

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 31, 2019

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

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

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." - Luke 15:21



Today's readings focus on reconciliation, forgiveness and moving forward. Forgiveness is one-sided; one can choose to forgive, but reconciliation requires two people in the act of coming together. God offers us both forgiveness and reconciliation and does not hold our sins against us once we have asked for forgiveness. Are we able to do the same with one another?

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Jos 5:9a, 10-12 They ate what they had grown in the land of Canaan

Ps 34 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

2 Cor 5:17-21 God entrusted to us the message of reconciliation

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Father, I have sinned against you and against heaven

WE THANK those who serve as LECTORS TODAY:

9:00 am – John Surak 11:00 am – Chris Galindo & Daniel Galindo

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, 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.

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



Richard Daum and Lucy Piontkowski – 61st Ann – 4/6

Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox – 8th Ann. – 4/15

Edward and Beverly Obsuth – 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 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

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 holycrosspnce1@gmail.com, thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**



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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019 – 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." - Luke 15:21

9:00 AM – Holy Mass for all parishioners



After Mass – Oath of the Parish Committee members

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 + John, Mary Gagan, deceased of Kowalik

family, Brian Busick; all souls that have passed away; Req. by Bob and Doris Kowalik (All Souls)

After Mass – Confirmation class

Monday April 1, 2019 – Anniversary of birth of Bp. Francis Hodur

8:30 am - Holy Mass

Tuesday April 2, 2019 – St. Mary of Egypt, M.

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

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – St. Pancras, Bp., M.

8:30 am - Holy Mass

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

Thursday April 4, 2019 – St. Isidore, Bp. D.

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

Friday April 5, 2019 – Lent

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

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



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

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class



10:30 am – Tricky Tray preparation 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 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



BIBLE STUDY – LENT 2019 During Lent - The Bible Study classes will take place ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: Wed., April 3, 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 Zealand. 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 Class

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)



CHOCOLATE CANDIES \$1 each- Sale to date - \$590. 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!**



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. 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

- We thank parish committee members for attending monthly meeting and making important decisions for our parish.
- Penni Lazor for cleaning linens for Holy Mass – purificators, lavabo towels and corporals
- 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 March 31 – Elaine Rotsaert**

Week of April 6 – Elaine / Week of April 14 – Penni Lazor

Week of April 21 – Fran Cuccinello

Week of April 28 – available; 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 * - \$510



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 7, 2019 – Agape – Commemoration of Last Supper at Holy Cross @ 3 pm

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.

Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations

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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
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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 -**
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Shopping Certificates Sale - Lucy Daum 973-694-9457, Merry Sleece 973-731-3611
Polish National Union of America - Fr. Joseph Cyman – 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.**



We congratulate Mario Telleria and Jessica (Hurtado) Telleria on the baptism of their precious son, Noah Javier Telleria on Saturday March 30, 2019. Proud godparents were, Carlos Hurtado and Lina Hurtado. Our congratulation to Telleria and Hurtado families, relatives and friends. We welcome Mario, Jessica and their son, Noah as new member of our parish.