

21 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 23, 2026

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HOLY MASSES AT 9 AM AND 11 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

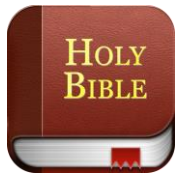
"But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15)

INTRODUCTION



In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples what the crowds are saying about His identity. While others see Him as just another prophet, Peter makes a bold declaration: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This same question comes to each of us today. We have heard about Jesus through Scripture, the Church, and others. But Jesus isn't just looking for general opinions. He asks each of us personally: "Who do you say that I am?"

SCRIPTURE READINGS:



Is 22:19-23 God bestows authority upon Eliakim

Ps 138 Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands

Rom 11:33-36 Peter gives praise to an inscrutable God

Mt 16:13-20 Jesus bestows authority upon Peter

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9 am – Edward Obsuth 11 am –

We need more lectors, especially for the 11:00 AM Mass. Please contact Father Joseph, Deacon Bill, or Mark if you are interested

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 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 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 _____

Richard Bartolozzi/Jennifer Hitchcock 8/5–27th Ann.

Jamie and Mayra Valer – 8/05 – 21st Ann.

Gerald Muller / Nancy Ramos – 8/7 – 27th Ann.

Geovanny and Amanda Bautista- 8/28 – 17th Ann.

Rafal Daniewski/Ewa Sobstyl – 8/29 – 34th 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. 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, thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026 – 21 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM The Holy Mass for All Parishioners Living and Deceased

10:00 am – Hughie Coffee Hour

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for All Parishioners Living and Deceased

After Mass – Sacrament of Baptism: Alaia Camille Castro Toscano



Monday, August 24, 2026 – St. Batholomew, Ap.

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

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 – St. Louis of France, K.

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

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 – Our Lady of Czestochowa

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

Thursday, August 27, 2026 – St. Sesarius, Bp / St. Monica

7:30 am – Holy Mass for sick and homebound

Friday, August 28, 2026 – St. Augustine, Bp. D.

7:30 am – Holy Mass for Benefactors of Holy Cross Church Living and Deceased



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026 – 22 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM The Holy Mass for All Parishioners Living and Deceased

10:00 am – Hughie Coffee Hour

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for Melissa, August Centrella, Emanuele and

Theresa Triggiano; *Off. by Claire Centrella*

NEXT PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday August 31, 20026 at 7:30 pm

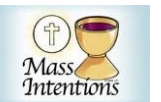
Special Envelopes – Victims of Earthquake in Venezuela:



Our parish decided to extend our prayers and financial support to the victims of the earthquake in Venezuela. Enclosed in this week's bulletin, you will find special donation envelopes for this cause. If you wish to contribute, please make checks payable to Holy Cross Church with "Victims of Earthquake" written in the memo line. Thank you for your continued generosity, and may the Lord reward you abundantly. **Death toll tops 5000. Many are injured and without homes.**

Donations to date: \$465 + \$397 from Alms Box = \$862.

Our donations will be sent to Venezuela through Samaritan Purse (Franklin Graham) as per the decision of the parish committee.





DAILY MASSES are held as announced in the bulletin. Examples of the Mass intentions are: For the Sick, In Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Beseech God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries. Please contact Father Joe.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Arrangements at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans. **EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS** should be reported to the rectory office immediately. 201-247-4832

PRAYER CHAIN – Let us faithfully bring these intentions before the Lord:



- **For Disaster Victims:** We pray for the victims of the recent earthquake in Venezuela and Columbia, asking God for swift relief, comfort, and strength for all affected families.
- **For Global Peace:** We lift our hearts to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, begging for harmony among nations and the graceful resolution of deep divisions.
- **For Healing and Medical Workers:** We pray for the recovery of the sick and ask the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom, compassion, and guidance to all medical professionals.
- **For Religious Freedom:** We intercede for persecuted Christians worldwide, praying for their safety and the universal freedom to worship openly.
- **For Deliverance from Addiction:** We pray for those battling drug and alcohol dependency, asking for their healing, protection, and liberation.
- **For Survivors of Abuse:** We pray deeply for the healing of all victims of sexual abuse and harassment. Mirroring Christ's protective love, our Church maintains a zero-tolerance policy against abuse.
- **For Our Parishioners:** Please pray for one another, asking for God's abundant blessings upon our sick and homebound parishioners who need healing and support.
- **For Our Church Growth:** We pray for the spiritual renewal of our parish, that our dedication to serving God and each other may grow daily.

Thank you for your devotion and prayerful support. May God bless you.



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 August 23, 2026 – available

Week of August 30, 2026 – Available

Week of September 6, 2026 – Vincent O'Rourke; by James & Susan Cimmino

Week of September 13, 2026 – Julius Cimmino ; by James & Susan Cimmino

For more information, please call parish office at 201-247-4832 or Penni Lazor, Adoration Society President, at 973-768-7917 Thank you.



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 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.

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.”



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Upcoming Events:

September 2026

- **Sunday, Sept. 13: Sunday School Begins & Parish Picnic (NEW DATE)**
- **Sunday, Sept. 13: OUR TOWN FREE PICNIC 12- 4 pm**
- **Sunday, Sept. 27: Adoration Society Convention** — Wallington, NJ
- **Mon. Sept. 28 – Wed. Sept. 30: General Synod** — Manchester, NH

October 2026

- **Sunday, Oct. 4 (11:00 AM): Holy Mass & Blessing of Pets** — Held in the hall
- **Saturday, Oct. 24: Tricky Tray Fundraiser** — Amalgamated Meat Cutters, 245 Paterson Ave., Little Falls, NJ. Doors open & 4 pm. Callings begin at 6 pm

November 2026

- **Sunday, Nov. 1 (2:00 PM): All Souls Day Procession** — East Ridgelawn Cemetery

December 2026

- **Sunday, Dec. 13: Christmas Dinner** — Immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass



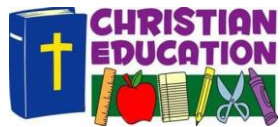
Super Fresh Church Partnership with Holy Cross

Our parish actively partners with Super Fresh food stores! You can participate by shopping at any of their three convenient locations:

- **Woodland Park:** 1750 U.S. Highway 46 / **Clifton:** 83 Ackerman Ave
- **Passaic:** 161 Jefferson St

How it works: After checking out, simply tell the cashier you are from **Holy Cross, Woodland Park**. A portion of your purchase will directly benefit our parish. **Impact to date:** Thanks to your support, we have raised to date **\$780!**

Feeding Our Neighbors: Support the Fr. English Food Pantry



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 (Ages 4 through 8th Grade).

Confirmation Classes –**The lessons are held on Sundays after 11 am** Mass students who are in the 7th grade and older and adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons. Classes will begin on September 13, 2026. Sacrament of Confirmation is a completion of the sacrament of Baptism and an important step in Christian religious education.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – **Enrollment is open. Communion classes are held Sunday at 10 am. Classes begin on Sunday September 13, 2026.** *The Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ who is really present under the forms of bread and wine. In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ gives us Himself as a food for our souls. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of our Lord during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass when the priest says words of consecration which Jesus used during the Last Supper: This is My Body... This is My Blood. (Catechism)*

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS - We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, Father Joseph after Mass. Please sign your name in “Our Church Guests” book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.



ALTAR SERVERS This is an important ministry for our parish and your support and involvement is needed. Please contact Deacon - William Gaydos 973-239-4725 or parish office 201-247-4832 if your son /daughter are interested in becoming altar servers. We thank Deacon Bill for lessons preparing new altar servers.



THANK YOU

- **We thank all parishioners** who share their time, talent, and treasure for the good of our parish.
- **We thank 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, 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!

HOLY CROSS CHURCH TRICKY TRAY

Red, White, & Blue

At: **Amalgamated Meat Cutters, 245 Paterson Ave., Little Falls NJ.**

Oct. 24, 2026

Doors Open: 4:00 pm
Callings begin: 6:00 pm
Must be 18 to attend

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Approx. 5 Platinum Trays-over \$200
Approximately 25 Gold Trays - over \$100
Approximately 75 Super Trays - \$50 plus,

Approximately 100 Regular Trays - \$35 plus,
Scratch Offs / Door prizes and other great prizes

50/50 raffle (ID No. 543-136174) need not be present to win

Pre-Paid ADMISSION - \$15 payable to:

Holy Cross Church, 220 Browertown Rd., Woodland Pk, NJ 07424

Pre-Paid ADMISSION includes coffee / tea and an array of desserts & TWO sheets of 26 regular prize chances. Purchase pre-packaged raffles

ADMISSION FEE ON DAY OF THE EVENT (If available) - \$20 includes coffee / tea, sweets & ONE sheet of 26 regular prize chances.

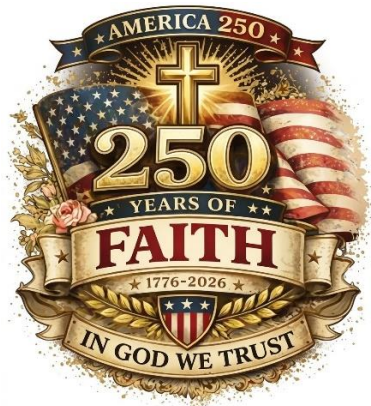
Buy HOT DOGS, PIZZAS, WATER, SODA/ Bring your own food!!!

HAVE a FAMILY REUNION!!! Reserve a table for 8-10 participants

Deadline for tickets: Oct. 17, 2026

Contact: Fran francuccinello@gmail.com / holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

Church cell phone 201-247-4832 - www.holycrosssite.org



Holy Cross Church

220 Browertown Rd. Woodland Park NJ

100 years of service

Our Town Free Picnic

Parishioners and Woodland Park
Residents

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Time: 12PM - 4 PM after 11:00 AM

**Come and enjoy variety of hot dishes,
food, salads, hot dogs, hamburgers, fruit punch; popcorn; ice
cream pops, water, soda, coffee, tea, desserts**



**Mass
ethnic**

COME AND ENJOY!

CHILDREN WILL BE ENJOYING GAMES WITH PRIZES:

- **Exotic Animals**
- **Water slide & bouncer**
- **Musical Chairs**
- **Face Painting**
 - **Other Games and Surprises**

RSVP by Sept. 6, 2026

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or text / call 201-247-4832

How many adults / How many children

RAIN or SHINE the FUN is ON

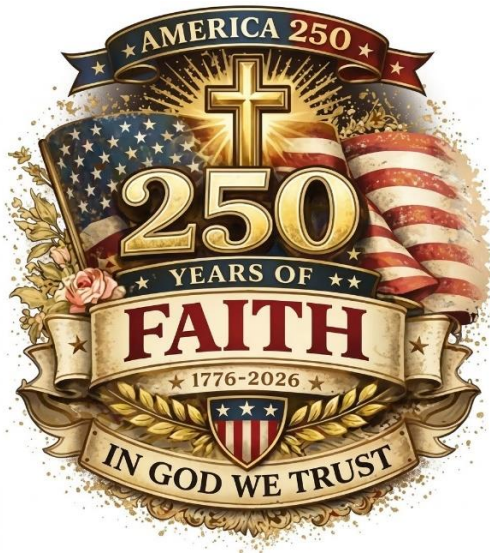
web site: holycrosssite.org

FB: www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic



TRICKY TRAY



Dear members of Holy Cross Church family,
Our Tricky Tray, the largest fundraiser of our Parish will be held on **SATURDAY, October 24, 2026 at Amalgamated Meat Cutters, 245 Paterson Ave., Little Falls NJ.** Doors Open: 4:00 pm; Callings begin: 6:00 pm. We are thankful for all those who in the past dedicated their time, talents and treasures for our successful fundraisers. We need donations of a variety of trays or monetary contributions for this event. Please include your name, the value and the content of the basket / donation that could appear on the outside of the prize. You can wrap your prize or we will do that for you. Consider to purchase scratch offs for the gifts. We appreciate those who already brought donations to the parish hall. Please bring

your donations on Sundays or call in advance 201-247-4832 to drop off your donation.

Value of TRAYS:

REGULAR TRAYS (\$35+)

SUPER TRAYS (\$50+)

GOLD TRAYS (\$100+)

PLATINUM TRAYS (\$200+)

The entrance Tricky Tray Tickets are for sale. Get your entrance tickets in advance at \$15, or at the door for \$20. You can purchase tickets on Sunday after Mass in the parish hall or call the church at 201-247-4832 or Fran at 973-303-3874 or Penni at 973-768-7917. **TICKETS:** You can reserve a table for 8-10 participants. **BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HAVE A FAMILY REUNION.** We would love you to join us for a fun filled evening with the opportunity to one of our great prizes. We really count on your support and hope you will attend. In the parish hall there is a sign-up list for volunteers.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38

**Thank you and God bless you,
Parish Committee
Tricky Tray Committee**

HOLY CROSS CHURCH TRICKY TRAY Red, White, & Blue PACKAGES

TRICKY TRAY HELD AT - 245 Paterson Ave, Little Falls, NJ

October 24, 2026 License ID No. 543-136174

YOUR NAME-----

ADDRESS-----

PHONE NUMBER-----EMAIL-----

BRONZE PACKAGE \$50.00 (VALUE OF \$90.00)

10 SUPER PRIZE TICKETS (RED TICKET)

6 GRAND PRIZE TICKETS (GREEN TICKET)

1 PLATINUM TICKET (YELLOW TICKET)

SILVER PACKAGE \$80.00 (VALUE OF 140.00)

15 SUPER TICKETS (RED TICKET)

9 GRAND TICKETS (GREEN TICKET)

2 PLATINUM TICKETS (YELLOW TICKET)

PLATINUM PACKAGE \$115.00 (VALUE OF \$190)

20 SUPER TICKETS (RED TICKET)

12 GRAND TICKETS (GREEN TICKET)

3 PLATINUM TICKETS (YELLOW TICKET)

EXTRA TICKETS

REGULAR PRIZES (BLUE TICKETS) 1 FOR \$5.00 3 FOR \$10.00

SUPER PRIZES (RED TICKETS) 1 FOR \$5.00 3 FOR \$10.00

GRAND PRIZES (GREEN TICKETS) 1 FOR \$5.00 3 FOR \$10.00

PLATINUM PRIZES (YELLOW TICKETS) 1 FOR \$10.00 3 FOR \$20.00

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING TICKET PACKAGES WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR

_____ BRONZE @ \$50.00

TOTAL OF \$ _____

_____ SILVER @ \$80.00

TOTAL OF \$ _____

_____ PLATINUM @ \$115.00

TOTAL OF \$ _____

_____ ADMISSION TICKET @ \$15.00

TOTAL OF \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Return form and check to HOLY CROSS CHURCH, 220 BROWERTOWN RD, WOODLAND PARK, NJ 07424

MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE TO ATTEND



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