

21ST SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME – AUGUST 25, 2024

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

"Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.
John 6:69

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters, today's readings are about decisions, challenges and hard choices. Life is full of them! Choices that involve commitments are probably the hardest because of their long-lasting implications. We are reminded today that all relationships demand decisions about commitments. Whether the relationship is with God, with Jesus, with our families or our friends, we are challenged to decide how deep that relationship will be and what it might require of us. Israel could not avoid the hard questions, nor could the disciples or the early Christians. We can't avoid them, either. What kind of commitment are we willing to make?

Scripture Readings

Josh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Decide today whom you will serve.

Psalms 34 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Eph 5:21-32 On mutual love between husband and wife

John 6:60-69 The disciples are conflicted about whether to stay with Jesus

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Martin Maher

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 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 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 – 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: Devin Lopez, Dante Pasquale, Edward Lazor, Michele Lazor, Alexandria Sytsma, Dante Domicolo, Monika Lukowiak, Barbara Koscinski, Fay Goglia; Michael Piascik, Floyd Vivino, Devin D. Lopez, George, Pat, Maria, Tadeusz Sobstyl, Steven O., Roy Zebrowski, 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 or send it by mail. Name (husband) _____
Name (wife maiden name) _____ Date of Marriage _____

William Lamping /Judy Bartol – July 16 – 58th Ann

Matthew Vasquez / Pilar Martinez – Aug 4 – 6 Ann.

Fabian & Michelle Prieto – 8/23 – 10th Ann.

Hugo Carvajal/Griselle Fernandez - 8/31 – 11th 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. 687 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, AUGUST 25, 2024 – 21ST SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME / YOUTH SUNDAY

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

After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR**

11:00 AM – The Holy Mass for +Imelda Osorio, Hernando Saldarriaga, Estella Osorio, Teresa Osorio, Manuel Osorio. Fernando, Rosa Saldarriaga; *Off. by Beatriz Herrera (All Souls)*



Monday, August 26, 2024 – Our Lady of Czestochowa

7:30 am – Holy Mass for peace in our country
Clergy Retreat at 12 Noon



Tuesday, August 27, 2024 – St. Cesarius, Bp.

Clergy Retreat of the Central Diocese – 201-247-4832

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 – St. Augustin, Bp.

Clergy Retreat of the Central Diocese – 201-247-4832



Thursday, August 29, 2024 – Sol. – Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

7:00 pm – HOLY MASS OF HEALING FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Friday, August 30, 2024 – St. Rose of Lima

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

9:00 AM The Holy Mass for +Anna Marie and Teri Oliver; *Off. by Kaynak Family*

After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR**

11:00 AM – The Holy Mass for All Parishioners Living and Deceased
After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR**



IF YOU WISH TO DONATE YOUR BEAUTIFUL GARDEN FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY IN THE CHURCH – YOU ARE WELCOME TO DO SO. PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE – 201-247-4832. Flowers will be placed by the main altar and side altars of Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. Bring your flowers without or in your own vase. Vases will be given back to you.

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION are OPEN – CONTACT parish office at 201-247-4832 (or text) or email church office holycrosspncc1@gmail.com. THANK YOU.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Upcoming Events:

September 12, 2024 – My Time With Mary – Service at 7 pm

September 22, 2024 – Adoration Society Convention at Church of Transfiguration, Wallington, NJ at 3 pm

Tricky Tray – Saturday, October 19, 2024 – see flyer



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

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.



FOOD PANTRY – Each Sunday you can donate nonperishable food items to benefit Fr. English Food Pantry located in Paterson, NJ. Please bring your donations to our parish hall and place them by the room “Food Bank” Won't you help the needy in the name of Christ the Savior? “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me.” (Mat. 25:40)

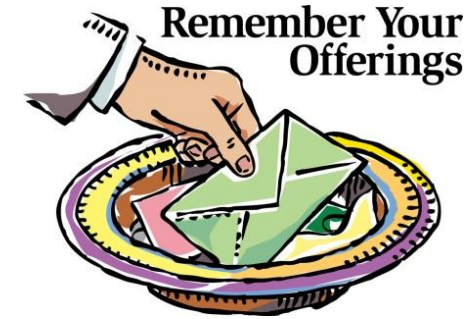


THANK YOU

- Parishioners who support parish in different ways. 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.
- Richard Daum for his work as a treasurer
- Fran Cuccinello, Joan Kaynak, Penni Lazor 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!

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



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.

Sunday School materials - \$240

TWO YEARS WEBSITE RENEWAL (BLUE HOST) HOLYCROSSSITE.ORG - \$400



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.

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: August 29, 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**



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 11, 2024 - In memory of Jeff Chin by Charlyene McCart

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

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)*

50/50 RAFFLE Dear and Friends, Holy Cross Parish is having a 50 /50 raffle. raffle drawing will be held during our Tricky Tray event on Saturday, October 19, 2024. We kindly ask that each parishioner or family unit be responsible for the sale of tickets at \$5.00 each. The Parish Committee will be overseeing the progress of ticket sales. Ticket stubs with money and unsold tickets are to be returned to the parish office or collection basket by Oct. 9, 2024. This fundraiser is licensed to be sold to the general public. Please sell them to family members and friends. More tickets are available by contacting parish office holycrosspncc1@gmail.com cell: 201-247-4832. Thank you and God bless you. To Date - \$150



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, Palestine and Israel, and other countries in the world.** We pray for peace in our country, for peaceful elections. 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 wisdom and guidance for the medical staff 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.



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

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TRICKY TRAY

"Fall, Foliage, Fun"

At: **St. George Orth. Church**
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Oct. 19, 2024

Doors Open: 4:00 pm
Callings begin: 6:00 pm
MUST be 18 to enter

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

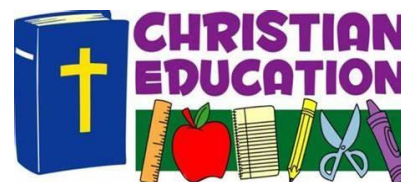
HAVE a FAMILY REUNION!!! Reserve a table for 8-10 participants

Deadline for tickets: Oct. 12, 2024

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

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After summer we begin our **SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2024** on the Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Our Sunday School classes take place on Sundays from 10:10 am to 10:55 am. To enroll your child you can find the application on the church website or please pick up an application from the church office. We thank Mr. Paul Murphy, and Natalie Lazar for teaching our students. Looking forward to see you all on September 8th at 11 am.

Candlelight Prayer Service

"My Time with Mary - a Spa for The Soul"

Sept. 11, 2024 at 7pm
(new date)

PRAY FOR PEACE

Prayer with Holy Rosary
& Beautiful Sacred Music

Everyone Is Welcome

Come along and bring a friend.



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.

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.**



STAIR LIFT REQUIRES A NEW EXIT DOOR



Before we can install a stairlift connecting the church and the parish hall, we need to fulfill Woodland Park Planning Board code requirements – the installation of a new emergency exit door in the parish hall. We hired L. Zeneli Construction LLC.

The work began on Friday, August 16, 2024. The excavation of the soil is complete, gravel spread and the retaining wall is in the final stage. The pipes from the gutters were installed and connected to the water basin. It will take about two more weeks to finish this project with a new exit door which was

ordered (waiting time is two weeks) and to complete other required jobs according to an architect's plans (Copa Montalbano Architects). This project will be covered by the Central Diocese as part of Enlivening Program for the parishes in our diocese. Please slow down and be careful traveling into the parish parking lot passing the work site. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW ROOF ON GARAGE AND NEW GUTTERS



The roof on our 50 year old garage had leaks and needed to be repaired.

This past week August 18-25, 2025 the new shingles replaced the old ones

and new gutters were installed by Szwarc Construction Inc. The church roof gutters were covered with rust resistant gutters guards. The project did cost \$7,800 plus \$450 for additional plywood and gutters guards for the church and part of the rectory.

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We thank you for any contributions to the Building Fund to defray the cost of these much needed repairs.