

2ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 8, 2019

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

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The Reverend Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor

The Deacon William Gaydos

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

"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." Matthew 3:8



In a chaotic world filled with personal, political and often environmental turmoil, it is easy to long for someone coming from the outside to help us, to "fix" things. But today we are reminded that something is also required of us. Preparing for Christ was and is a serious task, involving our own need for hope and repentance. We can look to Jesus for solace and assistance, but we are called to "make straight our paths" and to "produce good fruit as evidence

of (our) repentance." His coming makes great demands on us. Christ Jesus, you come to restore peace and harmony: Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you call us to be ready for your coming: Lord, have mercy.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10 Isaiah's poetic yearning for the one who will restore peace to Israel.

Psalms 72 Justice shall flourish in his time.

Romans 15:4-9 Paul prays for hope and harmony.

St. Matthew 3:1-12 John the Baptist preaches repentance.

WE THANK those who serve as LECTORS TODAY:

9:00 am – George O'Brien 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. RECENTLY ANOTHER \$1,000 WAS DEPOSITED TO

BUILDING FUND FROM GIFT CARDS SALE. To date income \$72,000. 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 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.

Mykel Camacho / Stacey Teran – 12/12 - 1st Ann.

John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 47th Ann.



(If you would like to include the date of your birthday or the member of your family in the bulletin, please call the parish office at (201)-247-4832.

Holy Cross Church Face Book Link: www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com **Visiting our website Blog 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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 Robert P. Festa, Jr., Manager N.J. Lic. No. 4097
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 Totowa, NJ 07512 Fax: 973-790-6174
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 973.754.9355
 973-881-7368 fax

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 47 Main Street Little Falls, NJ 07424
 Phone 973 256-4700 Fax 973 256-4701
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 Thomas J. (Toby) Bizub Jr., Manager
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent Tree Project continues

Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses



9:00 AM Holy Mass for +David C. Bucci, Mike Savastano; *Req. by Dominick J. Bucci (All Souls)*

10:00 AM – First Holy Communion Class

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

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for +Melissa and August Centrella, Theresa and Emanuele Triggiano; *Req. by Claire Centrella*
 + Martin and Maria Gec; *Req. by Wanda Motyka*



Monday, Dec. 9, 2019 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

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

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019 – St. Gregory

8:30 am – Holy Mass for the Youth

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019 – St. Damasus of Rome, Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for our Nation

7:15 – 8 pm – Bible Study – Plan to attend

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 – St. Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am – Holy Mass for Holy Cross Parish members

7:00 am - **“My Time with Mary – a Spa for the Soul” – plan to attend**

Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 – St. Lucy, V.M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for the Benefactors of Holy Cross Living and Deceased



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent Tree Project ends

Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses



9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Vincent Kelleher, Mary Kelleher, Chester Lekston; *Req. by Jeanne Lekston (All Souls)*

10:00 AM – First Holy Communion Class

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

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for +Anastasia Lazor and Henry Pluninski; By Cyman Family
NEXT PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING and decoration of the church inside will take place on Tuesday Dec. 17, 2019 at 7:30 pm.





FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Classes are held each Sunday at 10 am in the parish hall (June Pettegrew classroom). Registration is still open.

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.

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. 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. Our prayers are addressed for those who were affected by any 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 any war in the world. 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

Welcome! 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



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!**



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.



Be a Good Steward

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

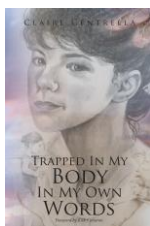
BLESSING OF HOMES Please contact Fr. Joseph if you wish to have blessed your home or apartment. 201-247-4832 or holycrosspncc1@gmail.com



HEALING MASS - The next Masses of Healing will take place on **Thursday, December 26, 2019,** and **Thursday Jan. 30, 2020 at 7:30 pm.** Plan to attend. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 8, 2019 – Christmas Dinner after 11 am Mass.
- Dec. 11, 2019 – Bible Study from 7:15- 8:00 pm
- Dec. 12, 2019 – Hour with Mary – Candlelight Service see more info
- 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



PRAYER SERVICE – THURSDAY Dec. 12, 2019 AT 7 PM



You are invited to attend the prayer service called “My Time with Mary – a Spa for the Soul” which will be on Thursday December 12th at 7pm in our church. It is a new Rosary Prayer filled with beautiful music and a few short readings – there will be time for silence and contemplation with music playing. Please join us if you can. Find some time in your busy schedule, and join us for your spiritual benefit “To have peace, teach peace and therefore learn it.” Hope to see you on **THURSDAY DECEMBER 12, 2019 AT 7 PM.**

ADVENT TREE - This annual project is coordinated by Pat Olsen. It will end December 15, 2019. Please check if there are any name tags left on the Advent Tree. We help boys and girls of **DYFS (Division of Youth and Family Services), senior men and women from EVA’S SHELTER.** Your generosity is appreciated and rewarded by the Lord who asks us to take care for the needy. All gifts are due on Sunday, December 15, 2019.



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

During Advent the Bible Study classes will take place on Dec. 11, 2019 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

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.**

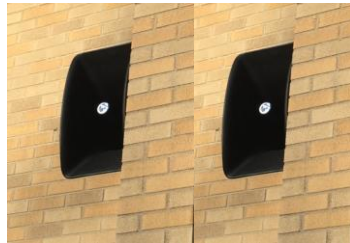
OPLATEK – CHRISTMAS WAFERS will be available in the parish hall in Advent to keep the tradition of sharing it with the family and members of the household at the beginning of the supper on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day when family gathers for Christmas. The donation of \$3 per package is appreciated.



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 (NO NEED TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME) LOOKING FORWARD FOR SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS, PRAISES AND EVEN COMPLAINTS

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.
- Renat Cyman for changing the altar linens from Ordinary Time (green) to Advent (blue).
- 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 (Sonata) CARILLON for the us of our church. The new unit

was installed on Saturday Dec. 7, 2019, just before Christmas! May the music proclaim the glory of God in our community!

“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

- We thank anyone for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of Holy Cross Church. God bless you all!



Welcome! 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!**

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 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.

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.





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!

Tel: 201-247-4832 or 973-256-4888

Email holycrosspncc1@gmail.com / josephcyman@gmail.com

Deadline for tickets
Sunday, December 22, 2019

Holy Cross Church
220 Browertown Rd.
Woodland Park, NJ

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

“My Time With Mary – a Spa For The Soul”

Candlelight Prayer Service

Thursday, December 19th at 7pm



Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish PNCC

135 Hathaway St. Wallington NJ

“To have peace, teach peace and therefore learn it”

Everyone Is Welcome.

You are invited to spa for your soul – new Rosary prayers with beautiful music and few short readings. There will be time for silence and contemplation with music playing in the background. Please join us if you can - find some time in your busy schedule and let your soul and your body rest in the silence of the music... in the silence of the prayer...a prayer of the heart.
Come and rest...and recuperate...and recharge...

Let not the religion divide us – as God Only Unites

CHRISTMAS DINNER

“With Santa”

Holy Cross Church

Dec. 8, 2019 after 11am Mass (12 pm)

Sing-a-long

With School of Christian Living

Great Menu – available soon

Santa Claus will be present with gifts

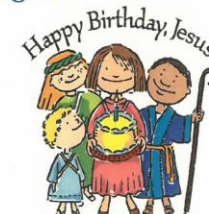
Tickets - \$15 Adults before

Sunday Dec. 1st

After Dec 1st tickets are \$20

No tickets sale after Dec. 4th

THE SCHOOL OF
CHRISTIAN LIVING
CHILDREN ARE FREE



Please help us to serve and clean up

Invite your family and friends

Tel: 201-247-4832 or 973-256-4888

Email holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

Deadline for tickets

Sunday, December 1, 2019

After Dec 1st tickets are \$20

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ENJOY!

Time With Mary - a Spa For The Soul.

Thursday, December 12th at 7pm.

Holy Cross Parish PNCC

220 Browertown Rd, Woodland Park NJ

A Candlelight Prayer Service

With Beautiful Music



Everyone Is Welcome.

Come along and bring a friend.

Please join us if you can - find some time in your busy schedule and let your soul and your body rest in the silence of the music...

in the silence of the prayer...a prayer of the heart.

Come and rest...and recuperate...and recharge...

Please Come In - Rest In The Heart Of Jesus

And Receive His Peace



On Sunday
Dec. 1, 2019
parishioners
and the youth
of Sunday
School
collected winter
coats,
sweaters,
gloves,

scarves, blankets, hats, etc for the homeless in Paterson, NJ. Sandwiches were prepared in the parish hall by youth and parents. The weather did not deter our plans.

A dozen or more homeless were found on the streets of Paterson who gladly accepted our donations that helped them to be fed and warm this winter. The remaining items were delivered to Eva's Village and Eva's Shelter.