

## FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY – JAN. 4, 2026

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

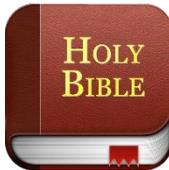
*“Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man”. Luke 2:52*

### INTRODUCTION



My friends, today's readings give us 2,000-year-old guidelines for living together in family. We hear that families take work: They require compassion, kindness, patience and above all, love. Families come in every configuration, and they're often imperfect. But they provide the environment for us to become who we are called to be. People are stretched, often painfully, in the process. It's good to know that Jesus' family was really no different. Lord Jesus, you lived, like us, in an ordinary family: Lord, have mercy. Christ Jesus, you knew the challenges of family life: Christ, have mercy.

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURES READING



Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 The responsibility of caring for one's parents

Psalms 128 Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Colossians 3:12-21 A prescription for Christian family living

Luke 2:41-52 Jesus is found in the temple.

### WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Deacon Bill Gaydos 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.**

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

**Fr. Joseph and Renata Cyman – 2/21 – 28th Ann.**

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MATTERS

**Holy Cross Church Face Book – link [www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com)**

Visiting our website [holycrosssite.org](http://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](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com), thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**

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First Communion Class

**FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY - JAN 4, 2026**

**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

After Mass – Hughie’s Coffee Hour

New Group – Confirmation Class (Enrolment is open)

**Monday January 5, 2026 – Christmas Weekday**

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

**Tuesday January 6, 2026 – SOLEMNITY – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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

**Wednesday Jan. 7, 2026 – St. Lucjan of Antioch, M.**

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

**Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026 – St. Apolinaris Bp.**

7:30 am – Holy Mass asking blessings in 2026

**Friday, Jan. 9, 2026 – St. Marciana the Martyr, V., M.**

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



**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)*



First Communion Class

After Mass – Hughie’s Coffee Hour

New Group – Confirmation Class (Enrolment is open)

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.



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May the Joy and Peace of Baby Jesus be with you now and throughout the coming year 2026  
Happy New Year- 2026!



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Une très bonne Année 2026!  
Buen Ano Nuevo 2026!  
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Father Joseph Cyman with Family and the Parish Committee

**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 100<sup>th</sup> 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. 28, 2025 William Vrablik; by M/M James Cimmino

Week of Jan. 4, 2026 – 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:**

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 -**

**100<sup>TH</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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

Our parish had the last pictorial church directory done in 2009. Next year, as we know, we will celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com) or simply contact one of our parish committee members. Thank you in advance. God bless!

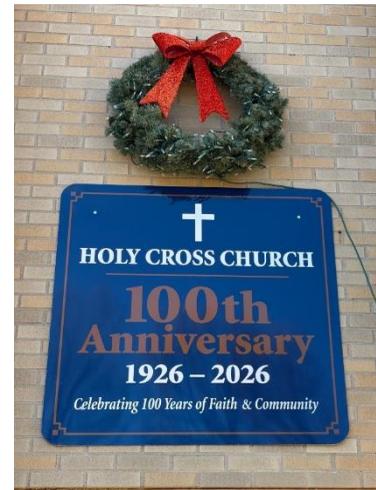
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### Aluminum and reflective sign – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

To express our joy from celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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

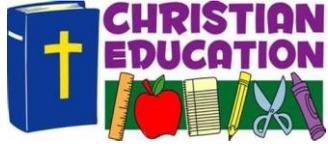
write above the home's entryway, 20 + C + M + B + 26. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three Wise Men - Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

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](mailto: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 Balthasar. 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**

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

## **Holy Cross Catholic Church PNCC**

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