APRIL 29, 2018 – 5^{TH} SUNDAY OF EASTER

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)



""You are witnesses of these things." - Luke 24:48 Today's Gospel challenges the depth of our relationship to Christ, who calls himself the vine and us, the branches. The immediacy of this relationship was palpable among the early Christians. But what is it for us? We've been invited into something far deeper and more intimate than our relationship to our own family or someone we love. How comfortable are we with this invitation?

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Acts 9:26-31 Saul preached boldly in Jerusalem Ps 22 I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people 1 John 3:18-24 Loving and believing in Christ is to keep his commandments John 15:1-8 "I am the vine, you are the branches."

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – George O'Brien

11:00 am – Jason Cabrejos

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. RECENTLY \$1,000 WAS DEPOSITED TO BUILDING FUND FOR A TOTAL OF \$68,000



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 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. 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; 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; Josephine Palman, Carol Thaller, Fr. Sr.

Gregory Mludzik, Ann and Andrew, Susan Honk, Anthony Vargas, John, William and Eric Bruce, Jenna Errico, David P. Richard Cornelius; Jeffrey O., Avelina Martinez, Wendy Schlesinger, George Fabricatore, Joseph Capizzi, Roy Zebrowski, Jo Ann Murphy, Stanley Mikolajczyk, Declan, Urbano, Helen Blum, Char O'Neill, Danielle Geeza, Janice Krasulja. We pray also for all those who asked us to pray and for those whom we promised to pray. Hail Mary, Glory...



HOSPITAL VISIT. "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord..." (James 5:14). If you or a member of your family are ill and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home or at the hospital, please notify the rectory. **ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE** Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our

congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage.



Richard Daum and Lucy Piontkowski – 60th Anniversary – April 6 Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox – 7th Anniversary – April 15 Edward and Beverly Obssuth – 27th Anniversary – April 21 Jerome Rotsaert & Elaine Skawinski – 54th Anniversary – May 3 Al Cuccinello & Frances Bucci – 55th Anniversary – May 12

(If you would like to include the date of your birthday or the member of your family in the bulletin, please contact or call the parish office. Thank you)

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

Visiting our website Blog holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. 263 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book

MEMBERSHIP 2018 (\$125 per adult) paid for the Diocese



<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.



SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018 - 6[™] SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Anna Piascik, departed members of Piascik, Raczkowski, and Hrabowski Families; Req. by Adele Merson and Fam. (All Souls) 10:00 am – Coffee and Cake Fellowship 10:10 am – Sunday School classes

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for +Angelina Kabbad; *Req. by Daad Kasbo (All Souls)* <u>SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING</u>



Our Sunday School classes take place on Sundays from 10:10 am to 10:55 am. We have three age groups. To enroll your child, please ask for applications in the parish office, or find on website holycrosssite.org. 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.

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. *""Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation". (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 the 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.

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.

POLISH NATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA – Fraternal Organization of our Church.

In the parish hall you can find pamphlets about PNU of A explaining different programs and benefits offered by this organization. One of them, to received the college stipends, students have to be at least five years member of this organization. Ask Fr. Joseph for further information. <u>http://www.pnu.org/</u>

<u>18TH ANNUAL MISSION AND EVANGELISM WORKSHOP</u> from April 27-29, 2018 at All Saints parish, PNCC, 500 Fifth St. Carnegie, PA. Please see flyer in the parish hall. For questions please contact Very Rev. Richard Seiler, Jr. (412)-276-2462

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

(Catechism) Confirmation Class

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – The first Holy Communion celebration will take place on Sunday May 20, 2018 at 11 am Mass. Please pray for Roxanne Cadavid, Joseph Cadavid, Dominick Porcoro and Juliana Porcoro who will receive Holy Eucharist for the first time on Sunday May 20, 2018.

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.

<u>Confirmation Classes – ENROLMENT IS OPEN.</u> The registration forms are in the parish office – please ask Fr. Joseph or online – holycrosssite.org. <u>Students who are in the 7th grade</u> 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.



<u>THANK YOU</u>

- Parish Committee for attending the last meeting
- Lynn Imperial for helping in the parish office
- Guy Garofano for helping in the church office

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

UPCOMING DATES IN 2018

Information for our Youth

<u>YOUTH CAMP</u> – Kurs – during the week of July 4th 2018



<u>National Convocation</u> "Anointed Lifeguard" will take place next year from July 23 to 27, 2018 at University of Scranton, PA. CONVO 2018 facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/convo2018/</u> Ages 12- 20. The registration forms are online, in the parish office and on the bulletin board in the parish hall. <u>Each parish received 20 tickets for 50/50 drawing with a chance of winning (2) \$500 Visa</u> <u>cards. Please support this event.</u>

<u>General Synod</u> will be hosted by The Western Diocese 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.



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 April 29 – In memory of Stanley Owen Week of May 6- In memory of Anne Piascik from Merson Family 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.**



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.

UPCOMING BAPTISMS:

MAY 13, 2018 - JACKSON JOSEPH RUTCH, SON OF MICHAEL AND ELIZABETH (VASQUEZ) RUTCH. MAY 16, 2018 - Dominick Porcoro and Juliana Porcoro May 27, 2018 – Luciana Maria Aldas Pillasagua, daughter of Angel Aldas and Wendy (Pillasagua) **UPCOMING DATES IN 2018**

May 12, 2018 – NY/NJ Seniorate Council meeting at SS Peter and Paul Parish, Passaic, NJ May 13, 2018 – Mother's Day Breakfast

June 3, 2018 at 4 pm - NY/NJ Corpus Christi Procession 407 Ziegler Ave. Linden NJ (Holy **Trinity & St. Joseph Parish**)

June 10, 2018 – Parish Picnic

June 17, 2017 – Father's Day Breakfast / SOCL attendance awards

November 9, 2018 – Tricky Tray Amalgamated Meat Cutters, 245 Paterson Ave., Little Falls NJ; door s open 6 pm, calling begins at 8 am

November 20, 2018 – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Michael's Church Lackawanna Ave. 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.

Upcoming

Events

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.

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

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 Los vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.

Welcome! HOLY CROSS PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Dear friends, please join us praying daily if possible at Noon forming together A PRAYER CHAIN in our parish.



Please pray for each other, especially for our parishioners who are sick, and those who are home-bound and are in need of any kind of support and healing. Please pray for Fr. Senior Gregory Mludzik for his healing and recovery. He was admitted today to Hackensack Medical Center.

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 all deceased victims caused by shootings in our country, their terribly devastated families, community and our nation. We ask God to be the source of our strength in time of senseless loss and tragedy. Please say special prayers for the peace in the world and the end of any war. We pray for peaceful resolutions in recent conflicts, military activities. Also, we pray for the proper gun control in our nation for the safety of our citizens and especially our children.

ON BEHALF OF THE NEEDY WE THANK YOU FOR 15 BAGS OF NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND



TWO BOXES OF CLOTHING that were picked up this past week to benefit the Father English Food Pantry in Paterson, NJ. 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)

EASTER SEASON - During the 50 day season of Easter (until May 20, 2018) we commemorate the life giving resurrection of our Lord. Fasting does not take place during this time. We say our prayers standing rather that kneeling. We stand during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. We greet one another with the words, "Christ is Risen! Indeed, he is Risen! This is the time of great rejoicing



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; holycrosspncc1@gmail.com



<u>NEW PARISHIONERS</u> – 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!



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

Fr. Sr. Gregory is slowly and steadily making progress with his recovery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers for a full and successful recovery and good health in the future. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Prayer for the Sick

O Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen

Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations





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

BLESSING OF HOMES Please contact Fr. Joseph if you wish to have blessed your home or apartment. 201-247-4832 or 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.

<u>MINISTRY OF GREETERS</u> – 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.

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 one month 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

MOTHER'S DAY



On Sunday, May 13, 2018 we will celebrate Mother's Day and honor of all our mothers with special prayers during both Masses. The Mother's Day Breakfast will take place in the parish hall after the 9:00 A.M. Mass. (10:00 A.M.) All parishioners and friends especially Mothers are cordially invited to attend this special celebration.



Parish Picnic– June 10, 2018 - We would like our parishioners to invite their family and friends to our Picnic as guests. As you know there is no charge and we will have games for the children and food for all. Volunteers are welcome to bring your favorite dish. There will be a sign up sheet where you could indicate the dish you will bring. The parish picnic PREPARATION mtg. Sunday June 3,

2018 at 10:00 AM.



<u>GRADUATES</u> – Soon it will be graduation time for many schools in our area. We would like to salute the members of our parish who will be graduating from school in spring of 2018 and print their names in the Father's Day (JUNE 17 edition of the Sunday bulletin. Graduates or parents of graduates are asked to submit names and information to the church office no later than Sunday, June 10, 2018. You can send information by e-mail – holycrosspncc1@gmail.com



HEALING MASS - The Masses for the Sick and Home Bound are celebrated on the last Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS. Dates of Healing Masses: April 27, May 24, 2018. The Lord listens to our prayers and has the power of healing of body, mind and spirit.



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 89 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.