NOVEMBER 26, 2017 SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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



""Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?"" - Matthew 25:44

Some of the most dramatic biblical imagery comes on this last Sunday of our liturgical year. The overall imagery on this feast is striking: Israel's rulers do not adequately care for their people; so, God will do it, as both shepherd and judge; but, the responsibility for the neediest

shifts in the Gospel. When the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge us for our acts of mercy. We cannot look to God to care for those in need. The job is now ours, and the King now judges us.

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17 "I myself will look after and tend my sheep." Ps 23 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want 1 Cor 15:20-26, Paul proclaims Christ's death, resurrection and second coming Mt 25:31-46 The Son of Man will judge us on our acts of mercy LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Nayef Kiame 11:00 am – 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 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, 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.

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



Bob and Doris Kowalik – Sept. 2, 2017 - 50th Ann. Deacon David /Laurie Rusnak 10/28 – 38 Ann. Eric Olsen/Denise Piwowar 10/8 - 28 An.. Keith Mullin and Jaclyn Ziobro 10/16 - 13 Ann. Nicholas Lawler/Michele Peano 10/15 - 12 Ann.

Martin Maher / Donna Giardino 10/24 – 28th Ann. / Mateo Granada/Delia Velez – 10/29 – 7 Ann. Edward Lazor/Michele Gula 10/8–40 Ann. Stephen Morgan/Karen Jarmarkowicz 11/01 – 8th Ann. Russell Paulison/ Karen Pettegrew – 11/22 – 25th Ann.



<u>Holy Cross Church Face Book – link</u> 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 holycrosspncc1@gmail.com, thank you. Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.



Gaita Memorial Home

Carmen Gaita Jr., Manager

NI LIC. NO. 3151

TEL: 973-256-2224

154 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE, LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY



The Bethwood

38 Lackawanna Avenue, P.O. Box 303 Totowa, New Jersey 07512 Phone-(973) 256-8316 Fax-(973) 256-8434 E-mail: hvickerilla@thebethwood.com



ADVENT TREE - This annual project coordinated by Pat Olsen, will begin on Sunday



Donations for the Homeless

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 November 19 – Todd and Helen Jaxon (Penni Lazor) Week of Nov. 26 – available 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.



<u>CHRISTMAS DINNER</u> – "Happy Birthday Jesus" - December 10, 2017 after 11:00 A.M. Mass - Don't forget to mark your calendars for an enjoyable afternoon with a great menu and Christmas Program by the children of our School of Christian Living. THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING CHILDREN will be free of charge.

Upcoming Events



December 10, 2017 after 11 am Mass - Christmas Dinner - see flyer

UPCOMING DATES IN 2018

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: <u>https://snows.org/</u> Dates of the Synod: October 1-3, 2018.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Upcoming classes:



Dec. 3, (Dec. 10 practice for Christmas Dinner Program) Dec. 17, 2017 at 10 am. <u>Registration is open</u>. 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: <u>Students should be</u> <u>enrolled in 2nd grade or older to participate</u>; Parents/Guardians are required to attend Sunday Mass each week with children. First Communion classes are 50 minutes long (10:00 – 10:50 am) mostly 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; The First Holy Communion teacher is Ms. Mary Vitaletti.

HOLY CROSS PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Dear friends, would you please join other parishioners 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 will accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

We pray for the deceased victims of tragedies caused by violence of individuals especially for the recent deceased in First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, for the recovery of the injured and their families and friends in this heartbreaking time. We pray for the victims of recent natural disasters. For those who lost their lives, their families and those who are missing. For those who lost their homes, businesses, and source of income. We ask God to be the source of strength in this time of sudden crisis, and chaos. Please say special prayers for the peace in the world to end any war and protect us from hatred and future terror. We also pray for the proper gun control in our nation.



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. 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*

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.

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 FIELD reading about the life and work of our parishes.

NOTE FROM PASTOR: ADVENT - SPIRITUAL RENEWAL - BIBLE STUDY

During Advent the Bible Study classes will take place ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: Wed., December 6, 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



- Renata Cyman for changing altar linens
- Penni Lazor for cleaning storage room
- Claire Centrella, Frances Sanches and Penni Lazor for preparing Thanksgiving baskets and all those who donated nonperishable food items for the needy in our community.
- **Confirmation Class parents for their support and involvement** in preparation of the youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Also, for sponsoring the soloist as well as altar flowers and fall flowers and all preparations for the reception with Bishop Bernard Nowicki and parishioners after the ceremony on Nov. 19th.
- Parish Committee members for attending the monthly meeting to make important decisions for the well-being of our parish.

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



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.



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.

THANKYOUFORDONATIONSFORTHANKSGIVING BASKETS

Nine (9) Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to Woodland Park Municipal Building. The needy families from our community did benefit from our kindness. May the Lord reward your generosity.



The first meeting of Woodland Park Clergy Association (since 2003 years) took place on Tuesday Nov. 21, 2017 hosted by Fr. Joseph at Holy Cross Church. From left – Pastor Abraham Lee - Methodist Church; Rev. Daniel from - St. Bonaventure, RC Church; Rev. Jack - St. Ann Melkite Church RC; and Fr. Joseph from Holy Cross Church PNCC. The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday January 17, 2017 at St. Ann's Church. As Christians we respect our differences and together pray for the spread of Jesus' teaching and the growth of God's Kingdom on earth.



<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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation – Nov. 19, 2019 CONGRATULATION CONFIRMANDS & THEIR SPONSORS Natalie Magdalene Cyman / Sponsor – Joanne Plaxa Brianna Clare Correa / Sponsor – Margarita Reyes David James Dziezawiec / Sponsor – Charlie Raad Neil Peter Kiame / Sponsor – German Aldas Gianni Patrick Maher / Sponsor – Urbano Maher Frank Padre Pio Rosa / Sponsor – Anthony Pellicciotta Ariana Elizabeth Ann Seton Rubio / Sponsor – V. Lapoint Emily Clare Reyes-Sung / Sponsor – Gisella Castillo Valerie Lucy Vance / Sponsor –Natalie Molina Celebrant: Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Diocesan Bishop







Confirmation class and Bishop Bernard Nowicki around the Confirmation Congratulation cake