



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY – 11/27/2016



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SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES 8:30 am (check bulletin)

"Therefore, stay awake!" Matthew 24:42



As we begin this Advent season, we focus on the universal spiritual practice of being awake—deeply aware. It's not that we're sleeping, but that it's so easy to become distracted by the ordinary demands of life—especially in this holiday season. It is so easy to overlook what is truly most important, but staying alert is hard. God is always present to us; Jesus comes in many guises, many ways. If we're not alert, we miss it all. What will it take to keep us focused? Lord Jesus, you urged your disciples to stay awake: Lord, have mercy. Christ Jesus, you told them to watch for the Son of Man's return: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to be always alert for your coming: Lord, have mercy.

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Isaiah 2:1-5 God's word brings amazing transformation
Psalms 122 Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord
Romans 13:11-14 Stay awake for Christ's coming
Matthew 24:37-44 Be vigilant for the coming of the Lord

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Nayef Kiame

11:00 am – Claire Centrella

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. We thank Lucy Daum and Merry Sleece for 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.

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; Emila Bargiel, 820 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ 07470; Jean Tierney 207 Crane Road Brick, NJ 08723, 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; Rose Gentile, 237 Salomone Ave. Woodland Park, NJ 07424; Joanne Plaxa, Dennis Diestler, Stella Skawinski, 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.



Nicholas Lawler/Michele Peano 10/ 15 – 11th Ann.

Martin Maher / Donna Giardino 10/24 – 27th Ann.

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

Russell Paulison and Karen Pettegrew – 11/ 22 – 24th Ann.

Jose Acosta/Paola Perez – Dec 3rd – 10th Ann.

John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – Dec 16 – 44th Ann.

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

Visiting our website [Blog holycrosssite.org](http://Blog.holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. 213 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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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – NOVEMBER 27, 2016 ADVENT TREE PROJECT BEGINS

"Therefore, stay awake!" Matthew 24:42



9:00 AM – Holy Mass for Frank Costello, Suzanne Costello, Andrew Sleece, Lucy Sleece Offered by – Bob and Marry Sleece (All Souls)

10:00 am – Coffee fellowship

10:10 am – School of Christian Living

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for + Peter and Mary Michinski, Leo and Romaine

Kafchinski Offered by Alvin and Carol Michinski (All Souls)

+Sophie Plaxa; Cyman Family



Monday November 27, 2016 – St. Stephen Mo., M.

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

Tuesday November 29, 2016 – Advent

8:30 am - Holy Mass

Wednesday November 30, 2016 – St. Andrew, Ap.

8:30 am – Holy Mass

7:15 pm – 8:15 pm - BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, December 1, 2016 – St. Eligious Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Friday, December 2, 2016 – St. Bibiana, V., M.

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



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 3, 2016

ADVENT TREE PROJECT CONTINUES

"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." Matthew 3:8



9:00 AM – Holy Mass for +Helen and Stanley Haftek, Odette and William Morozewicz; Offered by Eileen Phillips (All Souls)

10:00 am – Coffee fellowship

10:10 am – School of Christian Living

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for +John Wozney, Josephine and Louis Bariso, Jenette and Louis Bariso, Wanda and Albert Wozney;

Offered by Elizabeth Wozney (All Souls)



SHOPPING CERTIFICATES NEWS:

ANYONE WHO BUYS \$100 IN GIFT CARDS ON DECEMBER 4, 2016 WILL RECEIVE A GIFT.

THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS



Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to Passaic Valley High School (6 baskets) and to Woodland Park Municipal Building (9 baskets and four bags). In both cases the needy families from our community did benefit from our kindness. May the Lord reward your generosity.



CHRISTMAS DINNER – will take place on **Sunday December 11, 2016 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.

Menu: Roasted Chicken / Tilapia with a mango sauce/chutney, Roasted Pork loin in a brown gravy, Corn, Broccoli Medley, Penne in a Vodka sauce / Haluszkie, Cake and Coffee, Tea

Santa Claus – (St. Nicholas) will be present,

Tickets - \$14 Adults.

THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CHILDREN FROM OUR PARISH ARE FREE

Other Children and Youth are \$7.00 (5-12 years)

ADVENT TREE - This annual project coordinated by Pat Olsen, will begin on Sunday November 27, 2016 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 18, 2016.



Donations for the Homeless

NOTE FROM
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2016. The reviews. This is a wonderful way to renew our spiritual life during Advent. Interested, please sign up in the parish hall. Fr. Joseph



PASTOR: ADVENT - SPIRITUAL RENEWAL – BIBLE STUDY

the Bible Study classes will take place on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm. **ON FOLLOWING DATES: November 30, December 7 and December 14,** classes will include Scripture readings, discussions and occasionally film reviews.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES – We will celebrate, traditionally, two Masses on Christmas

Eve, which will be held this year on Saturday, December 24, 2016. 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 Sunday, December 25, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Enjoy the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord.

NEW GROUP - Confirmation Classes – The next classes are as follows: Sunday December 4, 18, 2016 after 11 am Mass.

registration forms are online and in the parish office. Students

the 7th grade and older and adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons. of Confirmation is a completion of the sacrament of Baptism and important step in your youth's religious education.



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Upcoming classes: **Dec. 4, 18, 2016 at 10 am.** *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)

Some requirements: Students should be enrolled in 2nd grade or older to participate; Parents/Guardians are required to attend Sunday Mass each week with children.

First Communion classes are 45 minutes long (10:10 – 10:55 am) on bi-weekly basis (check bulletin) duration Sept-May; Students must attend School of Christian Living classes at 10:10 am other Sundays followed by the Holy Mass at 11 am; The First Holy Communion preparation is provided by teacher, Ms. Mary Vitaletti. **1st Holy Communion date is Sunday May 21, 2017.**



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. We also would love to bring them a handmade crocheted shawl for comfort.



HEALING MASS – The Masses for the Sick and Home Bound are celebrated **on the last Thursday of the month at 7:30pm.** **WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS.** **Dates of Healing Masses: October 26, November 25, 2016.** The Lord listens to our prayers and has the power of healing of body, mind and spirit.

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. **We have given out 19 shawls to those in need.** We thank all the ladies who made the shawls. Thank you.



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.

Be a Good Steward

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.

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 November 6 – Nancy Ysla by Claire Centrella

Week of December 11 – Mikhail Hanna, Najeeba Aboudy, Balkees Awad, Sabech Kako, Salma Aboudy, Maysoon Awad; by Hilal Hanna and Family

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

Dear Parishioners,

As of last Tuesday November 22, 2016 all permits were given by Woodland Park



Borough to install additional bathroom, three new emergency doors, two ramps and roof above one of the ramps and stairs leading to the playground. After the project will be completed, our Sunday school we will have a new tenant coming with toddlers and infants as well.

It is our appeal to all of you to support this project in order to defray the cost. 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



NEXT LECTORS MEETING (for lectors serving at 9 am Mass) will be held on Sunday December 4, 2016 after 9 am Mass.

UPCOMING DATES

December 4, 2016 – **Lector's meeting serving at 11 am Mass**

December 4, 11, 2016 – **Gift Shop Sale**

December 8, 2016 – **Immaculate Conception** – holy day of obligation; Holy Mass at 7:30 pm

December 11, 2016 – **Christmas Dinner** after 11 am Mass

January 8, 2017 – Adoration Society Potluck after 11 am Mass

February 12, 2017 – **Valentine's Day Dinner** after 11 am Mass

March 12, 2017 – **St. Patrick's Dinner** after 11 am Mass

March 26, 2017 – **Fish and Chips Dinner** after 11 am Mass (tentative date)



THE PRAYER 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.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS - We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, Father Joseph after Mass. Please sign your name in "Our Church Guests" book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.

MASS INTENTIONS - *In order to request the Holy Mass Intention such as For the Sick, In Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Beseech God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries, please contact Fr. Joseph 973-256-4888*



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



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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.**

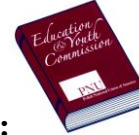
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Fees: For non-members of the parish: The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$110.00 for each hour of rental time. For members of the parish (paid membership). The rental hall fee for the use of facilities is \$55 fee for each hour of rental time. Call 973-256-4888. / 201-247-4832 (cell) email holycrosspncc1@gmail.com



A Message from the Education & Youth Commission:



Now is the time for all students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree or a post-secondary certificate to apply for the PNU stipend. The criteria for the stipend application is as follows: **a student currently enrolled in a college or university, part-time or full-time; a member of the PNU having a life insurance policy – current paying, single premium, or fully paid-up and in good standing for at least 5 years; current enrollment academic year (2016/2017) – effective December 1st- April 15th.**

This is a great opportunity for our families and students to research and review the benefits of being a member within the PNU and see what this commission represents so they can become the future leaders within our church community!

The Education and Youth Stipend Application form can be downloaded from the PNU website, www.pnu.org. **All completed applications should be returned by April 15th, 2017 to: PNU c/o Education and Youth Commission - Attn: Mary Ann Stankowski, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505. Any questions or concerns, please direct to Mary Ann Stankowski, EYC@pnu.org.**