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MARCH 29, 2020 • FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Mrs. Judy Vacca Pastoral Minister
 Dr. Mary Rose WorriLOW..... 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.*

Maybe it was that time that I was away for a few days visiting my Aunt Velma and Uncle Mort in Albuquerque. I don't know, but what I do know is that I definitely missed the class on videography in the seminary. In our current crisis with its social distancing, the whole world has now embraced the closeness of social media. This most definitely includes the Church as well. Although, many parishes have longed embraced such media, today everyone darn near has a media presence as parishes attempt to fill the void of no public Masses momentarily. This includes yours truly. Well, all I can say is that I'm trying my best. There have been a few folks involved and helping out. Of course, top on the list is a certain young man named Andrew not yet out of his teens that has provided the technological know-how. Thank you, Andrew! Certainly the office staff has been of great assistance and then there is Deacon Tom and Deacon Bob who have quickly adapted to certain logistics in filming the Mass. I am adapting as well as best that I can – and learning in the process. Smartphone's make filming rather easy today. All of us certainly know that. However, there are other considerations as well such as memory space on one's phone, processor speed (I don't have the newest phone), background noise, and having the phone even and at the proper level for recording. Then, there is the recording device itself: a smart...phone! It was in the middle of the proclamation of the Gospel on Tuesday after Deacon Bob had beautifully intoned the verse before it (I love Deacon Bob!) that I received a call. No, I didn't answer it, but pushed the decline button. What I didn't realize immediately was the recording wasn't just momentarily interrupted, but that the recording stopped completely! Only when the phone, inactive for about five minutes, automatically shut off, did I notice the problem. Too bad! It was a great homily! The recording was restarted at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer – and later uploaded as "Part 2." These are for sure surreal times in which we're all learning something new, adapting, and adjusting while praying hard that things soon return to some normalcy. I'm learning that I have to switch my phone to "airplane mode" while taping Mass. In a certain sense, maybe all of us are learning to live right now in "airplane mode" hoping that this "turbulent flight of corona" that we're now on soon comes in for a landing and that finally, we get all of our connections back.

Remember: Pray for the sick. 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!

Fr. Wilson

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	MARCH 30
8:30 AM	Margaret Moesel
TUESDAY	MARCH 31
8:30 AM	Bob Junck
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 1
8:30 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY	APRIL 2
	NO MASS
FRIDAY	APRIL 3
12:15 PM	Bob Miller
SATURDAY	APRIL 4
8:30 AM	Constance Croushore
NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	APRIL 4
4:30 PM	Martha Cook
SUNDAY	APRIL 5
8:30 AM	Emily Rivero

Thank you!

<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>March 22</i>
<i>Amount Received</i>	<i>\$3,952</i>

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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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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.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus Holy Cross Council has decided, due to the current Coronavirus concerns, to cancel the Semi-Annual Pancake breakfast scheduled for Sunday, March 29th. We apologize but we felt that it was the best course of action at this time. Thank you all for your past and future Support of our events.

*Holy Cross Church
Springfield, PA*

2020

Holy Week Schedule

Saturday, April 4, -Vigil Mass - 4:30 PM

Palm Sunday, April 5

Masses at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Monday, April 6 at St. Eugene Church

Confessions—7:00 to 8:00 PM

Holy Thursday, April 9

Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:30 PM

Night Prayer—10:00 PM

Good Friday, April 10

Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM

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

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 11

Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM

Easter Vigil - 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 12

Masses at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

POSTPONED

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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



In case you 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.

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

Statement of Archbishop Nelson J. Perez regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Over the last several weeks, the potential spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has dramatically impacted our lives and our communities. As the number of cases grows exponentially each day, government and health officials are diligently working to contain the virus.

During this pandemic, we are reminded that life is truly precious and that we all are one family under God. As Christians, we should respond to this pandemic with great faith and prudence.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have developed guidelines to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. We should incorporate their strategies into our daily lives in an effort to protect ourselves as well as others, especially those most vulnerable, including the elderly and individuals with compromised immune systems.

God is always by our side. He never abandons us. I invite you to join me in prayerful solidarity during this uncertain time. I remind you to keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ the crucified and Christ the merciful and to encounter others with charity and understanding.

Let us pray for the sick, suffering, and their caregivers as well as government and health officials. With God's grace and blessing, we will navigate the difficult waters of this challenge as a united human family, for after all is said and done, we are people of Hope!

+Nelson J. Pérez

Archbishop of Philadelphia

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





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