

FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JAN. 11, 2026

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:17

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We will hear in the Gospel that Jesus was baptized by his cousin John, and we hear the voice of God saying,

“This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.” Let us pray for the gift to live our lives so that we hear these words spoken in our hearts — that we are loved and pleasing to our God.



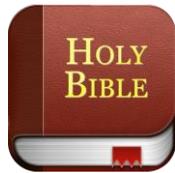
TODAY'S SCRIPTURES READING

Isa 42:1-4, 6-7 This is my servant, my chosen one.

Psalms 29:1-4; 9-10 The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

Acts 10:34-38 God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Matt 3:13-17 The baptism of Jesus



WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Rosie Cascina 11:00 am – Lector: Natalie Cyman

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: 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.

Kevin & Karyn Ortega – 2/3 – 3rd Ann.

Chirag & Aarti Taylor – 2/19 – 11th Ann.

Fr. Joseph and Renata Cyman – 2/21 – 28th 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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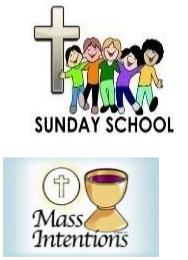
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SOLEMNITY OF BAPTISM OF OUR LORD - JAN 11, 2026



9:00 AM Holy Mass for deceased **Ruth Hudzik, Stanley Hudzik**; *Off. by Diane Bishop (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 deceased **Richard Jakob, Jean & Joseph Zajac, Helen & Dawn Zajac & Ruth & Arthur Jacob**; *Off. by Susan Jakob (All Souls)*
 After Mass – **Hughie's Coffee Hour**
New Group – Confirmation Class (Enrolment is open)
Monday January 12, 2026 – St. Benedict, Bp.

7:30 am – Holy Mass for peace in the world
Tuesday January 13, 2026 – St. Berno of Cluny, Ab.
7:30 am – Holy Mass for safety on our country
Wednesday Jan. 14, 2026 – St. Hilary of Poitiers, Br., D.
7:30 am – Holy Mass for the youth of our parish
Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026 – St. Paul the Hermit, H.
7:30 am – Holy Mass sick and homebound
Friday, Jan. 16, 2026 – St. Marcellus, Bp., M.
7:30 am – Holy Mass for growth of our parish



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDI. TIME - JAN 18, 2026

9:00 AM Holy Mass for **Alphonse & Evelyn Cuccinello, Domenico & Anna Bucci**; *Off. by Al & Fran Cuccinello (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 **Susan Hornak**; *Off. by Deacon Mark Koscinski*

After Mass - **Hughie Coffee Hour / Confirmation Class (Enrolment is open)**
Michael Piascik (103) passed away Jan. 9th. Deepest sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.



This year 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 the 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 Jan. 18, 2026 – In memory of **Susan Koscinski** by *Deacon Mark Koscinski*

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, 2026 – Resurrection of our Lord (Masses at 9 am and 11 am)
- April 12 2026 –Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL)
- May 3, 2026 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- May 9, 2026 – NY/NJ Council meeting at SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Passaic NJ
- May 10, 2026 – Mother's Day Breakfast at 10 am
- June 7, 2026 – Church picnic
- June 14, 2026 –Father's Day Breakfast at 10 am
- June 17-19, 2026 – Men's Retreat at Bp. Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center



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.



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



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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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

This 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



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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

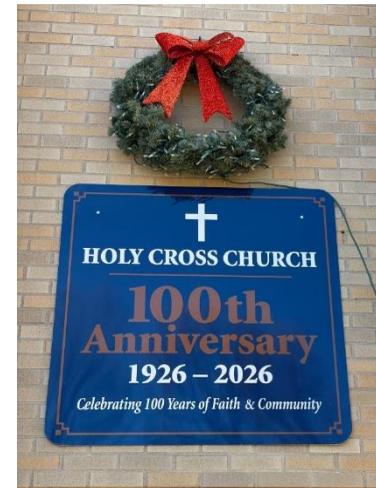
contact one of our parish committee members. Thank you in advance. We will contact you with more information. God bless!



THANK YOU for Christmas Flowers donations: *continue...* Marze Estrella; Doris Kowalik in memory of Robert Kowalik; Katlen Krom in memory the deceased member of the Rozic Family; The Rotsaert Family;

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. **(\$450)**

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. **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)



A custom in homes of many countries including Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Sweden is to inscribe above the front doors the letters C + M + B, placing a cross between each letter. This is done every year on January 6, Epiphany, commemorating the wisemen being led by the star to the manger. The legendary names of the Magi were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Many people interpret the three letters as the initials of those names. In reality these letters originate from the Latin phrase "Christus Manssem Benedicat" (May Christ bless this home). This religious custom expresses the belief that the Lord remains with His people throughout the year.



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**

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WINTER COATS , SCARFS, GLOVES, SWEATERS PLEASE DONATE LIGHTLY USED AND IN GOOD CONADITION COATS , SCARFS, GLOVES, SWEATERS. Please your donation in the parish hall. Donations will be given to Fr. English Food Pantry and Eva's Shelter respectfully in Paterson, NJ.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38

July 4, 2026 – Kurs – Youth Camp begins at Bp. Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Waymart, PA

August 3- 7 – CONVO – Youth convocation



HOLY CROSS CHURCH GOALS AND PROJECTS FOR 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we look ahead to the year 2026, Holy Cross Church is poised for growth, renewal, and service. Our goals and projects will focus on deepening our faith, strengthening our community, and reaching out to those in need. We aim to enhance our worship and spiritual programs, foster a sense of belonging among parishioners, and engage in outreach initiatives that reflect Christ's love. Through prayer, service, and fellowship we can build a vibrant and compassionate community that inspires and uplifts all. Let's work together to make 2026 a year of hope and spiritual growth.

Planning for our goals this year, we look forward to accomplishing some new projects and also continuing with all the other activities that we have enjoyed throughout the many years.

The holiday luncheons and dinners will continue to be enjoyed throughout the year.

Adding more fundraisers along with the annual Tricky Tray that is held in October.

Having pictures taken for the 2026 family photo album on April 13.

Celebrating Holy Cross's 100th anniversary on Sunday May 17th. with a Mass at 12 noon and celebratory dinner at the Brownstone.

Community outreach to our town and parishioners with the annual picnic in June

Donating to our community neighbors in need during the holidays

Expanding the enrollment for communion, confirmation and Sunday school classes.

Installation of a bench in front of the Blessed Mother statue in memory of Lucy Daum

Having a plaque made and hung in the parish hall in memory of Dominick Bucci

Addition of another part time organist

Repaving and stripping of the church parking lot

Addition of cushions on the church pews and more.

Volunteers are welcome to come on Wednesday morning to help in the parish office

Any service that you can provide would be welcomed for the growth of our parish.

With your help and continued support we can accomplish our plans and goals.

Looking forward to all the blessings of a New Year, as we fulfill our hopes and dreams for Holy Cross parish

Wishing you and your family a Very Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year 2026!

Fr. Joseph and Parish Committee Members