

HUMBLE SHEPHERDS –DEC. 31, 2023

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

SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God

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 very hard, often in horrible and dangerous conditions. And it was these very people who gathered at Synod when the PNCC was not even ten years old and 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 many ways in our society today. This Solemnity shows how God interacts with humanity. God sent His angels to the poor workers of the region to announce His salvation. In fact, He chose the lowest of the low to receive this news.



Scripture readings:

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

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

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

LECTORS MEETING AFTER 9 AM MASS - (SERVING AT 9 AM)

WE THANK LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Deacon Bill Gaydos 11:00 am – Mark Koscinski

SHOPPING CERTIFICATES - RECENTLY WE DEPOSITED \$2,000 TO BUILDING FUND FROM SHOPPING

CERTIFICATES SALE. 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 _____

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



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.

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

Visiting our website Blog holycrosssite.org you can go directly to our church face book. 660 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 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

We thank all lectors serving in our parish.

Monday – Jan. 1 26, 2024 – BLESSED NEW YEAR 2024

PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

Tuesday, Jan, 2, 2024 – Holy Name of Jesus

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

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024 – Christmas weekday

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

Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024 – St. Gregory B.

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

Friday, Jan. 5, 2024 – Christmas weekday

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 – SOL. OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00 AM Holy Mass for +Stella & Joseph Ruyzam, Edna & Edward

Ringenger; *Of. By John and Joe Ruyzam*

10:00 am - Coffee and Cake Fellowship

10:00 am – First Holy Communion Class

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*May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you now
And all throughout the coming year 2024*

Happy New Year – 2024!

❖ *Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku – 2024!*

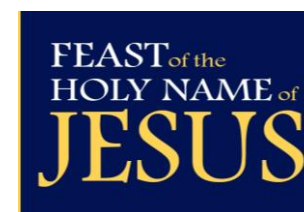
❖ *Bonne Nouvelle L'Année 2024!*

❖ *Buen Año Nuevo 2024!*

❖ *Ein gutes neues Jahr 2024!*

❖ *Felice Anno Nuovo 2024 !*

❖ *Sretna Nova Godina! 2024 / Šťastný Nový Rok 2024*



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 am

February 18, 2024 – Annual Parish Meeting from 10 – 11 am

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 of 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

June 2, 2024 – Corpus Christi celebration at Holy Cross

**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.
- Organists, Neil Estanislao and Jessica Muccilli for their great service.
- Adoration Society for their ministry and help in activities of our parish.
- Sunday School teachers, Mr. Paul Murphy, Ms. Natalie Lazar for their service
- 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.

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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 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



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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS:

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



Eva (nee Humenuk) and Michael Gula, Sr., Matrona and David Berdnik; 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; Anonymous, 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 & Ernest Cimmino; Eleanor Niedzwiecki & Carol Mallanda; deceased member of the Muccilli and Kwiatkowski families; Mr. & Mrs. R. Kowalik; in memory of Rafael Prieto; *New donations will be included in the next bulletin*



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.**

By the Blessed Virgin Mary altar, we have candles lit in their memory. We remember **Eleanor Piscitelli, Anne Hornak, Salvatore Nocella, Regina Chrzanowska, Lucy Daum, Eleanor Ferranti, Sophie Barnes, and Mariusz Pokrop.** Additionally, we have one more candle remembering all of deceased. May they live in God's presence forever, as we remember them, morn and believe that we will see them again in eternal life.

On Tuesday Dec. 26, 2023 the remaining of 18 new LED light fixtures were installed in the Sunday School / Day care building. We wish to thank Dominick for making arrangements for this important work. The work was done by Igjo Electric, Rutherford, NJ. TOTAL ELECTRIC WORK COST - \$3,800.



The Nativity Pageant took place during the Mass with youth participation on Christmas Eve at 4:00 PM Mass, December 24, 2023. The children dressed in costumes to portray Nativity, Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Kings, and a Little Lamb. Families and friends enjoyed the Mass with beautiful Christmas music in a beautifully decorated church sanctuary and altar. We would like to thank the youth who participated in this annual special event and their parents who supported this activity, bringing children for practices. We thank Sunday School teachers Ms. Natalie and Mr. Paul for providing lessons to our children. - Father Joseph and Deacon Bill



**Christmas Eve Mass
with reading of
Christmas Pageant
and singing We Wish
you a Merry
Christmas, Veliz
Navidad.**

