

3RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - JAN. 23, 2021

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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor
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SUNDAY MASSES – 9:00 & 11:00 am
WEEKDAY MASSES – 8:30 am (check bulletin)

"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Luke 4:18-19

Introduction



My friends, this year on Sundays we will be reading from Matthew's Gospel. One of his important messages is that Jesus is not so much a *break* from the past, but a *fulfillment* of the past. Perhaps this is a message to consider today as we live in this ever-changing, fast-paced world. Let us pray to hold on to the wisdom of our ancestors in the faith, yet with minds and hearts open to hearing the voice of God now.

Today's Scriptures



Isa 8:23-9:3 The people in darkness will see a great light.
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 The Lord is my light and my salvation.
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Let there be no divisions among disciples.
Matt 4:12-23 Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah.

Lectors serving today:

9 am – R. Daum/ G. O'Brien 11 am – Chris, Daniel and Marcella Galindo

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 occasion. **GIFT CARDS** are available for **STOP N**

SHOP, FOODTOWN AND SHOP RITE. . 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...*



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](http://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. 23, 2022 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Holy Mass for departed +Ann Obsuth; Req. by David, Andy and Ed Obsuth & Family

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 All Parishioners Living and Deceased
Confirmation Class after Mass

Monday, Jan. 24, 2022 - St. Timothy, Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for our nation

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022 – Conversion of St. Paul- Week of prayer for

Christian Unity ends

8:30 am – Holy Mass for +August Centrella (10 Ann.); Req. by Claire Centrella

7:00 am – Preparation for First Holy Communion (Students who joined later)

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022 – St. Polycarp of Smyrna, Bp. M.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for peace and justice

7:00 pm – Preparation for Marriage

Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022 - St. John Chrysostom, B. D.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for +Agnieszka Cyman (16 Ann.); By Cyman Family

6:45 pm – Preparation for Confirmation (Students who work on Sunday)

7:30 PM – Holy Mass for the sick and homebound

Friday, Jan. 28, 2022 – St. Paulinus, Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass for Parishioners Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, JAN. 30, 2022 – 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Holy Mass for departed +Hughie Vickerilla (2nd Ann.); Req. by wife, Beverly

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 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

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.



2022 ADULT ENVELOPES were sent by mail and some 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. The



classes are held Sunday at 10 am *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, Parish Committee Lunch & 12 pm

February 20, 2022 – Annual Parish Meeting at 10 am (New date)

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

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. 23, 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**



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

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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.

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.



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.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Will be held on **Sunday, February 20, 2022 (date was changed)** after 9:00 a.m. Mass. There will be refreshments after the 9 AM Mass. School of Christian Living will have their program in Fr. John Slysz building.

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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! NATIVITY SET (missing)



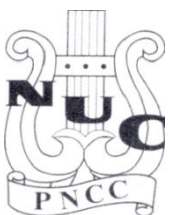
Since we haven't had our Nativity statues of Holy Mary, St. Joseph and Baby Jesus returned, the majority of the parish committee members made a decision on Sunday Jan. 9, 2022 to ask parishioners to voluntarily donate toward the purchase a new Nativity set. We are installing new security cameras and other measures to ensure that the incident of Dec. 26, 2021 doesn't happen again.

THE NEW SET WILL COST - \$3000.



Please let Fr. Joseph know that you wish to have your home/apartment blessed by calling 201-247-4832 or email holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

PLEASE DONATE GENTLY USED COATS, JACKETS, SWEATERS BY FEB. 13. These items will be given to Fr. English Food Pantry in Paterson. Thank you



Music Scholarship Sunday – January 30, 2022

Pray for the Music Ministry in our church and Give thanks for those that are currently sharing their talents. Help and support the future of this ministry. Your donations truly make a difference helping with scholarships and National United Choirs projects. Special envelopes are enclosed in each box of Sunday envelopes. For scholarship application / information, visit website nucmusic scholarship.weebly.com



Congratulations to Tyler Smith and Nicole Piotrowski on their special day of Sacrament of Marriage held on Jan. 21, 2022. We congratulate parents Paul and Linda and Dariusz and Teresa. Proud witnesses were John and Agnes. We pray for Tyler and Nicole and for all married couples, for their faithfulness to each other and for their loving service of the Gospel. Gracious God, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, poured forth blessings on the wedding couple at Cana. Look with kindness on Tyler and Nicole as they pledge their lives to one another in the presence of your Church. May they cherish one another and be inspired by your love and through them, may your Church be blessed. Amen.

Mr. & Mrs. Smith!!!!



2021 Contribution Statements - Any parishioner who wishes to receive information regarding their donations to the church for the year 2021 for their income tax purposes, please contact Financial Secretary, Richard Daum 973-694-9457 email DICKDAUM@gmail.com. We thank Richard for his time and dedication in his service as Financial Secretary/Treasurer of Holy Cross Church.

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**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.



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.
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