

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY / HUMBLE SHEPHERDS – DEC. 27, 2020

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

INTRODUCTION



We are all destined to live in families: the great human family, the families into which we were born, the families we may choose through marriage or friendship. Jesus was no exception. Jesus' family, like most of ours, was not a family of great privilege. They fulfilled the ritual requirements of Judaism and returned to their simple lives in Nazareth. There, we can presume, they followed the sometimes-difficult call to honor, love and respect one another ... just like us.

Humble Shepherds Feast – reflection:

The Humble Shepherds feast was called into being by the Synod that gathered in Scranton in 1906. The clergy and laity gathered at that time were for the most part poor, immigrant laborers. Many workers that time were coal miners. They worked in very hard often in horrible and dangerous conditions. And it was these very people who gathered at Synod when the PNCC was not even ten years old and voted to honor the humble shepherds of Bethlehem and all that they stood for. It took hard working people to recognize hard working shepherds. This feast remembers people who are disadvantaged in any way in our society today.



Scripture readings:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 God calls us to honor and care for our fathers and mothers.

Psalms 128 Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Colossians 3:12-21 Live in love and peace with one another in Jesus' name.

Luke 2:22-40 The favor of God is upon Jesus, presented in the temple.

Lectors serving today:

9 am – Neil Kiame

11 am – Mark Kosciński

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 bless and reward you.



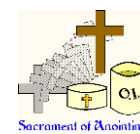
Please pray for the Sick of the Parish: Out of respect for the privacy of the person who is ill we can only publish the names of the sick with their consent. We review our list monthly. The following members of our parish

community are in need of our prayers: 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.

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage.

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

John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 48th Ann.



Sacrament of Anointing

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.

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 Church Face Book – link www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

Visiting our website 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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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

11:00 am – In lieu of Sunday School class, children will attend Mass with their parents



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
 In lieu of Confirmation Class students should attend Sunday Mass

Monday, Dec.28, 2020 – Holy Innocents, M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for our nation

Tuesday, December 29 2020 – Octave of Christmas

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

Wed., December 30, 2020 – Octave of Christmas

8:30 am – Holy Mass for end of pandemic

Thursday, December 31, 2020 – St. Sylvester of Tome, Bp.

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

Friday, January 1, 2021 – New Year's Day; Holy Name of Jesus

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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



9:00 AM HOLY MASS FOR; +Helen & Joseph Mihuk, Ann & Andrew Obsuth, deceased of Sudsky Family; *Offered by Edward and Beverly Obsuth (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 +Aida Martinez, Carmelo Santiago, Luis Llanos, Rosa Cuba Vasquez, Claudio Santiago, Juan Hidalgo; *Offered by Rosa Llanos*



“HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR” WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

CONFIRMATION CLASS AFTER 11 AM MASS

May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you and your loved ones in Christmas season and all throughout the New Year 2021



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – 2021!

- ❖ **Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku – 2021!**
- ❖ **Joyeux Noël et Bonne Novell L'Année 2021!**
- ❖ **Feliz Navidad y Buen Año Nuevo 2021!**

- ❖ **Froehliche Weinachten und ein gutes neues Jahr 2021!**
- ❖ **Buon Natale e felice anno nuovo 2021**
- ❖ **Sretan Božić! Sretna Nova Godina! 2021 / Veselé vánoce a šťastný Nový Rok 2021**

Father Joseph with Family and the Parish Committee



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 - **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.
- Deacon Bill Gaydos for his help in the liturgies of the Mass, scheduling the altar servers and helping with Christmas Pageant at 4 pm.
- Fr. David Gaydos for his service.
- Fran Cuccinello for help in the office
- Parish Committee members attending monthly meetings Richard Daum, Penni Lazor, Natalie Lazor, Zaida Bueno, Bob Sleece, George O'Brien, Dominick Bucci, Guy Garofano, Paul Murphy, and for decorating the inside of the church for Christmas. Richard Daum for delivery of Christmas flowers. We remember Hughie Vickerilla for his dedication of many years as the member of Parish Committee. He passed away in February 2020. May he rest in peace.
- Organists, Neil Estanislao and Jessica Muccilli for their great service.
- Adoration Society for their ministry and help in activities of our parish.
- Sunday School teachers, Mr. Paul Murphy, Ms. Natalie Lazor for their service
- Renata Cyman for cleaning and changing the linens on the altars with the help of Penni Lazor, and decorating the hall along with others for St. Patrick's and Christmas Luncheon.
- Ed Obsuth, Penni Lazor and Paul Murphy for picking up pastries for Hughie's Coffee Hour
- Anyone who in any way shape or form supported our parish. God bless you all.



HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN In the case when small children need more attention during the Mass, parents can now listen and follow the Liturgy of the Mass in the **parish hall** while the children can play or do the drawings.

2021 ADULT ENVELOPES are available in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church.

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

A Christmas Prayer



Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of peace and Beloved Savior; come into our hearts this Christmas and fill us with Your gifts of love and joy. With Mary and Joseph, we rejoice and thank God for You. With the angels and saints in heaven we sing, "Glory to God in the highest." With the Magi and the shepherds we bow before You with hearts full of wonder.

Help us to follow You faithfully and to share the good news of Your coming with everyone we meet, this Christmas season and always. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS *As of Sunday*



December 20, 2020: Susan Jakob in memory of Richard Jakob and Jean & Joseph Zajac, Beverly Vickerilla Hughie Vickerilla, John & Adele Sincavage, Hubert & Rose Vickerilla Sr.; Helen and Ron Yuswack in memory of Stella & Walter Yuswack, Helen & V. Paul Fritschy, Anna & Sigmund Noga; Jessica and Al Muccilli in memory of Joseph & Joseph Henry Kwiatkowski, Vivienne Muccilli; Penni Lazor in memory of Jaxon and Lazor Families; Richard and Lucy Daum in memory of Elizabeth & Oscar Daum ; Georhe and Dorothy O'Brien in memory of deceased from O'Brien and Lexton Families; Mark Koscinski and Susan Hornak in memory of Gerald Dino; Joseph, Joan and John Ruyzam in memory of Stella Ruyzam, Joseph Ruyzam, Edna Ringenberger, Edward Ringenberger; Zaida Bueno in memory of Emilio Bueno, Julia De Bueno; Fr. Joseph & Renata Cyman in memory of Bujak, Bronk, Cyman, & Domasz families; Adele Merson in memory of Anne Piascik; Eileen Phillips in

memory of Louis Phillips, Helen & Stanley Haftek; Dominick Bucci in memory of David D. Bucci and Michael Savastano, Al and Fran Cuccinello in memory of Bucci & Cuccinello families; Fr. & Mrs. David Gaydos; Edward Obsuth in memory of Helen & Joseph Mihuk, Ann & Andrew Obsuth; David Obsuth in memory of Andrew & Ann Obsuth, Cathy & Al Pietrkowsky in memory of Adele & John Sincavage, Hughie Vickerilla; Bob & Merry Sleece in memory of Frank & Suzanne Costello, Lucy & Andrew Sleece; Verna Swider in memory of John Swider and the Kutzer Family; Karen Jarmakowicz & Steven Morgan in memory of Jarmakowicz, Kaczmarek & Troiano families; David Rodriguez; Alvin & Carol Michinski; Karen Hitchcock; Diane Hitchcock in memory of Eleanor Niedzwiecki & James Hitchcock; Pat Olsen

Other donations will be included in the next bulletin

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Will be held on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021 after 9:00 a.m. Mass. There will be refreshments after the 9 AM Mass. **All the societies of our parish are asked to give their annual report from the past year 2020 and their projects for the year 2021.** Another important aspect of our Annual Parish Meeting will be the election of the Parish Committee. The Parish Committee is the council, which meets once per month (usually for about 1 hour on the 3rd Tuesday of the month) to make decisions for the parish. Would you consider serving on this committee? Please contact Fr. Joseph 201-247-4832 or George O'Brien 973-809-7091.

Upcoming Events

January 3, 2021 – Adoration Society Breakfast at 10 am

February 2, 2021 - Candlelight service – “My Hour with Mary”

Feb. 14, 2021 – St. Valentine’s after 11am Mass (tentative)

February 17, 2021 – Ash Wednesday

March 14, 2021 – St. Patrick’s after 11 am (tentative)

March 30, 2021 – Clergy Conference, Chrism Mass, Cathedral, Scranton, PA

April 4, 2021 – Easter – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 11, 2021 – Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL)

May 2, 2021 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 9, 2021 – Mother’s Day Breakfast at 10 am (tentative)

June 6, 2021 – Corpus Christi celebration at?

June 13, 2021 – SOCL attendance awards and Parish Picnic

June 13, 2021 – Church picnic

June 20, 2021 – Father’s Day Breakfast at 10 am

Week of July 4th 2021 - YOUTH CAMP – Kurs , Waymart, PA (tentative)



ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY NEWS – Each year St. Nicholas Ministry supplies Easter and Christmas flowers for delivery to our homebound parishioners. Fr. Joseph will continue to visit individuals and families upon their request administering Holy Communion, bulletins and calendars for 2021. Flowers as well as the many birthday and anniversary cards, flowers gifts or fruit baskets Care Notes in the vestibule of the church are founded by St. Nicholas Ministry.

Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations

- Pastor – Rev. Joseph R. Cyman, 201-247-4832 / 973-256-4888
- Rev. David Gaydos, 973-580-1256 (reserve clergy in the diocese)
- Deacon – Deacon William Gaydos, 973-902-9321
- Parish Committee Chairperson – George O’Brien – 973-809-7091.
- Hall Rentals – 201-247-4832
- Blessed Sacrament Society (ANS) – Penni Lazor, 973-768-7917
- Organist – Neil Estanislao, 201-966-9026
- Organist – Jecisa Muccilli, 973-903-7273
- Lectors 9:00 a.m. – George O’Brien, 973-809-7091.
- Lectors 11:00 a.m. – Parish Office, 201-247-4832
- Altar Servers – Deacon William Gaydos, 973-902-9321
- School of Christian Living (SOCL) – Paul Murphy, 908-875-4493; Natalie Lazar, 973-563-6494
- St. Nicholas Ministry–Lucy, Richard Daum, 973-694-9457; Merry Sleece, 973-731-3611
- Stewardship Committee – Pat Olsen, 973-696-6581
- Youth Group – Deacon William Gaydos, 973-902-9321
- Ushers – John Surak, 201-891-3702
- Greeters – Fran Cuccinello – 973-256-1392
- Maintenance Committee – Dominick Bucci, 973-785-2299
- Shopping Certificates Sale – Lucy, Richard Daum, 973-694-9457 & Merry Sleece, 973-731-3611
- Polish National Union of America – Fr. Joseph Cyman, 201-247-4832



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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 94 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.



EPIPHANY PASTORAL VISITATIONS - Fr Joseph will be blessing homes at people's request wearing masks and social distancing during Epiphany Pastoral Visitations. Please contact him if you wish to have your home/apartment blessed by calling 201-247-4832.

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. 27 – Fr. Steve Skinta OSBM ; by Mark Koscinski
Week of Jan. 6, 2021 – Available

Week of Feb. 7, 2021 – Balkes Awad, Maysoun 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

HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN



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."



HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH Fees: For non-members of the parish: The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$110.00 for each hour of rental time. For members of the parish (paid membership). The rental hall fee for the use of facilities is \$60 fee for each hour of rental time. Call 973-256-4888. / 201-247-4832 (cell) email holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

Thank You - We express our heartfelt thanks for all received Christmas cards and signs of your kindness. May the Baby Jesus who came to enrich us with His blessings reward you abundantly in New Year 2021 with good health and happiness.

Fr. Joseph, Renata, Michael and Natalie Cyman

