

HOLY CROSS CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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95 YEARS OF SERVICE

APRIL – MAY 2021











FROM PASTOR'S DESK



PICTURE #1

Christmas Eve Mass

We thank all children who participated in Christmas Eve Vigil Holy Mass. Youth did the readings and presented a Christmas Pageant. Also, we appreciate the

support of their parents and practice provided by Sunday School teachers Mrs. Natalie L. and Mr. Paul M.

PICTURE #2

Candlelight Service took place in our church on following dates: December 8, 2020, February 25, 2021 and March 25, 2021. Join us in the future.

PICTURE #3

The Blood drive was hosted at Holy Cross Church parish hall on January 11, 2021, and on March 6, 2021. The next event will take place on May 6, 2021.

Here is a thank you note after the event in January: Everything went well with the blood drive. We register 28 donors and collected 23 units of blood, for each unit collected we may help save the lives of 3 patients, therefore your support may help make a difference in the lives of 69 patients. In such difficult times for blood donations your church support is very much appreciated by us and our hospital patients.

Thank you and we'll keep in touch!

Best Regards, Rosana Tabakci | Account Manager New Jersey Blood Services

A Division of New York Blood Center

MISSING PICTURE



On Sunday December 20, 2020 the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Geon Miguel Sung Lim. Proud godparents were Susana and Elias Kiame

MISSING PICTURE



On Sunday December 27, 2020 the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to

Fiona, Rae Lynn Williams daughter of John and Mardochee Williams.

Congratulations **PICTURE # 4**

ST VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON

We wish to thank Edward and Beverly Obssuth and David Obssuth for sponsoring the enjoyable St. Valentines Luncheon held on Feb. 21, 2021. We thank members of the Adoration Society for donating a basket of Cheer. We thank all those who helped in any way shape or form to make this even a success

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".

PICTURE #5, #6, #7

St. Patrick's / St. Joseph's Luncheon took place on March 21st. We thank Fr. David Gaydos and Laurie Gaydos for donating the food and preparing the menu consisting of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Irish red potatoes, Baked Chicken - Variety of Vegetables, Assorted Breads / Irish Soda Bread, Homemade Desserts. We thank those who helped in the kitchen before, during and after the event especially David and Ed Obssuth, Beverly Obssuth, Tracey Banta, Penni Lazor, Fran Cuccinello, Natalie Lazar and Galindo Family. The green grab bags donated by Ed and Beverly Obssuth were part of the celebration giving us occasion for laughter and fun. The drawings of the basket of cheer took place and was donated by members of Adoration Society. During our Luncheon we had a special St. Joseph's table prepared and donated by Tracey Banta. St. Joseph's cake included prayer to St. Joseph and was shared by everyone. We thank everyone for coming to our annual celebration. May St. Joseph and St. Patrick bless all our families and individuals especially parishioners of Holy Cross Church.

PICTURE #8

HAPPY 102ND BIRTHDAY!

Mrs. Sophie Barnes, (resides in Hawthorne, NJ) recently celebrated her 102nd birthday. Mrs. Sophie remembers when the original church building of our parish was built in 1926 in Paterson, NJ. She is a lifelong member of our church serving for many years as a member of Moniuszko choir. Sophie is truly a blessing for our parish, to her family and our community. We wish her a Happy Birthday, God's blessings of happiness, strength and support in her life journey. Our best wishes to her family. - Fr. Joseph and parishioners.

PICTURE #9, #10

EASTER PROCESSION AND EASTER MASSES

We thank those who helped last Sunday in the Liturgy of the Easter Procession and Masses at 9 am and 11 am. May the Lord reward your service.

Deacon Bill Gaydos at 9 am; Organist – Jessica Muccilli at 9 am and 11 am; Lectors Richard Daum at 9 am and Mark Koscinski at 11 am; People carrying Pascal Candle – Michael Cyman, Resurrection Closs – Danny Galindo, Resurrection Statue – Paul Murphy

Altar servers – Chris and Daniel Galindo, Neil Kiame; prayers of the faithful at 9 am: Marcella Galindo, Athena Galindo, Neil Kiame, prayers of the faithful at 11 am Emy, Diane and Stephanie Tarazona, Steven Ortega.

Children throwing flowers pedals during 9 am procession; Viviana Galindo and Veronica Murphy with help of Marcella and Athena Galindo.

PICTURE #11

The wooden handicap ramp of Sunday school / day care was repainted by Dominick Bucci, Jennifer, Marcella and Athena Gallindo on Saturday April 24, 2021. Thank you

The sidewalk and pavement in the rectory yard was pawer washed by Fr. Joseph, with the help of Renata and Dominick

PICTURE #12

On Sunday, April 11, 2021 the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to the Taylor family, Chirag, Aarti and their son, Jay. After few months of preparations, the parents became Christians / Polish National Catholic Church members. Proud godparents were, Fernando (Danny) and Jennifer Galindo for Aarti Taylor, Christian and Marcella Galindo godparents for Jay Taylor and Leo and Beryle Coutinho, godparents in proxy of Alvin Jacob and Steffi Jacob for Chirac Taylor. We congratulate the Taylor family as the newest members of our parish, their relatives and friends. The Sacrament of Baptism is the foundation of our Christian faith, a gateway to new life in the Spirit, and the door that gives access to other sacraments. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are regenerated and incorporated into Christ's Body -His Church.

PICTURE #13

On Sunday, April 18, 2021 the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Lorenzo Antonio Adino son of David Addino and Anna (Racanati) as a new member of Holy Cross Church. Proud godparents were Francesco and Krista Racanati. We congratulate the Addino, Racanati and Enker families, their relatives and friends on this special occasion.



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: Zaida Bueno; Annie Hornak, Filip Sepelowski, Emila Bargiel, Sophie Barnes, Frances Sanchez, Wendy Schlesinger, Jerry R., Ewa B., Jeffrey, Roy Zebrowski, Declan, Erik, Enrico, Josephine B. Jeanne L. Carmen.

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE Dear

Parishioners, wish to extend we our wishes on congratulations and best vour anniversaries of marriage. 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 Obssuth - 30th Ann. - 4/21 Christopher & Cynthia LaPorta – 4th Ann – 4/21 Diego Ochoa / Iris Miola – 8th Ann – 4/27 Sebastian Wysocki / Ashley Burr – 2nd Ann – 4/27 Thomas and Joyce Heffernan – 56th Ann – 4/19



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.

<u>Holy Cross Church Face Book – link</u> www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

Visiting our website Blog holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. 459 people follow our church face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

MEMBERSHIP 2021



Imagine a Church that is:One, Holy, Catholic &
ApostolicDemocratic in
governanceWelcomes 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



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 our parish in DAILY PRAYER CHAIN. God is listening to our prayers when we

address our needs. We pray for our nation, for peace and unity. May those who were elected to lead our country serve justly and conscientiously implement policies that are respecting God's commandments. 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 loved ones and well as those who lost their jobs and 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 offered for those who were affected by any recent and tragedies. We pray for peaceful resolutions in conflicts within our country and in the world. We remember persecuted Christians and for freedom of worship. 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, homebound and are in need of any kind of healing and support. We pray for the growth of our parish, 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 can worship God and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.



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.

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. You can send donation by mail or place it in the collection basket.

The annual fire alarm system inspection: \$260 donated by Adoration Society The annual fire alarm monitoring: \$400 -**Donated by Adoration Society** One monthly payment of the parish loan: \$490 The annual website fee \$325 Annual Burglary alarm - \$400 – Donated by **Adoration Society**

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



EVE – 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.
- Thank you for donations toward Easter flowers
- Fran Cuccinello for her help in the parish office
- Richard Daum and Merry Sleece for selling shopping certificates in the parish hall. Plan to join this important fundraiser.
- Renata Cyman for decorating the church for Christmas and Easter.
- Penni Lazor for cleaning altar 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.

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.



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 - 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) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY MAY 16, 2021 @ 11 AM.



<u>Confirmation Classes – To date</u> <u>we have eight (9) students,</u> (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. The date of Confirmation will be scheduled.

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 April 4 – +Adele and John Sincavage Week of April 11 – +Jozef Cyman (92nd Birthday) Week of April 18 – +Deceased Bishops of PNCC April 25 – +Victor Lunski

Week of May 24 -In memory of +Michael Gula Jr. (W.W. II Veteran)

Week of May 31 – In memory of +Henry Plachinsky (Korean War Veteran)

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

Upcoming Events

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 3rd 2021 - YOUTH CAMP – Kurs Waymart, PA

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.



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

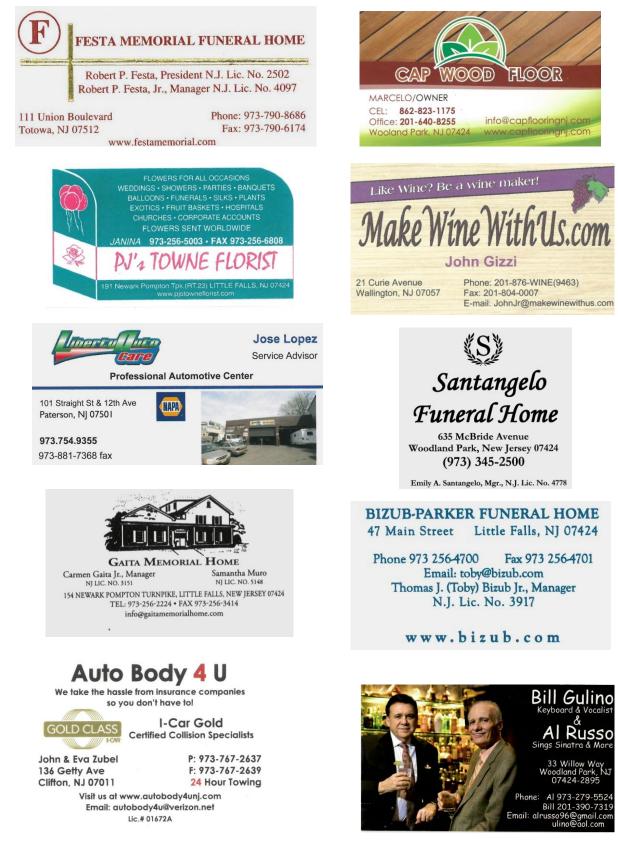
requirement. The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$120.00 for each hour of rental time (for non-parishioners). For members of the parish (paid membership). The rental hall fee for the use of facilities is \$60 for each hour. Call 201-247-4832

<u>Bluejay Pharmacy & Medical Supply</u> has been selected to receive some does of the Covid-19 Vaccine. If you are interested please visit https://www.thebluejaypharmacy.com/ and sign up to the waiting list. Call to schedule the appointment. Bluejay Pharmacy Bluejay Health LLC Chirag S. Taylor PharmD RPh. 88 Market St. Clifton N.J. 07012 ctaylor@bluejayhealth.net

Phone *or* Text 973-551-7161 Fax 973-246-1649

2021 BULLETIN ADS - \$125 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 \$125.00. If you wish to submit your ad, please contact church parish office at 201-247-4832 or send e-mail <u>holycrosspnc1@gmail.com</u>, thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**



Holy Cross Church PNCC 220 Browertown Road, Woodland Park, N.J. 07424

Address Correction Requested

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Church Newsletter April 2020 May 2021

REPORT ON PAST EVENTS PRAYER LIST /BIRTHDAYS /WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING - CLASSES AT 11 AM FIRST HOLY COMM. CLASSES - AT 10 AM **CONFIRMATION CLASSES – AFTER 11 AM MASS** FOOD DRIVE - PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO PARISH HALL ANY SUNDAY





Happy Mother's Day! Happy Father's Day Be Safe!



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 25, 2021 SINCE 1926 HOLY CROSS PARISH PNCC 95 Years of Service 220 Browertown Road Woodland Park, New Jersey 07424 Phone: 973-256-4888 / 201-247-4832 Web Site: www.holycrosssite.org E-mail holycrosspncc1@gmail.com The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor The Reverend David Gaydos, (Reserve clergy in the Diocese) **The Deacon William Gaydos**

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

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me." - John 10:14



REFLECTION Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, and we will hear in the Gospel that sheep recognize the true shepherd's voice. We may sometimes wonder where we "belong" in a world that seems so wrought by division. Jesus uses the ancient, but still powerful, image of the

good shepherd who knows and protects his flock. Easter celebrates that we have been made one people by his death and resurrection. Baptism and Eucharist intensify our place in this body. Nothing could be more unifying than that. We continue to



illness.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

pray for the recovery from coronavirus epidemic and spare us from this

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Peter exhorts those who crucified Jesus and 3,000 are baptized. Psalm 23:1-6 Lord, you are my shepherd. 1 Pet 2:20b-25 You have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10:1-10 The sheep know the shepherd's voice.

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: John Surak / 11:00 am – Lector: Natalie Cyman Live stream Mass for homebound on Facebook www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com



SHOPPING CERTIFICATES ARE GREAT GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS. 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 GIFT CARDS are available for STOP N SHOP, FOODTOWN AND SHOP RITE. occasion If you have any questions contact Lucy Daum (973) 694-9457, or Merry Sleece 973-731-3611. May God bless and reward you.



PARISH NEWSLETTER - Copies are in the parish hall for those who wish to have a hard copy in addition to email you have received. We will send the newsletter by mail to those who are homebound.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 – 4[™] SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM HOLY MASS for +David C. Bucci, Michael

Confirmation Class

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Confirmation Class

- Savastano; Off. By Dominick Bucci
- **10 AM "HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR" SOCIAL DISTANCING**
 - 10 am Communion class

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

11:00 AM HOLY MASS for Emanuele Triggiano, (9th Ann.), Theresa



Triggiano, Melisa and August Centrella; Req. by Claire **"HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR" - SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Confirmation Class after Mass

Centrella

Monday, April 26, 2021 – Easter Weekday, St. Mark Evangelist 8:30 am – Holy Mass for peace in the world Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – Easter Weekday – St. Anthimus, Bp. 8:30 am – Holy Mass for the growth of our parish

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – Easter Wednesday – St. Vitalis & Valeria, M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for the youth

Thursday, April 29, 2021 – Easter Thursday – Peter of Verona, M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass

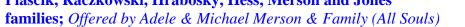
Friday, April 30, 2021 – Easter Friday – St. JOSPEH, WORKMAN



8:30 am – Holy Mass for living and deceased benefactors of Holy Cross Saturday - May 1, 2021 - CONFESSIONS FROM 1 PM - 2 PM.

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021 - 5™ SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM HOLY MASS for + Anne Piascik, departed of the Piascik, Raczkowski, Hrabosky, Hess, Merson and Jones



- **10 AM "HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR" SOCIAL DISTANCING**
- 10 am Communion class / 10:00 Tricky Tray Preparation Meeting

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

11:00 AM HOLY MASS for

"HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR" - SOCIAL DISTANCING Confirmation Class after Mass



