5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – APRIL 7, 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)

"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" - John 8:10



Today's readings are filled, not only with examples of God's abundant mercy and love, but of right living. Paul reminds us that everything outside of the pursuit of Christ is rubbish. And if we are to call ourselves followers of Christ, we must keep our focus on what lies ahead. Let us begin by letting go of our judgments and our earthly desires so we may enter into this time with our minds and hearts lifted completely to God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Is 43:16-21 Remember not the events of the past; I am doing something new! Ps 126 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy Phil 3:8-14 Continue to pursue God's upward calling Jn 8:1-11 Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more

WE THANK those who serve as LECTORS TODAY: 9:00 am – Ned Kiame 11:00 am – Dominick & 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 <u>STOP</u> 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, 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...

<u>THE PRAYER REQUEST</u> - 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.

<u>ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE</u> Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage.

Wilian and Maria Matute – 18th Anniversary – 4/4



Richard Daum and Lucy Piontkowski -61^{st} Ann -4/6 Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox -8th Ann. -4/15 Edward and Beverly Obssuth -28th Ann. -4/21

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 2019 (\$125 per adult) paid for the Diocese

As of March 31, 2019 – (37) adult parishioners paid membership in 2019. 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 Thank you.

BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2019 – 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, thank you. Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.













BIZUB-PARKER FUNERAL HOME

47 Main Street Little Falls, NI 07424

Phone 973 256-4700 Fax 973 256-4701 Email: toby@bizub.com Thomas J. (Toby) Bizub Jr., Manager N.I. Lic. No. 3917

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019 - PASSION SUNDAY

"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" - John 8:10



9:00 AM – Holy Mass for +Helen Skawinski; Req. by Adoration Society

+Stella Skawinski: Offered by Eileen and Lou Phillips

10:00 am – Coffee and Cake Fellowship

10:00 am – Adoration Society meeting / Tricky Tray Mtg.

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class

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 Sophie Barnes on her 100th Birthday; From Parish Family Birthday Cake with slight refreshment honoring Sophie Barnes on her 100th Birthday

3 pm – AGAPE – Last Supper of Jesus

Monday April 8, 2019 – St Dionysius, Bp.

8:30 am - Holy Mass

Tuesday April 9, 2019 – St. Mary of Cleopas, Ma.

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

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – St. Marcarius, Bp., D.

8:30 am - Holy Mass

7:15-8:00 pm – Adult Bible Study Gospel of St. Mark (plan to attend)

Thursday April 11, 2019 – St. Leo the Great, Bp. D.

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

Friday April 12, 2019 – St. Julius of Rome, Bp.

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

7:30 pm – Stations of the Cross (plan to attend)



SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019 - PALM SUNDAY

'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" - John 8:10



9:00 AM – Holy Mass for Good health of Filip

Sepelowski; Req. by Wysocki Family

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 +Jozef Cyman; Offered by Cyman Family +Melissa, August Centrella, Theresa, Emanuele Triggiano; Offered by Claire Centrella Baptism – Milania Rosa Santos, daughter of William and Samantha (Gonzalez) Santos



BIBLE STUDY – LENT 2019 During Lent - The last Bible Study class in Lent will take place on Wednesday April 10, 2019 from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. The classes will include Scripture readings, and discussions. This is a wonderful way to renew our spiritual life during Lent. Plan to join 45 minutes bible study.



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, and other countries in the world, especially recent tragedy in New Zeeland. We pray for 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.



Confirmation Classes – Next Class will take place on Sunday April 14, 28, 2019, May 12, 26, June 9, 16, 2019. To register please ask Fr. Joseph or call parish office, 973-256-4888 or 201-247-4832. Students who are in the 7th 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. -



April 7, 28, May 5, 12 (Mother's Day Breakfast), 2019. Rehearsal, Confessions on Friday May 17th at 7 pm. The first Holy Communion celebration will take place on Sunday May 19, 2019 at 11 am. Parents, please attend each Sunday Holy Mass with your children. 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)



<u>CHOCOLATE CANDIES</u> \$1 each- <u>Sale to date - \$590.</u> 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

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!



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. You can 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 93 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.

THANK YOU

- **Renata Cyman for preparing altars for Passion Sunday**
- Fran Cuccinello for helping in the parish office
- Claire Centrella for helping with checking our bulletin online
- Lynn Imperiale for updating our parish Facebook

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. Week of April 6 - Elaine / Week of April 14 - Penni Lazor

Week of April 21 – Fran Cuccinello

Week of April 28 – Prayer for Josephine

Week of May 12 – Prayer for Theresa Osborne

Week of May 19 – Prayer for Mabela Burgos

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

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.

Electronic donations (Venmo) to date * - \$520



Upcoming

Events

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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21 - Easter Masses at 9 am and 11 am

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

June 9, 2019 – Church picnic

June 16, 2019 – Father's Day Breakfast at 10 am

June 8, 2019 from 9 am – 2 pm - Adoration Society Flea Market June 23, 2019 - Corpus Christi celebration, SS Peter and Paul, Passaic, NJ

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.

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

INCOME TAX– Any parishioner who wishes to receive information regarding their donations to the church for the year 2018 for their income tax purposes, please contact Financial Secretary, Richard Daum 973-694-9457. We thank Richard Daum for his time and dedication in his service as Financial Secretary/Treasurer of Holy Cross Church.



FOOD DRIVE to benefit the Father English Food Pantry. 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)

HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH



The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$125.00 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

<u>Transfiguration Church in Wallington – Tricky Tray on Wed. May 2, 2019</u> at The Fiesta, 255 Route 17S, Wood-Ridge, NJ; Door Open 6:00 pm, Auction begins at 7 pm; Admission \$45 includes Three Course Dinner, Dessert plus Sheet of Regular Chances; For tickets please contact Dawn Wassman Phone 201-463-1512



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.

HOLY WEEK 2019

Tuesday April 16, 2019 - Tuesday of Holy Week

10:00 am - Central Diocese Clergy Conference, Scranton, PA

4:00 pm – Central Diocese Chrism Mass (blessing of oils), Scranton, PA

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 – Holy Wednesday

8:30 am - Holy Mass

Thursday, April 18, 2019 – Holy Thursday

7:30 PM – Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 pm

Friday, April 19, 2019 – Good Friday

3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross with children and youth participation

4:15 PM – Liturgy of Good Friday/ Adoration until 6:00pm

Saturday, April 20, 2019 – Holy Saturday

3:00 PM - Liturgy of Holy Saturday

After service - Blessing of Easter Baskets

NO EASTER VIGIL – SEE EASTER SUNDAY MASSES





"Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb." John 20:1

9:00 AM Easter Procession - Mass for All Parishioners
Holy Mass of Resurrection

11:00 AM – Easter Procession inside of the church **Holy**

Mass of Resurrection - Mass for All Parishioners

Christ is risen!

EASTER EGG HUNT – will take place on Sunday April 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. All children from our parish are invited to enjoy this event. The party in the parish hall will follow. Please invite your friends.







EASTER FLOWERS – An Easter Flower Fund Envelope is included in the Sunday Collection



envelopes and will be available in the parish vestibule. All parishioners are asked to make a donation to the fund so that flowers can be purchased for the Resurrection of our Lord and part of the Easter season. Your offering can be made in memory of a departed loved one. All offerings will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you for beautifying our church. Committee

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. 201-247-4832



PARISH COMMITEE MEMBERS 2019

Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations

Pastor - Father Joseph R. Cyman 973-256-4888 / 201-247-4832

Fr. David Gaydos (helping priest for the Central Diocese) 973-580-1256

Deacon - William Gaydos 973-239-4725

Parish Comm. Chairperson, George O'Brien 973-809-7091

Secretary - Claire Centrella201-572-1299Organist - Neil Estanislao201-966-9026Organist - Jessica Muccilli973-903-7273Adoration Society - Penni Lazor973-768-7917

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 Sleece 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 Sleece 973-731-3611

Polish National Union of America - Fr. Joseph Cyman – 201-247-4832

