

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – JAN. 9, 2022

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SUNDAY MASSES – 9:00 & 11:00 am
WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17

INTRODUCTION



Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We will hear in the Gospel that Jesus was baptized by his cousin John, and we hear the voice of God saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." Let us pray for the gift to live our lives so that we hear these words spoken in our hearts — that we are loved and pleasing to our God.

Scripture readings:

Isa 42:1-4, 6-7 This is my servant, my chosen one.

Psalms 29:1-4; 9-10 The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

Acts 10:34-38 God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Mark 1:7-11 The baptism of Jesus

Lectors serving today:

9 am – Ed Obsuth

11 am – Mark Kosciński

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: Lucy Daum, Maria Sobstyl, Zaida Bueno; Annie Hornak, Emila Bargiel, Sophie Barnes, Frances Sanchez, Wendy Schlesinger, Ewa B., Jeffrey, Roy Zebrowski, Declan, Erik, Enrico, Josephine B. Carmen, Elsie. *If you would like to have your name on the list or your loved ones with their permission, please contact the parish office.* We pray also for all those who asked us to pray and for those whom we promised to pray. Hail Mary, Glory...

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



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

Anniversary

John Lazor Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 49th 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. 516 people follow our church Face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

MEMBERSHIP 2021



BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2022

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, JAN. 9, 2022 – SOLEMNITY – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 AM Holy Mass for departed **Richard Jakob, Joan & Joseph Zajac;**



Helen & Dawn Zajac; Req. by Susan Jakob (All Souls)

10:00 AM - HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR” WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class

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

11:00 AM Holy Mass for +**Michael Milkanin; Req. by wife**

Confirmation Class after Mass

Monday, Jan. 10; 2022 - St. John of Good, Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for our nation

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022 – St. Theodosius, H.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for our Parish

7:00 pm – Preparation for Marriage

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 – St. Benedict, Bp.

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

Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022 - Octave of Epiphany

8:30 am – Holy Mass for end of pandemic

7:00 pm - Meeting

Friday, Jan. 14, 2022 – St. Hilary Bp.

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

7:00 pm - Requiem Vespers for deceased Prime Bishop John Swantek

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 – St. Paul, H.

10:00 am – Funeral Mass for +Prime Bishop John Swantek at St. Stanislaus Cathedral; 529 East Locust Street, Scranton, PA 18505; repast at Youth Center.

SUNDAY, JAN. 16, 2022 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Holy Mass for departed +**Prime Bishop John Swantek; Req. by**

Fr. Joseph and parishioners

10:00 AM - HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR” WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class

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

11:00 AM Holy Mass for +**Prime Bishop John Swantek; Req. by Fr. Joseph and parishioners**

FOOD DRIVE – A food drive to benefit the Father English Food Pantry is open on weekly basis. You can bring imperishable food items as “gifts for the poor” to the parish hall each Sunday. We all need to remember the words of our Lord: “And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.” Mat. 10:42



Our Mission - The parish of Holy Cross 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. "You are to go into the entire world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere! (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 those who are lost (Luke 19:10)." In the past **96 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.

THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS continue...Pat Olsen;



2022 ADULT ENVELOPES are available in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church.



Confirmation Classes – Enrollment is open. So far we have five students enrolled. To register please ask Fr. Joseph or call parish office 201-247-4832. Students who are in the 7th grade and older and adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons. Sacrament of Confirmation is a completion of the sacrament of Baptism and important step in Christian religious education.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Enrollment is still open. So far we have three students.



Next class will be held on Sunday Jan. 9, 2022 *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 becomes 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)*

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2022 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 2021 and their projects for the year 2022.** 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 discuss concerns and make decisions for the parish. Would you consider serving on this committee? Please contact Fr. Joseph or George O'Brien (Parish Committee Chairman).

Upcoming Events

February 6, 2022 (new date) – Adoration Society and Parish Committee Potluck after 11 am Mass
March 2, 2022 – Ash Wednesday
March 13, 2022 – St. Patrick's Luncheon after 11 am
April 3, 2022 – Agape at 4 pm, (location TBD)
April 12, 2022 – Clergy Conference, Chrism Mass, Cathedral, Scranton, PA
April 17 2022 – Easter – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 19, 2022 – Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL)
May 1, 2022 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary
May 8, 2022 – Mother's Day Breakfast at 10 am
June 12, 2022 – Sunday School awards Church picnic
June 19, 2022 – Corpus Christi celebration (place – TBD)
June 19, 2022 – Father's Day Breakfast at 10 am
Week of July 4th 2022 - YOUTH CAMP – Kurs , Waymart, PA


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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 2, 2022 – available

Week of Jan. 9, 2022 – available

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. **Last week donations**



EPIPHANY PASTORAL VISITATIONS

Fr Joseph will be blessing homes during Epiphany Pastoral Visitations. Please let Fr. Joseph know that you wish to have your home/apartment blessed by calling 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 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.”

Thank you for your support.



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).*

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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

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.

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

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.





On Sunday Jan. 2, 2022 Anthony Aguilar received the Sacrament of Baptism.

We congratulate parents Antonio and Ines Aguilar, godparents, Becente and Cira Garcia on this special occasion. The Sacrament of Baptism welcomed Anthony as a new member of the Christian family, the living stone of the Church which is the mystical body of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Best wishes to Aguilar, Garcia, relatives and friends. We pray that Anthony and his family find Holy Cross Church to be their second home, a place of spiritual growth and social support.

NATIVITY SET

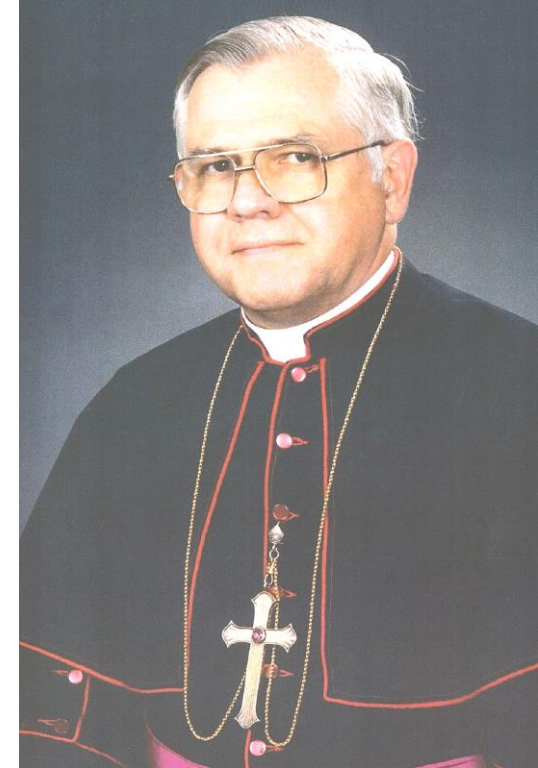
Since we didn't find missing Nativity statues of Holy Mary, St. Joseph and Baby Jesus with majority parish committee members present last Sunday we made decision to ask parishioners for voluntary donations to purchases new set. We are installing new security cameras and other measures to protect from the incident we had on Dec. 26, 2021.

DONATION TO HOLY CROSS CHURCH for New Nativity Set: Ed and Michele Lazor - \$500; Barnes Family - \$100;

+Prime Bishop John Swantek

It is with great sadness that we announce that the sp. Most Rev. John F. Swantek, the fifth Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church, entered into the eternal rest of the Lord, on Friday, January 7, 2022.

We give thanks to Almighty God for his years of ministry as a Priest within the Eastern Diocese, Bishop of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese and Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church from 1986 to 2002. In these roles he has touched the lives of countless members of the Church.



Details of the celebration of the Requiem Vespers and the Funeral Mass:

Friday, Jan. 14, 2022

7:00 pm - Requiem Vespers for deceased Prime Bishop John Swantek at St. Stanislaus Cathedral; 529 East Locust Street, Scranton, PA

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022

10:00 am – Funeral Mass for +Prime Bishop John Swantek at St. Stanislaus Cathedral; 529 East Locust Street, Scranton, PA 18505; repast at Youth Center.

Sincere sympathy to his wife Arlene, and his entire family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

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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.

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.**

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.

