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APRIL 12, 2020 • EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM
 Sunday, Upper Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM
 Holy Day As announced
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
 Friday..... 12:15 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center located in the hallway behind the sanctuary is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)
 Monday-Thursday only ... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Friday..... 8:00 AM-2:30 PM
 (Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish office or Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



The
LORD
... is ...
risen indeed.

Luke 24.34.

Easter
Greeting.



I hope that there were still households with children, both young and old, dyeing and decorating some eggs this Easter. I hope also, that the Easter Bunny still made his rounds. I have it on good authority that he was never restricted by any “stay-at-home” order. In fact, I saw him just the other day going down Gramercy Drive! (No, I’m not kidding!) My childhood Easters are memories of colorful Easter baskets filled with assorted candies and always a chocolate bunny. Holy Week, itself, culminated with the dyeing of hard boiled eggs. They didn’t last all too long with my father and me devouring them soon after. There are other family Easter traditions that I could mention as well. This Easter more so than others perhaps is a time to highlight family traditions and togetherness with one’s immediate family. There is little choice really, since our “stay-at-home” order remains in place and we can’t gather together at church this year. All of us hope and pray that we return to some sense of normalcy soon. Although we may be under a “stay-at-home” order, it is important to bear in mind that the Risen Jesus is not. He never is. He never can be. A rock hewn tomb couldn’t even contain Him. He had to come forth. He had to burst forth, if you will, because such was the Nature of the Resurrection and such is its Nature today. Allow the Risen Jesus to burst forth anew this year into your life and the life of your family during this rather unique Easter of 2020. Allow the Risen Savior to envelope all your family Easter traditions anew. If you’ve had Him more recently placed under a “lock down” order or have kept Him quarantined for quite a while now, perhaps this year is the time to lift the ban. The reality is that the Risen Jesus cannot be quarantined or isolated or ordered to “stay-at-home,” but we can – and unwittingly often choose to do so voluntarily. Open the door this Easter and go out to meet the Risen Lord. He is there waiting for you and for your family. No social distancing is required, but indeed, quite the opposite. He, Who has conquered all things, even Death, itself, now waits to gather us all together once again. It begins now, this Easter as we lift any “stay-at-home” order and go out to meet Him starting a whole new family tradition! Just save an egg and chocolate bunny for me!

Remember: Pray for the sick and those that have died. Pray for a containment of the virus. Pray for a vaccine. Turn especially to Our Lady. We know that the Lord can hardly turn down a request made by His Mother!

Our Lady of the Holy Cross! Pray for us!

Peace!



MONDAY	APRIL 13
8:30 AM	Gus Rainieri (7th Anniv.)
TUESDAY	APRIL 14
8:30 AM	Catherine Judge
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 15
8:30 AM	Rita Creato, Kathryn Gregorio And Anne Creato
THURSDAY	APRIL 16
	NO MASS
FRIDAY	APRIL 17
8:30 AM	Jane & Joe Sessa

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	APRIL 18
8:30 AM	Rita Creato, Kathryn Gregorio And Anne Creato
4:30 PM	Leo & Jane Conway
SUNDAY	APRIL 19
8:30 AM	Caradino & Phyllis DiGregorio
11:00 AM	Edward Convery

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land is rescheduled.

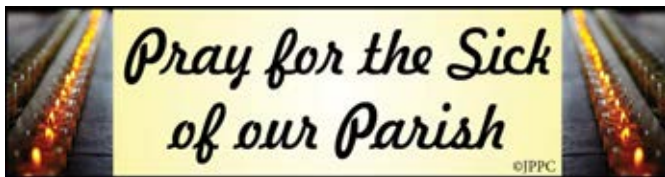
On Good Friday, April 10, 2020, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our long standing tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

As directed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, funds generated by this collection support programs and services in the Holy Land. Support is needed to maintain the sacred places, to provide educational and pastoral programs as well as outreach programs for the poor through established charitable institutions.

This special collection for the Holy Land has been rescheduled for the weekend of September 12th and 13th.

Thank you!

<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>April 5</i>
<i>Amount Received</i>	<i>\$4,829</i>



Lyndi Butler
 Margaret Cook
 Stephen Collins
 Samuel Dephillippo
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 Janet Doherty
 Lillian Donahue
 Mary Ann Farrell
 Terrence (Terry) Gibson
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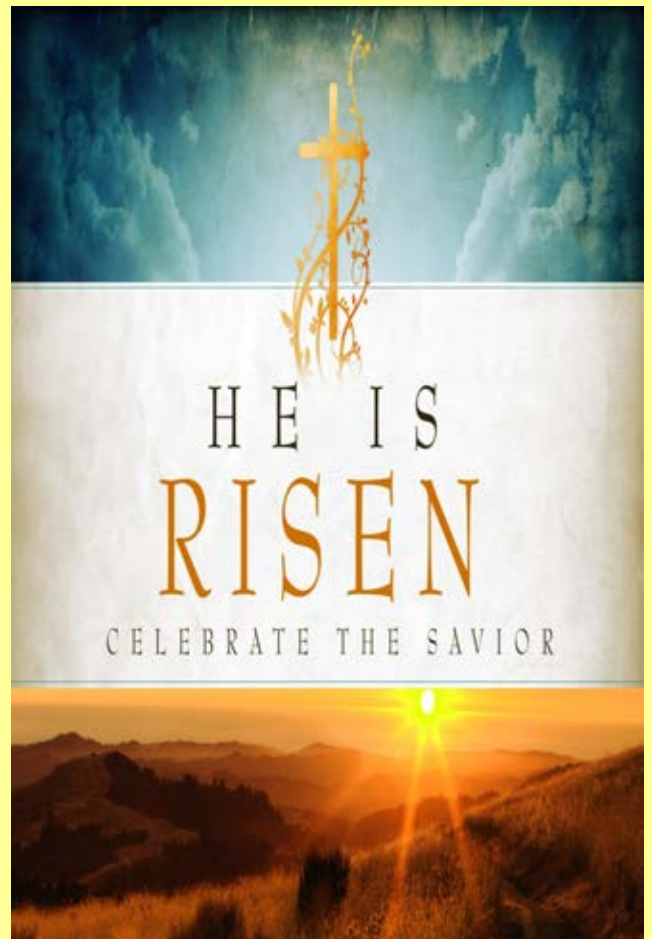
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 Rose Marie Santos
 Michael Sargent III
 Joseph Sindoni
 Adele Sulpizio
 George Vrettos
 Lily Walker
 Nadia Waltanski
 Carter Walton

*Prayer for the deceased
of our Parish*

Lillian Donahue



*We Wish all
Parishioners a
Happy and
Blessed Easter!*



The Corner

"Do not be afraid of Jesus! He takes nothing away and He gives you everything. When we give ourselves to Him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ—and you will find true life."

~Pope Benedict

PRAYER TO YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL WHEN YOU CANNOT ATTEND MASS

O HOLY ANGEL at my side,
Go to Church for me,
Kneel in my place, at Holy Mass,
Where I desire to be.
At Offertory, in my stead,
Take all I am and own,
And place it as a sacrifice
Upon the Altar Throne.
At Holy Consecration's bell,
Adore with Seraph's love,
My Jesus hidden in the Host,
Come down from Heaven above.
Then pray for those I dearly love,
And those who cause me grief,
That Jesus' Blood may cleanse all hearts,
And suffering souls relieve.
And when the priest Communion takes,
Oh, bring my Lord to me,
That His sweet Heart may rest on mine,
And I His temple be.
Pray that this Sacrifice Divine,
May mankind's sins efface;
Then bring me Jesus' blessing home,
The pledge of every grace. Amen
"If we only knew how God regards this
Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present



Hope

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

What's Going On At Holy Cross

Dear Parishioners,

We wish all Parishioners a Happy, Blessed Easter. We are looking forward to the time when school will be open again. In the meantime, the students are working at home and the teachers are working with them providing the materials they need to continue learning. We pray for an end to this virus.

Stay Safe and God Bless you.

Dr. Worrilow





In case your were wondering...Yes...our Food Pantry continues to provide food to our “Neighbors in Need” in our community.

For the safety of everyone, we are doing a drive-thru in the parking lot directly outside of our Community Center (in back of the school). Folks pull up with their cars, we take their names and then we put the food in their cars and they drive out the back gate. Just as all of you are doing, we are striving to be flexible during these dire times.

If you are able, we need the following items: peanut butter, canned meats and tuna, stews, soups, cereal, toilet paper and paper towels. If you could drop off outside the food pantry door (under the roof), at the business office or stop during our Food Pantry hours on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:00pm, that would be great.

God Bless All of you, affected families of the virus, our Neighbors in Need and our Volunteers. Sincerely,

SVDP Food Pantry Team

Do you or your company pay PA state taxes?

Do you or your company pay Pennsylvania state taxes? Why not donate them to Holy Cross School? Both businesses and individuals can redirect their PA state tax dollars through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs. The application process is easy and we can work hand-in-hand with you to complete it. At Holy Cross, 100% of your donation through EITC and OSTC is used for scholarships for students and tuition assistance for our families to afford a Catholic Education.

Individuals

Individuals can redirect up to 100% of their personal Pennsylvania state income tax bill to Holy Cross. Donors will receive a tax credit for 90% of the EITC or OSTC contribution, which reduces their state income taxes dollar-for-dollar. Further, many individuals will also be able to claim a charitable deduction on their federal tax return for the 10% not included in the tax credit.

Corporations

Corporations are also eligible to receive a 90% Pennsylvania tax credit if they are authorized to do business in Pennsylvania and are subject to one or more of the following taxes:

- Corporate Net Income Tax
- Insurance Premium Tax (excluding surplus lines, unauthorized, domestic/foreign marine)
- Title Insurance & Trust Company Shares Tax
- Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax
- Capital Stock and Franchise Tax
- Mutual Thrift Tax
- Malt Beverage Tax
- Retaliatory Fees under section 212 of the Insurance Company Law of 1921
- Personal Income Tax of corporation shareholders or



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