

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 14, 2025

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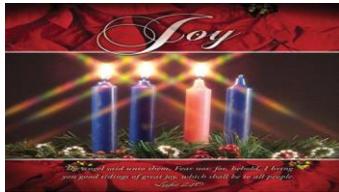
The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor

The Deacon William Gaydos / The Deacon Mark Kosciński

SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am
WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

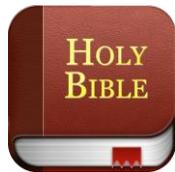
“Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” (Mt 11:3)

INTRODUCTION



John the Baptist was in prison and obviously was going through a time of challenge and uncertainty. He sent his messengers to ask Jesus if he is the Messiah. Jesus answered that his presence as the Messiah is visible in his action of deliberating people from poverty and illnesses as well as spreading the good news of salvation. Today many may ask similar questions. Will God end poverty and war? The answer is simple. If people would be involved in acts of compaction, love, service and forgiveness then God’s presence would be in our midst. There will be no poverty or war. Are we sharing Jesus’ love and peace in our life?

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 Isaiah describes the fulfillment of human longing.
Ps 146 Lord, come and save us.
Jas 5:7-10 A call for patient waiting.
Mt 11:2-11 Jesus fulfills Isaiah’s promises

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Marty Maher 11:00 am – Lector:

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES - 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: Susan Kosciński, John Ruyzam, Robert Sleece, Pat Olsen, Dante Domicolo, Monika Lukowiak, 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.

Jose Acosta/Paola Perez – 12/3 – 20th Ann.

John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 53nd Ann.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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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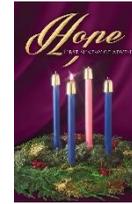
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A. - DEC. 14, 2025
ADVENT TREE CONTINUES

9:00 AM Holy Mass for deceased +Fay Goglia; *Req. by Mary Vitaletti*

After Service – Hughie’s Coffee Hour
 10:00 Am – First Holy Communion Class
 Sunday School at 11 am in the parish hall

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for Parishioners



First Communion Class

After Mass - CHRISTMAS DINNER
“With Santa” – Ho, Ho, Ho, Enjoy!

Monday December 15, 2025 – St. Nino, V.

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

Tuesday December 16, 2025 – St. Adelaide, W.

7:30 am – Holy Mass for safety on our country

Wednesday December 17, 2025 – St. Lazarus of Bethany, NT

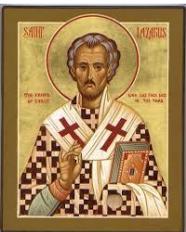
7:30 am – Holy Mass for youth of our parish

Thursday, December 18, 2025 – St. Rufus & Zosimus, M.

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

Friday, December 19, 2025 – St. Boniface of Tarsus, M.

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A. - DEC. 21, 2025
ADVENT TREE ENDS

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

After Service – Hughie’s Coffee Hour
 10:00 Am – First Holy Communion Class
 Sunday School at 11 am in the parish hall

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for Parishioners



First Communion Class

After Mass – Hughie’s Coffee Hour
New Group – Confirmation Class (Enrolment is open)

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 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 on May 17, 2026.



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 Nov. 30, 2025 – in memory of John & Adele Sincavage by Bev. Vickerilla

Week of Dec. 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.

Upcoming Events:

December 14, 2025 after 11 am Mass - Christmas Luncheon with Santa

Dec. 21, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Advent / Advent Tree ends

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Mass (Wednesday) at 4 pm

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass (Thursday) at 10 am (ONE MASS)

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.



Dear Parishioners – For all generous supported for our parish, 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.



The annual website and Facebook fees \$325 -

100TH Anniversary sign - \$450

The annual fire alarm system inspection: \$260 – Paid by Adoration Society (ANS)

Annual Burglary alarm - \$440 – Paid by Joe & John Ruyzam

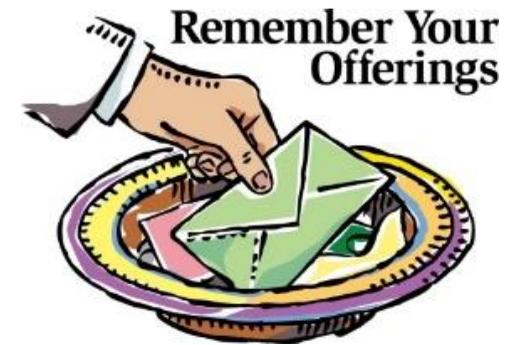
monthly payment for copier - \$220 – Donated by Cyman Family in memory of John Plaxa

Monthly telephone and internet payment - \$150 – Deacon Mark & Susan Kosciński

Monthly 50/50 In House Fundraiser

Our fundraiser is to help defray the cost of recent renovations including a new carpet in the church. This is our preparation for 100th Anniversary in 2026. The tickets are available on Sundays in the Parish Hall. We thank you in advance for your anticipated participation. The next drawing will take place on Nov. 30, 2025.

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



Next year 2026 we will celebrate our 100th Anniversary of our parish. In Christ we are one body... In the parish hall there is a special poster with crosses. Please write your family name, color it and place it on the board. With joy we celebrate our centennial anniversary on Sunday May 17, 2026. Mark your calendars.



SUNDAY ENVELOPES – 2026 – Boxes of envelopes with your names are available in the parish hall. Please pick up on Sundays. May the Lord reward your generosity abundantly. If you cannot find your Sunday envelopes, please contact church office 201-247-4832 / holycrosspncc1@gmail.com.

ORGANIST at HOLY CROSS

We are looking for an additional part time organist to serve in our parish.



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**Christmas
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4:00 P.M. – WITH
YOUTH

PARTICIPATION

10:00 P.M. – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Christmas Day

10:00 A.M. – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Please join us to celebrate
The birth of our Lord

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Holy Cross Family



OPLATEK – CHRISTMAS WAFERS are available in the parish hall in Advent to keep the tradition of sharing it with the family and members of the household at the beginning of the supper on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day when family gathers for Christmas. A donation of \$3 will be appreciated. Thank you



ADVENT TREE - This annual project began on Sunday Nov. 30, 2025 and will continue until Sunday, December 21, 2025. Our gift items will be distributed to boys and girls under DYFS care,

senior men and women living in EVA'S SHELTER, Paterson, NJ. Your generosity is appreciated and rewarded by the Lord who asks us to take care of the needy. All gifts are due on Sunday, December 21, 2025.





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.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – All parishioners are asked to make a donation to the Christmas Flower Fund. Special envelopes are enclosed in the envelope box and also are available in the vestibule of the church. You would be asked to please return your donations by Sunday, December 21, 2025. Your donation including names of your departed loved ones will be printed in the

Christmas bulletin. Any later donations will appear in the consecutive bulletins. Thank you

Parish Pictorial Directory by Universal Church Directory

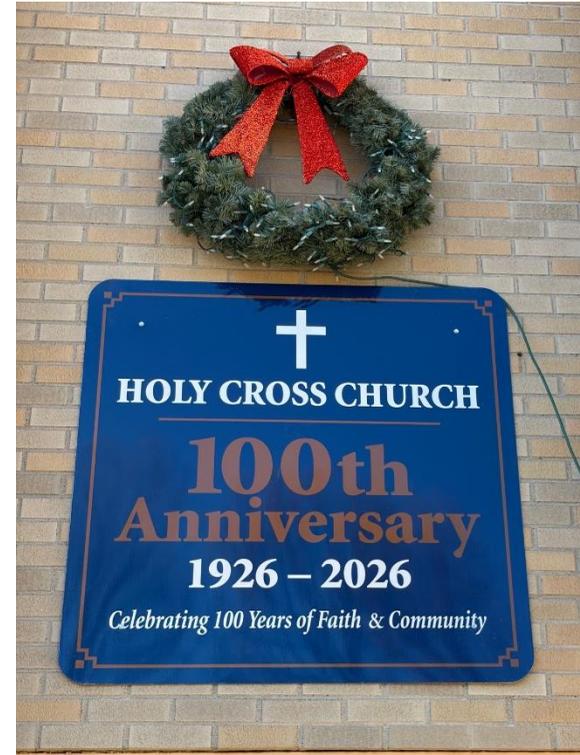


Our parish had the last pictorial church directory done in 2009. Next year, as we know, we will celebrate our 100th anniversary. It is a great occasion to have another church directory honoring our service to our community for the past one hundred years. In contact with the Universal Church Directory, we scheduled the date. The pictures of individuals and families will be taken on Monday April 13, 2026. Based on the number of parishioners taking

pictures we may have a second day. This directory will not be complete without you. If you are a member of Holy Cross your entire life or you just joined our parish family, please feel that it is a privilege and honor to be part of our project. Volunteers would be needed. Please contact our church office at holycrosspncc1@gmail.com or simply

contact one of our parish committee members. Thank you in advance. God bless!

Aluminum and reflective sign – 100th Anniversary



To express our joy from celebrating 100th anniversary of our presence in the community of Woodland Park and beyond we ordered an aluminum and reflective sign. The sign was mounted above the front door of our church. Our special 100th Anniversary Mass and Dinner will take place on Sunday May 17, 2026. Help us to organize this event and plan to attend with your family members and friends. Save the date. More information to follow. If you wish, you may help the parish to cover the cost of the sign in memory of your loved ones.



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- 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.

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.)



Dear Friends, plan ahead to bless your homes.

After Christmas we traditionally bless our homes following the Feast of the Epiphany. The blessing of our places we live is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk blessed during the Epiphany liturgy and write above the home's entryway, 20 + C + M + B + 26. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three Wise Men - Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

The "+" signs represent the cross and 2026 is the current year.

Fr Joseph would be pleased to visit you and your family to bless your home or apartment. Please contact him either by phone or email so he can set up a time for the visit and blessing. 201-247-4832 (cell) holycrosspncc1@gmail.com