

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 1, 2016 SINCE 1926 HOLY CROSS CHURCH PNCC

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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

"Whoever loves me will keep my word ... yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me."

John 14:23-24

Introduction



Jesus prepared his followers for his departure by promising them peace, guidance by the Holy Spirit, and his eventual return. Carrying on in his absence was not easy. Faith in him did not eliminate the need for the new church to make assignments, resolve issues or deal with conflict caused by new teachings. But they knew they were responsible for keeping his vision alive. They discerned, accommodated, made judgements, and acted on the strength of their deep faith. Just as we must continue to do.

Today's Scriptures



Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Resolving early conflicts regarding Gentile converts Ps 67 O god, let all the nations praise you! Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 The poetic vision of a new Jerusalem Jn 14:23-29 "I am going away and I will come back to you."

LECTORS SERVING TODAY



9:00 AM – Adele Merson 11:00 am – Jasmine Cabrejos SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. RECENTLY WE RECEIVED \$1,000 from Shopping Certificates for a TOTAL of \$64,000! 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; Emila Bargiel, Jean Tierney, Sophie Barnes, Gene KapchonickLiz Wozney; Rose Gentile, Linda Brady, Ann Obssuth, Roy Zebrowski, Jo Ann Murphy, Nicky Minson, Stanley Mikolajczyk, Zachary Decker, Declan, Urbano, Helen Blum, Char O'Neill, Annie Lee, Danielle Geeza, Roger O'Neill, 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 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. Jerome



Rotsaert & Elaine Skawinski – 52nd Anniversary – May 3 Al Cuccinello & Frances Bucci – 53rd Anniversary – May 12 Stephen and Pilar Bradbury – 5th Anniversary - May 16 Richard Minich & Mary Booker – 36th Ann. – May 18 Erick Urban & Fae Ludkiewicz – 17th Anniversary – May 22 Gregory Wiebe/Lisa Russo – June 5 – 22nd Ann. Robert Muller/Kim Kowalik – June 9 – 14th Ann. Gale Galese/Patricia Carrigan – June 14 – 29th Ann. Keith Rotsaert/Donna Clavelle – June 24 – 16th Ann.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes are expressed to the following parishioners who celebrate birthdays in May:

Dominick Bucci; Vicki Cupo; Mary Margo; Stivet Salcedo Jr.; Valerie Vance; Aedan Vance; Stefano Sung; Rosa Rojas; Maria Matute; Mario Peano; Kimberly Matute; John A. Lazor Jr.; Ariana Rubio; Maria Vasquez; Nelly Cabrejos; Sebastian Arias; (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

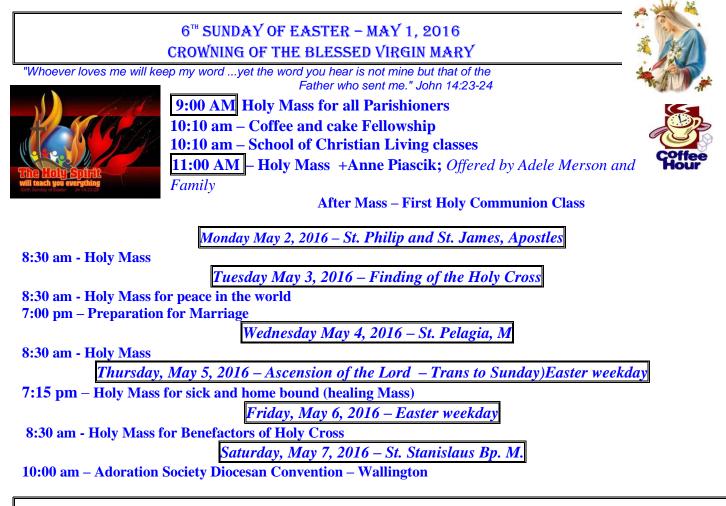
Visiting our website Blog holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. 198 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book.

<u>2016 BULLETIN ADS - \$100 per year – THANK YOU</u>

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 <u>holycrosspnc1@gmail.com</u>, thank you. **Parishioners and friends**, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.







THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 8, 2016 MOTHER'S DAY

> Repentance, or the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." Luke 24:47-48



9:00 AM Holy Mass for all Mothers living and deceased 10:00 AM – <u>MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST</u> 10:10 am – School of Christian Living classes 11:00 AM – Holy Mass for all Mothers





MOTHER'S DAY



On Sunday, May 8, 2016 we will celebrate Mother's Day and honor of all our mothers with special prayers during both Masses. The Mother's Day Breakfast will take place in the parish hall after the 9:00 A.M. Mass. (10:10 A.M.) All parishioners and friends especially Mothers are cordially invited to attend this special celebration.

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.

ADORATION SOCIETY NEWS - FUNDRAISER

A V O N We will be selling Avon products. The church will bring information about this fundraiser shortly. We think you will be delighted by these products, so let's make this our successful fundraiser.

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



Week of May 1, 2016 – In memory of Anne Piascik; Offered by Adele Merson and Family Week of May 8, 2016 – In memory of Helen Jaxon; by Penni Lazor Week of May 15, 2016 – In honor of Marie Filler; by Sue Kendal

Week of May 22, 2016 – **In memory of Marie Stinchcomb**; by Sue Kendal

Week of May 29, 2016 – In memory of Jim Filler; by Sue Kendal



MAINTENACE Update

The remaining maintenance projects:

1 - The replacement of the cross on the bell tower by the Butler Sign Company.

2 – Replacement of the leaking roof on the bell tower. This project will be completed by Gabriele Roofing.

3 – The repairing of our parking lot by repaving and restriping the parking stalls by Doctor Driveway.

We thank you for your continuous support of our Building Fund. The purchase of the shopping certificates is one of the easy and effective ways of fundraising.

We need your help - Repairs



In spring time we need to do some simple renovations such as paintings of railings and garage doors. We plan also to plant flowers in the front of the church and Fr. John Slysz / Sunday School building. The work will be done on the following Saturdays: May 7, 14, 21, 2016.

Men and women are welcome to sign up in the parish hall. You will be contacted by the maintenance committee. Thank you for sharing your time and talent for the good of our parish.

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

GRADUATES - Soon it will be graduation time for many schools in our area. We would like to salute the members of our parish



who will be graduation time for many schools in our area. We would like to state the memory of our parish who will be graduating from school in the spring of 2016 and print their names in the Father's Day (JUNE 19) edition of the Sunday bulletin. Graduates or parents of graduates are asked to submit names and information to the church office no later than Sunday, June 12, 2016. You can send information by e-mail – <u>holycrosspnc1@gmail.com</u>

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. <u>Please sign-up</u> 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.

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

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

In September we will need one more SOCL teacher. Please contact parish office – 973-265-4888 <u>NATIONAL YOUTH CONVOCATION -</u> Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive – Manchester, Date - 25 Jul 2016 until 29 Jul 2016. See enclosed attachment in email.



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 your crocheting and/or knitting. We have given out 18 shawls to those in need. We thank all the ladies who made the shawls. We thank Daad Kasbo for her recent donation of prayer shawls.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES: We pray for following students preparing for First Holy Communion: Rian Babaran, Rash Babaran, Jaydin Correa, Jeremiah Espinal, Jayden Estasio, Athena Galindo, Nicholas Gizzi, Gabriel Iudici, Aida Llanos, Kaylanie Noriega, Kianni Noriega, Julia Palman, Joshua Rivera, Valerie Vance, Aedan Vance.

The preparation for first Holy Communion is on Sunday, May 1, 2016. May 13th will be rehearsal and Confession at 7:00pm. Celebration of First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May

15, 2016 at 11:00am Mass.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES Upcoming classes: May 22, 2016. That day we will have a field trip to St. Joseph's Home in Totowa to spend time with the residents during their dinner. 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 - Sunday November 6, 2016 @ 11 AM

4th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER - World's Finest Chocolate. TO DATE: \$1,623.00

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.



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

Good Search

Help Holy Cross raise more \$. There are 172 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, GoodVads, 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 \$94.24. 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.

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.

UPCOMING DATES

May 8, 2016 - Mother's Day Breakfast at 10 am

May 30, 2016 - Memorial Day Parade in Woodland Park

June 12, 2016 - SOCL attendance awards and Parish Picnic

June 19, 2016 - Father's Day breakfast at 10 am

June 26, 2016 at 11am – 90th Anniversary of Holy Cross Church, dinner following at the Brownstone,

Paterson, NJ (ONE MASS THAT SUNDAY)

July 7, 2016 – Movies Under the Stars begins at dusk

August 2, 2016 – National Night Out 6-9pm September 24, 2016 – Melissa A Centrella Scholarship Beefsteak



<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u> 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.



THE PRAYER REQUEST - The container "**Prayer Request**" is located at the side altar by the baptismal fount. 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.

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

.<u>PARISH CHOIR</u> –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

<u>World's Finest Chocolate SALE BY OUR YOUTH</u> We did such a great job of selling candy in the past (Matute, Rotsaert, Kiame and Cyman families) in front of the stores in the shopping center of Fairway on Rte. 46 Woodland Park. We actually had a contest of the boys versus the girls and the girls won! LOL. <u>We will be selling candy in the Fairway/Kohl's Shopping Center on Sunday May 1. Stop by and buy some candy!</u>



EASTER SEASON - During the 50 days season of Easter (until May 15, 2016) we commemorate the life giving resurrection of our Lord. Fasting does not take place during this time. We say our prayers standing rather that kneeling. We stand during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. We greet one another with the words, "Christ is Risen! Indeed, he is Risen! This is the time of great rejoicing.



<u>School of Christian Living</u> – <u>Additional Teachers needed for September 2016</u> <u>classes</u>. Material provided. If interested, please contact Father Joseph. 201-247-4832 or email <u>holycrosspncc1@gmail.com</u>

FOOD DRIVE – A food drive to benefit the Father English Food Pantry brought in 18 bags of non-perishablefood items. The next food drive will be held today Sunday, June 19, 2016. All parishioners areasked to bring a bag of groceries to church on this day. Won't you help the needy in the name ofChrist the Savior? "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me." (Mat. 25:40)



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. On Saturday April 30, 3016 the Holy Cross Church welcomed three newly baptized children: SERENITY VIOLA ARMSTRONG, ROMEO LEON RINCON AND ANNA A'ZIYAH BURGHEAD. We congratulate parents, godparents, relatives and friends on this special occasion.





