

DECEMBER 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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SUNDAY MASSES 9:00 & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)



"A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." - Mark 1:3

Today's readings urge us to prepare for and be open to God's presence in our lives. We have been taught that this presence is ongoing, yet it doesn't always seem so. We need to work to overcome fear and doubt, especially in challenging times, but the task need not be a frantic effort. These readings carry warnings

and longings, but the operative words are comfort, tenderness and hope. We wait and prepare because of the promise.



- Is 40:1-5, 9-11 "Comfort, give comfort to my people."
- Ps 85 Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation
- 2 Pt 3:8-14 The day of the Lord will be unexpected
- Mk 1:1-8 The Baptist foretells the Messiah's coming

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – George O'Brien 11:00 am – Claire Centrella

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**

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.**

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** 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; **Jenna Errico**, **Dawid P. Richard Cornelius**; **Jeffrey O.**, **Avelina Martinez**, **Wendy Schlesinger**, **George Fabricatore**, **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...

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.

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE 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

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 holycrosspncc1@gmail.com, thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**



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**DECEMBER 10, 2017 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 ADVENT TREE PROJECT CONTINUES
 ADVENT WREATH LIGHTENING CEREMONY BEFORE MASSES**

9:00 am - Holy Mass for +Hughie and Rose Vickerilla, John and Adele Sincavage; *Req. by Hughie and Beverly Vickerilla (All Souls)*
 +John and Anna Lukavitch, Joseph and Helen Magarawicz; *Requested by Mary Margo (All Souls)*



10:00 am – Coffee e and Cake Fellowship
10:00 am – SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CLASS

11:00 am – Holy Mass +Melissa, August Centrella, Emanuelle and Theresa Triggiano; *Req. by Claire Centrella*
 +Stella Skawinski; *Req. by Stanley and Becky Skawinski*



**AFTER MASS - CHRISTMAS DINNER
 SING-A-LONG CHRISTMAS SONGS**

Monday, December 11, 2017 – St. Damascus of Rome - Advent

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

Tuesday December 12, 2017 – Our Lady of Guadalupe - Advent

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



Wednesday, December 13, 2017 – St. Lucy, V., M

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

7:15 pm – 8:00 pm – 2nd Bible Study (letter of St. James)

Thursday, December 14, 2017 – St. Spiridion, Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Friday, December 16, 2017 – St. Nino, V.

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

**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 and Cake Fellowship

10:00 am – SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CLASS

11:00 am – Holy Mass for All Parishioners



Donations for the Homeless

ADVENT TREE - This annual project coordinated by Pat Olsen, begins today, Sunday December 3, 2017 and will help boys and girls of **DYFS (Division of Youth and Family Services)**, senior men and women from **EVA'S SHELTER**. Your generosity is appreciated and rewarded by the Lord who asks us to take care for the needy. All gifts are due on Sunday, December 17, 2017.

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 10 – In memory of **August Centrella**

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

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.

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 the deceased victims of tragedies caused by natural disasters and 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 strength in time of sudden crisis, and chaos. 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.



We appreciate any donations toward the Building Fund. Also, we ask more parishioners to participate in the purchase of shopping certificates since the profit goes toward the Building Fund.



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.

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.



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: Wed. December 13, 2017 and Tuesday 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



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 Obsuth for cleaning church linens
- Frances Sanches and Mary Bruce for ironing and repairing Christmas vestments for children

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 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.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES – 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.



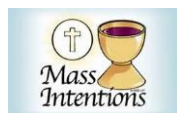
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – ONE MASS will be celebrated on Monday, December 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Enjoy the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord.



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.

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



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.

Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations

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Deacon - William Gaydos 973-239-4725

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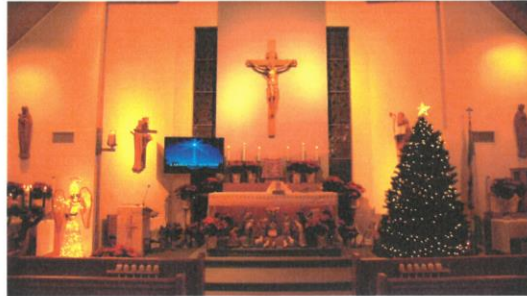
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Christmas Eve

**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

