

HUMBLE SHEPHERDS - JAN. 8, 2023

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

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

"The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God

REFLECTION

Humble Shepherds Feast – reflection: The Humble Shepherds feast was called into being by the Synod that gathered in Scranton in 1906. The clergy and laity gathered at that time were for the most part poor, immigrant laborers. Many workers that time were coal miners. They worked in very hard often in horrible and dangerous conditions. And it was these very people who gathered at Synod voted to honor the humble shepherds of Bethlehem and



all that they stood for. It took hard working people to recognize hard working shepherds. This feast remembers people who are disadvantaged in any way in our society today.

Scripture readings:

Isaiah 62:11-12 'See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him

Psalm 128 Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:15-20 - The shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Joseph Ruyzam

11:00 am – 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...

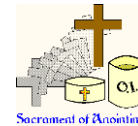
THE PRAYERS REQUEST - The container "Prayer Request" is located at the side altar by the baptismal font. Fr. Joseph says the Holy Mass on Thursdays for the sick and shut-ins. If you have any sick members in your family and/or homebound, please write their names and place them in the container. Fr. Joseph 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.

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

John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 50th 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. **575** people follow our church Face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2023

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. 8, 2023 – SOL. HUMBLE SHEPHERDS

9:00 AM Holy Mass for Parishioners – blessing in 2023

10 am – Hughie Coffee and Cake Fellowship

10:10 am – Preparation for First Holy Communion

10:10 am – Adoration Society Mtg. and Tricky Tray Prep. Mtg.

Confirmation Class



**11:00 AM Holy Mass for Beatriz Herrera's Intentions
+Hernando Saldarriaga; off. by Diana Saldarriaga
After Mass – Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation**

Monday Jan 9, 2023 – Baptism of the Lord

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

Tuesday Jan. 10, 2023 – Octave of Epiphany - St. John the Good,

Bp.

8:30 am - Holy Mass for our youth

Wednesday Jan. 11, 2023 – Octave of Epiphany – St. Theodosius

8:30 am - Holy Mass growth of our parish

Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023 – Octave of Epiphany – St. Benedict, Bp.

8:30 am – Holy Mass the sock and homebound

Friday, Jan. 13, 2023 – Octave of Epiphany

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



SUNDAY, JAN. 15, 2023 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**9:00 AM Holy Mass for +John Swider and deceased of Kutzer
Family; By Verna Swider (All Souls)**

10 am – Hughie Coffee and Cake Fellowship

10 am – Preparation for First Holy Communion

11:00 AM Holy Mass for Beatriz Herrera's Intentions

+Hernando Saldarriaga; off. by Diana Saldarriaga

Confirmation Class



After Mass – Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

**The Next Parish Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday,
Jan. 17, 2023 at 7:30 pm.**



THANK YOU TO:

- Fran Cuccinello for helping in the office
- Adoration Society for their ministry and help in activities of our parish
- Sunday School teachers, Mr. Paul Murphy, Ms. Natalie Lazar for their service for our children.
- Anyone who in any way shape or form supports our parish by sharing time, talent and treasure. God bless you all in 2023.



HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN In the case when small children need more attention during the Mass, parents can listen and follow the Liturgy of the Mass in the **parish hall** while the children can play or do the drawings.

REMAINING 2023 ADULT ENVELOPES are in the parish hall. Please pick up your box if you haven't had a chance to do so already. Thank you for your financial support toward the Holy Cross Church



Confirmation Class **Confirmation Classes – Enrollment is open.** 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. Next class will be held on Sunday



Jan. 8, 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 when priest says words of consecration which Jesus used during the Last Supper: This is My Body... This is My Blood. (Catechism)*

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 **97 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 donations continue...

Kathleen Kron in memory of Stephen & Katharin Rozic; Rob & Doris Kowalik ; Other donations, if any will be included in the next bulletin

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



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



Polish National Union of America

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**



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.



EPIPHANY PASTORAL VISITATIONS Fr Joseph Is available to bless homes especially during Christmas time. Please let Fr. Joseph know that you wish to have your home/apartment blessed by calling 201-247-4832 or email holycrosspncc1@gmail.com.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Will be held on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2020 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 2022 and their projects for the year 2023.** 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

Feb. 12, 2023 – St. Valentine’s Luncheon after 11 am Mass

Feb. 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday

March 12, 2023 – St. Patrick’s Luncheon after 11 am

March 26, 2023 – Agape at 3:30 pm at Holy Cross Church

April 3, 2023 – Clergy Conference, Chrism Mass, Scranton, PA

April 9, 2023 – Easter – Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 16, 2023 – Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL)

May 6, 2023 – NY/NJ Seniorate Council meeting at SS. Peter and Paul, Passaic

May 7, 2023 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 14, 2023 – Mother’s Day Breakfast at 10 am

June 4, 2023 – Parish Picnic after 11 am Mass

June 11, 2023 – Corpus Christi procession at Wallington parish at 3 pm

June 18, 2023 – Father’s Day Breakfast at 10 am

Week of July 4th 2022 - YOUTH CAMP – Kurs , Waymart, PA



WE REMEMBER during Christmas time deceased whose funerals took place at Holy Cross Church and immediate family members of our parishioners who passed away in 2022: **Sophie Gula, Jeffrey Obrien, Joan Ruyzam, Vincent O’Rourke, John Restino, Walter Koscinski, Dr. Joseph Wieczerszak, Hatem Hatem** and deceased who need our prayers. May they rest in peace. With our prayer we console family members in this difficult time.

ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY NEWS – Each December the St. Nicholas Ministry supplies poinsettias for delivery to our homebound parishioners. Fr. Joseph visited individuals and families administering Holy Communion, and bulletins. These flowers as well as the many cards, gifts, Care Notes are founded by your generous donations and stipend from the parish budget.



Holy Cross Church Ministries and Organizations

- Pastor – Rev. Joseph R. Cyman, 201-247-4832 / 973-256-4888
- Deacon – Deacon William Gaydos, 973-902-9321
- Parish Committee Chairperson – George O’Brien – 973-341-3241
- Blessed Sacrament Society (ANS) – Penni Lazor, 973-768-7917
- Organist – Neil Estanislao, 201-966-9026
- Organist – Jeccisa Muccilli, 973-903-7273
- Lectors 9:00 a.m. – George O’Brien, 973-341-3241
- Lectors 11:00 a.m. – Parish Office, 201-247-4832
- Altar Servers – Deacon William Gaydos, 973-902-9321
- School of Christian Living – Paul Murphy, 908-875-4493; Natalie Lazar, 973-563-6494
- St. Nicholas Min.– Richard, Lucy Daum, 973-694-9457; Joan Kaynak - 973-696-6035
- Stewardship Committee – Mark Koscinski – 908-672-2801; Pat Olsen, 973-696-6581
- Youth Group – Deacon William Gaydos, 973-902-9321
- Greeters – Fran Cuccinello – 973-256-1392
- Coffee and Cake Fellowship – Adoration Society (Penni Lazor) 973-768-7917
- Maintenance – Dominick Bucci, 973-785-2299
- Shopping Certificates Sale – Richard Daum, 973-694-9457
- Polish National Union of America – Fr. Joseph Cyman, 201-247-4832
- Hall Rental – parish office – 201-247-4832



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 95 years of service.

Let us consider the future of our parish as it continues blessings for its members and for the community. This pamphlet was prepared by the Stewardship Committee and approved by the Parish Committee.

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 regarding our church. WELCOME!

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

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 parish hall, use special envelopes and make your check out to Adoration Society. Thank you for your donations.

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

Week of Jan. 1, 2023 - Mi Sun Lim, Samsun; by Karol Sung

Week of January 15 – Walter Kosciński; by Mark Kosciński

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

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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.

St. Valentine's Luncheon

Holy Cross Church

220 Browertown Rd. Woodland Park NJ

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023 @ 12 PM

Donation: Adults – TBD

Children – under 14 Free

Menu Includes: TBD

Basket of Cheer and 50/50

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PARISH CHOIR – Volunteers who wish to share their vocal or musical talents and would like to join our choir, please contact our Organist, Neil Estanislao - tel. 201-966- 9026. Thank you