

# OCTOBER 22, 2023 – 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

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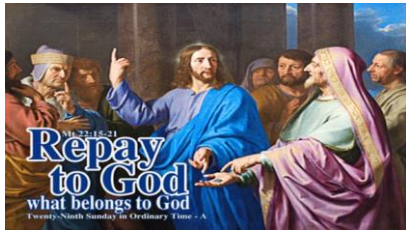
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**SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am**

*"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Matthew 22:21*



Throughout Judeo-Christian history, people have explored how to live as God's people. Reflecting on our bottom line as committed Christians could not be more relevant in our current political and economic climate. Today's readings reiterate that faithful living means — at rock bottom — loving and caring for one another, especially the most vulnerable. The instructions could not be simpler. That we

still need to hear this reminds us that simple does not mean easy.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS



Exodus - 22:20-26 God's command to respect the alien, the widow, the orphan, the poor

Psalms 18 - I love you, Lord, my strength

1 Thessalonians - 1:5c-10 The Thessalonians live their faith, even in tribulation

Matthew - 22:34-40 Jesus proclaims the two greatest commandments

## WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

**9:00 am – Ed Obsuth 11:00 am – Mark Kosciński**

**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, Fay Goglia; Michael Piascik, Floyd Vivino, 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 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. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Keith Mullin and Jaclyn Ziobro 10/16 – 20<sup>th</sup> Ann.

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

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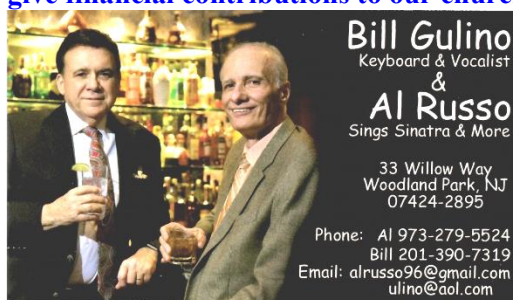
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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 – 28 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Lucy Daum; Off. by Cyman Family**

**10:00 am - Coffee and Cake Fellowship**

**10:00 am – Lectors Meeting**



**10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class**

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

**11:00 AM – Holy Mass for +Melissa and August Centrella; Emanuele and Theresa Triggiano; Off.**



**by Claire Centrella**

**AFTER MASS - CONFIRMATION CLASS**

**Monday – Oct. 23, 2023 – St. Ignacius of Constantinople, Bp.**

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

**Tuesday – Oct. 24, 2023 – Feast of Raphael, Archangel**

**8:30 am – Holy Mass for peace in the world**

**Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023 – St. Chrysanthus and Daria, M.**

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

**Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023 – St. Lucian and Marcian, M.**

**8:30 am - Holy Mass for the sick and homebound**

**Friday, Oct. 27, 2023**

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



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023 – 29 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Louis Rojas, Louis LeBron; Off. by Damaris Rojas &**

**Le Bron 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 for Students receiving Sacrament of Confirmation: Rashuan Babaran, Rashard Babaran, Rian Babaran, Stephanie Tapia- Nunez, Charlyne McCart, and Patrick Jachimczyk. The Sacrament of**



**Confirmation will be administered by**

**RT. REV. BERNARD NOWICKI**


**AFTER MASS – RECEPTION IN THE PARISH HALL – Sign up today for a hot Luncheon catered by Franchesco's.**



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**THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION IS OCTOBER 29, 2023 AT 11 AM. There will be a reception in the parish hall. Sign up and be part of the fellowship with Bishop Nowicki.**

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.** *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:

**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. 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
- David Obsuth for planting new flowers in the front of Day Care / Sunday School building
- 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

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



**Remember Your Offerings**

## UPCOMING BLESSING OF MARRIAGE



**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.



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)



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 Oct. 1 – Johanna Vrabic by James and Susan Cimmino**

**Week of Oct. 8 – available**

**Week of Oct. 15 – available**

**Week of Oct. 22 – In memory of Todd Jaxon by Penni Lazor**

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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**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.**

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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



**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 – **Joseph Ruyzam**

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**

Life Hurts  
... God Heals

**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)



Tricky Tray Oct. 21, 2023