

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT – FEB. 22, 2026

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS PARISH** PNCC 100 Years of Service

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

"All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this time, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!" Matthew 4:9-10



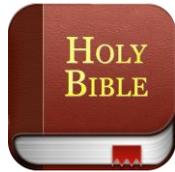
INTRODUCTION

The battle between good and evil is writ large in literature, drama and religion. Today's readings — indeed, all of Scripture — reveal a truth we know all too well. Even the best of us have experienced the powerful attraction of what we should not do. Our tradition tells us even more profoundly that the story is

larger than temptation or failure. We hear, instead, what is possible: Grace, justification, obedience, righteousness and life are the real end of the story.

Scripture readings

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Adam and Eve are tempted
Psalm 51 Be merciful, O Lord, for we are sinners
Romans 5:12-19 Jesus' obedience overcomes sin
Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus himself is tempted



WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Rosie Castillo 11:00 am –



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: Pat Olsen, Juliet Maher, Urbano Maher, Dante Domicolo, Monika Lukowiak, Devin D. Lopez, George, 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.

Kevin & Karyn Ortega – 2/3 – 3rd Ann.

Chirag & Aarti Taylor – 2/19 – 10th Ann.

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

Cesar Gonzalez & Christine – Feb. 2 – 6th Ann.

Michael & Elizabeth Ruth – 2/28 – 8th 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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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEB. 22, 2026



9:00 AM Holy Mass for Deceased Thomas Kaynak, Catherine & Ignatz Smolnik, Bertha Craig, Judy Lorencz, Antoinette & Jon Kaynak; *Off. by Joan Kaynak (All Souls)*

After Mass – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

10:00 am – FREE REFRESHMENT

10:00 Am – First Holy Communion Class

Sunday School at 11 am in the parish hall

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for Melissa, August

Centrella, Emanuele & Theresa Triggiano; *Off. by Claire Centrella*
Deceased Sabina Huyata de Berenguel (in memory of her birthday); Santiago Berrocal Leo (in memory of 7th Ann. of his death); *Off. by Lidia Berrocal*
After Mass - Hughie Coffee Hour / Confirmation Class (Enrolment is open)

Monday Feb. 23, 2026 – St. Serenus H., M.

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

Tuesday February 24, 2026 – Feast of St. Matthias, Ap.

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

Wednesday February 25, 2026 – St. Nestor, Bp., M.

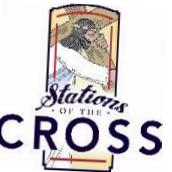
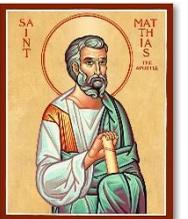
7:30 am – Holy Mass for growth of our parish

Thursday, February 26, 2026 – St. Alexander of Alexandria, Bp.

7:30 am – Holy Mass sick and homebound

Friday, February 27, 2026 – St. Julian, M.

7:30 am – Holy Mass for Benefactors of our parish living and deceased
7 PM – Stations of the Cross



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 1, 2026



9:00 AM Holy Mass for Deceased Grandma Mary Cook; *Off. by Fran Cuccinello*

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 Parishioners



Living and Deceased

AFTER MASS – FISH & CHIPS



Poster Activity:



Join us for our symbolic unity project! We invite all families to write their name on a cross and add it to our community poster in the parish hall. We can't wait to see our parish family represented together!

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 Kosciński by Deacon Mark Kosciński

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 – see flyer

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 -

Monthly 50/50 In House Fundraiser

Our fundraiser is to help us with preparations for our 100th Anniversary on May 17, 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.



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: ID: nj184, Password: photos

- On the weekends signup is in person at the church.

• Contact the church office at holycrosspncc1@gmail.com with any questions.

• **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.

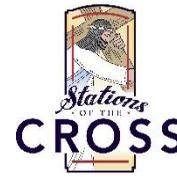
Thank you for being a part of our 100-year legacy. God bless!"



Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on February 22, 2026 after 9am Holy Mass. There will be FREE refreshments after the 9am Holy Mass. Our School of Christian Living will have their program in the Fr. John

Slysz building. All the societies of our parish are asked to give their annual report for 2025 and their projects for 2026. Another important aspect of our Annual Parish Meeting will be the election of the Parish Committee. The Parish Committee is the council, which meets once a month to discuss concerns and make decisions for the parish. Would you consider serving on this committee? Please contact Fr. Joseph or Penni Lazor for additional information.

Stations of the Cross



During the season of Lent all parishioners are welcome to attend on Fridays Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM beginning this Friday. The prayer will give us the opportunity to reflect upon the redemptive sufferings of our Lord and Savior.

DURING LENT

With humble hearts we ask God to prepare us for the journey of spiritual renewal. FASTING

Fasting is a practice in self-discipline with a penitential focus. In the context of Lent, it refers to reducing food intake and limiting how many meals we have.

What are the Lent fasting rules?

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, fasting rules allow Catholics to eat only one full meal and two smaller meals which, combined, would not equal a single normal meal. Additionally, Catholics may not eat meat on these two days—or on any Friday during Lent.

At what age do you start fasting for Lent?

Those ages 18-59, in reasonable health, are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those 14 and older must abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent.

Who is exempt from fasting during Lent?

Children, adults with illnesses, pregnant women and those nursing are all exempt.



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Week of February 8, 2026 – in memory of Mary Ganscreit; *by James & Susan Cimmino*

Week of February 15, 2026 – in memory of Thomas Kaynak; *by Kaynak Family*

Week of February 22, 2026 – in memory of Susan Hornak *by Deacon Mark Koscinski*

Week of March 1, 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.



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. Please contact Deacon Bill to sign up. We are so grateful for our current Altar Servers and can't wait for new friends to join the team!

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.

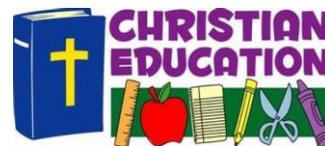
We Urgently Need:

- **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 CHURCH
220 BROWERTOWN RD. WOODLAND PARK, NJ

**FISH AND CHIPS
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SUNDAY MARCH 1**



12:15PM-2:15PM EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

CATERED BY: TASTEFULLY BRITISH
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EATING IN? () TAKE OUT? ()
DATE PAID _____ AMOUNT \$ _____ CASH () CHECK# ()

SAVE THE DATE

Holy Cross Church

220 Browertown Rd., Woodland Park NJ 07424

100th Anniversary Celebration

&

35th Anniversary of Fr. Joseph Ordination

Sunday, May 17, 2026

The Schedule

12:00 NOON: Special Mass

Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky

2:00 PM: Anniversary Banquet

The Brownstone, 351 W Broadway, Paterson, NJ

The Menu

Buffet: Fresh Fruit, Garden Salad, Fresh Vegetables, Potatoes, Chicken Francese, Braised, Boneless Beef Short Ribs, Penne alla Vodka, Potato and Cheese Pierogies, Stuffed Cabbage, Swedish Meatballs

Attendance & Contribution

Adults: \$60

\$10 discount for adult dinner if received by April 26, 2026

Youth, ages 11-14: \$25

Children, 10 and under: \$12.50

Dinner ticket purchases requested by May 10, 2026

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 7:** 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.
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 - Addition of cushions on church pews.
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- **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



**Anniversary
Holy Mass
May 17, 2026
@ 12 Noon
Reception @2pm
The Brownstone**

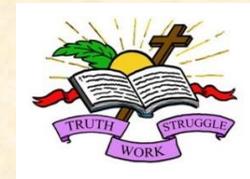
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*In addition to
100th Anniversary
of Holy Cross Church*

*Please join us
To celebrate the
35th
Anniversary Jubilee
Of*

*The ordination to Holy Priesthood
of our Pastor
Rev. Joseph R. Cyman
On Sunday May 17, 2026
Holy Mass at 12 Noon
Mass concelebrated with
Prime Bishop and clergy*



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