

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 15, 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)



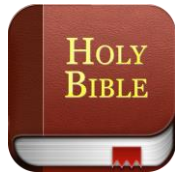
“Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.” — John 9:25

INTRODUCTION



Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we hear the second of three lovely stories from John’s Gospel. Today it’s the story of the healing of the young man born blind, and we are invited to think about what it is to be spiritually blind. We all have times when we are unable to see clearly, when our actions hurt ourselves and others. Let us ask God today for the gift of clear vision.

Scripture readings



1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a God sees into our hearts.
Psalm 23:1-6 The Lord is my shepherd.
Eph 5:8-14 Live as children of light.
John 9:1-41 The healing of the man born blind

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Martin Maher 11:00 am – Deacon Mark

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: 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.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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!

Holy Cross Church Face Book – link www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

Visiting our website 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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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 15, 2026

9:00 AM Holy Mass for 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 Parishioners Living and Deceased

After Mass



First Communion Class



“St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon”

Monday March 16, 2026 – St. Julian of Antioch, M.

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

Tuesday March 17, 2026 – St. Patrick of Ireland, Bp.

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

Wednesday March 18, 2026 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp.

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

Thursday, March 19, 2026 – St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am – Holy Mass sick and homebound

Friday, March 20, 2026 – St. Cuthbert, M.

7:30 am – Holy Mass for Benefactors, living and deceased

7 PM – Stations of the Cross



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 22, 2026 /PASSION SUNDAY

9:00 AM Holy Mass for Dominick Bucci, David Bucci (All Souls);

Off. by Al & 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 For deceased Gullermo Llanos,
 Alfredo Llanos, Celia Llanos, Marina Llanos, all the forgotten
 holy souls in purgatory (All Souls); Off. by Rosa Llanos**



SUNDAY SCHOOL



First Communion Class



Agape service (Last Supper), Wallington NJ at 3 pm

Tickets for 100th Anniversary Banquet available in the parish hall. If you are missing one, please contact parish office. 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 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
 - Week of Feb. 8, 2026 – In memory of Mary Ganscreit; by James, Susan Cimmino
 - Week of Feb. 15, 2026 – In memory Thomas Kaynak; by Kaynak Family
 - Week of Feb. 22, 2026 - In memory of Susan Hornak by Deacon Mark
 - Week of March 8, 2026 – Derick Anderson & Andrea Frader – *Quinteros*
 - Week of March 15, 20256 – In memory of Nick Swede (2nd Anniversary): by Claire Swede
 - Week of March 22, 2026 – In memory of Ronald Niedzwiecki; by Diane Hitchcock
- 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:

- March 22, 2026 – Agape service , Wallington NJ at 3 pm
- 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.

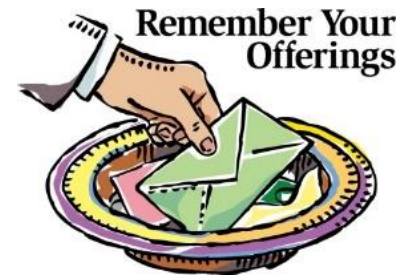
Dear Parishioners – For all generous supported for our parish, the parish committee and I are extremely thankful. Nevertheless, we ask you to prayerfully consider underwriting the cost of some needed supplies for the parish for some essential operating costs of the parish. You can send a donation by 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. **So far, we have 22 families, signed up. SIGN UP: <https://www.ucdir.com>**

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!"

GOD'S FIELD – (Rola Boza) ONLINE The latest issue of God's Field is now available online at <http://www.pncc.org>. Click on the God's Field link at the top of the home page and follow the directions to access the recent issue. We hope you enjoy reading about the life and work of our parishes.



Our Mission - The parish of Holy Cross is a Catholic community with doors open to all and bringing them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and thus giving comfort and purpose to a struggling world. *"You are to go into the entire world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere!"*

(see Mark 16:15)." We believe that we are a Church where the timeless message of Christ is communicated in a contemporary style. *"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save those who are lost (Luke 19:10).*" In the past **100 years of service**, we feel that we became a strong and faithful community with unselfish service to God and all our brothers and sisters, giving unending praise and thanksgiving for the blessings and gifts bestowed upon us. With your help and continued support, we can accomplish our plans and goals.

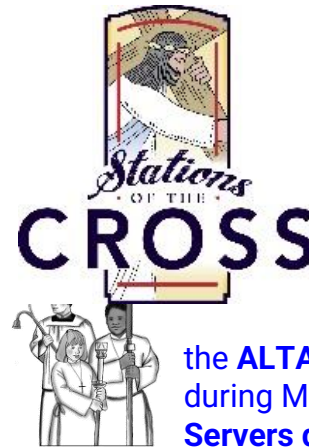
Stations of the Cross

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.

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.

- **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.

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!

THANK YOU

- We thank all parishioners for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of our parish.
- Each Friday the Holy Mass is celebrated for all benefactors living and deceased.
- We thank Richard Daum, Marietta Erhardt – Financial Secretary and Paul Murphy, Treasurer for their services.
- We thank Fran Cuccinello and Marietta Erhardt for their help in the parish office.
- We thank those who prepare Coffee Hour on Sundays
- We thank Altar servers who serve during our Masses / Lectors who read the Holy Scripture / Ushers who collect donations and Greeters who welcome people and distribute bulletins. We thank anyone for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of Holy Cross Church. God bless!



Please join us in celebration of

Holy Cross Church

220 Browertown Rd., Woodland Park NJ 07424

100th Anniversary Celebration

And

35th Anniversary of Fr. Joseph's Ordination

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Special Mass @ 12:00 pm

Presided by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky
Anniversary Banquet 2:00 pm

The Brownstone, 351 W Broadway, Paterson, NJ

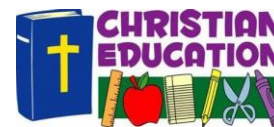
Tickets: Adults: \$60

\$50 if received by April 26, 2026

Youth, ages 11-14: \$25 /Children, 10 and under: \$12.50



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!