

# NOV. 19, 2023 – 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

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**SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am**

" *Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.*" - Matthew 25:21



The closing of the church year is an opportunity for deep reflection. We hear advice again today about paying attention and planning for what will inevitably come in each of our lives. Our readings speak of wisdom, courage and using the strengths and gifts given. As Thanksgiving and the onslaught of the

coming holiday season collide, this may be a good time to take a breath, step back, and think about what really matters.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Advice to a king on a worthy life

Ps 128 Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1 Thess 5:1-6 Stay alert, for the day of the Lord will come

Mt 25:14-30 A parable on acting responsibly as we await the future



## WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Tracey Banta

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: Barbara Koscinski, 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

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

Stephen Morgan/Karen Jarmarkowicz 11/01 – 14th Ann.

Russell Paulison/ Karen Pettegrew – 11/ 22 – 31<sup>st</sup> Ann.

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 – 33 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 AM** Holy Mass for +Lucy Daum, Urbano Giardino, John Maher, Carmella Giardino; *Req. by Donna & Marty Maher (All Souls)*



10:00 am - Coffee and Cake Fellowship  
10:00 am – preparation of Thanksgiving Food Baskets

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class

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

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for +Richard Jakob, Jean & Joseph Zajac, Helen & Dawn Zajac, Ruth & Arthur Jakob; *Req. by Susan Jakob & Fam. (All Souls)*

**Monday – Nov. 20, 2023 – St. Nersus, Bp., M.**

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

**Tuesday – Nov. 21, 2023 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023 – St. Cecelia, V., M.**

8:30 am Holy Mass – for the youth of our parish

**Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023 – THANKSGIVING DAY**

8:30 am – Holy Mass for sick and homebound

**Friday, Nov. 24, 2023 – St. Chrysogonus, M.**

8:30 am – Holy Mass for Benefactors of our parish Living and Deceased



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023 – SOL. OF CHRIST THE KING**

**9:00 AM** Holy Mass for All Parishioners

10:00 am - Coffee and Cake Fellowship

12– preparation of Thanksgiving Food Baskets ends

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class

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

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for +Melissa & August Centrella, Emanuele and Theresa Triggiano; *Of. By Claire Centrella (All Souls)*



**AFTER MASS – Coffee and Cake Fellowship**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Enrollment for 2024 is still 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:

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 – Christmas Dinner after 11 am Mass – see flyer



**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

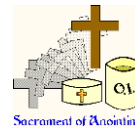
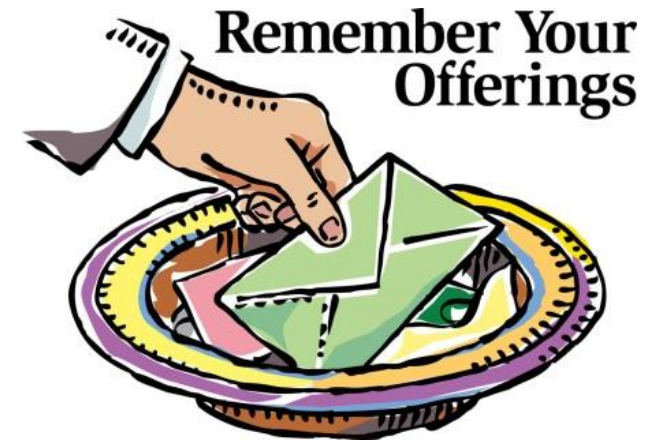


- Parishioners who support parish financially and those who send donations by mail or electronically using Venmo or PayPal. Each Friday, the Holy Mass is celebrated for all benefactors living and deceased.
- Parishioners who donated items for Thanksgiving Baskets, Richard Daum for his work as a treasurer

- Fran Cuccinello for helping in the office
- 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!



**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



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 Nov. 19 – in memory of Jeffrey O’Brien by M/M O’Brien**  
**Week of Dec. 3 – available**  
**Week of Dec. 10 – in memory of John and Adele Sincavage by Beverly**

**Vickerilla**  
**Week of Dec. 17 – in memory of Hughie Vickerilla by Beverly Vickerilla**  
**Week of Dec. 24 – in memory of William Vrablik 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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**WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS. Dates of Healing Masses: November 30, December 28 at 7 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!





**My Time With Mary  
a Spa For The Soul.  
Next Service on Dec. 7,  
2022 - @ 7:00 pm**



Beautiful Candlelight Prayer Service With Special Music  
**Everyone Is Welcome** Come along and bring a friend.

**Dear Parents and Youth,**

We are informing you about our annual parish project of assembling **Thanksgiving Baskets** to help the needy families in our community. They will be delivered to Passaic Valley Regional High School, Little Falls.

We are in need of non-perishable food items such as **cranberry sauce, stuffing, cans of sweet potato, turkey gravy, rice and cake mixes.** Also, if you can afford, please donate **\$25, or \$50 gift cards from Shop-rite or Stop & Shop.**

Certificates are available after 9 am Mass in the parish hall from Ed Obsuth. We would appreciate it if you would bring these items to the parish hall until Sunday **November 19<sup>th</sup> between Masses from 10 to 11 am.** Teachers and children will finalize this project during the Sunday School class beginning 11 am in the parish hall. Parents will help their children after the 11 am Mass.



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Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Fr. Joseph and Sunday School teachers

**FYI – Christmas Dinner with Santa (Dec. 10, 2023) is FREE of charge for children who participate in our Sunday School projects.**

Do not hesitate to contact the parish office (201-247-4832 or email

**WINTER COATS, SCARFS, GLOVES, SWEATERS...**

**PLEASE DONATE NEW or LIGHTLY USED AND IN GOOD CONDITION COATS, SCARFS, GLOVES, SWEATERS. Please bring your donations to the parish hall. Donations will be given to Fr. English Food Pantry and Eva’s Shelter respectfully in Paterson, NJ.**



*“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*

**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



# CHRISTMAS DINNER

*“With Santa”*

**Holy Cross Church**

**Dec. 10, 2023 after 11am Mass (12 pm)**

**Menu: Baked Salmon, Pork Roast, Baked Chicken, Cavatelli & Broccoli, Beef Empanadas, Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Bread & Rolls, Assorted Desserts**



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**Deadline for tickets TODAY DEC. 3, 2023**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**