

# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 22, 2026 / PASSION SUNDAY

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**The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor**

**The Deacon William Gaydos / The Deacon Mark Koscinski**

**SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)**

*"Unbind him and let him go." Luke 11:44*



## INTRODUCTION

Today we hear about the story of Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus. Jesus reminds Martha that her brother, Lazarus will rise again. She replies that she is aware of that and then Jesus tells her that He is the resurrection and the Life and whoever believes in Him, even if he

dies, will live and everyone who lives and believes in Him will never die. Today the Lord is asking all of us—Do you believe this? Because we believe what Jesus promised, there is great comfort in knowing that our loved ones who have lived and died in Christ will share eternal life with Jesus. Death is not the only loss we can experience in life, especially during these challenging times. There are little deaths such as ill health, loss of a job, our security or something that meant a lot to us. We have to trust that even in these little deaths, God is with us.

## Scripture readings

Ezekiel 37:12-14 I will put my spirit in you.

Psalms 130:1-8 With the Lord there is mercy.

Rom 8:8-11 You will be raised through the Spirit of Christ living within you. / John 11:1-45 "Lazarus, come out!"

## WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Deacon Bill 11:00 am – Natalie Cyman

**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](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com)

Visiting our website [Blog holycrosssite.org](http://holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. **783** 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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**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



First Communion Class

**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*

For deceased Alba Edith Andalia; *Off. by Hernandez Family*

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

**Monday March 23, 2026 – St. Benedict H., C.**

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

**Tuesday March 24, 2026 – St. Mark & Timothy**

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

**Wednesday March 25, 2026 – St. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**Thursday, March 26, 2026 – St. Castulus, M.**

7:30 am – Holy Mass sick and homebound

**Friday, March 27, 2026 – St. John of Damascus, P.D.C.**

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

**7 PM – Stations of the Cross**



**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 29, 2026 / PALM 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

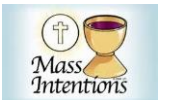


First Communion Class

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass For deceased Melissa, August Centrella,

Emanuele and Theresa Triggiano; *Off. by Claire Centrella*

**Tickets for 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary main celebration 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 March 15, 20256 – In memory of Nick Swede (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary):** *by Claire Swede*

**Week of March 22, 2026 – In memory of Ronald Niedzwiecki;** *by Diane Hitchcock*

**Week of March 29, 2026 – In memory of Hughie Vickerilla;** *by Beverly Vickerilla*

**Week of April 5, 2026 – In memory of Lucy Daum;** *by Richard Daum*

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 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday**

**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**

**Monthly 50/50 In House Fundraiser**

Our fundraiser is to help us with preparations for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 17, 2026. The tickets are available on Sundays in the Parish Hall. We thank you in advance for your anticipated participation.

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 in **2026**. You can send a donation by mail or place it in the collection basket.



**The annual website and Facebook fees \$330 -**

**Annual Burglary alarm - \$450**

**The annual website and Facebook fees \$325**

**The annual fire alarm system inspection: \$270.**

**One monthly payment for copier - \$230**

**Monthly telephone and internet payment - \$155**

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



**ORGANIST at HOLY CROSS**

We are looking for an additional part time organist to serve in our parish.

## **EXPLANATION OF THE HOLY WEEK**

Join us for the services of Holy Week – Paschal Triduum.

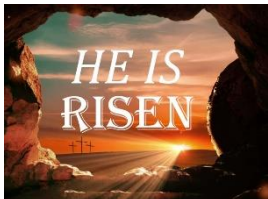
**ON HOLY THURSDAY April 2, 2026. At 7:00 P.M.** We will commemorate the **Last Supper of Jesus** and the institution of the Sacraments of Holy Orders, Holy Eucharist and Penance. On that day we will celebrate the Holy Mass in white vestments. On Holy Thursday we will ring bells during the Gloria. The bells will not be used until the liturgy of Resurrection. At the end of Holy Thursday Mass, the Holy Eucharist will be taken to the side altar to signify that Jesus was taken at night from the Garden of Olives and imprisoned by Sanhedrin. **The exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will continue until 9:00 P.M.** Please sign up for the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on the list located in the church vestibule.

**ON GOOD FRIDAY – April 3, 2026 at 3:00 P.M.** The liturgy of the Stations of the Cross with children and youth participation will take place. We will gather to meditate the passion and suffering of our Lord. The opening of the Lord's tomb will take place. *A simple reception will take place consisting of coffee and juice with crackers.* We invite parishioners to stay for the Liturgy of Good Friday that will follow.

**The Liturgy of Good Friday will take place at 4:15 P.M.** The Liturgy of Good Friday consists of the Passion of Jesus according to the Gospel of St. John. The main purpose of the liturgy will be veneration of the Cross, the symbol of victory over death and sin. On that day the **Holy Communion will be distributed (consecrated on Holy Thursday) and the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place until 6:00 p.m.** Please sign up for the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on the list located in the church vestibule.

**ON HOLY SATURDAY – April 4, 2026**  
**On Holy Saturday you can bring the Easter baskets with festive food to be blessed at 2:00 p.m.** Easter baskets will be blessed also after the Liturgy of Holy Saturday. Since ancient times the Holy Saturday was a day for the new catechumens to be baptized. **Our Liturgy will begin at 6:00 P.M.** with the blessing of **fire and the Paschal candle.** **The Liturgy of the Word with the history of salvation will take place.** The **Holy Water** will be blessed which we use during the upcoming weeks to bless ourselves, and to baptize children and adults. There will be no Easter Vigil. Parishioners are invited to attend Easter Mass on Easter Sunday at 9 am or 11 am. The Holy Water will be given to participants of the liturgy.

**EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5, 2026**  
**THE LITURGY OF EASTER - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD** will be celebrated on Easter Sunday at **9:00 a.m.** with the procession outside of the church before Mass. The solemn Mass will follow. The second Mass will be celebrated at **11:00 a.m.** with Easter Procession inside of the church before Mass.



On Sunday, March 15, 2026, we hosted a St. Patrick's Luncheon. We enjoyed music and a menu prepared by David and Ed Obsuth, as well as their helpers in the kitchen. The meal consisted of corned beef, cabbage, baked chicken, a variety of vegetables, assorted breads, Irish soda bread, and delicious homemade desserts. We thank those who decorated the hall, served, and cleaned after the event. We enjoyed the drawing of the in-house 50/50 and basket of cheer, as well as the "green surprise gifts" game. We thank everyone for coming to our annual celebration. St. Patrick—bishop, great missionary, and patron of Ireland—pray for us!





Please join us in celebration of

# Holy Cross Church

220 Browertown Rd., Woodland Park NJ 07424

## 100<sup>th</sup> 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



**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](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com).

### 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. Your generosity is appreciated. **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!

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

- **Date:** Monday, April 13, 2026

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 24 families, signed up.**

**Note:** If we have a large response, we will add a second day of photography.

**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](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com) with any questions.



*Technology has changed the way we can view directories!*



Our Church Family Album will not be complete without you!  
**Please sign up today!**

Photography Appointment

Date: APRIL 13, 26 Day: MONDAY Time: ?

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**THE ADORATION SOCIETY PREPARED HOME-MADE FROZEN EASTER BUTTER LAMBS. THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL. Donation \$5 for each. You can decorate your Easter Basket using Easter Butter Lambs. Happy Easter!**

**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!

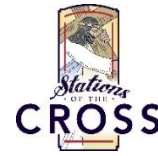
**Holy Cross Catholic Church PNCC /100 years of service**

**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.



**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.*

**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.

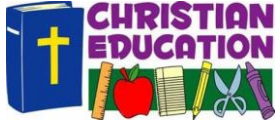


**ALTAR SERVERS Become a Holy Cross Hero! ✨**

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!



## 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!