

# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

JUNE 28, 2020 • THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

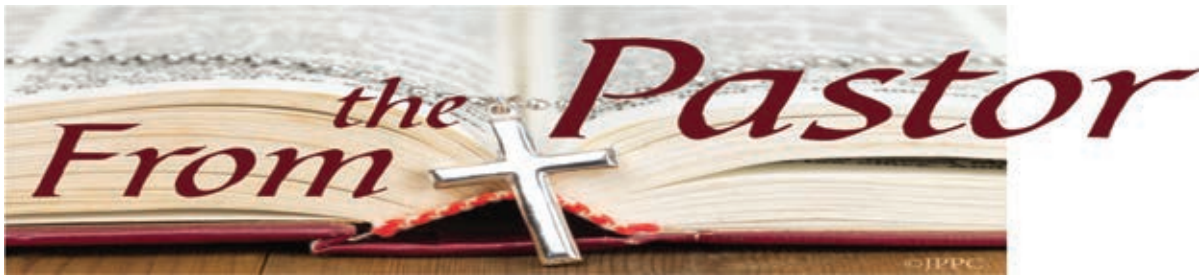
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## 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.



“Hi,” said the little squirt as I passed by on the trail around the lake. “I caught a fish!” Wiggling on the line that the boy was holding aloft was the tiniest poor little fish. “Cool,” I said, as his dad beamed proudly. “Now, catch some more!” Trust me, though certainly not the avid angler, I’ve caught enough fish in my day. Among my catches, I’ve snared bass, trout, carp, catfish, and a whole plethora of sun fish. It all started when I was young and would go fishing with my father. Although I prefer fresh water, I have also done a bit of ocean fishing. It was bay fishing really, with a johnboat rented from “Dad’s.” Surely I’ve told you the one about the doormat-sized flounder that just barely got away because of a snapped rigged? No? Well, maybe another time. Most of my fishing was lakeside or streamside. I remember fishing with Peter (now, Fr. Peter who resides just up the road from here) while on the grounds of what was Mary Immaculate Seminary just north of Allentown. We were supposed to be on retreat. Fishing can certainly be considered appropriate for a retreat, right? I hear that the first followers of Jesus were fishermen. Nestled on the back side of the four hundred plus acre seminary grounds at the bottom of a quite sloping hill was a small lake. The decision to fish was a last minute decision on a beautiful day. Making our way down to the lake, we baited our hooks and took in the bucolic view. Suddenly, it began to happen. The fish were biting like crazy! We could hardly drop the hook in the water. In some cases, the fish were literally jumping out of the water and trying to hook themselves! They were all sunnies. Peter wanted to have them for dinner, but I suggested that we should just toss them back. The seminary dinner fare would be much more filling. We had a great bit of fun that day fishing by the seminary lake. The first disciples were indeed fishermen. They fished all their lives probably beginning with their own fathers as boys. They grew into men who made fishing their business and livelihood and then encountered Jesus, Who said to them “Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men!” Part of the lure of fishing (pun intended) is the fishing in and of itself. Time spent by the lake, stream, or shore is a blessing in itself as one waits, watches and wonders amidst the Wonder that is God’s creation. Perhaps this is a joy that needs to be rediscovered and reemphasized. Perhaps this is a key in our praying for more “fishers of men.” Maybe it’s not so much about the size of the catch or even whether the fish are biting at all. The act of fishing in itself is the catch. The father by the lake that day would still have been so proud of his young son even if the boy would have found that the fish weren’t biting that day. What would still have been caught is the love of a father for a son and a son for a father that a stranger passing by got caught up in as well. This is the biggest catch of all and leads eventually to fish, unbelievably, jumping out of the water ready to hook themselves! This is when we truly become “fishers of men.”

Peace!  
Fr. Wilson



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 29</b>
8:30 AM	Msgr. Joseph Corley
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 30</b>
8:30 AM	Judy and Tony Niewinski
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 1</b>
8:30 AM	Catherine Armstrong
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 2</b>
	NO MASS
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JULY 3</b>
12:15 PM	Catherine Armstrong
<b>NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 4</b>
8:30 AM	Joseph C. Kersaint
4:30 PM	Deceased Members of McWilliams and Baselice Families
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 5</b>
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	Stephanie R. Organek



*Sunday Collection, June 21*

<i>Total collection</i>	<i>\$12,081</i>
<i>Electronic</i>	<i>\$5,897</i>
<i>Basket &amp; Mail-ins</i>	<i>\$6,184</i>

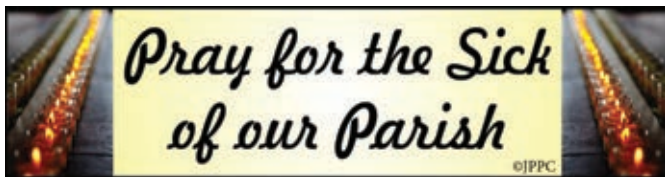
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### U.S.C.C.B WEBSITE

**Readings for daily and Sunday Mass can be found at [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings). Click on the calendar on the right to get the readings for the day.**

### For those attending Mass



## The Corner

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The first Christians were ordinary men and women just like us. They had families and jobs, doubts and fears, sins and failures. And God used them! He gave them His Spirit and changed their lives!

*"Holy Spirit, give me the courage to share all you have done for me. Amen."*



### EMAIL SCAM ALERT

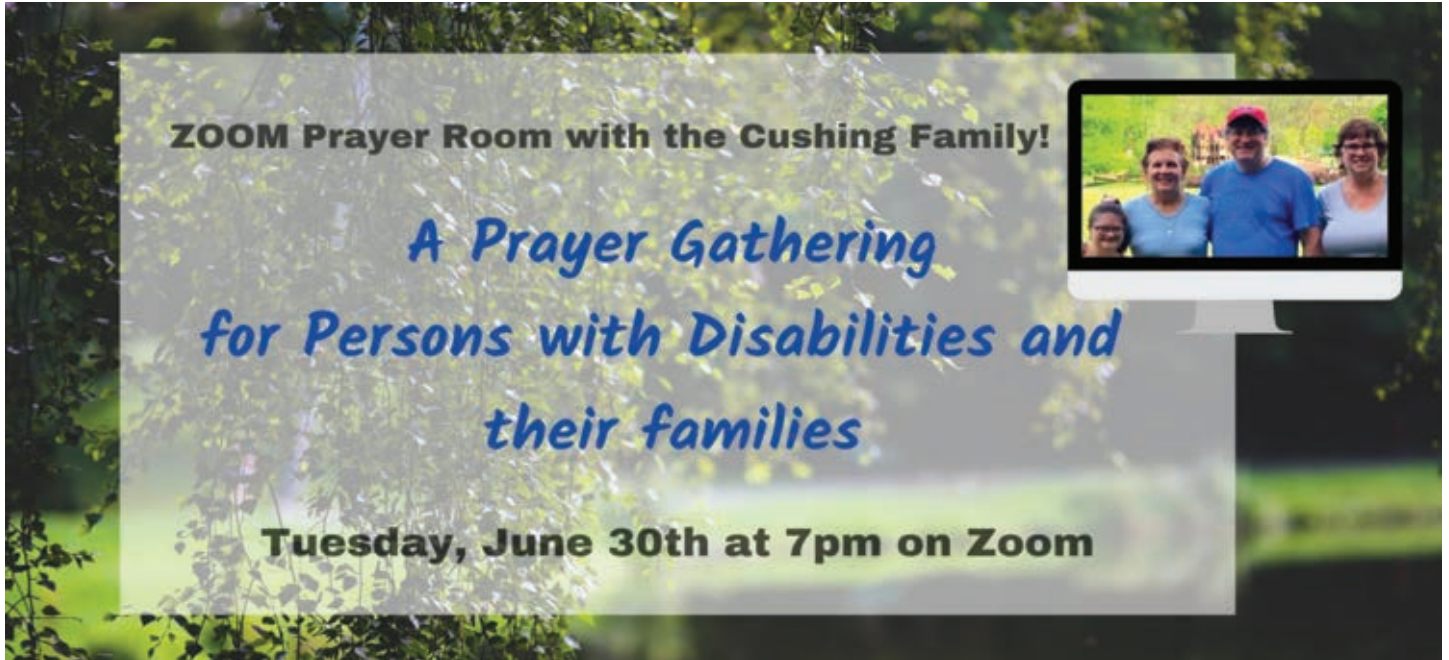
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**Thank you!**

## The Office for Persons with Disabilities & the Deaf Apostolate



*On Tuesday, June 30th, 2020 at 7 pm, the Office for Persons with Disabilities will host a Zoom gathering for children and adults with disabilities and their families. All ages are welcome! Join The Cushings along with Archbishop Nelson Pérez who will be joining the prayer gathering to greet and bless the participants. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a very special evening.*

*Please use the Zoom link Below to join us on Tuesday, June 30th at 7:00 PM.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84966080512>

# FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry has been busy helping our Neighbors in Need in our community. If you are able, we are getting low on the following items: cereal, pasta sauce (no glass please), veggies, baked beans, canned fruit, beefaroni, canned raviolis, juice boxes, kiddie treats, and paper towels. Drop-off locations include: in church, in our bins outside the pantry (please be sure to put the lids on the cans after you insert your donation) or drop off during our pantry hours. If you know anyone in need of food in Delco, please let them know that the pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6.

God Bless All of You,

Your Friends from the St. Vincent DePaul Holy Cross Food Pantry

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# Reflection

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*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Last month the Smithsonian magazine featured a story about a little known visit of George Harrison to the quiet town of Benton, Illinois. “Who is George Harrison?” some of you younger folks may ask. He was the lead guitarist of the Beatles, the famous “Fab Four” of the 60’s and 70’s and beyond who entertained the world. They came out of Liverpool, England. It happened that George had a sister who lived in Benton (pop. 7,000 at the time).

The story detailed just how the townspeople welcomed young Harrison, long before his world fame. To them he was just Louise’s brother, and despite what they thought about his strange haircut and his torn jeans, they believed he deserved their hospitality. The few that got to hear him play his guitar really liked what they heard. For my purposes here, it was the kindness of his reception from the townsfolk that I point out as something we can emulate in our own lives from a spiritual outlook.

The story I read concludes with this statement: “For his own part, George never said much about his visit beyond noting somewhat wistfully in a letter to Louise shortly after his return to England, that he’d enjoyed her friends and neighbors: ‘They’re great people. They were glad to see me—not because I’m a Beatle, but because I’m me.’”

That complement to the people of Benton sprang from an appreciative visitor. I hear echoes of that famous Last Judgment scene later in Matthew’s gospel, where the King says to those on his right “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” This pandemic that has forever changed our lives and our memories of 2020 compels us to deduce helpful lessons even before it definitively ends. One of those has to be a renewed awareness of the value and importance of our friends. Now we will relate to them in better ways. Add to that the significance of hospitality. Any stranger we meet can become our friend.

Of course our holy Faith brings with it an added dimension to our unexpected new insight. It reminds us that every person is a child of God, beginning with the members of our families. Even if it may be hard to accept, this also includes those on our “enemies list.” We realize that Gospel living is not all that complicated, and is rather quite connected to our being human and in love with Christ. It’s the smile, the word, and that cup of water given in His name. Bear in mind that there is a distinction between hospitality and entertainment. “Entertaining says, ‘I want to impress you with my home, my clever decorating, my cooking. Hospitality, seeking to minister, says, ‘This home is a gift from my Master. I use it as He desires.’” (Karen Mains in Open Heart, Open Home, Elgin, Ill.:Cook, 1976)





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