



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 12, 2024
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION OF THE LORD
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS PARISH** PNCC 98 Years of Service

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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor
The Deacon William Gaydos

SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am
WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

REFLECTION

On this feast of the Ascension, we remember that Christ's ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain. This feast reminds us that like the first disciples, we are not dally "looking up at the sky," but are to get busy proclaiming the glory of God's kingdom by the witness of our lives.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 1: 1-11 Jesus rose from the dead and returned to prepare the disciples to preach his kingdom and continue his work

Ps 47 Celebrate with great joy for God rules all the earth

Eph 1:17-23 Believers are called to profess belief in the triune God whose greatness over all is manifested in Jesus Christ

Mark 16:15-20 The disciples were sent into the world to preach, heal and bring all people to belief in Christ

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, Dante Pasquale, 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 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, MAY 12, 2024 – 7TH SUN. OF EASTER
ASCENSION OF THE LORD / HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FREE BREAKFAST

9:00 AM Holy Mass for all Mothers Living and Deceased

THE PARISH COMMITTEE MEMBERS OATH

10:00 am – MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST – All Are Welcome

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

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for all Mothers Living and Deceased

Monday, May 13, 2024 – St. Valerian, Bp.,



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

7:00 PM – Preparation for Marriage

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – St. Boniface, M.

7:30 am - Holy Mass for the growth of Holy Cross Parish

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – St. Bertha & Rupert, C.

7:30 am - Holy Mass for persecuted Christians in the world

Thursday, May 16, 2024 – St. Brendan, Ab.

7:30 am - Holy Mass for the sick and homebound

Friday, May 17, 2024 – St. Bruno, Bp.

7:30 am - Holy Mass for Benefactors of Holy Cross living and deceased

7:00 PM - First Holy Communion Confessions and Rehearsal



SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 – SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

+FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION+

9:00 AM Holy Mass for all Parishioners

10:30 am – First Holy Communion Class

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

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for Children Receiving First Holy

Communion After Mass – Hughie Coffee and cake Fellowship



SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Come Holy Spirit and Renew
the Face of the earth!**

I wish to thank Fr. David and Deacon Bill for their help during my vacation. – Fr. Joseph
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!

**PLEASE NOTICE THAT WEEKDAY MASSES HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM
8:30 AM TO 7:30 AM – You are invited to attend.**



Confirmation Class



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 26, 2024 – at 11 am Bishop Bernard Nowicki will incardinate Mark Koscinski as a Deacon serving in our parish and Central Diocese of PNCC
June 2, 2024 – Corpus Christi celebration at Holy Cross at 3

PM
June 12-15 – Young Men’s Society of Resurrection Spiritual Retreat, Waymart, PA
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.

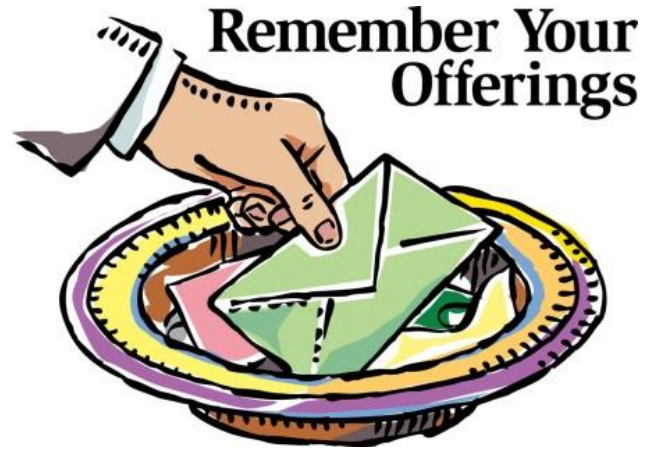


THANK YOU



- 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.”



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





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 May 12 – In memory of Naomi Minicevich by Charlyene McCart

Week of May 19 in memory of Fr. John Zayak by Mark Koscinski

Week of May 26 - available

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 the 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.

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- The annual fire alarm system inspection: \$260 - Paid by Adoration Society -TY**
- The annual fire alarm monitoring: \$400 - Donation by Joe & Joan Ruyzam- TY**
- 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 Besech 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. 973-256-4888

2024 ADULT ENVELOPES are still available in the 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.

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

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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 placed new floor in the men's bathroom, the hallway, kitchen and meeting room. The new floor was placed on Monday April 15, 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 appearing 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 with notation for Floor Renovations. We thank you in advance and may the Lord reward you abundantly.

A Rose for Mother

by Cleo M. Shoffstall

Another Mother's Day is here,
Bringing joy and pleasures new,
On this special day, Mother dear,
I want to remember you.
I cannot give you costly gifts,
And I've told you this before,
No matter what I give to you,
You give back much, much more.

I'm giving you a pure, sweet rose,
Gathered in the early morn,
This rose you planted in my heart,
The day that I was born.
In kindly, loving thoughts of you,
And with the faith you still impart,
The rose I give to you today,
Is the love that's in my heart.

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On Sunday May 26, 2024 – at 11 am Mass, Bishop Bernard Nowicki will incardinate our parishioner, Mark Koscinski as a Deacon who will serve in our parish and in the Central Diocese of PNCC.

The reception will follow. Please sign up in the parish hall if you plan to attend the reception.

Mark Koscinski went through years of Diaconate education and training in our Church and he previously served for several years as a Deacon in another Christian denomination. We are very happy and looking forward to having this special celebration in our parish. We are going to have a second Deacon serving in our parish in addition to Deacon Bill Gaydos.

I am confident that the Diaconate service of Mark Koscinski would bring spiritual benefit to our parish.

- Fr. Joseph