

# HOLY CROSS CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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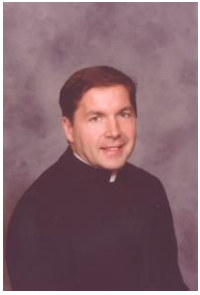
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**FROM PASTOR'S DESK**

**PICTURES #1, #2, #3**

We thank those who supported our St. Valentine's day Luncheon held on Sunday February 14, 2016, especially Renata Cyman who decorated the hall, Ed Obsuth for preparing the food as well as kitchen help George O'Brien, Jerry Rotsaert, and those who served and cleaned after the event. Even though the weather was not on our side, we enjoyed the food, fellowship and music. We thank those who participated in 50/50 drawing and cheer of basket prepared by Adoration Society.

**PICTURES from #4 to #9**

**100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!!**

Our dear parishioner, Stella Skawinski celebrated her 100th birthday at Holy Cross Church on Sunday February 21, 2016. Special mass was celebrated in her honor with the attendance of her son, granddaughter and husband, friends and parishioners. During the reception, Father Joseph Cyman expressed thank you for the continued dedication of Stella to Holy Cross Church. She has lived a remarkable life, continuing to drive, going to Mass every Sunday, attending meetings for Adoration Society, and donating her time and talents to the church. Stella is a wonderful inspiration of a positive attitude, laughter and caring for others.

*Thanks to Father Joseph and Deacon Bill for the lovely Mass they said for my mother Stella Skawinski before her 100th birthday party last Sunday. It really touched our hearts.*

*And thanks to all the great folks who helped set up for the party and those who attended this memorable occasion for Stella and our whole family. We appreciate the kind remarks and the memories several of you shared with guests.*

*Stella will never forget how you all made her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday an event to remember and cherish.*

*With gratitude and affection, Larry and Stella Skawinski*

The following was written by her son, Larry Skawinski:

Stella Skawinski is now part of an elite group of senior citizens: she is one of about 72,197 centenarians in the country, and the population of people living into their golden years continues to grow. She has witnessed a lot in her century-long life, which began in the leap year of 1916 in Utica, NY, when Woodrow Wilson was President, the price of a first-class stamp was just two cents, electric refrigerators first went on sale for \$900, hot dogs sold for a nickel and blue plate specials cost 50-75 cents. It was also the year Mr. Peanut was created and those who could afford one, drove model T's. Hybrid cars, cell phones, and the Internet were many decades down the road. Stella's family left Utica when she was a child to return to their homeland of Poland, where she lived what she has often described as an idyllic life on a farm. But this was not to last, once Hitler came to power. She was lucky: she escaped the invasion of Poland by the Germans and the ravages of World War 2 because in 1935 when she was 19, she happened to return to the U.S. to visit the country of her birth. She didn't realize then that she would not be returning to her family farm: her parents told her to remain in Paterson with her godmother because of the turmoil underway in Europe. She never saw her parents again. They were sent to concentration camps, their fates unknown.

Stella has lived through so much history: World War I, the Great Depression, World War 2, the Korean War, the Cold War, Vietnam, the war in Afghanistan, 9/11 and currently, the war on terror. And her life spans the presidencies from Wilson to Obama. Think of all the social and cultural changes she has seen from the 1930's through today, including the civil rights movement, women's lib, the sexual revolution, gender lib, gay rights, the technological revolution. Overwhelming!

She has gone through many ups and downs in her own life, as many of you know: the passing of a husband and more recently, a daughter. Even her beloved cat, Puss, died not too long ago. But she has never let grief, setbacks, or disappointment defeat her: she has endured through thick and thin because of her indomitable spirit, eternal optimism, faith in humanity, strength of character, generous nature – always doing for others without expecting anything in return – and sense of humor. It's because of these qualities and other positive traits and talents like gardening (Victory and flower gardens, especially gorgeous roses), cooking (those divine Polish dishes like pierogies and stuffed cabbage), and sewing (she even designed and made clothing, knit, crocheted, and did needlework) that she has enjoyed many close friendships over the years, the affection of her remaining family, and the support of her church and community.

**PICTURES #10**

The cross in front of the church is traditionally covered with purple cloth remembering the Lent time – preparation for Easter.

**PICTURES #11**

Deacon Bill Gaydos teaching basic lessons on how to serve as altar servers at Holy Cross.

**THE LITURGY OF EASTER - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**



will be celebrated on Easter Sunday at 9:00 a.m. preceded with the procession around the church. The solemn Mass will follow. The second Mass will be celebrated at **11:00 a.m.** (regular schedule)

My Dear Parishioners and Friends, you are all welcome to attend Holy Week and Easter liturgy, these beautiful celebrations in order to more completely understand the meaning and important events of the life of Jesus especially His passion and glorious resurrection. Wishing you a Happy and blessed Easter,

Christ has risen! Indeed He is risen!

*Fr. Joseph*

Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor

**Please remember me and my family in your prayers. I remember you each day in my prayers.**

**THANK YOU TO:**



- Dominick Bucci, who helped to change burned bulbs in the choir loft, prepared bids for the new cross on the bell tower and developed plans to repair leaking roof on the bell tower.
- Renata Cyman, who changed the altar linens to purple color for Lent and decorated hall for St. Valentine's Luncheon.
- Penni Lazor, who cleaned altar linens and with Renata Cyman cleaned the storage room in the parish hall.
- George Febricatore, who changed locks on outside security cage air condition units.
- Parish Committee members for attending meetings and making important decisions for the parish.
- Claire Centrella for help in the parish office.
- Sunday School teachers, Donna Maher, Claire Centrella and Nayef Kiame for providing lessons for the children.

**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 healing Masses are 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.

The following members of our parish community are in need of our prayers, cards and other signs of Christian support: **Mary Margo; Monica Lukowiak, Emila Bargiel, Jean Tierney, Sophie Barnes, Gene Kapchonick, Liz Wozney; Rose Gentile, Linda Brady, Ann Obsuth, 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...

**ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE**  
Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage.

**Francesco Racanati / Krista Campbell – 5th Anniversary – April 2**  
**Wilian and Maria Matute – 15th Anniversary – April 4**  
**Richard Daum and Lucy Piontkowski – 58th Anniversary – April 6**  
**Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox – 5th Anniversary – April 15**  
**Edward and Beverly Obsuth – 25th Anniversary – April 21**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** wishes are expressed to the following parishioners:

Arianna Ketter; Brendan S. Novak; Jacqueline Coss ; Kayla Mullin; Zackary Mullin; Meghan Lazor; Lenny Hrinuk; Michael Muccilli; Matthew Montero; Christopher Paulison; Gianni Maher; Hunter Rotsaert Viviana Galindo; Pamela Caceres; Vincent Poggi, Kiley Bartolozzi; Al Cuccinello; Dana Jakob; Edward Obsuth Claudio Soto Sanita; Kaitlyn Gonzalez; Stivet Salcedo Sr.; Stephen Bradbury Sr.; Bryan Bucci.

(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.

#### **PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY**

Shook Funeral Home Obituary

**Julia (Slysz) Sarnecky, 86**, of E. Rutherford, passed away on February 18, 2016. Born in Wallington she lived there before moving to East Rutherford in 1962. Julia was a Registered Nurse at Passaic General Hospital, Passaic, for 28 years, retiring in 1980. Beloved wife of the late John Richard Sarnecky who passed away in 1982. OUR SYMPATHY TO daughter Deacon Diane Bielski and her husband Dan of Fraser, Colorado, Susan Czerniak and her husband Robert of E. Rutherford, Karen Serwin and her husband Roland of Pt. Pleasant, and Edith Sarnecki of Parsippany; 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. **Julia was a twin sister of the late Very Rev. Sr. John A. Slysz (Pastor of Holy Cross Church 1957-1977) who passed away in 1997 and the late Sophie Pastula.**



The funeral Mass was held on Monday, February 22, 2016. **Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY**

Bizub-Quinlan Funeral Home Obituary

**MICHAEL SKAWINSKI, 46**, of Little Falls died Monday, February 29, 2016. . Born in Passaic, NJ, Mr. Skawinski was a



lifelong Little Falls resident. Previously, he was a union laborer in the local construction industry. As a hobby, he loved of working on cars. Mr. Skawinski was predeceased by his paternal grandfather, Stanley Skawinski, Sr. and by his maternal grandmother, Helen Desput, Survivors include: his son, Kevin; his parents, Rebecca (nee Lavender) and Stanley Skawinski of Little Falls; his sister, Cheryl Ann Wechter and her husband, Harvey of Nutley; his nephew, Maxwell and niece, Rebecca and his paternal grandmother, Helen Skawinski of Prospect Park, NJ. Funeral Services will be 9:30 am Saturday from Bizub-Parker Funeral Home, 47 Main St., Little Falls and 10:00 am at Holy Cross Church, 220 Browertown Road, Woodland Park.

**Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.**

#### **PARISH MEMBERSHIP 2016**

As of February 28, 2016 - 58 adult parishioners paid their membership in the year 2016.

**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.



**Please join us for STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAY in LENT at 7:15 pm March 11, 18, and Good Friday March 25, 2016 at 3 pm.**

#### **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. *Week of March 6, 2016 – Stephen Morgan and Barbara Morgan – offered by Stephen and Karen*



#### **ALTAR SERVERS**



**We would like to continue the process of bringing on more altar servers at our Masses. We thank those who served in the past weeks. Please sign-up 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

NATIONAL YOUTH CONVOCATION - 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 14 shawls to those in need. There is yarn available in the parish hall for those who would like to make a shawl. We thank all the ladies who made the shawls.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES: The preparation for first Holy Communion will begin on Sunday, **Mar. 13, April 3, 17, May 1, 2016. May 13<sup>th</sup> will be rehearsal and Confession at 7:00pm. Parents meeting will be held on April 3, 2016 after 11:00am Mass.**

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) **Celebration of First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 11:00am Mass.**



CONFIRMATION CLASSES Upcoming classes: **March 6 (trip to St. Joseph Home,**

**Totowa), March 20, April 10, 24, May 22, 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.

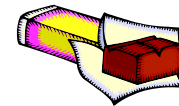


**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Holy Cross Church - June 26, 2016.**

**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.**

4th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – World's Finest Chocolate. TO DATE: \$1,538.00



**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."**



**Be a Good Steward**

**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.

Help Holy Cross to raise more \$. There are 171 Supporters registered so far.

**Good Search**

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 \$90.81.** 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.**

### UPCOMING DATES

March 13, 2016 – **St. Patrick's Dinner** after 11 am Mass  
March 13, 2016 - **Adoration Society Agape** in Dunellen, NJ  
March 13, 2016 – **Melissa A. Centrella Scholarship FDN. Casino Night – The Brownstone**  
March 20, 2016 – **Palm Sunday**  
March 27, 2016 – **Easter Sunday**  
March 30, 2016 – **Senior Lunch for Woodland Park Boys & Girls Club**  
April 3, 2016 – **Easter Egg Hunt & Party** for School of Christian Living (SOCL)



April 16, 2016 - **W.P. American Legion Aux. Unit 238 – Beefsteak Dinner Fundraiser**

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

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 11 am – **90<sup>th</sup> 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**



**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.**

**NOTE FROM PASTOR: LENT - SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**



Bible Study classes are held during Lent on Wednesday March 9, 16, 2016 at 7:15 pm. 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.



**Welcome!**

**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

## **HOLY WEEK**

**Tuesday March 22, 2016 – Tuesday of Holy Week**

**10:00 am – Central Diocese Clergy Conference, Scranton, PA**

**4:00 pm – Central Diocese Chrism Mass (blessing of oils), Scranton, PA**

**Wednesday March 23, 2016 – Wednesday of Holy Week**

**7:15 PM – Sacrament of Penance**

**General and Private Confessions**

**Thursday, March 24, 2016 – Holy Thursday**

**7:15 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.**

**Friday, March 25, 2016 – Good Friday**

**3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross with children and youth participation**

**ON GOOD FRIDAY** at 3:00 pm the liturgy of the Stations of the Cross with children and youth participation will take place. We will meditate the passion and suffering of our Lord for the last time during this Lent. The opening of the Lord's tomb will take place. A simple reception will take place in the parish hall consisting of coffee and juice with crackers hoping that some parishioners would stay for Good Friday Service which will be held at 4:15 pm.

and place them in the container. Fr. Joseph will include these intentions at the Holy Mass on Thursday evening Mass.

## **W.P. American Legion Aux. Unit 238**

Beefsteak Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, April 16, 2016 at American Legion Post 238 410 Mt. Pleasant Ave. Woodland Park, 7:00pm.

Catered by Giresi's Catering in Lodi



Menu includes: Veggie and Fruit Platter, Pasta, Beefsteak, Fries, Dessert, Coffee, Beer and Soda. BYOB – Entertainment – Donation \$50.00 per person.

**ALL TICKETS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>, No tickets sold at the door.**

Make check payable to W.P. Ladies Aux. 238 and Mail to: Cathy Pagano 117 Highview Drive Woodland Pk, NJ 07424.

## **MELISSA A. CENTRELLA SCHOLARSHIP**

**FOUNDATION** -The Board of Directors of the Melissa A. Centrella Scholarship Foundation invite you to attend thirteenth annual fundraiser CASINO NIGHT, Blackjack, Craps, Poker, Roulette & Big Six, Professional Dealers, Open Bar, Buffet Dinner. Chips will be converted into raffle tickets for fabulous prizes. Help them raise money for scholarships for 2016! They have awarded 130 scholarships to-date! Sunday, March 13, 2016, 5:30 p.m. at the Brownstone 351 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ. Tickets: \$75.00 (Includes a \$50 initial set of chips). Open bar all evening. All profits will go to the Scholarship Foundation. Please RSVP by March 1, 2016 to: Claire Centrella MAC Scholarship Foundation 120 Quarry Dr., Clifton, N.J. 07013 [www.macscholarship.org](http://www.macscholarship.org) Call at 201- 572-1299 for more information.

## **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](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com)



**4:15 PM – Liturgy of Good Friday**

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM.**

***Saturday, March 26, 2016 – Holy Saturday***

**4:00 PM – Blessing of Easter Food**

**6:00 PM – LITURGY OF HOLY SATURDAY / VIGIL LITURGY** After Liturgy Blessing of Easter Baskets

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016 – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - EASTER**

“Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.” John 20:1



**9:00 AM** **Easter Procession** (*Processional Cross, Pascal Candle, Resurrection Statue, Resurrection Cross, Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society with candles, Altar Servers, Celebrant with Monstrance, Parishioners / Holy Mass for all Parishioners*)



**11:00 AM** – **Holy Mass for all Parishioners**

**Christ is risen !**

**He is Risen indeed!**

**Fr. Joseph and Parish Committee**



**EASTER EGG HUNT** – will take place on Sunday April 3, 2016 at 10:10 a.m. All children from our parish are invited to enjoy this event. The party in the parish hall will follow. Please invite your friends.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – An Easter Flower Fund Envelope is included in the Sunday Collection envelopes and is available in the parish vestibule. All parishioners are asked to make a donation to the fund so that flowers can be purchased for the Resurrection of our Lord and part of the Easter season. Your offering can be made in memory of a departed loved one. All offerings will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you for beautifying our church.



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# **“St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon”**

**Sunday – March 13, 2016**

**12 P.M. (after 11:00 AM Mass)**



WITH IRISH MUSIC

## MENU

**Corned Beef, Cabbage, Irish Red Potatoes**  
**Baked Chicken, Variety of Vegetables, Assorted Breads**  
**Irish Soda Bread, Coffee / Tea**  
**Irish Coffee**  
**Homemade Desserts**

**Adults: \$15.00**

**Children and youth – Free**

**Basket of Irish Cheer / Door Prize**

**50/50 Raffle**

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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

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### Introduction



This Fourth Sunday of Lent calls us to rejoice, and we hear profound reasons for rejoicing in the story of the prodigal son. We may make life choices that cause us great pain, but God is always there, waiting, ready to forgive and embrace us. How deep is God's mercy? How long has it been offered to God's people? We hear in today's readings that the only limits are ours, if we choose not to accept the possibilities for newness that await us — always and ever.

### Today's Scriptures

Josh 5:9a, 10-12 God is merciful to the Israelites returning home.

Psalm 34 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2 Cor 5:17-21 Whoever is in Christ is in a new creation.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 The parable of the prodigal son

### LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 AM – Adele Merson

11:00 AM – Jasmine Cabrejos



**SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. WE RECEIVED \$1,000 from Shopping Certificates for a TOTAL of \$63,000! 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*



**PARISH NEWSLETTER-** Today please pick up the copy of parish newsletter. Also, we ask you to deliver it to those who are homebound and your close neighbor parishioners. Thank you.

## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 6, 2016

*"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." Luke 15:21*

**9:00 am** Holy Mass + Todd and Helen Jaxon, Michael and Estelle Gemza, May and Lou Delvecchio, Joseph and Ann Hartman;

Offered by Penni Lazor (All Souls)

**10:00 am** – Coffee Time Fellowship

**10:00 am** – Adoration Society meeting

**10:10 am** – School of Christian Living Classes

**11:00 am** – Holy Mass for Stanley Hudzik, Ruth Hudzik; Offered by Diane M. Bishop

(All Souls)



After Mass – Confirmation Class going to St. Joseph's Nursing Home

**Monday March 7, 2016 – Lent – St. Thomas Aquinas, D.,C.**

8:30 am - Holy Mass

**Tuesday March 8, 2016 – Lent**

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

**Wednesday, March 9, 2016 – Lent St. Gregory of Nyssa, Bp.**

8:30 am - Holy Mass

**Thursday March 10, 2016 – Lent**

7:15 pm - Holy Mass for the sick and home-bound (*Healing Mass*)

**Friday March 11, 2016 – Lent – St. Constantine, M.**

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

**7:15 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 13, 2016**

*"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" John8:10*



**9:00 am** Holy Mass +Domenico Bucci, Anna Bucci, Tom Triolo, Jim Giannetti; Offered by Dominick Bucci  
(All Souls)

**10:00 am** – Coffee Time Fellowship

**10:10 am** – School of Christian Living Classes

**11:00 am** – Holy Mass +Sophie & Edward Budjinsky, Very Rev. Joseph Kobyelarz; Offered by Junda Family



**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.



*Week of March 6, 2016 – Stephen Morgan and Barbara Morgan – offered by Stephen and Karen*