

# DEC. 17, 2023 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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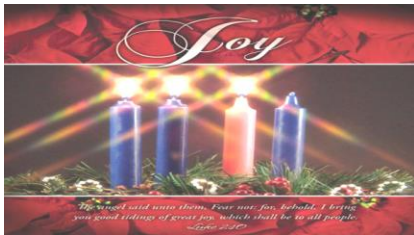
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The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor

The Deacon William Gaydos

**SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am**

"Who are you...What do you have to say for yourself?" - John 1:22



Today we are in the rhythm of both gratitude and yearning. Between the two, there is great space for hope. We are learning to be a patient people, continuing on, grateful but also impatient, in hope. We don't give up hoping just because some of the things we long for in God's reign of peace and justice have already happened. We're

there, and yet we're not. So much remains unfinished; so many have not yet experienced what has been promised.



Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 The prophet announces glad tidings and vindication  
Ps Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 My soul rejoices in my God  
1 Thess 5:16-24 Awaiting Christ's promised return  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 "There is one coming among you..."

## WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Ed Obsuth 11:00 am – Natalie Cyman

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES - We thank those who are involved in purchasing the certificates and those who make this project possible: Richard and Lucy Daum, and Ed Obsuth. Please continue to support our Building Fund by purchasing weekly shopping certificates after 9 am Mass. You can buy them in the parish hall.

We pray for the end of war in the world.

I pray for all parishioners each day. Please continue to pray for me and my family. Thank you

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## 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: Monika Lukowiak, Barbara Koscinski, Annie Hornak, Fay Goglia; Michael Piascik, Floyd Vivino, George, Pat, Maria, Tadeusz Sobstyl, Steven O., Roy Zebrowski, Declan, Erik, Enrico, Josephine B. Carmen,. If you would like to have your name on the list or your loved ones with their permission, please contact the parish office. Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father..

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.

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE: Dear Parishioners, we wish to extend our congratulations and best wishes on your anniversaries of marriage. Those who were married in another church, and we don't have your records, please write your name and the date of your marriage on the form below and mail it to us or place it in the collection basket or send it by mail. Name (husband) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (wife maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Martin Maher / Donna Giardino 10/24 –34th Ann.

Stephen Morgan/Karen Jarmarkowicz 11/01 – 14th Ann.

Russell Paulison/ Karen Pettegrew – 11/ 22 – 31<sup>st</sup> Ann.

Jose Acosta/Paola Perez – 12/3 – 18th Ann.

John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 51<sup>st</sup> Ann.



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Visiting our website Blog [holycrosssite.org](http://holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. 632 people follow our church Face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

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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.**

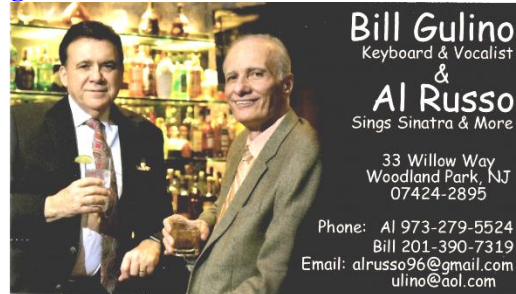
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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY**



**Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses**

**9:00 AM** Holy Mass for +Lucy Daum; *Off by Eileen Phillips*  
**10:00 am** - Coffee and Cake Fellowship  
**10:00 am** – First Holy Communion Class  
**11:00 am** – Sunday School class in the parish hall  
**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for + Regina M. Chrzanowska; *Off. by Cyman*

*Family*

**AFTER MASS – FEEDING HOMELESS IN PATERSON**

**Monday – Dec. 18, 2023 – Advent, St. Rufus and Zosimus**

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

**Tuesday – Dec. 19, 2023 – Advent - Nemesimus and Companions**

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

**Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023 – Advent - St. Ammon & Companions, M.**

**8:30 am Holy Mass – for the youth of our parish**

**Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023 – Advent – St. Thomas Apostle**

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

**7:30 PM – Parish Committee meeting and decoration of the church inside**

**Friday, Dec. 22, 2023 – Advent – St. Anastasia, V.M.**

**8:30 am – Holy Mass for Benefactors of our parish Living and Deceased**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses**

**9:00 AM** Holy Mass for +Lucy Daum; *Off by Eileen Phillips*  
**10:00 am** - Coffee and Cake Fellowship  
**10:00 am** – First Holy Communion Class



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

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for + Melissa & August Centrella,  
Emanuele and Theresa Triggiano; *Of. By Claire*

**Centrella**

**4:00 pm – CHRISTMAS EVE MASS with Children and Youth Participation All Are Welcome**



**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 17, 2023. **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.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Enrollment for 2024 is still open.**  
Communion 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 become 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)*

**Upcoming Events:**

**HALL RENTAL HOLY CROSS CHURCH.** 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



**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.



**THANK YOU**

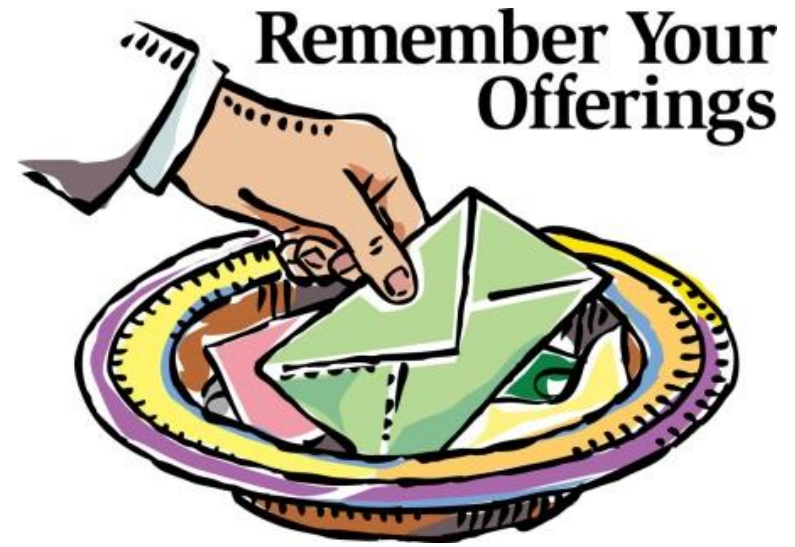
- Parishioners who support parish financially and those who send donations by mail or electronically using Venmo or PayPal. Each Friday, the Holy Mass is celebrated for all benefactors living and deceased.
- Karen Jarmakowicz and Stephen Morgan for their donation of 115 new Mass books.

- We thank those who decorated the hall, did preparations for our Christmas Dinner.
- Richard Daum for his work as a treasurer



- Fran Cuccinello for helping in the office
- Those who prepare Coffee Hour on Sundays
- Altar servers who serve during our Masses / Lectors who read the Holy Scripture / Ushers who collect donations and Greeters who welcome people and distribute bulletins.
- We thank anyone for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of Holy Cross Church. God bless you all!

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



**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



**Prayer for the Sick**

O Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. 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.



**ALMS BOX** – Our parish traditionally uses the Alms Box in the vestibule of the church for the benefit of the poor. Please continue to support this great cause to help the less fortunate of our society. *“When you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right is doing – your almsgiving must be secret, and your father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.” (Matthew 6:3-4)*



**MASSES OF HEALING** – The Masses for the Sick and Home Bound are celebrated **on the last Thursday of the month.**

**WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS. Dates of Healing Masses: December 28, 2023 Jan. 25, 2024 at 7 PM.** The Lord listens to our prayers and has the power of healing of body, mind and spirit. **WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS**



**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. 17 – in memory of Hughie Vickerilla by Beverly**

**Vickerilla**

**Week of Dec. 24 – in memory of William Vrablik by James and Susan Cimmino**

**Week of Jan. 21, 24 – in memory of Hughie Vickerilla by Beverly Vickerilla**

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

**HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN**

Dear friends, please join our parish in **DAILY PRAYER CHAIN.** We pray for victims of natural disasters, for



international help in times of tragedy. We pray for peaceful resolutions and reconciliation in different parts of the world especially in Ukraine and Israel, and other countries 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 the recovery of the sick and for the medical staff for wisdom and guidance in their service. We remember persecuted Christians around the world 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.

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**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*



**ANNUAL ADVENT TREE PROJECT – ENDS TODAY** All gifts are due Sunday, December 17, 2023.

In the vestibule of the church we have an Advent tree. We give 22 gifts for children living in foster homes and 20 adults living at EVA'S SHELTER.

Many thanks on behalf of the less fortunate of our society.

**HELP FOR PARENTS & SMALL CHILDREN** If small children

need more attention during the Mass in the **parish hall** TV set is connected to a mass in the parish hall.



the Mass, parents can now listen to the Liturgy of while the children can play or do the drawings. The camera in the church sanctuary. You can see

## Before Holy Mass

Please observe some quiet time before Mass to prepare yourself for worship: meeting God in His Word, Confession, and Holy Communion



## Holy Cross Church Christmas Eve

### 4:00 P.M. – WITH YOUTH

## Christmas Day

### 9:00 A.M. – HOLY MASS

### 11:00 A.M. – HOLY MASS

Please join us to celebrate  
The birth of our Lord



**Christmas flowers from Holy Cross Church were delivered for residents of The William Hinchliffe Manor Senior Apartments in Paterson**

# CHRISTMAS DINNER

*“With Santa”*



On Sunday, December 10th, dozens of parishioners of Holy Cross Church attended our annual Christmas Dinner. The children and all attendees enjoyed Christmas music and a great menu consisting of Baked Salmon, Pork

Roast, Chicken Marsala, Beef Empanadas, Spanish Rice, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Bread & Rolls, Assorted Desserts.

We thank all those who attended this event, especially the parents for bringing their children. The children of Holy Cross are special and very important to be part of our church. Santa (St. Nicholas) came with his Elf helper and gave presents to all the children. He told them to listen and help their parents and be well behaved. Lots of pictures taken with Santa.

**Merry Christmas to all!**





**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)

**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!

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