BOLY CROSS CAURCA

651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

May 24, 2020 • Ascension of the Lord - Sevente Sunday of Easter

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Parish School	610-626-1709
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Rev. Eugene C. Wilson	Pastor
Rev. Edward C. Kelly	. Resident/Faculty COHS
Rev. Thomas J. Furey	St. Joseph Villa/Retired
Deacon Thomas L. Taylor	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Robert Frankenberger	Retired
Deacon Joseph N. Gousie	Retired
Mrs. Theresa Carey	Business Manager
Mrs. Judy Vacca	Pastoral Minister
Dr. Mary Rose Worrilow	Principal
Mrs. Kelly Meliti Directo	or 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 & Saturda	y 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.



This past week Father Kelly and I celebrated priestly anniversaries with thirty and twenty years respectively. Anniversaries, like birthdays (especially in the "0" years) can offer an opportunity for reflection and celebration, though pandemics have a way of altering plans just a bit. I was actually planning to be away at this time. The celebrations would be just grand. Friends would be getting married at a nuptial Mass at which I would preside. The very traditional Bavarian reception would last into the wee hours of the next morning. A lovely young couple's sweet little girl was to have been baptized in a ceremony just a few days prior and that too, would have been quite the celebration. Finally, there would have been my own celebration of an anniversary Mass with some friends and a local youth group at a beautiful, tiny little chapel dedicated to our own Saint John Neumann in the mountains on the border with the land of his birth. It would have been glorious! Of course, as I've said, pandemics have a way of changing things just a bit. So, my celebrating is just a bit more subdued, but it is a celebration nonetheless. Priesthood must be celebrated. Perhaps it's true that priesthood is celebration. This is true not because of the man behind the collar, but because of the Man for Whom the collar is worn. Christ must be celebrated and Christ is celebration. Resurrection demands it; Ascension is its effect, and a Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit fills us with the energy to dance into the wee hours of the night. I am most grateful for my years in the priesthood I must admit. Have there been challenges? Absolutely! Have there been joys? Overwhelmingly! I sometimes describe priesthood as being like a truck driver: constantly changing gears while traveling the highways and byways in order to deliver the Goods. A priest can be called to welcome new life, care for the sick, and mourn for the dead both near and far all within the span of a day. Thank God for highway rest areas! Of course, truckers make stops and can meet any number of people along the way of their travels; so too, the priest. I am especially grateful for the many individuals and families that I have met and come to know over the years. Some have become close friends; others I've lost touch with. There are those who "check-in" with me every once in a while and there are quite a number who have now "passed over" and are waiting on the "other side." All are included in and are a part of my "subdued" celebration – as are you!

Please pray for Father Kelly and me as we pray for you! Pray that we might be humble priests and continue to grow in the Lord! Pray that we might continue to celebrate and "truck on" delivering the Goods for years to come! Ad multos annos!

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



MONDAY	MAY 25
8:30 AM	Amato Cavalcante and Living and Deceased Members of the Cavalcante Family
TUESDAY	MAY 26
8:30 AM	Veronica DiPietro
WEDNESDAY	MAY 27
8:30 AM	Lorri Rudolph
THURSDAY	MAY 28
	NO MASS
FRIDAY	MAY 29
12:15 PM	Ruth Irene Bartivic

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	MAY 30
8:30 AM	Kip Tavino
4:30 PM	Tom and Mary Furlong
SUNDAY	MAY 31
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
11:00 AM	James Cabrelli

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.

https://virtualadoration.home.blog



Thank You! Sunday Collection, May 17 Amount Received \$ 6,228 Electronic \$ 2,185 Mail-in \$ 4,008 Easter \$ 35

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 Out 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.





Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Lvndi Butler Margaret Cook Stephen Collins Samuel Dephillippo Sharon Diemer Janet Doherty Terrence (Terry) Gibson Nicola Giordano Donna Girogio 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'Callghan 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**

For those attending Confessions

Please use the rectory –side door of the Church to enter on Saturdays for Confessions. Thank you!

More Casseroles Needed!

St. John's Hospice is asking for more casseroles due to the pandemic. They have more people to feed. The next drop-off is Wednesday, May 27th between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the gym annex. Anyone wishing to join us can go to:

saintjohnshospice.org.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Father Kelly (May 19th)

And

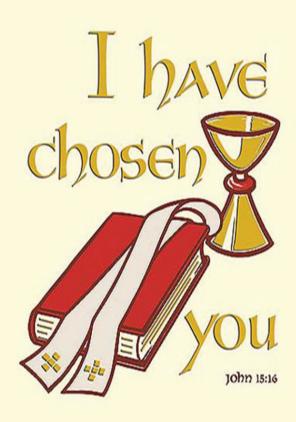
Father Wilson (May 20th)

Celebrating their 30th and 20th

Anniversary to the Priesthood

Respectively.

(Also to Fr. Furey celebrating 47 years) Ad multos annos!





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



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)

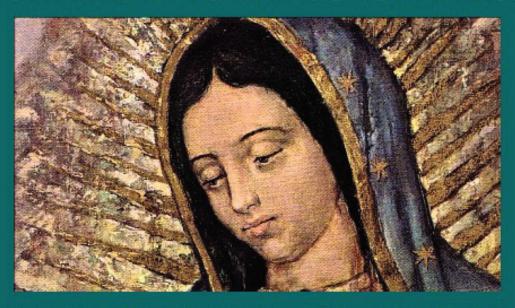
- Title Insurance & amp; Trust Company Shares Tax
- Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax
- Capital Stock and Franchise Tax
- Mutual Thrift Tax
- Malt Beverage Tax

- 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: <u>https://zoom.us/j/494480541</u> Click the link 5-10 minutes early to allow your device to download any necessary software.

> Or dial-in by telephone: Dial: (646) 558-8656 Enter the Webinar ID: 494 480 541

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