

# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 17, 2024

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

**SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am**

## INTRODUCTION

*"Unbind him and let him go." Luke 11:44*

Today we begin the Fifth Sunday of Lent and we hear about the story of Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus. Jesus reminds Martha that her brother, Lazarus will rise again. She replies that she

is aware of that and then Jesus tells her that He is the resurrection and the Life and whoever believes in Him, even if he dies, will live and everyone who lives and believes in Him will never die. Today the Lord is asking all of us—Do you believe this? Because we believe what Jesus promised, there is great comfort in knowing that our loved ones who have lived and died in Christ will share eternal life with Jesus. Death is not the only loss we can experience in life, especially during these challenging times. There are little deaths such as illness, loss of a job, our security or something else that meant a lot to us. We have to trust that even in these little deaths, God is with us.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

**Ezek 37:12-14 I will put my spirit in you.**

**Psalm 130:1-8 With the Lord there is mercy.**

**Rom 8:8-11 You will be raised through the Spirit of Christ living within you.**

**John 11:1-45 "Lazarus, come out!"**

### WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

**9:00 am – Edward Obsuth 11:00 am – Charlene McCart**

**SHOPPING CERTIFICATES - 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox – 13th Ann. – 4/15**

**Edward and Beverly Obsuth – 33<sup>rd</sup> Ann. – 4/21**

**Diego Ochoa / Iris Miola – 11th Ann – 4/27**

**Sebastian Wysocki / Ashley Burr – 5th Ann – 4/27**

**Daniel & Magdalena Brzyski – May 14 – 8th 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.

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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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**PASSION SUNDAY - MARCH 17, 2024**



**9:00 AM** Holy Mass for +August and Melissa Centrella, Emanuele and Theresa Triggiano; *Off. by Claire Centrella*  
**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 +Jan Baran; *Off. by Family*  
 After Mass – Hughie Coffee and cake Fellowship



**3:00 PM** – AGAPE – LAST SUPPER OF JESUS – Organized by N/Y N/J Seniorate Adoration Society. Location SS Peter & Paul, 126 River Dr. Passaic, 3 PM.



**Monday – March 18, 2024 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp.**

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

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – St. JOSEPH, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024 – Lent**

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

**Thursday, March 21, 2024 – St. Benedict, Ab.**

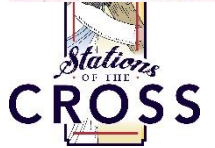
**8:30 am** - Holy Mass for the sick and homebound

**7:30 pm** – Parish Committee meeting

**Friday, March 22, 2024 – St. Paul of Narbonne, C.**

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

**7:00 pm – STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
 PLAN TO ATTEND**



**PALM SUNDAY- SUNDAY - MARCH 24, 2024**



**9:00 AM** Holy Mass for +Lucy Daum; *Off. by Joe and John Ruyzam*  
**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  
 After Mass – Hughie Coffee and cake Fellowship





**Dear Parishioners and Friends of Holy Cross Church**  
**Ground Leven 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!

**ENROLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION CLASS IS OPEN** – CONTACT Fr. Joseph or email church office [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com), cell: 201-247-4832

**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 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

July 4th July 13, 2024 - YOUTH CAMP – at Bp. Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, 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**

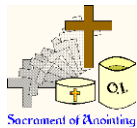
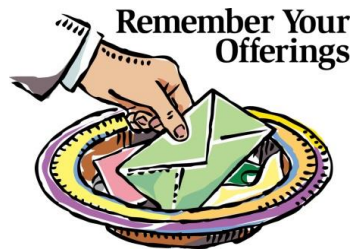
- We thank all those who prepared the St. Valentine's Luncheon - set up the hall, worked in the kitchen, served and cleaned after the event.
- Parishioners who support parish financially and those who send donations by mail or electronically using Venmo or PayPal. Each Friday, the Holy Mass is celebrated 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!



## 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."**



Sacrament of Anointing

**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**



**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.**



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



**Week of March 3, 2024 – In memory of Cherylene Lee and Rodney Latimer by Charlyene McCart**

**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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### 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, 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

Prayer Chain

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.

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# HOLY WEEK 2024

**Thursday, March 28, 2024 – Holy Thursday**

**7:00 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.**

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 pm**

**Friday, March 29, 2024 – Good Friday**

**3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross with children and youth participation and Parishioners**

**4:00 PM – Liturgy of Good Friday/ Adoration until 7:00pm**

**Saturday, March 30, 2024 – Holy Saturday**

**2:00 pm - Blessing of Easter Baskets**

**6:00 PM – Liturgy of Holy Saturday**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - EASTER**

*"Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb." John 20:1*

**9:00 AM Easter Procession outside the church**

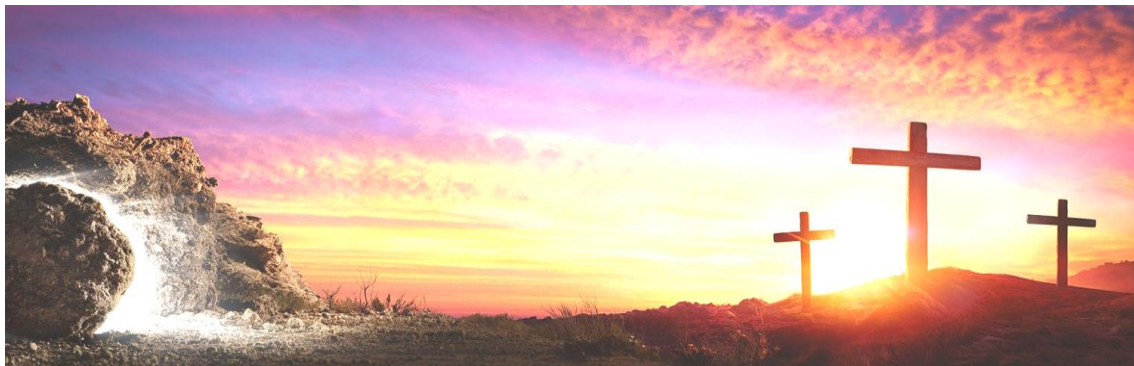
**Holy Mass of Resurrection**

**11:00 AM – Easter Procession inside the church Holy Mass of Resurrection**

**Christ is risen!**

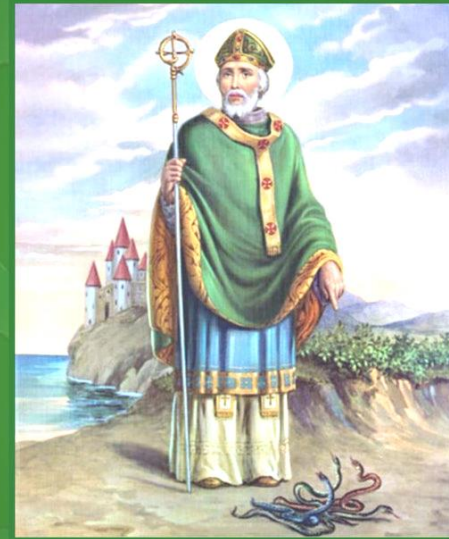
**He is Risen indeed!**

**Fr. Joseph, family and Parish Committee**



*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.

## St. Patrick's Day, March 17



St Patrick Prayer!

As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me,  
the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me.  
May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me,  
the word of God speak for me.  
May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me,  
the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me.  
May Christ shield me today.  
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of  
everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone  
who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.  
Amen

Saint Patrick pray for us!

