

DEC. 24, 2023 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." - Luke 1:30

We celebrate the last Sunday of Advent with profound message. The fulfillment of God's promises is about to happen! This single day places us in a long line of yearning people. Christmas is upon us, yet the task of endless anticipation is a sacred reality we need to embrace. Just as with those who are inches away from relief, rescue or reversal of any kind, still hang on. All of life is like this.



2 Sm 7:15, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Promise of an heir from the house of David
Ps 89 For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord
Rom 16:25-27 Everyone is offered salvation through Christ
Lk 1:26-38 The angel Gabriel announces the prophecy's fulfillment

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Deacon Bill Gaydos 11:00 am – Chirag Taylor

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



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, 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 – 31st Ann.

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

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

Holy Cross Church Face Book – link www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com

Visiting our website Blog 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.

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.**

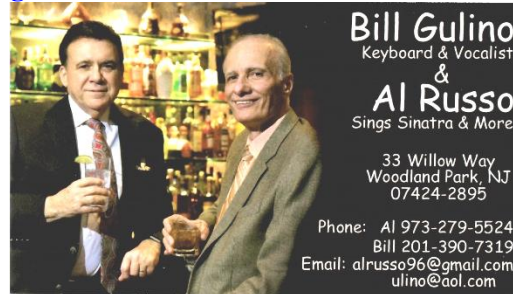
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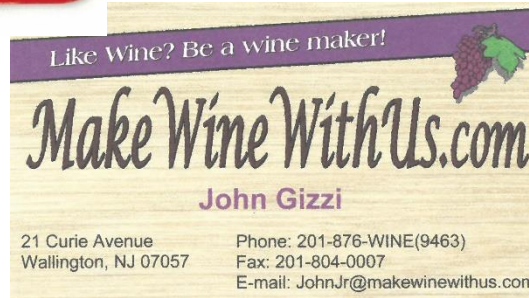
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 – 4ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses

9:00 AM Holy Mass for
+Lucy Daum; *Off by Eileen Phillips*

+Andrew Obsuth Sr. (Birthday Ann.); *Offered by David Obsuth*

10:00 am - Coffee and Cake Fellowship

10:00 am – Practice for Christmas Pageant & 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*



Sunday, December 24, 2023 – Christmas Eve

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

Monday, December 25, 2023 – Christmas Day

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Nativity

11:00 am – Holy Mass of the Nativity



Tuesday – Dec. 26, 2023 – Christmas time - St. Stephen, M.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023 – Christmas time, St. John Apostle, Ev.

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

Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023 – Christmas time – Holy Innocents

7:00 PM - Holy Mass of Healing for the sick and homebound

Friday, Dec. 29, 2023 – Christmas time – David, K., O.T.

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023 – HUMBLE SHEPHERDS

9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Lucy Daum; *Off by Lee Ann & Nicole Pellegrini*

+Jonathan J. Vitalletti, Christopher Vitaletti; *Req. by Mary Vitaletti*

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 All Parishioners Living and Deceased



Before Holy Mass

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



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!

2023 Contribution Statements- Any parishioner who wishes to receive information regarding their donations to the church for the year 2023 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.



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:

February 11, 2024 – St. Valentine’s Luncheon after 11

March 10, 2024 – St. Patrick’s Luncheon after 11 am

March 17, 2024 – Agape N/Y N/J Seniorate

March 26, 2024 – Clergy Conference, Chrism Mass, Scranton, PA

March 31, 2024 – Easter – Solemnity of the Resurrection the Lord

April 7, 2024 – Easter Egg Hunt & Party for School of Christian Living (SOCL)

May 5, 2024 – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 12, 2024 – Mother’s Day Breakfast at 10 am

**UPCOMING
EVENTS** am of



June 2, 2024 – Corpus Christi celebration at Holy Cross



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.

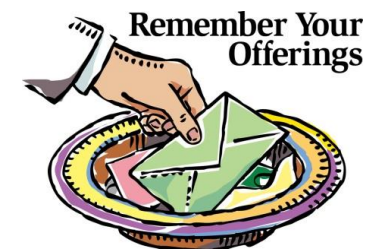
THANK YOU



- 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 church inside.
- 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 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

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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.

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

THANK YOU FOR SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL ADVENT TREE PROJECT.

We gave 25 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.



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.

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 to a camera in the church sanctuary. You can see mass in the parish hall.**



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS:

Beloved Grandparents: Lucy Daum; Mary (nee Soltys) and Anthony Plachinski



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Beloved Parents: Sophie (nee Plachinski) and Michael Gula, Jr., Anastasia (nee Berdnik) and John Lazor, Sr.; Beloved Aunts/Uncles

Henry Plachinski and Joseph Gula, Margaret (nee Gula) and John Belinski, Bernice and Basil Berdnik; Richard Jakob, Jean & Joseph Zajac, Helen & Dawn Zajac and Ruth & Arthur Jakob; Rafal Prieto; anonymous; deceased of Bujak, Cyman, Bronk and Domasz families; David, C. Bucci; deceased members of the Koscinski & Hornak families; Stephen Katharin & Steven Rozic; Helen & Joseph Mihok, Ann & Andrew Obsuth; Joan Ruyzam, Stella & Joseph Ruyzam, Edna & Edward Ringenberger; Hughie Vickerilla, Adele & John Sincavage; Nikolai Lazar; John Swider; Andrew & Ann Obsuth, Mary Margo; deceased of the Jarmakowicz, Morgan, Kaczmarek and Troiano families; Adele & John Sincavage, Hughie Vickerilla; Eleanor Niedzwiecki, James Hitchcock, Carol & William Mallanda; William & Johanna Vrablik, Julius & Ernes Cimmino; Eleanor Niedzwiecki & Carol Mallanda; *New donations will be included in the next bulletin*



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
 Join us to celebrate
The Birth of our Lord



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!**

