



# NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS PARISH** PNCC 90 Years of Service

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*O come,  
O come,  
Emmanuel*



**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 10:00 am**

**Regular SUNDAY MASSES 9:00 & 11:00 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)**

*The Word became man and dwelt among us. John 1:14*

ENTRANCE HYMN: O Come, all Ye Faithful

1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, o come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem: Come and behold Him, born the King of angels. *Refrain:* O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to God all, glory in the highest.

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

### THE BLESSING OF THE MANGER (Crèche)

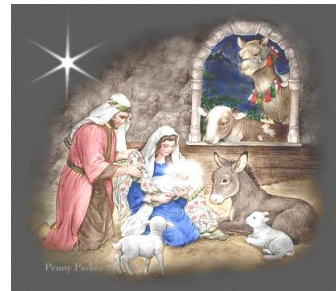
**People:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Celebrant:** O Lord hear our prayer.

**People:** And let our cry come unto you.

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.



Celebrant:

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**SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 2016 –**

**EVE**

**CHRISTMAS**



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

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

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 25, 2016 – CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10:00 AM - HOLY MASS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

+Jim and Mary Filler; Offered by Sue Kendal

**Monday, December 26, 2016 – St. Stephen**

8:30 am – Holy Mass for Benefactors of Holy Cross Church

**Tuesday December 27, 2016 – St. John, Apostle – blessing of wine**

8:30 am - Holy Mass

**Wednesday December 28, 2016 – Holy Innocents, M.**

8:30 am – Holy Mass

**Thursday, December 29, 2016 – Octave of the Nativity**

7:30 pm – Holy Mass for sick and home bound – Healing Mass

+Julia Sarnecky; Offered by Gail Crystalline

**Friday, December 30, 2016 – Octave of the Nativity**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016 – HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY**

*“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 +Julia Sarnecky; Offered by Adele Kamerus

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY JANUARY 8, 2016**

*May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you now*

*And all throughout the coming year 2017*

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – 2017!**





- ❖ **Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku – 2017!**
- ❖ **Joyeux Noël et Bonne Novell L'Année 2017!**
- ❖ **Feliz Navidad y Buen Año Nuevo 2017!**
- ❖ **Froehliche Weihnachten und ein gutes neues Jahr 2017!**
- ❖ **Buon Natale e felice anno nuovo 2017**
- ❖ **Sretan Božić! Sretna Nova Godina! 2017 / Veselé vánoce a šťastný Nový Rok 2017**

*Father Joseph Cyman with Family and the Parish Committee*

**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, Dominick Buccì, Richard Daum, Hughie Vickerilla, Edward Obsuth, George O'Brien, decorated the inside of the church for Christmas. Richard Daum for Christmas flowers delivery.



Donations for the Homeless



**HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN** In the case when small children need more attention during the Mass, parents can now listen to the Liturgy of the Mass in the **parish hall** while the children can play or do the drawings.

- **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 at 7:15 pm.



- **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.
- **2017 ADULT ENVELOPES** are available in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church.



**CONFIRMATION CLASSES – The next classes are scheduled as follows: Sunday January 8, 22, 2017 after 11 am Mass.** The registration forms are online and in the parish office. Students who are in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older and 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.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION –** Upcoming classes: **January 8, 22, 2017 at 10:00 am am.** The First Holy Communion preparation is provided by teacher, Ms. Mary Vitaletti. **1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion date is Sunday May 21, 2017.**



**HEALING MASS** – The next Mass will be celebrated on **Thursdays, December 29, 2016, January 26, 2017,** at 7:30 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.

Celebrant:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, Who on that wondrous night sent forth Your Salvation, being manifested in the person of Your Son, Jesus Christ, look upon Your faithful people gathered in Your Church tonight, commemorating the Nativity of our Lord in a stable of Bethlehem. Grant, we humbly beseech You, that the Savior of the World might be born again in the hearts and souls of all people of the world. Unto You we sing and give praise, honor and glory; and we ask You to instill in us godliness and holy love; strengthen our faith and grant us Your true Peace - that peace which we can find only in You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**Blessing of the Crèche – Our Father, Hail Mary**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

*Lector:* We light the Christ candle to remind us that the light of the world was born this night.

**People:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.

*Lector:* His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.

**People:** Almighty God - You have made this night holy by the gift of your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of Mary. Upon Him rested all your grace, through Him has come all your mercy. Let his light shine within our hearts tonight even more brightly than it shines from the candles in this place. Help us to hear your word and to celebrate your everlasting love through Him. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

*Our Mission* - The parish of Holy Cross is a Catholic community with doors open to all and bringing them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and thus giving comfort and purpose to a struggling world. "You are to go into the entire world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere! (see Mark 16:15)." We believe that we are a Church where the timeless message of Christ is communicated in a contemporary style. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save those who are lost (Luke 19:10)." In the past **90 years of service** we feel that we became a strong and faithful community with unselfish service to God and all our brothers and sisters, giving unending praise and thanksgiving for the blessings and gifts bestowed upon us.



### LECTORS FOR CHRISTMAS

4:00 P.M. – Claire Centrella / Nayef Kiame 10:00 P.M. – Deacon David Gaydos  
Dec. 25, 2016 **ONE MASS** at 10:00 A.M. – John Surak / Angela Gulla



### SCRIPTURE READINGS – DECEMBER 24

I READING Isaiah 9 1-6

PSALM (96) Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord

II READING Titus 2: 11-14

### ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today Christ the Lord.

R. Alleluia. Alleluia

### (GOSPEL (Luke 2:1-14))

**PRAYER of THE FAITHFUL:** Lord Hear our Prayer  
**THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS**



*As of Sunday December 18, 2016*

Penni Lazor in memory of Todd and Helen Jaxon, Fr. Joseph and Family in memory of deceased of Cyman, Bujak, Domasz and Bronk families, Richard and Lucy Daum in memory of Mary and Frank Piontkowski, Elizabeth and Oscar Daum; Edward and Beverly Obsuth in memory of Andrew E. Obsuth, Sadusky and Mihok families; Helen Jarmakowicz in memory of Katherine Kaczmariski, Jon Kaczmariski, Justin Jarmakowicz, Stanley Kasza, Edward Furtak, Joseph Jarmakowicz, Joseph Weiss and Patti Jarmakowicz; Nelly Cabrejos in memory of Mr. Ignacia and Lucila Montalvo; Zaida Bueno Escobedo in memory of Emilio Bueno Bueno, Julia Escobedo de Bueno; Daad Kasbo, Donna and Martin Maher; Stella Skawinski in memory of Dorothy and Lawrence Skawinski; Denise and Neil Harth; Susan Kendal in memory of Jim and Marie Filler; Carlo and Anna Santini in memory of Concetta and Gerlando Zambuto; Kimberly Junda in memory of Edward Budjinsky and Sophie Budjinsky; Ronald and Helen Yuswack in memory of Stella and Walter Yuswack, Helen and Paul Fritschy; Susan and Richard Jakob in memory of Jean and Joseph Zajac;



*Other donations will be included in the next bulletin*



**EPIPHANY PASTORAL VISITATIONS** – Fr Joseph will be blessing homes during Epiphany Pastoral Visitations. Please let Fr. Joseph know that you wish to have your home/apartment blessed by calling 201-247-4832. Normally the blessing of homes takes place from Christmas until the season of Lent.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – Will be held on second Sunday, February 19, 2016 after 9:00 a.m. Mass. The second Mass will be at 11:30 AM. There will be refreshments after the 9 AM Mass. School of Christian Living will have their program in Fr. John Slysz building provided by high school youth. **All the societies of our parish are asked to give their annual report from year 2016 and their projects for the year 2017.** Another important aspect of our Annual Parish Meeting will be the election of the Parish Committee. The Parish Committee is the council, which meets once per month (usually for about 1 hour on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening of the month) to discuss concerns and make decisions for the parish. Would you consider serving on this committee? Please contact Fr. Joseph or Lynn Imperiale for additional information.

## Upcoming Events

January 8, 2017 – **Adoration Society Potluck** after 11 am Mass  
January 29, 2017 – **Music Scholarship Sunday**  
February 12, 2017 – **Valentine's Day Dinner** after 11 am Mass  
March 1, 2017 – **Ash Wednesday**  
May 5, 2017 - Melissa A. Centrella Scholarship Fdn. Beefsteak Dinner  
March 12, 2017 – **St. Patrick's Dinner** after 11 am Mass  
March 26, 2017 – **Fish and Chips Dinner** after 11 am Mass (tentative date)  
April 2, 2017 – **NY/NJ Adoration Society AGAPE**  
April 12, 2017 – **Clergy Conference, Chrism Mass -St. Stanislaus Cathedral Parish, Scranton, PA**  
April 16, 2017 – **Easter – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
April 23, 2017 – **Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL)**

May 7, 2017 – **Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 May 14, 2017 - **Mother's Day Breakfast at 10 am**  
 June 11, 2017 – **SOCL attendance awards and Parish Picnic**  
 June 18, 2017 – **Father's Day breakfast at 10 am**

**ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY NEWS** – Each December the St. Nicholas Ministry supplies poinsettias for delivery to our homebound parishioners. This year Fr. Joseph visited eight individuals and families as he did his Christmas visitations administering Holy Communion, bulletins and calendars for 2017. These flowers as well as the many cards, gifts, Care Notes are founded by your generous donations and stipend from the parish budget. For more information see Lucy, Richard Daum or Merry Slece.

## Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations

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**Pastor - Father Joseph R. Cyman** 973-256-4888 / 201-247-4832  
**Deacon - David Gaydos** 973-209-4729  
**Deacon - William Gaydos** 973-239-4725  
**Parish Comm. Chairperson, Lynn Imperiale** 862-368-3653  
**Secretary – Claire Centrella** 201-572-1299  
**Organist - Neil Estanislao** 201-966-9026  
**Organist - Jessica Muccilli** 973-903-7273  
**Adoration Society - Penni Lazor** 973-768-7917  
**Daughters of Holy Cross Elaine Rotsaert** 973-838-4246  
**Lectors Coordinators - John Surak** 201-264-6711  
**Altar Servers - Deacon William Gaydos** 973-239-4725  
**School of Christian Living (SOCL) Mrs. Donna Maher (201-774-9560), Mr. Paul Murphy (201-463-7656), Nayef, Ned Kiame**  
 (volunteers)



**Shopping Certif**

**Polish National Union of America** - Alice Kriskewic – 973-427-9648

**St. Nicholas Ministry** – Lucy and Richard Daum 973-694-9457 Merry Sleece 973-731-3611  
**Parish Life Committee** - Deacon David & Laurie Gaydos, Merry Sleece, Angela Gulla, Ed and Beverly Obsuth, Penni Lazor, Renata Cyman  
**Stewardship Committee** – Pat Olsen 973-696-6581 / Diane Lacey 973-256-1288 / Al Katinsky 973-694-3208  
**Ushers** – John Surak 201-264-6711  
**Greeters** - Lynn Imperiale 862-368-3653; Claire Centrella – 201-572-1299 / Karen Paulison 973-686-0584;  
**Maintenance** - Dominick Bucci 973-785-2299  
**Shopping Certificates Sale** - Lucy Daum 973-694-9457, Merry Sleece 973-731-3611



**LASTING GIFTS** - “Lasting Gifts, a guide for gifts to the Holy Cross Church.” Copies of these pamphlets are in the vestibule of the church. Please consider yourself to participate in this project. Our parish celebrates 89 years of service. Let us consider the future of our parish as it continues blessings for its members and for the community. This pamphlet was prepared by the Stewardship Committee and approved by the Parish Committee.



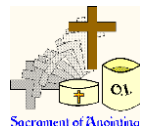
The following members of our parish community are in need of our prayers, cards and other signs of Christian support: **Mary Margo** 2 Oak Place, Little Falls, NJ 07424; **Stella Skawinski** 213 Illinois Ave. Paterson, NJ 07503; **Loretta Offman**, 52 Godwin St., Paterson, NJ 07501; **Emila Bargiel**, 820 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ 07470; **Sophie Barnes**, 35 Florence Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506; **Gene Kapchonick** 123 Cabrillo Blvd., Toms River, NJ 08757; **Liz Wozney** 3136 Oceanic Drive, Toms River, NJ 08753; **Joanne Plaxa, Dennis Diestler, Ann Obsuth, Roy Zebrowski, Jo Ann Murphy, Nicky Minson, Stanley Mikolajczyk, Zachary Decker, Declan, Urbano, Helen Blum, Char O'Neill, Danielle Geeza, 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...



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

**Jose Acosta/Paola Perez – Dec 3rd – 10th Ann.**  
**John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – Dec 16 – 44<sup>th</sup> Ann.**

**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.



**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!

### 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 parish hall, use special envelopes and make your check out to Adoration Society. Thank you for your donations.

**Week of December 25 – August, Mellissa Centrella and Emanuele Triggiano by Claire Centrella**  
 /(THERE ARE STILL MANY DATES AVAILABLE)

**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. Phone: 973-256-4888



## *Thank You*

*We express our heartfelt thanks  
for all received Christmas cards  
and signs of your kindness. May the Baby Jesus who  
came to enrich us with His blessings reward you  
abundantly in Year 2017*

*Fr. Joseph, Renata  
Michael and Natalie Cyman*



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



### Dear Parishioners,

Since November 22, 2016 installation began of the additional handicap bathroom, three new emergency doors, two ramps and roof above one of the ramps leading to the playground. These renovations are recommended to have a new day care tenant coming not only with toddlers but also with infants.

It is our appeal to all of you to support this project in order to defray unexpected expense. Your donations toward building fund are truly appreciated. We are looking forward to grow together as one Christian family serving our community and

spreading the good news of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Father Joseph Cyman Pastor

Lynn Imperiale, Chairperson and Parish committee members



**ALTAR SERVERS** We thank all Altar servers serving in our parish. We would like to continue the process of bringing on more altar servers at our Masses. Please sign-up on the 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.



## *A Christmas Prayer*

*Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of peace and Beloved Savior; come into our hearts this Christmas and fill us with Your gifts of love and joy.*

*With Mary and Joseph, we rejoice and thank God for You. With the angels and saints in heaven we sing, "Glory to God in the highest."*

*With the Magi and the shepherds we bow before You with hearts full of wonder.*

*Help us to follow You faithfully and to share the good news of Your coming with everyone we meet, this Christmas season and always. Amen.*

### UPCOMING BAPTISMS:

**APRIL 2, 2017 – GABRIELA ROSALEE RACANATI THE DAUGHTER OF FRANCESCO AND KRISTA RACANATI.**

### 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.

### **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](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com)

**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.” (Mat.6:3-4)*



**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.

**Holy Cross Church Face Book – link**      [www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com)

Visiting our website Blog [holycrosssite.org](http://holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. 215 people like our church face book!  
We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book.