

**HAPPY, HEALTHY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR 2018!**

**FROM  
FR. JOSEPH, FAMILY  
AND PARISH COMMITTEE**

**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. Please pray 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.



In this Christmas season we pray for those who went through tragedies caused by natural disasters or violence of individuals. 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 kind of tragedy and challenge. We pray for the proper gun control in our nation. Please say special prayers for the peace in the world and end of any war and for the **blessing upon our world in New Year 2018.**

**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**HOLY FAMILY / HUMBLE SHEPHERDS**

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)**



*"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples." - Luke 2:29-30*

**Family life is always a challenge, and our religious ancestors had advice about how to make it work. Though many cultural values were different, we realize how family life was interwoven with faith. We don't know much about Jesus' family, but we hear today that they followed traditional Jewish laws. We tend to think of them as so different from our own families; but, like us, they would have struggled to understand what they were being called to. We are more alike than we think.**



**Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Jewish advice on family relationships**  
**Ps 128 Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways**  
**Col 3:12-21 The virtues of a Christian household**  
**Lk 2:22-40 Jesus is presented in the Temple**

**LECTORS SERVING TODAY**

**9:00 am – John Surak                      11:00 am – Angela Gulla**

**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 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 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](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com)

Visiting our website Blog [holycrosssite.org](http://holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. 240 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](mailto: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 31, 2017 – HOLY FAMILY  
HUMBLE SHEPHERDS**

**9:00 am** - Holy Mass for All Parishioners

**10:00 am** – Coffee e and Cake Fellowship

**11:00 am** – Holy Mass for +Stella Skawinski; *Offered by Michele and Ed Lazor / Sanctuary Candle - In memory of Anne Piascik*

**Monday January 1, 2018 –Presentation in the temple**

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

**Tuesday, January 2, 2018 – Sol. Holy Name of Jesus**

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

**Wednesday, January 3, 2018 – St. Genevieve, V.**

**8:30 am** – Holy Mass

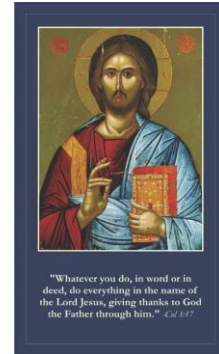
**Thursday, January 4, 2018 – St. Gregory Bp.**

**8:30 am** - Holy Mass

**7:30 pm** – Sunday School Teachers meeting

**Friday, January 5, 2018 – St. Simeon, Hermit**

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



**JANUARY 7, 2018 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



**9:00 am** - Holy Mass for All Parishioners

**10:00 am** – Coffee e and Cake Fellowship

**10:10 am** – Sunday School Classes

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

**11:00 am** – Holy Mass for + Leslie Peter Schlesinger, Stanley Clayton

Owen, Audrey Mildred, Bryan Stanley Owen, Sandra Louise Owen, Samantha Gertrude Owen; *Requested by Wendy Schlesinger*



**Thank you for donations toward Christmas Flowers:** continue...

Cyman Family in memory of deceased of Cyman, Domaszczak, Bronk and Bujak families; Helen Skawinski in memory of Stanley Skawinski. Thank you for your generosity. Donations for the flowers helped us to beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas and the Christmas season.

**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 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 Breakfast



**YOUTH CAMP** – Kurs – during the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

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



**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 91 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 <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



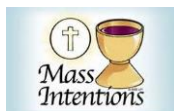
We thank School of Christian Living teachers Mrs. Donna Maher, Mr. Paul Murphy and Ms Natalie Lazar for their time, and talent in preparation for Family Movie Night that took place last Wednesday in the parish hall. The children watched the movie, shared fellowship, enjoyed pizza, popcorn, snacks, and time of play in opening the gifts with the kitchen mittens. We invite all parents to help and participate in the events for the good of our children. The enrolment for the winter / spring 2018 School program is open. Classes start on Sunday January 7, 2018. Welcome and enjoy!

## 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



On Sunday Dec. 30, 2017 the Holy Cross Church welcomed new member GIANNA SOLEIL COE through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate Gianna's parents Timothy Coe and Giselle (nee Martinez), godparents Stephen Walz and Robin Coe as well as her siblings, relatives and friends. The Sacrament of Baptism takes away our sins, regenerates to a new life of grace, unites us with God and makes us members of Christ's Church (*Catechism*).



**MASS INTENTIONS** - In order to request the Holy Mass Intention such as For the Sick, In Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Besech 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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- Pastor - Father Joseph R. Cyman 201-247-4832 / 973-256-4888
- 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
- Lectors Coordinators - John Surak 201-264-6711
- 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

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.

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