

SOL. OF HUMBLE SHEPHERDS DEC. 29, 2024

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SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM & 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES – 7:30 am (check bulletin)

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God

INTRODUCTION



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.

Today's Scriptures Reading

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 SERVING TODAY

9:00 am – Lector: Ed Obsuth

11:00 am – Lector:

WE THANK ALL LECTORS SERVING IN OUR PARISH. WE NEED MORE LECTORS IN OUR PARISH. PLEASE CONTACT FR. JOSEPH OR ONE OF OUR DECONS, BILL / MARK.

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.

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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.

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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 29, 2024 – SOL. OF HUMBLE SHEPHERDS

9:00 AM The Holy Mass for + Jonathan Vitaletti, Fay Goglia, Christopher Vitaletti, Sharon Connolly, and Michael Goglia; *Req. by Mary Vitaletti*

After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR**

10:10 am – First Holy Communion Class

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for +James & Helen Murphy, John & Rose Gizzi, Irene & Milos Suvajac, Judith and Dorothy Przebielec, Baka Suvajac; *Off. by The Gizzi Family (All Souls)*

Mary Mierzejewski, Helena & Sofron Michalski; Off. by Susan Pelak

After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR**



Monday, Dec. 30, 2024 – Octave of Christmas

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

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024 – St. Silvester I of Rome, Bp.

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

Wednesday, Jan 1, 2025 – NEW YEARD DAY – Feast of Circumcision of the Lord

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

Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025 – Sol. of Holy Name of Jesus

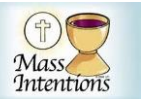
7:30 am – Holy Mass for sick and homebound

Friday, Jan. 3, 2025 – St. Genevieve of Pariss, V.

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

Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025 – St. Gregory of Langres, Bp

9:00 am – Holy Mass + Guillermo, Martina, Carmelo Santiago, Teodoro, Amerita, Aida Iris Martinez; *Off by Rosa M. Llanos*



SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 – SOL. OF HUMBLE SHEPHERDS

9:00 AM The Holy Mass for +Richard Jakob, Jean & Joseph Zajac, Ruth & Arthur Jakob, Helen & Helen & Dawn Zajac, deceased of Zajac, Kukowski and Jakob Families; *Offered by Susan Jakob (All Souls)*

After Mass – **HUGHIE COFFEE HOUR**

10:10 am – First Holy Communion Class

11:00 AM – Holy Mass for + Stanley Hudzik, Ruth Hudzik (parents); *Off. by Diane Bishop (All Souls)*

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.

May the Joy and Peace of Baby Jesus be with you now and throughout the coming year 2025

Happy New Year- 2025!

Szczesliwego Nowego Roku- 2025!

Bonne Novell L'Annee 2025!

Buen Ano Nuevo 2025!

Ein Gutes Neues Jahr 2025!

Felice Anno Nouvo 2025!

Sretna Nova Godina! 2025!

St'astny Novy Rok 2025!

Father Joseph Cyman with Family and the Parish Committee

THANK YOU



- We thank those who participated in Christmas Eve and Day Masses as organists, lectors and children who participated in Christmas Pageant reading the Gospel on Christmas Eve at 4 pm. I thank parents who helped children in many ways and Sunday School teachers, Ms. Natalie and Mr. Paul for assisting to organize the pageant.

- 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.
- Richard Daum for his work as a treasurer
- Fran Cuccinello and Marietta Earhart for their 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!

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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:

Feb. 16, 2024 – St. Valentine's Luncheon after 11 am Mass

Feb. 23, 2025 – Annual Parish Meeting (10-11 am)

March 16, 2025 – St. Patrick Luncheon after 11 am Mass

April 6, 2025 – Agape service Heart of Jesus Parish, 290 Avenue E, Bayonne, NJ

April 20, 2025 – Resurrection of our Lord (Masses at 9 am and 11 am)

UPCOMING
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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.



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.

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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.

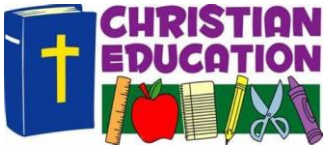
Prayer for the Sick
O Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen
MASSES OF HEALING – The Masses for the Sick and Home 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: January 30; 2025 @ 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

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BLESSING OF HOMES Please contact Fr. Joseph if you wish to have blessed your home or apartment. 201-247-4832 or holycrosspncc1@gmail.com



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**

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)



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Will be held on Sunday Feb. 23, 2025 after 9 am Mass. There will be refreshment after the Mass. All societies of our parish are asked to give their annual report from the past year 2024 and their projects for the year 2025. Another important aspect of our meeting will be election of the Parish Committee. Would you consider serving as member of this committee? Please contact Fr. Joseph of Penni Lazor (Parish Committee chairperson) .

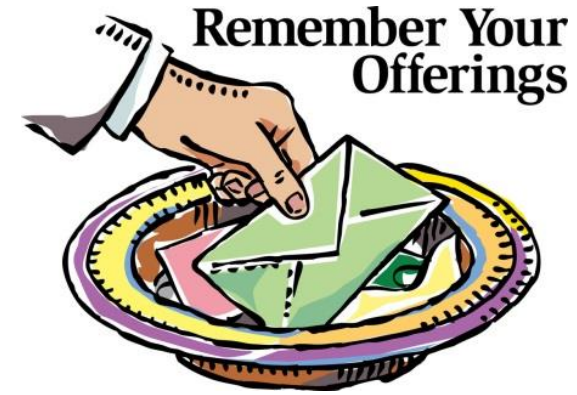
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Quako, Najebah Aboodi, Balkees Awad, Maysoon Awad and Mazen Sami; Mr. & Mrs. James Cimmino; Richard Daum; John Kaynak in memory of Thomas Kaynak; Kathleen Krom in memory of Stephen & Katherine Rozic; Joseph Ruyzam in memory of Joan Ruyzam, Stella Ruyzam, Joseph Ruyzam, Edna Ringenberger, Edward Ringenberger; John Ruyzam in memory of Konstanty & Cecylia Zaremba, Joseph & Kathryn Ruyzam; Fred and Marietta Erhardt, Thomas Hefferman, Deacon & Susan Koscinski;

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



2025 ADULT available in the for your financial Cross Church. May the Lord reward you abundantly.

ENVELOPES are parish hall. Thank you support toward the Holy

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.



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 Jan. 5, 2025 – In memory of Walter Koscinski;
By Deacon Mark Koscinski

Week of Jan. 12, 2024 – Bishop Andrew Pataki;
By Deacon Mark Koscinski

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



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)

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 to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace for **peaceful resolutions and reconciliation in Lebanon, Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, and other countries in the world.** 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.



Christmas Eve Holy Mass with Youth

On Christmas Eve at 4 pm we traditionally celebrated Holy Mass with our youth participation. They wear costumes of Mary, Joseph, shepherds, Three Kings, Angels and a Little Lamb. The youth served as altar servers, read the Holy Scriptures, and sang together with participants of the Mass the Silent Night with lighted candles.



We thank the youth, parents, School of Christian Living teachers, Ms. Natalie and Mr. Paul and all who helped to celebrate the Birth of Jesus in such a joyful and meaningful way.

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