

3RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - JAN. 25, 2026

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

"Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:12,17

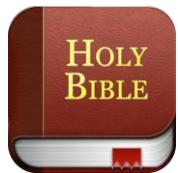
INTRODUCTION



Jesus begins his healing ministry by calling ordinary people — simple fishermen — to follow him. What was it about his invitation that appealed to them, caused them to accept it? One would not have guessed what was yet to come of his being and doing. We never know the outcome of an invitation or a promise that is made.

We are called in many ways, most of them simple. We don't know where we will be led. Our task is to keep our hearts and minds open to God's calling, however or whenever it may come. Lord Jesus, you began your ministry by preaching repentance: Lord, have mercy. Christ Jesus, you called simple fishermen to follow you: Christ, have mercy.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES READING



Isaiah 8:23-9:3 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

Psalms 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Paul urges unity

St. Matthew 4:12-23 4:12-17 Jesus begins his ministry

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

Saturday Jan. 25, 2026 – 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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SATURDAY JAN. 24, 2026

4 pm - Holy Mass for All Parishioners Living and Deceased

SATURDAY JAN. 25, 2026 – NO MASS

State of Emergency – Snowstorm

Monday January 26, 2026 – Conversion of St. Paul

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

+Melissa & August Centrella, Theresa and Emanuele Triggiano† Off by Claire Centrella

Tuesday January 27, 2026 – St. John Chrysostome, Bp., D.

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

+August Centrella † Off by Claire Centrella

Wednesday Jan. 28, 2026 – St. John Ab.

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

Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026 – St. Francis the Sales, Bp.

7:30 am – Holy Mass sick and homebound

Friday, Jan. 30, 2026 – St. Martina of Rome, V., M.

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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDI. TIME - FEB. 1, 2026

9:00 AM Holy Mass for Helen & Joseph Mihok, Ann & Andrew Obsuth, Deceased of Sadusky Family; Off. by Edward & Beverly Obsuth (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 Sabeth Quako, Mikhail Awad,

Salma Aboudi, Najeeba Aboudi, Mazen Sami, Balkees Awad, Maysoon Awad; Off. by Hilan Gamily (All Souls)



PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING AFTER MASS

After Mass - Hughie Coffee Hour / Confirmation Class (Enrolment is open)

Poster Activity:



Parishioners are invited to participate in a symbolic unity project by writing their family name on a cross and placing it on a special poster in the parish hall. Thank you.



PRAYER CHAIN AT HOLY CROSS - Dear friends, please join our parish in DAILY PRAYER CHAIN. We pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince 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 - donated by Joseph & John Ruyzam

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.

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Celebrating a Century of Faith: Holy Cross 100th Anniversary Pictorial Directory



"As we prepare to celebrate our 100th Anniversary this year, we are excited to announce a new commemorative church directory! This is a special opportunity to honor our century of service to the community and to celebrate the families who make

Holy Cross so vibrant.

We have partnered with **Universal Church Directories** to capture this moment in our history. Professional photography for individuals and families is scheduled for:

- **Date:** Monday, April 13, 2026
- **Note:** If we have a large response, we will add a second day of photography.

This directory will not be truly complete without **you**. Whether you have been a member of Holy Cross your entire life or have just recently joined our parish family, we want you to be part of this historic project. Every family photographed will receive a **complimentary 8x10 portrait** and a copy of the new directory.

How you can help:

- **Sign up:** We will have sign-ups after Mass, or you can contact the church office at holycrosspncc1@gmail.com.
- **Volunteer:** We are looking for volunteers to help greet families on photo day. Please reach out to the office or any parish committee member if you can assist.

Join us **next Sunday** to watch a short video with more details. Thank you for being a part of our 100-year legacy. God bless!"



ALTAR SERVERS Become a Holy Cross Hero! ✨

We want **YOU** to join the very important team in the parish: the **ALTAR SERVERS!** If you love Jesus and want to help Father Joseph during Mass, this is your chance to be a part of the action

What do Altar Servers do?

- Carry the cross in the procession.
- Help Father Joseph prepare the altar for the Eucharist.
- Ring the bells during the most special part of the Mass!

Attention, Parents!

We are looking for eager children and young people to step up and serve. This is a great opportunity for them to grow in faith and responsibility.

It is easy to sign up!

1. Head to the Parish Hall.
2. Find the **Sign-Up Sheet** and add your child's name.
3. We will send you a reminder before their scheduled Sunday Mass. We are so grateful for our current Altar Servers and can't wait for new friends to join the team!

Feeding Our Neighbors: Support the Fr. English Food Pantry



Every Sunday, we collect non-perishable food to support our neighbors at the Fr. English Food Pantry in Paterson. As inflation continues to affect many families this year, your generosity is needed now more than ever. **How to Give:** Please bring your

donations to the Parish Hall and place them by the door marked "Food Bank."

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

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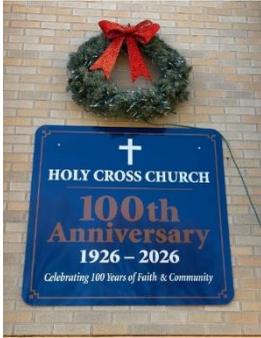
Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

A Lasting Legacy: Our 100th Anniversary Sign

To honor our century of presence in the community of Woodland Park, a beautiful new reflective aluminum anniversary sign has been mounted above the front doors of the church.

We gratefully acknowledge this generous donation by **Joseph & John Ruyzam** in loving memory of **Joan Ruyzam**.

This sign serves as a beautiful reminder of our history of faith and community, visible to all who pass by.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Dear Parish Family,

Please join us as we gather to commemorate a century of faith, love, and service. This is a once-in-a-lifetime occasion to celebrate our 100-year legacy in the community.

- **Date:** Sunday, May 17, 2026
- **Anniversary Mass:** 12:00 Noon
 - *Presided by Most Rev. Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky and concelebrated by our local clergy.*
- **Festive Banquet:** 2:00 PM at The Brownstone, Paterson, NJ.

The Centennial Buffet Menu:

We invite you to enjoy a grand feast featuring:

- Fresh Fruit & Garden Salad
- Chicken Francaise & Braised Boneless Short Ribs of Beef / Penne alla Vodka
- Authentic Potato & Cheese Pierogies / Stuffed Cabbage & Swedish Meatballs
- Fresh Vegetables & Potatoes /
- Cash Bar

Be a Part of History:

We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and former parishioners to join us for this unforgettable day.

Registration Information:

Details regarding ticket prices and how to reserve your seats will be shared **next Sunday**. We look forward to celebrating 100 years of God's blessings with you!

Holy Cross Catholic Church PNCC /100 years of service



All Are Welcome at Holy Cross Church!

Imagine a church that is truly a reflection of Christ's original vision, while embracing modern democratic values. We invite you to experience a community built on rich tradition and open arms.

Our Defining Values

- **Catholic & Democratic:** We are a Church that is One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic, where the laity and clergy have an equal voice in the election of bishops and the management of parish material matters alongside their Pastor.
- **A Multicultural Family:** Our ethnic beginnings have blossomed into a vibrant, multicultural community that embraces all backgrounds.
- **Valid Sacraments:** We offer all valid sacraments, maintaining traditional spiritual and moral values.
- **Married Clergy:** In a tradition dating back to 1921, our deacons, priests, and bishops have the freedom to marry either before or after ordination.

Discover a place where you can belong and grow in faith.

BLESSING OF HOMES/ APARTMENTS

Dear Friends, plan ahead to bless your homes!

Following the Feast of the Epiphany, we traditionally bless our residences as an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our lives, joys, and sorrows.

A traditional way to do this is using blessed chalk to write above the entryway: **20 + C + M + B + 26.**

- **C, M, B** are the initials of the Wise Men (**Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar**).
- The "+" signs are the cross, and 2026 is the current year.

Father Joseph would be pleased to visit you and your family to bless your home or apartment. Please contact him to set up a time for the visit and blessing:

☎ **201-247-4832 (cell) or holycrosspncc1@gmail.com**

Give the Gift of Warmth This Winter! ❄️



As temperatures drop, our neighbors experiencing homelessness or hardship in Paterson need our help more than ever.

We are collecting clean, **lightly used winter essentials** to support **Fr. English Food Pantry** and **Eva's Village Shelter**. Your donation provides dignity, safety, and warmth.

We Urgently Need:

- **WINTER COATS** (All sizes needed)
- **SWEATERS / SCARVES & GLOVES/MITTENS**

How to Help? Please place your donations in the designated bins located in the **Parish Hall**. **"Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me."**

Thank you for being the warmth of Christ to those in need!



Dear Parents and Children

We are thrilled to be serving the children of our parish through Sunday School classes every week! These classes are designed to spark spiritual growth, build friendships, and help kids discover more about their faith in a fun and supportive environment.

Your children are led by two wonderful and skilled teachers who dedicate their time and talents to their spiritual education: **Ms. Natalie L. and Mr. Paul M.**

Classes for All Ages (Ages 4 through 8th Grade)

We offer engaging classes for children aged 4 through 8th grade. Older students are also welcome to join us if they wish to continue their learning journey!

It's Easy to Register! You can still register your children this Sunday during coffee hour in the Parish Hall, between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

Holy Cross 2026: A Year of Growth, Renewal, and Service



As we look ahead to 2026, Holy Cross Church is focusing on deepening our faith, strengthening our community, and reaching out to those in need. Through prayer, service, and fellowship, we aim to build a vibrant and compassionate community. Let's work together to make 2026 a year of hope and spiritual growth!

Key Goals and Upcoming Projects:

We look forward to accomplishing these projects while continuing our cherished annual activities:

- **Parish Events:** Continuing our popular holiday luncheons and dinners, adding new fundraisers, and holding our annual Tricky Tray in October.
- **100th Anniversary:**
 - **April 13:** Pictures taken for our 2026 family photo album/directory.
 - **May 17:** Our Centennial Mass (12 PM) and Dinner at The Brownstone.
 - **June :** Community outreach with our annual picnic.
- **Faith Formation:** Expanding enrollment for communion, confirmation, and Sunday school classes.
- **Parish Improvements:**
 - Installation of a bench in memory of Lucy Daum.
 - Installation of a plaque in memory of Dominick Bucci.
 - Addition of another part-time organist.
 - Repaving and stripping of the church parking lot.
 - Addition of cushions on church pews.

- **Outreach:** Donating to our community neighbors in need during the holidays.

Get Involved:

Volunteers are welcome! We need help in the parish office on Wednesday mornings, and any service you can provide is welcomed for the growth of our parish. We will need volunteers to prepare special events, parish picnic, Tricky tray to name a few.

With your help and continued support, we can accomplish our plans and goals. We look forward to all the blessings of the New Year for Holy Cross parish.

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

Fr. Joseph and Parish Committee Members