

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 19/06/2015

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS CHURCH** PNCC 89 Years of service
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SUNDAY MASSES

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

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

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Luke 21:28



Introduction

Brothers and sisters, on this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear more promises of hope. Hope is proclaimed to the exiled people longing to return to Jerusalem, to the Philippians from the imprisoned Paul, to those caught in political turmoil during Jesus' lifetime. And we hear voices all around us yearning for hope. Pope Francis has called for this Year of Mercy to be a time for hope for all of us. Our hearts are open to new possibilities.

Today's Scriptures



Bar 5:1-9 The exiled Israelites will be brought back to Jerusalem.
Psalm 126 The Lord has done great things for us.
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Paul writes of hope to the Philippians.
Luke 3:1-6 John proclaims a baptism of repentance.

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 AM – George O'Brien 11:00 AM – Jasmine Cebrejos



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; 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. 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.



ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage.

Russell Paulson / Karen Pettegrew – 11/22 – 23rd Ann.

Stephen Morgan / Karen Jarmarkowicz. – 11/01 – 7th Ann.

Jose Acosta/Paola Perez – 12/03 – 9th Anniversary

John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 43rd Ann.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes are expressed to the following parishioners:



Scott Minich; Paul Murphy; Magdalena Guzman; Juan Batista; Jessica Palman; Jean Rubio; Davin Battle; Christian Battle; Ranah Mikhail; Genevieve Kapchonick; Gianfranco Sung; Fran Cuccinello; Italo Palman; Sheylla Poggi; Michael Malenchak; Isabel Tiseo Greg Wozney Deacon David Gaydos

(If you would like to include the date of your birthday or the member of your family in the bulletin, please call the parish office at (973)-256-4888).

Holy Cross Church Face Book – link www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

Visiting our website Blog.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.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP 2015

As of November 29, 2015 - 92 adult parishioners paid their membership in the year 2015.

EXPLANATION: The parish needs to send to the diocese and General Church the following: \$12 to the Central Diocese, and \$100 to the General Church (*This amount was accepted at the General Synod in 2014*); Total membership is \$112.00 per adult. The National membership dues were not increased for several years and this caused a large jump from \$55 to \$100 in 2015. Please contact Richard Daum at 973-694-9457 for further information. If you cannot afford to pay the church membership donation please contact Fr. Joseph 973-256-4888. Thank you.




2015 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 6, 2015

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee... the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. Luke 3:1-2

Advent Tree Project Continues

Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses

9:00 am Holy Mass

10:00 am – Coffee Time Fellowship

10:00 am – Holiday Gift Shop Sale

10:10 am – School of Christian Living Classes

11:00 am – Holy Mass for all Parishioners

After Mass – First Holy Communion Class

Monday December 7, 2015 – St. Ambrose Bp. D.

8:30 am - Holy Mass

Tuesday December 8, 2015 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 – St. Leocadia, V.M.

Funeral Mass for deceased Marie Plucinsky

7:15 pm – 8:00 pm – Bible Study

Thursday, December 10, 2015 – St. Gregory Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for sick and homebound (healing Mass)

Friday, December 11, 2015 – St. Damasus of Rome, Bp.

8:30 am - Holy Mass for benefactors of Holy Cross Parish



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 13, 2015

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." Luke 3:16

Advent Tree Project Continues

Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses

9:00 am Holy Mass +Louis, Wanda Gec; Off. by Lois, John Antonucci

10:00 am – Coffee Time Fellowship

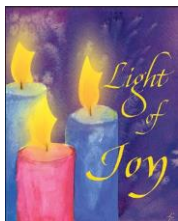
10:00 am – Holiday Gift Shop Sale

10:10 am – School of Christian Living Classes

11:00 am – Holy Mass +Krzysztof Zieniewicz and Waldemar Kozlowski; Offered by

Zieniewicz Family

After Mass – CHRISTMAS DINNER – tickets available TODAY



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.

Nov.29 – **in memory of Sabeh, Selma, Mikhail, Najeeba, Balkees, Maysoon** (by Hilal Hanna & Fam.) / Week of December 6 – **In memory of Balkees Awad** (Hilal Hanna & Fam.)

December 20, 27, 2015 – Claire Centrella



Prayers of Sympathy – +MARIE PLUCINSKY, the mother of Donna Novak passed away on Saturday December 5, 2015. The funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday morning. Look for more information when available on the church web site holycrosssite.org. Our sympathy to Donna, grandson, Brendan and other family members, relatives and friends. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord...



Alfred Baumann, Free Public Library invites everyone for the Jersey Jubilation, Hand bell Choir on Sunday December 6, 2015 at 2 pm.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY! KIDS WILL LOVE IT!

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

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. **There is yarn**

available in the parish hall for those who would like to make a shawl.



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

Confirmation Class



Upcoming classes: **Dec. 20, 2015, January 10, 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, **Dec. 6, 2015, January 3, 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 ON SUN. DEC. 6, 2015

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. Come and Browse**



BEAUTIFUL CROSSES – (They are donated by our parishioner). **Don't forget yours for gifts. Father Joseph blessed all of these items in advance.**

GOD'S FIELD – (Rola Boza) ONLINE - The latest issue of *God's Field* is now available online

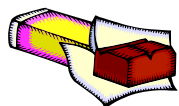
at <http://www.pncc.org>.



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: \$1,381.00

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.



Be a Good Steward

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.

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.

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.

Help Holy Cross to raise more \$. There are 167 Supporters registered so far. So please join us and you can imagine how much we can earn for our church! When you do your Shopping online please take advantage of GoodShop,



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quickly. **To date we raised \$90.25.** The link is: <http://www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/holy-cross-church-woodland-park.aspx>. You can copy this link or mark it and open it as a Hyperlink. **YOU CAN EVEN EARN \$ PLAYING GAMES, DOING SURVEYS, AND DINING OUT.**



Donations for the Homeless

ADVENT TREE - This annual project coordinated by Pat Olsen, will begin 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 for the needy. All gifts are due on Sunday, December 20, 2015.

NOTE FROM PASTOR: ADVENT - SPIRITUAL RENEWAL – BIBLE STUDY

During Advent the Bible Study classes will take place on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm. (Except Dec.

16th – Parish Committee meeting)

The classes will include Scripture readings, discussions and occasionally film reviews. This is a wonderful way to renew our spiritual life during Advent. Interested, please sign up in the parish hall or call 973-256-4888 / or 201-247-4832 (cell). Fr. Joseph



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES – We will celebrate, traditionally, two Masses on Christmas Eve, which will be held this year on Thursday, December 24, 2014. The Holy Mass with the participation of children and youth will be held at 4:00 PM. The second solemn Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 PM.



CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – ONE MASS will be celebrated on Friday, December 25, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Enjoy the celebration of the nativity of the Lord.

Christmas Day Service

UPCOMING DATES

December 6, 2015 – **Christmas Dinner** tickets sale after both Masses

December 6, 2015 – **Gift Shop Sale**

December 8, 2015 – **Immaculate Conception** – holy day of obligation; Holy Masses 8:30 am and 7:15 pm

December 13, 2015 – **Christmas Dinner** after 11 am Mass

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

February 21, 2016 – **100th Birthday** Stella Skawinski

February 28, 2016 – **Fish and Chips Dinner** after 11 am Mass

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



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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**)



LOST AND FOUND – Early November someone lost this earring in front of the church. If it is yours, please contact parish office 973-256-4888 or cell 201-247-4832.



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.

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 Cross Church.

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.

Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations

Holy Cross Church Ministries, Organizations & Services

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Deacon - William Gaydos 973-239-4725

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