

CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 amSummer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 p
SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS
School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:3
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 p
SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am

Wednesday – 8:15 am

Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,

Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am - 10:00 am, Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am - 9 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm Closed Wednesday and Friday

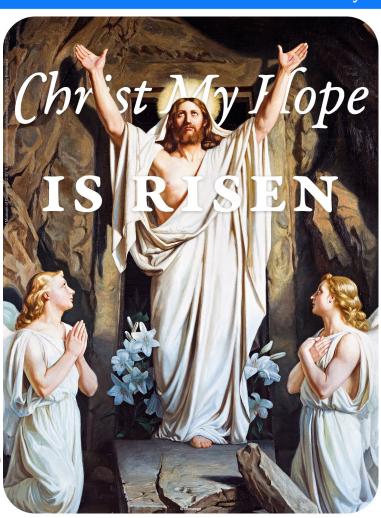
SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30, 11 am

Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish



HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1 Assumption, August 15 All Saints' Day, November 1 Immaculate Conception, December 8 Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our

parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.



Happy Easter to our families at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception

From the Parish Priests, Deacons, and Staff of both parishes.

Alleluia!!!!!

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

Ending March 17, 2024

OFFERTORY Type	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$25,073	\$25,900	(\$827)
YTD	\$1,018,334	\$1,025,080	(\$6,746)
Needs	\$1,498	\$1,712	(\$214)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending March 17, 2024

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	
Regular	\$3,946	
Second Collection	\$820	

Thank you to all advertisers in our bulletin.

We appreciate your support!

If you know of someone who would like to advertise in the bulletin, please contact Diocesan Publications at 800-233-8200. Dear Parishioners,

There was a movie back in the 1980s called "Clue" — it was a movie based on the famous board game of the same name. The movie like the board game was premised on solving a murder mystery and figuring out "whodunit." However, this mystery movie did what no mystery movie to that point in time had done – it was made with three different endings. You could go and see the movie three times – spend money on three movie tickets – and see three endings. Now, of course, only an idiot would do that. Well, after I saw all three endings, I thought to myself that this wasn't such a great idea because a story and event needs to have an ending. Not three endings.

One Story, Three Endings? Now I guess when dealing with fiction you can do this, but when dealing with fact you can't. In history things happen and end one way. If you read a newspaper account of crime or event, three newspapers may cover the event differently, focus on a different angle, but the essential story and outcome must be the same.

Four Gospels, One Ending! So it is on Easter; we have four Gospels. Each takes us from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Each features Christ's death and resurrection. Yet, each focuses on different aspects and different people who witnessed or were affected by the resurrection. Nonetheless, the key fact of the resurrection is the centerpiece of each. And praise God, we know that this historical event has but one ending ... and it's a good one: the bad guy loses, the good guy wins, and mankind is saved. It is an ending that shows resurrection from the dead; the Messiah conquering man's ultimate enemy death, which was brought into the world by the Devil.

Best Ending Ever! That ending – that rising, that empty tomb – has us cheering as the credits roll! We leave that story exultingly rejoicing in our faith in the Resurrection. And the good news is that Christ promises and gives us the hope of many sequels... so this is a day to rejoice.

Of Triumph and Spider-Man. Why do we rejoice today? We rejoice because our faith in Christ has been vindicated, truth has triumphed over falsity; justice over injustice and a tragedy has become a sign of hope. It is like reading a Spiderman comic book story. First you see an innocent and helpless victim being attacked, robbed, kidnapped, assaulted and tortured by a wicked assailant. And we feel so bad seeing the triumph of the bad guy. Then, almost at the point where the victim has given up hope and is at the point of death, down from the skies comes Spiderman to the rescue. He battles and defeats the bad guy and rescues the innocent victim. And we

feel happy inside at the triumph of justice.

Good Friday's Contrast. And so, Easter is a grand contrast to the story of the suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday. That was a story of the triumph of falsity over truth, of injustice over justice. Jesus was falsely charged of crimes he did not commit, and unjustly sentenced to a death he did not deserve. One of his friends betrayed him, his trusted companions deserted him and his number one man denied him. We saw Jesus scourged, mocked, led on the death march, nailed to the cross where he dies after a few hours and hastily buried in a tomb. If that were the end of the story then it would be a bad story; a tragedy. But glory be to God it is not, because if Good Friday were the end of the story, I indeed would want a different ending. If Good Friday were the end of the story, why would we even be here today?

Rising and Shining. But death is not the end of the story. There is one more chapter, there is one more scene. And it is the most important one because, as the saying goes, he who laughs last laugh best. And in the last chapter of the story of Jesus we see him rise from the dead in all glory and majesty. He is vindicated. His enemies are shamed and confused. Jesus regains his eternal glory with the Father. He is the Lord who will prevail over all humankind, his enemies included. For us his faithful followers, this is the good news. It's the great news. It's the greatest story ever told (to steal from a famous movie title).

The Gospel Truth. The good news is that Christ is risen and we are a people redeemed. But, it is also good news to know that truth is immortal. We can suppress Truth, accuse it of being a lie, condemn it, torture it, kill it, bury it in the grave but on the third day Truth will rise again. As Catholics, remember this and do not give up on Truth of our faith even when the world around gives up on it.

To Tell the Truth. I have to pause for a moment here on the topic of truth. There has been a tendency today, for people, especially celebrities, to get on TV or on social media and say "I have to tell my truth." Or, "I have to make my truth known." Or the one I loath the most: "I have to speak my truth." (And that always has to be said with a tinge of angst and fake seriousness in the voice of the speaker). Anyway, usually after I hear someone say "I have to speak my truth," it sickens me, both in heart and mind, and imbues in me the need to empty myself of such banal stupidity. You see, here's an inconvenient truth, to all those who want to "speak their truth" —

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HC & ICC CLERGY

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OFFICE HOURS

Holy Cross Parish Office and Immaculate Conception Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 1, for the Easter Holiday.

During the week of April 1 through April 5, we will be operating on limited hours. Please contact the office before trying to come in.

CLASS FOR EMHC AT HOLY CROSS

- Holy Cross is in need of more Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for our Masses and for the homebound. You simply need to attend one training class before being scheduled for the Masses.
- If interested in assisting with the distribution to our homebound parishioners, you take our training class and then shadow with one of our current EM's so you can become familiar with the process of going to the homebound.
- Now is the time to sign up for our next class that will be held on Monday, April 1, at 4 pm in the church. The class is about 90 minutes long. Call the Parish Office to sign up today!!!

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (APRIL 7) FIRST READING: ACTS 4:42-35

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power.

SECOND READING: 1JOHN 5:1-6

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

Jesus said to Thomas, "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

MEN OF MALVERN THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT

The Archbishop Fitzmaurice Group invites you to a traditional men's retreat on May 17-19, 2024. Our Retreat Director is Rev. Scott Reilly, Chaplain, Lumen Institute, Philadelphia. Also guest speaker Joe McIlvaine, former professional baseball player and MLB Executive. Bishop Koenig will lead Mass on Friday evening. Throughout the weekend, Marty Rotella will lead our Music Ministry. We invite the men of the parish, their sons, and friends to a weekend encounter with Jesus. You can register at www.malvernretrat.com/events/midmay-2024. For more information contact Deacon Bob McMullen at 302-697-9714 or deaconmcmullen@hotmail.com for Holy Cross men.

Contact Francesco Cristiano at 302-222-3422 or email joycenchris@comcaset.net for Immaculate Conception men.

BLOOD BANK OF DELMARVA

The Blood Bank of Delmarva is pleased to partner with the Central Delaware Interfaith Alliance to provide the Blood Mobile at three host locations.

April 2, 9 am to 2 pm at Congregation Beth Sholom

April 15, 9 am to 2 pm at Calvary Baptist Church

April 30, 8 am to 1 pm, at Wyoming United Methodist Church.

Please choose your time that is most convenient Give blood, safe a life.

To register, go to the Blood Bank of Delmarva website at

www.delmarvablood.org. You can get the email to register online for each of the above locations. MASS INTENTIONS
APRIL

1 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am James Kimmel, Sr.

2 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am William and Sue Gede

3 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:15 am Kevin Fitzgerald

4 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am William Carl Ahlfeld

ICC 7:00 pm For the People

5 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Jane A. Jones

6 SATURDAY

HC 8:00 am John S. Kowalczyk HC 5:00 pm DM Weiss Family

7 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Delores Kolakowski ICC 8:30 am Barbara Dixon
HC 9:30 am Bernard Demeter
ICC 11:00 am Lillian Weaver
HC 11:30 am John Coury
ICC 1:00 pm For the People

DECEASED MEMBERS

Our condolences to the families of:

- Richard Latsko
- Anita Gubernot

May the souls of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP

Holy Cross Respect Life group is in need of volunteers, will you join us? It involves creating ways to promote a pro-life, pro-love message to the community around events and special days.

If you are creative and have a heart of love, please call me. Let's chat! Donna 862-266-1099 or email me dlatteri86@gmail.com

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	APRIL 6/7,2024 EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	J. Bieker C. Bugglin	M. Casey J. Clendaniel	L. Curley S. Murawski
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7:30 AM	C. Brown J. Chandler	J. Davis T. Dinan	L. Boggs T. Catipay
			LECTORS
			C. Cuffee
9:30 AM	T. Arndt K .Boyer	S. Cordie D. Martinez	J. Beugre C .Beugre W. Shuron
			LECTORS
			R. Alderman T. Baurys
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8:30 AM	TBD		
			LECTORS
			K. Cairns
11.00	TBF		
11:00 AM			LECTORS
			L. Soule
1:00	TBD		



ADORATION CHAPEL

Can you spare an hour to spend with Jesus? Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am to 9 pm Monday through Sunday. We have openings. Call or text John Murphy at 302 -233-1779 or email him at jkm2015@verizon.net to schedule.

 SUNDAY
 7 am, 4 pm, 5pm

 MONDAY
 5 pm

 WEDNESDAY
 4 pm

 FRIDAY
 6 am

 SATURDAY
 5 am, 9 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

HOLY CROSS MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE 2024

A sign up meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 3 at 5 PM at Jonathan's Landing Golf Course Clubhouse. Ninehole golf starts Wednesday, April 10 through August, with a tournament to follow. Two man teams: individuals will be assigned a partner. A \$50 registration fee includes weekly scorecards, software scorekeeping, end-of-season tournament prizes and a donation to the Holy Cross Youth Group. Maximum number of players is 44. For more information, call Phil Spampinato, 302-382-2979, Wes Grau 302-270-8111, or Greg Coury, 302-883-4000

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next week, we talk about the work of Catholic Charities' Casa San Francisco, providing a wide range of services aimed at helping low-income residents of Sussex County, when Program Director, Gary Belkot is the guest. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/ DioceseofWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoons at 1:30.

Feliz Pascua de Resurrección ¡El Señor ha resucitado aleluya! El hecho fundamental de nuestra Fe. Sin la victoria sobre la Cruz, el movimiento de Jesús hubiera concluido con el fracaso de la cruz y la condenación de sus seguidores si no hubiera sido por ese gran acontecimiento. Porque, como señaló ya en los primeros tiempos el apóstol Pablo, si Jesús no hubiese resucitado la predicación sería vana y seríamos los hombres más dignos de compasión (1 Cor 15, 14.19).

Quiero agradecer a todos los que ayudaron y participaron en la dramatización de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo muy en especial a la Junta Directiva, la Señora Mariana Pitti, y a todos los adultos, jóvenes y adolescentes

El Foro Cristiano. Las Clases se reanudarán el 12 de abril. Todos los viernes a las 6 de la tarde a 8 de la noche hasta el día 2 de junio 2024.

Las inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa vaya a la oficina de Educación Religiosa.

El sábado, 20 de abril se celebrará el Sacramento de la Confirmación de nuestros adolescentes de nuestras parroquias de Holy Cross y La Inmaculada Concepción.



ICC

Clases de Preparación Sacramental:

- **Primera Comunión:** Sesión #6 el martes,12 de abril, a las 6:30pm en el salón.
- Retiro: Sabado, 13 de abril, 9am-12 mediodía en el salón.
- La Misa dominical para el domingo de Resurrección cambia de horario. Será a las 12 mediodía.
- **Próximo Año.** Las inscripciones para el próximo año escolar 2024-2025 están abiertas, Inscripciones estarán abiertas hasta el 30 de agosto. Puede tomar una aplicación en el salón o en puede bajar la en línea.www.iccmarydel.org o visite la oficina parroquial.
- **Se necesitan Catequistas y voluntarios.** Si usted desea ser catequista o ayudar hable con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next Class: April 14 3:00 pm—5:00 pm For more information contact Tammy Korosec at either (302) 674-5787 X 122 or email tkorosec@holycrossdover.org

COMING THE 24-25 ADULT EDUCATION STUDY GROUP YEAR!

Stay tuned for these exciting programs! Schedule to be determined.

The Summit of Faith

"The Eucharist distinguishes Catholic life more than anything else, providing the foundation for sacred worship and belief in Christ's living presence within the Church. program will outline the teaching of the Catholic Church on the Eucharist and the Mass and how they lead into a robust expression of the Christian life in the world."

Divine Mercy – The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

"With his characteristic skill and lucid style, Fr. Michael Gaitley interweaves the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope Saint John Paul II into a tapestry of wonder and beauty."

Wild Goose Series

"Unleash the Holy Spirit in Your Life In this professionally filmed and cinematographically stunning series, Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR will lead you on an unforgettable journey around the world and into the very heart of God. Discover the immense power and beauty of the unconditional love of God that is the Holy Spirit."

Classes will begin again in September of 2024.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT HOLY CROSS

Youth Group: Next meeting is April 8 at 6:30 pm in the St. Luke Room in the Early Learning Center building. All high school aged youth are welcome to attend.

Confirmation Class: Last Class - Wednesday, April 10 at 6 pm and Sunday, April 14 at 3 pm.

PLEASE NOTE - the April 14 class was moved from April 7.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Religious Education at Immaculate Conception: NO Religious Education classes today. Alleluia! Happy Easter! The Lord has Risen!

Sacramental Preparation Classes:

First Communion: Prep Session #6 on Tuesday, April 2, at 6:30pm promptly in parish hall.

Retreat: Saturday, April 13th, 9am-12noon in the parish hall.

Next Year: Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open. Registrations will be taken from March 1st to August 30th. Registrations available at desk in hall during religious education classes and online. Catechists are always needed and helpers always welcome!!



On behalf of the entire Holy Cross School community, we join you in rejoicing the Atonement and shout Alleluia for Christ's immense love for all his people! Together, as community, let us join in rejoicing and praising Jesus for His selflessness and deep love for humanity.



"He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."

Luke 24:6-7

Extending wishes for a blessed Easter to all in Holy Cross Parish and School and Immaculate Conception Parish.



breaking news: you don't have a truth. Nor do I, nor do you.

The Pastor's Not a Buzzkill. When I say that you don't get to have your own designer personal truth, I say this not because I'm a buzzkill, but rather it's because it is a logical impossibility. Moreover, because that type of talk demeans the very meaning of the word truth. Here's some truth: the word "truth" should sue for damages, because it has been abused terribly.

Uno not Dos. What do I mean by all of this? Well, if you put forth something as "a truth," and I put forth something different as "a truth" — bare minimum, one of those is not truth. Truth, like God, is a unity, a singular — there is "the truth" not "some truths." It's uno, not dos. Truth is eternal, and commanding — thus what is true for you, must be true for me... or else it isn't truth. Hence in math, if one statement in a formula is false, the formula is false. Unlike the movie "Clue," truth cannot have three endings.

Seven Billion Problems. Thus, there is one God, and one truth. There are NOT 7,000,000,000 truths in the world, one for each person. Just because ten zillion people each have a Twitter (aka "X") account and a need for attention, doesn't entitle them to "a truth" all their own. Again, what's true for you has to be true for me or else it is something other than truth.

The God's Honest Truth. Now, in defense of those who feel the need to "speak their truth" — what they likely mean, is that they want to tell their story. And that is right and proper, and even at times, good to do. And yes, each of us has a story to tell. But only God has the truth. So, let's stop treating truth like it is a magician's hat out of which endless rabbit can be pulled. It ain't. There is THE TRUTH, manifested most fully in the person of Jesus Christ, and we celebrate that truth on this Easter Sunday in the form of the rising of Christ from the dead.

Shine On. Thus, for us, in faith, truth will always be truth. Just will always be just. Right will always be right even when the world around us would have it otherwise. As a people of faith, we must learn to believe in the sun even when it is not shining, knowing that by and by it will shine again.

Easter Eden? It is a truism in books, movies and indeed in life, that it is the end of the story that counts. That is why the church asks us today, on Easter Sunday, to rejoice and be glad. But, you know:

- Easter Sunday doesn't guarantee you won't have a fender bender on Easter Monday.
- Easter Sunday doesn't guarantee a guy and his girlfriend won't break up.
- Easter Sunday doesn't guarantee you won't have trouble at work or get sick.
- Easter Sunday doesn't guarantee you that when you drive down Route 13, next week, you might not find five DELDot Trucks and 427 pylons blocking the road before you, as you raise your eyes to heaven and weep.

No Guarantees. Nope. None of that is guaranteed by Easter. And yes, there will be days when the enemy seems to be winning the battle in our lives. And on those days we have remind ourselves of the truth, the beautiful truth of our faith, that is bound up in the Resurrection of the One who crushes the head of that devilish enemy.

Final Score. That's the story. That's the plot. That's the movie. But we know the ending – and there is only <u>one</u> ending: The good guy wins. A world is redeemed. Christ rises, and death falls. Final score: The Angels 1, The Devil 0. Today, Christ, on Easter Sunday, has won. And so, we know, we know that in Christ we shall overcome.

The Best News. The very best news of all is that this isn't a movie at all... this is real. This isn't what God might do for us, it is what God did do for us — it's not just mystery, it's history. This is how he redeemed us and brought us to salvation. This is why death for us is not an end but a continuation. And so, while most movies would dub that resurrection scene, "The End" ... we see the empty tomb and "The Beginning." Because for us, an empty tomb is far from empty in meaning. It says it all — Christ is risen. And that is not a speculation, a dream or a wish. It is God's salvific work brought to fruition for us men and for our salvation. Alleluia, Praise the Lord! Happy Easter!

CHRIST IS RISEN

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini Pastor