

# 127-TH ANNIVERSARY OF PNCC - MARCH 10, 2024

## 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF LENT

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**The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor**  
**The Deacon William Gaydos**

**SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am**

*I am the true vine, and my father is the vine-grower. John 15:1-8*

### INTRODUCTION

My friends, today we celebrate the anniversary of the institution of the Polish National Catholic Church. Our Church has roots in the Church in Jerusalem established by our Lord Jesus Christ. As a denomination, our Church had been in existence since 1897, under the leadership of the Most Reverend Francis Hodur. The first Polish National Catholic parish of St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA and many parishes throughout the USA joined together with their legal ownership of church properties, the parish government in secular matters is directed by parish committees elected by the parishioners and appointment of their pastors was approved by parishioners. This democratic system of the administration of the church was the only cause of the establishment of the PNCC. The consecration of the Rev, Francis Hodur by the Old Catholic Bishops of Holland in 1907 gave the Polish National Catholic Church of America that important direct line of Apostolic Succession. Apostolic Succession is the belief that bishops succeed one another in an unbroken chain from Christ himself through his apostles and their successors. Our PNCC church welcomes new members who are from other racial and cultural background. We become Church increasingly rich in diversity. My Brothers and Sisters let us continue our Lenten journey with more prayer, fasting and giving alms so we would bear much fruit in the Lord.

#### Scripture readings:

Wisdom 5:1-5 He is accounted among the sons of God

Ps 137 Let me tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you

1<sup>st</sup>. Paul to Timothy 4:1-5 Everything created by God is good

John 15:1-8 I am the true vine, and my father is the vine-grower.

### WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

**9:00 am – Dominick Bucci 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 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: 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 – 51<sup>st</sup> Ann.**  
**Manuel & Melissa Rodriguez – 12/20 – 11<sup>th</sup> Ann.**  
**Kevin & Karyn Ortega – 2/3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.**  
**Chirag & Aarti Taylor – 2/19 – 9<sup>th</sup> Ann.**  
**Fr. Joseph and Renata Cyman – 2/21 – 26<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

**Holy Cross Church Face Book – link [www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com)**

Visiting our website Blog [holycrosssite.org](http://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](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com), thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**

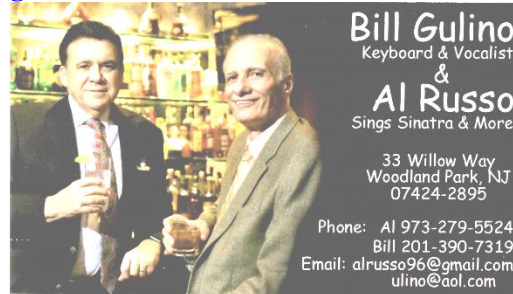
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**127 ANN. OF THE INSTITUTION OF PNCC  
 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 10, 2024**



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

**10:00 am** – Hughie Coffee and cake Fellowship

**10:00 am** – First Holy Communion Class in Sunday Sch. bld.

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

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for All Parishioners

**After Mass** – Hughie Coffee and cake Fellowship

**“St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon”**



**Monday – March 11, 2024 – St. Constantine, K., M.**

**8:30 am** – Holy Mass for all parishioners

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – St. Gregory the Great, Bp., D.**

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

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – St. Roderic, P.M. & Solomon, M.**

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

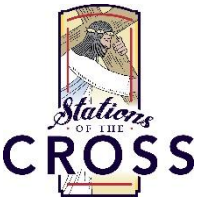
**Thursday, March 14, 2024 – St. Matilda, Q., W.**

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

**Friday, March 15, 2024 – St. Zachary of Rome, Bp.**

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

**7:00 pm** – LENT - Stations of the Cross – plan to attend



**PASSION SUNDAY – MARCH 17, 2024**



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

**10:00 am** – Hughie Coffee and cake Fellowship

**10:00 am** – First Holy Communion Class in Sunday Sch. bld.

**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



**3:00 pm** – Agape – Last Supper of Jesus Service organized by Adoration Society of N/Y N/J Seniorate at Saints Peter & Paul Parish PNCC, 126 River Dr. Passaic. It is two hours retreat in the Lent. Please let Adoration Society members know if you plan attend by March 10, 2014. Thank you.

**Dear Parishioners and Friends of Holy Cross Church**  
**Ground Level floor renovation**

Hope you are all doing well during this Lenten Season. As you may already know, Holy Cross Church will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May 2026. As part of this celebration, the parish committee agreed to renovate the ladies' bathroom. We are in the process of installing handicap fixtures and new flooring. While we are in the construction phase, a decision was made to replace all the ground floor flooring, which includes men's bathroom, the hallway, kitchen and meeting room as well.

We are asking parishioners and friends of Holy Cross to help with donations toward this project. By upgrading these areas, they will become inviting spaces for our fellowships, fundraisers and more appealing to renters. We appreciate your kindness and generosity when considering donating to this project. Envelopes are available in the church vestibule and the weekly bulletins for your convenience. Donations may also be made by mail with Notation for Floor Renovations. We thank you in advance and Lord's Blessing in upcoming Easter Season.

**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!



**Confirmation Classes – ENROLEMNT IS OPEN - Students who are in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older and adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons. Please contact parish office to register or contact Fr. Joseph after Sunday Mass. The classes will be held after the 11 am Mass.**

**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](mailto: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 – 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:**

**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 11, 2024 10 am – NY/NJ Seniorate Council meeting**

**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.

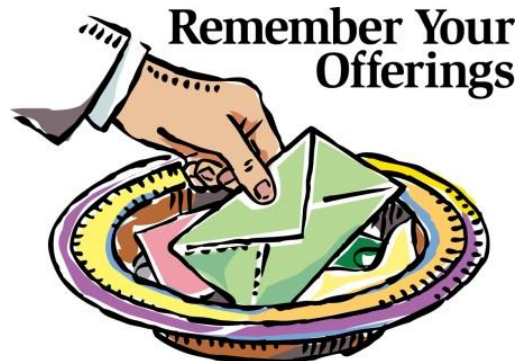


### **THANK YOU**

- We thank all those who prepared St. Patrick's Luncheon especially David Obsuth, Ed Obsuth, Renata Cyman, Michael Cyman, Fran Cuccinello, Joan Kaynak, Tracey Banta, and Marietta Erhard who worked on Saturday. We thank all those who donated bake goods. We thank in advance all those who will serve and clean after the event.
- 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
- 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!



**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)*



**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: March 28, April 18 (25 is not available), May 30; June 27, 2024 @ 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 March 10, 2024 – In memory of Cherylene Lee and Rodney Latimer by Charlyene McCart**

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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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, Gaza 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.

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.



## THE SEASON OF LENT

With humble hearts we ask God to prepare us for the journey of spiritual renewal.

During the Lenten time all of us should remember personal prayers, read the Holy Scripture and attend the liturgy of Sunday Mass. Fasting – we are called to abstain from meat on Fridays and Wednesdays (PNCC) by those who are 18 years old and older. On Good Friday additionally we should fast which means intake of one full meal by those who are 18 to 60 years of age. Also, we are invited to attend Lenten Devotions to reflect on the redemptive sufferings and death of our Lord on Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

NEW REGISTRATIONS - Our parish is leasing the Sunday school building to the tenant, GOLDEN STEPS LEARNING CENTER, from Monday to Friday offering PRE SCHOOL DAY CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS. Please contact Mrs. Gail for further information at 973-812-8030. Discount rates are available for the members of Holy Cross Church.

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)

Dear Parishioners – We thank you for all generous donations to support your parish. , for which parish committee and I are extremely thankful. Nevertheless, we ask you to prayerfully consider underwriting the cost of some essential operating costs of the parish. You can send a donation by mail or place it in the collection basket.

**The annual fire alarm system inspection: \$260.**

**The annual fire alarm monitoring: \$400 / The annual website fee \$325**

**Annual Burglary alarm - \$480 /Sunday School material - \$240**

*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.

