

OCTOBER 15, 2023 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

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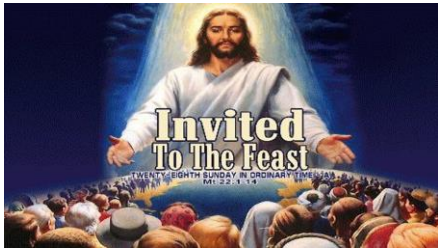
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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor

The Deacon William Gaydos

SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

"The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests." - Matthew 22:10



Our readings continue to be rich in imagery about God, what God is like, what God does for us, and how God invites us. The images are ancient, but they still speak to those of us with these questions: Why are we here? What do we seek from God? What are our beliefs? What do we have in common with our ancestors? What does it mean to be called? As we listen to these readings, there are

wonderful questions to challenge us as well as answers to deepen our faith.

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Is 25:6-10a Poetic images of God as a provider, a warrior, a comforter
Ps 23 I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 God strengthened Paul and will strengthen the faithful
Mt 22:1-14 "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Rose Cascina 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 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 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 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



Edward Lazor/Michele Gula 10/8 – 46th Ann.
Martin Maher / Donna Giardino 10/24 – 34th Ann.
Keith Mullin and Jaclyn Ziobro 10/ 16 – 20th Ann.
Martin Maher / Donna Giardino 10/24 – 34th Ann.

Holy Cross Church Face Book – link www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

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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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023 – 28 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Helen & Joseph Mihok, Ann & Andrew Obsuth, Deceased of Sadusky Family; *Off. by Edward and Beverly Obsuth (All Souls)*

+Michael Gaydos (6th Ann.) *Off. by Deacon Bill and Family*

10:00 am - Coffee and Cake Fellowship / Tricky Tray Meeting

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class

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

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for God’s blessing of good health and happiness upon Michael Piascik (101st Birthday!!!); *By Family*

+Zaida Bueno (1st Month); *Off. by Family*

After Mass - Coffee and Cake Fellowship

AFTER MASS - CONFIRMATION CLASS

Monday – Oct. 16, 2023 – St. Hedwig of Silesia, W.

8:30 am - Holy Mass for peace in the world / 7 pm – Preparation for Confirmation class

Tuesday – Oct. 17, 2023 – St. John, Ma

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

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023 – St. Luke, Evangelist

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

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023 – St. Ptolomaeus & Lucius, M.

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

Friday, Oct. 20, 2023 – St. John of Kanty, Poland P.

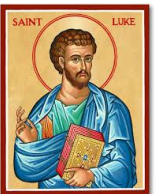
8:30 am - Holy Mass for all benefactors living and deceased

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023 – St. Ursula & Companions, M.

TRICKY TRAY

237 Long Hill Rd. Little Falls, NJ (St. George Church)

4:00 pm – Doors Open / 6:00 pm – Calling begins



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




Confirmation Classes –The lessons are held on Sundays after 11 am Mass.

Additional classes are on Monday at 7 pm.

THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION IS OCTOBER 29, 2023 AT 11 AM.

There will be a reception in the parish hall. Sign up in the parish hall 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 SING UP IN THE PARISH HALL

Sund. Oct. 29, 2023 – All Souls Day procession - East Ridgelawn Cemetery at 3 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 INCOME TO Date – \$707

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





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. Has merged with



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 Oct. 1 – Johanna Vrabic by James and Susan Cimmino

Week of Oct. 8 – available

Week of Oct. 15 – available

Week of Oct. 22 – Available

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



ALL VICTIMS OF RECENT ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR CASULTIES, FOR INTERNATIONAL HELP IN THIS TIME OF TRAGEDY. We pray for peaceful resolutions in places were there are war activities. 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 - \$2,470.** 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 for Tricky Tray. TO DATE WE HAVE:

7 Platinum Trays-over \$200 value

**21 Grand Trays - over \$100 value
(need 4 more)**

56 Super Trays - \$50 value (need 18 more)

59 Regular Trays - \$35 value (need 30 more)

We ask parishioners who have not donated so far, or those who wish to bring additional gifts we are still in need of tray donations with value listed above. You may consider giving monetary donations, gift cards and we will make baskets on your behalf. Bring your donations on Sunday or call before delivery *the church at 201-247-4832*. The program will be printed on Thursday. Your donations and names will be included in the program, if you bring them by Wednesday evening. So far, we have sold almost 200 entrance tickets. Usually, we sell about 300 total. Get your entrance tickets in advance at \$15 each. Purchase tickets on Sunday after Masses in the parish hall or *call the church at 201-247-4832 or Fran at 973-303-3874 francuccinello@gmail.com*. The deadline for tickets is Thursday Oct. 19 (purchase in the church office) or buy them at the event for \$20 if still available.

Pre-Paid ADMISSION includes coffee / tea and an array of desserts & TWO sheets of 26 regular prize chances.

ADMISSION TICKETS ON DAY OF THE EVENT (If available) - \$20 includes coffee / tea, sweets & ONE sheet of 26 regular prize chances.

For our Tricky Tray we need home baked or purchased desserts. Bring your desserts on Saturday to **St. George Orth. Church 237 Long Hill Rd. Little Falls, NJ.**

Finally, bring/send your 50/50 stubs with your donations or purchase them at the event. The total collected for 50/50 drawing to date is **\$2,470.**

If you can volunteer on the day of the event, we would greatly appreciate your help.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Looking forward to your participation in making this annual fundraiser successful for the needs of our parish. It will support us financially and keep our doors open for the spiritual benefit of our community.

May God bless you abundantly and your loved ones.

Tricky Tray and Parish Committee

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+)

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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.

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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

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7 Platinum Trays-over \$200

Approximately 25 Grand Trays - over \$100

Approximately 75 Super Trays - \$50 plus,

Approximately 100 Regular Trays - \$35 plus,

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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 sheets 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. 19, 2023

Contact: Fran francuccinello@gmail.com Office

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Sunday School (School of Christian Living)

SUNDAYS at 11 am – Join Us!

The Sunday School teachers dedicate their time and talent for the spiritual growth of our children. WE HOLD CLASSES IN THE PARISH HALL AT 11 AM. Please sign up in the church after the Sunday Mass. Children are asked to attend the 11 am Mass sitting in the last pews with teachers. Before the readings children and teachers will go down to the parish hall for classes and return for distribution of Holy Eucharist. The TV set in the parish hall allows to follow the Mass. Classes are offered for children ages 4 through 8th grade. Parents with children under the age of four can accompany their children in the parish hall, if desired. They can watch the Mass being televised on TV while children are occupied.

Our children are encouraged to serve as Altar Servers, and readers of the "prayers of the faithful" and after Sacrament of Confirmation as Lectors.

Sunday school students not only receive a religious education but also participate in a variety of enjoyable activities provided by the teachers and parents of the parish. These are some possible activities such as Apple Picking, Ice skating, Christmas party, Youth Participation at Christmas Mass, an Easter Egg Hunt and Party, visiting the elderly at nursing homes, making holiday crafts, enjoying parish picnic and much more. Youth also have the opportunity to give back to the community by helping less fortunate in preparing Thanksgiving Food Baskets for needy families, Christmas gifts for DYFS children, planting plants for seniors, providing food and clothing for the homeless. Please join us by enrolling your child in this program. Children with perfect and good attendance will be awarded with a gift cards. All Are WELCOME!