

# HOLY CROSS CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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94 YEARS OF SERVICE

DECEMBER 2020 – JANUARY 2021



## FROM PASTOR'S DESK



### **PICTURE #1, #2**

The Holy Cross parish in Woodland Park celebrated a parish Luncheon/Picnic on Sept. 13, 2020 accompanied by the dedication of the plaque in the memory of Hughie Vickerilla. The plaque says "In memory of Hughie's Coffee Hour." Hughie shared the culinary talents he learned from his father Hubert in preparing beefsteak and fish and chips dinners as well as special menu for parish celebrations. He served coffee hour for many years and brought pastries for our parishioners. He left a legacy of service and dedication to Holy Cross Church. At today's celebration Hughie's wife, Beverly and his family members were present.

### **PICTURE #3**

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Raymond Rey Bradbury, son of Steven and Pilar (nee Rey) Bradbury on Saturday, September 19th. We congratulate parents, godparents, Robert and Mary family members and friends.

### **PICTURE #4**

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Scarlett Rose Wysocki, daughter of Sebastian and Ashley (nee Burr) Wysocki on Sunday, September 20th. We congratulate parents, godparents, Anthony and Jessica, family members and friends on this special occasion.

### **PICTURE #5**

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Christian James Gonzalez, son of Cesar Augusto Gonzalez And Christine (nee Howard) on Sunday, September 27th. Proud godparents were Jason Howard and Michelle Gonzalez. We congratulate Christian's family members and friends on this special occasion.

### **PICTURE #5**

We congratulate Nylah P. and her parents, Richard and Karlah, on Nylah's baptism, on Sunday, August 9, 2020

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are 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, Nylah was marked with the sign of the cross to receive a 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 her new life in the Spirit of the Lord. Parents, godparents and all members of our parish pledge to help newly baptized child and members to grow in Christian faith.

### **PICTURE #6, #7**

On Sunday, October 4th, the Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, the annual blessing of pets took place at the beginning of the 11 am Mass.

The Holy Mass was celebrated in the parish hall with good attendance. The names of pets that were part of our celebration from left, cat – Sylvia, dog – Arabella, dog – Shelby, dog – Fred, dog – Jack, bunny – Baby. a Missing in the picture are two dogs, Lola and Loki that need to go home earlier....

### **PICTURE #8, #9, # 10**

Our Successful Yard Sale took place on Saturday, October 3rd from 9 am to 3 pm. We thank parishioners and friends who donated items for this fundraiser.

We appreciate Michael, Natalie and Fr. Joseph who set up tables and transported donations to the front of the church. We thank those who were selling items, served coffee, bagels and doughnuts during the Yard Sale: Penni Lazor, Fran Cuccinello, Renata Cyman, Natalie Cyman, George O'Brien, Dominick Bucci, and Rafal Daniewski. In addition to the success, we enjoyed great weather that made this event a pleasant and enjoyable one. We thank six outside vendors who donated to Holy Cross Church for the use of our tables and were part of our event.



Please pray for the Sick of the Parish: Out of respect for the privacy we can only publish the names of the sick with their consent. The following members of our parish community are in need of our prayers: **Annie Hornak, Filip Sepelowski, Emila Bargiel, Sophie Barnes, Frances Sanchez, Wendy Schlesinger, Ewa B., Jeffrey, Roy Zebrowski, Declan, Erik, Enrico, Josephine B. Jeanne Lexton, Carmen.** If you would like to have your name on the list or your loved ones with their permission, please contact the parish office. 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). In this time of coronavirus, priests cannot visit the sick but can call and say prayers over the phone. If you or a member of your family are ill, please notify the rectory 201-247-4832.

**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 – 11th Ann.**

**Russell Paulison/ Karen Pettegrew – 11/ 22 – 28th Ann.**

**Jose Acosta/Paola Perez – 12/3 – 14th Ann.**

**John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 48th 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

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Visiting our website [Blog holycrosssite.org](http://Blog.holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. 359 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

### MEMBERSHIP 2020



As of Dec. 6, 2020 – (69) adult parishioners paid membership.

**EXPLANATION:** The parish needs to send \$25 to the Central Diocese, and \$100 to the General Church; Total membership is \$125.00 per adult. **THE PRINTING COMPANY DIDN'T PRINT THE RIGHT AMOUNT ON THE ENVELOPES; IT SHOULD BE – THE SINGLE MEMBERSHIP - \$125 AND THE FAMILY \$250. PLEASE SEND THE RIGHT AMOUNT.** For further information please contact Richard Daum at 973-694-9457. If you cannot afford to pay the church membership please contact Fr. Joseph or send email [holycrosspnc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspnc1@gmail.com) Thank you.

### Imagine a Church that is:

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Has Valid Sacraments,

Allows its priests to marry.

You don't have to Imagine anymore!

COME to Holy Cross Church

**ADVENT TREE ENDS** - This annual project coordinated by Pat Olsen, has begun WILL END ON DEC. 20<sup>TH</sup>. We are helping **senior men and women living in EVA'S SHELTER, Paterson, NJ.** Your generosity is appreciated. All name tags were taken as of Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. You plan to give gift for that noble cause, please bring them on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

### UPCOMING BAPTISMS:



**Geon Miguel Sung – Dec 20, 2020**  
**Fiona Rae Lynn Williams – Dec. 27, 2020**

**DAILY MASSES** are held as announced in the bulletin. Examples of the Mass intentions are: For the Sick, In Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Beseech God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries. Please contact Father Joe.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Arrangements at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

**ACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

**EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS** should be reported to the rectory office immediately. 201-247-4832



### HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN

Dear friends, please join us in our parish **DAILY PRAYER**

**CHAIN.** God is listening to our prayers when we call for His blessing. We pray for our nation, for peace and unity and blessing upon our future after the elections; for those who are elected to serve our country. We pray for all those who are affected by outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). We pray for those who lost their jobs and for those who struggle financially. We pray for the sick for their recovery and for medical staff for the wisdom and guidance in their service. We pray for the end of this global pandemic.

**IN OUR PRAYERS WE ASK FOR THE RESPECT OF THE SANCTITY OF EACH LIFE AND DIGNITY OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL REGARDLESS OF RACE, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL PARTY, GENDER, ETHNICITY, STATUS OR CREED. WE PRAY FOR PEACE THAT WE MAY LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH EACH OTHER SIDE BY SIDE, RESPECTING DIFFERENCES, CHERISHING DIVERSITY, LIVING WITHOUT FEAR OF THE OTHER HONORING THE IMAGE OF GOD IN EVERY HUMAN SOUL.** Our prayers are addressed for those who were affected by any recent tragedies. We pray for peaceful resolutions in recent conflicts and for peace in the world. We remember persecuted Christians around the world. We pray for those who are addicted to drugs 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 in that respect.

Please pray for each other asking for God's blessing especially for our parishioners who are sick, home-bound and are in need of any kind of healing and support. We pray for an increase of our dedication in the service for the Church established by our Lord, Jesus Christ and for the growth of our Holy Cross Church. May the Holy Cross Church continue to grow in faith and number so that we remain to be the place of

worship where many people will accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Amen.



Dear Friends, the Holy Cross Church 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 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.



**LET US IMITATE THE WAYS OF GOD BY BEING MORE GENEROUS AND LOVING IN OUR SERVICE TO HIS MYSTICAL BODY, "THE CHURCH."**



**FOOD DRIVE** – A food drive to benefit the Father English Food Pantry is open on weekly basis. Last week food items were picked up by Fr. English Food Pantry, Paterson. You can bring imperishable food items as “gifts for the poor” to the parish hall. We all need to remember the words of our Lord: *“Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me.” (Mat. 25:40).*

**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.**

### THANK YOU

- Parish committee members for attending monthly meeting.
- Parishioners who donated items for Fr. English Food pantry.
- Parishioners who sent donations by mail or electronically using Venmo or PayPal. May the Lord reward your concern for the church generosity. Please consider to donate if you plan to do so. – See our financial balance.
- Fran Cuccinello for her help in the parish office
- Richard Daum and Merry Sleece for selling shopping certificates in the parish hall and for the recent \$1000 donation from certificates sale to our Building Fund.

- Renata Cyman and Penni Lazor for decorating the church for Christmas and cleaning church linens
- Lynn Imperiale for updating our parish Facebook [www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com)
- We thank anyone for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of Holy Cross Church.

May God bless you in return.



WE WELCOME CHIRAG & AARTI TAYLOR, GEON MIGUEL & ERICA SUNG, SUSAN KNIGHT, CHRISTINE AND CESAR

GONZALEZ AND KAREN PERLATA AND ALEX ORTIZ WHO RECENTLY JOINED THE HOLY CROSS CHURCH.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** – If you are new to our parish, please submit your name and phone number to Father Joseph. Welcome! Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have.



**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.

**Dear Parishioners – Thank you in advance for your generous support:**

**You have all generously supported your parish, for which parish committee and I are extremely thankful. Nevertheless, we ask you to prayerfully consider underwriting the cost of some needed supplies for the parish. Also, please prayerfully consider underwriting some essential operating costs of the parish:**

**If you are interested in helping the parish, please contact parish office**

### SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING



Our Sunday School classes take place from during the 11 am Mass in the parish hall. Please join us.

During classes please wear masks. The program is free of charge. You can register at the parish office or after the Mass. We thank Mr. Paul Murphy, Ms. Natalie Lazar for teaching our students. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please contact parish office to register 973-256-4888 or 201-247-4832 or contact Fr. Joseph after Sunday Mass. The weekly classes are held at 10 am on Sunday. To date we have four (4) children and thee (3) adults taking classes. *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 become 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)

Confirmation Class



**Confirmation Classes – To date we have eight (8) students taking classes. Please contact parish office to register or contact Fr. Joseph after Sunday Mass. The**

**classes are held after the 11 am Mass. Students who are in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older and adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons.**

**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 vestibule of the church, use**

special envelopes and make your check out to Adoration Society. Thank you for your donations.

**Week of Dec. 13 – Vickerilla and Sincavage Families; By Beverly Vickerilla**

**Week of Dec. 20 – Hughie Vickerilla; by Beverly Vickerilla**

**Week of Dec. 27 – Fr. Steve Skinta OSBM ; by Mark Koscinski**

**Week of Jan. 6, 2021 - Available**

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

**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 20, 2020. **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

**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.

*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 94 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.

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**Dear Parishioners, ON SUNDAY WE CONTINUE TO HAVE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MASSES AT 9 AM AND 11 AM** with necessary precautions to keep you safe.

You are invited to attend Sunday Mass using hand sanitizers, wearing masks and keeping social distancing. Our pews are prepared for these requirements indicating places where you may sit. After careful calculations it was determined that 40 people can be seated in the church with a required 60-inch separation. Families may sit together in the same pew. If there is an overflow of people seating is available in the parish hall. The Mass can be seen and heard on the closed-circuit TV. Coffee hour are held after both Masses following social distancing. The 11am Mass most of the time is Live Stream on Facebook available for those who cannot attend Mass. Please log in @ holycrosswoodlandpark.com.



**HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH There is a limit of people in attending the hall rentals according to CDC**

**requirement.** The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$120.00 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

**2019 BULLETIN ADS - \$100 per year – THANK YOU**

**BUSINESS ADVERTISING** – 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](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com), thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**

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## Christmas Eve

4:00 P.M. – WITH YOUTH  
PARTICIPATION

10:00 P.M. – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Christmas Day

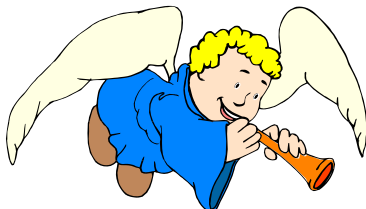
10:00 A.M. – GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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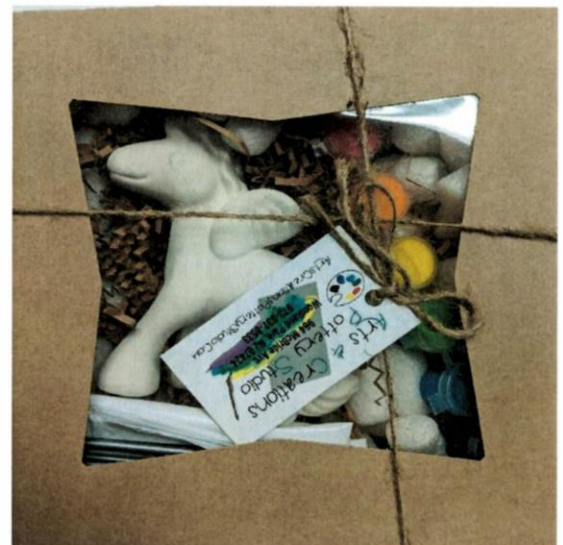
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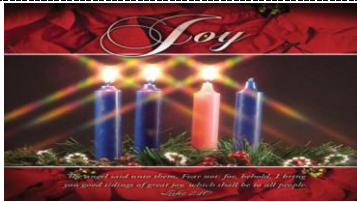
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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor  
The Reverend David Gaydos, (Reserve clergy in Diocese)  
The Deacon William Gaydos

**SUNDAY MASS 9 am & 11:00 am**  
**WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am**



*"Who are you...What do you have to say for yourself?" - John 1:22*

Today we are in the rhythm of both gratitude and yearning. Between the two, there is great space for hope. We are learning to be a patient people, continuing on, grateful but also impatient, in hope. We don't give up hoping just because some of the things we long for in God's reign of peace and justice have already happened. We're there, and yet we're not. So much remains unfinished; so many

have not yet experienced what has been promised.



Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 The prophet announces glad tidings and vindication

Ps Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 My soul rejoices in my God

1 Thess 5:16-24 Awaiting Christ's promised return

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 "There is one coming among you..."

**Lectors serving today:**

**9 am – Dominick Bucci**

**11 am – Mark Kosciński**

**Live stream Mass for homebound on Facebook [www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com) - 11 am**

**SHOPPING CERTIFICATES ARE GREAT GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS. RECENTLY \$1,000 was deposited to Building Fund from shopping certificates sales. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. To date income \$73,000. Help us to reach \$74,000 by the end of the year.**

**Please** 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. **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. May God bless and reward you. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

**PARISH NEWSLETTERS ARE IN THE PARISH HALL. PLEASE PICK-UP COPY IF YOU want to have one. Other hard copies will be sent to sick and homebound. The copy was sent to you in email. Enjoy pictures and reading. Fr. Joe**



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020 - 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**9:00 AM** HOLY MASS FOR; +Louis Phillips, Helen & Stanley Haftek; Off. By Eileen Phillips (All Souls)

**"HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR" WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class (enrolment open)**



**11:00 am – Sunday School class during 11 am Mass in the parish hall**

**11:00 AM** HOLY MASS FOR + Deceased of Kosciński, Hornak, Lunski, Glynn, and Families; Req. by M. Kosciński & Susan Hornak (All Souls) . ALL PARISHIONERS



**Saverlich**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT 12 NOON / PLEASE WEAR MASKS EXCEPT MEAL.**

**Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 – St. John of the Cross, Priest, D.**

**8:30 am – Holy Mass for our nation**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020 – St. Nino. V.**

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

**7:30 pm – Parish Comm. Meeting & decoration of the church**

**Wed., December 16, 2020 – St. Eusebius, Bp.**



**8:30 am – Holy Mass for the end of pandemic**

**7:15-8 pm – Preparation for Baptism**

**Thursday, December 17, 2020 – St. Lazarus of Bethany**

**8:30 am – Holy Mass for the sick and homebound**

**Friday, December 18, 2020 – St. Rufus and Zosimus, M.**

**8:30 am – Holy Mass for benefactors of Holy Cross Parish, living and deceased**

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020 – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**9:00 AM** HOLY MASS FOR; +John Swider and Deceased of Kutzer Family; Req. by Verna Swider (All Souls)

**"HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR" WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class (enrolment open)**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**11:00 am – Sunday School class during 11 am Mass in the parish hall**

**11:00 AM HOLY MASS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**Sacrament of Baptism for Geon Miguel Sung**

**“HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR” WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS AFTER 11 AM MASS (enrolment open)**



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