

3RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME -- JAN. 21, 2024

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS PARISH** PNCC 97 Years of Service

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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

"Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. - Mark 1:18



When God works with the world, it involves a call to repentance. Over the centuries, that call has been issued by many, from prophets to Jesus himself. And the call continues today. Wonderful new things happen in the reign of God, and that always involves our acting in new ways. "The time of fulfillment" is always at hand, because we are not yet totally there; and we are invited once again to be a part of it.



Jon 3:1-5 Jonah calls Nineveh to repentance

Ps 25 Teach me your ways, O Lord

1 Cor 7:29-31 The Corinthians await Christ's return

Mk 1:14-20 Jesus' ministry begins with a call to repentance

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Martin Maher 11:00 am – Mark Kosciński

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES - RECENTLY WE DEPOSITED \$2,000 TO BUILDING

FUND FROM SHOPPING CERTIFICATES SALE. We thank those who

are involved in purchasing the certificates and those who make this project possible: Richard 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: **Monika Lukowiak, Barbara Kosciński, Fay Goglia; Michael Piascik, Floyd Vivino, George, Pat, 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



John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 51st Ann.

Manuel & Melissa Rodriguez – 12/20 – 11th Ann.

Kevin & Karyn Ortega – 2/3 – 1st Ann.

Chirag & Aarti Taylor – 2/19 – 9th Ann.

Fr. Joseph and Renata Cyman – 2/21 – 26th 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. **665** people are following 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, JANUARY 21, 2024 – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Hughie Vickerilla (4th Ann.); *Off by Beverly Vickerilla*

10:00 am - Hughie Coffee and Cake Fellowship
10:00 am – Adoration Society Meeting with gift exchange
10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class
11:00 am – Sunday School class in the parish hall

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for +August & Melissa Centrella, Theresa and

Emanuele Triggiano; *Off by Claire Centrella*

Monday – Jan. 22, 2024 – St. Vincent, Dc., M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for all parishioners

Tuesday, Jan, 23, 2024 – St. St. John the Almsgiver, Bp.

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

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024 – St. St. Timothy

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

7 PM – Blessing of home

Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024 – Conversion of St. Paul - Week of Prayer

for Christian Unity Ends

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

Friday, Jan. 26, 2024 – St. St. Polycart of Smyrna, Bp., M.

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

+August Centrella (13 Ann.); *Off. by Claire Centrella*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 – PRE-LENT 1

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY



9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Alphonse and Evelyn Cuccinello, Domenico & Anna Bucci (All Souls); *Off. by Al and Fran Cuccinello +Ann Obsuth; Off. by Daid Obsuth & Family*

10:00 am - Hughie 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 all Parishioners living and deceased



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!

2023 Contribution Statements - Any parishioner who wishes to receive information regarding their donations to the church for the year 2023 for their income tax purposes, please contact Financial Secretary, Richard Daum 973-694-9457 email DICKDAUM@gmail.com. We thank Richard for his time and dedication in his service as Financial Secretary/Treasurer of Holy Cross Church.



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:

February 11, 2024 – St. Valentine’s Luncheon after 11 am

Feb. 14, 2024 – Ash Wednesday services at 12 Noon and 7 pm

February 18, 2024 – Annual Parish Meeting from 10 – 11 am

March 10, 2024 – St. Patrick’s Luncheon after 11 am

March 17, 2024 – Agape N/Y N/J Seniorate – Wallington NJ

March 26, 2024 – Clergy Conference, Chrism Mass, Scranton, PA

March 31, 2024 – Easter – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 7, 2024 – Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL)

May 5, 2024 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 12, 2024 – Mother’s Day Breakfast at 10 am

June 2, 2024 – Corpus Christi celebration at Holy Cross

Week of July 4th 2024 - YOUTH CAMP – Kurs , Waymart, PA

Tricky Tray – Friday October 19, 2024

UPCOMING
EVENTS



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.
- Adoration Society for their ministry and help in activities of our parish.

- Sunday School teachers, Mr. Paul Murphy, Ms. Natalie Lazar for their service
- 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!

Before Holy Mass

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



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

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



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)



MASSES OF HEALING – The Masses for the Sick and Home Bound are celebrated on the last Thursday of the month.

WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS. **Dates of Healing Masses: December 28, 2023 Jan. 25, 2024 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



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 Jan. 21, 24 – in memory of Hughie Vickerilla by Beverly Vickerilla
For more information, please call Penni Lazor, Adoration Society President, at 973-768-7917 or contact parish office – 201-247-4832.

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HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN

Dear friends, please join our parish in DAILY PRAYER CHAIN.

We pray for peaceful resolutions and reconciliation in different parts of the world especially in Ukraine and Israel, and other countries in 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.



EPIPHANY PASTORAL VISITATIONS Fr Joseph is available to bless homes especially during Christmas time. Please let Fr. Joseph know that you wish to have your home/apartment blessed by calling 201-247-4832 or email holycrosspncc1@gmail.com.



2024 ADULT ENVELOPES are still available in the parish hall. If you are missing envelopes, please submit your name and address in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church. We believe that God blesses us and our families when we support His Church He

established on earth to spread His message of salvation.

St. Blaise Blessing of the Throats



Holy Mass on February 4 will conclude with St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat. St. Blaise's Story — In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual St. Blaise blessing for their throats. We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary "Acts of St. Blaise" were written 400 years later. According to them, Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. During persecution in Armenia, Blaise was forced to flee to live as a hermit in solitude and prayer. He made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were surprised and frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears. The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to worship pagan idols. Blaise refused; he was martyred. Saint Blaise is the Patron Saint of throat ailments.

Music Scholarship Sunday - January 29

Next Sunday is Music Scholarship Sunday, designated to promote the Music Scholarship program of the National United Choirs of our Church and to recognize the choirs, organists, directors, and choir members for their contributions to the music ministry of our parishes. Through the financial support of parishioners throughout the PNCC, several endowments and awards are available to deserving applicants. Any parishioner who is paying for music lessons - vocal or instrumental - is eligible to apply.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



An international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually between **18-25 January** in the Northern Hemisphere, and around Pentecost in the Southern Hemisphere. This year for the reflection the Gospel of Luke 10:25-37 (Good Samaritan Parable) was chosen, and as a motto: **"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself"** (Lk 10:27). Jesus prayed that His followers would all be one (cf. Jn 17:21), and so, Christians cannot lose hope or stop praying and working for unity. This call is a challenge for all Christians. Some can be anxious that ecumenism may lead to a loss of denominational identity and prevent church 'growth'. But rivalry between churches is counter to the prayer of Jesus. During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we ask the Lord to come to our assistance, to tend our wounds and so enable us to walk the way of ecumenism respecting other Christians groups with confidence and hope.

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.**

Our Mission - The parish of Holy Cross is a Catholic community with doors open to all and bringing them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and thus giving comfort and purpose to a struggling world. *"You are to go into the entire world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere! (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 those who are lost (Luke 19:10)."* In the past **98 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.

Candlelight Prayer Service

“My Time with Mary - a Spa for The Soul”

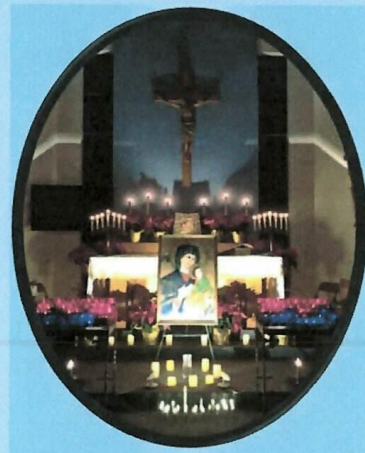
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