## DECEMBER 17, 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## SINCE 1926 HOLY CROSS PARISH PNCC 91 Years of Service

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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)

"Who are you...What do you have to say for yourself?" - John 1:22



Today we are in the rhythm of both gratitude and yearning. Between the two, there is great space for hope. We are learning to be a patient people, continuing on, grateful but also impatient, in hope. We don't give up hoping just because some of the things we long for in God's reign of peace and justice have already happened. We're there, and yet we're not. So much remains unfinished; so many have not yet experienced what has been promised.



Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 The prophet announces glad tidings and vindication Ps Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 My soul rejoices in my God 1 Thess 5:16-24 Awaiting Christ's promised return Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 "There is one coming among you..."

### LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Dominick Bucci 11:00 am – Jason/ Jasmine Cabrejos

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. GIFT CARDS MAKE GREAT GIFTS! 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* 

<u>RITE.</u> 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.** 

I remember you in my prayers each day. Please keep me and my family in your daily prayers. Fr. Joseph

<u>THE PRAYER REQUEST</u> - 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.

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



Stephen Morgan/Karen Jarmarkowicz 11/01 – 8th Ann. Russell Paulison/ Karen Pettegrew – 11/22 – 25th Ann. Jose Acosta/Paola Perez – 12/3 – 11th Ann. John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 45th Ann.

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

Visiting our website Blog holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. 237 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book

### **PARISH MEMBERSHIP 2017**



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

<u>BUSINESS ADVERTISING</u> — 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>holycrosspncc1@gmail.com</u>, thank you. Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.



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## The Bethwood

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## DECEMBER 17, 2017 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ADVENT TREE PROJECT ENDS ADVENT WREATH LIGHTENING CEREMONY BEFORE MASSES

9:00 am - Holy Mass for + Michael Gaydos; Requested by Adele Merson and Family

10:00 am - Coffee e and Cake Fellowship

10:00 am - SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CLASS

11:00 am Holy Mass for All Parishioners

Monday, December 18, 2017 – St. Rufus - Advent

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

Tuesday December 19, 2017 – St. Nemesius M. - Advent

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

7:15 PM – 8:00 PM – 3<sup>RD</sup> BIBLE STUDY (LETTER OF ST. JAMES)

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 – Advent

8:30 am - Holy Mass for growth of our parish

7:00 pm – Parish Committee Meeting / Decoration of the church inside

Thursday, December 21, 2017 – St. Thomas, Apostle

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Friday, December 22, 2017 – St. Anastasia V.M.

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

DECEMBER 24, 2017 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ADVENT WREATH LIGHTENING CEREMONY BEFORE MASSES

9:00 am - Holy Mass for +Stella Skawinski; Offered by Barbara Willemsen

10:00 am – Coffee e and Cake Fellowship

10:00 am - SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CLASS

- Holy Mass for +Fernando Cadavid; Requested by Cadavid Family

+Aida Paez; Requested by Paez Family





4:00 pm – Mass with Children and Youth 10:00 pm – Mass with General Assembly **DECEMBER 25, 2017 CHRISTMAS DAY** 

10:00 AM – Holy Mass with General Assembly









ADVENT TREE – We thank all those who participated this year in Advent Tree Project as well as Pat Olsen our coordinator of this noble cause. Our generosity and love will help boys and girls of DYFS (Division of Youth and Family Services), and senior men and women from EVA'S SHELTER. Your generosity is appreciated and rewarded by the Lord who asks us to take care for

### **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 December 17 – In memory of Theresa and Emanuele Triggiano

Week of December 24 – In memory of Melissa Centrella

Week of December 31 – In memory of Anne Piascik

Week of January 7 – In memory of Leslie Peter Schlesinger and Stanley Clayton Owen For more information, please call Penni Lazor, Adoration Society President, at 973-768-7917 or contact parish office – 201-247-4832.

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.

### **UPCOMING DATES IN 2018**

February 17, 2018 – St. Valentine's Dinner

March 18, 2018 – St. Patrick's Dinner after 11 am Mass

March 18, 2018 - ANS Agape in Linden, NJ at 4 pm

April 1, 2018 - Easter, Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

May 13, 2018 - Mother's Day Breakfast

June 10, 2018 - Parish Picnic

June 17, 2017 – Father's Day Brakfast

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

<u>National Synod</u> will be hosted by the Western Diocese in at The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, in Belleville, Illinois. Web site: <a href="https://snows.org/">https://snows.org/</a> Dates of the Synod: October 1-3, 2018.

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES – Registration is open. HOLY CROSS PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Dear friends, please join us 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. 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 continue be the place of worship where many people who will accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

We pray for those who went through tragedies caused by natural disasters or violence of individuals. For those who lost their lives, and those who are missing. We pray for those who lost their homes, businesses, and source of income. We ask God to be the source of our strength especially in time of any king of tragedy and challenge. Please say special prayers for the peace in the world and end of any war. We pray for the proper gun control in our nation.



**Be a Good Steward** 

THE LORD'S DAY SUMMONS US TO REJOICE IN THE GOD WHO BROUGHT US FROM DEATH TO LIFE IN JESUS, HIS SON. LET US GIVE THE LORD PRAISE WITH OUR OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS.

<u>ATTENTION PARISHIONERS</u> – 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.

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 or Christmas Day when family gathers for Christmas. The donation of \$3 per package is appreciated. Please place your donations in the envelope located next to the basket in the parish hall.

### 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.** 

### NOTE FROM PASTOR: ADVENT - SPIRITUAL RENEWAL - BIBLE STUDY



During Advent the Bible Study classes will take place ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: Dec. 19, 2017 from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. The classes will include Scripture readings, and discussions. This is a wonderful way to renew our spiritual life during Advent. Interested,

please sign up in the parish hall. Fr. Joseph

### 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

### SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING



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 or you can pick up application from the church office. The program is free of charge. Looking forward to see you on Sunday. Level I - Pre-school - Kindergarten -

2nd grade / Level II – 3rd and 4th grades / Level III - 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades

GREAT NEWS! DURING THE CHRISTMAS SCHOOL BREAK ON WEDNESDAY DEC. 27, 2017 NIGHT WE WILL HAVE IN OUR PARISH HALL



"FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT" WITH PIZZA, POPCORN ETC. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED. I wish to thank Mrs. Donna and Mr. Martin Maher, Mr. Paul Murphy and Ms. Natalie Lazar for attending the School of Christian Living Teachers meeting last week. We discussed various issues concerning our Sunday School Program. We invite all parents to

help and participate in the events for the good of our children. The enrolment for winter / spring 2018 School program is open.



We thank all those shared their time, talent and treasure for the good of Holy Cross Church, especially:

- Claire Centrella for help in the office,
- Penni Lazor for cleaning altar servers and confirmation outfits
  - **Beverly Obssuth for cleaning church linens**
- Frances Sanches and Mary Bruce for ironing and repairing Christmas vestments for children



<u>LASTING GIFTS</u> - "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 88 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.

GOD'S FIELD – (Rola Boza) ONLINE - The latest issue of God's Field is now available online at <a href="http://www.pncc.org">http://www.pncc.org</a>. 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



<u>CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES</u> – We will celebrate, traditionally, two Masses on Christmas Eve, which will be held this year on Sunday, December 24, 2017. 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 Monday, December 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Enjoy the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord.



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 17, 2017. 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

### **Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations**

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**Pastor - Father Joseph R. Cyman** 201-247-4832 / 973-256-4888

Deacon - David Gaydos973-209-4729Deacon - William Gaydos973-239-4725

Parish Comm. Chairperson, Lynn Imperiale 862-368-3653

Secretary – Claire Centrella201-572-1299Organist - Neil Estanislao201-966-9026Organist - Jessica Muccilli973-903-7273Adoration Society - Penni Lazor973-768-7917Lectors Coordinators - John Surak201-264-6711

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), Natalie Lazar 201-708-3190, Nayef, Ned Kiame (volunteers)

St. Nicholas Ministry – Lucy and Richard Daum 973-694-9457 Merry Sleece 973-731-3611 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 - Fr. Joseph Cyman 201-247-4732











On Sunday December 10, 2017 Holy Cross Church in Woodland Park, NJ, had a wonderful time

with parishioners in our annual Christmas Dinner. Beautiful sing-a-longs to be heard and a variety of delicious food. First off all, we thank the parents for bringing their children who represent the youth in our church and have enlightened us in a stunning Christmas Carols. We also would like to acknowledge the Teachers of School of Christian Living, Mrs. Donna Maher, Mr. Paul Murphy, Ms. Natalie Lazar our wonderful organist, Neil Estanislao our amazing chef Deacon David and his helpers, and to all of those who attended and helped make another wonderful and successful day.





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 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. Make a joyful shout to God all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious - Psalm 66:1,2



**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.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Monday, March 26, 2018 at Holy Cross Church. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; Carotid Artery (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

**Register online TODAY** 

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## **HOLY CROSS**

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## **Christmas Eve**



4:00 P.M. – WITH YOUTH
PARTICIPATION
10:00 P.M. – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# **Christmas Day**

10:00 A.M. – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Please join us to celebrate
The birth of our Lord

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Holy Cross Family



