

2 SUNDAY OF LENT - FEB. 28, 2021

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS PARISH** PNCC 95 Years of Service

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SUNDAY MASS 9 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." - Mark 9:7

Growing in faith and understanding is a life-long process. It is reflected in each of our personal lives, just as it was reflected within Judaism and Christianity. God's covenant with Israel was expressed in many dramatic ways to increase their understanding; and the disciples and those who followed them learned slowly who Jesus is. Lent is an opportunity to focus on who Jesus is for each of us.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 God's covenant with Abraham is affirmed

Ps 116 I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living

Rom 8:31b-34 "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Mk 9:2-10 The disciples grow in their understanding of Jesus in the Transfiguration

Lectors serving today:

9 am – Dominick Bucci

11 am – Galindo

Lectors Meeting immediately following the March 7th 9:00 am Mass.

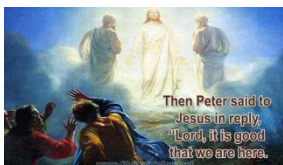
Live stream Mass for homebound on Facebook www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com - 11 am

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.



Michael & Elizabeth Rutch – Feb. 28 – 3rd Ann.

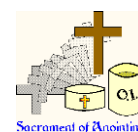
Nelson Castillo Jr. & Kiara Santiago – 4 Ann. - March 5th

Wilian and Maria Matute – 20th Anniversary – 4/4

Richard Daum and Lucy Piontkowski – 63rd Ann – 4/6

Paul Murphy and Christine Tarbox – 10th Ann. – 4/15

Edward and Beverly Obsuth – 30th Ann. – 4/21



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.

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. 459 people like our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

MEMBERSHIP 2021



BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2021

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, FEBRUARY 28, 2021 – 2 SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AFTER MASS -“HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR” WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

10 am - Communion class in June Pettegrew classroom

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

11:00 AM THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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On Sunday Feb. 28, 2021 will have “The Liturgy of the Word of God with Distribution of Holy Communion” at 9 am and 11 am. Deacon William (Bill) Gaydos.

The Oath of Parish Comm. Members will take place on Sunday March 7, 2021-9:45 am

Monday, March 1, 2021 – David of Wales, Bp.

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

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 – St. Charles the Good, M.

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

Wed., March 3, 2021 – St. Cunegunda, W.

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Thursday, March 4, 2021 – St. Casimir, K.

8:30 pm – Mass for the sick and homebound

Friday, March 5, 2021 – St. Eusebius, C.

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

7:30 pm – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021 – 3 SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM HOLY MASS for +Stella & Joseph Ruyzam, Edna & Edward Ringenberger, Cecylia & Konstanty Zaremba, Stephen & Katherine Ruyzam, Helene Ringenberger; Offered by John, Joan and Joseph Ruyzam (All Souls)

9:45 AM – OATH OF PARISH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

LECTOR’S MEETING AFTER MASS

10 AM - “HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR” WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

10 am - Communion class in June Pettegrew classroom

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

11:00 AM HOLY MASS for all Parishioners Living and Deceased



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!

THANK YOU TO:

Natalie Lazar and Paul Murphy for teaching our children Sunday School classes with CDC precautions.

- Fran Cuccinello, for her help in the office
- Parish Committee members for attending monthly meeting and making important decisions for the benefit of our parish.
- 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.

Upcoming Events

March 7, 2021- Oath of parish Committee at 9:45 am

March 10, 2021 – Blood Drive at Holy Cross – parish hall. More information soon

March 21, 2021 – St. Patrick’s / St. Joseph’s Luncheon after 11 am

March 30, 2021 – Clergy Conference, Chrism Mass & St Stanislaus Cath., 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 Mary

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

June 6, 2021 – Corpus Christi celebration at?

June 13, 2021 – SOCL attendance awards

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)

FOOD DRIVE – Please bring nonperishable food items to parish hall on any Sunday. Your donation will be given to Fr. English Food Pantry. Won’t you help the needy in the name of Christ the Savior? “*Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me.*” (Mat. 25:40)



NEW REGISTRATIONS - Our parish is leasing the Sunday school building to the tenant, **GOLDEN STEPS LEARNING CENTER, from Monday to Friday** offering PRE SCHOOL DAY CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS. Please contact Mrs. Gail for further information at 973-812-8030. Discount rates are available for the members of Holy Cross Church.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - The weekly classes are held at 10 am on Sunday. To date we have five (5) 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 Classes – To date we have eight (9) students, (youth and adults) 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



HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH Fees: For non-members of the parish: The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$120.00 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

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 Feb. 21 – Rita Bair

Week of March 7 – Edwin Kosciński

Week of March 14 – Clara Uscinski

Week of March 21 – For those who have no one to pray for them

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

VENMO 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. **Last week (Venmo) Donations – \$70.00**





HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN

Dear friends, please join our parish in **DAILY PRAYER CHAIN**. God is listening to our prayers when we address our needs to Him. We pray for our nation, for peace and unity and blessing upon those who were elected to serve our nation. May they serve justly and conscientiously implement policies that are respecting God’s commandments and the well-being of all citizens. **IN OUR PRAYERS WE ASK FOR THE RESPECT OF THE SANCTITY OF EACH LIFE AND DIGNITY OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL SINCE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION TO LAST MEMENT OF LIFE REGARDLESS OF RACE, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL PARTY, GENDER, ETHNICITY, STATUS OR CREED. WE PRAY FOR PEACE THAT WE MAY LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH EACH OTHER, RESPECTING DIFFERENCES, CHERISHING DIVERSITY, LIVING WITHOUT FEAR OF THE OTHER HONORING THE IMAGE OF GOD IN EVERY HUMAN PERSON.**

We pray for all those who are affected by outbreak of coronavirus disease. 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 endurance, wisdom and guidance in their service. We pray for the end of this global pandemic. 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. May the Holy Cross Church continue to grow in faith and in number as place of prayer where people worship God and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Imagine a Church that is One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic

Welcomes ALL who wishes to follow Christ
Teaches traditional spiritual and moral values

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Allows its priests to marry.

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COME to Holy Cross Church

Worship with Us – Pray with Us

Praise with Us – Witness with Us –

Build the Kingdom of God together in our daily Living and spiritual journey.



Dear Parishioners – 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 for some essential operating costs of the parish:

The annual fire alarm system inspection: \$260.

The annual fire alarm monitoring: \$400

One monthly payment of the parish loan: \$490

The annual website fee \$325

Annual Burglary alarm - \$400

One monthly payment for Xerox copy lease - \$195

If you are interested in helping the parish, please see Father Joseph or a member of the Parish Committee.

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



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ST VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON

We wish to thank Edward and Beverly Obsuth and David Obsuth for sponsoring enjoyable St. Valentines Luncheon held on Feb. 21, 2021. We thank members of Adoration Society for donating basket of Cheer. We thank all those who helped in any way shape or form to make this even a success. Looking forward seeing everyone for St. Patrick / St. Joseph Luncheon on Sunday March 21, 2021.



The legend says that St. Valentine was a Roman priest who in the 3rd century AD disobeyed the order of the emperor Claudius and secretly performed Christian weddings for couples. He allowed the husbands involved to escape recruitment into the pagan army. This legend claims that soldiers were sparse at this time so this was a big inconvenience to the emperor. The account mentions that in order "to remind these men of their vows and God's love, Saint Valentine is said to have cut hearts from parchment", giving them to these persecuted Christians, a possible origin of the widespread use of hearts on St. Valentine's Day.

Another legend is that Valentine refused to sacrifice to pagan gods. Being imprisoned for this, Valentine gave his testimony in prison and through his prayers healed the guard's daughter who was suffering from blindness. On the day of his execution, St. Valentine left her a note that was signed, "Your Valentine".

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

We thank those who attended annual parish meeting on Sunday February 21, 2021; we appreciate those who gave reports – Financial Report by Richard Daum; Adoration Society Report by Penni Lazor; Maintenance Report by Dominick Bucci; St. Nicholas Report by Richard & Lucy Daum and Merry Sleece; Stewardship Report by Pat Olsen; Pastor's Report and Polish National Union of America by Fr. Joseph



Congratulation to PARISH COMMITTEE MEMBERS elected for 2021

Chairperson – George O'Brien

Vice-Chairperson – Penni Lazor

Secretary – Paul Murphy

Treasurer / Financial Secretary – Richard Daum

TRUSTEES: Bob Sleece, Edward Obsuth, Dominick Bucci, Guy Garofano, Natalie Lazar, Zaida Bueno; Volunteer – Danny Galindo

Parish Tribunal

John Surak; Penni Lazor

Auditors

Penni Lazor; Beverly Obsuth

Envelope Recorder

Karen Hitchcock

NY/NJ Seniorate Council Representatives

George O'Brien ; Guy Garofano

Delegates for Diocesan Synod

Renata Cyman

Guy Garofano

Fr. Joseph (ex officio)