

21ST SUNDAY ORD. TIME – AUGUST 31, 2025

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

" My friend, move up to a higher position.' ... For everyone who exalts himself will humbled, Luke 14:10-11

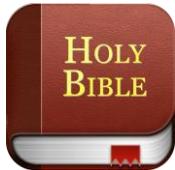
INTRODUCTION



Today's readings focus on humility and instruct us to attend to those who are most needy. After all these centuries, they seem especially relevant now. How to conduct ourselves when we live in a culture that promotes success, power, self-glorification at every level? Awareness — both of self and others — is essential. Jesus calls us to sacrifice our own wants, pay attention to those in need and expect no reward in return. That sounds easier than it is, which is why we're gathered today to ask God's help and

blessing.

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 - Wise advice on humility Psalm 68 - God, you have made a home for the poor. Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a - The glory of living in the new covenant with Christ Luke 14:1, 7-14 - A banquet parable on living humbly and serving the most

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Rosie Castillo 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 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 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 – 11th Ann.

Rafal Daniewski/Ewa Sobstyl – 8/29 – 33rd Ann

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



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

Visiting our website Blog 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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SUNDAY AUGUST 31, 2025 – 22 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Michael P. Lazor; Off. by Clair Swede
 After Service – Hughie’s Coffee Hour

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for All Parishioners Living and Deceased
 After Service – Hughie’s Coffee Hour

Monday September 1, 2025 - St. Giles, Ab.

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

Tuesday September 2, 2025 – St. Antonius of Pamiers, M.

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

Wednesday September 3, 2025 – St. Gregory Bp. D.

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

Thursday, September 4, 2025 – St. Rosalia, V.

7:30 am – Holy Mass for sick and homebound

Friday, September 5, 2025 – St. Zachary the Prophet, N.T.

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 – 23 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Dominick Bucci (1st Ann.); Off. by Fran & Al Cuccinello

After Service – Hughie’s Coffee Hour
 Preparation for Tricky Tray meeting

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for +Sophie & Michael Gula Jr., Eva & Michael Gula Sr, Anastasia & John Lazor Sr, Matrona & David

Berdnik; Off. by Michele & Ed Lazor

After Service – Hughie’s Coffee Hour

2025-26 – Enrolment for Holy Communion & Confirmation, Sunday School is due by Sept. 13, 2025 CONTACT parish office at 201-247-4832 (or text) or email church office holycrosspncc1@gmail.com. THANK YOU.

Classes begin on Sunday Sept. 14, 2025. See flyer.

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 100th 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.

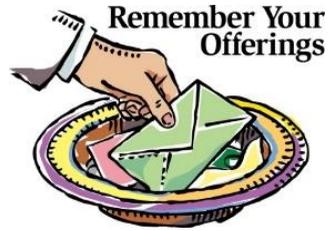


Monthly 50/50 In House Fundraiser

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."



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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!



GOD'S FIELD – (Rola Boza) ONLINE The latest issue of God's Field is now available online at <http://www.pncc.org>. Click on the God's Field link at the top of the home page and follow the directions to access the recent issue. We hope you enjoy reading about the life and work of our parishes.



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

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Come and Enjoy!

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)

10 SUPER PRIZE TICKETS (RED TICKET)

6 GRAND PRIZE TICKETS (GREEN TICKET)

1 PLATINUM TICKET (YELLOW TICKET)

SILVER PACKAGE \$70.00 (VALUE OF 100.00)

15 SUPER TICKETS (RED TICKET)

9 GRAND TICKETS (GREEN 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

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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



If you don't have checks, you can pay online using Venmo. For anyone looking to donate electronically, Holy Cross' Venmo account is @holycrosspncc. This electronic donation has 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. Please mail this form and specify in Venmo payment that your payment is for entrance tickets and packages.

Thank you.

Dear Parents and Youth of Holy Cross Church



On Sunday, September 14th we will welcome our youth back to Sunday School at Holy Cross.

We hope that you and your family had an enjoyable vacation.

All our teaching staff members Ms. Natalie, Mr. Paul and substitute teachers here at Holy Cross are ready to begin a new season teaching and sharing God's Word.

The teachers continue to commit and share their time and talent for the spiritual growth of your children.

However, they still need your commitment to regularly bring them on Sundays.

IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE FAMILIES AND CONTINUE TO INCREASE CLASS ATTENDANCE, WE WILL BE HOLDING CLASSES DURING THE SECOND SERVICE AT 11 AM.

Parents with children under the age of three are welcome to accompany their children in the parish hall during church service. There they can watch Mass being televised.

The Coffee Hour will still be available between and after service. Enjoy a variety of refreshments.

We plan to keep the "Youth Mass" on the last Sunday of the month with children participating as altar servers, greeters, choir members, readers of the "prayers of the faithful", and in the "offering of the gifts".

Sunday school students not only receive a religious education but also participate in a variety of enjoyable activities provided by the teachers and the parish. These activities include Pumpkin Picking, Apple Picking and Hayride, Christmas Luncheon, an Easter Egg Hunt and Party, a graduation ceremony, Parish Picnic and much more.

Youth also have the opportunity to give back to the community by helping the less fortunate and preparing plants for seniors, Thanksgiving Food Baskets for needy families, providing food and clothing for the homeless and collecting nonperishable food items.

We welcome substitute teachers to join us.

Please join us by enrolling your child in this free of charge program.

Parents whose children are already enrolled in Sunday School please complete the form as well.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fall 2025 Sunday School education calendar, and registration form. Please complete the form, sign and return to Holy Cross before September 10, 2025.

With prayers and best wishes,

Rev. Joseph R. Cyman, Sunday School Teachers



SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING SCHEDULE FALL 2025

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 14 – Classes begins (Solemnity of Brotherly Love)
- 21 – Classes Meet
- 28 – Classes Meet (Youth Mass at 11:00 A.M.)

OCTOBER 2025

- 5 – Classes Meet (Blessing of Pets at 11:00 A.M. Mass in the parish hall)
- 12 – Classes Meet – Solemnity of Christian Family
- 19 – Classes Meet
- 26 – Classes Meet (Youth Mass at 11:00 A.M.)

NOVEMBER 2025

- 2 – Classes Meet
- 9 – Classes Meet (Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy)
- 16 – Classes Meet (Youth Mass at 11:00 A.M.)
- 23 – Classes meet – Solemnity of Christ the King
- 30 – Classes meet 1st **SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Prayers / Advent Wreath at the Mass (Youth Mass at 11:00 A.M.)

DECEMBER 2025

- 7 – Classes Meet – 2nd **SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Prayers / Advent Wreath at the Mass
- 14 – Classes Meet – 3rd **SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Prayers / Advent Wreath at the Mass
CHRISTMAS DINNER AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – after 11 am Mass
- 21 – Classes Meet – 4th **SUNDAY OF ADVENT (practicing songs for Christmas Eve)**
Prayers and lighting of Advent Wreath at the Mass
- 24 – **CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS – Monday** (4 PM with youth participation)
- 28 – Solemnity of Humble Shepherds (Youth Mass at 11:00 A.M.)

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