

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – NOV. 28, 2021

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

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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor

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The Deacon William Gaydos

SUNDAY MASS 9 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Luke 21:28

INTRODUCTION



Brothers and sisters, on this first Sunday of Advent, we begin the church's new liturgical year. This season is a season of hope. Our readings remind us that when things look darkest, there is hope for those whose hope is waning. Not only are we encouraged to be hopeful, but

we are to be alert for something to happen. Hope and be ready! Jesus will come!

Today's Scriptures

Jeremiah 33:14-16 God's promise of a future just king

Psalms 25 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Encouragement to those waiting for Christ's return

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Be vigilant, for the Son of Man is coming.

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Deacon Bill 11:00 am – Lector: Galindo

WE THANK ALL LECTORS SERVING IN OUR PARISH

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES ARE GREAT GIFTS FOR ANY TIME.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF GIFT CARDS SALE, WE RAISED \$74,000. Please support our Building Fund 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.

I remember you in my prayers each day. Please keep me and my family in your daily prayers. *Fr. Joseph*



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

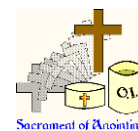
ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

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

Stephen Morgan/Karen Jarmarkowicz 11/01 – 13 years

Russell Paulison/ Karen Pettegrew – 11/ 22 – 29 years

Jose Acosta/Paola Perez – Dec 3rd – 15th Anniversary



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 holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. 507 people follow 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 \$125.00. If you wish to submit your ad, please contact the parish office at 201-247-4832 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, NOV. 28, 2021 – 1-ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 AM** Holy Mass for All Parishioners
10:00 am “Hughie Coffee Hour”
10:10 am – Preparation for First Holy Communion
11:00 am – Sunday School in the parish hall
11:00 AM Holy Mass for All Parishioners

CONFIRMATION CLASS AFTER 11 AM MASS
 *COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN
CONFIRMATION CLASS AFTER 11 AM MASS

Monday, Nov. 29, 2021 – Advent Weekday

- 8:30 am** – Holy Mass growth of Holy Cross Parish
Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 – St. Andrew, Apostle
8:30 am – Holy Mass for the youth and growth of our parish

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 – St. Eligius, Bp.

- 8:30 am** – Holy Mass
7:00 pm – Preparation for Marriage
Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 – St. Bibiana, V., M.

- 8:30 am** – Holy Mass
6:30 – 8:30 pm **Parent’s Night Out for Christmas Shopping**

Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 – St. Francis Xavier, P.

- 8:30 am** – Holy Mass for the Benefactors of Holy Cross Parish

SUNDAY, DEC. 5, 2021 – 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 AM** Holy Mass for All Parishioners
10:00 am “Hughie Coffee Hour”
10:10 am – Preparation for First Holy Communion
11:00 am – Sunday School in the parish hall
11:00 AM Holy Mass for All Parishioners

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MASS INTENTIONS - In order to request the Holy Mass Intention such as For the Sick, In Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Beseech God’s Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries, please contact Fr. Joseph 201-247-4832; 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 Joe.

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

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 **95 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Registration is open

Please contact parish office (201-247-4832 / 973-256-4888) to register your child who is in the second grade or older. Thank you. Registration is also available online at holycrosssite.org.

Confirmation Classes We accept new registration for 21/22 class.

Please contact the parish office 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. Thank you.

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 Nov. 28, 2021 - available

Week of Dec. 5, 2021 – John and Adele Sincavage

Week of Dec. 12, 2021 – Hughie Vickerilla

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



GOD'S FIELD – (Rola Boza) ONLINE The latest issue of *God's Field* is now available online at <http://www.pncc.org>.

Click on the God's Field link at the top of the home page and follow the directions to access the recent issue. We hope you enjoy reading about the life and work of our parishes.



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 donation - \$100

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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 peace and unity in our nation and in the world. **IN OUR PRAYERS WE ASK FOR THE RESPECT OF THE SANCTITY OF EACH LIFE AND DIGNITY OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL SINCE THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION TO LAST MOMENT OF LIFE REGARDLESS OF RACE, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL PARTY, GENDER, ETHNICITY, STATUS OR CREED. MAY WE LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH EACH OTHER, RESPECTING DIFFERENCES, CHERISHING DIVERSITY, WITHOUT FEAR OF THE OTHER, HONORING THE IMAGE OF GOD IN EVERY HUMAN PERSON.**

We pray for all those who are affected by coronavirus disease. We pray for those who lost their loved ones and as well for those who lost their jobs and struggle financially. We pray for the sick for their recovery and for the medical staff for endurance, wisdom and guidance in their service. We pray for the end of this global pandemic. We remember persecuted Christians and for freedom of worship. We pray for peaceful resolutions in conflicts within our country and in 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 the growth of our parish and 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 a place of prayer where people can worship God and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Amen.

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 19, 2021. **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



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



HEALING MASS – The Masses for the Sick and Homebound are celebrated **on the last Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. Please double check in the bulletin. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT THEIR PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS.**

BLESSING OF HOMES Please contact Fr. Joseph if you wish to have blessed your home or apartment. 201-247-4832 or holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

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.



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 see flyer for more information or contact Mrs. Gail at 973-812-8030. Discount rates are available for the members of Holy Cross Church.



**DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS?
FOR THE PARISH COMMITTEE TO
DISCUSS AT THEIR MEETING?
REQUESTS AND IDEAS MUST BE AGREED AND VOTED ON BY THE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
DROP YOUR NOTE IN THE BOX
(NO NEED TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME)**

LOOKING FORWARD FOR SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS, PRAISES AND EVEN COMPLAINTS.

THANK YOU

- Parish committee members for attending monthly meetings.
- Parishioners who support financially by giving donations in the church, by sending donations in the mail or electronically using Venmo or PayPal. May the Lord reward your generosity.
- Adoration Society members for their activities in the parish
- Fran Cuccinello for her weekly help in the parish office
- Renata Cyman for changing altar linens for Advent season
- For all parishioners who participate in the purchase of shopping certificates. Please continue to support this important fundraiser.



- 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.

HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN In case when small children need more



attention during the Mass, parents can now listen to the Liturgy of the Mass in the **parish hall** while the children can play or do the drawings. **The TV set is connected with camera in the church sanctuary. You can see mass in the parish hall.**



THE PRAYERS REQUEST - The container "**Prayer Request**" is located at the side altar by the baptismal fount. Fr. Joseph says the Holy Mass on Thursdays for the sick and shut-ins. If you have any sick members in your family and/or homebound, please write their names and place them in the container. Fr. Joseph will include these intentions at the Holy Mass on Thursday evening Mass.

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!

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220 Browertown Road, Woodland Park, N.J.

Christmas Dinner

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12, 2021

AT 12 NOON (after 11 am Mass)
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Parent's Night Out for Christmas Shopping



**Bring Your Children to Holy Cross Church in
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until 8:30pm to help make ornaments and baskets
for senior citizens**

The entire family can stay if you wish.

We will be serving pizza for dinner.



**Must RSVP to Natalie Lazar by
12/01/2021 @ 973-563-6494**

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.



Holy Cross Chocolate Fundraiser – 2021

We are selling World's Finest Chocolate candy bars and hope you will help. This time we ordered only 16 boxes. There are 60 bars of chocolates in one box with six flavors: Dark Chocolate, Milk Chocolate, W.F. Crisp, Almond, Carmel, and Wafer. Bring a box to work, sell to family and friends or just keep a box for your own snacking. Each chocolate is \$1. Box of 60 bars cost \$60. Find chocolates in the parish hall. Such an easy way to help your parish raise fund. **TODATE SALE - \$435 + \$60 + \$20 = \$515**



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a Spa For The Soul”
Candlelight Service
Dec. 9, 2021 at 7 pm**

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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).*



Sacrament of Baptism

Sophia Angeli Lopez, daughter of Elvis Lopez and Diana (nee Velez) was baptized on Sunday Nov. 21, 2021. Proud godparents were: Domingo Lopez and Betzaida Classes. Congratulations!