

## DEC. 16. 2018 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS PARISH** PNCC 91 Years of Service

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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)**

*"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. - Luke 3:16*

Today's readings continue the themes of hope and expectation, adding the element of rejoicing — for Israel, for those awaiting the Messiah and for us. But there is also a summons to repentance and reformed conduct. The good news is tempered with a call to responsibility on our part. Like those before us, we are urged to hope and rejoice. In addition, we must ask the question: "What should we do?"

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Zep 3:14-18a Repentant, exiled Israel is called to hope and joy  
Is 12 Cry out with joy and gladness, among you is the Holy One of Israel**

**Phil 4:4-7 Rejoice; be kind and thankful!**

**Lk 3:10-18 John teaches repentance and proclaims Christ's coming**

### WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY:

**9:00 am – Ned Kiame**

**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. 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; 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 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 Jarmakowicz 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes are expressed to the following parishioners:

**Paul Murphy – 12/09; Magdalena Guzman – 12/05; Harolina Menchon – 12/10; Juan Batista – 12/13; Jennifer Favaro – 12/15; Jessica Palman – 12/16; Jean Rubio – 12/15; Davin Battle – 12/17; Christian Battle – 12/17; Jean Aquedelo – 12/17; Ranah Mikhail – 12/19; Gianfranco Sung -12/20; Fran Cuccinello – 12/23; Italo Palman – 12/19; Deacon David Gaydos – 12/31;**

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

Visiting our website [Blog.holycrosssite.org](http://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 (\$125 per adult) paid for the Diocese

As of December 9, 2018 – (75) adult parishioners paid membership in 2018. **EXPLANATION:** The parish needs to send \$25 to the Central Diocese, and \$100 to the General Church; Total membership is \$125.00 per adult. **THE PRINTING COMPANY**

**DIDN'T PRINT THE RIGHT AMOUNT ON THE ENVELOPES; IT SHOULD BE – THE SINGLE MEMBERSHIP - \$125 AND THE FAMILY \$250. PLEASE SEND THE RIGHT AMOUNT. For further information please contact Richard Daum at 973-694-9457. If you cannot afford to pay the church membership please contact Fr. Joseph or send email [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com) 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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“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. -  
 Luke 3:16



**9:00 AM** – Holy Mass for All Parishioners  
**10:00 am** – Coffee and Cake Fellowship  
**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 ++Ernie Hornak, John & Zuzanna Savuliec, Catherine & Victor Lunski, Eleanora & Anthony Koscinski (All Souls)



**After Mass Confirmation Class**

**Monday, December 17, 2018 – Advent – St. Lazarus of Bethany, C.**

**8:30 am** – Holy Mass for peace in the world  
**7:30 PM** – Parish Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, December 18, 2018 - Advent - St. Rufus & Zosimus, M.**

**8:30 am** – Holy Mass

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018 – Advent – St. Nemesius and Companions, M.**

**8:30 am** – Holy Mass for the growth of Holy Cross church

**Thursday, December 20, 2018 – Advent - St.**

**8:30 am** – Holy Mass

**Friday, December 21, 2018 – Advent - St. Thomas Apostle**

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



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018 – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” - Luke 1:42



**9:00 AM** – Holy Mass for +Michael, Paul Gaydos; Req. by Gaydos and Martin Families  
**10:00 am** – Coffee and Cake Fellowship  
**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 +William Potter; Req. by Monica Lukowiak





Donations for the Homeless

**ADVENT TREE** - This annual project coordinated by Pat Olsen, ends today, Sunday December 16, 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. **ON ADVENT TREE THERE ARE 5 TAGS LEFT (GIFTS FOR MEN) AND 2 TAGS LEFT (GIFTS FOR WOMEN).** Please consider donating and bringing your gifts, write your names on the lists corresponding with the number on each tag and place the tag on your gift. Thank you.

**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 second solemn Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 PM.

**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**



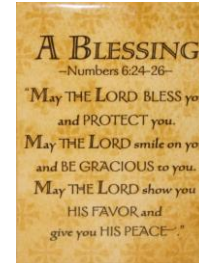
The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$120.00 for each hour of rental time (for non parishioners). For members of the parish (paid membership). The rental hall fee for the use of facilities is \$60 for each hour. Call 201-247-4832 (cell) email [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com)



**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 your home or apartment. 201-247-4832 or [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 23, 2018 – available / Week of December 30, 2018 – available

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



Confirmation Class



**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.**

**Confirmation Classes – Next Class will take place on Sunday Dec. 16, 2018; Jan. 6, 2019.** To register please ask Fr. Joseph or call parish office, 973-256-4888 or 201-247-4832. Students who are in the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.

**Income Sunday Dec. 9, 2018 – \$1,525.00**

**Income (Jan. – Nov. 2018) – \$124,749.72 / Expense (Jan. – Nov. 2018) - \*\$128, 434.88**

\*The expenses amount includes ten thousand dollars we paid to Spojnia Credit Union in Feb. 2018 for our loan we took last year. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

**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.**

**DONATION TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH since last newsletter:**

**THANK YOU FOR DONATION TO ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY since last newsletter:**

**THANK YOU FOR DONATION TO BUILDING FUND (since last newsletter) – Cyman Family - \$40;**

**DONATIONS FOR THE ENERGY NEEDS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER:**

Cyman Family - \$25;

### 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

**23, 2018; Jan. 13, 2019** *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)*

# 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!

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

Email [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com)

Deadline for tickets

Sunday, December 23, 2018

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## CHRISTMAS DINNER – THANK YOU

On Sunday, December 9th, dozens of parishioners attended our annual Christmas Dinner. The children and all attendees enjoyed a Christmas carol sing-a-long with children from our Sunday School. We thank all those who came for this event, especially parents for bringing their children. We had fun, shared a great menu which was prepared by Deacon David and his helpers. We thank Jessica Muccilli, our organist for the music arrangement and accompaniment. Because the children of Holy Cross are very special, Santa Claus came and gave them goodies asking them to listen and help their parents and behave well. Merry Christmas to all!

