

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church

100 Broad Street, Hilltown, PA 18927

April 5, 2020



My Dear Parishioners,

As we enter into Holy Week, we are very excited about our planned celebration with our neighbors, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Guadalupe. We do believe these liturgies will be beautiful and uplifting, and will allow us to be together spiritually through prayer and live-streaming. The times and schedules along with the Link to the live-streaming can be found here:

<https://www.olsh-hilltown.com/livesreamholysundayliturgies/>

Which brings us to Palm Sunday and the distribution of Blessed Palms, and unfortunately, we do have some bad news. After consultation with the Archdiocese and with local officials, we have decided to “err on the side of caution” and delay the distribution of Blessed Palms to a later date. Certainly, this saddens many of us who value the Palms as a year around reminder of just how much Jesus loves us. But, hopefully this decision will help us live for another day: a much better and brighter day.

And now I would like to offer some overdue thank you’s:

I would like to thank Deacon Gary and Pat Schoenenberger and their team for their hard work running the parish food pantry. Moreover, I would like to thank all of you who so generously gave to our parish food pantry this past week. I am sure in the weeks ahead that demand for help will grow, and that Deacon Gary and Pat will keep us up to date of what is needed.

On behalf of our employees, I would like to again thank all of you who have remember the parish during this time of crisis. We have received so many cards, letters, phone calls, and emails asking how we are doing and assuring us of prayers. We also thank all of you who continue to financially support the parish during these most difficult of times. Please know that those donations help us to meet the payroll and “keep the lights on.” For those who may be interested, information about electronic “e-giving” can be found here:

<https://www.parishgiving.org/index?e=DD4981A6EC84F91BCB2F970FAC04028266981A723FB77FA0>

I would moreover like to thank Katie Moser and Denice Whitely for all of their help in sending out these newsletters and emails to the parish. It would be impossible without them, and, going by the overwhelmingly positive responses, they are doing an excellent job keeping us connected.

I would like to thank Tom Martin, John Gerhart, and our seminarian, Reese Hoyer, for their hard work this past week. They were out there mowing and trimming and spreading mulch in order to dress up the grounds and to keep them beautiful and to make sure we are ready when it is time to reopen.

I would also like to thank our Altar Society for literally scrubbing down the church to make sure that it is clean and safe. They did a magnificent job, and it smells great!

Lastly, I would like to thank our senior Deacon, Vince Ceneviva, for providing this week’s pastoral letter.

Pease know that you remain in our prayers.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J. Pawelko





My Dear Parishioners:

I would like to share with you some words of comfort in these times of uncertainty, they come from St. Paul who knew too well the uncertainties of life, but was able to navigate through the darkest of storms.

In his letter he wrote to the Philippians, laying the foundation not just for the Philippians, but for all times and I think especially for today,

Philippians 4:6,7,9: Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude. Then God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ.

*Live according to what you have learned and accepted, what you have heard me say and seen me do. **Then will the God of peace be with you.***

Take the time to read these scriptures slowly, take the time we have now to meditate on them. Read them as they were written just for you, because they were.

Take just part of these words from St. Paul and contemplate on them. What comfort it gives us to read these words that God, Himself promises us: "that He will stand guard over our hearts and minds."

In the days to come, be assured of my prayers for you. Please stay safe and may the peace of God be with you always.

I leave you with this prayer of St. Teresa of Avila:

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things,
Whoever has God lacks nothing
God alone suffices.*

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart pray for us,

Deacon Vince Ceneviva



MASS Intentions

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Church at 7:30 a.m.

Monday, April 6th:

7:30 a.m. Monica Kelly

Request of Don & Joanne Roberts

Tuesday, April 7th:

7:30 a.m. Joseph Fecher

Request of Stephanie Saveriano

Wednesday, April 8th:

7:30 a.m. Fred & Anna Mae Wietecha

Request of Greg & Sheila Wietecha

Thursday, April 9th: *Holy Thursday*

Friday, April 10th: *Good Friday*

Saturday, April 11th: *Holy Saturday*

Sunday, April 12th: *Easter*

Please Pray for our sick including Baby Aiden Romoya, Ralph Bleiler, Jonathan Botelho, Vickie Brady, Peggy Brown, Thomas Brown, Valarie Class, Ann Clifford, Zachary Coco, Pat Costo, Mary Covino, Richard D'Amelio, Mary Jane DeGennaro, Lou DiCriscio, Claudia Epstein, Roni Epstein, Barbara Lynne Filippone, John Gambale, Jackie Godek, Anita Grasso, Lester Guinther, Edith Gross, Rose Harmon, Amy Hayman, Brian Healy, Jean Igusky, Marie Johannessen, Ray MacNamera, Ian Malin, Stella Marino, Michael Murphy, John and Suzanne Pelletier, Carolyn Pritz, Marge Quartucci, Francis Resuta, Dominic Sano, Andrew Savarese, Paul Sawyer, Florence Simons, John Suchodolski, Theresa Tackacs, Ted Talian, Luke Tynan, Richard Volpe, Mary Wagner, Jaime Whiteley, David Wilding, Theresa Wilson.

Pray also for our relatives and friends who have died including, William Cullen, husband of Kathleen; and Kathy Nickels, wife John.

Pre-Jordan Classes Postpone

Our Pre-Jordan Class that was scheduled for April 13th have been cancelled. For future classes are indefinite postpone until further notice due to the Coronavirus.



OLSH Parish Confessions

Wednesday, April 8th

4:00 – 5:00 PM ~ Church

7:00 – 8:00 PM ~ Church

Live Stream Liturgies

Msgr. Joseph Gentili and the parish family of Our Lady of Guadalupe have graciously agreed to host the Holy Week Liturgies, and we, the clergy of the local Marian parishes, will be taking turns leading and preaching the Liturgies. While these Liturgies will not be open to the public, they will be live streamed. Each Live Stream Mass will be streaming at:

www.olsh-hilltown.com/livesreamholyyweekliturgies/

once it is available. The schedule for the live stream Liturgies is as follows:

Palm Sunday, April 5 ~ 9:30 AM

Main Celebrant and Homilist - Father Robert Ianelli
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Holy Thursday, April 9

Mass of the Lord's Supper ~7:00 PM
Main Celebrant and Homilist - Father Michael Pawelko
Our Lady of Sacred Heart Parish

Good Friday, April 10

Celebration of the Lord's Passion ~ 3:00 PM
Main Celebrant - Father Harold McKale and
Homilist - Father Paschal Onunwa,
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 11 ~ 7:00 PM

Main Celebrant Monsignor - Joseph Gentili
and Homilist - Father Robert Ianelli
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Easter Sunday Mass, April 12 ~ 9:30 AM

Main Celebrant - Monsignor Charles Hagan
Our Lady of Mount Carmel and
Homilist - Monsignor Joseph Gentili
Our Lady of Guadalupe



American
Red Cross

#BloodEmergency Give Now



WE GIVE
OURS FOR
OTHERS

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, April 20th

2:00 – 7:00 PM

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Gymnasium

To Schedule an Appointment: redcross.org
and type Sponsor Code = sacred heart

OLSH Blood Drive Coordinators:

Sandy Lyle: slyle@comcast.net

Judi Gerhart: jagstar54@yahoo.com



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Blood
Services

Right now, the American Red Cross has an ongoing critical need for blood product donations as uncertainties remain during this coronavirus pandemic. Blood drives continue to be canceled at an alarming rate and patients need a sufficient blood supply throughout the many weeks of this crisis and beyond. Healthy individuals are needed to schedule an appointment to give in the days and weeks ahead to help patients counting on lifesaving blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma.

Donating blood products is essential to community health and eligible donors are strongly urged to donate during the COVID-19 outbreak. As part of our nation's critical infrastructure, healthy individuals can still donate in areas that have issued shelter in place declarations. The Red Cross also urges organizations to maintain scheduled blood drives. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need.

This blood shortage could impact patients who need surgery, victims of car accidents and other emergencies, or patients fighting cancer. **One of the most important things you can do to ensure we don't have another health care crisis on top of coronavirus is make an appointment to donate.**

You can still go out and give blood. We're worried about potential blood shortages in the future. Social distancing does not have to mean social disengagement.

- US Surgeon General, Jerome Adams