

## **PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 13, 2025**

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

**The Deacon William Gaydos / The Deacon Mark Koscinski**

**SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)**

*"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" - Mark 11:9*

### **INTRODUCTION**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we begin our annual retreat that we call Holy Week. We are invited to take more time to reflect on where we are spiritually. Who is Christ for us? What do we want from our Christian faith? Consider accepting the invitation to retreat this week. Cancel the less important business and come pray together this Holy Week, so that on Easter Sunday we may rejoice together. And now we remember our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem and his passion to save us.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 50:4-7 The Lord's servant describes his suffering

Psalms 22 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Philippians 2:6-11 Jesus is both humiliated and exalted

Mark 14:1—15:47 In his suffering and death, Jesus is the suffering Messiah

### **PALM SUNDAY LECTORS**

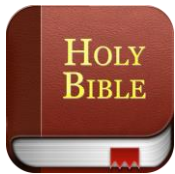
**9:00 am – Lectors: Deacon Bill, Ed Obsuth, Martin Maher**

**11:00 am – Lector: Deacon Mark, Chirag Taylor, Natalie Cyman**

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. 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, Dante Domicolo, Monika Lukowiak, Barbara Koscinski, Michael Piascik, Floyd Vivino, Devin D.

Lopez, George, Pat, Maria, Robert Daniewski, 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.

Name (husband)\_\_\_\_\_

Name (wife maiden name)\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_



**Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox – 14th Ann. – 4/15**

**Robert Robles & Lisset Rojas – 10<sup>th</sup> Ann. – 4/18**

**Edward and Beverly Obsuth – 34<sup>th</sup> Ann. – 4/21**

**Tyler Ferrel & Megan Figueroa – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann. – 4/22**

**Diego Ochoa / Iris Miola – 12th Ann – 4/27**

**Sebastian Wysocki / Ashley Burr – 6th Ann – 4/27**



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Visiting our website [holycrosssite.org](http://holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. 782 people are following our church Face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

## BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2025

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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## **PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 13, 2025**

**9:00 AM** The Holy Mass for +Julius Cimmino; Off by  
Kaynak Family

**10:10 am – First Holy Communion Class**

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

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for + Jozef, Agnieszka, Andrzej  
Cyman, Leon Bujak; By Cyman Family

**After Mass – Confirmation Class**

**Monday April 14, 2025 – Monday of Holy Week**

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

**7:00 pm – Preparation First H. Communion (missing lessons)**

**Tuesday April 15, 2017 – Tuesday of Holy Week**

**Clergy Meeting and Chrism Mass at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA**

**Wednesday April 16, 2017 – Wednesday of Holy Week**

**7:30 am - Holy Mass**

**Thursday, April 17, 2025 – Holy Thursday**

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

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

**Friday, April 18, 2025 – 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 6:00pm**

**Saturday, April 19, 2025 – Holy Saturday**

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

**6:00 PM – Liturgy of Holy Saturday (without Easter Vigil)**

**After service - Blessing of Easter Baskets**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 – 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





**NEXT PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday – April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.**  
**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](mailto: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.
- Those who last Sunday helped to serve during Fish & Chips Luncheon and those who helped to clean up after the event.
- Richard Daum, Marietta Erhardt – Financial Secretary and Paul Murphy, Treasurer for their service
- We thank 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:**

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

**May 4, 2025 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**May 11, 2025 - Mother’s Day Breakfast at 10 am**

**June 15, 2025 – SOCL attendance awards**

**June 15, 2025 – Father’s Day breakfast at 10 am**

**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](https://venmo.com/@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 this is QR Code 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)



***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.*



**EASTER EGG HUNT** – will take place on Sunday April 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. All children from our parish are invited to enjoy this event. The refreshment will follow in the parish hall. Please invite your friends.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – An Easter Flower Fund Envelope is included in the Sunday Collection envelopes and will be available in the parish vestibule. All parishioners are asked to make a donation to the fund so that flowers can be purchased for the Resurrection of our Lord and part of the Easter season. Your offering can be made in memory of a departed loved one. All offerings will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

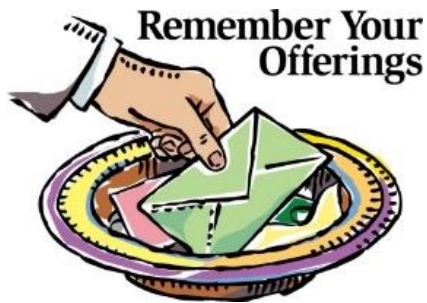


Thank you in advance for beautifying our church.

**MINISTRY OF GREETERS** – Those who would like to serve as Greeters in our parish by giving out Sunday bulletins are asked to contact Fran Cuccinello. Ministry of Greeters is very important in the parish’s life that makes people feel welcome to participate in our liturgies. Thank you for your service.

**HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN** In the case when 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.

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



**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 13** – Hughie Vickerilla by Bev Vickerilla
- Week of April 20** – Charlotte Mandelle by Deacon Mark
- Week of April 27, 2025** – Robert Mandelle by Deacon Mark
- Week of May 4, 2025** – Dominick Bucci by Fran & Al Cuccinello

For more information, please call parish office at 201-247-4832 or Penni Lazor, Adoration Society President, at 973-768-7917 Thank you.

**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: April 16, 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

**LENT - 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)*

**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.

**HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN**

Dear friends, please join our parish in DAILY PRAYER CHAIN.



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 as we approach our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service in 2026.

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## EXPLANATION OF THE HOLY WEEK

Join us for the services of Holy Week – Paschal Triduum.

**ON HOLY THURSDAY April 17, 2025. At 7:00 P.M.** We will commemorate the **Last**



**Supper of Jesus** and the institution of the Sacraments of Holy Orders, Holy Eucharist and Penance. On that day we will celebrate the Holy Mass in white vestments. On Holy Thursday we will ring bells during the Gloria. The bells will not be used until the liturgy of Resurrection. At the end of Holy Thursday Mass, the Holy Eucharist will be taken to the side altar to signify that Jesus was taken at night from the Garden of Olives and imprisoned by Sanhedrin. **The exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will continue until 9:00 P.M.** Please sign up for the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on the list located in the church vestibule.

**ON GOOD FRIDAY – April 18, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.** The liturgy of the Stations of the Cross



with children and youth participation will take place. We will gather to meditate the passion and suffering of our Lord. The opening of the Lord's tomb will take place. *A simple reception will take place consisting of coffee and juice with crackers.* We invite parishioners to stay for the Liturgy of Good Friday that will follow.

**The Liturgy of Good Friday will take place at 4:15 P.M.** The Liturgy of Good Friday consists of the Passion of Jesus according to the Gospel of St. John. The main purpose of the liturgy will be veneration of the Cross, the symbol of victory over death and sin. On that day the **Holy Communion will be distributed (consecrated on Holy Thursday) and the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place until 6:00 p.m.** Please sign up for the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on the list located in the church vestibule.



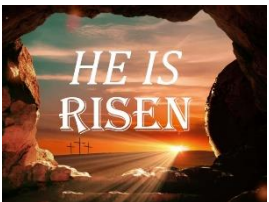
**ON HOLY SATURDAY – April 19, 2025**

**On Holy Saturday you can bring the Easter baskets with festive food to be blessed at 2:00 p.m.** Easter baskets will be blessed also after the Liturgy of Holy Saturday. Since ancient times the Holy Saturday was a day for the new catechumens to be baptized. **Our Liturgy will begin at 6:00 P.M.** with

the blessing of **fire** and the **Paschal candle**. **The Liturgy of the Word with the history of salvation will take place.** The **Holy Water** will be blessed which we use during the upcoming weeks to bless ourselves, and to baptize children and adults. There will be no Easter Vigil. Parishioners are invited to attend Easter Mass on Easter Sunday at 9 am or 11 am. The Holy Water will be given to participants of the liturgy.

**EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 20, 2025**

**THE LITURGY OF EASTER - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD** will be celebrated on Easter Sunday at **9:00 a.m.** with the procession outside of the church before Mass. The solemn Mass will follow. The second Mass will be celebrated at **11:00 a.m.** with Easter Procession inside of the church before Mass.



**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.

**SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING – 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**

**LASTING GIFTS** - "Lasting Gifts, a guide for gifts to the Holy Cross Church." Copies of these pamphlets are in the vestibule of the church. Please consider yourself to participate in this project. Our parish celebrates **99 years of service**. Let us consider the future of our parish as it continues blessings for its members and for the community. This pamphlet was prepared by the Stewardship Committee and approved by the Parish Committee.

**MASS INTENTIONS** - *In order to request the Holy Mass Intention such as For the Sick, In Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Beseech God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries, please contact Fr. Joseph 973-256-4888*



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Our church property is in need of some minor touch-up projects, such as, painting the parish hall and maintenance on the exterior of the Day Care building. If you can spare a few hours on a Saturday to donate your time to help with these projects it would be greatly appreciated. Please call 201-247-4832 so that I know that you are available to help.

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