



HOLY CROSS R.C. CHURCH

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6 to 8 PM - Tuesday and Wednesday
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Saturday

Schedule of Services

MASSES - MSZE ŚWIĘTE:

Weekdays:

Monday: 7:30 AM Polish
Tuesday to Friday: 7:30 AM Polish
8:30 AM English

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 6:30 PM Polish

Wednesday: 6:30 PM English

Saturday Morning: 7:30 AM Polish

Saturday Eve: 5:00 PM English
6:30 PM Polish

Sundays: 8:00, 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM Polish
9:30 AM & 12:30 PM English

Confessions - Spowiedź

Saturdays: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM & at 6:00 PM - 6:30PM

First Friday: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Devotions - Nabożeństwa

Tuesday - Our Lady of Czestochowa, after 6:30 PM Mass.

First Thursday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 6:30 PM Mass.

First Friday - Sacred Heart of Jesus after 6:30 PM Mass.

First Saturday - Marian Devotions after 6:30 PM Mass.

Third Sunday of the Month -

Divine Mercy after 6:30 PM Mass.

October, May and Lent have special devotions - announced in the bulletin.

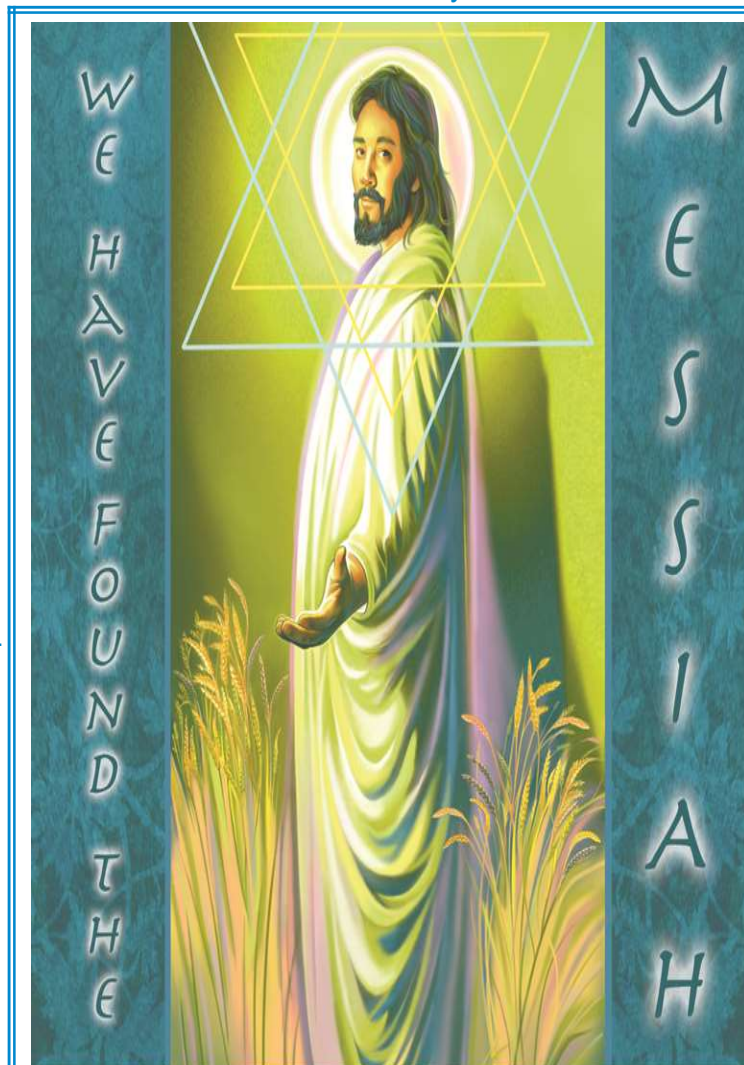
Baptism: Second Sunday of every month

11:00 Polish & 12:30 English

All Baptisms by appointment only.

Marriages - by appointment only -
6 months in advance

Every member should be properly registered.
No marriages or Baptisms may be performed unless one is registered. Church Law requires this.



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024

Mass Intentions For The Week



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SATURDAY January 13 **SOBOTA** 13 stycznia

5 PM † Adam & Stanisław Tkaczyk (Annv)
 6:30 PM † Halina i Henryk Wądołowscy
 † Wanda Luboch (Rocz)
 † Wacława Bielawska
 † Romuald Twarowski
 † Helena i Stanisław Dardziński

SUNDAY January 14 **NIEDZIELA** 14 stycznia

8:00 † Antoni Szczęsny (Rocz) i Marianna Szczęsna
 9:30 † Wacław, Janina, & Kazimierz Gorzelski
 11:00 † Ryszard Niedbala
 12:30 † Mieczysław Szozda

6:30 PM • Msza Dzięczynna z prośbą o zdrowie, Boże Błogosławieństwo, opiekę Matki Bożej dla Elżbiety i Roberta z okazji rocznicy ślubu

MONDAY January 15 **PONIEDZIAŁEK** 15 stycznia
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
RECTORY CLOSED

7:30 † Mieczysław Szozda
 6:30 PM • Prośba o zdrowie, Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Rodziny Szozda

TUESDAY January 16 **WTOREK** 16 stycznia

7:30 † Roman Jednacz (Rocz)
 8:30 † Mieczysław Szozda
 6:30 PM † Bogdan, Józef i Helen Zalot

WEDNESDAY January 17 **ŚRODA** 17 stycznia

7:30 † Mieczysław Szozda
 8:30 For the People of the Parish
 6:30 PM • Asking for God's Blessing for Paweł on his birthday

THURSDAY January 18 **CZWARTEK** 18 stycznia

7:30 † Franciszek Czocharński
 8:30 † Mieczysław Szozda
 6:30 PM † Marianna Szymborska i Alina Konopko

FRIDAY January 19 **PIĄTEK** 19 stycznia

7:30 † Mieczysław Szozda
 8:30 † Maria Butryn (Annv)
 6:30 PM † Urszula Zajkowska

SATURDAY January 20 **SOBOTA** 20 stycznia

7:30 † Mieczysław Szozda
 5 PM † Leokadia Ferenc (Rocz) & Kazimierz Ferenc

6:30 PM • W Bogu wiadomej intencji
 † Antoni i Marianna Szczęsny
 † Jan Kotulski (1 Rocz)
 † Janina Romańczyk

SUNDAY January 21 **NIEDZIELA** 21 stycznia

8:00 • Prośba o Boże Błogosławieństwo, opiekę Matki Bożej, zdrowie i potrzebne łaski dla Adama i Aliny Jastrzębskich
 9:30 † Piotr Tasiór
 11:00 † Mieczysław Szozda
 12:30 • Asking for God's Blessings and good health for Mark on his Birthday

6:30 PM † Stanisław Jabłonowski (Rocz)



DONATIONS



BREAD AND WINE

This week's bread and wine is in memory of Jastrzębski Family donated by Adam & Alina.



BAPTISM



We are pleased to welcome as members of the Christian community the following children who were baptized in November and December.

Z wielką radością witamy dzieci, które w listopadzie i grudniu przez chrzest stały się członkami naszej wspólnoty parafialnej:

**Victoria Helena Brzozowska,
 Kaia Tarnawa, Emily Wiencko
 Victoria Ostafin Silva.**



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED:



Janina Stajno
 Józef Franciszek Strzesak
 May they rest in Christ's Peace.



Respect Life Office will be providing round trip bus transportation to Washington, D.C.

Bus is leaving from the Diocesan Office at
310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn NY 11215

6:00 AM

Cost: \$40

2024 March For Life Brooklyn
Diocese Bus Registration Form



To reserve your seat, please scan
the QR code or visit
forms.office.com/r/sT0ykvJ2kR

Any questions please email:
pilgrimage@diobrook.org



IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

Please know that we close the parish books on donations on December 31 each year. We will adjust in the first part of January a family's offerings if they were away for Christmas and unable to drop their last 2023 offering envelopes into the basket. However, once the accountant closes the books mid January for the sake of the tax year, we CANNOT go back and change the amount a family has given. We urge everyone to avoid tax preparers who try to show, how good they are, by falsely inflating with no documents or receipts the amount of a family's charitable giving and getting a larger tax return for them. When an audit takes place by IRS, we cannot change our closed and reported records to make up a new donations receipt. It is simply too late and IRS may actually demand to see such records. The parish cannot provide fraudulent receipts, because it would put our tax exempt status at risk. Thank you for your understanding.

WE THANK THOSE,
who have so far given in their Christmas Gift envelopes as their Christmas present to our parish. Many parishioners were away for Christmas and their envelopes are still coming in. We are grateful to all for their support which is so needed. *Bóg zapłać!*

DONATIONS

At the start of the year, we recall how grateful we are for the support of our parishioners in covering the basic costs for the weekly and Sunday Masses of the hosts and wine, candles and flowers used in church. The offering for one week for the Sanctuary lamp is \$15, for the altar candles it is \$25, for the hosts and wine it is \$40, and for flowers it is \$40 per basket. These items may be offered in memory of someone or else in thanksgiving for some favor granted by God through the intercession of our Blessed Mother or one of the saints.

Parish Registration

If you are over the age of 18 and attend Mass here regularly, we encourage you to register as a member of the Holy Cross parish.

Three main reasons why registering is important:

1. Make Sacrament prep easier when the time comes.

Infant baptisms, religious education registration, being a godparent/sponsor for baptisms or confirmations, and especially getting married (whether you are getting married at this parish, another parish, or having an international Catholic wedding) all involve record of parish participation. If you're not a registered parishioner, this will greatly delay the process.

2. Letters of Recommendation

Sometimes there are occasions where letters of recommendations are needed from your parish pastor (ie Catholic school enrollment, scholarships, godparent eligibility, etc.). If you're not registered, we cannot provide this letter to you or your family.

3. If we as a parish do not know who is out there, how can we serve the needs of all?

This includes single people or young families who may not see the need to register.

Anyone, regardless of where they live (even though the Diocese is divided into parish geographical areas), is welcome to register at Holy Cross.

Please note: there is a three (3) month waiting period from the date of registration before being considered a fullfledged registered parishioner. Any requests for pastor signatures on any forms, letters, or wedding preparation paperwork will not be processed within the 3 months.

Registering is easy! Visit the parish office, or call us at 718-894-1387, or sign up on our website.

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CHRISTMAS HOUSE BLESSINGS (KOLEDA)

PLEASE NOTE: In the packet of collection envelopes the Koleda card is printed on a **yellow card**. Please indicate whether or not you want your home blessed during the Christmas season.

The card should be returned in the collection basket.

If you do not receive envelopes, please, use the yellow cards in back of the Church. We want to maintain the Polish custom of KOLEDA and we want to plan a pastoral visit well by calling each of the inviting families in advance. It will also be possible to participate in the Holy Mass on the designated days of January 2024. Everyone will receive a prayer card for the house blessing, holy water and chalk to mark the door of your homes as a sign that you have accepted Christ, who is the light of the world. The dates of the KOLEDA Masses are as follows:

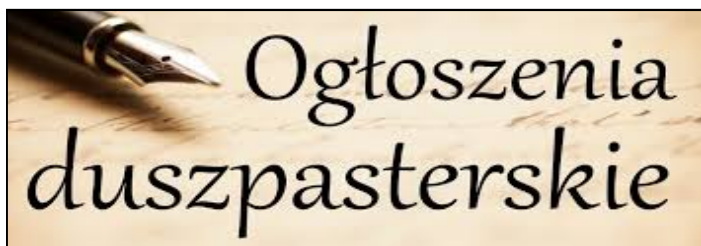
2024 KOLEDA SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, January 17th, at 7:00 PM in English

All Parishioners will be called first to schedule
a date and time for their Koleda.

If you wish to have your house blessed in a traditional way, we kindly ask
that you notify the Rectory office.





ROZLICZENIA PODATKOWE

Jest już czas rozliczeń podatkowych. Kancelaria parafialna przygotowuje wykaz ofiar złożonych na potrzeby naszej parafii w ostatnim roku. Wydajemy takie zaświadczenia ofiarodawcom, którzy przeznaczyci na parafię sumę \$250 i więcej. Wykaz ten może być wykorzystany przy rozliczeniach podatkowych. Ci, którzy złożyli jednorazowe ofiary na remont kościoła, otrzymają również podobny wykaz. Jeśli w tych wykazach są jakiegokolwiek niepoprawności prosimy zgłosić się do kancelarii celem ich skorygowania.

PODZIĘKOWANIA

Dziękujemy za ofiary na Boże Narodzenie, jako prezent świąteczny dla naszej parafii. Wielu wiernych w czasie świąt przebywało poza naszą parafią, stąd też ciągle otrzymujemy jeszcze koperty ze świątecznymi ofiarami.

Dziękujemy Paniom z parafii za przygotowanie wypieków świątecznych i ofiarę w na dekoracje świąteczne.

OFIARY

Wraz z początkiem Nowego Roku przypominamy o ofiarach, jakie możemy złożyć w różnych intencjach na potrzeby związane ze sprawowaniem liturgii w naszej świątyni. Koszt tygodniowy: wieczna lampka \$15, świece ołtarzowe \$25, wino i hostie \$40, kwiaty na ołtarz \$40.

Zapisy do Parafii

Osoby, które ukończyły 18 rok życia i uczestniczą regularnie w Mszach świętych sprawowanych w naszym kościele, zachęcamy do zarejestrowania/zapisania się do naszej parafii.

Przygotowanie do otrzymania sakramentów świętych

Bardzo pomaga to uniknąć niepotrzebnych komplikacji wszystkim, którzy przygotowują się do otrzymania sakramentów: chrztu, bierzmowania, małżeństwa, (niezależnie od tego, czy sakrament będzie w naszej parafii, czy nawet poza granicami Stanów Zjednoczonych).

Otrzymanie zaświadczeń i listów rekomendacyjnych

Tylko osoby zapisane do naszej parafii, mogą otrzymać zaświadczenia uprawniające do bycia rodzicem chrzestnym, świadkiem do bierzmowania oraz listy rekomendacyjne do szkół i innych instytucji.

Pierwszeństwo w zapisach na religię i do Polskiej Szkoły

Każdy zapisany parafianin bez problemów może otrzymać zaświadczenia potwierdzające przynależność do naszej wspólnoty po upływie 3 miesięcy od daty rejestracji. Rejestracja jest prosta, zapisu można dokonać w Kancelarii Parafialnej lub na naszej stronie internetowej. Jeśli ktoś nie jest pewny, czy jest zapisany do naszej parafii lub jego dane mogą być nieaktualne prosimy o kontakt telefoniczny: 718-894-1387.

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W zestawie kopert, które Państwo otrzymaliście, znajduje się **żółta kartka**.

Proszę uprzejmie odpowiedzieć na pytania:

- czy życzy Państwo, by jeden z księży w okresie Bożego Narodzenia przyszedł pobłogosławić wasz dom?
 - o jakiej porze dnia – po południu czy wieczorem?

Proszę koniecznie podać nazwisko, adres i numer telefonu. Osoby, które nie otrzymują kopert, mogą skorzystać z żółtych kartek wyłożonych z tyłu kościoła. Pragniemy podtrzymać polski zwyczaj koledowania i zechcemy wizytę duszpasterską dobrze zaplanować dzwoniąc wcześniej do każdej z zapraszających rodzin. Będzie także możliwość uczestnictwa we Mszy Świętej w wyznaczone dni stycznia 2024. Wówczas każdy otrzyma modlitwy błogosławieństwa domu, wodę święconą oraz kredę na oznaczenie drzwi waszych domów na znak, że przyjęliście Chrystusa, który jest światłością świata.

Msze święte z racji koledy będą odprawiane w następujące dni:

ŚRODA, 17 stycznia o 19:00 wieczorem w jęz. angielskim

Każda Koleđa jest uzgadniana telefonicznie.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

Zdjęcia z **Koncertu Koled** który odbył się w naszym kościele 23 grudnia, 2023 r.



Photos from the **Christmas Concert** held in our church on December 23rd, 2023

Be Ready to do God's Will

In today's first reading, God called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock.' God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church- the first pope!

God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?



Answer to front page: We have found the Messiah!
Answer to Cross-Word: his vocation.

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14th, 2024

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V⁵ **S**¹⁸ **I**¹⁹ **E**² **U**⁹

What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading?
Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!

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7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14

15 16 17 18 19 20 21

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HOLY CROSS PARISH



Christmas Party of the Golden Age Club



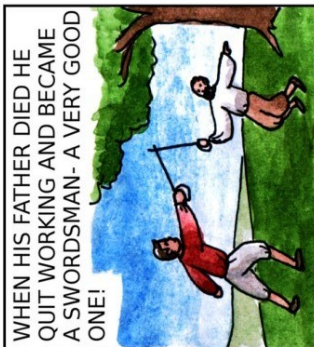
Saint Bernard of Corleone

January 12

PHILIP LATINI WAS BORN IN 1605 IN SICILY. HIS FAMILY WAS CATHOLIC BUT HE DIDN'T TAKE THE FAITH SERIOUSLY. HE BECAME A SHOEMAKER LIKE HIS FATHER.



WHEN HIS FATHER DIED HE QUIT WORKING AND BECAME A SWORDSMAN - A VERY GOOD ONE!



PHILIP GOT INTO MANY QUARRELS, BUT HE DID DEFEND THE ELDERLY AND HELPLESS PEOPLE.

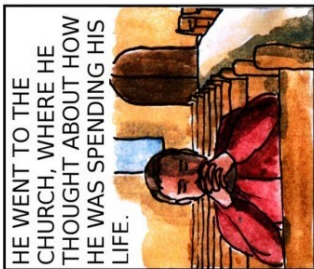
How dare you speak like that!



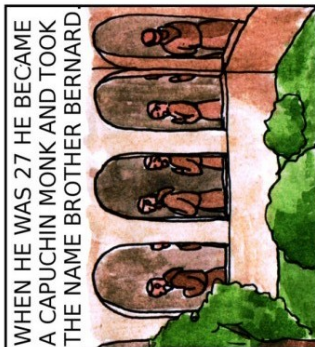
ONCE HE WOUNDED THE HAND OF A MAN WHO HAD FOUGHT WITH HIM IN A DUEL.



HE WENT TO THE CHURCH, WHERE HE THOUGHT ABOUT HOW HE WAS SPENDING HIS LIFE.



WHEN HE WAS 27 HE BECAME A CAPUCHIN MONK AND TOOK THE NAME BROTHER BERNARD.



BROTHER BERNARD DID MUCH PENANCE AND DID HIS JOBS WITH JOY. HE ALSO HAD GREAT DEVOTION TO OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. HE DIED AT AGE 62.



SAINT BERNARD WAS POSSIBLY THE GREATEST SWORDSMAN IN SICILY, BUT WHEN HE FELT THAT GOD WANTED HIM TO BECOME A MONK, HE DIDN'T LET HIS FAME STOP HIM FROM SERVING GOD. IS THERE SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT? DOES IT HELP YOU SERVE GOD OR DOES IT GET IN THE WAY?

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Samuel's Call Cross-Word

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

SAMUEL was sleeping in the TEMPLE. He heard a voice calling him, so he RAN to ELI and said, "Here I am. You called me."
 "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go BACK to sleep."
 So he went back to sleep. Then the same thing happened again. The voice CALLED Samuel again, for the THIRD time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "HERE I am. You called me."
 Then Eli

UNDERSTOOD that the Lord was calling the YOUTH. So he said to Samuel, "Go to SLEEP, and if you are called, REPLY, "SPEAK, Lord, for your SERVANT is listening." When Samuel went to sleep, the LORD came and REVEALED his presence, calling out as BEFORE, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel ANSWERED, "Speak, for your servant is LISTENING."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

*What's another way of saying this was Samuel's calling?
It was*

