6TH **SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2/12/2017**

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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor The Deacon David Gaydos / The Deacon William Gaydos

SUNDAY MASSES 9:00 & 11:00 am WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. Matthew 5:13



INTRODUCTION

Today's readings build upon last week's focus on expectations. Living the Christian life requires a deep sense of responsibility and a desire to go beyond the minimum of the law. Spiritual maturity and integrity lies somewhere between deadening legalism and a casual approach that

mocks the rules and takes pride in "getting away with it." We are given the freedom to act responsibly. We pray for the wisdom to discern what that means and to live accordingly.



Scripture readings:

Sir 15:15-20 God has given us the freedom to act responsibly Ps 119 Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord 1 Cor 2:6-10 God's wisdom is for the spiritually mature Mt 5:17-37 Living beyond the letter of the law

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Navef 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. WE DO NOT RETIRE AT (\$)65.



Please remember me and my family in your prayers. I remember you each day in my 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 2 Oak Place, Little Falls, NJ 07424; Stella Skawinski 213 Illinois Ave. Paterson, NJ 07503; Loretta Offman, Regency Gardens, 296 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ 07470; 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 Obssuth, 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... <u>ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE</u> Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage. Fr. Joseph Cyman /Renata (Bujak) – Feb. 21 – 19th Ann. Richard Torre / Diane McNamara – Feb. 27 – 40th Ann.

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

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"...leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:24

9:00AM – Holy Mass for all parishioners

10:00 AM - COFFEE AND CAKE FELLOWSHIP

10:10 AM – SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CLASSES

11:00AM – Holy Mass for +Joseph and Stella Ruyzam, Joseph



and Katherine Ruyzam, Konstanty and Cecylia Zaremba; Of. by M/M Ruyzam (All Souls) +Melissa, August Centrella and Emanuele Triggiano; Offered by Claire Centrella

After Mass - St. Valentine's Day Luncheon





9:00AM – Holy Mass for all parishioners 10:00 AM - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (10:00 - 10:25 AM) **10:10** AM – SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CLASSES **10:10 am – FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** PLEASE REMEMBER THE SECOND MASS IS AT 11:30 AM **11:30AM** – Holy Mass for +Eileen Walsh, Mercedes Castro

After Mass – Preparation for Sacrament of Confirmation

ASH WEDNESDAY - THE BEGINNING OF LENT



The Church will begin the Season of Lent this year on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. On that day two Masses will be celebrated with the blessing and distribution of Ashes at 12:00 P.M. and 7:30 p.m. Welcome.

Ash Wednesday

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.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING



Our Sunday School classes take place on Sundays from 10:10 am to 10:55 am. If your child is not enrolled yet, please do so at your earlies convenience. The program is free of charge. We thank Mr. Paul Murphy, Mrs. Donna Maher, her husband Martin, Natalie Lazar as well as volunteers Nayef and Ned Kiame for teaching our parish students.

Upcoming Events

March 1, 2017 - Ash Wednesday March 12, 2017 - St. Patrick's Dinner after 11 am Mass March 26, 2017 - Fish and Chips Dinner after 11 am Mass April 2, 2017 - NY/NJ Adoration Society AGAPE at Holy Cross Church April 12, 2017 - Clergy Conference, Chrism Mass -St. Stanislaus Cathedral Parish, Scranton, PA April 16, 2017 – Easter – Resurrection of the Lord April 23, 2017 – Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL) April 29, 2017 - Applebee's Breakfast 8am - 10 am (Applebee's in Totowa) May 7, 2017 - Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary May 14, 2017 - Mother's Day Breakfast at 10 am May 20, 2017 - FLEA MARKET 9 am to 3 pm (please note that the date was changed) June 11, 2017 – SOCL attendance awards and Parish Picnic June 18, 2017 - Father's Day breakfast at 10 am Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations Holy Cross Church Ministries, Organizations & Services 973-256-4888 / 201-247-4832

Pastor - Father Joseph R. Cyman **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 Deacon William Gaydos Altar Servers -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 Obssuth, 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 - 973-427-96488



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 February 26 – Emanuele Triggiano by Claire Centrella

Week of March 19 – Melissa, August Centrella by Claire Centrella

Week of April 23 – Emanuele Triggiano by Claire Centrella (THERE ARE STILL MANY DATES AVAILABLE)

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.

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.

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.

<u>NEW PARISHIONERS</u> – 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!

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.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Will be held on second Sunday, February 19, 2016 (please note that



the date has changed) 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 3rd 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.



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.

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



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

Confirmation Class



CONFIRMATION CLASSES – The next classes are scheduled as follows: Sunday FEB. 19; MAR. 5, 19; APRIL 23, 2017 AFTER 11 A.M. MASS. The registration forms are online and in the parish office. <u>Students who are in the 7th</u> 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: **FEBRUARY, 19, MARCH 5, 11, 19, APRIL 2, 23, 2017** The First Holy Communion preparation is provided by teacher, Ms. Mary Vitaletti. 1st Holy Communion date is



Sunday May 21, 2017. 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.

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 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.

INCOME TAX– Any parishioner who wishes to receive information regarding of their donations to the church for the year 2016 for their income tax purposes, please contact Financial Secretary, Richard Daum 973-694-9457. We thank Richard Daum for his time and dedication in his service as Financial Secretary/Treasurer of Holy Cross Church.

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.



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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. 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 <u>holycrosspncc1@gmail.com</u>

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.