

# HOLY CROSS CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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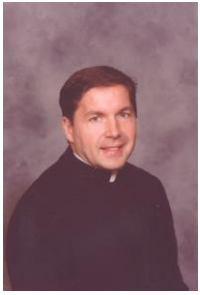
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89 YEARS OF SERVICE

DECEMBER 2015



*Blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2016!*



FROM PASTOR'S DESK

PICTURES #1

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On Sunday October 11, 2015, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Hannah Rileigh Joyce, daughter of Patrick Joyce and Jacklyn McDonald; godparents:

Joseph Joyce and Meagan Popa. Congratulation!

PICTURES #2

Our parish purchased 150 new chairs with genuine leather cushions for \$2,850. We thank the Adoration Society who paid 50% of the expense. The old chairs were sold for \$520. We improved the look of our parish hall.

PICTURES #3, #4

On Sunday November 8, 2015 the Holy Cross parish witnessed two baptisms administered to two precious girls, Jhyanna Emma Beato, daughter of Jose and Marjorie Beato; godparents were Andre Foster and Viviana Patino;

And Camryn Giavonna Colon, daughter of Cesar and Christina Colon; godparents were Carlos and Jessica Laabes.

The Sacrament of Baptism made Jhyanna and Camryn members of the Christian family, living stones of the Church which is the mystical body of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Congratulation to parents, godparents, family members and friends on this special occasion

PICTURES #5,

We wish to thank Mrs. Donna Maher, Ms. Rosa Llanos, our School of Christian Living teachers present that day, and parents who brought their children for our Halloween Party and anyone who made this event an enjoyable occasion. Donna M. donated pumpkins, Claire C. donated goodie bags. The children painted pumpkins, played the bean boozle game, participated in musical chairs. All in attendance chose the most original, prettiest and "coolest" costumes. All were winners by receiving trick or treat goodie bags. It was an enjoyable time!

PICTURE #6

On Sunday November 22, 2015, the Church celebrated the Solemnity of Christ the King. Our Holy Cross parish welcomed the new member through the Sacrament of Baptism administered to Maximus Liam Santos, son of William Santos and Samantha (nee Gonzalez). Proud godparents were Elias Feliz and Beverly Montes. We congratulate parents, godparents, family members, relatives and friends on this special occasion. Maximus became the member of the Christian family, living stone of the Church which is the mystical body of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

PICTURE #7

On November 11, 2015 we honored the Veterans by delivering boxes of personal items donated by our parishioners and members of the American Legion Woodland Park NJ. In the picture are two veterans living in the Veterans Home in Paramus NJ with Fr. Joseph who delivered the gifts. We thank Pat Olsen, member of Stewardship Committee who coordinated the project at Holy Cross and Fran Cuccinello who organized donations at the American Legion WP, NJ and anyone who donated for the noble cause.

PICTURE #8

The group of thirteen students and one adult are taking preparation classes for their First Holy Communion celebration on May 15, 2016. Our best wishes to this wonderful group of students.

PICTURE #9

Adoration Society provided the annual bake sale on Sunday Nov. 22, 2015. We thank all the members who

brought their bake goods as part of their fundraiser and raised \$189.

We are proud to have an active group of dedicated ladies who share their time and talent for the good of our parish.

PICTURE #10

On Sunday November 22, 2015 the Thanksgiving baskets were wrapped for delivery to families in need at this most important time of the year....Thanksgiving and Christmas. It's an ongoing profession of our faith. Please continue to spread joy!

PICTURE #11

Fourteen large Thanksgiving baskets from Holy Cross Church were delivered to Passaic Valley High School on Monday Nov. 23, 2015. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

PICTURE #12

Historical pictures of our parish were placed on one wall in the parish hall. It is our preparation for the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the parish preserving our parish's history and heritage.



May we all keep Christ in our hearts especially in Christmas Season and *may the Lord send upon you, and your loved ones, His abundant blessings of hope, love, joy and peace and throughout the New Year - 2016!*

❖ **Merry Christmas and Happy**

**New Year – 2016!**

- ❖ **Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku – 2016!**
- ❖ **Joyeux Noël et Bonne Novell L'Année 2016!**
- ❖ **Feliz Navidad y Buen Ano Nuevo 2016!**
- ❖ **Froehliche Weihnachten und ein gutes neues Jahr 2016!**

*Fr. Joseph and the Parish Committee*

Please remember me and my family in your prayers. I remember you each day in my prayers. – Father Joseph

WE THANK



- Parish Committee members for attending monthly meetings and making important decisions for the good of Holy Cross Church.
- Lynn Imperiale for updating our face book.
- Penni Lazor and Renata Cyman for cleaning church linens – purificators, corporals and lavabo towels, as well as changing the altar linens for different liturgical seasons.
- Claire Centrella for helping in the church office and preparations with Lynn Imperiale of food baskets for the needy.
- SOCL teachers: Donna Maher, Andrea Lerggios and Rosa Llanos for their dedication in providing Sunday school classes for our youth.
- We thank anyone who served the Holy Cross Church using time, talent and treasure to continue the mission of the church. God bless!



OPLATEK – CHRISTMAS WAFERS

are available to 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



– All parishioners are asked to make a donation to the Christmas Flower Fund. Special envelopes are enclosed in the envelope box and also are available in the vestibule of the church. You would be asked to please return your donations by Sunday, December 22, 2015. **Your donation including names of your departed loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.** Any later donations will appear in the consecutive bulletins

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; **Monica Lukowiak**, 230 Paterson Ave., Little Falls, NJ 07424; **Emila Bargiel**, 21 Lincoln Lane, Woodland Park, NJ 07424; **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; **Ann Obsuth**, **Mary Plucinski**; **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 Paulison / 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:

Christian Reyes – 11/29, Sebastian Lapoint – 11/30 David Bucci – 12/02; Scott Minich – 12/03; Paul Murphy – 12/09; Magdalena Guzman – 12/05; Juan Batista – 12/13; Jessica Palman – 12/16; Jean Rubio – 12/15; Davin Battle – 12/17; Christian Battle – 12/17; Ranah Mikhail – 12/19; Genevieve Kapchonick – 12/20; Gianfranco Sung -12/20; Fran Cuccinello – 12/23; Italo Palman – 12/19; Sheylla Poggi – 12/21; Michael Malenchak – 12/25; Isabel Tiseo – 12/27; Greg Wozney – 12/30; Deacon David Gaydos – 12/31;  
(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](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com)  
Visiting our website [Blog holycrosssite.org](http://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 22, 2015 - 89 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.



## 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.22 – **Todd and Helen Jaxon (by Penni Lazor)**

Nov.29 – **in memory of Sabeh, Selma, Mikhail, Najeeba, Balkees, Maysoon (by Hilal Hanna & Fam.)**

December 20, 27, 2015 – Claire Centrella

## 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.**





90<sup>th</sup> 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: **Nov. 29, 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, **Nov. 22, 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**

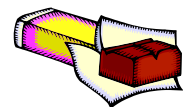
**BEAUTIFUL CROSSES** – (They are donated by our parishioner). **Don't forget yours for gifts. Father Joseph blessed all of these items in advance.**

**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: \$1,364.00**

**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.

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS** on Nov. 22, 2015 was **\$1,612.00**



**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."**

Income as of October 30, 2015 - **\$110,438.52**

Expenses as of October 30, 2015 - **\$107,285.06**

As of November 22, 2015 we deposited into the parish checking account **\$119,238.74**

**Thank you for your anticipated support toward our parish.**

**RECENT DONATION FOR ENERGY**

– Jhyanna Beato - \$20; Stella Skawawisnki - \$20; M/M O'Brien - \$100; Donna and Martin Maher - \$10; Deacon and Mrs. D. Gaydos - \$50; Renata Cyman – \$20; Mr. & Mrs. Phillips - \$100; Zaida Bueno – \$15; Ron and Helen Yuswack - \$30; Verna Swider - \$20; M/M Daum - \$20; Bob and Merry Sleece - \$100; Penni Lazor - \$20; Edward and Beverly Obsuth - \$30;

**RECENT DONATION FOR ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY**

– Emilia Bargiel - \$25;

**THANK YOU FOR RECENT DONATIONS TOWARD THE BUILDING FUND**

– Claire Centrella - \$250; Passaic Valley UNICO - \$80; Dorothy and George O'Brien - \$100; Bob and Merry Sleece - \$50; Stella Skawinski - \$50; Mr. & Mrs. Phillips - \$100; Al and Fran Cuccinello - \$50; Zaida Bueno - \$15; Huhie and Beverly Vickerilla – \$20; J & A Muccilli - \$50; Our parish took loan for the **new boiler project** from Spojnia Credit Union, Scranton, PA. The loan has a current balance as of October 30, 2015 - **\$10,000.00**. The parish committee decided to transfer twenty thousand dollars toward the payment for the boiler. Our remaining balance will be paid monthly with the payment of **\$481.20**. 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. **Recently, we received a check from Goodsearch for \$9.22.** Please use Goodsearch/Goodshop and the check will be even greater!

**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, 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 \$90.25.** 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.**

**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.



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Donations for the Homeless

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**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. 16<sup>th</sup> – 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.

**UPCOMING DATES**



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 – **100<sup>th</sup> 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

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 – **90<sup>th</sup> 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. **Shopping Certificates**



**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**

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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

**Secretary – Claire Centrella** 201-572-1299

**Organist - Neil Estanislaio** 201-966-9026

**Organist - Jessica Muccilli** 973-903-7273

**Parish Comm. Chairperson** – Lynn Imperiale 862-368-3653

**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)** Donna Maher, Andrea Lerggios-Smith and Rosa Llanos

**St. Nicholas Ministry** – Lucy and Richard Daum 973-694-9457

**Parish Life Committee** - Deacon David & Laurie Gaydos, Merry Sleece, Angela Gulla, Ed and Beverly Obsuth, Penni Lazor, Renata Cyman

**Stewardship Committee** – Al Katinsky 973-694-3208 / Pat Olsen 973-696-6581 / Diane Lacey 973-256-1288

**Ushers** – John Surak 201-264-6711

**Greeters** - Karen Paulison 973-686-0584; Lynn Imperiale 862-368-3653; Claire Centrella – 201-572-1299

**Maintenance -** Dominick Bucci 973-785-2299

**Shopping Certificates Sale** - Lucy Daum 973-694-9457, Merry Sleece 973-731-3611

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

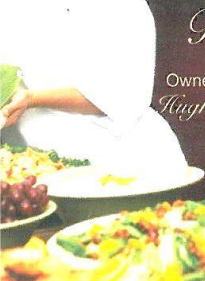


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# CHRISTMAS DINNER

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by

**Dec. 13, 2015 after 11AM Mass (12:00 PM)**

*Christmas Program*  
*School of Christian Living*  
**“Happy Birthday Jesus”**

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 - \$15 Adults.**

**Children and youth are free**

**Invite your family and friends**

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**Deadline for tickets Dec/6/2015**

**All Are Welcome!!!**

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 11/22/2015

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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 first Sunday of Advent, we begin the church's new liturgical year. This season is a season of hope. Our readings remind us that when things look darkest, there is hope for those whose hope is waning. Not only are we encouraged to be hopeful, but we are to be alert for something to happen. Hope and be ready! Jesus will come!

## Today's Scriptures



Jeremiah 33:14-16 God's promise of a future just king  
Psalm 25 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.  
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Encouragement to those waiting for Christ's return  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Be vigilant, for the Son of Man is coming.

## LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 AM – George O'Brien 11:00 AM – Jason Cabrejos



**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**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 29, 2015

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

### Advent Tree Project Begins

**Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses**

**9:00 am** Holy Mass + In memory of Louis & Wanda Gec;

Johnny Antonucci

In memory of Elizabeth Bilinski, Raynold Bilinski, Eugene and Theresa Bilinski, Anna Surak, Amelia Senius and The Rev

Offered by John Surak (All Souls)



Offered by Lois &

Bilinski, Raynold  
Dr. Richard Kirk;



10:00 am – Coffee Time Fellowship  
10:00 am – Lectors meeting (serving at 9 am Mass)  
10:10 am – School of Christian Living Classes  
11:00 am – Holy Mass

After Mass - Confirmation Classes



SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Monday November 30, 2015 – St. Andrew Ap.**

8:30 am - Holy Mass

**Tuesday December 1, 2015 –Weekday**

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

**Wednesday, December 2, 2015 – St. Bibiana V., M.**

8:30 am - Holy Mass

**Thursday, December 3, 2015 – St. Francis Xavier, P.**

7:15 pm – Holy Mass for sick and homebound (healing Mass)

**Friday, December 4, 2015 – St. Barbara V., M.**

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



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 6, 2015

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

### 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 - Confirmation Classes

#### Sanctuary Candle



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.22 – **Todd and Helen Jaxon** (by Penni Lazor)

Nov.29 – **in memory of Sabeh, Selma, Mikhail, Najeeba, Balkees, Maysoon** (by Hilal Hanna & Fam.)

