

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 7, 2024

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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor

The Deacon William Gaydos

SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

"Do not be unbelieving, but believe." - John 20:27



DOUBTER TO BELIEVER

John 20 : 27-28

"Stop doubting and believe"
Thomas said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

In the heart of this season of Easter rejoicing, we are reminded that faith is sometimes fragile and circuitous. If we listen carefully, we realize that Scripture relays another truth about people who struggle and need to be convinced. This is a good Sunday for those of us who have ever experienced doubt and who need to hear that God still loves and forgive us. That describes most of us.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 4:32-35 Evangelism and daily life in the early church

Ps 118 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting

John 5:1-6 The importance of faith and love in the community

John 20:19-41 Jesus challenges Thomas' doubts

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Deacon Bill 11:00 am – Lector : Chirag Taylor

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES - 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: **Dominick Bucci, Edward Lazor, Michele Lazor, Monika Lukowiak, Barbara Koscinski, Fay Goglia; Michael Piascik, Floyd Vivino, Devin D. Lopez, 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 _____

Frankie and Yaniris Maldonado – 6th Ann. - 4/4 / Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox – 13th Ann. – 4/15

Edward and Beverly Obssuth – 33rd Ann. – 4/21

Angel and Anna Maria Vargas – 3rd Ann – 4/22

Diego Ochoa / Iris Miola – 11th Ann – 4/27 / Sebastian Wysocki / Ashley Burr – 5th Ann – 4/27

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

Jerome Rotsaert & Elaine Skawinski – 60th Anniversary – May 3

Al Cuccinello & Frances Bucci – 61st Anniversary – May 12

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, APRIL 7, 2024 – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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+ Helena Michalska, Sofron Michalski;

Off. by Susan Pelak

Sacrament of Baptism: Enzo Eric Carminucci,
son of Arthur and Lauren (nee Gensinger)



Carminucci

After Mass – Hughie Coffee and cake Fellowship

Christ is risen! / He is Risen indeed!

Monday, April 8, 2024 – St. Dionysius of Corinth, Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for Peace in the world

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – St. Mary of Clopas,

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

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 – St. Martyrs of Carthage

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

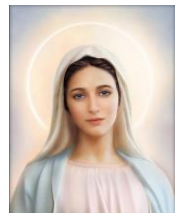
Thursday, April 11, 2024 – St. Leo the Great, Bp, D..

8:30 am – Holy Mass

7:00 PM **My Time With Mary**
a Spa For The Soul.
Candlelight Prayer Service

Friday, April 12, 2024 – St. Julius of Rome, Bp.

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



SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

After Mass – Hughie Coffee and cake Fellowship

Christ is risen! / He is Risen indeed!



EASTER FLOWERS DONATIONS TODATE:

M/M Nurdjaja;

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, 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. We thank Richard for his time and dedication in his service as Financial Secretary/Treasurer of Holy Cross Church

Before Holy Mass

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



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:

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



• 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 and Marietta Erhardt for their 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



Sacrament of Anointing

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



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: 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 April 14, 2024 – In memory of Robert Maindelle; by Mark Koscinski
For more information, please call parish office at 201-247-4832 or Penni Lazor, Adoration Society President, at 973-768-7917 Thank you.

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. We pray for protection from natural disasters. **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.



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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 the upcoming Easter Season. DONATIONS TODATE - \$2,100.

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 - Donation by Joe & Joan Ruyzam

The annual website fee \$325 -

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

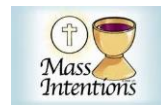
DEAR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Thank you for helping last Sunday with the Easter procession, especially girls who spread flower petals in the procession and those who served at Mass. Tomorrow on the 2nd Sunday of Easter we have **Easter Egg Hunt** at 10:10 am

Mothers / Volunteers are welcome to bring more Easter eggs, water and healthy juices and snacks for children.

Our children will enjoy this annual event.

DAILY MASSES are held as announced in the bulletin. Examples of the Mass intentions are: For the Sick, In Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Beseech God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries. Please contact Father Joe.



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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS should be reported to the rectory office immediately. 973-256-4888

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

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Oct. 19, 2024

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Callings begin: 6:00 pm

MUST be 18 to play

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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)

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Praise with Us - Witness with Us -

Build the Kingdom of God together in our daily Living and spiritual journey.



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.

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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FOOD DRIVE – Please bring nonperishable food items to parish hall on any Sunday. Your donation will be given to Fr. English Food Pantry. **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)