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651 East Springfield Road • Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 • TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mrs. Theresa Carey..... Business Manager
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 Vigil (night before Holy Day) 7:00 PM
Holy Day 8:30 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM
Thursday..... No Mass
Friday..... 12:15 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center 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)
Saturday & Sunday..... Closed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM

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 Rectory of Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.

FROM THE PASTOR

Ah, Mondays! How I just love them so, especially when the Eagles have just put one in the "L" column. There is that terrible feeling on waking-up with the Birds loss still settling in. There is the lingering thought of why officials can't get their heads out of their hind parts in light of flagged two point conversions that potentially could have change the outcome of the game. Then, there is the ordinary Monday back to work business of a parish and school in mid-September with just, oh, a few things going on and with the opening of the 2020 Mass book among them. Let's face it. Mondays are a hoot. I'm personally convinced that the Fall of Adam and Eve and hence, the fall of all mankind, took place on a Monday. Think of the very Word of God spoken first thing on that very first Monday morning: *Jesus!* Yep! Kind of says it all. Oh, how we need a Savior! This past Monday morning was less than stellar for another reason. Ric Ocasek died. How sad! He was the lead singer for *The Cars*, one of my favorite bands. Their songs transport me back to my high school days. I've read somewhere that smell is our strongest and most powerful sense in terms of memory and recollection. The smell of honeysuckle still takes me back to the old block on which I lived as a kid, because a neighbor's yard was filled with them and the fragrance permeated the very air I breathed every day. After smell though, I believe that it is hearing that really kick starts the memory, and in particular, I believe that it is the music that we hear. All of my friends knew that I liked *The Cars* and I think that I still have that original *Candy-O* album somewhere. The quirky electronic new wave sound of the 80s takes me back to the skating rink at Cottman and the Boulevard and the girl from Junianna whom I met there and dated for a time. They were good times and fun times that made Mondays of the past more bearable and the music and memories make Mondays of the present more bearable as well. *Let the Good Times Roll* - even on Monday mornings! As a kid, Jesus definitely listened to music. I wonder if He had a favorite band or singer. In His day, the Psalms were learned by singing them. At the Wedding Feast of Cana, guess what young Man figured prominently on the dance floor? All the men danced. It was part of the ritual and celebration of the day and, of course, one dances to music. In the Old Testament, King David "danced with abandon" such that some were simply aghast by his royal swing. Of heaven, we speak of the "choirs" of angels. Well, choirs sing. The reality is that there is music all around us. If only we could better attune our ears to listen. The music sets itself in contrast to the cacophony of the Monday morning world around us and it brings us back to our roots, the harmony of creation, and places us on the very doorstep of the heavenly symphony. If we find ourselves singing *this* song on any Monday, we'll find that it is a tune and melody that will carry us through the day and through the whole week culminating in a Sunday concert of heavenly proportion in which the *good times will roll* eternally with the Lord, Himself, at the mic leading us in song and dance much like a leading singer of the 80s. Rock on, Ric!

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

Please Note: At this time The Archdiocese is at 62% of the overall Catholic Charities Appeal Goal. Thank you to all who have contributed. I respectfully ask on behalf of the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia that if you have not yet contributed to prayerfully consider doing so. So far Holy Cross Parish has raised \$14,367 of our \$26,201, 2019 Goal. With your support The Catholic Charities Appeal can continue to build toward the future of giving hope to all. Thank you! Fr. Wilson



Masses For The Week

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 23
8:30 AM	EMILIE & GOTTLOB RUDOLPH
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
8:30 AM	ANNE SCOTT
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 25
8:30 AM	FRANCIS MURRAY
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 26
	NO MASS
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
12:15 PM	LORRI RUDOLPH
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 28
8:30 AM	MSGR. JAMES MORTIMER

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 28
4:30 PM	PEOPLE OF HOLY CROSS
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 29
8:30 AM	BERNARD ZALET A
11:00 AM	TOM & KITTY MC CORMICK

THANK YOU!

Sunday Collection	September 15
Amount Received	\$9,585



*Remember
Our Sick*



John Boyle	Helen Lyons
Lyndi Butler	Joanne Marks
John Cassidy	Barbara Mc Cusker
Margaret Cook	Lee Anne Mc Gough
Maryanne Convery	Thomas Miller
Stephen Collins	Dan Murphy
Samuel Dephillipo	Francis O'Callaghan
Sharon Diemer	Charlotte O'Leary
Kathleen Dixon	Paige O'Leary
Lillian Donahue	Laura Palermo
Mary Ann Farrell	Francis Romano
Nicola Giordano	Jim Sandusky
Donna Giorgio	Rose Marie Santos
Carolyn Henderson	Joseph Sindoni
Steven Henderson	Adeline Sulpizio
Stefanos Karas	Anthony Torelli
Carole Kime	George Vrettos
Mary & Ken Kull	Lily Walker
Kendall Lambert	Nadia Waltanski
Rose Leto	Carter Walton
Patricia Lyons	



CASSEROLE DROP-OF DATE

The next drop-off will be Wednesday, September 25, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM at the parish hall annex. Anyone wishing to join us can go to saintjohnshospice.org for recipes, or just make a casserole that you like. Please mark the casserole with the date prepared. Call Connie Labowitz at 610-328-0599 with any questions. Thank you!



**COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at Mass on Saturday, October 12, at 11:00 AM, in the upper church. Our communal celebration of the Sacrament is an opportunity for our parish to pray together for the Lord's healing to come upon our sick brothers and sisters.

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall immediately following the Mass. It is a great help to us if you pre-register. To register for the Communal Anointing, please call our Pastoral Minister, Judy Vacca, 610-259-8266, and leave a voice mail message by Monday, October 7.

HELP WANTED

Donations and volunteers are needed for the Mass of Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, October 12. Please take one of the sign-up papers which are on the tables at the entrances to the Church. Please return them to the Business Office, collection basket, or call Judy Vacca at 610-259-8266.

SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Father Wilson and I attended the ceremony on Friday to receive the award for Holy Cross School from the Archdiocese as one of the 2019 Archdiocesan Schools of Distinction. Our students showed growth in every grade level tested in the content areas. Our growth was 100%. I am so proud of this accomplishment.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 2, 2019. It is our Lincoln Drive to Give Event. Each test drive of a beautiful Lincoln helps our school raise money. No obligation to buy and no pushy sales people reaching out to you. Just a 15-minute test drive on the outlined test drive course is all that you do.

School is in full swing now and all the children are busy learning. The teachers did a great job preparing their classrooms for the students.

If you have children approaching school age, please consider sending them to our parish school. We have a lot to offer the students, including music, art, technology and physical education. Most importantly, is the religious training they receive every day. Jesus is the reason we are here. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Spurrier in the school office at 610-626-1709.

*Have a great week! God bless you!
Dr. Worrilow*

The Corner

*"The world compares me to
my neighbor, but God
compares me to my former
self."*

...Matthew Kelly (Resisting Happiness)

DCPC WALK FOR LIFE 2019

Please join us for Delaware County Pregnancy Center's Walk for Life 2019 on Saturday, September 28, from 10 to 12 Noon at The Stage at Chester Park. This whole free event will be from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, including prayer, music, games and food. To pledge or join the walk, call DCPC at 610-872-2229 or Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463 or www.donors.dpcchester.org/walkforlife2019

In all your ways, acknowledge God and He shall direct your paths.

TAKE A CHANCE FOR LIFE!

Please take a chance in the annual Pro-Life Legal Defense Fund Raffle. The Pro-Life Legal Fund defends pro-life interests in court cases and advances pro-life policies in legislature "pro bono" but there are many other expenses involved. Chances are \$25 each with 10 prizes ranging from \$100 to \$5000. Drawing will be September 28. Call Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463 or Lori Cotterall at 610-328-6054 for your Chance for Life. Make a check payable to "Pro-Life Legal Fund".



SATURDAY - OCTOBER 19

9:00 AM-3:00 PM PARISH HALL

Over 50 Vendors showcasing their crafts and products. Snack bar open during the event. Great time to start holiday shopping! Crafts, jewelry, home decor, candles, food, and so much more!

DISCOVERING CHRIST

THURSDAYS

Here is some formation:

- * Sessions are held here at Holy Cross Parish. We are meeting on the second floor of the Parish Center and there is elevator access. Helpers will be in the parking lot to direct you to parking for both regular and wheelchair access.

- * Doors open at 6:15 PM. Come early and meet your fellow participants.

- * Sessions start promptly with dinner at 6:30 PM and end promptly by 9:00 PM.

- *** If you have friends or neighbors who have been considering attending this exciting event but have not yet registered, please encourage them to do so. By signing up now, it will also help us determine how many dinners to prepare. Online registration is the easiest; just ask those attending to send their name, email, phone number and parish to:

www.discoveringchristinspringfield.org

but people can also text the information to 484-868-8571.

- * Pray for God's blessings on all who attend. And pray for the team as we have been praying for you.

The Discovering Christ Team

**ARE YOU GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE!
PLEASE CONSIDER SEASONS OF HOPE**

A faith-centered support group offered for those who are mourning, an opportunity to come together to share God's love. With the support of our faith community, we can give voice to our unique journeys of grief and find healing together.

Please join us on Tuesdays, September, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Holy Cross Parish Center - 7:00 PM. Sign-in at 6:45 PM; meeting one-a-half hours.

For more information and registration, please contact Margaret Mary Mc Nicholas at 610-324-2133 or at mmcnicholas@allstate.com

Holy Cross Parish is in need of Extraordinary Ministers. Please consider volunteering for this Ministry. For more information, contact Mary Jo Elliott Gibson, 215-796-0284. We would love to have you.

The parish is also in need of additional lectors for reading at Mass. Please consider volunteering for this service and contact the Business Office if you are interested or need more information (610-626-3321).

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

PLEASE JOIN US ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, AT NOON, IN FRONT OF HOLY CROSS CHURCH TO PRAY THE ROSARY TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR THE SAKE OF ALL MANKIND. IF YOU COULD PLEASE TAKE 10 MINUTES OUT OF YOUR BUSY DAY TO JOIN US AS ONE OF OVER 12,000 RALLIES ACROSS AMERICA ON THIS DAY. ALL ARE WELCOME, WE WILL BEGIN AT NOON, RAIN OR SHINE. FOLDING CHAIRS OR UMBRELLAS ARE WELCOME AS NEEDED.

THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB

THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB WILL RESUME MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, AT 7:00 PM IN THE PARISH CENTER OF HOLY CROSS PARISH. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING OUR SUMMER READING AS WELL AS THE SEPTEMBER SELECTION. YOU NEED NOT HAVE READ THE BOOKS TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS. WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR CONVERSATION AND REFRESHMENTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT JOY VAN BERG AT 610-328-2095 OR AT joyvanberg@gmail.com

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