

FEAST OF HUMBLE SHEPHERDS - DEC. 28, 2025

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

“The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God”

INTRODUCTION



SOLEMNITY
of
Humble
Shepherds

The Humble Shepherds feast was called into being by the Synod that gathered in Scranton in 1906. The clergy and laity gathered at that time were for the most part poor, immigrant laborers. Many workers that time were coal miners. They worked very hard, often in horrible and dangerous conditions. And it was these very people who gathered at Synod when the PNCC was not even

ten years old and voted to honor the humble shepherds of Bethlehem and all that they stood for. It took hard working people to recognize hard working shepherds. This feast remembers people who are disadvantaged in many ways in our society today. This Solemnity shows how God interacts with humanity. God sent His angels to the poor workers of the region to announce His salvation. In fact, He chose the lowest of the low to receive this news.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES READING

Isaiah 62:11-12 ‘See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him

Psalms 128 Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Luke 2:15-20 - The shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Martin 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: 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 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.

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

John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 53rd 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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9:00 AM Holy Mass for +John Swider, Deceased of Swider Family and



SOLEMNITY
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shepherds

Kutzer families; Off, by Verna Swider (All Souls)

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

After Mass – Hughie’s Coffee Hour

New Group – Confirmation Class (Enrolment is open)

Monday December 29, 2025 – Octave of Christmas

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

Tuesday December 30, 2025 – Octave of Christmas - St. Sabinus & Companions, M.

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

Wednesday Dec. 31, 2025 – St. Silvester 1 of Rome, Bp.

7:30 am – Holy Mass of thanksgiving for blessings in 2025

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 – Holy Name of Jesus / Circumcision of the Lord

7:30 am – Holy Mass asking blessings in 2026

Friday, Jan. 2, 2026 – St. Macarius of Alexandria, Ab. C.

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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JAN 4, 2026

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

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First Communion Class



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.

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 Dec. 14, 2025 – Hughie Vickerilla; by Bev. Vickerilla

Week of Dec. 21, 2025 – John & Adele Sincavage; by Bev. Vickerilla

Week of Dec. 28, 2025 William Vrablik; by M/M James Cimmino

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:

Feb. 15, 2026 – St. Valentine's Luncheon after 11 am Mass

Feb. 22, 2026 – Annual Parish Meeting (10-11 am)

March 15, 2026 – St. Patrick Luncheon after 11 am Mass

March 22, 2026 – Agape service

April 5, 2025 – Resurrection of our Lord (Masses at 9 am and 11 am)



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

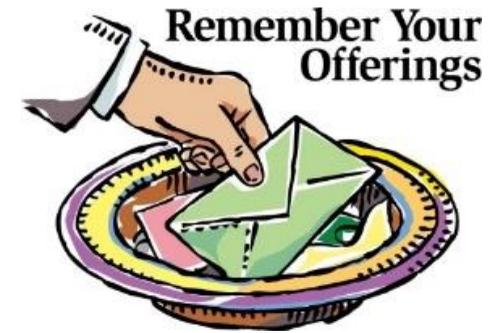
monthly payment for copier - \$220 – Donated by Cyman Family in memory of John Plaxa

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

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.



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.

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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.

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

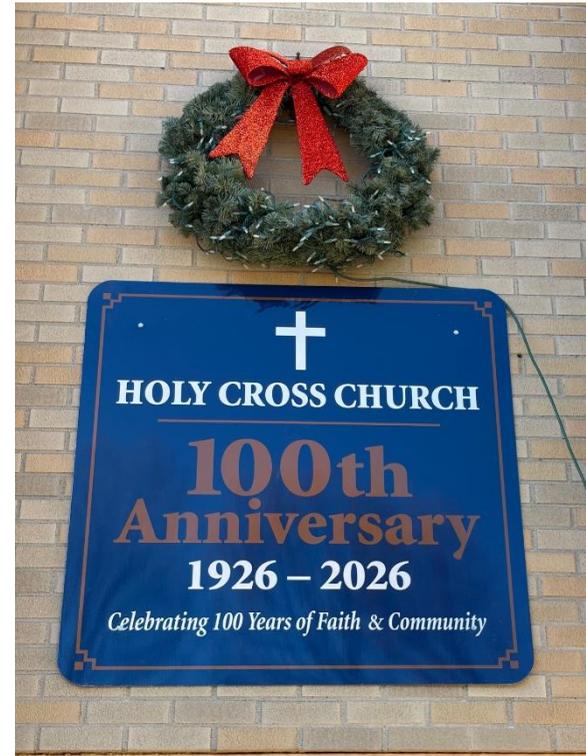
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the number of parishioners taking pictures we may have a second day. This directory will not be complete without you. If you are a member of Holy Cross your entire life or you just joined our parish family, please feel that it is a privilege and honor 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.



God's Field: *The Official Publication of the Polish National Catholic Church*



We wish to thank Fred and Marietta Erhardt for sponsoring financially the AED equipment – Defibrillator (Combo unit to resuscitate adults and children). The unit is mounted on the parish hall wall by the door leading to the kitchen and restrooms. The total cost of AED equipment was \$2,282.

We appreciate their generous contribution for the safety of our parish members and visitors.

Susan Hornak (Koscinski) Obituary



It is with sadness we inform you about the passing of Susan Kornak (Koscinski) wife of Deacon Mark Koscinki, who passed away on Dec. 22, 2025. With solemn reverence, we commemorate Susan Hornak (Phillipsburg, New Jersey), whose life came to an end on December 22, 2025 at the age of 55, leaving behind cherished memories. Family and friends can [send flowers](#) and/or light a candle as a loving gesture for their loved one. Leave a sympathy message to the family in the guestbook on this memorial page of Susan Hornak to show support. In the hush of twilight, as the stars twinkle in silent

homage, we reflect on the legacy Susan leaves behind and her impact on the lives of her loved ones. Though Susan may no longer walk among us, her spirit lives on in the memories held dear by her family and friends, a guiding light that illuminates their paths in times of darkness. She is survived by: her husband Deacon Mark Koscinski; her brother Paul Hornak; and her friends, Julie Bair and Fran Taylor. She is also survived by three children by marriage and five grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 28th 2025 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Rupell Funeral Home (465 Memorial Pkwy, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865). A funeral Mass will be held on Monday, December 29th 2025 at 11:00 AM at the Our Lord's Ascension Polish National Catholic Church (2105 Jennings St, Bethlehem, PA

BLESSING OF HOMES/ APARTMENTS

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



Christmas Eve: On Christmas Eve at 4 pm we traditionally celebrated Holy Mass with our youth participation. They wear costumes of Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel, Shepherds, Three Kings, Angels and a Little Lamb. The youth read the Holy Scriptures, and sang together with participants of the Mass the Silent Night with lighted candles and well receptive Feliza Navidad. We thank the youth, parents, School of Christian Living teachers, Ms. Natalie and Mr. Paul and all who helped to celebrate the Birth of Jesus in such a joyful and meaningful way.



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**

May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you now and all throughout the coming year 2026



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year- 2026

*Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia i
Szczesliwego Nowego Roku- 2026!*

*Joyeux Noel et Bonne Novell L'Annee 2026!
Feliz Navidad y Buen Ano Nuevo 2026!
Froehliche Weihnachten und ein gutes neues Jahr 2026!
Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nouvo 2026!
Sretan Bozic! Sretna Nova Godina! 2026!
Vesele vanoce a st'astny Novy Rok 2026!*

Father Joseph Cyman with Family and the Parish Committee

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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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- Teaches traditional spiritual and moral values
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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.

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)



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