SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 – SOL. OF BROTHERLY LOVE SINCE 1926 HOLY CROSS PARISH PNCC 98 Years of Service

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

"Love one another"

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters, today we celebrate the Solemnity of Brotherly Love, the feast of the PNCC. On this day the members

of our Church strive to increase their faith and spirituality and love for all God's people. We express our desire to live daily according to the Commandments of God. SCRIPTURE READINGS

Holy Bible

Jeremiah 31:31-34 I will make a new covenant Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. 1 John 4:17-21 "Whoever loves God must also love his brother." Luke 10:25-37 You shall love your God with all your heart...

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Tracey Banta 11:00 am – Lector: Charlyene McCart <u>SHOPPING CERTIFICATES</u> - thank those who are involved in purchasing the certificates

and those who make this project possible: Richard and Ed <u>Obssuth.</u> 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: Fr. Marian Tarnowski, Dante

Pasquale, Edward Lazor, Michele Lazor, Pat Lenart, 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

Fabian & Michelle Prieto $-8/23 - 10^{\text{th}}$ Ann. / Hugo Carvajal/Griselle Fernandez $-8/31 - 11^{\text{th}}$ Ann.

Richard Bartolozzi/Jennifer Hitchcock 8/5-24th Ann.

Gerald Muller / Nancy Ramos – $8/7-24^{\rm th}$ Ann. / Geovanny & Amanda Bautista-8/28-15 th Ann.

Rafal Daniewski/Ewa Sobstyl – $8/29 - 34^{th}$ Ann / George and Dorothy O'Brien –

9/11 - 53rd Ann.

Cesar and Christina Colon - 9/23 - 18th Ann.

<u>Holy Cross Church Face Book – link</u> <u>www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com</u>

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.





After Mass – HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR

After Mass – Confirmation Class

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 - SOLEMNITY PF BROTHERLY LOVE



Next Parish Committee – Wednesday, September 18, 2024. At 7:30 pm.

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:



September 11, 2024 – My Time With Mary – Service at 7 pm September 29, 2024 – Adoration Society Convention at PNC Church of the Transfiguration, 135 Hathaway Street Wallington, NJ 07057

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)



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
 - 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 Gavdos 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.





<u>HOSPITAL VISIT.</u> "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

<u>MASSES OF HEALING</u> – 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



<u>Sanctuary Candle -</u> 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.

<u>ALMS BOX</u> – 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 <u>holycrosspncc1@gmail.com</u> cell: 201-247-4832. Thank you and God bless you. To Date - \$900.

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 We pray for the recovery of the sick and for the wisdom and HUMAN PERSON. 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





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, The 16. 2024. August excavation of the soil is complete, gravel spread and retaining wall the is completed. The walkway is covered with cement. The fence is installed. The pipes from the gutters were installed and connected to the water basin. It will take about one week more to finish this project with a new exit door

which may come this week. All jobs are done as required 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. 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.

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. <i>"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.**

Request for Prayers.



It is with deep sadness to inform Holy Cross Church that our dedicated parishioner, Dominick Bucci passed away in the hospital after a battle with illness last Thursday, September 12, 2024.

Dominick was a devoted leader of church maintenance to make necessary repairs to our church property as well as he was leading new projects such as expansion of the church rectory, renovations of Sunday school, installation of a new boiler and just two months ago installation of a

new handicap ramp in the front of the church. He was instrumental in many other projects in the past 20 years. We express deepest sympathy to son Brian, sister, Fran Cuccinello, brother in-law Al Cuccinello, companion Fran, relatives and friends. The information about Dominick's Funeral arrangements will be given at the later date.

May he rest in Peace.



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 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 prepackaged 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 <u>francuccinello@gmail.com</u> Office holycrosspncc1@gmail.com Church cell phone 201-247-4832 - call or text

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Welcome to Holy Cross Sunday School Classes

SEPT. 8, 2024 at 11 am

Dear Parents and Children

We hope that all children had a wonderful vacation with family and friends.

As children return to school, we will be happy to see your children attending Sunday School classes beginning this Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 11 am.

Sunday School classes will benefit the spiritual growth of your children.

Two wonderful and skilled teachers, Ms. Natalie L. and Mr. Paul M. are ready to dedicate their time and talents for the benefit of your children. Sometimes we will have teachers aid helping such as Ms. Christine Murphy. You can register your children on Sunday between 10 am and 11 am during coffee hour in the parish hall. You can register at the beginning of 11 am class. Also, for your convenience the registration form is attached.

Children will have class in the parish hall and would go to the church for distribution of Holy Eucharist or blessing at the end of the Mass. The TV set is available allowing to follow the Mass

Classes are offered for children ages 4 through 8th grade. Older students can attend if they desire to do so. Parents with children under the age of four can accompany their children in the parish hall, if desired and they can watch the Mass being televised on TV while children are occupied doing drawings and simple lessons.

Sunday school students not only receive a religious education but also participate in a variety of enjoyable activities provided by the teachers and parents of the parish. These are some possible activities such as Christmas party, Youth Participation at Christmas Mass, an Easter Egg Hunt and Party, visiting the elderly at nursing homes, making holiday crafts, enjoying parish picnic, preparing Thanksgiving Food Baskets for needy families, Christmas gifts for needy children, planting plants for seniors, providing food and clothing for the homeless. By participating in these activities, the youth have the opportunity to give back to the community by helping the less fortunate.

You are welcome to join us by enrolling your child in this program. Children will receive certificates for perfect and good attendance and may be rewarded with a gift card. Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays beginning tomorrow!



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

FATHER JOSEPH R. CYMAN