

# HOLY CROSS CHURCH

651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

MAY 10, 2020 • THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Dr. Mary Rose Worriow..... Principal  
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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.



Your parish misses you!

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Oftentimes in the Church when we hear the word “shepherd,” we think of our bishops and priests and the shepherding that they are called to do. Jesus is indeed the Good Shepherd Who cares for His sheep - and those called to Holy Orders are called to imitate Him. There is a rather brief article this month in the Magnificat Magazine that I usually have with me at Mass. This article made me call to mind someone that I hadn’t thought of for a while; someone that was a classmate; someone that was ordained as priest and shepherd just three hours before his death. I only knew him briefly, but he made quite the impact. He was kind and welcoming and in retrospect, I would say that he had an air of holiness about him. Gene Hamilton was one of the seminarians from the Archdiocese of New York that joined together with the Philadelphia seminarians in the fall of 1995 on what was called the Spirituality Year. The location was beautiful Mary Immaculate Seminary just north of Allentown. It was quite the year for all of us. Unfortunately, Gene was only able to be with us for a short time. His cancer diagnosis and treatment required him to be at home. I remember speaking with his father (a permanent deacon) and his mother when they came to retrieve his belongings from the seminary. I assured them of my prayers for which they were grateful. We were all praying for Gene. The miracle for Gene was not that he would win his battle over cancer, but that he would indeed be ordained a priest by special permission on his deathbed. I remember that his ordination, in fact, raised some eyebrows. He was near death, so what would be the point? However, the permission given by the Holy Father speaks to the nature of the priesthood. It is a shepherding that only begins in this life, but continues in some mysterious way in the next. Jesus was the Good Shepherd – and thankfully, He is still the Good Shepherd guarding, watching, protecting, and caring for His flock. In his very brief time as a priest on this earth, Fr. Gene was able to offer his priestly benediction by tracing ever so lightly the Sign of the Cross on the hand of those nearby. Even the Hindu doctor treating him was moved and noticed that same air of holiness. Fr. Gene listed five traits as central to his priesthood: servant, victim, brother, listener, and friend. He was and he is for me a model of what it means to be a shepherd and what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Now, I hope that he can be a model, a friend, and an intercessor for you.

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 – especially on Mother’s Day!

***Our Lady of the Holy Cross! Pray for us!***

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

# Masses For The Week



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MAY 11</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Vivian &amp; George Amoroso and Caroline &amp; Joseph Sindoni</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 12</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Fermo Accordino</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 13</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Margaret Muza</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MAY 14</b>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 15</b>
<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>Kathryn Gregorio, Rita Creato and Anne Creato</b>

## NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 16</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Cassidy &amp; Gallen Families</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Josephine Castracane and Emily Hannigan</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 17</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>People of Holy Cross</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Living and Deceased members of the Casciano Family</b>

## ONLINE PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Pray with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament ... He is always waiting for you.*



The link below will take you to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapels throughout the world.

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*Thank You!*

*Sunday Collection, May 3*

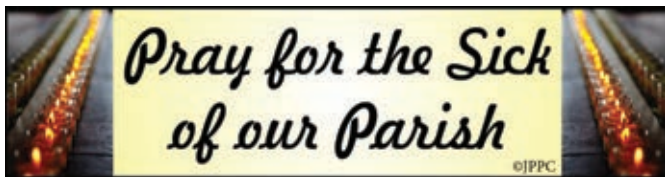
*Amount Received \$ 5,350*

*Easter Collection*

*Amount Received \$ 315*

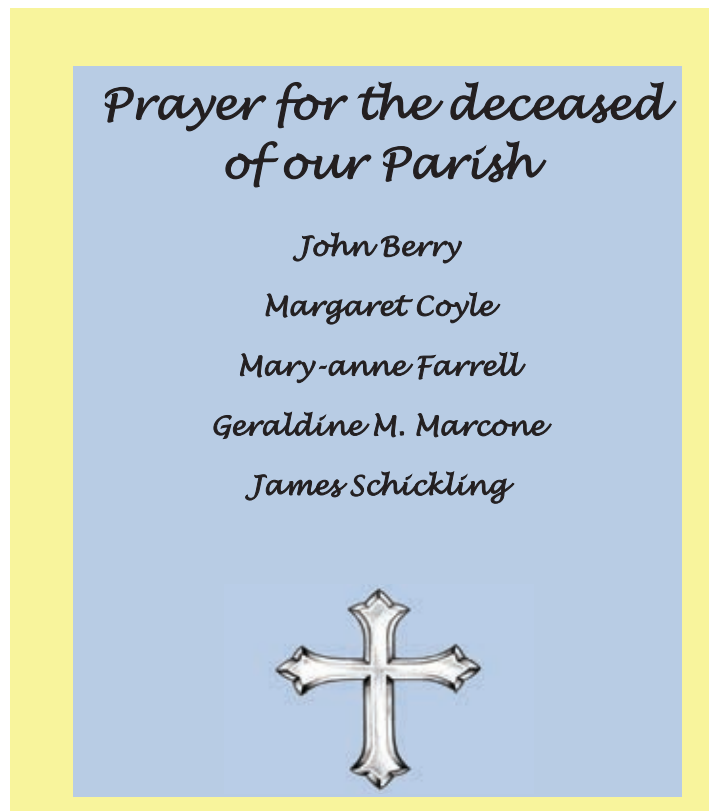






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 Samuel Dephillippo  
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 Janet Doherty  
 Lillian Donahue  
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 Terrence (Terry) Gibson  
 Nicola Giordano  
 Donna Giorgio  
 Carolyn Henderson  
 Steven Henderson  
 Stefanos Karas  
 Carole Kime  
 Mary and Ken Kull  
 Kendall Lambert  
 Rose Leto  
 Patricia Lyons

Helen Lyons  
 Joanne Marks  
 Barbara McCusker  
 Lee Anne McGough  
 Thomas Miller  
 Dan Murphy  
 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  
 George Vrettos  
 Lily Walker  
 Nadia Waltanski  
 Carter Walton



## Archdiocese News

The Archdiocese has released its audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2019. They are available for review at [www.CatholicPhilly.com](http://www.CatholicPhilly.com).

The Archdiocese has fully updated its pledge to protect website concerning its commitment to protect young people. It can be viewed at:

[www.aoppledgetoprotect.com](http://www.aoppledgetoprotect.com).

**Garden Committee**  
 Due to the Covid-19 virus the Garden Committee is placed on hold.





**Thanks to everyone who filled our cupboards with an abundance of food and personal items. Please share with folks that you know who are struggling (maybe for the first time) that we are here to help. If folks are unable to physically come, please feel free to come and pickup food for these neighbors in need and drop the food off to them.**

**We are open every Wednesday in back of our school from 3:30 to 6:00PM and continue to do a drive-thru for everyone's safety. All Delco residents are welcome**

**God Bless All of you as we continue to navigate through this crisis.**

**Sincerely,**

**Your Friends from the SVDP Holy Cross Food Pantry Team**

**We are in this  
TOGETHER**

## **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.

# ROSARY CAMPAIGN

## FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS



Join us online, by phone or in spirit as we pray the Rosary every night at 8 PM .  
We will ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to  
the coronavirus.

**When:**

Every night, 8:00-8:30 PM (Eastern)  
until further notice

**Please click this link to tune in each night at 8 PM:**

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