

PRE-LENT 2 – FEB. 23, 2025

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

"Love your enemies..." (Luke 6:27)

INTRODUCTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus emphasizes the importance of "loving your enemies," repeating the phrase for emphasis. This message is part of a larger set of moral teachings, but "love your enemies" stands out as a core principle that embodies all the others, guiding us to reflect God's love. God doesn't reserve love for just the worthy or good; instead, God loves everyone simply because they exist. We are called to do the same. Your enemy could be someone you're in conflict with

or a group you subconsciously see as different or unworthy of your care. Regardless of who you consider an enemy, Jesus' message doesn't change: we are to love them with the same mercy, forgiveness, and compassion that God shows.

Today's Scriptures Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 David spares his enemy

Ps 103 The Lord is kind and merciful

1 Cor 15:45-49 Live as spiritual, not natural beings

Lk 6:27-38 Jesus' challenge about loving and forgiving

9:00 am – Lector: Martin Maher 11:00 am – Lector: Dn. Mark

Koscinski

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES -ANOTHER RECENT \$2000 PROFIT FROM THE SALES OF GIFT CERTIFICATES HAS BEEN DEPOSITED IN THE

BUILDING FUND. We 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 Piascik, 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 – 2nd 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

Visiting our website Blog 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, thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**

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PRE-LENT 2- FEB. 23, 2025

9:00 AM The Holy Mass: For +For Deceased Members of the Rozic Family;

Off. by Kathleen Krom (All Souls)

**After Mass – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WITH REFRESHMENT
(FREE COLD CUTS)**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

10:10 am – First Holy Communion Class

11:00 am – Sunday School in the parish hall

11:00 AM – Holy Mass +Robert Kosc; *Off. By Fr. Joseph and Family*

After Mass – Confirmation Class



Monday, Feb. 24, 2025 - St. Matthias, Ap.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025 – St. Nestor, Bp., M.

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



7:00PM-Candlelight Prayer Service
**“My Time with Mary – a Spa for
The Soul”**



Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025 – St. Alexander Bp.

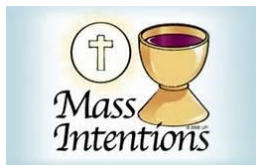
7:30 am – Holy Mass for youth of our parish

Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025 – St. Julian, Cronin and Besas, M.

7:00 PM – Holy Mass of Healing with Anointing

Friday, Feb. 28, 2025 – St. Romanus & Lupicinus, Ab.

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



PRE-LENT 3- MARCH 2, 2025

9:00 AM The Holy Mass: For +Lucy Daum, John Daum, Oscar & Elizabeth Daum,
Barbara Kopacki; *Off by Richard Daum (All Souls)*

10:10 am – First Holy Communion Class

11:00 am – Sunday School in the parish hall

11:00 AM – Holy Mass +Robert Kosc; *Off. By Fr. Joseph and Family*

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. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU



- We thank parishioners who support our parish in different ways. 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 Natalie Lazar and Paul Murphy for providing lessons to our children attending Sunday School classes (School of Christian Living)
- 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:

March 5 – Ash Wednesday Masses at 12 Noon and 7 PM with distribution of Ashes

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

March 30, 2025 – Fish & Chips Luncheon after 11 am Mass

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

April 20, 2025 – EASTER - Resurrection of our Lord (Masses at 9 am and 11 am with Procession at 9 am (outside) and 11 am Inside the church)

Oct. 25, 2025 – Tricky Tray door open at 4 pm, calling of trays at 6 pm

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)



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

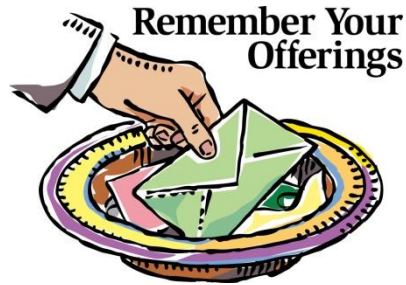
MASSES OF HEALING – The Masses for the Sick and Home Bound are celebrated **on the last Thursday of the month. In November it will be celebrated on last Wednesday due to Thanksgiving Day. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS. Dates of Healing Masses: February 27, 2025 @ 6:15PM.** The Lord listens to our prayers and has the power of healing of body, mind and spirit. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Will be held today, Sunday Feb. 23, 2025 after 9 am



Mass. There will be FREE 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 the election of the Parish Committee. Would you consider serving as a member of this committee? Please let me know or Penni Lazor (Parish Committee chairperson). Thank you for your service for the benefit of our parish. - Fr. Joseph

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



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 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.

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All Are Welcome!

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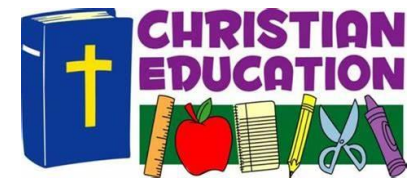
- The ethnic beginning has grown into a multicultural community.
- The Church that has all valid sacraments
- Teaches traditional spiritual and moral values
- Marriage has been allowed before or after ordination for deacons, priests and bishops since 1921.
- The laity and clergy have equal voice in the election of bishops.
- The management of the material matters of each parish is performed by the Parish Committee along with their Pastor.

Holy Cross Church FINANCIAL HELP FOR VICTIMS OF WILDFIRES IN CA (greater Los Angeles area). TODATE - \$850

With the parish committee we decided to provide 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 29 people dead and thousands were displaced. Special envelopes are located in the vestibule of the church. Those who wish to donate by sending donations in mail, please write checks payable to Holy Cross Church with memo CA Wildfires Victims. Thank you.



BLESSING OF HOMES Please contact Fr. Joseph if you wish to have your home or apartment blessed. 201-247-4832 or holycrosspncc1@gmail.com



Sunday school students are preparing this month for a special NEW PROJECT.



They are going to create care packages for the homeless in Paterson. Sunday School would like to ask all to contribute if possible. These are items

they are collecting: new socks, new gloves, handwarmers, antibacterial wipes, granola bars, and \$5 - \$10 gift cards for either McDonald's or Wendy's. Students will also be making sandwiches to put inside the packages. Money or goods are greatly appreciated. Thank you

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**

2024 Tax Receipt – Letters were given or sent for your convenience. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners for generous contributions throughout the past year to Holy Cross Parish. Thank you for your continued support for our parish. God Bless you abundantly. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact parish office 201-247-4832; holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Luncheon



Holy Cross Church
220 Browertown Rd, Woodland Park, N.J.



Sunday March 16, 2025

Held in Parish Hall after 11 am Mass (12 noon)

MENU

Corned Beef, Baked Chicken
Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes
Irish Soda Bread,



Hot and Cold Beverages, Irish Coffee
Donated Desserts



Donations per Adults \$20.00

Children Attending Sunday School FREE

Children 6-14 years of age \$7.50



PURCHASE TICKETS BY 3/13/2025

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Candlelight Prayer Service
“My Time with Mary – a Spa for The Soul”
Feb. 25, 2025 at 7pm

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Come along and bring a friend.

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

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

12:30 PM-2:30 PM EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

Catered by "TASTEFULLY BRITISH"

MENU

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(Note: Chicken Tenders may be substituted for Fish)

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