

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 20. 2020

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS PARISH** PNCC 94 Years of Service

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The Deacon William Gaydos

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

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." - Luke 1:30

We celebrate the last week of Advent with profound message. The fulfillment of God's promises is about to happen! This single day places us in a long line of yearning people. Christmas is upon us, yet the task of endless anticipation is a sacred reality we need to embrace. Just as with those who are inches away from relief, rescue or reversal of any kind, still hang on. All of life is like this.



2 Sm 7:15, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Promise of an heir from the house of David
Ps 89 For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord
Rom 16:25-27 Everyone is offered salvation through Christ
Lk 1:26-38 The angel Gabriel announces the prophecy's fulfillment

Lectors serving today:

9 am – Richard Daum

11 am – Kiame

Live stream Mass for homebound on Facebook www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com - 11 am

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES ARE GREAT GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS. RECENTLY another \$1000 was deposited to Building Fund from shopping certificates sales. To date our income is \$74,000. 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

bles and reward you.



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 in the bulletin, please call the parish office at (201)-247-4832



family

Holy Cross Church Face Book – link www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

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



BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2020 – 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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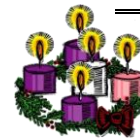
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

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

11:00 AM HOLY MASS FOR +Melissa and August Centrella, Theresa and Emanuele Triggiano;

Offered by Claire Centrella

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM for Geon Miguel Sung Lim

“HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR” WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

CONFIRMATION CLASS AFTER 11 AM MASS

Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 – St. Thomas Apostle - Advent

8:30 am – Holy Mass for our nation

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 – St. Anastasia, V., M. - Advent

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

Wed., December 23, 2020 – St. Eusebius, Bp. - Advent

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

7:30 pm – Preparation for Baptism

Thursday, December 24, 2020 – 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

Friday, December 25, 2020 – Christmas Day

10:00 am – Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019 – HOLY FAMILY / HUMBLE SHEPHERDS

9:00 AM HOLY MASS FOR +Hughie Vickerilla, John & Adele Sincavage, Hubert & Rose

Vickerilla Sr.; Of by Beverly Vickerilla (All Souls)

“HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR” WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class

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

11:00 AM HOLY MASS FOR +Ronie Cordere Sr., Arthur Amansec

Sr; Off. By Hatima Omolon

Sacrament of Baptism for Fiona, Rae Lynn Williams daughter of John and Mardochee Williams

“HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR” WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

CONFIRMATION CLASS AFTER 11 AM MASS





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



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.



Imagine a Church that is:

One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic

Democratic in governance

Welcomes ALL who wishes to follow Christ

Teaches traditional spiritual and moral values

Has Valid Sacraments,

Allows its priests to marry.

You don't have to Imagine anymore!

COME to Holy Cross Church

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."



Be a Good Steward



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 and decoration of the church inside.
 - 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
 - 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. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have.

Welcome!

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 three (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 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 7th 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

Week of Feb. 7, 2021 – Balkes Awad, Maysoon Awad, Mazen Samy, Sabeth Kako, Salma Abboudy, Mikhail Awad, Najeeba Abboudy

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

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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosswoodlandpark.com).



Holy Cross Church Take-Home Pottery Kits

Kits include: Ready-to-Paint Pottery with a Selection of Paints and Brushes

50% of PROCEEDS DONATED TO HOLY CROSS

Holiday themed kit, \$25

Generic kit (unicorn or other animal), \$20



Passaic Valley Unico donated \$250 Kohl's gift certificates and \$300 Shop Rite gift certificates for the needy families in our community. Thank you and God bless your service.



Christmas Dinner Dec. 13, 2020

We thank Parish Committee and Adoration Society for all efforts to organize our annual Christmas Luncheon on Sunday Dec. 13, 2020. We thank those who attended the event and made it a joyful day especially for the children who were part of our celebration.



Special thanks to:  Phone: (973) 837-8533
964 McBride Ave., Woodland Park