

HOLY CROSS CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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ISSUE 7-8

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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2017




Tricky Tray
Friday, Oct. 27th, 2017
by Holy Cross Church

"Come One Come All!"

At: **Amalgamated Meat Cutters, (Local 464)**
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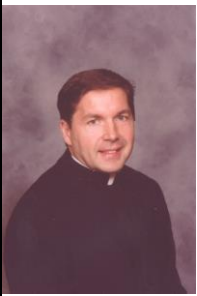
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COME AND ENJOY!





FROM PASTOR'S DESK

PICTURE #1, #2, #3

Youth Camp, Waymart PA

July 1-8, 2017

Bp. Hodur Retreat and Recreation

PICTURE #4

Our oldest parishioner, Stella Skawinski (101) passed away July 31, 2017.

The Prayer Service was on Wednesday at 7 pm at Shook Funeral Home, 639 Van Houten Ave., Clifton, The Funeral Mass was Thursday at 10 am at Holy Cross Church.

Information from Shook Funeral Home:

Stella (Mamcarz) Skawinski, 101, of Paterson, died after a long illness on July 31, 2017, at Chilton Memorial Hospital in Pompton Plains. Born February 13, 1916, in Utica, NY, she is predeceased by her parents of Poland, her late husband, Lawrence, of Paterson, and daughter, Dorothy, of Grover Beach, CA.

Stella left Utica with her parents when she was a child to return to Poland, where her family owned a large farm. She escaped the invasion of Poland by the Nazis because in 1935, she returned to the U.S. to visit the country of her birth. What she thought would be a brief stay with her godmother in Paterson became permanent after her parents told her to remain in America because of the turmoil in Europe. She never saw her parents again. She married Lawrence Skawinski, an engine mechanic at Curtiss-Wright, in 1939.

Survivors include her son, Lawrence and his wife Carol of Highland Heights, KY, and granddaughter, Nicole Cobb and her husband Brian of Roswell, NM; sister-in-law, Helen Skawinski; nieces and nephews, Jacek Mamcarz, Stanley Skawinski, Elaine Rotsaert, Cheryl Wechter, Carole Ostrowski and Keith Rotsaert. Stella will also be missed by her extended family in Poland.

A homemaker, Stella was an avid gardener, known for her Victory Garden and beautiful flowers, especially her roses, of which she was most proud. She was a talented cook, praised for her Polish dishes including stuffed cabbage and pierogi. Stella was a superb seamstress who designed and made clothing, knit, crocheted, and did needlework. She loved dancing, especially doing the polka with her husband at various festive occasions. An animal lover, Stella's beloved cat, Puss, was her companion for several years before passing away from cancer. Stella also enjoyed caring for a friend's Scottie dogs and relished visits from various friends' dogs over the years.

Loved and admired by many, Stella was a woman with an indomitable spirit, eternally optimistic, with a great sense of humor and generous nature: she was always helping others without expecting anything in return.

Please remember her in your prayers as well as her family in this sorrowful time. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PICTURE #5

Ramon Coss Diaz - 2.18.1951 – 8.01.2017

We express our sympathy to Jacqueline Batista and her family on the loss of her father Raymon Coss Diaz who recently passed away. Ramon Coss-Diaz, age 66 of Tucker, GA (formerly of New Jersey) passed away Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Born in the Dominican Republic to the late Juan Gilberto Coss and Ramona Diaz; beloved husband of Cavilia DeLeon, loving father of Ariel Coss and wife Gladys of Belleville, NJ, Jacqueline Bautista and husband Juan of Clifton, NJ and Scarlett Coss and husband Jeremiah Townes of Baltimore; dear brother Kenia Coss of Lawrence, MA, Juan Ramon Coss, Gorje Coss, Marino Coss, Luis Coss, Maria Altagracia, Angela Mercedes, all of the Dominican Republic and the late Dr. Juan William Coss and Jose Coss; proud grandfather of Arianna Coss, Brianna Coss, Jazyln Bautista, Jayln Bautista and Jeremiah Townes. He will be lovingly missed. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PICTURE #5, #6

Picture of the Virgin de El Cisne worshiped especially by the people of Ecuador. We thank Matute Family for bringing this holy picture to our sanctuary for the Feast of the Assumption of the Mother of Jesus celebrated on August 15th each year. We thank Matute Family for donations of beautiful roses which decorated the sanctuary on that special occasion.

The inhabitants of El Cisne region in Equador wanted their own virgin Mary shrine similar to the Virgin of Guadalupe in Mexico City. In 1594 they requested sculptor Don Diego de Robles to build the Virgin de El Cisne statue. Each year on August 15

thousands of pilgrims gather in El Cisne to carry the Virgin Mary statue on a religious procession to the cathedral of Loja where it is the focus of a great festival on September 8 and is later returned to El Cisne.

PICTURE #7

The clergy of the Central Diocese met together for the annual retreat and summer conference at Our Lady of Mt. Pocono, PA from August 22 to August 24, 2017. The retreat Master was Bp. John Mack.

PICTURE #8

On Sunday August 27, 2017 the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Amanda Leigh Bautista and her son, Liam Hunter Bautista; Proud parents were Patricio Bautista, Maria Rendan and Joseph Bautista, Stephany Bautista. We are welcoming with great joy Amanda and Liam as our new members of our parish and as new members of Christian family. CONGRATULATION to Bautista and Cox families.

PICTURE #9

On Sunday August 27, 2017 the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist was administered to two adults Amanda Bautista and David Dziezawiec. *In the Holy Eucharist Jesus Christ 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).*

THANK YOU



- Parish Committee members for attending monthly meetings and making important decisions for the good of Holy Cross Church. For their help in maintaining our premises in good condition.
- Adoration Society members who donated \$500 toward altar servers attending the Youth Kamp – Kurs in July.
- Lynn Imperiale for updating our face book.
- Claire Centrella and Lynn Imperiale for helping in the parish office.
- Renata Cyman and Penni Lazor for cleaning the church altar linens.
- George O'Brien and Willian Matute for installation of magnetic keys for the church kitchen cabinets
- Michael Cyman for cutting the small tree behind Sunday school building
- Natalie and Michael Cyman for folding parish newsletter.
- Altar servers who serve during our Masses / Lectors who read the Holy Scripture / Ushers who collect donations and Greeters who welcome people and distribute bulletins.
- Neil Estanislao and Jessica Muccilli for serving as organists at our Sunday liturgies
- We thank anyone for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of Holy Cross Church. God bless you all!

Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor
Please remember me and my family in your prayers.

I remember you each day in my prayers.

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 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. The Lord listens to our prayers and has the power of healing of body, mind and spirit.



SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. THE TOTAL SALE IS \$66,000 SINCE THE PROJECT STARTED. Please continue to support our Building Fund is by purchasing weekly shopping gift cards. The Building Fund always needs to finance any future repairs and maintenance of our facility. **We thank all those who participate and who run this wonderful project Lucy Daum and Merry Sleece.** Gift cards are available for **FAIRWAY, STOP N SHOP, FOODTOWN AND SHOP RITE.** If you have any questions contact Lucy Daum (973) 694-9457, or Merry Sleece 973-731-3611. God bless. **WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE DO NOT RETIRE AT (\$)65.**



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; Loretta Offman, 52 Godwin St, Ap. 11 L, Paterson, NJ 07501; Emila Bargiel, 820 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ 07470; Sophie Barnes, 35 Florence Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506; Liz Wozney 3136 Oceanic Drive, Toms River, NJ 08753; George Febricatore, Jaclyn Monro, Joseph Capizzi, Roy Zebrowski, Jo Ann Murphy, Nicky Minson, Stanley Mikolajczyk, Declan, Urbano, Helen Blum, Char O'Neill, Danielle Geeza, Janice Krasulja, Daad Kasbo, Joseph Spinelli. 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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ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage.

- Rafal Daniewski/Ewa Sobstyl – 8/29 – 25th Ann.
- George and Dorothy O'Brien – 9/11 - 46 Ann.
- Cesar and Christina Colon – 9/23 – 11 Ann.
- Edward Lazor/Michele Gula 10/8–40 years
- Deacon David /Laurie Rusnak 10/ 28 – 38 years
- Eric Olsen/Denise Piwowar 10/ 8 - 28 years
- Keith Mullin and Jaclyn Ziobro 10/ 16 - 13 years;
- Nicholas Lawler/Michele Peano 10/ 15 - 12 years
- Martin Maher / Donna Giardino 10/24 – 28th Ann.
- Mateo Granada/Delia Velez – 10/29 – 7 ann.
- Edward Lazor/Michele Gula 10/8–40 years

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

Visiting our website Blog holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. 233 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The classes will continue after summer. The next class will take place on Sunday September 10 after 11 am Mass. Students who are in the 7th 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

First Class – September 17, 2017 at 10 am

Students should be enrolled in 2nd grade or older to participate; Parents/Guardians are required to attend Sunday Mass each week with their children. First Communion classes are 45 minutes long (10:10 – 10:55 am) on bi-weekly basis (check bulletin) duration Sept-May

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

After summer we begin our **SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**. Our Sunday School classes take place on Sundays from 10:10 am to 10:55 am. To enroll your child please find the application on the church website You can also please pick up application from the church office.



The program is free of charge. We thank Mr. Paul Murphy, Mrs. Donna Maher, Natalie Lazar for teaching our students. Looking forward to see you all on September 10th.

Upcoming Events



- September 24, 2017 – NY/NJ ANS Convention, Transfiguration parish, Wallington, NJ at 3 pm
- October 27, 2017 – Tricky Tray, Amalgamated Meat Cutters, 245 Paterson Ave., Little Falls NJ
- Christmas Dinner -

UPCOMING DATES IN 2018

YOUTH CAMP – Kurs – during the week of July 4th 2018
National Convocation will take place next year from July 23 to 27, 2018 at University of Scranton, PA
National Synod will be hosted by The Western Diocese in at The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, in Belleville, Illinois. Web site: <https://snows.org/> Dates of the Synod: October 1-3, 2018.



UPCOMING SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM

Sunday Sept. 3, 2017 - JORDAN ISAIAH KETTER, son of Darius Ketter and Davana Cafu; godfather, Donald Whitaker, godmother(s), Zoraida Conception /Ashley Carmichael 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 August 27 – In memory of Alice Kriskewic (95th birthday) by Lamping Family
Week of September 3 – available / Week of September 10 – available
Week of September 17 – available / Please call for further information Penni Lazor Adoration Society President at 973-768-7917



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

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – IN CASE OF YOUR INABILITY TO COME TO CHURCH ON ANY PARTICULAR SUNDAY, PLEASE MAIL OR SUBMIT YOUR SUNDAY OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH. YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN ORDER TO PAY UTILITIES AND EXPENSES. THANK YOU. THE PARISH COMMITTEE. 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.

Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations

- 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)
- 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

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

A PRAYER CHAIN

Dear friends, would you please join other parishioners praying daily especially at 12 Noon forming together A PRAYER CHAIN in our parish. Please pray for each other, especially for our parishioners who are sick, home-bound and are in need of any kind of support and healing. God is listening to our prayers when we sincerely call for his blessing. Also, please ask God to increase our faith, dedication and zeal in His service. May the Holy Cross Church grow in faith and number so that we would become the place of worship where many Christians will accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Thank you.

NEXT LECTORS MEETING (for lectors serving at 9 am Mass) will be held on Sunday September 10, 2017 after 9 am Mass.

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.



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.



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 201-247-4832*

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: 201-247-4832



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 201-247-4832 if your son /daughter are interested in becoming altar servers.



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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.



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!

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.



HALL RENTAL

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

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.

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.

50 /50 RAFFLE

Dear Parishioner(s) and Friends,
Holy Cross Parish is having a 50 /50 raffle. The raffle drawing will be held during our Tricky Tray event on October 27, 2017. We kindly ask that each parishioner or family unit be responsible for the sale of enclosed tickets at \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10. Most of the mailing was sent last week. The Parish Executive Committee will be overseeing the progress of ticket sales. Ticket stubs with money and unsold tickets are to be returned to the parish office or collection basket by October 17, 2017. This fundraiser is licensed to be sold to the general public. Sell them to family members and friends. More tickets are available by calling or texting Penni Lazor at 973-768-7917.

Thank you and God bless you,
Parish Committee of Holy Cross Church

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Dear Parents/Guardians,
With September approaching, we wanted to invite your children to join us for Sunday school which will be starting on Sunday, September 10th. 2017. Presently, we offer three levels of instruction.



Please join us by enrolling your child in this free of charge program.

Level I - Pre-school – Kindergarten – 2nd grade

Level II – 3rd and 4th grades

Level III - 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades

The Sunday School teachers continue to dedicate their talents, efforts and time for the benefit of your children. However they still need your assistance to regularly bring your children to attend Holy Masses and S.O.C.L. classes.

Classes are held every Sunday from 10:10 A.M. - 10:50 A.M. Masses are celebrated at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. For parents with small children, if needed the Holy Mass can be heard in the church

hall. Coffee hour takes place in the church hall at 10:00 A.M and includes coffee, rolls, donuts, etc.

Children are encouraged to participate as altar servers, choir members, readers of the "prayers of the faithful", and participate in the "offering of the gifts". After Confirmation youth can serve as Lectors.

Sunday school students not only receive a religious education but also participate in a variety of enjoyable activities provided by the teachers and the parish. These activities include a Halloween Parade and Party; Pumpkin / Apple Picking and Hay Ride, a visit from St. Nicholas with a Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt with a Party, and graduation ceremony, Parish Picnic and much more.

In the mail you received copy of the Fall 2017 SOCL education calendar, and SOCL registration form. Please complete the form, sign and return to Holy Cross by Sunday August 31, 2017. The Sunday School will meet for 15 Sundays. Meeting begins at the parish hall. Good attendance awards will be given to students attending at least 11 classes.

Please drop off your children in the parish hall. Classes commence in the school building at 10:10 am. If arriving 10:10 or later, please escort your child to school building.

We pray and encourage all of you to be involved in every aspect of our parish's life for the spiritual benefit of our Christian family.


With prayers and best wishes to you and your loved ones,

Yours in the Lord,


Rev. Joseph R. Cyman and School of Christian Living Teachers

2017 BULLETIN ADS - \$100 per year – THANK YOU

PLEASE SUPPORT the following businesses that give financial contributions for our church BUSINESS ADVERTISING – The monies received will go towards photocopy supplies. Please contact church parish office at 973-256-4888 / 201-247-4832 to submit your ad, or send e-mail holycrosspncc1@gmail.com.



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August 30, 2017

To the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Faithful of the Polish National Catholic Church:

We have all watched the devastation that has occurred in Houston, Texas and the surrounding areas as a result of Hurricane Harvey. I encourage that all the clergy and members of the Polish National Catholic Church continue in their powerful prayers for all who are affected: those who have lost everything especially loved ones, those who are providing help and rescue, as well as all those who have died.

It is also now time to put our Christian faith into action to help those who are in need. I therefore request that all parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church take up a collection in support of the rescue efforts as well as the recovery, which may take, days, weeks and even months or years.

These collections should be sent to the Church via your diocesan treasurer or may be sent directly to the Office of the Prime Bishop.

As the P.N.C.C. is a member of the National Council of Churches we will support "Church World Service" as well as the American Red Cross.

If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Prime Bishop at 570-346-9131.

Praying that the Lord Jesus Christ will show love and mercy to all, I remain,
Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky".

Prime Bishop Anthony

Here are links to the two organizations of support:

Church World Service
<https://cwsglobal.org/Harvey>

The American Red Cross
https://www.redcross.org/donate/hurricane-harvey?scode=RSG00000E017&utm_campaign=Harvey&gclid=Cj0KCCQjwoZTNBRCWARIsAOMZHMgJl7hWH3rUdFQq_Nlz0-Lp7vthUUSIlujWhY7nOpX2L2-Qe2DbKyoaAiUoEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds&dclid=CJLekKno_NUCFQS2swod7lcDbw