

# 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEB. 17, 2019

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS PARISH** PNCC 92 Years of Service

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**The Reverend Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor**

**The Reverend David Gaydos (helping priest in the Central Diocese)**

**The Deacon William Gaydos**

**Regular SUNDAY MASSES 9:00 & 11:00 am**  
**WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)**

*"Blessed are you..." - Luke 6:20*



In these politically-charged times, we often question one another's values. We assume we can identify our own, but it is not always easy. At some point, we all need to consider where our faith is rooted and what difference that makes in our life choices. Today's readings address these centuries-old questions quite directly. They matter, because who and what we believe in undergirds every aspect of our lives.

What would our personal inventories reveal?

## SCRIPTURE READINGS



**Jeremiah 17:5-8** The prophet contrasts trust in God with trust in humans

**Ps 1** Blessed are they who hope in the Lord

**1 Cor 15:12, 16-20** Faith must be rooted in Christ's resurrection

**Lk 6:17, 20-26** Jesus preaches four blessings and four woes

**WE THANK those who serve as LECTORS TODAY:**

**9:00 am – Ed Obsuth**

**11:00 am – Chris and Daniel Galindo**

## **SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. GREAT NEWS! – ANOTHER \$1,000 WAS DEPOSITED**



**TO BUILDING FUND FROM SHOPPING CERTIFICATES SALE – SINCE THE BEGINNING OF GIFT CARDS SALE WE RAISED**

**\$69,000.** We thank Lucy Daum, Merry Sleece, Richard Daum who are in charge of the project and anyone who is buying gift cards. **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*

## **Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish**



Out of respect for the privacy of the person who is ill we can only publish the names of the sick with their consent. We review our list monthly. The following members of our parish community are in need of our prayers:  
**Helen Skawinski, Mary Margo, Helen Jarmakowicz, Emila Bargiel, Sophie**

**Barnes, Liz Wozney, Lucy Daum, Frances Sanchez, Wendy Schlesinger, Ewa B., Josephine Palman, Susan Honk, Jeffrey, Roy Zebrowski, Declan, Urbano.**

*If you would like to have your name on the list or your loved ones with their permission, please contact the parish office. 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 – 21<sup>st</sup> Ann.**

**Richard Torre / Diane (McNamara) – Feb. 27 – 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 born in February:**



**Isabella Granada; Carlos Garcia; Troy Hilton; Fr. Joseph Cyman; Jennifer Palman; Mary Bryda; Nicole Pellegrini; Alexander Teimouri; Karen Paulison; Meghan Palman; Josephine Limone; Michael Merson; Joyce Diestler; Sebastian Rodriguez; Neil Estanislao; Gerald Muller; Anthony Canceres; Natalie Cyman; Ned Kiame; Brenda Nin; Natalya Lopez; Juan Reyes; Kristen Suhok;** *(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 2019 (\$125 per adult) paid for the Diocese**



**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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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019 – 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Blessed are you..." - Luke 6:20*

**9:00 AM** – Holy Mass for all Parishioners

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

**11:00 am** – Sunday School in the parish hall during the 11 am Mass;  
Please join the Mass during distribution of Holy Communion.

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for +Melissa, August Centrella, Emanuele  
and Theresa Triggiano; Offered by Claire Centrella



**After Mass - St. Valentine's Luncheon**

Confirmation Class – Enjoy St. Valentine's Dinner

**Monday February 18, 2019 – St. Simeon, Bp. M./ President's Day**

**8:30 am** - Holy Mass

**7:30 pm** – Parish Committee Meeting

**Tuesday February 19, 2019 – Weekday**

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

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019 – Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto**

**8:30 am** - Holy Mass

**Thursday February 21, 2019 – St. St. Severian, Bp.**

**8:30 am** - Holy Mass for +Melissa Centrella (42<sup>nd</sup> Birthday) and for the  
sick and home-bound



**Friday February 22, 2019 – Weekday**

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019 – 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Luke 6:36*



**9:00 AM** – Holy Mass for all Parishioners

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

**10:00 am** – Communion class in June Pettegrew classroom

**11:00 am** – Sunday School in the parish hall during the 11 am Mass; Please join the Mass during distribution of Holy Communion.

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for all Parishioners

### THANK YOU

- Renata Cyman, Penni Lazor, Zaida Bueno, Beverly Obsuth, and Ed Obsuth for Saturday preparations for our St. Valentines Luncheon
- Fran Cucinello for her help in the parish office
- Lynn Imperiale for updating our church Facebook
- Mary Vitaletti for help in teaching children First Holy Communion lessons.
- Donna Maher, Paul Murthy and Natalie Lazar for teaching children in our School of Christian Living.

**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.

Confirmation Class



**Confirmation Classes – Next Class will take place on Sunday Feb. 17, March 3, 17, 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Next classes will be held on the following Sundays at 10**



**am. - Feb. 24, March 10, 24, 2019. Further dates will be given later. The first Holy Communion celebration will take place on Sunday May 19, 2019 at 11 am.**

**Please attend with parents Sunday Mass each Sunday.** Children please join Sunday School classes during the 11 am Mass in the parish hall. With teachers they join the church service during distribution of Holy Communion or receiving blessing. Please stay in the church for final prayer and announcements. Thank you. *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)*

***Our Mission*** - The parish of Holy Cross 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 **91 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.



**HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN** In the case when small children need more attention during the Mass, parents can now listen and follow the Liturgy of the Mass in the **parish hall** while the children can play or do the drawings.

## Upcoming Events

**March 6, 2019 – Ash Wednesday**

**March 17, 2019 – St. Patrick's Dinner after 11 am**

**April 7, 2019 – Agape at Holy Cross – 3 pm**

**April 16, 2019 – Clergy Conference, Chrism Mass, Scranton, PA**

**May 4, 2019 – Adoration Society Flea Market**

**April 21, 2019 – Easter – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**April 28, 2019 – Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL)**

**May 5, 2018 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

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

**June 13, 2018 – SOCL attendance awards and Parish Picnic**

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

**Week of July 4th 2018 - YOUTH CAMP – Kurs , Waymart, PA**

**Tricky Tray – Friday October 25, 2019**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING was held on Sunday February 10, 2019 and was attended by 43 participants. Thank you for coming.**

### **Brief report:**

Pastor's Report given by Fr. Joseph

Financial report presented by Richard Daum

Auditor's report presented by Penni Lazor

Adoration Society report presented by Penni Lazor

Maintenance report presented by Dominic Bucci

Polish National Union of America - SPOJNA information presented by Fr. Joseph

### **Elections:**

- Penni Lazor was elected as vice- chairperson of parish committee.
- Parish Committee members were elected for 2019
  - George O'Brien, chairperson
  - Penni Lazor, vice chairperson (newly appointed)
  - Paul Murphy, secretary
  - Richard Daum, treasurer/financial secretary

Trustee: Dominic Bucci, Guy Garafano, Natalie Lazar, Ed Obsuth, Bob Sleece, Hughie Vickerella and Zaida Bueno elected as new parish committee trustee.

- Parish Tribunal:
  - John Surak



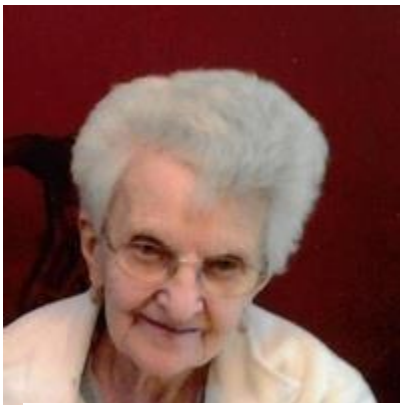
- Penni Lazor
- Auditors:
  - Penni Lazor
  - Beverly Obsuth
- Envelopes Recorder
  - Karen Hitchcock
- NY/NJ Seniorate Council Representative
  - George O'Brien



We congratulate above parishioners to be elected for important services in our parish.

P.S. Please see our parish ministries and help our parish to grow by sharing your time and talent and volunteering in different areas of our parish mission.

**We welcome new parishioners who recently joined our parish family: Priscila Zavala and Paul Figuerora, Sebastian Wysocki and Ashely Burr, Cecilia and Susan Hong.**



### **Helen Skawinski (96)**

Please pray for our deceased parishioner, Helen Skawinski who passed away on Feb. 12, 2019. The funeral Mass was celebrated on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> in our church. She was buried at the Calvary Cemetery, Paterson, NJ.

We express our deepest sympathy to Stanley Skawinski, Jr., his wife Rebecca, Elaine Rotsaert her husband Jerry, grandchildren: Cheryl Skawinski, Keith Rotsaert and his wife Donna, and the late Michael Skawinski; great-grandchildren Gabriella, Hunter, Christopher, Max, Rebecca and Kevin. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers in this sorrowful time. The Holy Cross Church cherished Helen's presence and her involvement for many years. She was an active member of Adoration Society and previously member of Daughters of Holy Cross. May she Rest in Peace.



**On behalf of the Palman Family we thank anyone who attended last Friday Feb. 15, 2019 Fundraiser “Valentine for Josephine” held in our parish hall.**

### 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 February 3, - Available

Week of February 10 – Available. For more information, please call Penni Lazor, Adoration

Society President, at 973-768-7917 or contact parish office – 201-247-4832.



**ALTAR SERVERS** We thank all Altar servers serving in our parish. We would like to continue the process of bringing on more altar servers at our Masses. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Parish Hall. Parents, please put your child’s name in the Sunday that they can serve. You will be notified as a reminder prior to their Sunday Mass.

### 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 asking God’s blessing. Please pray 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 dedication in the service for the Church established by our



Lord, Jesus Christ. Our prayers are addressed for those who were affected by the recent tragedies. We ask God to be the source of our strength especially in the time of challenge. We continue to pray for all deceased victims caused by 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. 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.



**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.**

**CLERGY PENSION FUND** – National Church Center, Scranton provides Clergy Pension Fund for priests who served at least 20 years. The full retirement pension plan starts at age 70 and it is \$600 per month. Your donations are sent to National Church Center in Scranton and they help to provide this plan available for the clergy. It is very much appreciated.

Recent donations

**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.**

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



### **HALL RENTAL**

Fees: For non-members of the parish: The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$125 for each hour of rental time. For members of the parish (paid membership). The rental hall fee for the use of facilities is \$60 for each hour of rental time. Call 201-247-4832 (cell) email [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com)