

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY) MARCH 30, 2025

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" - John 8:10

INTRODUCTION



Today's readings are filled, not only with examples of God's abundant mercy and love, but of right living. Paul reminds us that everything outside of the pursuit of Christ is rubbish. And if we are to call ourselves followers of Christ, we must keep our focus on what lies ahead. Let us begin by letting go of our judgments and our earthly desires so we may enter into this time with our minds and hearts lifted completely to God.

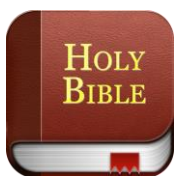
SCRIPTURE READINGS

Is 43:16-21 Remember not the events of the past; I am doing something new!

Ps 126 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy

Phil 3:8-14 Continue to pursue God's upward calling

Jn 8:1-11 Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more



9:00 am – Lector: Tracey Banta

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 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 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 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 – 14th Ann. – 4/15

Robert Robles & Lisset Rojas – 10th Ann. – 4/18

Edward and Beverly Obssuth – 34th Ann. – 4/21

Tyler Ferrel & Megan Figueroa – 3rd Ann. – 4/22

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

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



Holy Cross Church Face Book – link **www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com**

Visiting our website [Blog 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, thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**

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PASSION SUNDAY – APRIL 6, 2025

9:00 AM The Holy Mass for All Parishioners

10:10 am – First Holy Communion Class

11:00 am – Sunday School in the parish hall

11:00 AM – Holy Mass + Zofia, Józef i Stanisław

Lisowski; Henryk Wysocki, Teofilia Piorkowska;

Off. By Chris & Donna Wysocki

+Maysoon Awad, Balkees Awad, Mazen Sami, Najeeba Aboudi, Salma Aboudi, Mikhail Awad, Sabeth Quako; Req. by Hilal Hana & Family

After Mass – Confirmation Class

3 pm – Agape (Last Supper of Jesus), Heart of Jesus Parish, 290 Avenue E, Bayonne, NJ

Monday, April 7, 2025 – Lent - St. Aphraates, C.

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

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – Lent – St. Dionysius, Bp.

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

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 – Lent – St. Mary of Clopas, NT, Ma

7:30 am - Holy Mass for youth of our parish

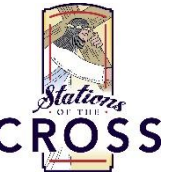
Thursday, April 10, 2025 – Lent – St. Martyrs of Carthage, M.

7:30 pm - Mass for the sick and homebound

Friday, April 4, 2025 – Lent – ST. Leo the Great, Bp., D.

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

7:00 pm – Stations of The Cross



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 All Parishioners

After Mass – Confirmation Class



NEXT PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday – April 14th at 7 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. 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 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 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 procession at 11 am inside of 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](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 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)



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. The prayer will give us the opportunity to reflect upon the redemptive sufferings of our Lord and Savior. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY AT 3 PM. 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 and Good Friday by those who are 14 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.

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.*



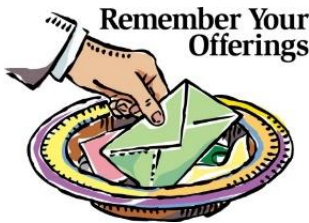
EASTER EGG HUNT – will take place on Sunday April 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. All children from our parish are invited to enjoy this event. The refreshment will follow in the parish hall. Please invite your friends.

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.



**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 6 – Lucy Daum by Richard Daum

Wek of April 13 – Hughie Vickerilla by Bev. Vickerilla

Week of April 20 – Charlotte Mandelle 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.

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 100th anniversary of service in 2026.

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HOLY WEEK 2025

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,**

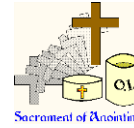
Holy Mass of Resurrection

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

Christ is risen!

He is Risen indeed!

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



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.

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



Successful Fish & Chips took place last Sunday March 30, 2025.

52 portions of Cod Fillet, Fries, Cole Slaw, and 12 portions of Chicken with Fries were made outside of the parish hall by Tastefully British LLC from Bloomingdale, NJ. We enjoyed the Luncheon as well as two draws of the 50/50 and gift basket donated by the Cyman Fam. We thank Fran Cuccinello who with the help of others did all the planning for this wonderful event. We thank those who helped to serve and did clean up after the event.

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All Are Welcome!

- Imagine a Church that is One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic and yet democratic
- The ethnic beginning has grown into a multicultural community.
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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



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