



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

MAY 17, 2020 • THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.

Your parish misses you!

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In our world today, he would be just an eighth grader or high school freshman. Kids at that age are just that – kids. They are adults in the making. The girls often try to act older, especially when they dress, apply cosmetic accouterments, and awkwardly attempt to walk in high heels. The boys, meanwhile, well, they're just goofy, especially around those same girls. They are mere man cubs with perhaps but a wisp of hair on the chin or above the lip. Knowing this about fourteen year-olds today makes the story even more amazing. Saint Pancras was a mere fourteen years old when he died a martyr's death. His Feast Day is celebrated on May 12th along with the martyrs Saints Nereus and Achilleus. All witnessed to the Faith in the early Church. Pancras stands out especially because of his age. Although but a boy, he died a man of Faith. Tradition embellished by legend says that he became a Christian with his uncle with whom he lived. His mother is said to have died during childbirth and his father passed in the boy's eighth year. Pancras became a rather ardent and zealous believer. He would have been an Eagles fan for sure. In a time of persecution in the early Church of Rome, teenage awkwardness and adolescent goofiness were dramatically transformed in this saint. Brought before the emperor Diocletian (?) in about the year 304, the boy was promised wealth and fortune having impressed the emperor with his steadfastness, courage, and determination. The youth needed only make sacrifice to the Roman gods. Rejecting the emperor's enticements, the infuriated sovereign ordered his beheading on the Via Aurelia. His body was recovered by a wealthy roman matron, wrapped in precious linens and placed in the catacombs while his head was placed in a reliquary that still exists today in the Basilica of Saint Pancras in Rome. Pope Symmachus, Gregory the Great, and Saint Augustine of Canterbury all had devotion to him with the latter bringing this devotion to England. One of the earliest worship sites in that country is dedicated to him. Today he is venerated as the patron saint of children, jobs, and health. How appropriate a saint he is for us today during this time of pandemic and lock-down with children out of school, many out of work, and our continued prayers for an end to the Coronavirus health crisis along with prayers for the restoration of the health of our nation. Interesting as well, Pancras is known as one of the "Ice Saints." They were so-called because their feast days fell during the "blackthorn winter," which was often a period of brief cold weather during spring in the Northern Hemisphere when the blackthorn bush is in bloom. This year the Feast Day of Saint Pancras was just a mite chilly, but that will all change very soon as spring continues to unfold and as we continue to pray that the situation of our county, state, country, and world might change very soon for the better and that blackthorns and life itself might bloom once again. Saint Pancras, pray for us!

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!

Our Lady of the Holy Cross! Pray for us!

*Peace!
Fr. Wilson*

Masses For The Week



MONDAY	MAY 18
8:30 AM	Norma McCuskery
TUESDAY	MAY 19
8:30 AM	Piscopo Family
WEDNESDAY	MAY 20
8:30 AM	Fr. Edward Cahill and the People of Holy Cross
THURSDAY	MAY 21
	NO MASS
FRIDAY	MAY 22
12:15 PM	Brendan Jacob (For the Living) —Navy Academy Class of 2020

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	MAY 23
8:30 AM	People of Holy Corss
4:30 PM	John Boyle
SUNDAY	MAY 24
8:30 AM	Hazel Boyle
11:00 AM	Mary & Herbert Smythe

ONLINE PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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Thank You!

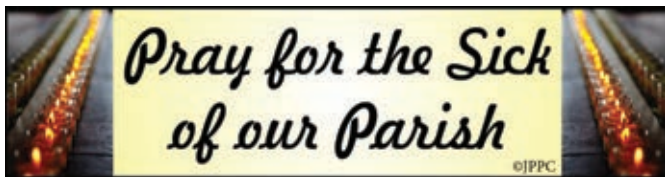
Sunday Collection, May 17

<i>Amount Received</i>	\$10,210
<i>Electronic</i>	\$2,870
<i>Mail-in</i>	\$7,165
<i>Easter</i>	\$175

ROSARY RALLY

On Sunday May 31st Holy Cross Parish will hold a Rosary Rally in the School Parking Lot. The Rally will be held from 11:30am until 2:30pm. We will set up a Shrine to Our Blessed Mother outside the school. For this event parishioners can do a drive by Say a Hail Mary at the shrine and drive on or stay and pray the Rosary. This event will be Rain or Shine. Parishioners are invited to come pray the Rosary, bring a flower. Bring a candle, bring a prayer request. More Details to follow.





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 Michael Sargent III
 Joseph Sindoni
 Adele Sulpizio
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 Nadia Waltanski
 Carter Walton

The Ascension of our Lord

May 21, 2020

Come Holy Spirit, Come

**Ascension Thursday
Mass will be celebrated and posted
to our website.**



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.

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.

Garden Committee

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





The Parishioners of Holy Cross Parish have supported our Food Pantry since it's inception and your kindness and generosity has never been more evident as it has been during this time of increased need. Volunteers of the pantry would like to share with you a thank you note recently received from a client:

"I just wanted to reach out and thank all of you and everyone at the food pantry. Everything we got meant a lot to me and my family. My kids were so happy to get the snack packs and cookies. These past weeks have been very stressful and this took some of that away. Hoping Covid-19 ends soon."

Please know that your contributions are greatly appreciated and that we are making a difference in our community! Thank you, again.

God Bless All of You,

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:

<https://zoom.us/j/494480541>

Click the link 5-10 minutes early to allow your device to download any necessary software.

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