DEC. 2. 2018 – 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SINCE 1926 HOLY CROSS PARISH PNCC 91 Years of Service 220 Browertown Road Woodland Park, New Jersey 07424 Phone: 973-256-4888 / 201-247-4832 / FB www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com Web Site: www.holycrosssite.org E-mail holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor The Deacon William Gaydos SUNDAY MASSES 9:00 & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars." - Luke 21:25 Has there ever been a time when someone has not yearned for God — or anyone — to bring about justice? The signs of the times still clearly reflect the pain of those who suffer. This season calls us to the same awareness as those who walked before us. We demonstrate Christ's presence by courageously advocating for justice, security and peace for all people.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jer. 33:14-16 God's promise for justice will be fulfilled

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Ps 25 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Paul offers hope to the waiting Thessalonians Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 Stand ready at all times; redemption is at hand

> <u>WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY:</u> 9:00 am – Richard Daum 11:00 am – Mark Koscinski

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO PARTICIPATE IN



THIS PROJECT. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF GIFT CARDS SALE WE RAISED \$68,000. 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. <u>GIFT</u> <u>CARDS</u> 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; Helen Jarmakowicz, 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; Judy, Ewa B., Frances Sanchez, Tom Mamary, Josephine Palman, Carol Thaller, Ann and Andrew, Susan Honk, Anthony Vargas, Jenna Errico, David P. Richard Cornelius; Jeffrey, Avelina Martinez, Wendy Schlesinger, 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...

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 – 10th Ann.

Russell Paulison/ Karen Pettegrew – 11/22 – 26th Ann

Jose Acosta/Paola Perez – 12/3 – 12th Ann.

John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 46th Ann.

Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes on your

anniversaries of marriage. Those who were married in another church, and we don't have your records, please write your name and the date of your marriage on the form below and mail it to us or place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name (husband)

Name (wife maiden name) Date of Marriage

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

Visiting our website Blog holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. 272 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book

MEMBERSHIP 2018



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







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Emily A. Santangelo, Mgr., N.J. Lic. No. 4778



9:00 AM –Holy Mass for All Parishioners

10:00 am – First Holy Communion class

11:00 am - Sunday School classes continue (during the Holy Mass at 11 am. Please gather in the parish hall.



11:00 AM – Holy Mass for +Stanley Hudzik and Ruth Hudzik; Req. by Diane M. Bishop (All Souls)

CHRISTMAS DINNER AFTER MASS – come and enjoy!



CHRISTMAS DINNER - TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE for enjoyable afternoon with a great menu and sing-a-long of Christmas songs with children of our School of Christian Living. The children are free of charge. See flyer.



Donations for the Homeless

ADVENT TREE - This annual project coordinated by Pat Olsen, begins today, Sunday December 2, 2018 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 16, 2018.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES – We will celebrate, traditionally, two Masses on Christmas Eve, which will be held this year on Monday, December 24 the Holy Mass with the participation of children and youth will be held at 4:00 PM. The Christmas second solemn Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 PM.

Service CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - ONE MASS will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 25 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 16, 2018. 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

HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH



The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$120.00 for each hour of rental time (for non parishioners). For members of the parish (paid membership). The rental hall fee for the use of facilities is \$60 for each hour. Call 201-247-4832 (cell) email holycrosspncc1@gmail.com



CHOCOLATE CANDIES \$1 each- Sale to date - \$220. We are selling candy from World's Finest Chocolate. This year we offer a variety of different kinds with and without nuts. Please consider taking a box and selling to your friends, family or at work. We expect the shipment at the end of September. More information in the parish hall.

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.



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

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!



Holy Cross Prayer Shawl Ministry - Do you crochet or knit? Then join us in this Ministry new ministry by helping make shawls for home bound, persons in need of our prayers, people dealing with illnesses. We can make a difference by comforting them in their time of need by presenting them with a handmade shawl and special prayers for our blessed shawl. "May God's grace be upon this shawl...Warming, comforting,

enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven...a sacred place of security and wellbeing... May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace. And wrapped in love! Blessed Be!!! Great gift for the Caregiver as well!



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. In the words of St. Augustine: "He who sings, prays twice" Please consider joining our choir. Come be a part of it, be involved and help our parish to grow. Thank you

MINISTRY OF GREETERS – Those who would like to serve as Greeters in our parish by giving out Sunday bulletins are asked to contact the parish office. 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.

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 92 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.



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 2, 2018 – available / Week of December 9, 2018 - available

For more information, please call Penni Lazor, Adoration Society President, at 973-768-7917 or contact parish office - 201-247-4832



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. **The TV set is connected with camera in the church sanctuary. You can see mass in the parish hall**.



<u>Confirmation Classes – Next Class will take place on Sunday Dec. 2, 16,</u> <u>2018.</u> To register please ask Fr. Joseph or call parish office, 973-256-4888 or 201-247-4832. <u>Students who are in the 7th grade and older and adults</u> are eligible to take confirmation lessons. Sacrament of Confirmation is a completion of the sacrament of Baptism and important step in Christian

religious education.

UPCOMING EVENTS



December 9, 2018 – Christmas Dinner after 11 am Mass Feb. 17, 2019 – St. Valentine's Dinner after 11 am March 17, 2019 – St. Patrick's Dinner after 11 am April 7, 2019 – Agape at Holy Cross – 3 pm May 4, 2019 – Adoration Society Flea Market

May 12, 2019 – Mother's Day Breakfast at 10 am

June 9, 2019 – Church picnic

June 6, 2019 – Father's Day Breakfast at 10 am

June 23, 2019 – Corpus Christi celebration at SS Peter and Paul, Passaic, NJ

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.



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.

Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

HOLY CROSS PARISH PRAYER CHAIN



Dear friends, please join us praying daily 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 to increase our faith, dedication and zeal in the service for serving the Church our Lord, Jesus Christ established. Please pray for those

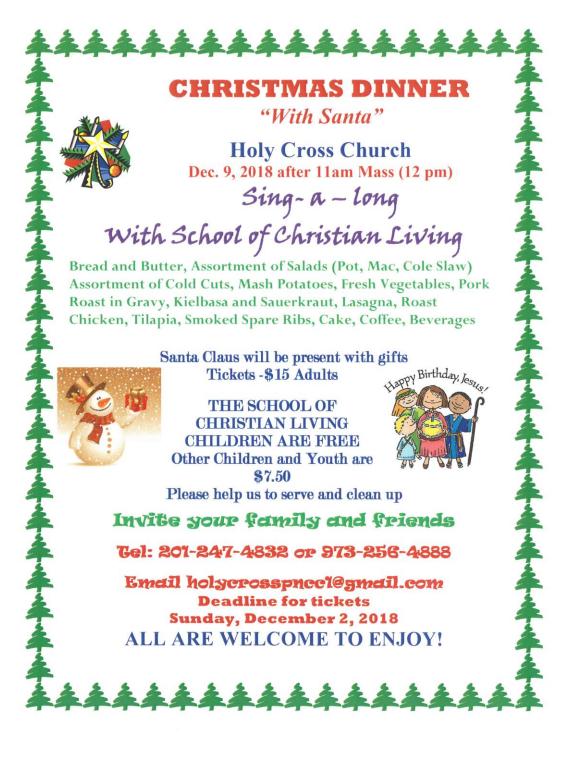
who were affected by the recent tragedies, earthquake in Alaska. We ask God to be the source of our strength in time of senseless tragedies. We continue to pray for all deceased victims caused by recent shootings in our country, their terribly devastated families, and communities. Also, we pray for the proper gun control in our nation for the safety of our citizens and especially for safety of children in our schools. Please say special prayers for the peace in the world and the end of any war. We pray for peaceful resolutions in recent conflicts; for better relations between countries and for an effective dialogue. We remember persecuted Christians around the world. We pray for those who are addicted to drug and alcohol, for their recovery and protection from illness and death. WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR VICTIMS OF ANY SEXUAL ABUSE AND HARASSMENT. THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE ON SEXUAL ABUSE. God is listening to our prayers when we call for His blessing. May the Holy Cross Church continue to 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. Amen.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Next class will be held on Sunday Dec 9, 23, 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 (ast Supper: This is My Body This is My Blood (Catechism)

during the Last Supper: This is My Body... This is My Blood. (Catechism)



NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION!

Monday, December 31, 2018 8:00 pm - 1 am with DJ Music

Buffet dinner catered by Francesco's includes: bread and butter, tossed salad, assorted cold antipasti, penne with Vodka sauce, chicken Marsala, grilled salmon, pierogi, stuffed cabbage, mixed vegetables, roasted potatoes, seasoned rice, coffee, assorted beverages and desserts. Champaign toast is included. (BYOB)

> Tickets -\$40/per person (ages 18 and up) (Semiformal attire preferred.) Table reservations available for 8.

Limited seating. Reserve your tickets early!

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Gel: 201-247-4832 or 973-256-4888

Email holycrosspheci@gmail.com Deadline for tickets Sunday, December 23, 2018

Holy Cross Church 220 Browertown Rd. Woodland Park, NJ

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.



<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u> - 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.

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.**

FOOD PANTRY - You can donate nonperishable food items to benefit Fr. English Food Pantry in Paterson, NJ. Please bring your donations to parish hall. Please bring your donations 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)



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