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APRIL 5, 2020 • PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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Mrs. Judy Vacca Pastoral Minister
Dr. Mary Rose Worriow..... Principal
Mrs. Kelly Meliti Director of Religious Education
Mr. Timothy Reilly Music Director

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.

G O D K N O W S

*when to send you
exactly what you need.*

I thought that my most unusual Easter was the time as a kid when I got not only a candy filled Easter Basket from the Easter Bunny, but I also received a little live chick. I don't remember what I named the little chicken, but I do remember trying to care for the little guy as best that I could for a few days after Easter. It was at the end of Easter Week that my father announced to me that he had taken my little friend to a farm because that is where chickens really belong. He would have a good home there and lots of space to run and grow with other chickens. Only later in life did my father confess that unfortunately my little friend didn't survive confined to our little living room "chicken coup" which was simply a shoebox. My little chick had gone to the Big Farm in the sky. Who would want to live life in a shoebox anyway? We are soon to celebrate a most unusual Easter.

*A most unusual Lent now culminates in a most unusual Holy Week and a most unusual Holy Week will culminate in a most unusual Easter. This year, however, will **not** be **the** most unusual Easter. The Original Easter was. It was on that day that a man having been put to death for alleging to have been the very Son of God rose from the dead proving it. There was never a day so unusual such that all of our Faith and all of our Hope born that day remain despite present events in our world being most unusual. At the moment, the corona virus continues to spread and we're told that we've not yet reached peak infection. We continue our social distancing and staying at home. Schools are closed indefinitely. Uncertainty and its accompanying fear are rampant. This virus is starting to hit home for many. It all seems to be so much headline news and internet chatter until someone that we know is infected. All of us are privileged to have had a birth mother. We wouldn't be here without her. In my life, I've been privileged to have a number of other mothers as well, "adopted moms" as I call them. Some I've known before I was a priest and some I've gotten to know since my ordination and because of it. It is one of these "moms" (one that has known me since I was a teenager) that has now been diagnosed with COVID-19. With the healthcare protocols now in place, I can't even go to see her. Neither can her own children. We're all hoping and praying for the best, but it's the uncertainty and fear that can overwhelm – if one lets it. I will not let it. This is because of that most unusual original Easter Day and the Faith and the Hope that emerged from the tomb along with a Risen Son of God. I've been blessed to have been able to anoint my "adopted" mom any number of times well before she wound up in the hospital and well before there was talk of any virus. "Mom" isn't expected to make it through this night. I pray for the best, though I know that the best is yet to come – for all of us. In this most unusual time of crisis, continue to have Faith and continue to have Hope. Continue to hold fast onto that which was given to us on that very first and most unusual Original Easter Day!*

Our Lady of the Holy Cross! Pray for us!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



Masses For The Week



MONDAY	APRIL 6
8:30 AM	John Cassidy
TUESDAY	APRIL 7
8:30 AM	Tomczyk/Whalen Family
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 8
8:30 AM	Irving (Bud) Simmons
THURSDAY	APRIL 9
	NO MASS
FRIDAY	APRIL 10
	NO MORNING MASS
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	APRIL 11
	NO MORNING MASS
7:30 PM	Easter Vigil
SUNDAY	APRIL 12 EASTER SUNDAY
8:30 AM	Lorri Rudolph
11:00 AM	Fr. Nicola Fraglia

Thank you!

Sunday Collection March 29
Amount Received \$5,395

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

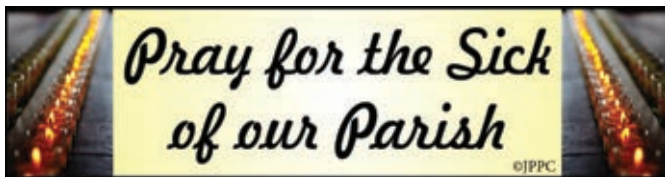
On Good Friday, April 10, 2020, we celebrate the mystery of the Lord's Passion, contemplating the sacrifice by which Jesus redeemed the human race from sin and death. It also has been our long standing tradition as Catholics to offer alms in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

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.

*On behalf of those Christians and others in so much need, I seek your most generous and sacrificial support of the **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land** on **April 10, 2020**. I know that God our Father will reward your generosity beyond all measure.*

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J Perez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



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 Thomas Miller
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 Connie Myers
 Frances O'Callaghan
 Charlotte O'Leary
 Paige O'Leary
 Mary Rafferty
 Ted Rudolph
 Jim Sandusky
 Rose Marie Santos
 Michael Sargent III
 Joseph Sindoni
 Adele Sulpizio
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 Lily Walker
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 Carter Walton

Penance Service

Due to Covid-19 concerns, the parish Penance Service scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020 at St. Eugene's is cancelled.

Holy Cross Church Springfield, PA

2020

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week Services will be available for online viewing at the time the service is originally scheduled.

Holy Thursday, April 9

Mass of the Lord's Supper

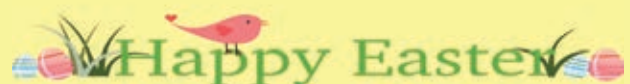
7:30 PM

Good Friday, April 10

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00PM

Holy Saturday, April 11

Easter Vigil - 7:30 PM





Distribution of Palm

Blessed Palm will be available Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (April 6, 7, 8) from 10 to 11am only. Please come to the rear of the Church (Parish Office), Stay in your Car, and wear gloves. Someone will hand palm to you.

Thank you.



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

What's Going On At Holy Cross

Dear Parishioners,

We are going through something that is truly unprecedented. Our students are learning at home using Goggle Classroom, work packets and various websites. The teachers are online as well to answer any questions that may come up.

The pie sale for the 8th grade is still taking place. Please go to the school website www.hcscrusaders.com for instructions to order.

We pray for a quick 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 Partnership partners

If you have any questions, please stop in the Business Office and we can provide assistance.



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