

PRE LENT 3 – FEB. 14, 2021 / ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

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

“Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?” Mark 2:20

INTRODUCTION

My Brothers and Sisters, our Scripture today speak about fasting and feasting, about old and about new. The relationship between groom and bride is used by prophets and by Jesus to illustrate the relationship between God and His people. As we gather to celebrate these sacred and holy mysteries, let us prepare ourselves to welcome the divine bridegroom, our Lord and Savior into our

marriages, our families and our personal lives. **Happy St. Valentine's Day!**

Scripture readings:

Hosea 2:16,17, 21-22 I will espouse you to me forever.

Ps 103. The Lord is kind and merciful.

2 Cor 3, 106 You are a letter of Christ ministered to us.

Mark 2:18-22 As long as the bridegroom is with them, they cannot fast.

Lectors serving today:

9 am – George O'Brien

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.

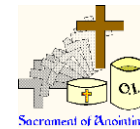
ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage.

Christine & Cesar Gonzalez – Feb. 2 – 1st Ann.

Fr. Joseph Cyman /Renata (Bujak) – Feb. 21 – 23rd Ann.

Richard Torre / Diane McNamara – Feb. 27 – 44th Ann.

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



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 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 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 14, 2021 – PRE-LENT 3

9:00 AM HOLY MASS for All Parishioners Living and Deceased

“HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR” WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class

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

11:00 AM HOLY MASS for Joanne Plaxa; by Cyman Family
 CONFIRMATION CLASS AFTER 11 AM MASS

Monday, February 15, 2021 – St. Faustinus and Jovita, M.

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

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 – St. Julianna, V., M.

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

7:30 pm – Parish Committee meeting

Wed., February 17, 2021 – Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm - Holy Mass with blessing and distribution of Ashes

Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021 – St. Simeon, Bp., M.

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

7:15 PM – Preparation for Sacrament of Baptism

Friday, Feb. 19, 2021 – St. Mesrop of Armenia, Bp.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021 – 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00 AM HOLY MASS for All Parishioners Living and Deceased

“HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR” WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

10:00 am – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
 PLAN TO ATTEND

Communion class in June Pettegrew classroom

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

11:00 AM HOLY MASS for +Melissa Centrella, August Centrella, Theresa and Emanuele Triggiano; Req. by Claire Centrella

St. Valentine's Day Luncheon at 12 pm – Flyer - Ask for tickets

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
- 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.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Will be held on Sunday, Feb. 21, 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

February 17, 2021 – Ash Wednesday
February 21, 2021 – Annual Parish Meeting at 10 am
Feb. 21, 2021 – St. Valentine's after 11am Mass
February 28, 2021- Oath of parish Committee at 9:45 am
March 10, 2021 – Blood Drive at Holy Cross – parish hall. More information soon
March 14, 2021 – St. Patrick's 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)

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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)**



Spiritual reflection for Ash Wednesday: Beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17, 2021) we are called to repent, to change our minds about the way we live our lives in the sight of God. In the reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel we will hear that he summoned everyone, young and elderly to an assembly of prayer indicating that they were repenting. Ash Wednesday summons everyone to enter into a forty-day fast and prayer. All are invited to give alms. We will all gather on Ash Wednesday because we know that we need to “to return to the Lord.” Joel tells us that we can do that only by returning with our whole hearts, that is, with a motivation that is deep inside us. The ashes on our foreheads will indicate that we are entering in the Lenten period of change that will leave us never to be the same again. *During the season of Lent all parishioners are welcome to attend on Fridays Stations of the Cross at 7:15 PM.* This will give us the opportunity to reflect upon the redemptive sufferings of our Lord and Savior.



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 (8) 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

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 Joseph.

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

SACRAMENT 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

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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 Jan. 31, 2021 – Hughie Vickerilla

Week of Feb. 7 – Catherine Lunski

Week of Feb. 14 – available

Week of Feb. 21 – Rita Bair /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



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.

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.



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



St. Valentine's Day Luncheon

Holy Cross Church

220 Browertown Rd. Woodland Park NJ

Sunday, February 21, 2021 @ 12 PM



(after 11am Mass)

Donation: Adults - \$17 /

Children - under 14 Free

Menu: Meat balls, ziti,

chicken, salad, rolls, deserts, coffee, soft drinks

Basket of Cheer and 50/50

Limited seating / first come first serve

Purchase tickets in advance after Masses

or send donations by mail before Feb. 15th

contact 201-247-4832; holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

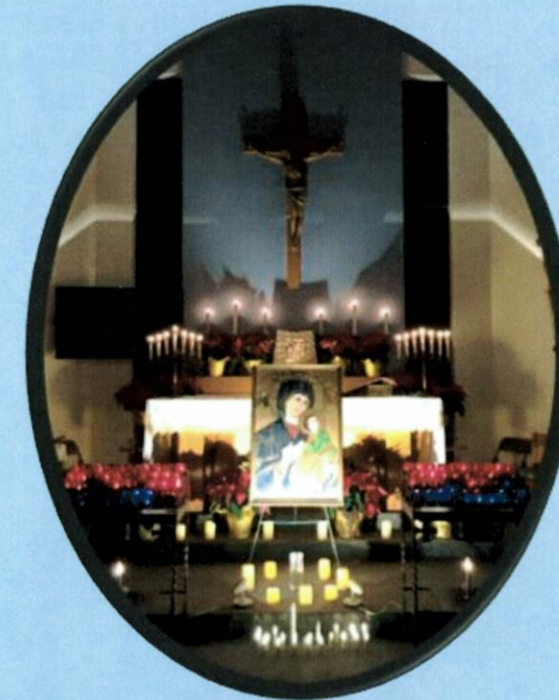
"My Time with Mary - a Spa For The Soul"

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021 at 7pm

With Mother Mary to Jesus (New Rosary)

Holy Cross Parish PNCC - 220 Browertown Rd, Woodland Park, NJ

A Candlelight Prayer Service with Beautiful Sacred Music



Everyone Is Welcome.

Come along and bring a friend.

Please Come In - Rest In The Heart Of Jesus

And Receive His Blessing & Peace