

NOVEMBER 3, 2024 – 31 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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The Deacon William Gaydos

The Deacon Mark Koscinski

SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

"The Greatest Commandment" – Mk 12:28-34

INTRODUCTION

The readings this Sunday call us to listen to the word of God that makes clear the new law of love. Rooted in the Hebrew Scriptures and confirmed in these readings, the commandment that matters most is to love God and to love one another. There is no need for ritual sacrifice but instead we are called to carefully make God's love the center of our lives.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Love your Lord your God with all your heart, soul...

Psalms 18 I love you, Lord, my strength

Hebrews 7:23-28 Jesus' priesthood does not pass away

Mark 12:28b-34 Love God and your neighbor as yourself

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Deacon Bill Gaydos

11:00 am – Lector: Deacon Mark Koscinski

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 – 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 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 or send it by mail. Name (husband) _____

Name (wife maiden name) _____ Date of Marriage _____

Martin Maher / Donna Giardino 10/24 – 35th Ann.

Stephen Morgan/Karen Jarmarkowicz 11/01 – 15th Ann.

Russell Paulison/ Karen Pettegrew – 11/ 22 – 32nd Ann.

Happy Birthday wishes to those who celebrate birthdays in November.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Visiting our website Blog holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. 688 people are following our church Face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2024

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, NOVEMBER 3, 2024 – 31 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM The Holy Mass for +Michael Gaydos, Margaret & Joseph Gaydos, Ann & Paul Zachok, Barbara Ann Zachok, Dorothy Allen Zachok, Margaret & William Weisner, Sosan & George Stecina, Mary & Andrew Gaydos, Anna & Andrew Zachok, Brenda Hubert, Bea O'Rourke;



Off. by Deacon Bill and Family (All Souls)

After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR**

10:10 am – **First Holy Communion Class**

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

11:00 am – Sunday School in the parish hall

After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR** / After Mass – **Confirmation Class**



Monday, Nov. 4, 2024 – St. Vitalis and Agricola, M.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024 – ELECTION DAY – St. Zachary &

Elizabeth

PLAN TO VOTE FOR THE GOOD OF OUR COUNTRY

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

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024 – St. Leonard of Noblac, Mo

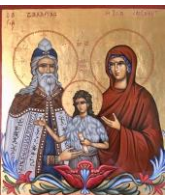
7:30 am – Holy Mass for +Nancy Ysla (Ann.); off. by Claire Centrella

Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024 – St. Willibrord of Utrecht, Bp.

7:30 am – Mass for the sick and shut ins

FRIDAY, NOV. 7, 2024 – St. Godfrey, Bp.

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



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024 – 32 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM The Holy Mass for +Elaine Klecha; Off. by Kaynak Family

After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR**

10:10 am – **First Holy Communion Class**

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

11:00 am – Sunday School in the parish hall

After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR** / After Mass – **Confirmation Class**



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.

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!

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 18 at 7:30 pm – Parish Committee Meeting

Nov. 24 – Solemnity of Christ the King

Nov. 24 – Advent Tree Project begins

Dec. 1 – First Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024 after 11 am Mass - Christmas Luncheon with Santa

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Mass (Tuesday) at 4 pm

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass (Wednesday) at 10 am



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

UPCOMING
EVENTS

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)



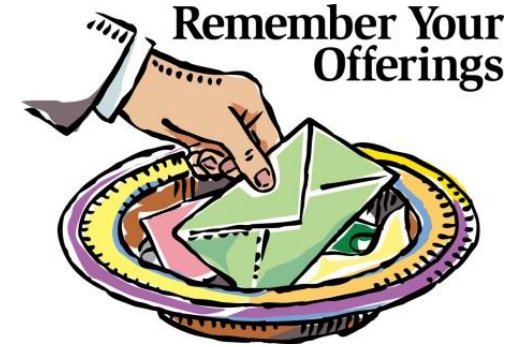
THANK YOU

- 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
- We thank Parish Committee Members who attended last week meeting and made decision for the good of our parish.
- 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.”**



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 / her and anoint 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 Eucharist, please notify the office 201-247-4832.



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: October 31, 2024 @ 6:30 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 Nov. 3 – Maysoon Awad, Balkees Awad, Mazen Sami, Najeeba Aboudi, Salma Aboudi, Mikhail Awad, and Sabeth Quako; by Hilal Hana and Family

Week of Nov. 17 – Adele & John Sincavage; by Bev Vickerilla

Week of Nov. 24 – Hughie Vickerilla; by Bev Vickerilla

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)*

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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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 Lebanon, 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.

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 **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

Welcome to Holy Cross Sunday School Classes



Dear Parents and Children We are happy to see children attending Sunday School classes on Sundays 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.** You can register your children on Sunday between 10 am and 11 am during coffee hour in the parish hall. **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. **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 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS / FATHER JOSEPH R. CYMAN**

FROM PASTOR'S DESK - Dear Parishioners, in the vestibule of the church please find an envelope with All Souls Day insert. You can didn't have chance to write the names of your deceased loved ones, please do so at your convenience and place the envelope in the basket or give it to Fr. Joseph. The deceased names will be placed on the altar during the month of November. In addition to that, Fr. Joseph will celebrate Holy Masses for their intentions in the

All Souls Day Remembrance

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, on All Souls Day, please remember the Souls of:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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upcoming weeks and months. You may indicate the date you wish to have the Mass celebrated such as on the anniversary of their passing or on another date you prefer. These Masses will be listed as All Souls Day remembrances.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

“With Santa”

Holy Cross Church

Dec. 8, 2024 after 11am Mass (12 pm)

With Christmas Music



Menu: (Subject to change) Baked Salmon, Pork Roast, Baked Chicken, Cavatelli & Broccoli, Beef Empanadas, Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Bread & Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Santa Claus will have gifts for children Tickets - \$20 Adults

CHILDREN 7 – 12 - \$7

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Deadline for tickets Sunday, December 1, 2024

COME AND ENJOY!

Sunday School Project

Gift Cards for Pediatric Patients

at Morristown Medical Center, Morristown NJ



Dear Parents and Parishioners:

Our Sunday School students are growing in number and in outreach program to make a difference in the lives of hospitalized children by gathering Gift Cards, for various local stores, gas stations, and local restaurants in the area of Morristown Medical Center, Morristown NJ.

They would appreciate gift cards to help support pediatric patients and their families

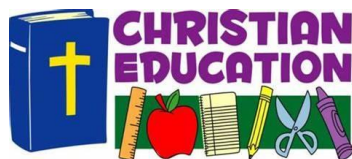
Gift Cards

- **\$5-10** increments to **Starbucks**
- **\$10** increment gift cards are used as “treasure chest” rewards for teen patients. **Amazon, Target, Starbucks, Barnes & Noble, Chipotle and Dunkin Donuts** are all favorites.
- **\$25** increments to **gas stations** (for parents traveling back and forth to the hospital often) and **\$25** ShopRite (*purchase in the parish hall*)
- Any increment to **Target, Walmart, Amazon, party stores, grocery stores and American Express/Visa**, used as birthday gifts; for parents who need to buy specific foods for their sick child; to purchase supplies for patient parties and to purchase patient activity related supplies (slime, cooking activities, etc.)
- **Any increment to local restaurants** that deliver to give families with an extended stay an alternative option to hospital meals.
- **You may consider giving a monetary donation** and Sunday School will purchase Gift Cards on your behalf.

Sunday School Children are preparing Get Well Cards for children in the hospital that will be included along with our gift card.

Thank you for your cooperation.

God bless you for your generosity to support hospitalized children.



Candlelight Prayer Service

“My Time with Mary - a Spa for The Soul”

Nov. 20, 2024 at 7pm

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All Are Welcome

Come along and bring a friend.

**Please Come In - Rest In The Heart Of Jesus
And Receive His Blessing & Peace**

[AN IMPORTANT PROJECT ACCOMPLISHED](#) - Our "long awaited" project- curved stairlift – BRUNO, Veteran Founded, Family Owned was installed by Handi Lift from Carlstadt, NJ on Monday October 28, 2024. It is ready to transport those who need it from church to parish hall and vice versa. This equipment makes our church and the parish hall a Handicap accessible facility. We thank the Central Diocese of PNCC for sponsoring this project financially as part of their Enlivening program for the diocese.



**THANKSGIVING
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HALL**

**WISHING YOU A BLESSED
THANKSGIVING**

A decorative illustration of several orange pumpkins and green autumn leaves, positioned at the bottom of the poster. The entire poster is framed with a torn-edge border and set against a background of vertical stripes.