

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 3, 2024

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**The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor**

**The Deacon William Gaydos**

**SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am**

*"Zeal for your house will consume me John 2:17"*

## INTRODUCTION

My friends, in today's Gospel we hear a story that might be confusing, even shocking. It is the story of the anger of Jesus at those who were buying and selling in front of the Temple. Some scripture scholars think that Jesus was so angry because the moneychangers were cheating the poor and that their love of money defied the first commandment, "You shall not have other gods besides me."



Remembering those false gods that we put before the one true God, let us ask for mercy and forgiveness.

## Scripture readings:

**Exodus 20:1-17** Ten commandments

**Ps 19:8-11** Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**1 Corinthians 1:22-25** We proclaim Christ crucified

**John 2:13-25** Jesus drives out the moneychangers.



## WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

**9:00 am – Martin Maher 11:00 am – Natalie Cyman**

**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 – 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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**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 3, 2024**

**9:00 AM** Holy Mass for All Parishioners  
**10:00 am** – Hughie Coffee and cake Fellowship  
**10:00 am** – Adoration Society meeting / Tricky Tray Mtg.  
**10:10 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  
+Andrzej Cyman (62<sup>nd</sup> Birthday); *Off by Cyman Family*  
**After Mass** – Hughie Coffee and cake Fellowship



**Monday – March 4, 2024 – St. Kasimir of Poland K.**

**8:30 am** – Holy Mass for all parishioners  
**7:00 pm** – Preparation for Marriage

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024 – St. Eusebius Ab. C.**

**8:30 am** – Holy Mass for the growth of our parish  
**7:00 pm** Municipal Alliance against Drug and Alcohol Abuse Meeting

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – St. Evagrius, Bp.**

**8:30 am** – Holy Mass for peace in the world  
**7:00 pm** – Preparation for Marriage

**Thursday, March 7, 2024 – St. Thomas Aquinas, D., C.**

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

**Friday, March 8, 2024 – St. Philemon & Apollonius, M.**

**8:30 am** – Holy Mass for Benefactors of our parish  
**7:00 pm** – LENT - Stations of the Cross – plan to attend



**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”**  
**Tickets available / takeouts available**

**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 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 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**

**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

- 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!

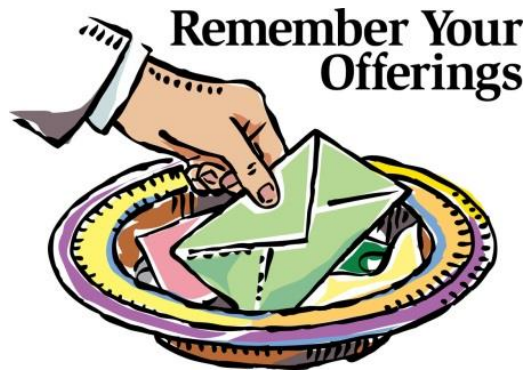


## Before Holy Mass

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.”**



**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 21, April 18 (25 is not available), May 30, June 27, 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 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 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.**



**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.**

**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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**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.**

## **Minutes to the Annual Parish Meeting February 18, 2024**

The Annual Parish Meeting of Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church was held at the Church Hall on February 18, 2024. The Chairman of the Meeting, Ed Obsuth called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 a.m. Other Trustees present included Richard Daum, Dominic Bucci, Guy Garofano, Danny Galindo, Chris Galindo, and David Obsuth. A total of twenty-five parishioners were in attendance. Regrets Penni Lazor, George O'Brien and Natalie Lazar. As this constituted a quorum the meeting proceeded.

The first order of business was to name Mark Koscinski as Secretary of the meeting. Father Joseph continued the meeting with the Opening Prayer.

A motion was made by David Obsuth and seconded by Joan Kaynak to waive the reading of the prior meeting's minutes and to approve the same. This was unanimously approved by those in attendance.

Father Joseph presented the Pastor's report. The highlights of the report reported the following for 2023:

### **BAPTISMS ( 7)**

**Vienna Poggi – March 19, 2023; Sofia V. Russomanno – March 19, 2023**

**Jill Ch. Taylor – April 16, 2023; Lily Brzyska - May 21, 2024**

**Layla R. Lamendola – June 4, 2023; Kora C. Ortega – Aug. 27, 2023**

**Landon A. Baldwin – Oct. 28, 2023**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (4) ON JUNE 25, 2023**

**ISABELLA R. CASTILLO; MAXIMILIANO CATANO; CHARLYENE MCCART**

**EMMANUEL PATINO**

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (6) ON OCT. 29, 2023**

**STEPHANIE TAPIA-NUNEZ; CHARLYENE MCCART; PATRICK JACHIMCZYK**

**RASHUAN BABARAN; RASHARD BABARAN; RIAN BABARAN**

### **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY – (1)**

**ROBERT BACZYK AND & MAJA (KULIK) – AUG 13, 2023**

### **DEATHS / FUNERALS (6)**

**Mariusz Pokrop – March 31, 2023; Sophie Barnes – April 17, 2023; Eleanor Ferranti – May**

**6, 2023; Lucy Daum – Oct. 4, 2023; Salvatore Nocella – Nov. 14, 2023 ; Regina Chrzanowska**

**– Nov. 16, 2023**

The report also contained a list of the parish activities by month for the entire year.

Richard Daum presented the Financial (Operating) Report for the Parish. This included the financial results for 2023 and the Parish budget for 2024.

The report was published in the bulletin.

Upon motion by Fran Cuccinello and seconded by Joan Kaynak, the financial report of the parish was unanimously approved.

The following committee reports were also presented:

- Adoration Society report submitted by Penni Lazor and presented by Ed Obsuth
- Maintenance submitted and presented by Dominic Bucci
- St. Nicholas Ministry submitted and presented by Richard Daum
- Polish National Union of America submitted and presented by Father Joseph

The agenda for the meeting and the complete reports summarized above are contained in the “Parish Report for the Year of 2023” and are incorporated herein by reference.

Following the reports, elections for various parish committee positions and officers were conducted. The following are the results:

For Chair of the Committee: Penni Lazor.

For Vice-Chair and Secretary: Paul Murphy.

For Treasurer: Richard Daum

For the Office of Trustee: David Obsuth, Edward Obsuth, Dominick Bucci, Guy Garofano, Natalie Lazar, Danny Galindo, Chris Galindo

Nomination by Mark Koscinski and seconded by David Obsuth

Additional nominations from the floor for Parish Committee of Fran Cuccinello and Tracey Banta was made by Richard Daum and seconded by Ed Obsuth.

For the Parish Tribunal: John Surak and Penni Lazor.

Nomination by Mark Koscinski and seconded by Fran Cuccinello.

For Auditors: Penni Lazor and Beverly Obsuth.

Nomination by Dominic Bucci and seconded by Tracey Banta.

For Envelope Recorder: Karen Hitchcock.

Nomination by Richard Daum and seconded by Dave Obsuth

For NY/NJ Seniorate representation: Guy Garofano, and Mark Koscinski.

Nomination by Ed Obsuth and seconded by Karen.

All nominations were accepted and were unanimously approved by the participants in the meeting.

There being no further business in front of the meeting, Father Joseph closed the meeting with a final prayer and Chairman Ed Obsuth closed the meeting at approximately 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

***Mark Koscinski***

Secretary of the Meeting