

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

MARCH 15, 2020 • THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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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.

G O D K N O W S

*when to send you
exactly what you need.*

It was about the fifth or sixth word down on the list. I believe that I was in the 2nd or 3rd grade. We were reviewing words from our spelling book. That meant saying, spelling, and repeating the word out loud. All was going well. It was a midweek morning of no particular import. Then it happened. It was all rather spontaneous. "Okay, next word," we were instructed. *Hygiene...h...y...g...* and then, the whole class turned to me and shouted *Hi, Gene! Hi, Gene! Hi, Gene! Get it? Hi Gene!* I got it. I really got it. So did everybody else for that matter. Sister...she didn't get it, but she sure gave it. Shy guy that I was, I turned bright red. Everybody was looking at me—including Sister, only now her face was getting red as well, but not from embarrassment. Boy, did we get reamed—including me. *But Sister, it wasn't my fault!* I wasn't planning this little good-natured *coup d'état...* at least, not yet (*heh, heh, heh*). Woman, my hour had not yet come! This was just an instance of my dear classmates being goofy and silly. Sister, c'mon! We were just having some fun! Apparently, "fun" was not one of Sister's vocabulary words, at least, not until late Friday afternoon anyway. I have never written the word, *hygiene*, so many times along with every other word on that vocabulary list of about twenty. I had calloused skin from where the pen pressed into my hand. My mother was wailing and weeping over the punishment inflicted upon her poor, innocent only child. I assured her that I would offer my affliction up for the many. I went to bed dreaming about *hygiene* and *hi, Gene* and had a nightmare about little laughing goblins and a red-faced Grim Reaper about to take its sickle to my hand. My father, on the other hand, went to bed laughing, How strange! He wasn't laughing though, when I woke him up in the middle of the night. **GO TO BED**, he roared! My parent's bed shook violently. The whole room shook. I realized that, gee whiz, I was better off with the Grim Reaper. My father, at that hour, was more like the Devil himself. I retreated sheepishly back to my room and soon enough was once again fast asleep while mumbling *hygiene...hi, Gene...hygiene...* Hygiene has been in the news lately and will continue to be in the news for good reason. It is a matter of preventing sickness. Hand washing has been the overwhelming emphasis as we all know. There is another type of hygiene which is so important for us especially during Lent. It is that Hygiene of Faith that prevents the spread of the disease of sin. As attentive as we are right now to physical hygiene, if we could be just as diligent, if not more so, in our spiritual hygiene, then we would readily contain and limit the effects of the disease of sin so rampant in our world. Pray for an end to the spread of dangerous viruses. Pray for the sick and pray that a vaccine might soon be found. Pray that all might practice good hygiene, the kind that's spelled, **J...E...S...U...S!**

Peace!
Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	MARCH 16
8:30 AM	<i>Philip and Therese Baselice</i>
TUESDAY	MARCH 17
8:30 AM	<i>Foy - Geenleaf Families</i>
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 18
8:30 AM	<i>Pauline, Anthony, and William Fiscella</i>
THURSDAY	MARCH 19
	NO MASS
FRIDAY	MARCH 20
12:15 PM	<i>Joseph B. Bartivic</i>
SATURDAY	MARCH 21
8:30 AM	<i>Amato Cavalcante and Family</i>
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	MARCH 21
4:30 PM	<i>Frank and Joseph Castracane</i>
SUNDAY	MARCH 22
8:30 AM	<i>Morris Family</i>
11:00 AM	<i>Living and Deceased Members of the Gentile Family</i>

Thank you!

Sunday Collection March 8
Amount Received \$9,662

We are looking for someone to lector every other Saturday morning at the 8:30 Mass. Please contact Judy Vacca at 610-259-8266.

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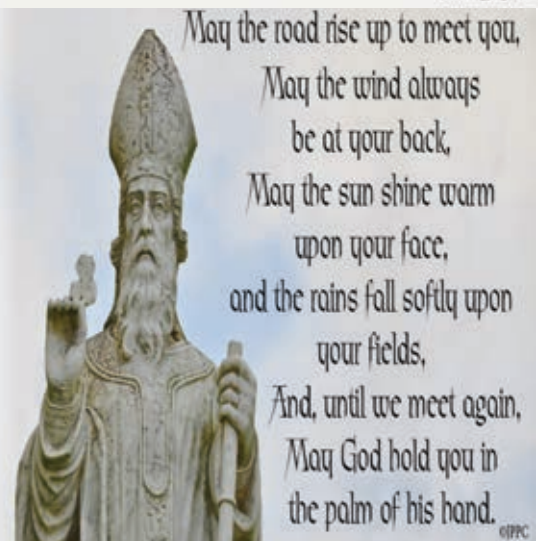
Monday, March 16, 2020

2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: holy cross to schedule an appointment.

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St. Patrick's Day

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*Pray for the Sick
of our Parish*

Lyndi Butler
Margaret Cook
Stephen Collins
Samuel DePhillippo
Sharon Diemer
Kathleen Dixon
Janet Doherty
Lillian Donahue
Mary Ann Farrell
Terrence (Terry) Gibson
Nicola Giordano
Donna Giorgio
Carolyn Henderson
Steven Henderson
Stefanos Karas
Carole Kime
Mary and Ken Kull
Kendall Lambert
Rose Leto
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Thomas Miller
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Frances O'Callaghan
Charlotte O'Leary
Paige O'Leary
Ted Rudolph
Jim Sandusky
Rose Marie Santos
Michael Sargent III
Joseph Sindoni
Adele Sulpizio
George Vrettos
Lily Walker
Nadia Waltanski
Carter Walton



The St. Kevin Knights of Columbus will be selling crab cakes again this Easter season. Please call Al Porrini at 610-543-4851 to place an order. Orders can be mailed to Al Porrini, 122

Harned Road, Springfield, PA 19064. Please include payment with all orders. Orders must be received no later than Sunday, March 29. Orders must be picked up on Thursday, April 2, at the St. Kevin Parish Life Center between the hours of 4:15 PM-7:00 PM. Thank you very much for your continued support in helping us do great things in our community and may you enjoy a blessed Easter Season with your families.



HOLY CROSS DEVELOPMENT
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For questions, contact dvelfmentfund@gmail.com



*The Season of Lent and the Mass
We do not live on bread
alone...*

When Satan tempted Jesus to change stones miraculously into bread and end forty days of hunger, Jesus responded that not even bread created by miraculous transformation would be satisfying apart from the word of God. And so it is with Sunday Mass. We are nourished by the very Body and Blood of Christ in bread and wine, but the Church leads us to an even fuller feasting by giving us a second table: the table of the living word. While we cannot change stones into bread, we can follow the way that Christ took to avoid this temptation, and come with open, grateful hearts, minds, and lives as God provides for us from the lavish banquet of sacred scripture.



7th Annual Nicole Gallo Sunshine & Bubbles 5K Sunday, March 29

Please join us on Sunday, March 29, at 1:00 PM to remember and celebrate the many ways Nicole Gallo (Prendie '08 Holy Cross '04) touched the lives of those around her and how she continues to inspire our community. Register for our 5K Run/Walk and Kids Dash today! In addition to the race, our two-day celebration will feature a memorial Mass on Saturday, March 28 in the Bonner & Prendie Chapel at 4:30 PM. Race Day festivities include a special tribute to first responders, and a free, pre-race celebration with music, face painting, moon bounce and a visit with the Easter Bunny! All event proceeds benefit the Nicole Gallo Sunshine Scholarship administered through Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School, with scholarships awarded to both Holy Cross and Bonner and Prendie students. Register at www.runsignup.com/races (Search: Nicole Gallo) and follow us on Facebook for more information at "The Nicole Gallo Sunshine & Bubbles 5K" or on Twitter and instagramANicoleGalloRun. Questions? Interested in sponsoring? Send us an email at Sunshine-

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, May 2, 2020



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The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass is celebrated to pray for and with married couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are married 1-5 years, and couples who have been married 25 years or more or who have been married 50 years or more.

Date

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Time

5:15 PM Anticipated Mass

Location

*Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19103*

Registration Required - For more information or questions about the Wedding Anniversary Mass, please contact the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500, or visit: 222.phillycatholiclife.org or email family@archphila.org.

The Corner

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Has some injustice been done to you? Kneel before the cross of Jesus and what do you see there? The innocent Son of God nailed to the cross. And what does He do? He forgives His persecutors.

Is there a lack of forgiveness in you somewhere? Kneel before the cross of Jesus often during Lent and see what happens

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Office of the Archbishop

222 North 17th Street

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March 9, 2020

Rev. Eugene C. Wilson

Holy Cross Parish

651 East Springfield Road

Springfield, PA 19064

Dear Father Wilson,

Thank you for your warm welcome to Holy Cross Parish on Sunday and please send my deep gratitude to the Confirmandi for the Spiritual Bouquet for my intentions. Their prayers strengthen me as I begin to serve as the Archbishop of Philadelphia.

May the Lord bless and keep you, may his face always shine down upon you and may He give you His peace.

I remain,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia



Holy Cross Church Stations of the Cross Friday Evening 7:00 PM

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

What's Going On At Holy Cross

Dear Parishioners,

The 7th grade students received their Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday. Archbishop Perez was wonderful. We congratulate our children as they become full members of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in the pies that the 8th graders are selling, please fill out the paper in the Church lobby and bring it to school on Monday.

Our students are attending daily Mass during the season of Lent. Students also go to Stations of the Cross every Friday. This is a way that the students can see the road to Calvary.

Our 7th grade visited the area Catholic High Schools that they are interested in attending for 9th grade. This gives the students a chance to see the routines of the high schools and helps them to make the right decision.

Our second trimester has ended. We are looking forward to the third and final trimester. Students will also be taking the Terra Nova tests the last week of March. Last year, our students saw a year's growth and we were awarded as a School of Distinction in the Archdiocese.

Please remember that if your children are of school age, please consider our parish school. We would love to have your children as part of our school community.

If you would like more information or to arrange a tour, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office.

Have a great week! God bless you!

Dr. WorriLOW



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