

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Summer Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Closed Wednesdays & Fridays
Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

June 12, 2016 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Weekday Eucharist

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,

Thursday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor

Rev. John Olson, Associate Pastor

Rev. Anthony Giamello, Associate Pastor

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.

Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of financial assistance, please call

St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702

The Sacraments

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr., our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-697-2049.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

Pastor's Desk

of summer, I thought I'd write a few words about the Sacrament of Confirmation.

What is Confirmation? Confirmation is the Sacrament that is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. Our Catechism states that "*by the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.*"

Sealing the Deal. In the pivotal moment of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Bishop anoints the crown of the head of the one to be confirmed with Sacred Chrism (a consecrated holy oil). As he anoints the candidate, he says, "*Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.*" Okay, let's flashback to Baptism: an infant who was baptized was

Dear Parishioners,

Country singer Eddie Rabbit had a hit song some 30 years ago called "Step by Step" – it was a syrupy country-pop number that informed the listener that if you really wanted to properly woo a lady you love, there are three steps that must be undertaken. First step: take her out and treat her like a lady; second step: tell her she's the one you're dreaming of; and the third step: take her in your arms and never let her go. As I dig out from under the schmaltz, I am reminded that full initiation into the Catholic Church likewise has three steps (i.e., three Sacraments of Initiation): Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. With many of our young people at Holy Cross taking their "third step" of being confirmed this weekend; the Diocesan Hispanic Confirmation program coming up; and Immaculate Conception's Confirmation coming at the end

likewise anointed on the head with the same Sacred Chrism. Think of the application of this holy oil in terms of paint: When you have to paint a wall, you first put on a primer coat, then you put on the second coat to seal it in. In Baptism, a child receives the Holy Spirit and the Chrism is applied for the first time; in Confirmation, a second-coat (if you will allow the analogy) of Chrism is applied – sealing and completing the baptismal graces. In some manner it may be observed that Confirmation is a form of completing the Sacrament of Baptism. And like Baptism, Confirmation is received only once, as it imprints an indelible spiritual mark on the soul, marking that person as eternally belonging to Christ.

What's the matter? What is necessary for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation? Catholic teaching tells us that Sacraments require specific “form and matter” to be present in order that they be in fact confected. In order for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be properly confected, the “matter” that must be present is a baptized unconfirmed person and Sacred Chrism; the “form” of the Sacrament is the proper minister saying the words *Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit* as the Sacred Chrism is applied.

That's the Spirit! What are the effects of this Sacrament of Confirmation? Upon being Confirmed, the Holy Spirit goes "all Santa" on a person; he drops off a whole bunch of presents (gifts)! Known as the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, these are traditionally identified as:

- Wisdom - the gift that allows one to comprehend, more fully, the truths of faith
 - Understanding - the gift that allows one to appreciate creation in relation to God; hence one can see Christ in his fellow man

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Jun 12 8:30am: Ann & Neal Thomas

11:00am: Mary Griffiths

Misa en Español 7:00pm: For the People

Thu., Jun 16 7:00pm: For the People

Sun., Jun 19 8:30am: Catherine Gravenor

11:00am: Bruce & Britton Burgess

Misa en Español 7:00pm: For the People



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please let Ms. Alicia know, and she will schedule you to shadow as Cross Bearer at the Mass you attend.

- Counsel – the gift that allows one to make right judgment (i.e., when you judge someone or something, judge well and rightly).
 - Fortitude – the gift of moral courage to do God’s will, even in the face of adversity
 - Knowledge – the gift of awareness and comprehension of God
 - Piety – the gift of awareness of the need to worship and love God
 - Fear of the Lord – the gift of being aware that God is always aware of all that we do

Now, like all presents, we have to open them and use them to get their benefits. If you treat these gifts of the Holy Spirit like a 10-year old treats the gifts of a pair of socks at Christmas (e.g., toss them aside and look for something else in the gift pile), then you may fail to get the benefit of what God has given you. If you do put these sacred gifts to use, they will bear fruit (that is, they will show forth in your life). The Church dubs these benefits as the fruits of the Holy Spirit: Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Benignity, Goodness, Long-suffering (patient suffering), Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Continence (self-control), and Chastity.

And so as Confirmation is on the radar of both our parishes, let us commit ourselves to pray for our confirmation candidates and for those newly confirmed, that the power of this Sacrament allows them to be abiding in their Catholic faith, and bear good witness to the name Christian.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$3109.16

Supplementary Offertory: \$ 458.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary
*Your continued support of the work of your Church is much
needed, and appreciated.*

Knights of Columbus: Meet every 2nd & 4th Tues., at 6:30pm. For more information contact Grand Knight, Clyde Hinebaugh 410-482-8699 or clydehinebaugh@gmail.com

STEWARSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

June 12	Frank & Joyce Cristiano
June 19	Paul & Robin Engstenberg
June 26	Tom & Mary McGowan

Church Cleaning Crew

June 23, 2016 Grupo #10 Rectoría-Oficina

Miguel López, Verónica López, Gregorio López,
Juan Ramírez, Federico Pérez

June 25, 2016 Grupo #11

Genaro Pérez, **Elizabeth López**, Edelfo Tomas, Edgar Ramos, Alfonso Chun

July 2, 2016 Grupo #12

Dora Pérez, Flora Pérez, Otoniel Pérez,
Rosenda Escalante, Nele Escalante, Leslie Bamaca

Altar Servers

June 19

8:30am Mass – Hannah Nagyiski
11:00am Mass – Meg & Vince Haass & Sherlin Santizo
Spanish Misa 7pm – Emily & Yorly Escalante

Lectors

June 19

8:30am Mass – Sandy Dean
11:00am Mass – Donna King
Spanish Misa 7pm – Lucila Salinas, Olegario Velásquez

Eucharistic Ministers

June 19

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Karen Durham, Julia Moore
11:00am Mass – Nancy Mooney, Frank & Joyce Cristiano
Spanish Misa 7pm – Ovidio Roblero, Natalina Capistran, Antonio Pérez

The Fortnight for Freedom: Witnesses to Freedom will take place from June 21 to July 4th, a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. You are invited to attend a special Mass to begin the Fortnight for Freedom on June 21 at 7 p.m. at the Baltimore Basilica (America's First Cathedral). Archbishop William Lori will celebrate. Through special arrangements with Stonyhurst College in England, the relics of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher will be at the Mass. For more information, visit www.Fortnight4Freedom.org.



The St Vincent dePaul Committee wishes all a blessed Summer. Please note there will be no SVdP meeting in July. And August's meeting will be moved to the second Monday of the month – August 8th at 6pm.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Jun 12 9:45am VBS Meeting

Sun, Jun 12 3:30pm Jovenes

Mon, Jun 13 & Wed Jun 15 ESL

Sat, Jun 11 9am Confirmation Retreat

A Message from Fr. Anthony

Dear Parishioners,

I ask for your prayers as I begin my Pastorate at John the Apostle in Milford with the Mission of St. Bernadette's in Harrington.

I am extremely grateful for having this experience of serving as one of your Associate Pastors this past year. I was hoping to have more time with you. Last year, the assignment to Holy Cross/Immaculate Conception came as a complete surprise to me, almost out of left field. Yet, as I look back over this year I can see the hand of God at work. I am blessed for the relationships and friendships made. This is a wonderful community of faith and any priests would be extremely fortunate to serve here. Continue to share and radiate the joy and love of God with all.

I would like to thank Fr. Lentini, Msgr. Dan and Fr. Olson for their priestly fraternity. To the Deacons and the entire Parish Staff thank you for making my transition here a smooth one. It has been a blessing ministering along side of you. To the Holy Cross Grade School faculty and staff, thank you for welcoming me and reminding me why a Catholic education is so important. Be assured of my prayers and support as Pastor in Milford and Harrington.

In Christ, Fr. Anthony Giamello

All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it. Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one. Thus I do not run aimlessly; I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing. No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified. (1 Cor 9:22-27)



VBS will be here at ICC soon! August 1st – 5th

Registration for VBS is open now. Registration forms are available in church, office and online. Next meeting is **TODAY Sun, June 12th @ 9:45am** in the parish office meeting room.



FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education

Classes will resume on Sunday, September 25th.

Registration needed for Vacation Bible School & Religious Education! Please bring to the office as soon as possible to better prepare for supplies and teachers.



Hear the call?
Share your talents, time & gifts with our parish. Not sure where?

Call Alicia Poppiti, we can find a place for you here!! Training on site; knowledge of the Catholic faith, and a willingness to share your faith and your faith journey with the children and people of our Parish. Salary: the satisfaction of doing the right thing in this life!
Benefits: a hundred fold happiness in the next.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Love rather than judge.

Question for Children: This week, how can you welcome someone at school or in your neighborhood who is feeling left out?

Question for Youth: Jesus was able to see the faith of the woman, even though she was a sinner. Who is in need of your forgiveness, even though they have done you harm? What is one way that you can offer forgiveness to someone in the weeks to come?

Question for Adults: How can you show compassion toward the marginalized members of society today?

Pregunta de la semana

11º domingo en tiempo ordinario

Tema: Deben amar en vez de juzgar.

Pregunta para los niños: Esta semana, ¿cómo pueden recibir a alguien que se siente rechazado en la escuela o en su vecindario?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Jesús pudo ver la fe de la mujer aunque ella era una pecadora. ¿Quién necesita de su perdón aunque esa persona los haya ofendido? Nombren una manera en que pueden ofrecer su perdón a alguien en las próximas semanas.

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Cómo pueden mostrar compasión por los marginados por la sociedad de hoy?

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment -

"Your sins are forgiven" (Luke 7:48) Any couple who have spent much time together inevitably have things to forgive. How do you usually handle forgiveness in your relationship? Is one of you the usual initiator? Why? You may need forgiveness after this discussion.

Parenting Pointer – Friendship is important to both kids and adults. Do you know who your child's best friends are? Childhood friends often move away. Call, e-mail or Skype a childhood friend of yours. Is there someone your child would like to reconnect with too?

Do you think you may have a calling to the priesthood?



Come socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests & men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest.

June 15, CAS will meet at St. John the Beloved Church on Milltown Rd in Wilmington at 6:30 p.m. Contact Fr. Chris Coffey at 302-239-7100 x 24 or ccoffey@yahoo.com

June 16, at 6:30 p.m., CAS will be held at Ss. Peter & Paul in Easton at 6:30 p.m. For info, contact Fr. Glenn Evers at 410-882-3244.

Help save Driver's Education and School Nurse Funding for Catholic school families.

There are many issues facing us on a national and state wide level. Social concerns such as health care and immigration, life issues such as abortion and euthanasia, Catholic schools, family issues, poverty and so much more. You can make a big difference in just 5 minutes. That's all it will take to join Catholics in the Diocese of Wilmington as members of the Catholic Advocacy Network. The actions of our government have an enormous impact on the lives of you and your family. Join the Catholic Advocacy Network today.

Going on Vacation? The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington is blessed to have, a number of wonderful vacation and resort areas. Whether enjoying the history & natural beauty of the towns along the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay, or the family fun of a Delaware or Maryland Atlantic Ocean resort vacation; you'll find a Catholic community nearby ready to welcome you with open arms. To find Mass times, visit www.cdow.org or, anywhere else in the US, visit www.masstimes.org

COLUMNÁ DEL PÁRROCO JAMES

LENTINI 12 DE JUNIO, 2016.

Estimados Feligreses,

El cantante de música regional country Eddie Rabbit, tenía una canción de éxito hace unos 30 años llamado "paso a paso" - fue una especie de música pop-regional country que informaba al oyente que si realmente querías cortejar adecuadamente a una mujer que amas, hay tres pasos que deberías de seguir. Primer paso: salir con ella y tratarla como una dama; segundo paso: decirle que es la mujer de tus sueños; y el tercer paso: tomarla en tus brazos y nunca dejarla ir. A medida que estoy cavando por debajo de la sensiblería, recuerdo que la Iniciación completa en la Iglesia Católica tiene igualmente tres pasos (es decir, tres Sacramentos de la Iniciación): Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Teniendo a muchos de nuestros jóvenes en Santa Cruz de que tomaran su "tercer paso" de ser confirmados este fin de semana; Confirmación del programa Hispano Diocesano que se aproxima; y la Confirmación de la Inmaculada Concepción que viene al final del verano, pensé que me gustaría escribir unas cuantas palabras sobre el Sacramento de la Confirmación.

¿Qué es la Confirmación? La Confirmación es el Sacramento que es necesario para la plenitud de la gracia bautismal. Nuestro Catecismo afirma que "*por el Sacramento de la Confirmación, los bautizados se unen más íntimamente a la Iglesia y los enriquece con una fortaleza especial del Espíritu Santo. De esta forma quedan obligados aún más, como auténticos testigos de Cristo, a extender y defender la fe con sus palabras y sus obras.*".

Sellando el Trato. En el momento crucial del Sacramento de la Confirmación, el obispo unge la corona de la cabeza del que ha de ser confirmado con el Santo Crisma (un aceite santo consagrado). Al ungir al candidato, dice lo siguiente: "Recibe por esta señal el Don del Espíritu Santo." Bueno, vamos a retroceder al Bautismo: un niño que fue bautizado así mismo fue ungido en la cabeza con el mismo Santo Crisma. Piense en la aplicación de este aceite santo en términos de pintura: cuando se tiene que pintar una pared, primero se pone una capa de base imprimación, después se pone la segunda capa para sellarlo. En el Bautismo, un niño recibe el Espíritu Santo, y el Crisma se aplica por primera vez; en la Confirmación, se aplica una segunda capa (si permites la analogía) de Crisma - sellando y completando las gracias bautismales. De alguna manera se puede decir que la Confirmación, es una forma de completar el Sacramento del Bautismo. Y como el Bautismo, la Confirmación se reciben una sola vez, ya que confieren una marca espiritual indeleble en el alma, marcando esa persona para siempre como pertenencia a Cristo.

¿Qué es la Materia? ¿Qué es necesario para la recepción del Sacramento de la Confirmación? La enseñanza católica nos dice que los Sacramentos requieren específicamente que estén presentes "forma y materia" con el fin de que

sea conferido la recepción del Sacramento de la Confirmación debe estar presente una persona bautizada no-confirmada y el Santo Crisma; la "forma" del Sacramento es el ministro adecuado diciendo las palabras: "Recibe por esta señal el Don del Espíritu Santo" al ser ungido con el Santo Crisma.

¡Ese es el Espíritu! ¿Cuáles son los efectos de este Sacramento de la Confirmación? Despues de ser confirmado, el Espíritu Santo va " todo Santa, " en una persona; va dejando un montón de regalos (regalos)! Conocido como los dones del Espíritu Santo, estos son tradicionalmente identificados como:

- **Sabiduría** - El don que la capacidad de juzgar según la medida de Dios y comprender mejor, las verdades de la fe.
- **Ciencia** - El don que permite apreciar la creación en relación con Dios; por lo tanto, uno puede ver a Cristo en el prójimo
- **Consejo** - El don que le permite a uno hacer juicio correcto (es decir, cuando se juzga a alguien o algo, juzgar bien y con razón).
- **La fortaleza** - El don de valor moral para hacer la voluntad de Dios, aún en medio de la adversidad
- **Conocimiento** - El regalo de la conciencia y la comprensión de Dios
- **Piedad** - El regalo de la conciencia de la necesidad de adorar y amar a Dios
- **Temor de Dios** - El don de ser consciente de que Dios siempre está al tanto de todo lo que hacemos.

Ahora, al igual que todos los regalos, cuando lo recibimos tenemos que abrirlos y usarlos para obtener sus beneficios. De la misma manera se tratas a estos dones del Espíritu Santo; pero si tratas estos dones como un niño de 10 años de edad que recibe el regalo de un par de calcetines en Navidad (por ejemplo, los echan a un lado y buscan algo más en el montón de regalos), entonces puedes dejar de obtener el beneficio de lo que Dios le ha dado. Pero si pones en uso estos dones sagrados, darán fruto (es decir, que se manifestarán en tu vida). La Iglesia dobla estos beneficios con los frutos del Espíritu Santo : caridad , gozo, paz , paciencia , benignidad , bondad , paciencia (paciente) , mansedumbre , fe , modestia , templanza (autocontrol) , y de la castidad .

Y así como la Confirmación está en el radar de nuestras dos parroquias, comprométamonos a orar por nuestros candidatos para la Confirmación y para los recién confirmados, para que el poder de este Sacramento les permita permanecer en su fe católica, y dar buen testimonio del nombre de cristiano.

Suyo en Cristo,
P. James Lentini
Párroco