

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT– DEC. 18, 2022

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

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

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. Matthew 1:24



Doubt and confusion are not unique to us, even in matters essential to our faith. People have long asked for signs from God when they are in turmoil. Joseph's deep question about Mary is the focus of today's Gospel. His moving forward on the strength of answers given in a dream should be a source of deep encouragement for us. Serious questions are not inappropriate; in fact, they can lead to amazing answers and events.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-14 God promises a sign, if asked.
Ps 24 Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.
Rom 1:1-7 Paul preaches Jesus, the Son of God.
Mt 1:18-24 A sign is given to Joseph.

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Deacon Bill Gaydos 11:00 am Lector: Mark Kosciński

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES - The profit of shopping certificates sale was \$75,000. Please continue to support our Building Fund by purchasing weekly shopping certificates after 9 am Mass. You can buy them in the parish hall.



THANK YOU! We continue to pray for peace and safety in our streets and schools. We pray for the end of war in Ukraine.

Please remember me and my family in your prayers. I remember you each day in my prayers.



Please pray for the Sick of our 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: Hector Aponte, Mi Sun Lim; Josephine Porcoro, Inid Smith, Lucy Daum, Maria Sobstyl, Zaida Bueno, Annie Hornak, Emila Bargiel, Sophie Barnes, Frances Sanchez, Wendy Schlesinger, Steven O., 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... Hail Mary, Glory...

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.



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 – 13th Ann.

Russell Paulson and Karen Pettegrew – 11/ 22 – 30th Ann.

Jose Acosta/Paola Perez – 12/3 – 16th Ann.

John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 50th Ann.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes are expressed to the following parishioners:

Jessie Santos-11/27; Michele Peano – 11/28; Christian Reyes – 11/29,

Chirag Taylor 11/30; Clara Santiago – 12/2; Luis Bradbury – 12/3;

Magdalena Guzman – 12/05; Marcie Roberts – 12/8; Paul Murphy –

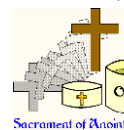
12/09; Harolina Menchon – 12/10; Matthew Camacho – 12/12; Juan

Batista – 12/13; Jennifer Favaro – 12/15; Isabella Mazur – 12/17; Oscar Brzyski – 12/27,

John Gizzi – 1/2; Penni Lazor – 1/3; Neil Kiame – 1/6; Edward Obsuth Jr. – 1/11;

Richard Daum – 1/12; Michele Gizzi – 1/15;

(If you would like to include the date of your birthday or the member of your family in the bulletin, please call the parish office at (201-247-4832)



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 Blog holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. 575 people follow our church Face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.



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.**

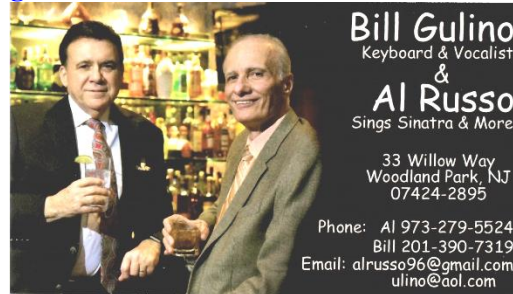
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DECEMBER 18, 2022 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses

9:00 AM HOLY MASS for +Andrew Obsuth, Ann Obsuth; *Req by*

David Obsuth and Family

10 AM – HUGHIES COFFEE HOUR

11:00 am – SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE PARISH HALL

11:00 AM HOLY MASS for All Parishioners



Monday Dec. 19, 2022 – St. Nemesius and Companions, M.

8:30 am - Holy Mass for peace in the world

Tuesday Dec. 20, 2022 – St. Ammon & Companions, M.

8:30 am - Holy Mass for our youth

Wednesday Dec. 21, 2022 – St. Thomas Apostle

8:30 am - Holy Mass for our youth

Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022 – St. Anastasia, V., M.

7:30 PM - MASS OF HEALING FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND, Plan attend

Friday, Dec. 23, 2022 - St. Servulus, V.

8:30 am - Holy Mass Benefactors of Holy Cross Church



Saturday, December 24, 2022 – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord with Youth Participation



Wednesday, December 25, 2022 –

Christmas Day

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Nativity

11:00 am – Holy Mass of the Nativity



Christmas Day Service



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 18, 2022. **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.

PRAYERS REQUEST

We express sympathy to Michele Lazor on the loss of her mother Sophie Gula. Sympathy to Michele's husband, Ed Lazor, children Michael and Meghan as well as Marcia and Fred Pepe; grandchildren, Frank Pepe and his wife Maria, Marissa and her husband David Jenkins, Mariel Pepe, Meghan Lazor, and Michael Lazor and great grandchildren Jake, Gianna, and Austin Pepe, and Lilly and Scarlet Jenkins. Our sympathy to relatives and friends. Mrs. Sophie Gula's funeral service took place on Friday, Dec. 16, 2022. May she rest in peace. May her soul and the souls of all departed rest in Peace. Amen.



ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY NEWS – Each December the St. Nicholas Ministry supplies poinsettias for delivery to our homebound parishioners. These flowers as well as the many cards, gifts, Care Notes are funded by your generous donations and stipend from the parish budget. For more information see Lucy, Richard Daum and Joan Kaynak.



2023 ADULT ENVELOPES are available in the parish hall. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church.

THANK YOU TO:

Everyone who participated in the Advent Tree project and Pat Olsen who coordinated this noble cause. It benefited the less fortunate of our society - boys and girls of **Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) formerly DYFS and men and women living in EVA'S SHELTER in Paterson.** Your generosity is appreciated and rewarded by the Lord who asks us to take care of the needy. *'Truly I tell you, whatever you*



Donations for the Homeless

did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' **Matthew 25:40**



OPLATEK – CHRISTMAS WAFERS are available 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. Please place your donations in the envelope located next to the basket in the parish hall.



Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes – The lessons are held on Sundays after 11 am Mass students who are in the 7th grade and older and adults are eligible to take confirmation lessons. To register please ask Fr. Joseph or call parish office 201-247-4832. 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. 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.

Week of Dec. 18 - The Souls of Purgatory by Gloria Vareriano

Week of Dec. 25 – William Vrablik by The Cimmino Family

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



PRAYER CHAIN

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 **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.



MASSES OF HEALING – The Masses for the Sick and Home Bound are celebrated **on the last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm (in Winter).** WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS. **Dates of Healing Masses: December 29, 2022 at 7:30 pm.** The Lord listens our prayers and has the power of healing of body, mind and spirit. WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS



FOOD DRIVE to benefit the Father English Food Pantry. You can bring your donations any Sunday to our parish hall and place them by the room “Food Bank” Won't you help the needy in the name of Christ the Savior? **“Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me.” (Mat. 25:40)**

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.**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS - We welcome all our visitors who are



present with us for worship this Sunday. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, Father Joseph after Mass. Please sign your name in "Our Church Guests" book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.

HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN Dear friends, please join our parish in DAILY PRAYER CHAIN. We pray for the safety in our streets and schools; for the propel gun control in our country and in the world. We pray for peaceful resolutions in and reconciliation especially in Ukraine. **WE PRAY FOR END OF WAR. 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 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.



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.

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



DONATIONS Dec. 11, 2022 - \$2,566.00 Venmo - \$60

Total Donations: \$2,626.00

INCOME – JAN. – November 2022 - \$128,710.33

EXPENSES JAN.- November 2022 - \$129,838.69

ENERGY NEEDS: Since last newsletter: Karol Sung - \$50; James and Susan Cimmino - \$100; Cyman Family – 40;

DONATIONS FOR BUILDING FUND: Since last newsletter: Ed and Michele Lazor - \$250; Karol Sung - \$50; Joan Kaynak - \$100; Donna & Martin Maher - \$50; Beverly Vickerilla - \$20; Michael Cyman - \$50; M/M O'Brien - \$50; Eileen Phillips - \$50; Adele Merson in memory of Jeffrey O'Brien - \$25; T. Heffernan - \$5;

SPECIAL DONATIONS TO HOLY CROSS: \$1000 in memory of Jeffrey O'Brien donated by George and Dorothy O'Brien; in honor of Serenity FanFan on her Baptism - \$50; In honor of Lexie Vargas on her Baptism - \$50; \$100 in honor of Isaiah Huertas on the occasion of his Baptism; \$100 in honor of Jionni Anthony on this occasion of his Baptism

POLISH NATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA - Fraternal Organization of our Church.



In the parish hall you can find pamphlets about PNU of A explaining different programs and benefits offered by this organization. One of them, to receive the college stipends, students have to be at least five years member of this organization. Ask Fr. Joseph for further information. 201-247-4832

SPOJNIA CREDIT UNION Information is placed in the parish hall and online <https://www.spojniacreditunion.org/> **Polish National Union of America, Information available in the parish hall and online www.pnu.org**



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.



LASTING GIFTS - "Lasting Gifts, a guide for gifts to the Holy Cross Church." Copies of these pamphlets are in the vestibule of the church. Please consider yourself to participate in this project. **OUR PARISH CELEBRATES 96 YEARS OF SERVICE.** Let us consider the future of our parish as it continues blessings for its members and for the community.

HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH There is a limit of people in attending the hall rentals according to CDC requirement. The hall rental fee for the use of the facilities is \$125.00 for each hour of rental time (for non-parishioners). For members of the parish (paid membership). The rental hall fee for the use of facilities is \$65 for each hour. Call 201-247-4832



THANK YOU

- Parishioners who sent donations by mail or electronically using Venmo or PayPal.
 - Fran Cuccinello for her help in the parish office
 - Lucy Daum and Ed Obsuth for preparing and selling shopping certificates in the parish hall.
 - Adoration Society for all activities in our parish
 - Renata Cyman for changing the church altar linens for season of Advent.
 - We thank anyone for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of Holy Cross Church. God

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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.

ACRAMENT 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

WINTER COATS, SCARFS, GLOVES, SWEATERS...



PLEASE DONATE NEW or LIGHTLY USED AND IN GOOD CONDITION COATS, SCARFS, GLOVES, SWEATERS. Please bring your donations to the parish hall. Donations will be given to Fr. English Food Pantry and Eva's

Shelter respectfully in Paterson, NJ.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – On Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022
Lexie Alaya Vargas received the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate proud parents, Angel and Ana, godparents, relatives and friends on this special occasion.



The SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – On Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022
Serenity Yanette Reign FanFan received the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate proud Phillippe and Diodekmaris, godparents, relatives and friends on this special occasion.



Dear parishioners, many thanks to all those that came last Sunday for our annual Christmas Luncheon. It was a huge success. Thank you to all those who prepared delicious food: Fran Cuccinello, Jennifer Galindo, Ed and David Obsuth, Natalie Lazar, and Cyman Family and those who brought delicious desserts. We came together to enjoy good food, Christmas decorations and music. Children were given gifts by Santa to take home. Blessed and Merry Christmas to All.



**Holy Cross Church
220 Browertown Rd.
Woodland Park, NJ**

Christmas Eve - Saturday

4:00 P.M.

WITH YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Christmas Day - Sunday

9:00 A.M. – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11:00 A.M. – GENERAL ASSEMBLY



**Join us to celebrate
The birth of our Lord**

ALL ARE WELCOME!



The Education and Youth Commission would graciously like to extend our gratitude to everyone who generously supported the Raffle Fundraiser promoting our Stipend Program through the PNU.



Congratulations to our winners!

First Prize (\$250.00 – Marlene Hill, Scranton, PA

Second Prize (\$100.00) – Edward Goralczyk, Elizabeth, PA

Third Prize (\$50.00) – Johanna Pardoe, N. Versailles, PA

Monetary donations are always graciously accepted towards these endeavors, as we continue our mission to provide funding and enable our youth members the benefit of receiving this stipend towards their future educational goals.

Donations can be sent directly to:

Education and Youth Commission, 1006 Pittston Ave, Scranton, Pa 18505.

Attention: Mary Ann Stankowski

Thank you and God Bless You and Your Families during this Holiday Season!

Mary Ann Stankowski, Education & Youth Commission, Chairman



**Last week 32
poinsettias, 32
Christmas cards
and Christmas
ornaments were
delivered by
Natalie Lazar
and Natalie
Cyman
to residents
living at
Hinchliffe
Manor,
Paterson NJ.
We thank**

**Sunday School teachers Ms. Natalie and Mr. Paul for
organizing this project, children who prepared
Christmas cards and parents who supported this
project for the benefit of the elderly. Job well done!**