

DEC. 3, 2023 – 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SINCE 1926 **HOLY CROSS PARISH** PNCC 97 Years of Service

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Luke 21:28

INTRODUCTION



Brothers and sisters, on this first Sunday of Advent, we begin the church's new liturgical year. This season is a season of hope. Our readings remind us that when things look darkest, there is hope for those whose hope is waning. Not only are we encouraged to be hopeful,

but we are to be alert for something to happen. Hope and be ready! Jesus will come!

Today's Scriptures



Jeremiah 33:14-16 God's promise of a future just king

Psalms 25 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Encouragement to those waiting for Christ's return

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Be vigilant, for the Son of Man is coming.

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Deacon Bill 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 peace and 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, 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 – 31st Ann.**
- Jose Acosta/Paola Perez – 12/3 – 187th 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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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 – 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses



9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Joan Ruyzam; *Req by Joseph & John Ruyzam*

+David C. Bucci, Michael Savastano; *Off. by Dominick Bucci (All Souls) / 10:00am - Coffee and Cake Fellowship*

10:00 am – Adoration Society Meeting

10:00 am – First Holy Comm. Class

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

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for All Parishioners

AFTER MASS – Coffee and Cake Fellowship

Monday – Dec. 4, 2023 – St. Barbara, V., M.

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

Tuesday – Dec. 5, 2023 – St. Sabas, Ab.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023 – St. Nicholas Bp., M.

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

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023 – St. Ambrose Bp., M.

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

7:00 PM My Time With Mary - a Spa For The Soul.

Friday, Dec. 8, 2023 – Sol. – (Immaculate) Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023 – St. Leocadia, V., M.

10:00 am – Decoration of the parish hall for Christmas Dinner



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023 – 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent Wreath Lightening Ceremony before Masses



9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Stella & Joseph Ruyzam, Edna & Edward Ringenberger; *Req by Joseph & John Ruyzam*

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 +Sophie & Michael Gula Sr., Anastasia & John Lazor Sr.; *Of. By Ed and Michele Lazor & Family (All Souls)*

AFTER MASS – CHRISTMAS DINNER





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:

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 – Christmas Dinner after 11 am Mass – see flyer



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.

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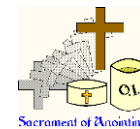
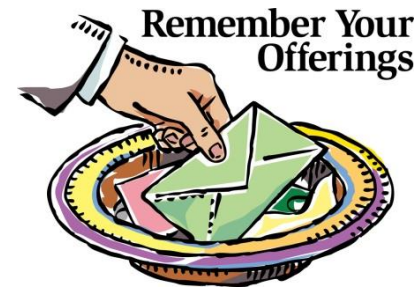


- Parishioners who support parish financially and those who send donations by mail or electronically using Venmo or PayPal. Each Friday, the Holy Mass is celebrated for all benefactors living and deceased.
- We thank Beverly Vickerilla for donation of Christmas tree in memory of husband, Hughie Vicerilla (parish hall)

- 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)*



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. 3 – Walter Koscinski (one year)

Week of Dec. 10 – in memory of John and Adele Sincavage by Beverly

Vickerilla

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

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 especially in Ukraine and other countries in the world. WE PRAY FOR END OF WAR IN



DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD FOR INTERNATIONAL HELP IN THIS TIME OF TRAGEDY. We continue to pray for the safety in our communities; for the propel gun control in our country. 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.



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 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**

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

ANNUAL ADVENT TREE PROJECT – HELP THE NEEDY



Today, on the Solemnity of Christ the King we begin the annual Advent Tree project. All gifts will be due on Sunday, December 17, 2023.

In the vestibule of the church you can find an Advent tree with 15 tags for children living in foster homes and 20 tags for EVA'S SHELTER senior WOMEN and MEN. For seniors, please donate warm clothes, gloves, hat, scarf, sweater, sweatshirt, underwear. Any items (Medium or Large), you feel would be suitable, to give. For the children the SUGGESTED gifts are enclosed on

each tag.

1. Take a tag from the tree.
2. Place a ball on the tree.
3. Please put your name in the registry next to the number of the tag you took. This will help us at the end if there is a missing gift. Many thanks on behalf of the less fortunate of our society.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

“With Santa”

Holy Cross Church

Dec. 10, 2023 after 11am Mass (12 pm)



Menu: Baked Salmon, Pork Roast, Baked Chicken, Cavatelli & Broccoli, Beef Empanadas, Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Bread & Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Santa Claus will have gifts for children



**Tickets - \$20 Adults
CHILDREN 7 – 12 - \$7
CHILDREN UNDER 6**

FREE

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CHRISTIAN LIVING**

CHILDREN ARE FREE

Please help us to serve and clean up

**Invite your family and friends
Reserve tables - family reunion**

Tel: 201-247-4832 or francuccinello@gmail.com

Email holycrosspncc1@gmail.com

Deadline for tickets TODAY DEC. 3, 2023



ALL ARE WELCOME!



CHRISTMAS DINNER TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE.

**Come spend an afternoon of good food, fun and a visit from Santa for the children
Donated desserts homemade or bought will be greatly appreciated
Reserve a table for family and friends**

CHRISTMAS WAFERS – OPLATEK-

are available in the parish hall in Advent 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.



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.



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!**

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.**



**Holy Cross Church
220 Browertown Rd. W.P. NJ**



**Christmas
Eve**

4:00 P.M. – WITH YOUTH PARTICIPATION

**Christmas Day -
Sunday**

9:00 A.M. – HOLY MASS

11:00 A.M. – HOLY MASS

**Please join us to celebrate
The birth of our Lord**