

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 12/20/2015

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## SUNDAY MASSES

**9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. / Christmas Eve 4pm, 10pm; Christmas Day 10am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES 8:30 am (check bulletin) / Thursday – 7:15 pm**

*"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Luke 1:45*

## Introduction



My friends, hope is incredibly powerful. Sometimes it comes in political turmoil or to people held hostage. But more often it's very simple and bubbles up in the reality of daily life. Today it is written small in the visit of a young pregnant Mary to her older cousin, Elizabeth. Mary brings Christ to another person in that simple gesture, and it's more than enough. How can we bring hope to others? It doesn't take much.

## Today's Scriptures

Mic 5:1-4a  
Psalm 80 Lord,  
Heb 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45



future king is promised to those in exile.  
make us turn to you; let us see your face.  
Christ offered the perfect sacrifice of himself.  
Mary's visitation to Elizabeth

## LECTORS SERVING TODAY

**9:00 AM – George O'Brien    11:00 AM – Jasmine Cabrejos**



**SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. WE RECEIVED \$1,000 from Shopping Certificates for a TOTAL of \$62,000!** We thank Lucy Daum and Merry Sleece for organizing and running this project. The easiest way to support our Building Fund is by purchasing weekly shopping gift cards. The Building Fund is needed to finance any future repairs and maintenance of our facility. **We thank all those who participate and who run this wonderful project.** Gift cards are available for *STOP & SHOP, A&P, PATHMARK, FOODTOWN, SHOPRITE and FAIRWAY.* Please encourage other members of the parish and friends to join in this wonderful project. If you have any questions contact Lucy Daum (973) 694-9457, or Merry Sleece 973-731-3611. **WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR**

### YOUR SUPPORT.

I remember you in my prayers each day. Please keep me and my family in your daily prayers. *Fr. Joseph*



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.


**HEALING MASS** – The next Mass will be celebrated on **Thursdays** 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.

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Visiting our website [holycrosssite.org](http://holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. 175 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book.

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 20, 2015**

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Luke 1:45

**Advent Tree Project Ends**

**Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses**

- 9:00 am** Holy Mass + James Murphy, Charles and Elsie Tarbox, Henry Donnelly; Offered by Murphy Family (All Souls)
- 10:00 am** – Coffee Time Fellowship
- 10:00 am** – Holiday Gift Shop Sale
- 10:10 am** – School of Christian Living Classes



Jose Morillo,



**11:00 am** – Holy Mass + August & Melissa Centrella, Emanuele Triggiano; Offered by Claire Centrella; +Robert Olsen, Alfred and Peggy Olsen, Thaddeus, Emily Krzeminski, deceased of Olsen, Krzeminski, Prelich families; Offered by Pat Olsen (All Souls)

**After Mass - Confirmation class**

**Monday December 21, 2015 – St. Thomas the Apostle**

**8:30 am - Holy Mass**

**Tuesday December 22, 2015 – Advent Weekday**

**8:30 am - Holy Mass for peace in the world**

**Wednesday, December 23, 2015 – Advent Weekday**

**8:30 am - Holy Mass**

**7:15 – 8:00 pm – Bible Study (last in this Advent)**

**Thursday, December 24, 2015 – Christmas Eve**

**4:00 pm - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord with Youth**

**10:00 pm - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord – General Assembly**

**Friday, December 25, 2015 – Christmas Day**

**10:00 am – Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord – General Assembly**



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

"And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man". Luke 2:52



**9:00 am** Holy Mass for All Parishioners

**10:00 am** – Coffee Time Fellowship

**11:00 am** – Holy Mass for +Ignacio, Lucila Montalvo, Maria, Elena, Jesus Montalvo; Offered by Cabrejos Family (All Souls)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY JANUARY 3, 2015**





**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 27 - *In memory of Melissa & August Centrella & Emanuele Triggiano by Claire Centrella*

**CHURCH CALENDARS**

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



**ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY NEWS** – Each December the St. Nicholas Ministry supplies poinsettias for delivery to our homebound parishioners. These flowers as well as the many cards, gifts, Care Notes are funded by your generous donations and stipend from the parish budget. For more information see Lucy, Richard Daum and Merry Sleece.

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



**School of Christian Living Classes**



Please join us by enrolling your child in this free of charge program.  
 Level I - Pre-school – Kindergarten – 2nd grade – Ms. Rosa Llanos  
 Level II – 3rd and 4th grades – Mrs. Claire Centrella / Andrea Lerggios-Smith  
 Level III - 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades – Mrs. Donna Maher

**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

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Flowers at the altar are the wonderful sign of praise and thanksgiving to God. If you would like to donate flowers to remember an Anniversary, Birthday, departed loved one, etc. please call the rectory for further information (973-256-4888).

**HOLY CROSS PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - Do you crochet or knit? Then join us in this new ministry by helping make shawls for home bound, persons in need of our prayers, people dealing with illnesses. We can make a difference by comforting them in their time of need by presenting them with a handmade shawl and special prayers for our blessed shawl. May God's grace be upon this shawl...Warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven....a sacred place of security and well being... May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace. And wrapped in love! Blessed Be!!! Great gift for the Caregiver as well! And if you know of anyone in need please contact Claire Centrella. We have patterns for your crocheting and/or knitting. We thank the ladies who donated prayer shawls. There is yarn available in the parish hall for those who would like to make a shawl.



**90<sup>th</sup> 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 Class**



**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** Upcoming classes: **Dec. 20, 2015, 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)

**GIFT SHOP OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES – GIFT SHOP SALE ONGOING UNTIL CHRISTMAS**

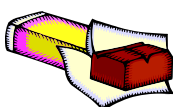


**WE THANK THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT.**

There are new religious articles (donated) available in the parish hall for purchase at the much discounted price. They are perfect for weddings, baptisms, communions, confirmations, and other special days. **NEW ITEMS HAVE BEEN ADDED.**

**GOD'S FIELD – (Rola Boza) ONLINE** - The latest issue of *God's Field* is now available online at <http://www.pncc.org>. Click on the God's Field link at the top of the home page and follow the directions to access the recent issue. We hope you enjoy reading about the life and work of our parishes.

**4th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – World's Finest Chocolate. 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!**

**Thank you** We thank anyone who in any way, shape or form serves for the betterment of our parish. May the Lord reward you for sharing your time, talent and treasure.



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

**CLERGY PENSION FUND** – National Church Center, Scranton provides Clergy Pension Fund for priests who served at least 20 years. The full retirement pension plan starts at age 70 and it is \$600 per month. Your donations are sent to National Church Center in Scranton and they help to provide this plan available for the clergy. It is very much appreciated. Recent donations from: Richard/Lucy Daum - \$20; Zaida Bueno - \$15; Ed and Beverly Obsuth - \$20; M/M Maher - \$10; George and Dorothy O'Brien - \$50, Hughie and Beverly Vickerilla - \$20; Bob and Merry Sleece - \$20; Ron and Helen Yuswack - \$25; Al and Fran Cuccinello - \$25;

**RECENT DONATION FOR ENERGY** – Lenny Hrinuk - \$20, Jhyanna Beato - \$20; Stella Skwawinski - \$20; M/M O'Brien - \$100; Donna and Martin Maher - \$10; Deacon and Mrs. D. Gaydos - \$50; Renata Cyman – \$20; Mr. & Mrs. Phillips - \$100; Zaida Bueno – \$15; Ron and Helen Yuswack - \$30; Verna Swider - \$20; M/M Daum - \$20; Bob and Merry Sleece - \$100; Penni Lazor - \$20; Edward and Beverly Obsuth - \$30;

**RECENT DONATION FOR ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY** – Emilia Bargiel - \$25;



Donations for the Homeless

**ADVENT TREE** - This annual project coordinated by Pat Olsen, will began on Sunday November 29, 2015 and will help boys and girls of **DYFS (Division of Youth and Family Services), senior men and women from EVA'S SHELTER.** Your generosity is appreciated and rewarded by the Lord who asks us to take care of the needy. All gifts are due on Sunday, December 20, 2015.

**NOTE FROM PASTOR: ADVENT - SPIRITUAL RENEWAL – BIBLE STUDY**

The last Advent Bible Study will be held on Wednesday December 23, 2015 from 7:15 – 8:00 pm. In this busy time you are invited to calm down and spend time reading and studying the Word of God. – Fr. Joseph



### UPCOMING DATES

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

February 21, 2016 – **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday** Stella Skawinski

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

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 – **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Holy Cross Church**, dinner following at the Brownstone, Paterson, NJ (ONE MASS THAT SUNDAY)

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**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 973-256-488 if your son /daughter are interested in becoming altar servers.

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO DOES NOT BELONG TO A CHURCH OR WHO DOES NOT ATTEND MASS, WHY NOT INVITE HIM OR HER TO JOIN US IN WORSHIP AT HOLY CROSS PARISH? ALL ARE CORDIALLY WELCOMED.**

**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.



**MINISTRY OF GREETERS** – Those who would like to serve as **Greeters** in our parish by giving out Sunday bulletins are asked to contact Lynn Imperiale. Ministry of Greeters is very important in the parish's life that makes people feel welcome to participate in our liturgies. Thank you for your service.

### 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 (\$120 in 2016) for each hour of rental time. For members of the parish (paid membership). The rental hall fee for the use of facilities is \$50 (\$60 in 2016) fee for each hour of rental time. Call 973-256-4888.

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On Sunday December 13th the parish hosted its annual Christmas Dinner. The children of School of Christian Living presented a program called "A Birthday Party for Jesus." Saint Nicholas (Santa) visited the parish giving gifts to all children. Christmas carols were sung by everyone with background piano music and a great menu was served.