

PRE-LENT 3 – MARCH 2, 2025

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good." - Luke 6:45

INTRODUCTION

On this Sunday before Lent, the readings challenge us to be mindful of our thoughts, words and deeds. They call us to first judge ourselves before we judge others. May God shake us from our sins of apathy and judgment, so as to provide a path to enter more deeply into the Lenten journey before us.

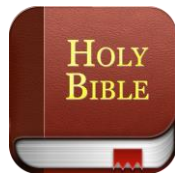
Today's Scriptures Reading

2 Sir 27:4-7 Tribulation is the test of the just

Ps 92 Lord, it is good to give thanks to you

1 Cor 15:54-58 Where, O death, is your sting?

Lk 6:39-45 Remove the beam from your own eye first



9:00 am – Lector: Deacon Bill Gaydos 11:00 am – Lector: Chirag Taylor
SHOPPING CERTIFICATES -ANOTHER RECENT \$2000 PROFIT FROM THE SALES OF GIFT CERTIFICATES HAS BEEN DEPOSITED IN THE BUILDING FUND. 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 peace and end of war in the world.**

I pray for all parishioners each day.

Please continue to pray for me and my family. Thank you, Fr. Joseph



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: **Robert Sleece, Pat Olsen, Dante Pasquale, Pat Lenart, Alexandria Sytsma, Dante Domicolo, Monika Lukowiak, Barbara Koscinski, Michael Piascik, Floyd Vivino, Devin D. Lopez, George, Pat, Maria, Tadeusz Sobstyl, Steven O., Declan, Erik.** 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 font. 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 _____

Kevin & Karyn Ortega – 2/3 – 2nd Ann.

Chirag & Aarti Taylor – 2/19 – 10th Ann.

Fr. Joseph and Renata Cyman – 2/21 – 27th Ann.

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PRE-LENT 3- MARCH 2, 2025



9:00 AM The Holy Mass: For +Lucy Daum, John Daum, Oscar & Elizabeth Daum, Barbara Kopacki; *Off by Richard Daum (All Souls)*

10:10 am – First Holy Communion Class

11:00 am – Sunday School in the parish hall

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for +Andrzej, Agnieszka and Jozef Cyman; *Off.*



By Fr. Joseph and Family

After Mass – Confirmation class

Monday, March 3, 2025 - St. Cunegunda, Q, W.

7:30 am – Holy Mass for peace in the world

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 – St. Kasimir of Poland & Lithuania, K. C.

7:30 am – Holy Mass for growth of our parish

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 – ASH WEDNESDAY

12 Noon – Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes

7:00 PM - Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes

Thursday, Wed. 6, 2025 – St. Evargius of Constantinople, Bp.

7:30 am – Holy Mass for sick and homebound

Friday, March 7, 2025 – St. Thomas Aquinas, D.C.

7:30 am – Holy Mass for Benefactors of Holy Cross Church

7 PM – Stations of the Cross



1-ST SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 9, 2025

9:00 AM The Holy Mass: For +Melissa and August Centrella; Emanuele and Theresa Triggiano; *Off. by Claire Centrella*

10:10 am – First Holy Communion Class

11:00 am – Sunday School in the parish hall

11:00 AM – Holy Mass +Fr. Marian Tarnowski; *Req. by Bizub Fam.*

+Maureen Mulrooney; Off. by Fr. Joseph and Family

After Mass – Confirmation class



ENROLLMENT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION are OPEN – CONTACT parish office at 201-247-4832 (or text) or email church office holycrosspncc1@gmail.com. **THANK YOU.**



THANK YOU

- We thank parishioners who support our parish in different ways. Each Friday the Holy Mass is celebrated for all benefactors living and deceased.
- Richard Daum for his work as a treasurer and his helpers Marietta Erhardt and Paul Murphy
- Fran Cuccinello and Marietta Erhardt for their help in the parish office
- We thank those who prepare Coffee Hour on Sundays
- We thank Natalie Lazar and Paul Murphy for providing lessons to our children attending Sunday School classes (School of Christian Living)
- We thank 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!

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!

Upcoming Events:

March 16, 2025 – St. Patrick Luncheon after 11 am Mass

March 30, 2025 – Fish & Chips Luncheon after 11 am Mass

April 6, 2025 – Agape, Heart of Jesus Parish, 290 Avenue E, Bayonne, NJ

April 20, 2025 – EASTER - Resurrection of our Lord (Masses at 9 am and 11 am with Procession at 9 am (outside) and 11 am Inside the church)

Oct. 25, 2025 – Tricky Tray door open at 4 pm, calling of trays at 6 pm

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.



FOOD PANTRY –Each Sunday you can donate nonperishable food items to benefit Fr. English Food Pantry located in Paterson, NJ. Please bring your donations 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)

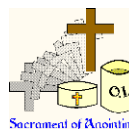
UPCOMING
EVENTS



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 **99 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.*



HOSPITAL VISIT. “Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him / her and anoint 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 Eucharist, please notify the office 201-247-4832.



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. In November it will be celebrated on last Wednesday due to Thanksgiving Day. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS. **Dates of Healing Masses: March 27, 2025 @ 6:15PM.**** The Lord listens to our prayers and has the power of healing of body, mind and spirit. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS

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 Parents and Children We are glad serving our children attending Sunday School classes on Sundays at 11 am. These classes benefit the spiritual growth of our children. **Two wonderful and skilled teachers, Ms. Natalie L. and Mr. Paul M. dedicate their time and talents for the benefit of your children.** You can still register your children on Sunday between 10 am and 11 am during coffee hour in the parish hall. **Classes are offered for children ages 4 through 8th grade. Older students can attend if they desire to do so. Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays - SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS / FATHER JOSEPH R. CYMAN, Pastor**

**Annual Parish Meeting - Minutes
February 23, 2025**

Attendance: 23 total in attendance
Opening prayer given by Fr. Joseph
Meeting facilitated by Penni Lazor
Minutes reviewed from 2024 meeting, as prepared by Mark Koscinski.
• Motion to accept minutes by Paul Murphy; second by Renata Cyman.

Pastor's Report given by Fr. Joseph. Highlights included:

- Five baptisms
- Four marriages
- Eight celebrating their First Communions
- Four deaths/funerals

Financial report presented by Richard Daum

- Auditor's report presented by Penni Lazor and Beverly Obsuth
- Total cash assets as of 12/31/2024: \$80,161.65
- 2025 projected income does not include outreach support from central diocese
- 2025 projected expenses are in line with 2025 projected income
- We thank Richard Daum for his years of service and financial stewardship to Holy Cross

Committee reports:

- Adoration Society (ANS) report presented by Penni Lazor
- Sunday School presented by Ms. Natalie Lazor and Paul Murphy
- St. Nicholas Ministry by Richard Daum
- Maintenance report

Elections:

- ☐ Parish Committee appointed positions
 - o Penni Lazor, chairperson
 - o Edward Obsuth, vice chairperson
 - o Paul Murphy, secretary and treasurer
 - o Marieta Erhardt, financial secretary
 - Motion to accept nominations made by Deacon Mark Koscinski; seconded by Joan Kaynak

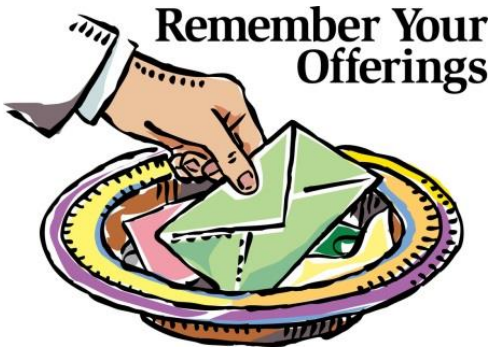
- ☐ Parish Committee trustees

- o Tracy Banta
- o Richard Daum



- o Fran Cuccinello
 - o Guy Garafano
 - o Natalie Lazar
 - o David Obsuth
 - Motion to accept nominations made by Joan Kaynak; seconded by Penni Lazor
 - ☐ Parish Tribunal
 - o John Surak
 - o Penni Lazor
 - Motion to accept nominations made by Paul Murphy; seconded by Edward Obsuth
 - ☐ Auditors
 - o Penni Lazor
 - o Beverly Obsuth
 - Motion to accept nominations made by Paul Murphy; seconded by Mark Koscinski
 - ☐ Envelope Recorder
 - o Karen Hitchcock
 - Motion to accept nominations made by Penni Lazor; seconded by Tracy Banta, Natalie Lazar
 - ☐ NY/NJ Seniorate Council Representative
 - o Mark Koscinski
 - o Tracy Banta
 - Motion to accept nominations made by Paul Murphy; seconded by Fran Cuccinello
 - New business
 - Fr. Joseph welcomes all suggestions, such as ideas for new fundraisers. Reference made to new fish and chips fundraiser scheduled for March 2025.
 - Fran Cuccinello suggests having a beefsteak dinner in the fall to kick off Holy Cross' 100th anniversary
- Respectfully submitted,
Paul Murphy
Parish Committee Secretary

**LET US IMITATE THE WAYS OF GOD BY BEING MORE
GENEROUS AND LOVING IN OUR SERVICE TO HIS MYSTICAL
BODY, "THE CHURCH."**



2025 ADULT ENVELOPES are available in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church. May the Lord reward your generosity.



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 2, 2025 – In memory of Anna Hornak by Deacon Mark

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 people who need to rebuild their lives after wildfires in California. We had special collection for the victims. We pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace for **peaceful conflict resolutions between countries of Russia and Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, and for end of conflicts in other countries.** 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. 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 wisdom and guidance for the medical staff in their service. We pray for persecuted Christians 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 our parish especially as we approach our 100th anniversary of service.

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BLESSING OF HOMES Please contact Fr. Joseph if you wish to have your home or apartment blessed. 201-247-4832 or holycrosspncc1@gmail.com



Sunday school students are preparing this month for a special NEW PROJECT.

They are going to create care packages for the homeless in Paterson. Sunday School would like to ask all to contribute if possible. These are items they are collecting: new socks, new gloves, handwarmers, antibacterial wipes, granola bars, and \$5 - \$10 gift

cards for either McDonald’s or Wendy’s.



Students will also be making sandwiches to put inside the packages. Money or goods are greatly appreciated. Thank you

St. Patrick's Luncheon



Holy Cross Church
220 Browertown Rd, Woodland Park, N.J.



Sunday March 16, 2025

Held in Parish Hall after 11 am Mass (12 noon)

MENU

Corned Beef, Baked Chicken

Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes

Irish Soda Bread,

Hot and Cold Beverages, Irish Coffee

Donated Desserts

Donations per Adults \$20.00

Children Attending Sunday School FREE

Children 6-14 years of age \$7.50



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SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

12:30 PM-2:30 PM

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MENU

Cod Fillet, Fries, Cole Slaw & Dessert

(Note: Chicken Tenders may be substituted for Fish)

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ASH WEDNESDAY - March. 5, 2025

JOIN US FOR MASS AT

Mass at 12 PM

or

Mass at 7 pm

With blessing and imposition of ashes

Beginning on Ash Wednesday we are called to repent, to change our minds about the way we live our lives in the sight of God. In the reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel we will hear that he summoned everyone, young and elderly to an assembly of prayer indicating that they were repenting. Ash Wednesday summons everyone to enter into a forty-day meditation, prayer and almsgiving. We will all gather on Ash Wednesday because we know that we need to “to return to the Lord.” Prophet Joel tells us also, that we can do that only by returning with our whole hearts, that is, with a motivation that is deep inside of us. The ashes on our foreheads will indicate that we are entering in the Lenten period of change that will leave us never to be the same again.

Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent all parishioners are welcome to attend on Fridays Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM beginning this Friday.

The prayer will give us the opportunity to reflect upon the redemptive sufferings of our Lord and Savior.

DURING LENT

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

FASTING FROM MEAT:

During the Lenten time all of us should remember personal prayers, read the Holy Scripture and attend the liturgy of Sunday Mass. We are called to abstain from meat on Fridays by those who are 18 years old and older. Those who are on medication or pregnant women are not obligated to abstain from meat.

The members of the PNCC also abstain voluntarily from meat on Wednesdays.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we should fast which means intake of only one full meal and slight two meals by those who are 18 to 60 years of age.

