

FEBRUARY 18, 2018 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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)

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert... - Mark 1:12



Lent is a time to remember that God first reached out to us. This was not a meager, one-time gesture like those we often make and withdraw, but a profound, lasting and healing covenant. During this season, we reflect on and ask forgiveness for our own alienating, sinful actions. We ponder in deep prayer and silence that God has invested everything, including a beloved Son, into this relationship.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 9:8-15 God's unconditional covenant with Noah
Ps 25 Your way, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant
1 Pt 3:18-22 All are saved by Christ, through baptism
Mk 1:12-15 Jesus is driven into the desert for 40 days



LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – George O'Brien 11:00 am – Jasmine Cebrejos

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. RECENTLY \$1,000 WAS DEPOSITED TO BUILDING FUND FOR A

TOTAL OF \$67,000 SINCE THE BEGINNING OF GIFT CARDS SALE. We thank all those who participate in shopping certificates sale and Lucy Daum, Richard Daum and Merry Sleece who are in charge of this project. **GIFT CARDS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!** They are available for **FAIRWAY, STOP N SHOP, FOODTOWN AND SHOP RITE**. Please continue to support our Building Fund by purchasing weekly shopping gift cards. The Building Fund always needs to finance any future repairs and maintenance of our facility. 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; **Anthony Vargas, John, William and Eric Bruce, Jenna Errico, David 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.

Fr. Joseph Cyman /Renata (Bujak) – Feb. 21 – 20th Ann.
Richard Torre / Diane McNamara – Feb. 27 – 41st 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. 257 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book

MEMBERSHIP 2018



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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FEBRUARY 18, 2018 – 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert... - Mark 1:12

9:00 am - Holy Mass for **+Michael Gaydos, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph, Margaret Gaydos, Mr. & Mrs. Paul and Ann Zachock**; *Req. by Dn. William and Pat Gaydos (All Souls)*

10:00 am – Coffee and Cake Fellowship

10:00 – First Holy Communion class

10:00 am – Sunday School Class

11:00 am – Holy Mass for **+Nasser Kasbo**; *Req. by Daad Kasbo (All Souls)*

Monday February 19, 2018 - President's Day – St. Mesrop Bp.- Lent

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

7:30 pm – Preparation for baptism

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 - Lent

8:30 am - Holy Mass for our parish

7:30 PM – Parish Committee meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 – St. Severian, Bp. M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass + **Melissa Centrella**; *Req. by Claire Centrella*

7:30 – 8:15 pm – Bible Study (Letter of St. James – continue)

Thursday, February 22, 2018 – St. Thalassius H.

7:30 PM - Holy Mass for sick and homebound (Healing Mass)

Friday, February 23, 2018 – St. Serenus M.

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

7:30 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Nr. 2) Plan to attend



FEBRUARY 25, 2018 – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." - Mark 9:7

9:00 am - Holy Mass for **+Marie, Alfred and Karen Garofano, Alan and Ruth Odenwald**; *Req. by Guy Garofano (All Souls)*

10:00 am – Coffee and Cake Fellowship

10:10 am – Sunday School Classes

11:00 am – Holy Mass for **Ruth, Stanley Hudzik**; *Req. by Diane Bishop (All Souls)*



FOOD DRIVE to benefit the Father English Food Pantry. You can bring your donations any Sunday to our parish hall and place them by the room “Food Bank” Won’t you help the needy in the name of Christ the Savior? “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me.” (Mat. 25:40)



Our Mission – The parish of Holy Cross, PNCC

is a Catholic community with doors open to all and bringing them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and thus giving comfort and purpose to a struggling world. “You are to go into the entire world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere! (see Mark 16:15).” We believe that we are a Church where the timeless message of Christ is communicated in a contemporary style. “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save those who are lost (Luke 19:10).” In the past **92 years of service** we feel that we became a strong and faithful community with unselfish service to

God and all our brothers and sisters, giving unending praise and thanksgiving for the blessings and gifts bestowed upon us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Registration is open. So far we have four students enrolled. Students in 2nd grade or older can attend First Holy Communion classes. Registration forms are in the office and online.



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)

Confirmation Class



Confirmation Classes – ENROLMENT IS OPEN. The registration forms are online and in the parish office. Students who are in the 7th grade and older and adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons. Sacrament of Confirmation is a completion of the sacrament of Baptism and important step in Christian religious education.

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. We thank Mr. Paul Murphy, Mrs. Donna Maher, Ms. Natalie Lazar for teaching our students. Looking forward to see you on Sunday.

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

National Synod will be hosted by The Western Diocese 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.



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 Jan. 28 – For parents; *From Fran and Al Cuccinello*

Week of Feb. 4 – In memory of Joseph Dziezawiec Sr. ; by daughter, Sandra Damarah

Week of Feb. 11 – Leslie Peter Schlesinger; by *Wendy Schlesinger*

Week of Feb. 18 – Melissa Centrella

Week of Feb. 25 – Melissa Centrella

Week of March 4- Melissa and August Centrella

Week of March 11 – Leslie Peter Schlesinger

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 BAPTISMS:

FEBRUARY 25, 2018 - DAVID JOSEPH MAZUR, SON OF CHRISTOPHER AND ROSANNA MAZUR.



APRIL 8, 2018 - LEILA ROSE SCHAEFER, DAUGHTER OF LEONARD W. SCHAEFER AND LIDIA (AGUILAR) SCHAEFER

UPCOMING DATES IN 2018

March 18, 2018 – St. Patrick’s Dinner after 11 am Mass
March 18, 2018 – ANS Agape in Linden, NJ at 4 pm
March 26, 2018 – Life Line Screening in the parish hall
Register: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle
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 / SOCL attendance awards



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 call for His blessing. 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.



We pray for seventeen deceased victims of high school shooting in Florida, their terribly devastated families, community and our nation. We ask God to be the source of our strength in this time of another senseless loss and tragedy. Please say special prayers for the peace in the world and end of any war as well as for the proper gun control in our nation for the safety of our citizens and especially children.

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.



**Thank you for your anticipated generosity.
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.

Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations

Pastor - Father Joseph R. Cyman 973-256-4888 / 201-247-4832
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
Daughters of Holy Cross Elaine Rotsaert 973-838-4246
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), Ms. Natalie Lazar 973-563-6494 and 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 R. Cyman – 201-247-4832



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.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Flowers at the altar are the wonderful sign of praise and thanksgiving to God. If you would like to donate flowers to remember an Anniversary, Birthday, departed loved one, etc. please call the rectory for further information (973-256-4888). Please remember that during Lent, we don't have flowers in the sanctuary.

HALL RENTAL



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

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 201-247-4832 if your son /daughter are interested in becoming altar servers.



We thank Deacon Bill for lessons preparing new altar servers.

LIFE LINE SCREENING, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on **Monday, March 26, 2018 at the 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 at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your “Community Circle” discount and your Preferred Appointment!**

GIFT SHOP OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

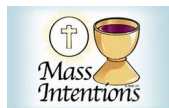
WE THANK THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT



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.**

INCOME TAX– Any parishioner who wishes to receive information regarding their donations to the church for the year 2017 for their income tax purposes, please contact Financial Secretary, Richard Daum 973-694-9457. We thank Richard Daum for his time and dedication in his service as Financial Secretary/Treasurer of Holy Cross Church.

MINISTRY OF GREETERS – Those who would like to serve as **Greeters** in our parish by giving out Sunday bulletins are asked to contact Lynn Imperiale. Ministry of Greeters is very important in the parish's life that makes people feel welcome to participate in our liturgies. Thank you for your service.



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 201-247-4832

EPIPHANY PASTORAL VISITATIONS – Fr Joseph is blessing homes. Please contact him to schedule the



time if you wish to have your home/apartment blessed. Normally the blessing of homes takes place from Christmas until the season of Lent. During the blessing of home the door lintel is marked with the blessed chalk with following letters: "20+C+M+B+18" which are for the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat (Christ bless this house). At the same time the letters are the first letters of the names of the wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The prayer and blessing is petition to God for protection against illness and misfortune for those within.



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS - We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, Father Joseph after Mass. Please sign your name in "Our Church Guests" book located in the vestibule of the church. You are

always welcome to join us in worship.



NEW PARISHIONERS – If you are new to our parish, please submit your name and phone number to Father Joseph. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. **WELCOME!**

DAILY MASSES are held as announced in the bulletin. Examples of the Mass intentions are: For the Sick, In Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Beseech God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries. Please contact Father Joseph.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Arrangements at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS should be reported to the rectory office immediately. 973-256-4888

HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN In 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

Thank you

Renata Cyman for changing the altar linens from Ordinary Time (green) to Lent (purple)
Natalie Lazar and Wendy Schlesinger for cleaning June Pettegrew Room / Food Bank room
Dominick Bucci for donation of snow blower and TV set.

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.

On Sunday February 11, 2018 Holy Cross Church enjoyed St. Valentine's Luncheon. Delicious food, pleasant music, basket of cheer and lucky drawing were part of annual

celebration. We thank Adoration Society who organized this special event. Happy Valentines Day to all!



**On Sunday February 11,
parish meeting we elected
parishioners as:**

PARISH COMMITTEE

**2018 at the annual
the following**

Chairperson – Lynn Imperiale; Vice-Chairperson – George O’Brien
Secretary – Paul Murphy; Treasurer / Financial Secretary – Richard Daum
Trustees: Bob Sleece, Edward Obsuth, Hughie Vickerilla, Penni Lazor, Dominick Bucci, Guy Garofano and Natalie Lazar who joined the committee.
Parish Tribunal: John Surak, Penni Lazor
Auditors: Penni Lazor, Beverly Obsuth
Envelope Recorder: Karen Hitchcock, Hughie Vickerilla
Seniorate Council Representatives: Judy Lamping
General Synod Delegates: Fr. Joseph Cyman (Pastor); Guy Garofano and Renata Cyman,
Alternate – Penni Lazor