \$5 each, whole book is \$50. We kindly ask that you participate this year to financially support our parish. The tickets were sent in the mail. If you didn't receive package, please contact church office. Thank you



The raffle drawing will be held during our Tricky Tray event on October 21, 2023 at 8 pm. Please send tickets with your donation no later than October 15, 2023. No need to be present to win though we would like you to be there in person to join us in the fundraiser.

This fundraiser is licensed to be sold to the general public. Additional tickets are available by calling or texting parish office 201-247-4832.

“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 and Tricky Tray Committee

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Before Holy Mass

Please observe some quiet time before Mass to prepare yourself for worship: meeting God in His Word, Confession, and Holy Communion



TRICKY TRAY

Oct. 21, 2023- Update

Dear parishioners, We thank all those parishioners and friends who donated already for Tricky Tray. TO DATE WE HAVE:



3 Platinum Trays-over \$200 value (need 2+)

16 Grand Trays - over \$100 value (need 9 more)

29 Super Trays - \$50 value (need 46 more)

14 Regular Trays - \$35 value (need 86 more)

So far, we sold almost 110 entrance tickets. Usually, we sell about 300 entrance tickets. 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

FLEA MARKET

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Refreshments available

Polish food for sale

Oct. 7, 2023 9 AM – 3 PM



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Holy Cross Church hall – 201-247-4832

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holycrosspncc1@gmail.com / Welcome!

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+)

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\$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.

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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 and Tricky Tray Committee

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.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH TRICKY TRAY

“It’s a Small World”

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

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:

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

Deadline for tickets: Oct. 14, 2023

Contact: Fran francuccinello@gmail.com

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

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Request of Prayers for +Zaida Bueno

As pastor of Holy Cross Parish, I join with you the feeling of sadness on the loss of Zaida



Bueno who was loving wife, mother, grandmother, relative, friend and longtime active parishioner of Holy Cross Church.

I share with you the assurance of hope that we will meet Zaida in the home of our Heavenly Father.

Zaida was person of gentleness and respect to others. She was willing to help even in the time of her illness. I had the privilege to know Zaida for many years. She was an active member of our parish in different areas. Member of the Adoration Society for many years; present at the meetings, prayer services and different functions. She was the member of the parish committee sharing her good ideas. We remember

her as active supporter of our social activities and fundraisers mostly Tricky Tray. Her peaceful attitude and laughter were remarkable. Even though she was diagnosed with cancer 3.5 years ago she remained the same loving and peaceful person. As per her husband, John, when she was diagnosed with a rare cancer and only six months to live, she courageously fought the cancer and lived with good quality of life over three and half years. She continued to come to the church which gave her spiritual strength and support. She left her family, parishioners and people she knew a good legacy of how to boldly face illness with peace, prayers and calmness. A couple of days before she passed away, I visited her in the hospital. She was supported by members of her family and received Holy Eucharist and Holy Unction as a blessing for her journey to eternal life. She is missed by all of us. My sincere and deepest sympathy to her husband, John, her children Andrea, Carlos and Roberto, their families, grandchildren Sebastian, Katherine, Alejandro, Natalie, Camila and Sophia, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. Amen. - Fr. Joseph

My Time With Mary a Spa For The Soul.

Oct. 4, 2023 - @ 7:00 pm

Reflection on the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of the Rosary (Oct. 7, 23)



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