

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 28, 2024

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The Deacon William Gaydos

SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

"I am the vine, you are the branches." - John 15:5



intimate than our relationship to our own family or someone we love. How comfortable are we with this invitation?

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel challenges the depth of our relationship to Christ, who calls himself the vine and us, the branches. The immediacy of this relationship was palpable among the early Christians. But what is it for us? We've been invited into something far deeper and more

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 9:26-31 Saul preached boldly in Jerusalem

Ps 22 I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people

1 John 3:18-24 Loving and believing in Christ is to keep his commandments

John 15:1-8 "I am the vine, you are the branches."



9:00 am – Lector: Rosie Cascina 11:00 am – Lector: Chirag Taylor

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES - 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 for the end of war in the world.

I pray for all parishioners each day. Please continue to pray for me

and my family. Thank you



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: Devin Lopez, Dominick Bucci, Edward Lazor, Michele Lazor, Monika Lukowiak, Barbara Koscinski, Fay Goglia; Michael Piascik, Floyd Vivino, Devin D. Lopez, George, Pat, Maria, Tadeusz Sobstyl, Steven O., Roy Zebrowski, Declan, Erik, Enrico, Josephine B. Carmen,. 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 or send it by mail. Name (husband) _____

Name (wife maiden name) _____ Date of Marriage _____

Diego Ochoa / Iris Miola – 11th Ann – 4/27 / Sebastian Wysocki / Ashley Burr – 5th Ann – 4/27

Daniel & Magdalena Brzyski – May 14 – 8th Ann.

Jerome Rotsaert & Elaine Skawinski – 60th Anniversary – May 3

Al Cuccinello & Frances Bucci – 61st Anniversary – May 12

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

Visiting our website [Blog holycrosssite.org](http://holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. **665** people are following our church Face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.



BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2023

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, APRIL 28, 2024 – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM The Liturgy of the Word of God and Distribution of Holy Communion

10:00 am – Hughie Coffee and cake Fellowship



10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class in Sunday Sch. bld.

11:00 am – Sunday School class in the parish hall

11:00 AM – The Liturgy of the Word of God and

Distribution of Holy Communion

After Mass – Hughie Coffee and cake Fellowship



Monday, April 29, 2024 – St. Peter of Verono, M.

No Mass / Personal prayers

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 – Solemnity of St. Joseph

No Mass / Personal prayers

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – St. Philip and James, Apostles

No Mass / Personal prayers

Thursday, May 2, 2024 – St. Athanasius of Alexandria, Bp. Dr. of the Church

No Mass / Personal prayers

Friday, May 3, 2024 – Sol. Finding of the Holy Cross

No Mass / Personal prayers

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM The Liturgy of the Word of God and Distribution of Holy Communion

10:00 am – Hughie Coffee and cake Fellowship



10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class in Sunday Sch. bld.

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Christ is risen! / He is Risen indeed!

Fr. Joseph is on vacation until May 5th. During that time the services on Sunday will be celebrated by Fr. David Gaydos and/or Deacon Bill Gaydos. In case of emergency please call Fr. Sr. Gregory Mludzick 973-767-9360 or Fran Cuccinello 973-303-3874. Thank you.

**THE PARISH COMMITTEE MEMBERS OATH
WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY MAY 12 2024 AFTER 9 AM MASS.**

NEW PARISHIONERS – If you are new to our parish, please submit your name and phone number to Father Joseph. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. WELCOME!



ENROLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION CLASS IS OPEN – CONTACT Fr. Joseph or email church office holycrosspncc1@gmail.com, cell: 201-247-4832

Before Holy Mass

Please observe some quiet time before Mass to prepare yourself for worship: meeting God in His Word, Confession, and Holy Communion



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – **Communion classes are held Sunday at 10 am.** *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)*

Upcoming Events:

- May 11, 2024 10 am – NY/NJ Seniorate Council meeting
- May 12, 2024 – Mother’s Day Breakfast at 10 am
- June 2, 2024 – Corpus Christi celebration at Holy Cross at 3 PM
- July 4th July 13, 2024 - YOUTH CAMP – at Bp. Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Waymart, PA
- September 22, 2024 – Adoration Society Convention at Church of Transfiguration, Wallington, NJ at 3 pm
- Tricky Tray – Saturday, October 19, 2024

HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH. The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$125.00 for each hour of rental time (for non-parishioners). For members of the parish (paid membership). The rental hall fee for the use of facilities is \$65 for each hour. Call 201-247-4832



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



- Parishioners who support parish financially and those who send donations by mail or electronically using Venmo or PayPal. Each Friday, the Holy Mass is celebrated for all benefactors living and deceased.
- Adoration Society for their ministry and help in activities of our parish.
- Sunday School teachers, Mr. Paul Murphy, Ms. Natalie Lazar for their service
- Richard Daum for his work as a treasurer
- Fran Cuccinello and Marietta Erhardt for their helping in the office
- We thank those who prepare Coffee Hour on Sundays
- 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 you all!

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



Donations to St. Nicholas Ministry since last newsletter: since last newsletter: **SPECIAL DONATIONS TO HOLY CROSS:** since last newsletter – **ENERGY NEEDS:** Since last newsletter:

DONATIOS FOR BUILDING FUND: Since last newsletter: Jessica and Al Muccilli - \$50;

HOSPITAL VISIT. “Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord...” (James 5:14). If you or a member of your family are ill and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home or at the hospital, please notify the rectory





Prayer for the Sick

O Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen

MASSES OF HEALING – The Masses for the Sick and Home Bound are celebrated **on the last Thursday of the month.**

WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS. Dates of Healing Masses: May 30; June 27, 2024 @ 7 PM. The Lord listens to our prayers and has the power of healing of body, mind and spirit. **WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS**



HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN If small children need more attention during the Mass, parents can now listen to the Liturgy of the Mass in the **parish hall** while the children can play or do the drawings. **The TV set is connected to a camera in the church sanctuary. You can see mass in the parish hall.**



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 14, 2024 – In memory of Robert Maindelle; by Mark Koscinski

For more information, please call parish office at 201-247-4832 or Penni Lazor,

Adoration Society President, at 973-768-7917 Thank you.

HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN

Dear friends, please join our parish in DAILY PRAYER CHAIN.

We pray for peaceful resolutions and reconciliation in different parts of the world especially in Ukraine, Gaza and Israel, and other countries in the world. We pray for protection from natural disasters. **IN OUR PRAYERS WE ASK FOR THE RESPECT OF THE SANCTITY OF EACH LIFE AND DIGNITY OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL SINCE**

THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION TO LAST MOMENT OF LIFE REGARDLESS OF RACE, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL PARTY, GENDER, ETHNICITY, STATUS OR CREED. MAY WE LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH EACH OTHER, RESPECTING DIFFERENCES, CHERISHING DIVERSITY,

WITHOUT FEAR OF THE OTHER, HONORING THE IMAGE OF GOD IN EVERY HUMAN PERSON. We pray for the recovery of the sick and for the medical staff for wisdom and guidance in their service. We remember persecuted Christians around the world and for 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 the Church established by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

ALMS BOX – Our parish traditionally

uses the Alms Box in the

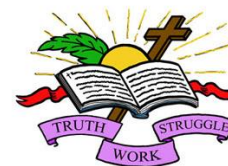


vestibule of the church for the benefit of poor. Please continue to support this great cause to help the less fortunate of our society. *“When you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right is doing – your almsgiving must be secret, and your father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.” (Matthew 6:3-4)*

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 **98 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.

Imagine a Church that is One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic

- Welcomes ALL who wishes to follow Christ
- Teaches traditional spiritual and moral values
- Has Valid Sacraments,
- Allows its priests to marry.
- You don't have to Imagine anymore!
- COME to Holy Cross Church



**Worship with Us – Pray with Us
Praise with Us – Witness with Us –**

Build the Kingdom of God together in our daily Living and spiritual journey

Dear Parishioners – We thank you for all generous donations to support your parish, for which parish committee and I are extremely thankful. Nevertheless, we ask you to prayerfully consider underwriting the cost of some essential operating costs of the parish. You can send a donation by mail or place it in the collection basket.

The annual fire alarm system inspection: \$260 - Paid by Adoration Society – Thank you

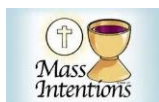
The annual fire alarm monitoring: \$400 -

Donation by Joe & Joan Ruyzam – Thank you

The annual website fee \$325 -

Annual Burglary alarm - \$480 – paid by Adoration Society – thank you

Sunday School material - \$240 –



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.

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parish hall. If you are missing envelopes, please submit your name and address in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward

the Holy Cross Church. We believe that God blesses us and our families when we support His Church He established on earth to spread His message of salvation.



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 here is the link you can scan to access or find Holy Cross' Venmo account.

TRICKY TRAY

'Fall, Foliage, Fun'

At: **St. George Orth. Church**

237 Long Hill Rd. Little Falls, NJ 07424

Oct. 19, 2024

Doors Open: 4:00 pm

Callings begin: 6:00 pm

MUST be 18 to play

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Approximately 5 Platinum Trays-over \$200

Approximately 25 Grand 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, EMPANATAS, WATER, SODA**

Bring your own food if you wish

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

Deadline for tickets: Oct. 12, 2024

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

Church cell phone 201-247-4832 - call or text

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Ground Level Floor Renovation

Our Holy Cross Church will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in May 2026. As part of this celebration the parish committee agreed to do some renovations. We installed handicap fixtures in the women's bathroom. We also made a decision to renovate all the ground floor flooring (except parish hall), the men's bathroom, the hallway, kitchen and meeting room as well. The new floor was placed on Monday April 15th, 2024. The cost was \$6,000. The job was done by D&B Carpet & Flooring (Woodland Park, NJ) – see business card. We are asking parishioners and friends of Holy Cross to continue to financially help with this project. By upgrading these areas, they become more appealing spaces for our fellowships, fundraisers and renters.

We appreciate your kindness and generosity when considering donating to this project. Envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Donations may also be made by mail



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with notation for Floor Renovations. We thank you in advance and may the Lord reward you abundantly. Donations to date: (Any new donation will be listed on May 12, 2024) Kathy Krom - \$50; Joe Ruyzam in memory of Joan Ruyzam - \$500; John Ruyzam - \$200; M/M Erhardt - \$100; Tom Kanak - \$100, J. Kanak - \$50; Cyman Family - \$50; anonymous - \$100; K. Hitchcock - \$500; S. Pelak - \$500; DONATIONS TO DATE - \$2,100.

Easter Egg Hunt – April 7, 2024. We thank teachers Ms. Natalie and Mr. Paul for their lessons teaching our children the Christian way of life and providing social events such as Easter Egg hunt.



We thank parents for their involvement in the Sunday School program which benefits their children. Sunday School classes are held in the parish hall on Sunday at 11 am. Welcome!