

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF PRE-LENT - FEB. 27, 2022

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS PARISH** PNCC 96 Years of Service

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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor  
The Deacon William Gaydos

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

*"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good." - Luke 6:45*

On this Sunday before Lent, the readings challenge us to be mindful of our thoughts, words and deeds. They call us to first judge ourselves before we judge others. May God shake us from our sins of apathy and judgment, so as to provide a path to enter more deeply into the Lenten journey before us.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sir 27:4-7 Tribulation is the test of the just  
Ps 92 Lord, it is good to give thanks to you  
1 Cor 15:54-58 Where, O death, is your sting?  
Lk 6:39-45 Remove the beam from your own eye first

## Lectors serving today:

9 am – Tracey Banta 11 am – Natalie Cyman

**LECTORS MEETING (SERVING @ 9 AM ) Sunday Feb. 27, 2022 at 10 am**

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES Please support our Building Fund is by purchasing weekly shopping certificates. The shopping certificates you can use also as gift cards for any occasion. GIFT CARDS are available for SHOP RITE. May God bless and reward you.



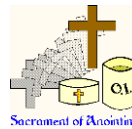
**WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF Ukraine** in time of war. For their protection and peaceful reconciliation with Russia. We pray...

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.

Cesar Gonzalez & Christine – Feb. 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.

Fr. Joseph Cyman & Renata (Bujak) – Feb. 21 – 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com)

Visiting our website [Blog holycrosssite.org](http://holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. 543 people follow our church Face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

## MEMBERSHIP 2022

**EXPLANATION:** The parish needs to send \$25 to the Central Diocese, and \$100 to the General Church; Total membership is \$125.00 per adult.



**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](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com), thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**

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

**SUNDAY, FEB. 27, 2022 – PRE LENT – 3**

**9:00 AM** Holy Mass for +Nino Di Minni; *Of. By Al and Fran Cuccinello*

**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

**AFTER MASS - “HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR”**

**After Mass – Confirmation Class**

**Monday, February 28, 2022 - St. Romanus and Lupincinus, Ab.**

**8:30 am – Holy Mass for PEACE**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2022 – St. David of Wales, Bp.**

**8:30 am – Holy Mass for PEACE and the growth of our parish**

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – ASH WEDNESDAY – BEGINNING OF LENT**

**12 NOON – Holy Mass with Ashes**

**7:30 pm – Holy Mas with Ashes**

**Thursday, March 3, 2022 - St. Cunegunda, W. - Lent**

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

**Friday, March 4, 2022 – St. Casimir, K., C.**

**8:30 am – Holy Mass for PEACE and Benefactors of Holy Cross Church**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022 – 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**9:00 AM** Holy Mass for PEACE and for Parishioners Living and Deceased

**10:00 AM – “HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR”**

**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

**After Mass – Confirmation Class**

Blessed Sacrament of Adoration Society at **Church of Transfiguration in Wallington, NJ** is hosting the **Pasta Dinner fundraiser** on Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Eat-in or Take Out. Reservations Only. Dinner includes: salad, pasta, meatballs and sausage. Plus entertainment by "Songs from the Heart" oldies. Donation: \$12.00 Adults & \$5.00 Children. Proceeds for the Church maintenance fund. For Tickets please contact the Rectory 973-779-4329 or Barbara Puzak 201-939-3533





*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 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Confirmation Class



**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)*

**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 Feb. 27 Repose of Harold Spencer (from Jan. 30)**

**Week of March 6 – Jeffrey “O”**

**Week of March 13 – Penni Lazor**

**Week of March 20 – Dom. Bucci / David Bucci**

**Week of March 27 – Memory of Hughie Vickerilla**

**Week of April 3 – available**



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

**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.

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



## Upcoming Events

March 20, 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

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>.

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.



**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 NEED TO PRAY FOR THE NATION OF UKRAINE IN UNGOING TIME OF WAR. We pray for peaceful resolutions in and reconciliation. **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 still 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 recovery of the sick and for the medical staff for their 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 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.”**



**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.

**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. Shopping

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.

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**96 years of service**

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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**

**Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations**

- Pastor - Father Joseph R. Cyman 201-247-4832 / 973-256-4888 /
- Deacon - William Gaydos 973-239-4725
- Parish Comm. Chairperson, George O’Brien 973-809-7091
- Secretary –Fran Cuccinello 973-303-3874
- Organist - Neil Estanislao 201-966-9026
- Organist - Jessica Muccilli 973-903-7273
- Adoration Society - Penni Lazor 973-768-7917
- Lectors Coordinator (9 am service) - George O’Brien 973-809-7091
- Altar Servers - Deacon William Gaydos 973-239-4725
- School of Christian Living (SOCL) Mr. Paul Murphy (201-463-7656), Ms. Natalie Lazar – 973-653-6494
- St. Nicholas Ministry – Two volunteer are needed
- Advent Tree – Pat Olsen 973-696-6581
- Greeters -
- Maintenance - Dominick Bucci 973-785-2299
- Shopping Certificates Sale – Ed Obsuth 201-233-6351
- Polish National Union of America - Fr. Joseph Cyman – 201-247-4832



# St. Patrick's Luncheon



**SUNDAY MARCH 20th.**

Holy Cross Church  
220 Browertown Rd.  
Woodland Park, N.J.  
12 NOON (after 11am Mass)  
in the Parish Hall



## MENU

CORNED BEEF-CABBAGE-POTATOES,  
BAKED CHICKEN-ASSORTED VEGETABLES  
SALAD-IRISH SODA BREAD-ASSORTED DESSERTS  
IRISH COFFEE-COFFEE-TEA-SOFT DRINKS  
Children and youth attending Sunday School-FREE  
Children ages 6 to 14 \$8.00

ADULT  
TICKETS  
\$ 17.00  
PER PERSON

DOOR PRIZES  
BASKET OF CHEER RAFFLE  
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS  
MARCH 13th.  
CALL OR TEXT  
PENNI @973-768-7917

Email: [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com)  
Buy tickets in parish hall or send donation by mail.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
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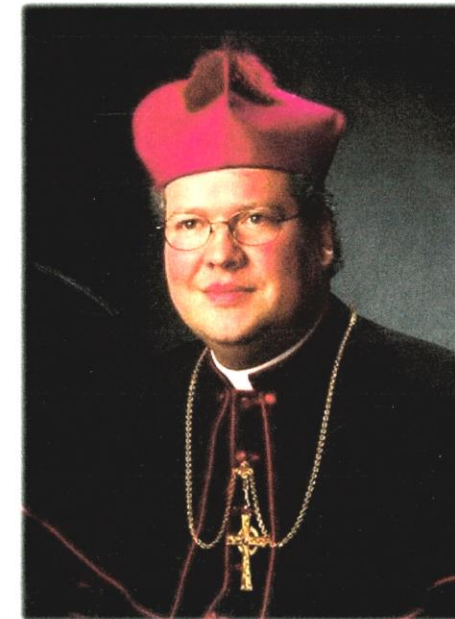
The Polish National Catholic Church invites you to join

**PRIME BISHOP ANTHONY MIKOVSKY**

as he celebrates Holy Mass of Thanksgiving on his  
25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

Sunday - April 24, 2022 at 4 pm

St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Cathedral, Scranton, Pennsylvania



A Dinner Reception and Banquet will follow in the Cathedral Youth Center.  
The Banquet will be limited to 200 people as we continue in these Covid times.

Reservations are required. Dinner Reception and Banquet - \$20.00

R.S.V.P. your name(s) and payment(s) to:  
National Church Center, P.N.C.C.  
Attention: Banquet Reservation  
1006 Pittston Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18505

Paid reservations will be honored on a first come first served basis, deadline April 1.



## Annual Parish Meeting (selected parts of minutes)

February 20, 2022

**Attendance: 30 total in attendance**

Opening prayer given by Fr. Joseph

Meeting facilitated by George O'Brien

Minutes from 2021 meeting: Motion to accept by Richard Daum, seconded by Penni Lazor

Pastor's Report given by Fr. Joseph

**In 2021 the Holy Cross Church had: BAPTISMS (11)**

Chirag S. Taylor, Aarti Ch. Taylor and Jay Ch. Taylor – April 11, 2021

Lorenzo A. Addino – April 18, 2021; John M. Diaz – July 11, 2021

Oscar Brzyski – June 20, 2021

Catalina A. Carvajal-Fernandez – July 18, 2021

Joseph Mazur – Aug. 1, 2021

Aaron C. Bardowell – Sept. 4, 2021

Malachi J. Wilborn – Nov. 7, 2021

Sophia A. Lopez – Nov. 21, 2021

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (8)**

JAZMIN BRADBURY, VIVIANA GALINDO, AMBER AND PARKER HERRICK,

VERONICA MURPHY, DAVID RODRIGUEZ, CHIRAG AND AARTI TAYLOR

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (10) on OCT. 17, 2021**

Jayden Abel Estacio, Athena Claire Galindo, Nicholas Jude Gizzi, Steven Patrick Ortega, Tyler

Matthew Smith, Stephanie Kateri Tarazona, Dianne Valentine Tarazona, Amy Theresa

Tarazona, Aarti Gianna Taylor, and Chirag Cosmas Taylor

**DEATHS / FUNERALS (2)**

Albert Katinsky – May 1, 2021

Irena Legawiec – July 22, 2021

**NEW PARISHIONERS: (2)**

Chirag and Aarti Taylor;

- Additional comments regarding the thief of the nativity scene on 12/26/21; Police investigation has been unsuccessful; Parish committee approved purchase of new nativity scene; New cameras were purchased and will be installed to capture license plates driving through parking lot/driveway to identify suspects should this happen again.

### PASTORAL PRIORITIES IN YEAR 2022

1. Support the youth with social activities and field trips. Prioritize the importance of School of Christian Living religious education
2. Continue preparation of First H. Communion and Confirmation students.
3. Retain in the parish new members and visitors
4. Emphasize the importance of being friendly parish toward our visitors and toward each other.
5. Continue meetings with societies and groups of our parish, accentuating their specific role and mission.

6. Continue meetings of Membership and Growth Committee.
7. Continue to spread the Good News of our Lord through the celebration of Holy Mass, the use of mass-media such as web-site, Facebook, newspaper, advertisement, our church sign and supporting the needy through Advent Tree Program, Feeding the homeless etc.

### **Elections:**

#### ➤ **Parish Committee appointed positions**

- George O'Brien, chairperson; Penni Lazor, vice chairperson
- Paul Murphy, secretary; Richard Daum, treasurer/financial secretary

#### ➤ **Parish Committee trustees**

- Zaida Bueno; Dominic Bucci; Danny Galindo; Guy Garofano; Natalie Lazor; Ed Obsuth

- Motion to accept nominations made by Fran Cuccinello; seconded by Paul Murphy

#### ➤ **New nomination to Parish Committee**

- David Obsuth

- Motion to accept nominations made by Richard Daum; seconded by George O'Brien

#### ➤ **Parish Tribunal**

- John Surak; Penni Lazor

- Motion to accept nominations made by Richard Daum; seconded by Danny Galindo

#### ➤ **Auditors**

- Penni Lazor; Beverly Obsuth

- Motion to accept nominations made by Zaida Bueno; seconded by Guy Garofano

#### ➤ **Envelope Recorder**

- Karen Hitchcock

- Motion to accept nominations made by Richard Daum; seconded by Penni Lazor

#### ➤ **NY/NJ Seniorate Council Representative**

- George O'Brien; Guy Garafano

- Motion to accept nominations made by David Obsuth; seconded by Jennifer Galindo

#### ➤ **Delegates for General Synod**

- Fr. Joseph Cyman (ex officio)

- George O'Brien; Guy Garofano (pending confirmation of dates)

- Danny Galindo (alternate)

- Motion to accept nominations made by Zaida Bueno; seconded by Renata Cyman

### **New business**

- Upcoming events to be presented at parish committee meetings:
  - Roof replacement; Tricky tray; Parish picnic

Respectfully submitted, Paul Murphy Parish Committee Secretary



**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.



## ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY 2021

The St. Nicholas Ministry continues to remember the parish community in times of need, despair and joy. Now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year the Ministry remembers the hospitalized patients and the homebound with cards and gifts and sends greetings for happy occasions such as weddings and births.

During 2021 twenty cards were sent for get-well, sympathy, birthday, anniversaries and thank you for donations. Merry Sleece sent all those cards. Due to the Covid pandemic Easter and Christmas plants were not delivered to the homebound as was our practice in previous years.

Flower arrangements, fruit baskets, stuffed animals and balloons were sent to parishioners recovering from hospitalizations and in sympathy for lost family members.

A display stand in the church vestibule contains a collection of Care Notes. These pamphlets deal with issues such as chronic illness, substance abuse, aging and divorce as well as other issues in life. They may offer a reader comfort and help. You are encouraged to take any Care Note that may be of interest to you. This service is donated by a parishioner.

We wish to thank all the wonderful people who have remembered the St. Nicholas Ministry with their monetary contributions, postage stamps and greeting cards. Contributions given in support of this ministry are always appreciated. Donations can be given in memory of a relative or friend. This is also an opportunity to honor someone's special day such as retirement, anniversary, birthday, etc.

There is a special envelope in your envelopes box and they are available on the bulletin board in the church hall.

The following is the 2021 financial report:

Balance January 1, 2021	\$807.58
Donations	475.00
Expenses	441.28
Balance	841.25

Please contact us when a parishioner will be celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup> or 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays. We rely on you to let us know when someone is sick, hospitalized, recuperating at home or have suffered a loss. Please tell us of special and joyous occasions, too. If you know of a situation where the St. Nicholas Ministry can be helpful please contact Fr. Joseph, Lucy or Richard Daum.

We are grateful for the many years of service that Merry Sleece devoted to our ministry. We send our best wishes to Merry and Bob Sleece as they begin life in Florida.

**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** If 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.**

**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.**

**Holy Cross Chocolate  
Fundraiser** available in the  
parish hall – purchase the remaining  
chocolates

