

DECEMBER 8, 2024 – 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENET

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 am and 11 am
WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

"A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." - Luke 3:4

INTRODUCTION

God's word is a message of hope, and it has long been proclaimed in difficult times of exile, imprisonment and political turmoil. For those of us weary of dark news, the message may be a momentary relief on this Sunday. But do we believe it? What will it take for this word to settle deep in our hearts and even motivate us to take hopeful action on behalf of those for whom hope is meaningless? If not us, then who?

Today's Scriptures Reading

Baruch 5:1-9 A message of hope to those in exile

Ps 126 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 The imprisoned Paul writes of hope for Christians

Lk 3:1-6 John proclaims hope for the coming of a Savior

LECTORS SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Rosie Castillo

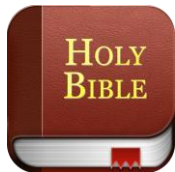
11:00 am – Lector: Natalie Cyman

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

Richard 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 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: **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, 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 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 _____



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

John Lazor / Alexandra Jaxon – 12/16 – 52nd Ann.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO THOSE WHO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER.



Holy Cross Church Face Book – link 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, thank you. **Parishioners and friends, please support the following businesses that give financial contributions to our church.**

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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., Henrly 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”

Monday, Dec. 9, 2024 – Solemnity – Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am – Holy Mass for peace in the world

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024 – St. Gregory III of Rome, Bp.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024 – St. Damasus of Rome, Bp.

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

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024 – Our Lady of Guadalupe.

7:30 am – Holy Mass for sick and homebound

Friday, Dec. 13, 2024 – St. Lucy, V., M.

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024 – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

9:00 AM The Holy Mass for Blessing & Growth for business NOUBESS

After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR**

10:10 am – First Holy Communion Class

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for All Parishioners

11:00 am – Sunday School in the parish hall



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. 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:

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

UPCOMING
EVENTS

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 @holycrosspnc 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)



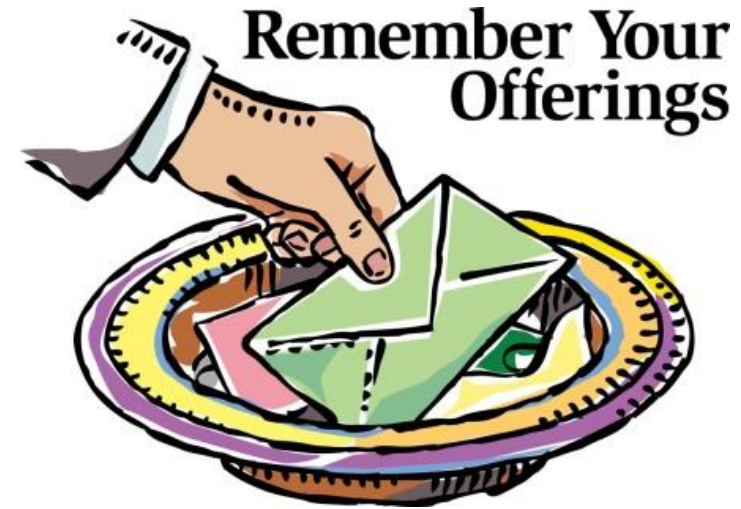
THANK YOU

- We thank those who prepared Christmas Dinner, decorated the hall and cleaned after the event. We thank parishioners who support parish in different ways. That is why Each Friday, the Holy Mass is celebrated for all benefactors living and deceased.
- Adoration Society members for their service beneficial to our parish
- Sunday School teachers, Ms. Natalie and Mr. Paul for their service
- Richard Daum for his work as a treasurer
- Fran Cuccinello for her help in the parish office
- 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.”



Remember Your Offerings

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

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.

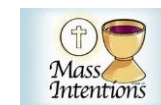
HOLY CROSS PARISH DAILY PRAYER CHAIN



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



**Holy Cross
Sunday School Project Completed:**

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 were delivered by Ms. Natalie and Aneta, Johannes, Sebastian and Angelina G. to Pediatric Patients at Morristown Medical Center, Morristown NJ; Sat. Dec. 7, 2024

**Job well done.
Thank you!!!**



OPLATEK – CHRISTMAS WAFERS 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.

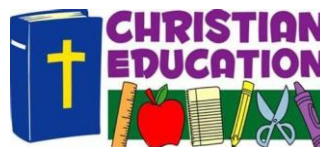


CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – All parishioners are asked to make a donation to the Christmas Flower Fund. Special envelopes are enclosed in the envelope box and also are available in the vestibule of the church. You would be asked to please return your donations by Sunday, December 22, 2024. Your donation including names of your departed loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. Any later donations will appear in the consecutive bulletins

Our Annual Advent Tree project continues until Dec. 15, 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.



Welcome to Holy Cross Sunday School Classes



Dear Parents and Children We are glad serving our children attending Sunday School classes on Sundays at 11 am. These classes benefit the spiritual growth of our children. **Two wonderful and skilled teachers, Ms.**

Natalie L. and Mr. Paul M. dedicate their time and talents for the benefit of your children. You can still 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.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sundays - SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS / FATHER JOSEPH R. CYMAN, Pastor

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.