

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS PARISH** PNCC 89 Years of Service
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*O come,
O come,
Emmanuel*



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 10:00 am
SUNDAY MASSES 9:00 & 11:00 am
WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

The Word became man and dwelt among us. John 1:14

ENTRANCE HYMN: O Come, all Ye Faithful



1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, o come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem: Come and behold Him, born the King of angels. *Refrain:* O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
2. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to God all, glory in the highest.

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

THE BLESSING OF THE MANGER (Crèche) Celebrant: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Celebrant: O Lord hear our prayer.

People: And let our cry come unto you.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24, 2015 – CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 P.M. – HOLY MASS WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH PARTICIPATION

10:00 P.M. – HOLY MASS WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25, 2015 – CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM - HOLY MASS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Saturday, December 26, 2015 – St. Stephen

9:00 am – Holy Mass for Benefactors of Holy Cross Church



Christmas Day Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2015 – HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY / HUMBLE SHEPHERDS

Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. Matthew 2:14

9:00AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners

10:00 AM – COFFEE AND CAKE FELLOWSHIP

11:00AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners

Feast of St. John - blessing and distribution of wine

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY JANUARY 3, 2015



*May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you now
And all throughout the coming year 2016*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – 2016!

❖ **Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku – 2016!**

❖ **Joyeux Noël et Bonne Novell L'Année 2016!**

❖ **Feliz Navidad y Buen Año Nuevo 2016!**

❖ **Froehliche Weihnachten und ein gutes neues Jahr 2016!**

❖ **Buon Natale e felice anno nuovo 2016**

❖ **Sretan Božić! Sretna Nova Godina! 2016**

❖ **Veselé vánoce a šťastný nový rok 2016**

Father Joseph Cyman with Family and the Parish Committee

THANK YOU TO:



- Everyone who participated in the Advent Tree project and Pat Olsen who coordinated this noble cause. It benefited the less fortunate of our society - boys and girls of **DYFS (Division of Youth and Family Services), and men and women living in EVA'S SHELTER, Paterson.** Your generosity is appreciated and rewarded by the Lord who asks us to take care of the needy.
- Parish Committee members Lynn Imperiale, Bob Sleece, Domincik Bucci, Richard Daum, Hughie Vickerilla, Edward Obsuth, George O'Brien, Guy Garofano, decorated the inside of the church for Christmas. Richard Daum for flowers delivery. / Claire Centrella for helping with the bulletin.



Donations for the
Homeless



- **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 at 7:15 pm.

- **PARISH CHOIR** – Volunteers who wish to share their vocal or musical talents and would like to join our choir, please contact our Organist, Neil Estanislao - tel. 201-966- 9026. Thank you.

2016 ADULT ENVELOPES are available in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church.

90th Anniversary of Holy Cross Church - June 26, 2016.

Solemn Mass at 11:00 am presided by Bp. Bernard Nowicki

Reception at The Brownstone, Paterson NJ at 1:00 pm - Please mark your calendars.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES Upcoming classes: **January 10, 24, 2016.** Students who are 13 years old and older as well as adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons. Sacrament of Confirmation is a completion of the sacrament of Baptism and important step in your youth's religious education. The date of Confirmation – fall 2016.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES: The preparation for first Holy Communion will begin on Sunday, **January 3, 17, 31, 2016.** It is held on Sundays, after the 11 AM Mass. Children who are enrolled at second grade and older are eligible to take classes. The Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ who is really present under the forms of bread and wine. In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ gives us Himself as a food for our souls. The bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of our Lord during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass when the priest says words of consecration which Jesus used during the Last Supper: This is My Body... This is My Blood. (Catechism)



HEALING MASS – The next Mass will be celebrated on **Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016** at 7:15 p.m. You are invited to attend this special Mass if you have any health problems or you wish to present prayers for other people. The Lord always listens to our prayer and has the power of healing.



Celebrant:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, Who on that wondrous night sent forth Your Salvation, being manifested in the person of Your Son, Jesus Christ, look upon Your faithful people gathered in Your Church tonight, commemorating the Nativity of our Lord in a stable of Bethlehem. Grant, we humbly beseech You, that the Savior of the World might be born again in the hearts and souls of all people of the world. Unto You we sing and give praise, honor and glory; and we ask You to instill in us godliness and holy love; strengthen our faith and grant us Your true Peace - that peace which we can find only in You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Blessing of the Crèche – Our Father, Hail Mary

Lighting the Christ Candle

Lector: We light the Christ candle to remind us that the light of the world was born this night.

People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.

Lector: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.

People: Almighty God - You have made this night holy by the gift of your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of Mary. Upon Him rested all your grace, through Him has come all your mercy. Let his light shine within our hearts tonight even more brightly than it shines from the candles in this place. Help us to hear your word and to celebrate your everlasting love through Him. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN O Holy Night

O holy night! The stars were brightly shining.
It was the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till Christ appeared and the soul felt His worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices.
For yonder beams a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine. O night when Christ was born!
O night divine. O night, O night divine.



LECTORS FOR CHRISTMAS

4:00 P.M. – Nayef Kiame / 10:00 P.M. – Ed Obsuth

Dec. 25, 2015 **ONE MASS** at 10:00 A.M. – John Surak

Dec. 27, 2015 9:00 A.M. – Deacon Bill Gaydos / 11 AM – Claire Centrella

SCRIPTURE READINGS – DECEMBER 24

I READING Isaiah 9 1-6

PSALM (96) Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord

II READING Titus 2: 11-14

ALLELUIA



R. Alleluia. Alleluia. I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today Christ the Lord.

R. Alleluia. Alleluia

(GOSPEL (Luke 2:1-14)

PRAYER of THE FAITHFUL: Lord Hear our Prayer

OFFERTORY HYMN Silent Night

1. Silent night, Holy Night, All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and Child,

Holy Infant, so tender and mild :/ Sleep in heavenly peace./:

2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,

Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly Hosts sing alleluia.

:/ Christ, the Savior is born! /:

3. Silent night, holy night,

Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace

:/ Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth /:

COMMUNION HYMN The First Noel

1. The first Noel the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as the lay; In fields where they lay a keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

In midnight's silence

1. **In midnight's silence**, came a voice so clear:

"Rise up, O shepherds, Christ the Lord is here.

Hurry on to City Bethle'm. In a manger you shall find Him.

Go and greet the Lord."



THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS

As of Sunday December 20, 2015

Joseph, Joan, John Ruyzam in memory of Stella Ruyzam, Joseph Ruyzam, Edna Gingenberger, Edward Ringenberger; Edward & Beverly Obsuth in memory of Obsuth, Sudsky and Mihok Families; Deacon David Gaydos; Jean Tierney; Kimberly Junda; Nelly Cabrejos & Family in memory of Ignacio, Lucila, Elena, Jesus Montalvo; Dominick Bucci, Zaida Bueno in memory of Emilio & Julia Bueno, Claire Centrella in memory of Melissa & August Centrella, Emanuele Triggiano, Richard and Lucy Daum in memory of Elizabeth Sadler and Margaret Priesser, George Fabricatore; Lynn Imperiale, Lourie & Gabriel Iudici in memory/honor of all the sick, all the poor, Jakob Family, Helen Jarmakowicz in memory of Joseph Jarmakowicz, APenni Lazor in memory of Todd & Helen Jaxon, Martin and Donna Maher, Merson Family in memory of Anne Piascik, Al and Jessica Muccilli in memory of deceased members of Kwiatkowski/Muccilli families, Paul and Christine Murphy in memory of James Murphy, Charles & Elsie Tarbox, George and Dorothy O'Brien, Loretta Offman in memory of Mamie Offman, Cyman Family in memory of Cyman, Bronk, Bujak and Domaszek Fam., Mr. & Mrs. L. Phillips in memory of Helen & Stanley Haftek, Carlo and Anna Santini in memory of Concetta & Gerlando Zambuto, Helen Skawinski in memory of Stanley Skawinski, Bob & Merry Sleece in memory of Frank & Suzanne Costello, Lucy & Andrew Sleece, Verna Swider in memory of deceased of Swider and Kutzer families, Daad Kasko, *Other donations will be included in the next bulletin*



EPIPHANY PASTORAL VISITATIONS

– Fr Joseph will be blessing homes during Epiphany Pastoral Visitations. Please Fr., Joseph know that you wish to have your home/apartment blessed by calling 973-256-4888. Normally the blessing of homes takes place from Christmas until the season of Lent.



Upcoming Events

February 14, 2016 – Valentine's Day Dinner after 11 am Mass

February 21, 2016 – 100th Birthday Stella Skawinski

March 13, 2016 – St. Patrick's Dinner after 11 am Mass

March 13, 2016 – Melissa A. Centrella Scholarship Fdn. "Casino Night" – 5:30 (Brownstone)

March 13, 2016 - Adoration Society Agape in Dunellen, NJ

March 20, 2016 – Palm Sunday

March 27, 2016 – Easter Sunday

April 3, 2016 – Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL)

May 1, 2016 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 May 7, 2016 (Saturday) – NY/NJ Central Diocese Adoration Society Convention at Transfiguration of our Lord Parish, Wallington, NJ
 May 8, 2016 - Mother's Day Breakfast at 10 am
 June 12, 2016 – SOCL attendance awards and Parish Picnic
 June 19, 2016 – Father's Day breakfast at 10 am
 June 26, 2016 at 11 am – 90th Anniversary of Holy Cross Church, dinner following at the Brownstone, Paterson, NJ (ONE MASS THAT SUNDAY)

Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations

Pastor - Father Joseph R. Cyman 973-256-4888 / 201-247-4832
Deacon - David Gaydos 973-209-4729
Deacon - William Gaydos 973-239-4725
Secretary – Claire Centrella 201-572-1299
Organist - Neil Estanislao 201-966-9026
Organist - Jessica Muccilli 973-903-7273
Parish Comm. Chairperson – Lynn Imperiale 862-368-3653
Adoration Society - Penni Lazor 973-768-7917
Daughters of Holy Cross Elaine Rotsaert 973-838-4246
Lectors Coordinators - John Surak 201-264-6711
Altar Servers - Deacon William Gaydos 973-239-4725
School of Christian Living (SOCL) Donna Maher, Andrea Lerggios-Smith and Rosa Llanos
St. Nicholas Ministry – Lucy, Richard Daum 973-694-9457, Merry Sleece 973-731-3611
Parish Life Committee - Deacon David & Laurie Gaydos, Merry Sleece, Angela Gulla, Ed and Beverly Obsuth, Penni Lazor, Renata Cyman
Stewardship Committee – Al Katinsky 973-694-3208 / **Pat Olsen** 973-696-6581 / **Diane Lacey** 973-256-1288
Ushers – John Surak 201-264-6711
Greeters - Karen Paulison 973-686-0584; **Lynn Imperiale** 862-368-3653;
Claire Centrella – 201-572-1299
Maintenance - Dominick Bucci 973-785-2299
Shopping Certificates Sale - Lucy Daum 973-694-9457, **Merry Sleece** 973-731-3611
Polish National Union of America - Alice Kriskewic – 973-427-9648



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Will be held on second Sunday, February 7, 2016 after 9:00 a.m. Mass. The second Mass will be at 11:30 AM. There will be refreshments after the 9 AM Mass. School of Christian Living will have their program in Fr. John Slyszy building provided by high school youth. **All the societies of our parish are asked to give their annual report from year 2015 and their projects for the year 2016.** Another important aspect of our Annual Parish Meeting will be the election of the Parish Committee. The Parish Committee is the council, which meets once per month (usually for about 1 hour on the 3rd Wednesday evening of the month) to discuss concerns and make decisions for the parish. Would you consider serving on this committee? Please contact Fr. Joseph or Lynn Imperiale for additional information.

RECESSIONAL HYMN Joy to the World! Vs. 1+2+4

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come,
 let earth receive her King;



Let every heart prepare Him room,
 and heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
 2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns
 let men their songs employ,
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

LASTING GIFTS - "Lasting Gifts, a guide for gifts to the Holy Cross Church." Copies of these pamphlets are in the vestibule of the church. Please consider yourself to participate in this project. Our parish celebrates 89 years of service. Let us consider the future of our parish as it continues blessings for its members and for the community. This pamphlet was prepared by the Stewardship Committee and approved by the Parish Committee.

ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY NEWS – Each December the St. Nicholas Ministry supplies poinsettias for delivery to our homebound parishioners. This year Fr. Joseph visited 11 individuals and families as he did his Christmas visitations administering Holy Communion, bulletins and calendars for 2016. These flowers as well as the many cards, gifts, Care Notes are founded by your generous donations and stipend from the parish budget. For more information see Lucy, Richard Daum or Merry Slece.

The following members of our parish community are in need of our prayers, cards and other signs of Christian support: **Mary Margo; Monica Lukowiak; Emila Bargiel; Jean Tierney, Sophie Barnes; Gene Kapchonick; Liz Wozney; Rose Gentile, Linda Brady, Ann Obsuth, Roy Zebrowski, Jo Ann Murphy, Nicky Minson, Stanley Mikolajczyk, Zachary Decker, Declan, Urbano, Helen Blum, Char O'Neill, Annie Lee, Joseph and Theresa Petrusky, Janice Krasulja.** We pray also for all those who asked us to pray and for those whom we promised to pray: Hail Mary, Glory...

HOSPITAL VISIT. "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.

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!



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 church vestibule, use special envelopes and make your check out to Adoration Society. You can send donation by mail. Thank you for your donations.
 December 20 - *In memory of Melissa & August Centrella & Emanuele Triggiano by Claire Centrella*
 December 24 – *In memory of Sophie Budjinsky and Edward Budjinsky by Kimberly Junda*
 December 27 – *In memory of Melissa & August Centrella & Emanuele Triggiano by Claire Centrella*



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. Phone: 973-256-4888



Thank You

We express our heartfelt thanks
for all received Christmas cards
and signs of your kindness. May the Baby Jesus who
came to enrich us with His blessings reward you
abundantly in Year 2016

Fr. Joseph, Renata
Michael and Natalie Cyman

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

Thank you for your anticipated support toward our parish.

2016 CHURCH CALENDARS

Shook Funeral Home has given us 2016 calendars for distribution. Anyone wishing to have one please take yours free of charge from the vestibule of the church.

GOD'S FIELD – (Rola Boza) ONLINE



Please pick up copies from the parish hall. Also the issues of *God's Field* are available online at <http://www.pncc.org>. We hope you enjoy reading about the life and work of our parishes.

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 alms giving must be secret, and your father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you." (Mat.6:3-4)

A Christmas Prayer

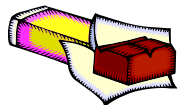
Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of peace and Beloved Savior; come into our hearts this Christmas and fill us with Your gifts of love and joy.

With Mary and Joseph, we rejoice and thank God for You. With the angels and saints in heaven we sing, "Glory to God in the highest."

With the Magi and the shepherds we bow before You with hearts full of wonder.

Help us to follow You faithfully and to share the good news of Your coming with everyone we meet, this Christmas season and always. Amen.

4th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – World's Finest Chocolate – ALMOND Total to-date \$1,386.00



WE THANK THOSE WHO SELL OUR CHOCOLATES AND WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.☺

We are selling World's Finest Chocolate candy bars and hope you will help. Bring a box to work, sell to family and friends or just keep a box for your own snacking. At \$1.00 per bar and a coupon for Quiznos on the back of the wrapper, it is a wonderful deal. Pick up your boxes at the Church Hall and return money when you will sell as soon as you can. **Such an easy way to help your parish raise funds!**

HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH



Fees: For non-members of the parish: The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$110.00 for each hour of rental time. For members of the parish (paid membership). The rental hall fee for the use of facilities is \$55.00 fee for each hour of rental time. Call 973-256-4888.

NEW REGISTRATIONS - Our parish is leasing the Sunday school building to the tenant **FUN KIDS ACADEMY, L.L.C from Monday to Friday**. The service is offered for the children from *two and half to five years old*. Ann Marie Scirica, the Director of the Fun Kids Academy accepts NEW registrations. Please call 973-256-0760. Discount rates are available for the members of Holy

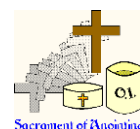
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A HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN In the case when small children need more attention during the Mass, parents can now listen to the Liturgy of the Mass in the **parish hall** while the children can play or do the drawings.

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Sacrament of Anointing