

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DEC. 7, 2014

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**The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor**  
**Deacon David Gaydos / Deacon William Gaydos**

## SUNDAY MASSES

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

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

*"I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Mark 1:8*

## INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters, today's readings reflect the overall mood of the Advent season as a time "in the gap." We recognize this time: when we know that things are not what they once were, nor yet what they will be. So, we wait -- somewhat fearfully, somewhat hopefully -- for the coming of Jesus. Are we truly an expectant people? If so, what are we waiting for? As we look to the future, what gives us hope?

## Scripture readings:

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11 In a time of desolation, God's people hear words of comfort and promise.

Psalms 85 Lord, let us see your kindness.

2 Pet 3:8-14 We must live as holy people as we wait the Lord's final coming.

Mark 1:1-8 John the Baptist proclaims that the awaited one will indeed come.

## LECTORS SERVING TODAY

**9:00 AM – Deacon Bill Gaydos**

**11:00 AM – Angela Gulla**

**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. **The Shopping certificates donated \$59,000 toward the Building Fund since the project started.** 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**

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

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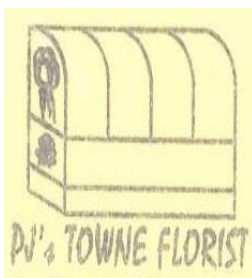
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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2014 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Mark 1:8



Advent Tree Project Continues  
+BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT+  
Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses

**9:00 am** – Holy Mass +Dorothy Skawinski Jess; Offered by  
Mother, Stella Skawinski

**10:00 am** – ANS Meeting

**10:00 am** – Coffee and Cake Fellowship

**10:10 am** – School of Christian Living Classes

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

After Mass – First Holy Communion Class

**Monday Dec. 8, 2014 – Imm. Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity**

**7:15 pm** – Holy Mass

**Tuesday December 9, 2014 – St. Leocadia - Advent**

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

**Wednesday, December 10, 2014 – St. Gregory - Advent**

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

**Thursday, December 11, 2014 – St. Damascus Bp. - Advent**

**7:15 pm** - With intention for the sick and homebound (Healing Mass)

**Friday, December 12, 2014 – Our Lady of Guadalupe - Advent**

**7:30 am** - Holy Mass

**Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014 – St. Lucy - Advent**

**10:00 am** – Decorations for Christmas Dinner

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. John 1:8



Advent Tree Project Ends

Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses

**9:00 am** – Holy Mass +Todd and Helen Jaxon, Michael and  
Estella Gemza; Offered by Penni Lazor (All Souls)

**10:00 am** – Coffee and Cake Fellowship

**10:10 am** – School of Christian Living Classes

**11:00 am** Holy Mass +Sabri Matloub Offered by Hilal, Zinan and Family

After Mass – CHRISTMAS DINNER



### 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 7 – for Rose Vickerilla

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

December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of obligation (Solemnity – Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) –  
Mass 7:15 PM





**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES** – We will celebrate, traditionally, two Masses on Christmas Eve, which will be held this year on Wednesday, 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  
Service**



**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS** – ONE MASS will be celebrated on Thursday, December 25, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

**ADVENT TREE** - This annual project coordinated by Pat Olsen, will begin on Sunday November 30, 2014 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 14, 2014.

**Donations for the  
Homeless**



**Holy Communion**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - The next preparation will take place **Sunday, Dec. 7 (Dec 14 Christmas Dinner) 2014** after the 11 AM Mass in the parish hall. The First Holy Communion Celebration will take place on **Sunday, May 17, 2015**. 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)



**OPLATEK – CHRISTMAS WAFERS** is available in the parish hall. We keep the tradition of sharing it with the family and members of the household at the beginning of the supper on Christmas Eve. The donation of \$3 per package is appreciated. Please help yourself and deposit your donations in the envelope located next to the oplatek (Christmas Wafer).



**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.**

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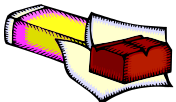
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**CHRISTMAS DINNER** – will take place on **Sunday December 14, 2014 after 11:00 A.M. Mass** – Please mark your calendars for an enjoyable afternoon with great menu and **Christmas Program** by the children of our School of Christian Living. **THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CHILDREN** will be free of charge. See special flyer.



## 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

**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 DATES

December 14, 2014 – Christmas Dinner after 11 am Mass

February 15, 2015 – St. Valentine's Dinner

March 15, 2015 – St. Patrick's Dinner and Father plus Child Bake Contest

March 22, 2015 – ANS Agape in Howell, NJ at 4 pm

March 27, 2015 (Friday) – Fish and Chips Dinner

May 10, 2015 – Mother's Day Breakfast

May 16, 2015 – NY/NJ Seniorate Council Meeting at SS Peter and Paul, Passaic, 10 am

May 17, 2015 – First Holy Communion celebration at Holy Cross at 11 am

June 7, 2015 – Corpus Christi Procession at Holy Cross Church

June 14, 2015 – Parish Picnic

## Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations



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<b>Altar Servers - Deacon William Gaydos</b>	973-239-4725
<b>School of Christian Living (SOCL) Donna Maher; Andrea Lerggios-Smith</b>	
<b>St. Nicholas Ministry – Lucy and Richard Daum</b>	973-694-9457
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# CHRISTMAS DINNER

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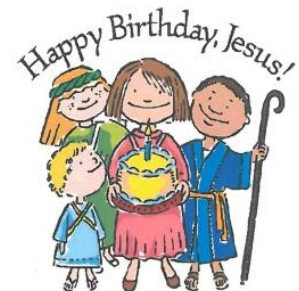
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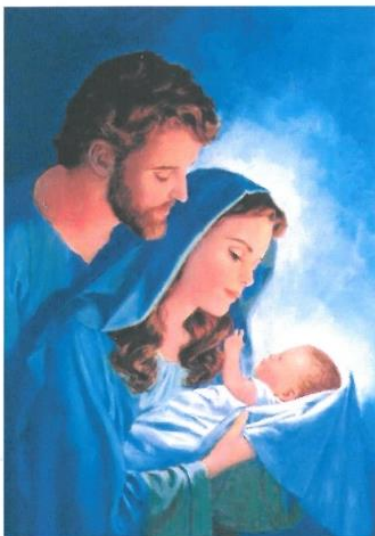


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