

2ND SUNDAY OF PRE-LENT – FEB. 4, 2024

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Child, your sins are forgiven.'
Mark 2:5

INTRODUCTION

My friends, in the Gospel today we will hear a story of faith. It is the story of four men who bring their friend who is paralyzed to Jesus for healing. Unable to get through the crowd, they carry the paralyzed man to the roof, where they create an opening and then lower the paralytic, still lying on a mat, within reach of Jesus. Let us pray today for that kind of energetic faith.

Scripture readings:

Isa 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 The slate is wiped clean; we can begin again.

Ps 41:2-3, 4-5, 13-14 Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned.

2 Cor 1:18-22 God is faithful and constant.

Mark 2:1-12 Jesus heals the paralyzed man.

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Ed Obsuth 11:00 am – Chirag Taylor

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: Edward Lazor, Monika Lukowiak, Barbara Koscinski, 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.**

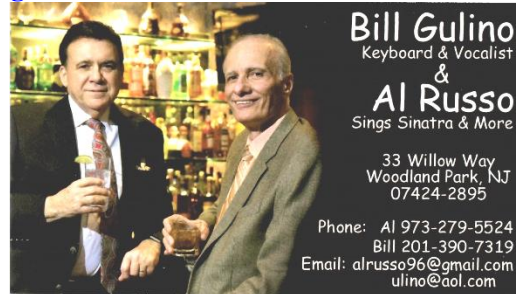
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BLESSING OF THE THROATS AFTER EACH MASS



9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Cecylia & Konstanty Zaremba, Katherine & Joseph Ruyzam; *Req. by John and Joe Ruyzam*
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



Monday – Feb. 5, 2024 – St. St. Agatha, V., M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for all parishioners

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024 – St. Titus, Bp.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024 – St. Richard, K.

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

Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024 – St. Jerome Emiliani, C.

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

Friday, Feb. 9, 2024 – St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bp. D.

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

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024 – St. Scholastica, V.

9:00 am – Holy Mass for peace in the world

1pm – 3 pm - Preparations for St. Valentines Luncheon



3RD SUNDAY OF PRE-LENT – FEB. 11, 2024



9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Elaine Sarubbi; *Off. by Cyman 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 August & Melissa Centrella; Emanuele and Theresa Triggiano; *Off. by Claire Centrella*
AFTER MASS – ST VALENTINE’S LUNCHEON



St. Valentine's Day Luncheon

The next Parish Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7:30 pm



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 – SS Peter & Paul, 126 River Dr. Passaic, 3 PM**
- 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 at 3 PM**
- Week of July 4th 2024 - YOUTH CAMP – Kurs , Waymart, PA**
- September 22, 2024 – Adoration Society Convention at Church of Transfiguration, Wallington, NJ at 3 pm**
- Tricky Tray – Saturday, October 19, 2024**



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



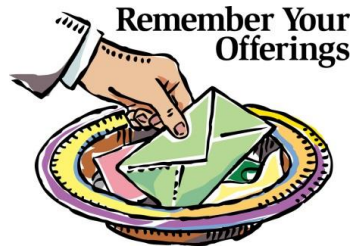
- Parishioners who support parish financially and those who send donations by mail or electronically using Venmo or PayPal. Each Friday, the Holy Mass is celebrated for all benefactors living and deceased.
- Adoration Society for their ministry and help in activities of our parish.
- Sunday School teachers, Mr. Paul Murphy, Ms. Natalie Lazar for their service
- Richard Daum for his work as a treasurer
- Fran Cuccinello for helping in the office
- Renata C. for cleaning altar linens
- We thank 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!
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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



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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

Week of Jan. 28, 2024 – In memory of Elaine Klecha by Joan Kaynak

Week of February 4, 2024 – In memory of William Douma bh Charlyene McCart

Week of Feb. 11, 2024 - In memory of Elaine Klecha by Joan Kaynak

Week of Feb. 18, 2024 – In memory of Thomas Kaynak by the Family

Week of February 25, 2024 – In memory of Gennaro Celano

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



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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.

On Sunday, February 4, 2024 the Boy Scouts of America

will celebrate Scout Sunday, Interfaith. This is a special interfaith day set aside by the Scouting movement for all Scouts to reflect on their acknowledgement of duty to God in the Scout Oath or Promise and the 12th point of Scout Law - A Scout is Reverent.



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.

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.



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.**

St. Valentine's Day Luncheon

Holy Cross Church

220 Browertown Rd. Woodland Park NJ



Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024 @ 12 PM

Donation: Adults - \$15

Children - under 14 Free

Menu:

Chicken Francese (from Francesco's Restaurant), Pasta with Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Coffee and Dessert, Soft Drinks

Basket of Cheer 50/50 drawing

Call for tickets 201-247-4832

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RSVP by Feb. 4, 2024

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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