

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 22, 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)

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. Matthew 1:24



Doubt and confusion are not unique to us, even in matters essential to our faith. People have long asked for signs from God when they are in turmoil. Joseph's deep question about Mary is the focus of today's Gospel. His moving forward on the strength of answers given in a dream should be a source of deep encouragement for us. Serious questions are not inappropriate; in fact, they can lead to amazing answers and events.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-14 God promises a sign, if asked.

Ps 24 Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Rom 1:1-7 Paul preaches Jesus, the Son of God.

Mt 1:18-24 A sign is given to Joseph.

WE THANK those who serve as LECTORS TODAY:

9:00 am – Edward Obsuth 11:00 am – Mark Kosciński

Next Lector's meeting (serving at 9 am) will be held on Sunday Jan. 5, 2020 at 10 am

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES ARE GREAT GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS. To date income

\$72,000. The easiest way to support our Building Fund is by purchasing weekly shopping certificates. The more you participate in purchasing certificates the loan taken for recent renovations will be paid back earlier. The shopping certificates you can use also as gift cards for any occasion. The Building Fund is needed to finance any future repairs and maintenance of our

facility. **GIFT CARDS** are available for **STOP N SHOP, FOODTOWN AND SHOP RITE.** 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: Mary Margo, Emila Bargiel, Sophie Barnes, Liz Wozney, Frances Sanchez, Wendy Schlesinger, Filip Sepelowski, Ewa B., Jeffrey, Roy Zebrowski, Declan, Urbano Giardino, Erik, Enrico, Josephine B. Amanda. *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 _____

Stephen Morgan / Karen Jarmarkowicz. – 11/01 – 10th Ann.

Russell Paulison and Karen Pettegrew – 11/ 22 – 27th Ann.

Jose Acosta/Paola Perez – 12/3 – 13th Ann. /John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 47th Ann.



Holy Cross Church Face Book Link: www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com Visiting our website holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. 287 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our face book

MEMBERSHIP 2019



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, DECEMBER 22, 2019 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses
 CONFESSIONS BEFORE MASSES**



- 9:00 AM** Holy Mass for All Parishioners
- 10:00 AM** – First Holy Communion Class
- 10:00 am** - Practice for Christmas Pageant at 4pm Christmas Eve
- 10:00 am** – Coffee and Cake Fellowship
- 11:00 am** – SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (during the Holy Mass at 11 am in the parish hall)
- 11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for +Leon Bujak, Helena Rejman, Andrzej, Agnieszka, and Jozef Cyman

Monday, Dec. 23, 2019 – Advent Weekday

- 8:30 am** – Holy Mass for the unity in our country



Tuesday, December 24, 2019 – Christmas Eve

- 4:00 pm** - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord with Youth
- 10:00 pm** - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord – General Assembly

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 – Christmas Day



- 10:00 am** – Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord – General Assembly

Thursday, December 26, 2019 – Feast St. Stephen

- 7:30 PM** – MASS OF HEALING FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND, Plan attend
- Friday, December 27, 2019 – Feast St. John the Apostle, and Evangelist.**
- 7:30 pm** – Holy Mass for Benefactors of Holy Cross Church



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019 – HUMBLE SHEPHERDS / HOLY FAMILY

- 9:00 AM** Holy Mass for All Parishioners
- 10:00 am** – Coffee and Cake 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 Parishioners



CHURCH CALENDARS - 2020

Shook Funeral Home have given us 2020 calendars for distribution. Anyone wishing to have one please take yours free of charge from the vestibule of the church.



ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY NEWS – Each December the St. Nicholas Ministry supplies poinsettias for delivery to our homebound parishioners. These flowers as well as the many cards, gifts, Care Notes are founded by your generous donations and stipend from the parish budget. For more information see Lucy, Richard Daum and Merry Sleave.



2020 ADULT ENVELOPES are available in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church.

THANK YOU TO:



Everyone who participated in the Advent Tree project and Pat Olsen who coordinated this noble cause. It benefited the less fortunate of our society - boys and girls of **DYFS (Division of Youth and Family Services)**, and men and women living in **EVA'S SHELTER, Paterson**. Your generosity is appreciated and rewarded by the Lord who asks us to take care of the needy.



Donations for the Homeless



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Classes are held each Sunday at 10 am in the parish hall (June Pettegrew classroom). Our Lord, Jesus Christ is really present in the Holy Eucharist under the forms of bread and wine.

Jesus 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)

Students should be enrolled in 2nd grade or older to participate; Parents/Guardians are required to attend Sunday Mass each week with children. The First Holy Communion teachers are Fr. Joseph and Ms. Mary Vitaletti.

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 PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN

Dear friends, please join us in our parish DAILY PRAYER CHAIN. Our prayers are addressed for those who were affected by any recent tragedies especially for families who lost their loved ones last week in Jersey City. We ask that God be their source of strength in their horrible time. 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. We pray to increase our dedication in the service for the Church established by our Lord, Jesus Christ and for the growth of our parish. We pray for the peace in the world to 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 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.



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.



HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH

The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$110.00 (in 2020) 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



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 \$1,895.**

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.



Be a Good Steward

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

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

Prayer for the Sick

O Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen

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.

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.

GOD'S FIELD – (Rola Boza) ONLINE - The latest issue of *God's Field* is now available online at <http://www.pncc.org>.

Click on the God's Field link at the top of the home page and follow the directions to access the recent issue. We hope you enjoy reading about the life and work of our parishes.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 16, 2020 – St. Valentine's after 11am Mass

March 15, 2020 – St. Patrick's after 11 am

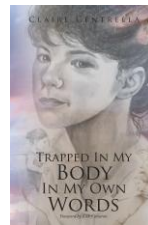
March 29, 2020 – Agape at 4 pm

May 10, 2020 – Mother's Day Breakfast at 10 am

June 7, 2020 – Church picnic

June 14, 2020 – Corpus Christi celebration at Holy Cross

June 21, 2020 – Father's Day Breakfast at 10 am



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. THERE ARE SOME COPIES OF THESE BOOKS IN THE PARISH HALL AVAILABLE FOR THE PURCHASE.



WINTER COATS, SCARFS, GLOVES, SWEATERS

PLEASE DONATE LIGHTLY USED AND IN GOOD CONADITION COATS , SCARFS, GLOVES, SWEATERS. Please your donation in the parish hall. Donations will be given to Fr. English Food Pantry and Eva's Shelter respectfully in Paterson, NJ.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38



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.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

Our Sunday School classes take place on Sundays during the 11 am Mass in the parish hall. To enroll your child please find the application on the church website or you can pick up application from the church office. The program is free of charge. Looking



forward to see you on Sunday.



HEALING MASS - **The next Masses of Healing will take place on Thursday Dec. 26th (regular date) and Thursday Jan. 30, 2020 at 7:30 pm.** Plan to attend. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – All parishioners are asked to make a donation to the Christmas Flower Fund. Special envelopes are enclosed in the envelope box and also are available in the vestibule of the church. You would be asked to please return your donations by Sunday, December 22, 2019. **Your donation including names of your departed loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.** Any later donations will appear in the consecutive bulletins .



NOTE FROM PASTOR: BIBLE STUDY

The next Bible Study will take place on Wednesday January 9, 2020 from 7:15- 8:00 pm

The classes will include Scripture reading and discussions. This is a wonderful way to renew our spiritual life during Advent. Plan to attend- Fr. Joseph



NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION!

Happy New Year!

December 31, 2019
8:00 pm - 1 am
with Music

Buffet dinner catered by Francesco's includes: bread and butter, tossed salad, assorted cold antipasti, penne with Vodka sauce, chicken Marsala, grilled salmon, pierogi, stuffed cabbage, mixed vegetables, roasted potatoes, seasoned rice, coffee, assorted beverages and desserts. Champaign toast is included. (BYOB)

Tickets - \$65/per person
(Semiformal attire preferred.)
Table reservations available for 8

Limited seating / Reserve your tickets early!

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Deadline for tickets
Sunday, December 22, 2019

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2020
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Christmas Eve

**4:00 P.M. – WITH YOUTH
PARTICIPATION**

10:00 P.M. – GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Christmas Day

10:00 A.M. – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Please join us to celebrate
The birth of our Lord

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Holy Cross Family

THANK YOU

- Parish Committee members for attending monthly meetings and making important decisions for the good of Holy Cross Church.
- Neil Estanislao and Jessica Muccilli for serving as organists at our Sunday liturgies
- We thank Fran Cuccinello, for her help in the parish office.
- Mrs. Renata Cyman for preparing altars for the Christmas liturgy
- Lynn Imperiale for updating our parish Facebook www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com
- Altar servers who serve during our Masses / Lectors who read the Holy Scripture / Ushers who collect our donations and Greeters who welcome people and distribute bulletins.



- WE THANK ANONYMOUS DONNORS WHO PAID for the NEW CARILLON FOR the church. The new unit will be installed before Christmas. May the music proclaim the glory of God in our community!
- We thank anyone for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of Holy Cross Church. God bless you all!



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