1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 1, 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)





" Therefore, stay awake!" Matthew 24:42

As we begin this Advent season, we focus on the universal spiritual practice of being awake—deeply aware. It's not that we're sleeping, but that it's so easy to become distracted by the ordinary demands of life—especially in this holiday season. It is so easy to overlook what is truly most important, but staying alert is hard. God is always present to us; Jesus comes in many ways. If we're not alert, we miss it all. What will it take to keep us focused? Lord Jesus, you urged your disciples to stay awake: Lord, have mercy. Christ Jesus, you told them to watch for the Son of

Man's return: Christ, have mercy.

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Isaiah 2:1-5 God's word brings amazing transformation Psalms 122 Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord Romans 13:11-14 Stay awake for Christ's coming Matthew 24:37-44 Be vigilant for the coming of the Lord

WE THANK those who serve as LECTORS TODAY:



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. <u>GIFT CARDS</u> are available for <u>STOP N SHOP</u>, <u>FOODTOWN AND SHOP RITE</u>. 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.

<u>ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE:</u> 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 HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes are expressed to the following parishioners:



- 47th Ann.

MATTERS



Renata Cyman – 11/14; Michael Cyman – 11/15; Alyson Matute Pauta – 11/16; Mateo Pomales – 11/16; Nicholas Galese – 11/21; Christine Gaydos – 11/22; Chaz Wozney – 11/23; Henry Fernandez – 11/16; Jessie Santos-11/27; Michael Peano – 11/28; Christian Reyes – 11/29, Ariel Rodriguez – 11/29; Luis Bradbury – 12/3; Harolina Menchon – 12/10; Matthew Camacho – 12/12; Jessica Palman –12/16; Rana Mikhail – 12/19; Gianfranco Sung -12/20; Fran Cuccinello – 12/23; Italo Palman – 12/19; Sheylla Poggi – 12/21; Michael Malenchak – 12/25; Isabel Tiseo – 12/27;

Greg Wozney – 12/30; Fr. David Gaydos – 12/31;

(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

<u>BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2019</u> — 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 holycrosspnccl@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 1, 2019 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent Tree Project continues

Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses

9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Michael Gaydos, Joseph & Margaret Gaydos, Paul & Ann Zachok, Barbara & Ann Zachok, Dorothy & Ellen Zachok, William & Margaret Wiesner, Andrew &

Mary Gaydos, George & Susan Stecina, Andrew & Ann Zachock; Req. by Deacon Bill and Pat Gaydos (All Souls)

10:00 AM – First Holy Communion Class

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

11:00 AM - Holy Mass for + Mikhail Awad, Balkees Awad, Maysoon Awad, Mazin Sami, Sabeth Qako,

Salma Aboudi, Najeba Aboudi; Req. By Hilal Hanna & Family (All Souls)

FEEDING THE HOMELESS IN PATERSON AFTER 11 AM MASS

Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 – St. Babiana, V., M.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019 – St. Francis Xavier, P.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for the Youth

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 - St. Barbara, V., M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for our Nation

Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 -St. Sabas, Ab.

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

Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 – St. Nicholas pf Myra, Bp.

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

+LEON Bujak; Req. by Cyman and Bujak Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent Tree Project continues

Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses



*19:00 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 – <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES</u> (during the Holy Mass at parish hall)



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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

AFTER MASS – CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH SANTA



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 Joseph after Mass. Please sign your name Welcome! in "Our Church Guests" book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us



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.



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.

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

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



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.

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 12^{th} at7pm 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.**

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

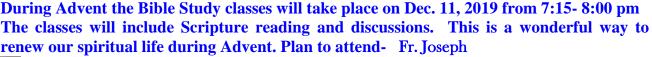


ADVENT TREE - This annual project will begin on Sunday Nov. 24, 2019 until December 15, 2019. We will help boys and girls of **DYFS** (Division of Youth and Family Services), senior men and women from EVA'S SHELTER. Your generosity is appreciated and rewarded by the Lord who asks us to take care for 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 16, 2018. 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.







<u>HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN</u> 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.

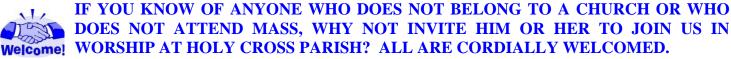


DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS
FOR THE PARISH COMMITTEE TO
DISCUSS AT THEIR MEETING?
REQUESTS AND IDEAS MUST BE AGREED AND VOTED ON BY THE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
DROP YOUR NOTE IN THE BOX
(NO NEED TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME)
LOOKING FORWARD FOR SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS, PRAISES AND EVEN

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.
 - Renata Cyman for changing altar linens for Advent season.
- 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!



<u>NEW PARISHIONERS</u> – 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!

<u>PARISH CHOIR</u> – 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

<u>LASTING GIFTS</u> - "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.

<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.

<u>GOD'S FIELD – (Rola Boza) ONLINE -</u> 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.





THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We thank all those who brought nonperishable food items and Shop Rite gift certificates for Thanksgiving Baskets. Total of 16 baskets were delivered to Passaic Valley Regional High School on Nov. 25th. May the Lord reward your generosity. God bless you all.



"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



2019 AFTER 11 1M MASS







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

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.

"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