

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – JAN. 26, 2025

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**The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor**

**The Deacon William Gaydos / The Deacon Mark Koscinski**

**SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)**

*He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,  
Lk. 4:18-19*

## INTRODUCTION



In a prominent scene from this week's Gospel, Jesus visits His hometown synagogue, reads a prophecy about His coming in front of friends and neighbors, and then declares, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." This must have amazed everyone there. While considering the original context of these words, we also reflect on their relevance today. How can we bring these messages

of comfort and justice for the poor and oppressed to life now? What is our role in making these words meaningful today

## Today's Scriptures Reading

Isa 8:23-9:3 The people in darkness will see a great light.  
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 The Lord is my light and my salvation.  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Let there be no divisions among disciples.  
Matt 4:12-23 Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah.

## LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector:      11:00 am – Lector:

**WE THANK ALL LECTORS SERVING IN OUR PARISH. WE NEED MORE LECTORS IN OUR PARISH. PLEASE CONTACT FR. JOSEPH OR ONE OF OUR DECONS, BILL / MARK.**

**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 peace and 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: Robert Sleece, Pat Olsen, Dante Pasquale, Pat Lenart, Alexandria Sytsma, Dante Domicolo, Monika Lukowiak, Barbara Koscinski, Michael

Piasecik, Floyd Vivino, Devin D. Lopez, George, Pat, Maria, Tadeusz Sobstyl, Steven O., 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Kevin & Karyn Ortega – 2/3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.**

**Chirag & Aarti Taylor – 2/19 – 10th Ann.**

**Fr. Joseph and Renata Cyman – 2/21 – 27th Ann.**



**Holy Cross Church Face Book – link [www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com)**

Visiting our website Blog [holycrosssite.org](http://holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. 782 people are following our church Face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

**BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2025**

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](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com), thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**

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**SUN. JANUARY 26, 2025 – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 AM** **The Holy Mass: For +Hughie Vickerilla; Off. by wife, Bev. Vickerilla**

**After Mass – HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR**

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

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for All Parishioners



**11:00 am – Sunday School in the parish hall**  
**During Mass Sacrament of Baptism of Mila Bitondo**  
**After Mass –Confirmation class**



**Monday, Jan. 27, 2025 – St. John Chrysostom, Bp., D.**

**7:30 am – Holy Mass for peace in the world**  
**+Agnieszka Cyman; Fr. Joseph and Family**

**Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025 – St. John, Ab.**

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

**Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025 – St. Francis the Sales, Bp.**

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

**Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025 – St. Martin of Rome, V., M.**

**7:00PM– Holy Mass of Healing for sick and homebound**

**Friday, Jan. 31, 2025 – St. Marcella, W.**

**7:30 am – Holy Mass for Benefactors of Holy Cross**



**SUN. FEBRUARY 2, 2025 – SOL. OF PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**BLESSING OF CANDLES / BLESSING OF THROATS**

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

**After Mass – HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR**

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

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass For intention of Madeline Alvarado



**11:00 am – Sunday School in the parish hall**  
**After Mass –Confirmation class**



**ENROLLMENT 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](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com). THANK YOU.

## THANK YOU



- We thank parishioners who support our parish in different ways. That is why each Friday, the Holy Mass is celebrated for all benefactors living and deceased.

- Richard Daum for his work as a treasurer and his helpers Marietta Erhardt and Paul Murphy

- Fran Cuccinello and Marietta Erhardt for their help in the parish office
- We thank those who prepare Coffee Hour on Sundays
- We thank 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!

**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:**

**Feb. 16, 2024 – St. Valentine’s Luncheon after 11 am Mass**

**Feb. 23, 2025 – Annual Parish Meeting (10-11 am)**

**March 16, 2025 – St. Patrick Luncheon after 11 am Mass**

**April 6, 2025 – Agape service at Heart of Jesus Parish, 290 Avenue E, Bayonne, NJ**

**April 20, 2025 – Resurrection of our Lord (Masses at 9 am and 11 am)**



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** –LAST WEEK **nonperishable food items** were donated to Fr. English Food Pantry in Paterson. 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)

***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 **99 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.



**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.

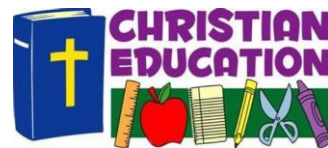


### **Prayer for the Sick**

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. In November it will be celebrated on last Wednesday due to Thanksgiving Day. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS. Dates of Healing Masses: January 30; 2025 @ 7:00 PM.** The Lord listens to our prayers and has the power of healing of body, mind and spirit. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS

**BLESSING OF HOMES** Please contact Fr. Joseph if you wish to have blessed your home or apartment. 201-247-4832 or [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com)



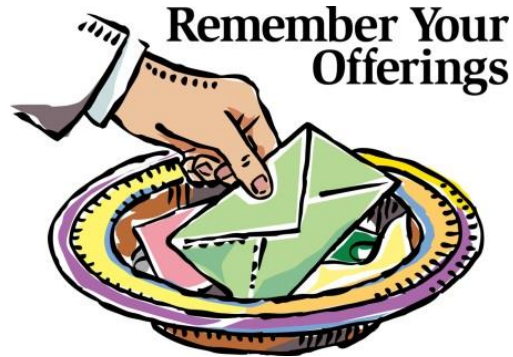
**Dear Parents and Children** We are glad serving our children attending Sunday School classes on Sundays at 11 am. These classes benefit the spiritual growth of our children. **Two wonderful and skilled teachers, Ms. Natalie L. and Mr. Paul M.**

**dedicate their time and talents for the benefit of your children.** You can still 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. Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays - SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS / FATHER JOSEPH R. CYMAN, Pastor**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** - Will be held on Sunday Feb. 23, 2025 after 9 am Mass. There will be refreshment after the Mass. All societies of our parish are asked to give their annual report from the past year 2024 and their projects for the year 2025. Another important aspect of our meeting will be election of the Parish Committee. Would you consider serving as member of this committee? Please contact Fr. Joseph of Penni Lazor ( Parish Committee chairperson) .



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



**2025 ADULT ENVELOPES** are available in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church. May the Lord reward your generosity.



**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 Jan. 19, 2025 – In memory of Rosalyn Cimmino** by M/M James Cimmino

**Week of Jan. 26, 2025 – In memory of Helen Mihok** by Beverly and Ed Obsuth

**Week of Feb. 16, 2025 - In memory of Tom Kaynak** by Joan Kaynak

**Week of Feb. 23, 2025 - In memory of Tom Kaynak** by Joan Kaynak

**Week of March 2, 2025 – In memory of Anna Hornak** by Deacon Mark

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)

**HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN**



Dear friends, please join our parish in DAILY PRAYER CHAIN. We pray for victims of wildfires in California. We have special collection for the victims. We pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace for **peaceful resolutions and reconciliation in Ukraine, Palestine 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 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.



For Your Information: Last week **SEVERAL WINTER COATS AND OTHER ITEMS including nonperishable food items** were donated to Fr. English Food Pantry in Paterson. **WINTER COATS, SCARFS, GLOVES, SWEATERS... PLEASE DONATE NEW or SLIGHTLY USED AND IN GOOD CONDITION**

**COATS, SCARFS, GLOVES, SWEATERS.** Please bring your donations to the parish hall. Donations will be given to Fr. English Food Pantry and Eva's Shelter respectfully in Paterson, NJ. *"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."* Luke 6:38

# St. Valentine's Day Luncheon

**Holy Cross Church 220 Browertown Rd. Woodland Park NJ**

**Sunday, February 16, 2025 @ 12 PM**

**(after 11am Mass)**

**Donation: Adults - \$15 / Children - under 14 Free**

**Menu Includes: Meat balls, ziti, salad, rolls, desserts, coffee, soft drinks**

**Basket of Cheer and 50/50**

**Purchase tickets in advance after Masses**

**or send donations by mail before Feb. 10.**

**contact 201-247-4832; [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com)**



## Holy Cross Church FINANCIAL HELP FOR VICTIMS OF WILDFIRE IN CA (greater Los Angeles area). TODATE - \$460

On Monday Jan. 13, 2025, the Parish Committee discussed and made a decision to have a collection for financial support for the victims of the wildfires in California. The devastation caused by wildfires in the greater Los Angeles area have left at least 27 people dead and thousands were displaced. In the bulletins and in the vestibule please find envelopes to help the victims.



A custom in homes of many countries including Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Sweden is to inscribe above the front doors the letters C + M + B, placing a cross between each letter. This is done every year on January 6, Epiphany, commemorating the wisemen being led by the star to the manger. The legendary names of the Magi were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Many people interpret the three letters as the initials of those names. In reality these letters originate from the Latin phrase "Christus Mansum Benedictat" (May Christ bless this home). This religious custom expresses the belief that the Lord remains with His people throughout the year.

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## St. Blaise Blessing of the Throats Holy Mass on February 2 will conclude with



St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat. St. Blaise's Story — In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual St. Blaise blessing for their throats. We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary "Acts of St. Blaise" were written 400 years later. According to them, Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. During persecution in Armenia, Blaise was forced to flee to live as a hermit in solitude and prayer. He made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were surprised and frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears. The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone. Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to worship pagan idols. Blaise refused; he was martyred. Saint Blaise is the Patron Saint of throat ailments.

Music Scholarship Sunday – January 26, 2025 Pray for the Music Ministry in our church and Give thanks for those that are currently sharing their talents. Help and support the future of this ministry. Your donations make a difference helping with scholarships and National United Choirs projects. Special envelopes are enclosed in each box of Sunday envelopes. For scholarship application [nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com](http://nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com) / information, visit website. Thank you



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