

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 21, 2016

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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

"Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray" Luke 9:28

Introduction

Brothers and sisters, today's readings speak to us about eye-opening experiences ... radical insights about who we are and who Jesus is. Others throughout history have had similar experiences. Abraham encountered God in a way that concretized their relationship and shaped Israel's future. Peter, James and John encountered Jesus in a profound way. Learning who Jesus really is and being shaped by that knowledge often comes in unexplainable moments. How wonderful it is when our faith becomes real and our eyes are opened to new possibilities!



Today's Scriptures

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 The Lord makes a covenant with Abraham.

Psalms 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Phil 3:17-4:1 Imitate Paul's belief in Christ.

Luke 9:28b-36 Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 AM – Deacon Bill Gaydos 11:00 AM – Claire Centrella

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. WE RECEIVED \$1,000 from Shopping Certificates for a TOTAL of \$63,000! 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 N SHOP, FOODTOWN AND SHOP RITE.

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; 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, Danielle Geeza, Theresa Petrusky, Janice Krasulja, Jaclyn Monro . 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, February 18, 25 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.

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

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



Danny Reyes / Karol Sung – Jan. 19th – 8th Ann.

Fr. Joseph Cyman /Renata (Bujak) – Feb. 21 – 18th Ann.

Richard Torre / Diane McNamara – Feb. 27 – 39th Ann.

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

Visiting our website Blog.holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. **189 people like our church face book!**
We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book.

2016 BULLETIN ADS - \$100 per year – THANK YOU

BUSINESS ADVERTISING – We thank businesses that gave donations for bulletin ads and thus helping us to defray the cost of bulletin printing. The donation for one year is \$100.00. If you wish to submit your ad, please contact church parish office at 973-256-4888 or send e-mail holycrosspncc1@gmail.com, thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**

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- 9:00 am** Holy Mass For All Parishioners
- 10:00 am** – Coffee Time Fellowship
- 10:10 am** – School of Christian Living Classes
- 11:00 am** Holy Mass Blessing upon Stella Skawinski (100th Birthday) and her family
+Melissa Centrella (39th Birthday); Offered by Claire Centrella

After Mass – 100th Birthday Party for Stella Skawinski
After Mass - First Holy Communion Class

Monday February 22, 2016 – Lent - George Washington – USA



8:30 am - Holy Mass

Tuesday February 23, 2016 – Lent

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

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 – Lent- St. Matthias, Apostle

8:30 am - Holy Mass

6:00 am – Preparation for Marriage

7:15 pm – Bible Study

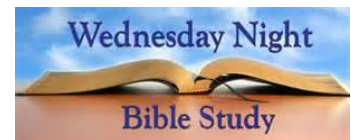
Thursday February 25, 2016 – Lent

7:15 pm - Holy Mass for the sick and home-bound (Healing Mass)

Friday February 26, 2016 – Lenten- St. Alexander of Alexandria, Bp.

8:30 am - Holy Mass for Benefactors of the Holy Cross Church

7:15 pm – Stations of the Cross



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 28, 2016

"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." Luke 13:8-99



- 9:00 am** Holy Mass +Mary, Frank, Stanley Grace, Edith, Ludwig Piontkowski, Helen and John Anderson, John Dziuba, George Kapchonick, Elizabeth, Oscanand John Daum, Margaret and Warren Preisser, Elizabeth Sadler, Theodor Jarnutkowski, Julie and San Colletti; Offered by Gene Kapchonick (All Souls)

10:00 am – Coffee Time Fellowship

10:00 am – 90th Anniversary Meeting

10:10 am – School of Christian Living Classes

11:00 am – Holy Mass for All Parishioners

After Mass – Confirmation Class





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.

February 21 – **Melissa Centrella, 39th Birthday** - Offered by Claire Centrella
February 28 – **Emanuele Triggiano**- Offered by Claire Centrella



SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING – In the past we have given awards to the students with perfect attendance, good attendance two times per year; once in the fall and then at the end of the school year. This year we will, instead, give one award at the end of the school year which will be increased to represent both the fall and end of year.



ALTAR SERVERS We would like to continue the process of bringing on more altar servers at our Masses. Deacon Bill offered training, in the recent past and will again train any new servers who sign up.

We thank the new altar servers who recently joined in serving at Holy Cross Parish. Deacon Bill practiced with children how to serve as altar servers at Holy Cross Church.

Kaylanie and Kianni Noriega will serve at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, Feb.21st. From now on, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Parents, please put your child's name in the Sunday that they can serve. You will be notified as a reminder prior to their Sunday Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAY in LENT at 7:15 pm Feb. 26, March 4, 11, 18, and Good Friday at 3 pm. Stations of the Cross also called the Via Dolorosa or Way of Sorrows, or simply, The



Way; refers to a series of artistic representations, often sculptural, depicting Christ carrying the Cross to His crucifixion. Most Catholic churches contain Stations of the Cross, typically placed at intervals along the side walls of the nave. The tradition of moving around the Stations to commemorate the Passion of Christ began with St. Francis of Assisi and extended throughout the Catholic Church in the medieval period. It is also observed in other Christian Churches. It is most commonly done during Lent, especially on Good Friday.



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.

2016 ADULT ENVELOPES. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church. If you have any questions or need church envelopes please ask Richard Daum, Financial Secretary, 973-694-9457.

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 – Nayef Kiame

Level II – 3rd and 4th grades – Mrs. Claire Centrella / Andrea Lerggios-Smith

Level III - 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades – Mrs. Donna Maher

NATIONAL YOUTH CONVOCATION - Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive – Manchester, Date - 25 Jul 2016 until 29 Jul 2016.

GIFT SHOP OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES –



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. **Come and Browse.**

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 shawls. **We have given out already 12 shawls to those in need.** There is yarn available in the parish hall for those who would like to make a shawl. We thank all the ladies who made the shawls.



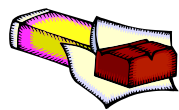
90th Anniversary of Holy Cross Church - June 26, 2016.
Solemn Mass at 11:00 am presided by Bp. Bernard Nowicki
Reception at The Brownstone, Paterson NJ at 1:00 pm - Please mark your calendars.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES: The preparation for first Holy Communion will begin on Sunday, **Feb. 28, 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)



CONFIRMATION CLASSES Upcoming classes: **March 6, 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.

4th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – World's Finest Chocolate. TO DATE: \$1,478.00



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!**

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.

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.

Help Holy Cross to raise more \$. There are 171 Supporters registered so far. So please join us and you can imagine how much we can earn for our church!

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When you do your Shopping online please take advantage of GoodShop, GoodSurvey, Goodtvads, GoodOffers or GoodDining and the church will get a percentage of your purchase. We will get 1 cent for every search and it adds up quickly. To date we raised \$90.71. 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.**

UPCOMING DATES

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

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

March 13, 2016 – **Melissa A. Centrella Scholarship FDN. Casino Night – The Brownstone**

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)

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.

Winter Coat Drive Started on Feb. 7th until Feb. 21st, we will be collecting new and slightly used winter coats for Father English/Eva's Village. This is a drive created by our Confirmation Class students. There will be a container/box in the Parish Hall for you to put the items in. Thank you for caring about those less fortunate. We fulfill our Lord's command, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me." (Mt 25:40)



NOTE FROM PASTOR: LENT - SPIRITUAL RENEWAL



Bible Study classes are held during Lent on Wednesday Feb. 24, March 2, 9, 16, 2016 at 7:15 pm. 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.



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.



MELISSA A. CENTRELLA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION -The Board of Directors of the Melissa A. Centrella Scholarship Foundation invite you to attend thirteenth annual fundraiser CASINO NIGHT, Blackjack, Craps, Poker, Roulette & Big Six, Professional Dealers, Open Bar, Buffet Dinner. Chips will be converted into raffle tickets for fabulous prizes. Help them raise money for scholarships for 2016! They have awarded 130 scholarships to-date! Sunday, March 13, 2016, 5:30 p.m. at the Brownstone 351 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ. Tickets: \$75.00 (Includes a \$50 initial set of chips). Open bar all evening. All profits will go to the Scholarship Foundation. Please RSVP by March 1, 2016 to: Claire Centrella MAC Scholarship Foundation 120 Quarry Dr., Clifton, N.J. 07013 www.macscholarship.org Call at 201- 572-1299 for more information.





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 fee for each hour of rental time. Call 973-256-4888. / 201-247-4832 (cell) email holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR ST. VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON



We thank those who supported our St. Valentine's day Luncheon held on Sunday February 14, 2016, especially Renata Cyman who decorated the hall, Ed Obsuth for preparing the food as well as kitchen help George O'Brien, Jerry Rotsaert, and those who served and cleaned after the event. Even though the weather was not on



our side, we enjoyed the food, fellowship and music. We thank those who participated in 50/50 drawing and cheer of basket prepared by Adoration Society. See you at St. Patrick's Dinner



ST. PATRICK'S DINNER & FATHER & CHILD'S BAKE CONTEST



(WITH PARENTS HELP) SUNDAY MARCH 13, 2016 AFTER 11:00. MASS. MENU: *CORNE BEEF, CABBAGE, IRISH RED POTATOES, BAKED CHICKEN - VARIETY OF VEGETABLES, ASSORTED BREADS / IRISH SODA BREAD, IRISH COFFEE /TEA, HOMEMADE DESSERTS.* FOR THAT DINNER WE NEED 3 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ON SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016 BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. AND 3-4 PEOPLE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016 AFTER 9:00 A.M. MASS. WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS – ESPECIALLY THE YOUTH - TO SERVE THE DINNER. TAKE OUTS WILL BE

AVAILABLE. ORDER TAKE OUTS WHEN PURCHASING TICKETS. TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES. Adults \$15 - Children and youth free of charge. THE CHILDREN WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE BAKE CONTEST WITH PARENTS ARE ASKED TO SIGN UP ON THE SIGN UP LIST IN THE PARISH HALL. Please purchase tickets by Tuesday March 8, 2016. You may send donations by mail. If you have any questions call 973-256-4888 or e-mail holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

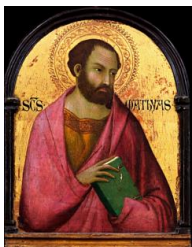


ALTAR SERVERS This is an important ministry for our parish and your support and involvement is needed! Please contact Deacon - William Gaydos

973-239-4725 or parish office 973-256-488 if your son /daughter are interested in becoming altar servers.

We thank Deacon Bill for lessons preparing new altar servers.





February 24 – St. Matthias (died c. 80) According to the Acts of the Apostles, was the apostle chosen by the remaining eleven apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following Judas' betrayal of Jesus and suicide. His calling as an apostle is unique in that his appointment was not made personally by Jesus, who had already ascended to heaven, and, it was made before the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church. There is no mention of a Matthias among the lists of disciples or followers of Jesus in the three synoptic gospels. According to Acts, he had been with Jesus from his baptism by John to the Ascension. In the days following, Peter proposed that the assembled disciples, who numbered about one hundred and twenty, nominate two men to replace Judas. They chose Joseph called Barsabas (whose surname was Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Thou, Lord, which knows the hearts of all [men], shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." [Acts 1:24–25] Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was numbered with the eleven apostles. Matthias was present with the other apostles at Pentecost.