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651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

MAY 3, 2020 • THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mrs. Judy Vacca ..... Pastoral Minister  
Dr. Mary Rose Worriow..... Principal  
Mrs. Kelly Meliti ..... Director of Religious Education  
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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.



It sure is confusing. I can't go to the barber to get my hair cut (not that I have that much anymore anyway and what I do have is gray), but the landscaping guys can come and make sure that the grass outside the rectory is cut (which they did this morning at the crack of dawn – of course). I suppose that means that they could also cut the grass on the fairway of the local golf course, but at least until this Friday the 1st of May, old McDuff and his three companions couldn't play on that fairway grass anyway. Good luck getting a tee time now! There is so much conflicting information. "Smoking reduces the chance of getting the coronavirus," says one study. Really! Oh, okay, one just dies of lung cancer or emphysema instead. Wear masks! Don't wear masks! Infections are up! Infections are down! More deaths! Fewer deaths! Close it down and stay at home! Open things up and let people go back to work! Prevent the spread! Allow a "herd immunity" to develop! With a pandemic that has become so politicized it becomes harder and harder to discern the facts. It becomes harder and harder to discern the truth. Yet, it is truth that we seek and it is Truth that seeks us. We hope, pray, and desire that we might get back to some sense of normalcy and that we might engage life fully once again – or perhaps now, for some having lived through a pandemic, to engage it fully for the first time. There have been those that have speculated that because of our stay-at-home-lockdown orders, the birth rate will rise in about nine months or so, as "corona babies" are born. On my part, I wonder if our period of lockdown might result in the birth of some new religious vocations. Our stay-at-home orders certainly resulted in more down time and alone time for many. Social distancing kept us at a distance (with the exception of all the parents of those "corona kids") – hermit-like one might say. There has been simply more time to think and ponder and discern. It is in the midst of such times, while a crisis swirls all around us, that the seeds of a vocation might well take root. Whether it be a future pope in the midst of a "lockdown" because of a world war unfolding or a future religious sister shaken to the core losing family and friends in the midst of a plague bubonic in scale, historically, the situation that we're experiencing right now has often been the grist and catalyst for religious vocations. Conflicting and censored information, world leaders in dispute and disagreement, scientific studies and facts questioned, statistical anomalies and inconsistencies, theories farfetched and conspiratorial energize discerning individuals in an ever more ardent search for Truth. With God's Grace, Truth reveals Himself to such individuals and religious vocations result. As we continue to pray for an end to the coronavirus and our present crisis, pray also for an increase in religious vocations right now in the midst of it. Who knows? It might be the future Father McDuff out there on the links on Friday! 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



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MAY 4</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Carol Jacobs</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 5</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Vincent &amp; Mary McDevitt</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 6</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Poor Souls in Purgatory</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MAY 7</b>
	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 8</b>
<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>Anna Brennan</b>
<b>NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 9</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>People of Holy Cross</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Anna May Boyle and Catherine Zimmerman</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 10</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Beverly Bellocchio</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Shelia Flaherty McGinley and Mary Geary</b>

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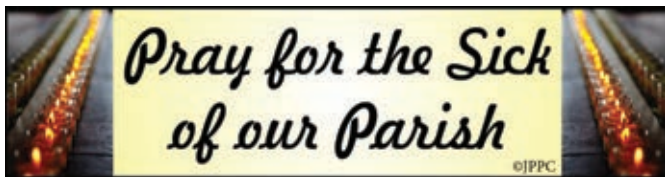
*Thank You!*  
*Sunday Collection, April 26*  
*Amount Received \$ 5,783*  
*Easter Collection*  
*Amount Received \$ 1,005*

We urge all of our parishioners to follow our Masses online and to make a **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

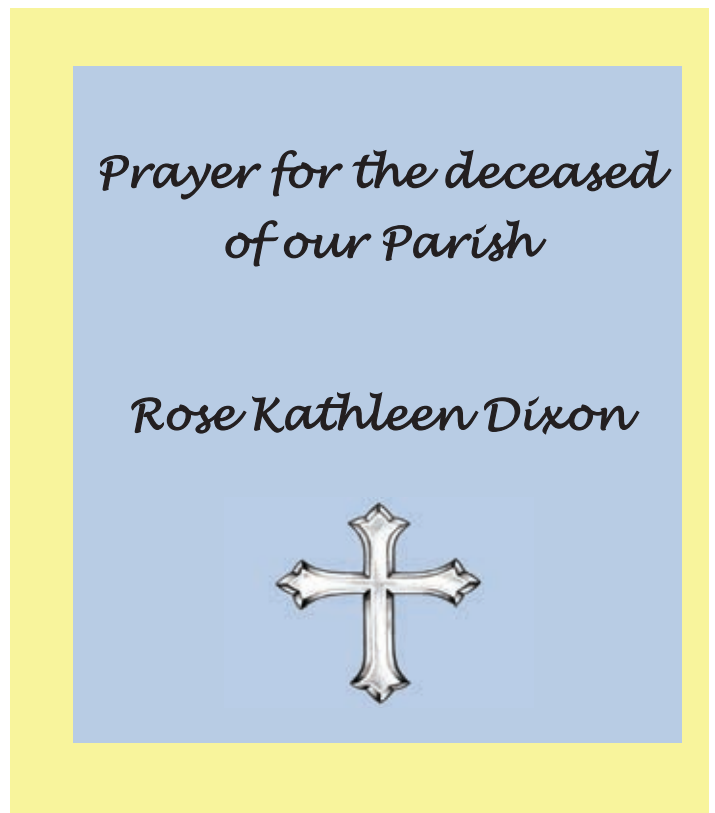
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

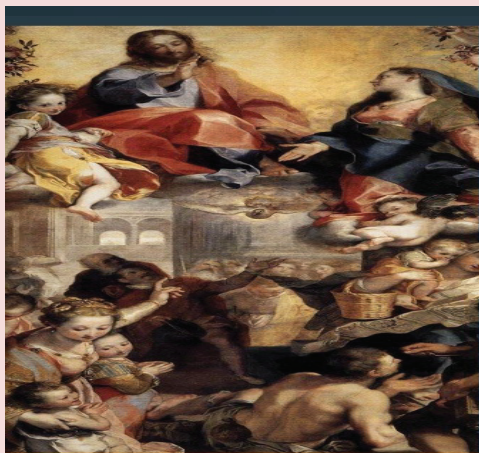




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*Most Holy Virgin Mary,*  
 Mother of the Church,  
 you are the fairest fruit of  
 God's redeeming love;  
 you sing of the Father's  
 mercy and accompany us  
 with a mother's love.  
 In this time of pandemic  
 we come to you,  
 our sign of sure hope  
 and comfort.

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STATES OF AMERICA TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Our Pantry has been the humble recipient of many donations over the last week. Our Holy Cross parishioners, St. Francis School (who embraced our needs and provided many carloads of food and monetary donations), Trinity United Presbyterian Church, and Springfield Country Club (Caring for Friends) were also key contributors. It's amazing how "Word got out" and spread throughout our community as our supplies were running low with the influx of new families coming to our pantry. Words cannot fully express our gratitude as we help our most in need in our community.

If you are able, we are in need of personal items (including shampoo, body wash, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes), paper products and detergent.

Just a reminder, we are open on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:00 to all Delco residents (with proof of residency). We are doing a drive-thru in the back of our school for everyone's safety.

God Bless All of you.

Sincerely,

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:

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- 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.

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