

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DEC. 21, 2014

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SUNDAY MASSES

9:00 am & 11:00 am (regular schedule)

WEEKDAY MASSES 7:30 am (check bulletin) Thursday 7:15 pm

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." Luke 1:30

INTRODUCTION

My friends, today we reflect on what it means to be unexpectedly chosen by God for a role or task. David is called to generate a lineage and a kingdom that will last forever. Mary is called to bear a son to inherit this lasting kingdom. Neither expects such a call. Neither is prepared for it. Neither can envision what will result. We do not know when God will call *us* to do something unexpected or how our response may influence the future.



Scripture readings:

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 God will establish a lasting kingdom

Psalms 89 I will sing about God's goodness forever.

Rom 16:25-27 Paul gives glory to God through Christ, the promised one.

Luke 1:26-38 Mary is chosen to bear a son in the lineage of David.

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 AM – Ed Obsuth

11:00 AM – Jason Cabrejos

GOOD NEWS!

Recently shopping certificates sale gave another **\$1000 to the Building Fund** making the profit **\$60,000** since this project started. **SHOPPING CERTIFICATES.** 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. 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.

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:



Bp. Bernard Nowicki, Irene Novak, Mary Margo, Jean Tierney, Sophie Barnes, Jean Zajac,; Wanda Gec,; Gene Kapchonick; Liz Wozney; Isabelle Rose Hagael, Roy Zebrowski. Our friends: Jo Ann Murphy, Judy Bozza, Stanley Mikolajczyk, Vincenzo

Gravino, Patricia Jarmakowicz, Zachary Decker, Joseph Denne, Jr., Declan, Urbano, Ann Catalano, Maryann Nuzzo, Helen Blum, Ryley Gorski We pray also for all those who asked us to pray and for those whom we promised to pray: Hail Mary, Glory...

[Holy Cross Church Face Book – link](#)

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Visiting our website [Blog holycrosssite.org](http://Blog.holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. 140 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book.

2014 BULLETIN ADS - \$100 per year – THANK YOU

BUSINESS ADVERTISING –The donation for one year is **\$100.00**. The monies received will go towards photocopy supplies. Please contact church parish office at 973-256-4888 or send e-mail holycrosspncc1@gmail.com, thank you. Please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.



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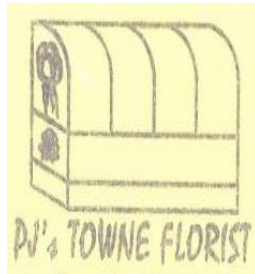
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." Luke 1:30

Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses

9:00 am – Holy Mass + Helen Raczowska, Helen and Gary Zysling, Luba and John Bartlom, Peter Tierney and Tierney Fam., Jean De Rosa, Marion and Jack Dyanm, Beverly Tierney; Offered by Jean Tierney (All Souls)

+Felix Perez: Offered by Daughter Grecia Perez

10:00 am – Coffee and Cake Fellowship

10:10 am – School of Christian Living Classes

11:00 am Holy Mass +Charles Tarbox, James Murphy, Elsie Tarbox, Henry, William Donnelly, Christos Poulos; Offered by Murphy Family(All Souls)

First Holy Communion class after 11 am Mass

Tuesday December 23, 2014 –Advent

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



WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24, 2014 – CHRISTMAS EVE

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

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 25, 2014 – CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM - HOLY MASS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Friday, December 26, 2014 – St. Stephen

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

Saturday, December 27, 2014 – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 am – Holy Mass / blessing and distribution of wine



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2014 – HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY / HUMBLE SCHEPHERDS

"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



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY JANUARY 3, 2014

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 **vestibule of the church**, use special envelopes and make your check out to Adoration Society. Thank you for your donations.

Week of December 14 – for Adele and John Sincavage

Week of December 21 – for Melissa and August Centrella, Emanuele Triggiano

Week of December 28 – for Melissa and August Centrella, Emanuele Triggiano

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 Bob Sleece, Domincik Bucci, Hughie Vickerilla, Edward Obsuth decorated the inside of the church for Christmas: Mrs. Renata Cyman who changed the altar linens for the festivity of the nativity of our Lord. / Richard Daum for flowers delivery. / Claire Centrella for helping with the bulletin.



Donations for the Homeless

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The preparation for first Holy Communion is held on Sundays, after the 11 AM Mass in the parish hall. **NEXT CLASSES** will be held on Sunday January 11, 25, Feb. 8, 22, March 8, 22, April 12, 26, May 10 –Mother's Day, May 15 (Friday) - F.H.C. rehearsal and Confessions at 7 pm, Sunday May 17, 2015 – First Holy Communion celebration at 11 am. The Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ 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)



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

–Parishioners are asked to make a donation to the Christmas Flower Fund. Special envelopes were enclosed in November - December newsletter. Please return your donations by Sunday, December 21, 2014. **Your donation including names of your departed loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.** Any other donation will appear in the consecutive bulletins.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE HOLY CROSS CHURCH.

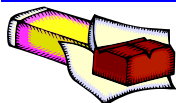
May the Lord reward your generosity!

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.

We appreciate any donations toward the Building Fund for our future necessary repairs. Also, we ask more parishioners to participate in the purchase of shopping certificates since the profit goes toward the Building Fund.

4th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – World's Finest Chocolate – ALMOND



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 plus access code for free coupons for local restaurants and services. Pick up your boxes at the Church hall and return money when you will sell as soon as you can. It is an easy way to help our parish raise funds.

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.” (Matthew 6:3-4)



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).



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 **973-256-4888** if your son /daughter are interested in becoming altar servers.



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.



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. 973-256-4888

Make a joyful shout to God all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious - Psalm 66:1,2



NATIONAL UNITED CHOIRS - MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY
January 25, 2015 The last Sunday of January has been set aside by Synodal resolution as Music Scholarship Sunday, which puts special emphasis on the Music Scholarship program of the National United Choirs of the P. N.C.C. It is the Sunday when the choirs, organists, directors and choir members should be recognized for their contributions to the music ministry of our church. It is also the Sunday when we look to the future and identify those that we hope will

be part of the music ministry of the church. Thank you for your support – special envelopes are included in the Sunday envelopes box.

BEAUTIFUL CROSSES – (donated by our parishioner) are for sale. The retail price is \$25 each and the Holy Cross Church is selling them for \$10. Don't forget yours for Christmas gift. Father Joseph blessed all of these crosses in advance.



CHURCH CALENDARS

Shook Funeral Home has given us 2015 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. This year Fr. Joseph visited 10 individuals and families as he did his Christmas visitations administering Holy Communion, bulletins and calendars for 2015. 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 or Richard Daum.

2015 ADULT ENVELOPES are available in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church.



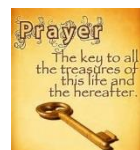
HEALING MASS – The next Mass will be celebrated on **Thursdays, January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015** at 7:15 p.m. You are invited to attend this special Mass if you have any health problems or you wish to present prayers for other people. The Lord always listens to our prayer and has the power of healing.

ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PARISH – The new print of Holy Cross Church pamphlet is available in the vestibule of the church. Please use it as the tool to advertise our parish in your neighborhood

welcoming especially those who are not affiliated with any



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!**



PRAYER NOTES – New prayer notes for children, teens and adults to help take care / give care and overcome some difficult situations are available in the vestibule of the church. They are sponsored by St. Nicholas Ministry

Upcoming Events

- February 15, 2015 – St. Valentine's Dinner after 11 AM Mass
- February 15, 2014 – Melissa A. Centrella Scholarship Fdn. "Casino Night" – 5:30 (at Brownstone)
- March 15, 2015 – St. Patrick's Dinner
- March 22, 2015 – ANS Agape in Howell, NJ
- March 27, 2015 (Friday) – Fish and Chips Dinner
- April 5, 2015 – Easter Sunday
- April 12, 2015 – Easter Egg Hunt and Party
- May 3, 2015 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- May 10, 2015 – Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 17, 2015 – First Holy Communion celebration at 11:00 am
- June 7, 2015 – Corpus Christi Procession at Holy Cross Church
- June 14, 2015 – Parish Picnic and SOCL Awards
- June 21, 2015 – Father's Day Breakfast

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.



Christmas Dinner Dec. 14, 2014

Our annual Christmas Dinner was held on Sunday December 14th with great attendance. We are thankful for the delicious, abundant, and festive food prepared by Hughie Vickerilla, Ed Obsuth and Chef's Helpers with donations of meat from Deacon David and Laurie Gaydos. The menu was exceptional: **TOSSED SALAD, ROAST LOIN OF PORK WITH GRAVY, BAKED COD FISH NAPLES STYLE, CHICKEN MARSALA, EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA, MIXED VEGETABLES, ROASTED POTATOES, ROLLS AND BUTTER**, coffee, soft drinks and more...

Our School of Christian Living students presented their "Happy Birthday Jesus" program which invited the audience to participate in singing Christmas Carols. We thank children, support of their parents and SOCL teachers Mrs. Donna Maher and Mrs. Andrea Lergios - Smith for preparing the program. A special cake was made to honor the birth of Jesus. Santa (St. Nicholas) came and distributed gifts to the precious children of the parish asking them in return to be good for another year.

We thank Renata Cyman and those who helped her to decorate the hall, and the Adoration Society and Daughters of Holy Cross for donating trays for raffle. In addition to that, there was a Basket of Cheer raffled. Our words of appreciation are addressed to those who helped to set-up and clean up after the event. A thank you is also extended to the parishioners who contributed desserts, sold raffles, and invited friends for this celebration and anyone who helped to organize this event.

God bless you all. – Fr. Joseph





