

# 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEB. 24, 2019

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

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

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

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

Today’s readings seem especially pertinent to us living in a climate of sarcasm and insults, offensiveness and bullying, violence and hatred. Sparing — let alone forgiving and loving — one’s perceived enemies, or refusing to judge others is hardly “natural” to most of us.

But God sees it differently, and we are faced with the choice of whether we will too.

Considering what this requires of us is a good way to enter the immanent season of Lent.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 David spares his enemy

Ps 103 The Lord is kind and merciful

1 Cor 15:45-49 Live as spiritual, not natural beings

Lk 6:27-38 Jesus’ challenge about loving and forgiving

WE THANK those who serve as LECTORS TODAY:

9:00 am – Ned Kiame

11:00 am – Dean Porcoro

**SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. GREAT NEWS! – ANOTHER \$1,000 WAS DEPOSITED LAST WEEK TO BUILDING FUND FROM SHOPPING CERTIFICATES SALE – SINCE THE BEGINNING OF GIFT CARDS SALE WE RAISED \$70,000.** 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 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: 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 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.

**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**



**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 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

**Monday February 25, 2019 – St. Matthias, Ap.**

**8:30 am - Holy Mass**

**Tuesday February 26, 2019 – St. Alexander of Alexandria, Bp.**

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

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019 – Julian, Cronin & Besas, M.**

**8:30 am - Holy Mass**

**Thursday February 28, 2019 – St. Romanus Ab.**

**8:30 am - Holy Mass for the sick and home-bound**

**Friday March 1, 2019 – Weekday**

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



**SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 – 8<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** – Adoration Society meeting

**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

After Mass – Confirmation Class

### THANK YOU

- Fran Cucinello for her help in the parish office
- Lynn Imperiale for updating our church Facebook
- Donna Maher, Paul Murthy and Natalie Lazar for teaching children in our School of Christian Living.

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Cross is now able to accept donations through Venmo. By using Venmo, parishioners, donors, and benefactors can utilize electronic giving that comes with no extra cost to the donor or to Holy Cross.

For anyone looking to donate electronically, Holy Cross' Venmo account is @holycrosspncc. Electronic donations make it easy for those to donate whether they are near or far – again, with no added cost associated with the transaction.

For your convenience here is the link you can scan to access or find Holy Cross' Venmo account.



Donations can be made also through PayPal. The link to donate through PayPal can be found on Holy Cross Church website – [holycrosssite.org](http://holycrosssite.org). However, PayPal keeps a small percentage (app. 2.5%) of all donations made to the church.

Please spread the word to anyone you know who may be interested in electronic giving. Thank you!

**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.

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



**Confirmation Classes – Next Class will take place on Sunday 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.

## Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations

**Pastor - Father Joseph R. Cyman** 973-256-4888 / 201-247-4832  
**Deacon - William Gaydos** 973-239-4725  
**Parish Comm. Chairperson, George O'Brien** 973-809-7091  
**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  
**Lectors Coordinator (9 am service) - 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 – 973-653-6494  
**St. Nicholas Ministry – Lucy and Richard Daum** 973-694-9457 **Merry Sleeve** 973-731-3611  
**Advent Tree – Pat Olsen** 973-696-6581  
**Ushers – John Surak** 201-264-6711 / **Greeters -**  
**Maintenance - Dominick Bucci** 973-785-2299  
**Shopping Certificates Sale - Lucy Daum** 973-694-9457, **Merry Sleeve** 973-731-3611  
**Polish National Union of America - Fr. Joseph Cyman – 201-247-4832**



## 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**

### 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.

### 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 trial. 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.



### Successful St. Valentine's Luncheon



Congratulations to the Adoration Society members consisting of Renata Cyman, Penni Lazor, Elaine Rotsaert, Nelly Cabrejos, Beverly Obsuth, Zaida Bueno, Fran Cuccinello, Natalie Lazar, and Susan Hornak and also Tracy Banta for a very successful St. Valentine Day luncheon held in our beautiful entertainment center. Also, congratulations and thank you to Andy's Market & Catering of 694 Ocean Avenue, Jersey City, 201-434-6051 operated by our own Ed Obsuth for a job well done with their delicious selections of food which they donated in memory of deceased ANS members. We thank ladies who brought delicious desserts for all to enjoy. Respectfully submitted, George F. O'Brien



**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)



**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.

**19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MISSION and EVANGELISM WORKSHOP** - This year's theme is "**Identity: Who We Are in Christ**" and will be hosted by the Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT **Friday, March 29 - Sunday, March 31, 2019** Greetings from the Mission and Evangelism Commission of the Polish National Catholic Church. Over the past nineteen years the National Commission on Mission and Evangelism has presented to the faithful and clergy of the Church an opportunity to explore one of many faith-driven aspects of the Church on a National level, as well as experiencing the Church on a local Parish level. Our goal for each Mission Workshop has been that the Faithful come away with a burning desire to bring faith-driven work of the Workshop back to their parishes and be a light to that local Community of Faith, the Parish, and the communities in which they live. This year's Mission Workshop will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, Connecticut. Our accommodation is at **Comfort Suites** located at 64 Knotter Dr, Southington, CT 06489. The guaranteed **room rate of \$105.00** plus tax. Please use the **code: "Polish National Catholic Church"** when making your reservation. The **deadline** cut - off date for obtaining this guaranteed room rate is **Friday, March 8, 2019**. When you fill out your registration form, send it along with a check for the **Workshop Registration Fee of \$75.00** per person. Please make the check payable to: Holy Trinity Parish. The **deadline for registering is March 15, 2019**. For registrations post-marked after March 15, 2019, the registration fee is \$95.00. We pray that you will consider joining us for the Nineteenth National Mission & Evangelism Workshop of the P.N.C.C., and we look forward to your attendance. If you have any questions, please contact: Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Commission Chairman Parish Phone: (313) 365-5191 email: [nowak@netscape.com](mailto:nowak@netscape.com).