

# 5 SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 3, 2026

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

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The Deacon William Gaydos / The Deacon Mark Koscinski

Organist – Jessica Muccilli



SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am  
WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

*"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14*

### INTRODUCTION



We are reminded today that spreading the word about Christ did not go smoothly in the early church. Understanding and accepting Jesus was a slow and often unsuccessful process. It may seem different now, but if we consider our own questions and struggle with faith, we realize that our commitment is not formed overnight. There is still work to be done in spreading the good news. If we want to contribute to the effort, we need to begin with ourselves.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 6:1-7 Challenges in the early Christian community  
Ps 33 Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.  
1 Pet 2:4-9 Christ is the true foundation  
John 14:1-12 "You have faith in God; have faith also in me."

### WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Ed Obsuth 11:00 am – Lector:

We need more lectors, especially for the 11 am Mass. Please contact Fr. Joseph or Deacon Bill or Mark.

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 on the form below and mail it to us or place it in the collection basket.

Name (husband) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (wife maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

- Diego Ochoa / Iris Miola – 13th Ann – 4/27
- Sebastian Wysocki / Ashley Burr – 7th Ann – 4/27
- Daniel & Magdalena Brzyski – May 14 – 10th Ann.
- Jerome Rotsaert & Elaine Skawinski – 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – May 3
- Al Cuccinello & Frances Bucci – 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary – May 12

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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. 788 people are following our church Face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

**BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2026**

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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**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER /  
CROWNING OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



**He is RISEN**



First Communion Class

**9:00 AM** Holy Mass – Intention for Deceased  
**Dominick Bucci; Off. by Fran Cuccinello**  
Intention Deceased Anne and Michael Piascik,  
Adela Raczkowski, Joseph & Sophia  
Piascik, departed members of the Piascik,  
Raczkowski, Hrabosky, Hess, Jones and  
Merson families; *Off. by The Merson Family*

**After Service – Hughie's Coffee Hour**

**10:00 am – Adoration Society meeting**

**10:10 am – First Holy Communion Class  
Sunday School at 11 am in the parish hall**

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass Departed Joan Ruyzam, Edna and Edward  
Ringenger; *Off. by Joseph and John Ruyzam*

**Monday May 4, 2026 – St. Florian, M.**

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

**Tuesday May 5, 2026 – St. Hilary of Arles, Bp.**

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

**Wednesday May 6, 2026 – St. Evodius, of Antioch, Bp.**

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

**Thursday, April 7, 2026 – St. Stanislaw of Krakow, Bp., M.**

**7:30 am – Holy Mass for the sick and homebound**

**Friday, May 8, 2026 – St. Agathus, M.**

**7:30 am – For Holy Cross Church Benefactors living and deceased**

**SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER /  
MOTHER'S DAY / HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**



**First Communion Class**

**9:00 AM** Holy Mass – Intention for All Mothers  
After Service – **FREE MOTHER'S DAY  
BREAKFAST** – please sign up – parish hall  
**10:00 Am – First Holy Communion Class  
Sunday School at 11 am in the parish hall**

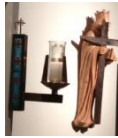


**ORGANIST at HOLY CROSS** We are looking for an additional part time organist to serve in our parish.

**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 April 26, 2026 – In memory of Susak Hornak; by Deacon Mark Koscinski

Week of May 3, 2026 – In memory of Anne & Michael Piascik; The Merson Family

Week of May 10, 2026 -

Week of May 17, 2026 – In memory of Deceased Members of Holy Cross Church

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:

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

Parish Picnic – NEW DATE – SAUNDAY SEPT. 13, 2026

June 14, 2026 –Father's Day Breakfast at 10 am

June 17-19, 2026 – Men's Retreat at Bp. Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center

Tricky Tray Fundraiser – Saturday October 24, 2026

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

## 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 donated by Joe Ruyzam in memory of Joan Ruyzam**

**The annual fire alarm system inspection: \$270 – In memory of Jozef, Agnieszka Andrzej Cyman; Off. by The Cyman Family**

**One monthly payment for copier - \$230 / 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."**





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



As of Sunday, April 26, 109 people have registered for the banquet at The Brownstone.  
**(room capacity – 120) Registration details:**

- **Standard:** \$60 (April 26 through May 3)
- **youth** \$25 (ages 11-14)
- **children** \$12.50 (ages under 10)

**If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the church office;**  
[holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com) or call / text 201-247-4832 Looking forward to celebrate  
 our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with you. Invite your family members.

**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."

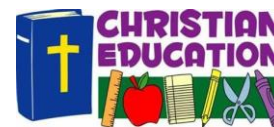
*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25:40). Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

### THANK YOU

- **We thank Deacon Bill** for the many hours he spent cleaning the flower stands, candle holders, brass vases, thurible, and incense boats. May the Lord reward him abundantly for his hard work.
- **We thank all parishioners** for sharing their time, talent, and treasure for the good of our parish.
- **We thank Richard Daum, Marietta Erhardt** (Financial Secretary), and **Paul Murphy** (Treasurer) for their dedicated service.
- **We thank Fran Cuccinello and Marietta Erhardt** for their invaluable help in the parish office.
- **We thank those who prepare Coffee Hour** on Sundays.
- **We thank our Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, and Greeters** for their ministry during our Masses. • **Each Friday, the Holy Mass is celebrated** for all our benefactors, both living and deceased. We are grateful to everyone who shares their time, talent, and treasure for the good of Holy Cross Church. God bless you all!



### 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)**

**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.





# Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 10 at 10:00 AM

*Please sign up in Parish Hall*



## Candlelight Prayer Service

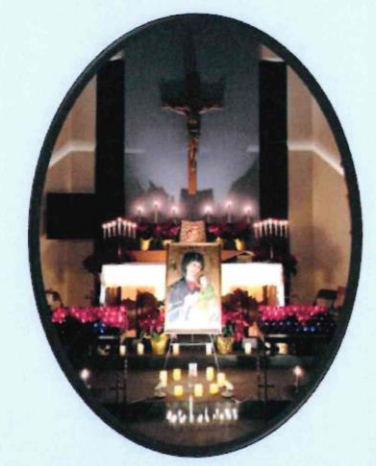
“My Time with Mary - a Spa for The Soul”

May 20, 2026 at 7pm

**WE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD**

Holy Cross Parish PNCC - 220 Browertown Rd, Woodland Park, NJ

A Prayer with Holy Rosary & Beautiful Sacred Music



All Are Welcome

Come along and bring a friend.

Please Come In - Rest In The Heart Of Jesus

And Receive His Blessing & Peace

**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).



## 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.



### 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!



**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!