

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT. 22, 2019
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Regular SUNDAY MASSES 9:00 & 11:00 am
WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; Luke 16:10



INTRODUCTION

My friends, we so often find ourselves confronted with conflicting values and demands. Today we ponder how to balance our call to discipleship with our culture's call to accumulate wealth and material things. We hear that God is aware of both greed and the needs of the poor. Discipleship challenges us to be prudent, wise, focused and balanced in our interaction with money. It's not easy. Keeping our eyes on the final prize is what really matters.

Today's Scripture Readings

Amos 8:4-7 God is aware of Israel's greed and the needs of the poor.

Psalms 113 Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

2 Tim 2:1-8 Paul urges prayer for those in authority.

Luke 16:1-13 The dishonest steward exemplifies wisdom and the use of money.

WE THANK those who serve as LECTORS TODAY:

9:00 am – George O'Brien 11:00 am – Mark Koscinski

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES. RECENTLY ANOTHER \$1,000 WAS DEPOSITED TO BUILDING FUND



FROM GIFT CARDS SALE. To date income \$71,000. 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.**



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: Filip Sepelowski, Mary Margo, Emila Bargiel, Sophie Barnes, Liz Wozney, Frances Sanchez, Wendy Schlesinger, Ewa B., 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...

HOSPITAL VISIT. "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord..." (James 5:14). If you or a member of your family are ill and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home or at the hospital, please notify the rectory.

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE: 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 or send it by mail. Thank you for your cooperation. Name (husband) _____

Name (wife maiden name) _____ Date of Marriage _____

George and Dorothy O'Brien – 9/11 - 48 Ann.

Cesar and Christina Colon – 9/23 – 13 Ann.

Edward Lazor/Michele Gula 10/8–42nd Ann.

Deacon David /Laurie Rusnak 10/ 28 – 40 years

Eric Olsen/Denise Piwowar 10/ 8 - 30 years

Keith Mullin and Jaclyn Ziobro 10/ 16 - 15 years

Nicholas Lawler/Michele Peano 10/ 15 - 14 years

Martin Maher / Donna Giardino 10/24 – 30 years



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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.**

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 – 25RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SPOJNIA SUNDAY

"If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?" Luke 16:12



9:00 AM Holy Mass for all living and deceased members of the Polish National Union of America

10:00 am – Coffee Fellowship

11:00 am – SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (during the Holy Mass at 11 am in the parish hall)



11:00 AM – Holy Mass for all living and deceased members of the Polish National Union of America / +Edward Budjinsky; Offered by Cyman Family / Baptism of Benson LaPorta, son of Christopher La Porta and Cynthia (nee Crespo)



3:00 pm NY/NJ ADORATION SOCIETY MTG. – Transfiguration Parish, 135 Hathaway St. Wallington NJ

Monday, September 23, 2019 – Weekday

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

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – St. Gerard, Bp., M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for the Youth

7:30 pm – Parish Committee meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 – St. Sergius Ab.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for our Nation

Thursday, September 26, 2019 – St. Cyprian and Justina

7:30 pm – Mass of Healing for the Sick and Homebound

Friday, September 27, 2019 – St. Cosmas and Damian, M.



8:30 am – Holy Mass for benefactors of Holy Cross Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 – 26RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.'" Luke 16:27-28



9:00 AM Holy Mass for all Parishioners living and deceased

10:00 am – Coffee Fellowship

11:00 am – SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (during the Holy Mass at 11 am in the parish hall)



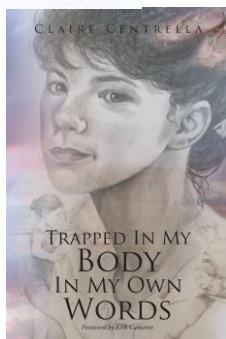
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11:00 AM – Holy Mass for All Parishioners Living and Deceased



HEALING MASS – The Masses for the Sick and Home Bound are celebrated **on the last Thursday of the month at 7:30pm.** WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS. **Dates of Healing Masses: September 26, October 31, 2019.** The Lord hears to our prayers and has the power of healing of body, mind and spirit. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS

Our dear parishioner Claire Centrella who lost her daughter to complications from



Dystonia 17 years ago, has put together a beautiful book with friends on her daughter Melissa's life and legacy. It has recently been released for purchase on Amazon and Barnes and Noble. The name of the book is Trapped In My Body In My Own Words. All proceeds from the book will go to Melissa's Hope Foundation in support of scholarships for students in NJ, pursuing careers in nursing or medical/sciences as well as helping families with special needs children. Kirk Cameron befriended her when she visited him on the set of Growing Pains and has written the Foreword to the book. We hope you can support the foundation by purchasing a book. Thank you and God bless.

THANK YOU



- Appreciation to our lectors, altar servers, greeters for their service during our Sunday Masses.
- Adoration Society members for their activities and fundraisers for our parish
- Lynn Imperiale for updating our Facebook,
- Fran Cuccinello for help in the parish office
- We Thank those who purchase gift cards supporting Building Fund
- Anyone who share their time, talent and treasure for the good of our parish.

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.

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

We thank, Smart Fix – Chris Wysocki (201) 790-2991 for his recent maintenance work at Holy Cross Church. His business specializes with Woodworking, Ceramic Tile, Countertops, Doors, Drywall, Electrician, Flooring, Handyman Service, Insulation, Lighting, Interior Painters, Plumbing, Remodeling, Bathroom & Kitchen Remodeling, Window Treatments, Replacement Windows



HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN

Dear friends, please join us in our parish **DAILY PRAYER CHAIN**. Please pray for each other asking for 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 healing and support. You are invited to pray to increase our dedication in the service for the Church established by our Lord, Jesus Christ and for the growth of our parish. 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 a test. We continue to pray for all deceased victims caused by shootings in our country and in other countries in the world. We pray for devastated families, and their communities. Also, we pray for the proper gun control in our nation, for protection from opioid overdose, 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 to end 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 pray for the victims of any sexual abuse and harassment. Our Polish National Catholic Church has a zero tolerance. 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.

Our Mission - The parish of Holy Cross, PNCC 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. ***“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation”.*** (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 the lost.”*** (Luke 19:10) In the past **93 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.



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.

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!**



BLESSING OF HOMES Please contact Fr. Joseph if you wish to have blessed your home or apartment. 201-247-4832
or holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS - We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, Father Joseph after Mass. Please sign your name in “Our Church Guests” book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.

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.



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 September 1 - available

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



October 25 (Friday) – Tricky Tray at Local 464, Paterson Ave, Little Falls, NJ

October 25, 2019 – Special Synod, Scranton, PA – election of the bishop

November 10 – Pancake Breakfast at 10 am

Nov. 17, 2019 – Bake Sale and Stuffed Cabbage Sale after both Masses

Dec. 8, 2019 – Christmas Dinner after 11 am Mass

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.

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.



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Recent Parish Project -seal-coating and re-striping of parking lot and new Air Condition / Heating Unit The project did cost **\$3,000. which was done by Doctor Driveway Paving.** This company is highly recommended. It is the same company that repaired 75% of our parking lot with new pavement three years ago. All parking lot was seal coated and re-striped. Also any path holes (on “old parking lot”) were repaired as well.



Also, recently we had to replace the air conditioning unit located at Fr. John Slys Building / Day Care for the cost of **\$2,000.** We are asking for your donations to help pay for these projects. In advance, we thank you for your generosity and may God bless and reward you abundantly. **TOTAL EXPENSES \$5,000.**

THANK YOU FOR RECENT DONATIONS - \$3,350.

THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS ON- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

at the beginning of the 11am Holy Mass. The Holy Mass will take place in the parish hall. Well behaved dogs, cats, fish, birds and other God’s creatures are invited with their owners. The blessing will be given in commemoration of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of environment. As we know, animals trusted St. Francis and he treated them with courtesy. Near the end of his life St. Francis composed a song of praise and thanks to God for all his creations, called “Canticle to Brother Sun” – also known as the “Canticle of the Creatures.” From this song we know that St. Francis did not perceive himself isolated from other creatures. He simply assumed that all creatures – not only humans – form one family of creation. So we are encouraged to bless and praise God with cats, dogs, birds and all God’s creatures.





On Sunday September 15, 2019 at 11 am Mass the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION was administered by Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Bishop of the Central Diocese of PNCC. The following candidates were confirmed and their sponsors participated in the ceremony along with family members and friends. After the Mass the reception took place in the parish hall. We congratulate all new Confirmands and we wish them that they will use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives as well as for the well-being of our Holy Cross Church – Fr. Joseph Cyman, Pastor

CONFIRMANDS: Jean, Michael Agudelo, *Sponsor: Jaylene Esteves*

Janiris, Mary Aquedelo, *Sponsor: Julisa Gomez*

Dominika, Lucy Fidurska, *Sponsor: Sabina Kosiorowski*

Marcella, (Mother) Theresa Galindo, *Sponsor: Melissa Torres*

Diego, Martin (de Porres) Hill, *Sponsor: Natalie Valenzuela*

Christopher, Anthony (of Padua) LaPorta, *Sponsor: Edwin Crespo*
Mary, Mary Magdalene Lavella, *Sponsor: Janet Andrews*
Declan, Anthony (of Padua) Maher, *Sponsor: Ryan Maher*
Dominic, Matthew Porcoro Sr., *Sponsor: Deacon Bill Gaydos*
Dominic, Peter Porcoro Jr., *Sponsor: Al Marino*
Dean-James, Anthony (of Padua) Sobolewski, *Sponsor: Dennis Hofmann*

50 /50 Raffle

Holy Cross Parish is having a 50/50 raffle. The raffle draw will be held during our Tricky Tray event on October 25, 2019 at 10 pm. No need to be present to win though we would like you there in person to join us in the fundraiser. We kindly ask that each parishioner or family unit actively participate in the sale of enclosed tickets at \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10. There are 10 tickets in the book. Total cost of the book is \$35.

Ticket stubs with money and unsold tickets are to be returned to the parish office or collection basket by October 18, 2019. This fundraiser is licensed to be sold to the general public. More tickets are available by calling or texting parish office 201-247-4832. Please pick up the letter from the parish hall or you may receive it in the mail.

Tricky Tray – Friday October 25, 2019

Our Tricky Tray, the largest fundraiser of our Parish will be held on Friday, October 25, 2019 at Amalgamated Meat Cutters, 245 Paterson Ave., Little Falls, NJ. This year we celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Holy Cross Tricky Tray fundraiser.

Please consider donating a prize before Sunday October 20th so that we can print your donation in the program. We are in need of Regular Trays which are value \$35+, Super Trays, value \$50+, Grand Trays value \$100+ and 5 Platinum Trays value \$200+.

Please include your name and the content of the basket / donation that could appear on the outside of the prize. You can wrap your prize or we will do that for you. Entrance tickets are now available for purchase. You can reserve a table for 8-10 participants. BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HAVE A FAMILY REUNION. Get your entrance tickets in advance at \$15, or at the door for \$20. You can call the church at 201-247-4832 or Fran at 973-303-3874 or Penni at 973-768-7917 for tickets or purchase them on Sunday after Mass in the parish hall.

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On Saturday, September 20, 2019 the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Gianina Pomales, daughter of Steven Pomales and Melissa (nee Torres), Proud godparents were Luis and Jacqueline Monroe. We congratulate Pomales,, Torres and Monroe families on this special occasion. The Sacrament of Baptism-Confirmation is the foundation of our Christian faith, is a gateway to new life in the Spirit, and the door that gives access to other sacraments. Through the Sacrament of Baptism-Confirmation we are regenerated and incorporated into Christ's body – His Church. As God made the covenant with his people so through Baptism, Jesus makes a new and everlasting covenant with his followers. As Jesus won new life for us on the cross, with the symbol of the cross, Gianina was marked to receive the new life in the Lord. As the waters of the Red Sea led the people of Israel to freedom so the water of Baptism gave new life and lead to Salvation. Parents, godparents and all members of our parish pledge to help this child to grow in Christian faith.



**DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS
FOR THE PARISH COMMITTEE TO
DISCUSS AT THEIR MEETING?
REQUESTS AND IDEAS MUST BE AGREED AND VOTED
ON BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
DROP YOUR NOTE IN THE BOX
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LOOKING FORWARD FOR SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS,
PRAISES AND EVEN COMPLAINTS**

Contact Information for Organizations & Ministries

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- Rev. David Gaydos, 973-580-1256 (reserve clergy in the diocese)
- Deacon – Deacon William Gaydos, 973-902-9321
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- Lectors 9:00 a.m.- George O’Brien - 973-341-3241
- Lectors 11:00 a.m.- Parish Office, 201-247-4832
- Altar Servers – Deacon William Gaydos, 973-902-9321
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