

# 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY ORD. TIME – AUGUST 24, 2025

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

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**SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am**

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

*"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Luke 13:24*

## INTRODUCTION

Who would not be interested in accepting God's endless mercy? Today's readings remind us that not everyone responds in the same way to what is offered. Living the Gospel is a joy and a privilege, with ultimate rich rewards. But we know there is no guarantee of a smooth journey. The discipline required may not be for everyone — even those we love. All we can do is to

embrace the invitation issued to us and pray that countless others will join us in discipleship when they are ready

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isa 66:18-21 God's mercy will extend to all people.

Psalms 117 Go out to all the world and tell the good news.

Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13 Encouragement to those enduring hardship and trials

Luke 13:22-30 Not all will take advantage of God's mercy.

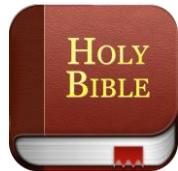
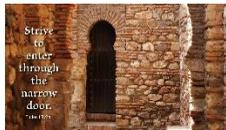
## WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Edward Obsuth 11:00 am – Lector: Melissa Betancur

**SHOPPING CERTIFICATES** - 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: Susan Kosciński, John Ruyzam, Robert Sleece, Pat Olsen, Dante Domicolo, Monika Lukowiak, Barbara Kosciński, Michael Piascik, Floyd Vivino,

Devin D. Lopez, George, Pat, Irena & Robert Daniewski, Tadeusz & Maria 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 and mail it to us or place it in the collection basket.

Matthew Vasquez / Pilar Martinez – Aug 4 – 7 Ann.

Fabian & Michelle Prieto – 8/23 – 11<sup>th</sup> Ann.

Rafal Daniewski/Ewa Sobstyl – 8/29 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Ann

Hugo Carvajal/Griselle Fernandez - 8/31 – 12<sup>th</sup> Ann.



Holy Cross Church Face Book – link [www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com)

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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**SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025 – 21 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**9:00 AM** Holy Mass for All Parishioners Living and Deceased

After Service – Hughie’s Coffee Hour

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for All Parishioners Living and Deceased

After Service – Hughie’s Coffee Hour

**Monday August 25, 2025 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

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

7:30 pm – Parish Committee Meeting

**Tuesday August 26, 2025 – Our Lady of Czestochowa**

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

**Wednesday August 27, 2025 – St. Monica**

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

**Thursday, August 28, 2025 – St. Augustine, Bp., D.**

7:30 am – Holy Mass for sick and homebound

**Friday, August 29, 2025 – Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist**

7:30 am – Holy Mass for Benefactors Living and Deceased



**SUNDAY AUGUST 31, 2025 – 22 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**9:00 AM** Holy Mass for All Parishioners Living and Deceased

After Service – Hughie’s Coffee Hour

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for All Parishioners Living and Deceased

After Service – Hughie’s Coffee Hour

**ENROLLMENT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION 2025-26 are OPEN** – CONTACT parish office at 201-247-4832 (or text) or email church office [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com). THANK YOU.



**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION SUNDAY NOV. 9, 2025 @ 11 AM with reception in the parish hall.** Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**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)



**PRAYER CHAIN AT HOLY CROSS** - Dear friends, please join our parish in DAILY PRAYER CHAIN. We pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Price of Peace for peace in the world and for **peaceful conflict resolutions between divided countries**. 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.



## Upcoming Events:



- Sept. 14, 2025 – Sunday School resume classes at 11 am
- September 14, 2025 – First H. Communion Class at 10 am
- Sept 14, 2025 – Confirmation Class after 11 am Mass
- September 28, 2025 – NY/NJ Adoration Society Meeting at Holy Cross Church @ 3 pm
- October 5 – Holy Mass with Blessing of Animals in the parish hall at 11 am
- Oct. 25, 2025 – Tricky Tray door open at 4 pm, calling of trays at 6 pm
- Nov. 9, 2025 - SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION @ 11 AM with reception in the parish hall. Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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 this is QR Code you can scan to access or find Holy Cross’ Venmo account.



**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 August 24, 2025 – available.**

**Week of September 7, 2025 – available**

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

**Dear Parishioners** – You have all generously supported your parish, for which the parish committee and I are extremely thankful. Nevertheless, we ask you to prayerfully consider underwriting the cost of some needed supplies for the parish for some essential operating costs of the parish. You can send a donation by mail or place it in the collection basket.



**Monthly Church Mutual Insurance (parish property) - \$860** paid by John Ruyzan in memory of Stella Ruyzam & Joseph Ruyzam Sr. Thank you

**The annual fire alarm monitoring: \$400** – paid by Susan Hornak – thank you

**Annual Burglary alarm - \$440 -**

**The annual website and Facebook fees \$325 -**

**The annual fire alarm system inspection: \$260 -**

**One monthly payment for copier - \$220 -**

**Care Notes (booklets) - \$170** – Paid by Richard Daum, thank you

**Monthly telephone and internet payment - \$150**



## Monthly 50/50 In House Fundraiser

As you know, next year, 2026, we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The Holy Cross Church. As part of the renovations that needed to be accomplished was new carpeting and padding throughout the church. D&B1 Carpet and Flooring expertly completed the project in a timely and professional manner. We have successfully initiated a monthly in-house 50/50 fundraiser to help defer the cost of this project. The tickets are available on Sundays in the Parish Hall. Tickets may be purchased in the amounts of 1 for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00 and, to increase your purchasing and winning power, we have added a new donation of 5 for \$15.00. Drawings will be held on the last Sunday of each month and you need not be at the drawing in order to win. All we ask is that you provide your name and telephone number on the ticket in order for us to be able to advise you of your winning. We thank you in advance for your anticipated participation. We support Our House of Prayer, a place that is Welcoming to All.



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



**Request for Volunteers** - 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.

**2025 SOME ADULT ENVELOPES** are still available in the parish hall. Please pick up yours. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church. May the Lord reward your generosity.

**THANK YOU**



- We thank all parishioners for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of our parish.
- Each Friday the Holy Mass is celebrated for all benefactors living and deceased.
- We thank Richard Daum, Marietta Erhardt – Financial Secretary and Paul Murphy, Treasurer for their services.
- 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 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!

**Holy Cross Catholic Church PNCC 99 years of service**

All Are Welcome!

- Imagine a Church that is One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic and yet democratic
- The ethnic beginning has grown into a multicultural community.
- The Church that has all valid sacraments
- Teaches traditional spiritual and moral values
- Marriage has been allowed before or after ordination for deacons, priests and bishops since 1921.
- The laity and clergy have equal voice in the election of bishops.
- The management of the material matters of each parish is performed by the Parish Committee along with their Pastor.

**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!

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**ALTAR SERVERS** We thank all Altar servers serving in our parish. We would like to continue the process of bringing on more altar servers at our Masses. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Parish Hall. Parents, please put your child's name in the Sunday that they can serve. You will be notified as a reminder prior to their Sunday Mass.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH  
TRICKY TRAY  
**Barnyard Fun**

At: **St. George Orth. Church**  
**237 Long Hill Rd. Little Falls, NJ 07424**

**Oct. 25, 2025**

**Doors Open: 4:00 pm / Callings begin: 6:00 pm**

**MUST be 18 to attend**

**HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE**

Approximately 12 Platinum Trays-over \$200

Approximately 25 Grand Trays - over \$100

Approximately 75 Super Trays - \$50 plus,

Approximately 100 Regular Trays - \$35 plus,

Scratch Offs and other great prizes

50/50 raffle (ID No. 543-136174)

need not be present to win

Scratch Offs, \$100 Gift Cards, many other Gift Cards and great prizes...

Pre-Paid **ADMISSION** - \$15 payable to:

**Holy Cross Church, 220 Browertown Rd., Woodland Pk, NJ 07424**

**Pre-Paid ADMISSION includes** coffee / tea and an array of desserts & **TWO** sheets of 26 regular prize chances. **Purchase pre-packaged raffles**

**ADMISSION FEE ON DAY OF THE EVENT (if available) - \$20 includes** coffee / tea, sweets & **ONE** sheet of 26 regular prize chances.

Buy **HOT DOGS, PIZZAS, EMPANADAS, WATER, SODA**

You can bring your own food

**HAVE a FAMILY REUNION!!!** Reserve a table for 8-10 participants

**Contact: Church cell phone 201-247-4832**

**Fran [francuccinello@gmail.com](mailto:francuccinello@gmail.com) Office [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com)**

**Penni 973-768-7917 [www.holycrosssite.org](http://www.holycrosssite.org)**

**Come and Enjoy!**



Sacrament of Marriage

**Nancy Nakhle  
&  
Corey Burr**

Aug. 21, 2025

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Holy Cross  
• in house  
**50/50**  
Drawing on the  
*Last Sunday Of the Month*  
*"winner need not be present"*  
**\$5.00 for 1**  
**\$10.00 for 3**  
**\$15.00 for 5**  
Tickets Available in Parish  
Hall on Sundays

**Holy Cross Church**

# “Barnyard Fun”

## Tricky Tray Packages

**TRICKY TRAY HELD AT - St. George’s Orthodox Church, 237 Long Hill Rd, Little Falls, N.J.**

**October 25, 2024**

YOUR NAME-----

ADDRESS-----

PHONE NUMBER-----EMAIL-----

BRONZE PACKAGE \$40.00 (VALUE OF \$65.00)      SILVER PACKAGE \$70.00 (VALUE OF 100.00)

10 SUPER PRIZE TICKETS (RED TICKET)      15 SUPER TICKETS (RED TICKET)

6 GRAND PRIZE TICKETS (GREEN TICKET)      9 GRAND TICKETS (GREEN TICKET)

1 PLATINUM TICKET (YELLOW TICKET)      2 PLATINUM TICKETS (YELLOW TICKET)

PLATINUM PACKAGE \$100.00 (VALUE OF \$150)

20 SUPER TICKETS (RED TICKET)

15 GRAND TICKETS (GREEN TICKET)

3 PLATINUM TICKETS (YELLOW TICKET)

**EXTRA TICKETS**

REGULAR PRIZES (BLUE TICKETS) 1 FOR \$5.00      3 FOR \$10.00

SUPER PRIZES (RED TICKETS) 1 FOR \$5.00      3 FOR \$10.00

GRAND PRIZES (GREEN TICKETS) 1 FOR \$5.00      3 FOR \$10.00

PLATINUM PRIZES (YELLOW TICKETS) 1 FOR \$10.00      3 FOR \$20.00

**PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING TICKET PACKAGES WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR**

# \_\_\_\_\_ BRONZE @\$40.00      TOTAL OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ SILVER @\$70.00      TOTAL OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ PLATINUM @\$100.00      TOTAL OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ ADMISSION TICKET @ \$15.00      TOTAL OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Return form and check to**

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH, 220 BROWERTOWN RD, WOODLAND PARK, NJ 07424**

**MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE TO ATTEND**



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Thank you.

