

# DECEMBER 1, 2024 – 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**The Reverend Father Joseph R. Cyman, Pastor**

**The Deacon William Gaydos**

**The Deacon Mark Koscinski**

**SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)**

*"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.

## LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Deacon Bill Gaydos

11:00 am – Lector: Deacon Mark Koscinski

**SHOPPING CERTIFICATES** - thank those who are involved in purchasing the certificates and those who make this project possible:

Richard and Ed Obssuth. 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 peace and end of war in the world.

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



## 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: Robert Sleece, Dante Pasquale, Edward Lazor, Michele Lazor, Pat Lenart, Alexandria Sytsma, Dante Domicolo, Monika Lukowiak, Barbara Koscinski, Fay Goglia; Michael Piascik, Floyd Vivino, Devin D. Lopez, George, Pat, Maria, Tadeusz Sobstyl, Robert Daniewski, Steven O., Roy Zebrowski, Declan, Erik. 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 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. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Jose Acosta/Paola Perez – 12/3 – 19th Ann.**

**John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 52<sup>nd</sup> Ann.**

**Holy Cross Church Face Book – link [www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com](http://www.holycrosswoodlandpark.com)**

Visiting our website Blog [holycrosssite.org](http://holycrosssite.org) you can go directly to our church face book. 688 people are following our church Face book! We thank Lynn Imperiale for her dedication in updating our Facebook.

**BUSINESS ADVERTISING Year 2024**

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 1, 2024 – 1-ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**



**9:00 AM** The Holy Mass for +Bob Gigante; Off by Kaynak Family

After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR**

**10:10 am** – First Holy Communion Class

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for All Parishioners Living and Deceased

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

After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR / After Mass – Confirmation Class**

**3-7 PM – VISITATION HOURS FOR +FR. MARIAN TARNOWSKI, FORMER PASTOR OF MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH, PASSAIC, NJ**

**Monday, Dec. 2, 2024 – St. Babiana, V. M.**

**10:30 am** – Funeral Mass for +FR. MARIAN TARNOWSKI, FORMER PASTOR OF MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH, PASSAIC, NJ

**Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024 – St. Fransis Xavier, P.**

**7:30 am** – Holy Mass for youth of our parish

**Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024 – St. Barbara, V., M.**

**7:30 am** – Holy Mass for youth of our parish

**Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024 – Sabas, Ab.**

**7:30 am** – Holy Mass for sick and homebound

**Friday, Dec. 6, 2024 – St. Nicholas of Myra, Bp.**

**7:30 am** – Holy Mass for Benefactors of Holy Cross Living and Deceased

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024 – 2-ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**

**9:00 AM** The Holy Mass for +Dominick Bucci; Off. by Bob & Merry Sleece

After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR**

**10:10 am** – First Holy Communion Class

**11:00 AM** – Holy Mass for +Sophie & Michael Gula, Jr.

Anastasia & John Lazor Sr., Henry Plachinski, Mary & Eileen Crane; Off. by Ed and Michele Lazor (All Souls)

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

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**“With Santa” – Tickets Available**

**ENROLMENT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION are OPEN – CONTACT** parish office at 201-

247-4832 (or text) or email church office [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com). THANK YOU.





**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!

## Upcoming Events:

**December 8, 2024 after 11 am Mass - Christmas Luncheon with Santa**

**Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Mass (Tuesday) at 4 pm**

**Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass (Wednesday) at 10 am**



**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

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.



**FOOD PANTRY** – Each Sunday you can donate nonperishable food items to benefit Fr. English Food Pantry located in Paterson, NJ. Please bring your donations 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)



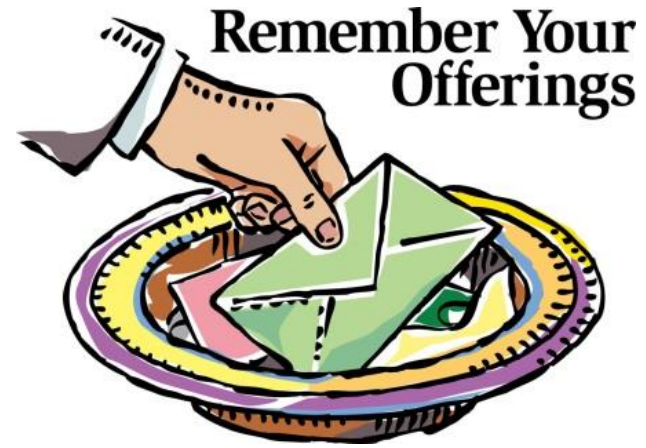
### THANK YOU

- Parishioners who support parish in different ways. Each Friday, the Holy Mass is celebrated for all benefactors living and deceased.
- Parish Committee members for attending parish committee meeting and making important decisions for our parish.
- Richard Daum for his work as a treasurer
- Fran Cuccinello for her help in the parish office
- We thank Parish Committee Members who attended last week meeting and made decision for the good of our parish.
- We thank 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!



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



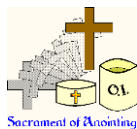
**Dear Parishioners** – We thank you for all generous donations to support our parish. Nevertheless, we ask you to prayerfully consider underwriting the cost of some essential operating costs of the parish. You can send a donation by mail or place it in the collection basket.

**Sunday School materials - \$240 (.....)**

**One monthly payment for Xerox copy lease - \$200 (.....)**

**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.





**HOSPITAL VISIT.** “Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him / her and anoint 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 Eucharist, please notify the office 201-247-4832.



**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

**MASSES OF HEALING** – The Masses for the Sick and Home Bound are celebrated on the last Thursday of the month. In November it will be celebrated on last Wednesday due to Thanksgiving Day.

WE HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT PRAYERS FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR OTHERS. **Dates of Healing Masses: November 27, 2024 @ 7:00 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. 1, 2024 – Wanda, Bronislaw Sutkowski; by Lidia Sutkowska  
Week of Dec. 8, 2024 – Irena, Czeslaw Zgoda; by Lidia Sutkowska

Week of Dec. 15, 2024 – Adele & John Sinkawaga; by Bev. Vickerilla  
Week of Dec. 22, 2024 William Vrablik; by James & Susan Cimmino

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

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**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)*

**BLESSING OF HOMES** Please contact Fr. Joseph if you wish to have blessed your home or apartment. 201-247-4832 or [holycrosspncc1@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosspncc1@gmail.com)

**GOD’S FIELD – (Rola Boza) ONLINE** The latest issue of God's Field is now available online at <http://www.pncc.org>. Click on the God's Field link at the top of the home page and follow the directions to access the recent issue. We hope you enjoy reading about the life and work of our parishes.

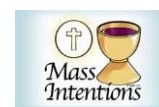
**HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN**



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 Lebanon, Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, and other countries in the world. We pray for peace in our country, for peaceful elections. We pray for protection from natural disasters. 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 wisdom and guidance for the medical staff 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.

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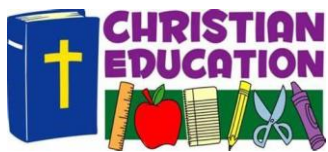
**DAILY MASSES** are held as announced in the bulletin. Examples of the Mass intentions are: For the Sick, In Remembrance of the Faithful Departed, To Beseech God’s Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries. Please contact Father Joe.  
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Arrangements at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

**SACRAMENT 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



*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 **98 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.

### Welcome to Holy Cross Sunday School Classes



**Dear Parents and Children** We are happy to see children attending Sunday School classes on Sundays at 11 am. Sunday School classes will benefit the spiritual



growth of your children. **Two wonderful and skilled teachers, Ms. Natalie L. and Mr. Paul M. are ready to dedicate their time and talents for the benefit of your children.** You can register your children on Sunday between 10 am and 11 am during coffee hour in the parish hall. **Classes are offered for children ages 4 through 8th grade. Older students can attend if they desire to do so.** Parents with children under the age of four can accompany their children in the parish hall, if desired and they can watch the Mass being televised on TV while children are occupied doing drawings and simple lessons. Sunday school students not only receive a religious education but also participate in a variety of enjoyable activities. **These are some possible activities such as Christmas party, Youth Participation at Christmas Mass, an Easter Egg Hunt and Party, visiting the elderly at nursing homes, making holiday crafts, enjoying parish picnic, preparing Thanksgiving Food Baskets for needy families, Christmas gifts for needy children, planting plants for seniors, providing food and clothing for the homeless. By participating in these activities, the youth have the opportunity to give back to the community by helping the less fortunate.** You are welcome to join us by enrolling your child in this program. Children will receive certificates for perfect and good attendance and may be rewarded with a gift card.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS / FATHER JOSEPH R. CYMAN**



**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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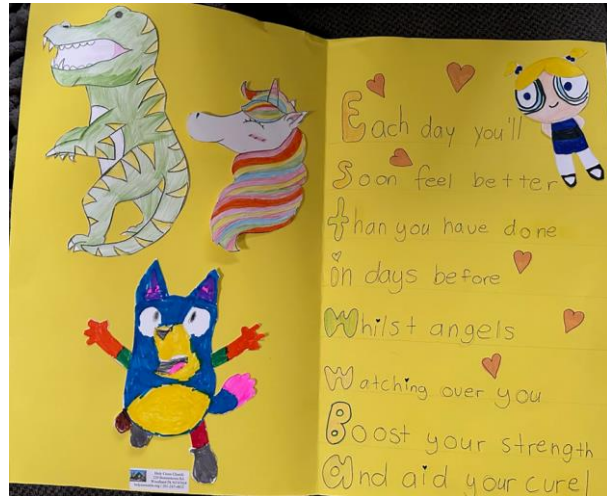
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Deadline for tickets Dec. 1, 2024

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# Sunday School Project

**We collected \$375 as well as some toys and other items. The children selected items from a wish list and made get well cards. These items are for Pediatric Patients at Morristown Medical Center, Morristown NJ; Job well done. Thank you!!!**



**Sacrament of Baptism:  
Kehlani Royalty Vasquez, daughter of Daniel Vasquez and Janiris (Agudelo) was baptized at Holy Cross Church on Sunday Nov. 24, 2024. Congratulations to parents, godparents, grandparents, family members and friends.**



**Sacrament of Baptism:  
Luke Christopher Noonan, son of Joseph Noonan and Jea Lizz Basubas was baptized at Holy Cross Church on Sunday Nov. 24, 2024. Congratulations to parents, godparents, grandparents, family members and friends.**

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Twelve (12) Thanksgiving baskets with \$50 ShopRite Gift Certificates were donated by Holy Cross Church to Passaic Regional Valley High School in Little Falls, NJ.

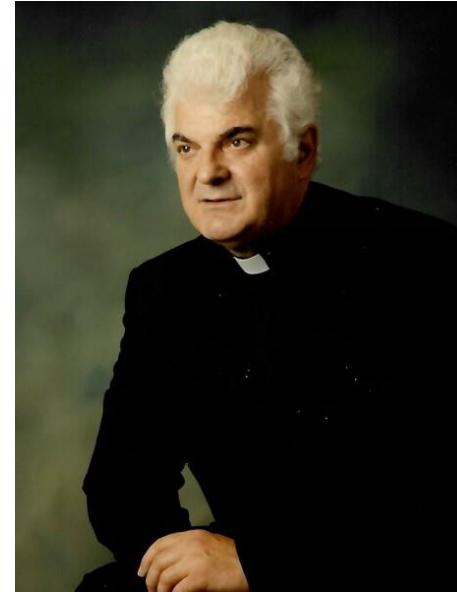
Thank you for remembering the disadvantaged in our community.



**Our Annual Advent Tree project begins today, Sunday December 1, 2024.** Through our efforts we will benefit the less fortunate of our society. You are asked to take a tag from the tree and write your name in the registry located near the tree. Please affix the copy of the tag you take from the tree to your gift so that the present may be given to the proper individual. All gifts will be due on Sunday December 15, 2024. Your generosity will be appreciated and rewarded by the Lord who asks us to take care for the needy.



## Rev. Marian Tarnowski Obituary



Rev. Marian Tarnowski, 81, of Clifton passed away peacefully with his loving family at his bedside on November 28, 2024.

Born and raised in Chodorow, Poland, Fr. Tarnowski was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1966 and came to the United States on February 15, 1985, initially serving in parishes in Riverhead and Hempstead, NY. After twenty years of Roman Catholic priesthood, Fr. Tarnowski felt that serving as a priest with the Slovak National Catholic Church was a truer calling for him and thus became a priest with Most Holy Name of Jesus SNC Cathedral in Passaic where he then served as Pastor for the next thirty-nine years before retiring in 2021. He loved to play guitar and read books and always enjoyed a playing a good game of chess against his son, Bogdan. Fr. Tarnowski was a great husband and a wonderful dad and had the unique ability to be a calming voice in difficult and stressful times....a humble man who tried always to do right and teach life to his family and parishioners.

Rev. Tarnowski was predeceased by his loved and missed parents, Michal and Franciszka (nee Szerenga) Tarnowski as well as by his dear brother, Jan Tarnowski.

He is survived by his beloved wife of thirty-nine years, Grazyna (nee Okula) Tarnowski, of Clifton; by his two loving and devoted children, Bogdan and Beata Tarnowski, both also of Clifton; and by his dear sister, Kazmiera Wilk, of Poland.

Visiting Hours will be Sunday from 3-7pm with a Wake Service to be held at 4pm at Holy Cross Church, 220 Browertown Road, Woodland Park. Funeral Monday 10:30am at Holy Cross Church with committal to follow at East Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clifton. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Bizub-Quinlan Funeral Home, 1313 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton. Please visit [www.bizubquinlan.com](http://www.bizubquinlan.com) to leave online condolences to Fr. Tarnowski's family on the Tribute Wall of his obituary page.

On behalf of Holy Cross Church, we express deepest sympathy to his beloved wife, Grazyna, loving children, Bogdan and Beata Tarnowski, former parishioners of Most Holy Name of Jesus SNC Cathedral in Passaic, relatives and friends.

May He Rest in Peace. May his soul and souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen