

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DEC. 12, 2021

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

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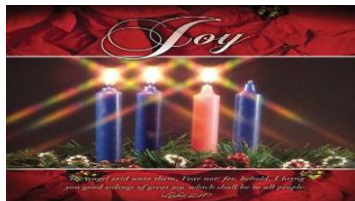
The Reverend David Gaydos, (Reserve clergy in the Diocese)

The Deacon William Gaydos

SUNDAY MASS 9 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. - Luke 3:16



INTRODUCTION

Today's readings continue the themes of hope and expectation, adding the element of rejoicing — for Israel, for those awaiting the Messiah and for us. But there is also a summons to repentance and reformed conduct. The good news is tempered with a call to responsibility on our part. Like those before us, we are urged to

hope and rejoice. In addition, we must ask the question: "What should we do?"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Zephaniah 3:14-18a Repentant, exiled Israel is called to hope and joy
Isaiah 12 Cry out with joy and gladness, among you is the Holy One of Israel

Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice; be kind and thankful!

Luke 3:10-18 John teaches repentance and proclaims Christ's coming

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Dominick Bucci 11:00 am – Lector: Mark Kosinski

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.

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

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



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.

Holy Cross Church Face Book – link www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

Visiting our website holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. **516 people follow our church Face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.**



MEMBERSHIP 2021

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.



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

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 holycrosspncl@gmail.com, thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**

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SUNDAY, DEC. 12, 2021 – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM Holy Mass for Stanley Hudzik; Ruth Hudzik; *Req. by Diane M. Bishop*

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 Adele & John Sincavage; Rose, Hughie Vickerilla Sr., Hughie Vickerilla Jr. ; *Req. by Beverly Vickerilla*

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas music

Menu: catered by Francesco’s Restaurant

Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 – Advent – Our Lady of Guadalupe (trans.) / St. Lucy, V., M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for victims of tornados and natural disasters

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021 – Advent – St. Spiridion, Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for the youth of our parish

7:30 pm – Parish Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021 – Advent St. Nino

8:30 am – Holy Mass for justice and peace

7:00 pm – Preparation for Confirmation

Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021 – Advent – St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for growth of Holy Cross Parish

Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 – Advent - St. Lazarus of Bethany

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



SUNDAY, DEC. 19, 2021 – 4RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM Holy Mass for departed Mary, Frank, Stanley, Grace, Edith, Ludwig Piontkowski, Helen and John Anderson, Jennie & John Dziuba, Gene & George Kapchonick; Elizabeth, Oscar & John Daum, Elizabeth Sadler, Margaret & Warren Preisser, Theodor Jarnutkowski, Jennifer Pullano; *Req. Lucy and Richard Daum (All Souls)*

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 Melissa, August Centrella, Emanuele and Theresa Triggiano; *Req. by Claire Centrella*





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 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



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.

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.

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.**



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.



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).*



Our Annual Advent Tree project continues until Sunday Dec. 19, 2021. Through our efforts we will benefit the less fortunate of our society. You are asked to take a tag from the tree and write your name in the registry located near the tree. Please affix the copy of the tag you take from the tree to your gift so that the present may be given to the proper individual. All gifts will be due on Sunday December 19, 2021. Your generosity will be appreciated and rewarded by the Lord who asks us to take care for the needy. We thank Pat Olsen as coordinator of this important project.

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Christmas Eve

4:00 P.M. – WITH YOUTH PARTICIPATION

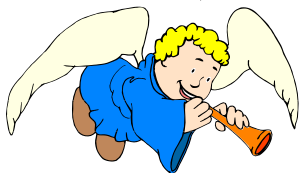
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Christmas Day

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Please join us to celebrate
The birth of our Lord

ALL ARE WELCOME!



30 Christmas poinsettias and 30 baskets were delivered on Wednesday Dec. 8, 2021 to thirty residents living at Hinchliffe Manor, Paterson NJ. We thank Sunday School teachers Ms. Natalie and Mr. Paul for organizing this project, children who made personal ornaments, prepared Christmas cars, assembled baskets and parents who supported this project for the benefit of the elderly. Job well done!



Our Holy Cross Church decorated for Christmas!



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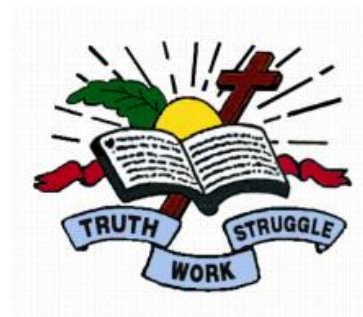
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All Are Welcome!

- Imagine a Church that is One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic and yet democratic
 - The ethnic beginning has grown into a multicultural community.
 - The Church that has all valid sacraments
 - Teaches traditional spiritual and moral values
 - Marriage has been allowed before or after ordination for deacons, priests and bishops since 1921.
 - The laity and clergy have equal voice in the election of bishops.
 - The management of the material matters of each parish is performed by the Parish Committee along with their Pastor.
- Church that welcomes ALL who wishes to follow Christ**

You don't have to Imagine anymore!
COME to Holy Cross Church
Worship with Us - Pray with Us
Praise with Us - Witness with Us
Building the Kingdom of God together!



THE PRAYERS REQUEST - The container "Prayer Request" is located at the side altar by the baptismal font. 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.



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.**

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.

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Holy Cross Chocolate Fundraiser – 2021 TODATE SALE - \$545



directions to access the recent issue. We hope you enjoy reading about the life and work of our parishes.

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

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

NEW REGISTRATIONS - Our parish is leasing the Sunday school building to the tenant, **GOLDEN STEPS LEARNING CENTER, from Monday to Friday** providing 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

- 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.

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.

