



# CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

January 5, 2020

Epiphany

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm  
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm

## SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm  
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm  
Sunday, 7:30, 9:15, 11:00 am, 6 pm  
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish  
First Saturday, 5 pm, Children's Choir  
Fourth Saturday, 5 pm, Gospel Choir  
Alternate Sundays, 6 pm, Youth Choir

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 6:30, 8 am  
Wednesday, 8:15 am, Saturday, 8 am  
During Lent, Monday-Friday, 12:10 pm also  
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day,  
MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,  
Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day)

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4 pm, First Friday, 8:30 am  
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

## ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm  
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

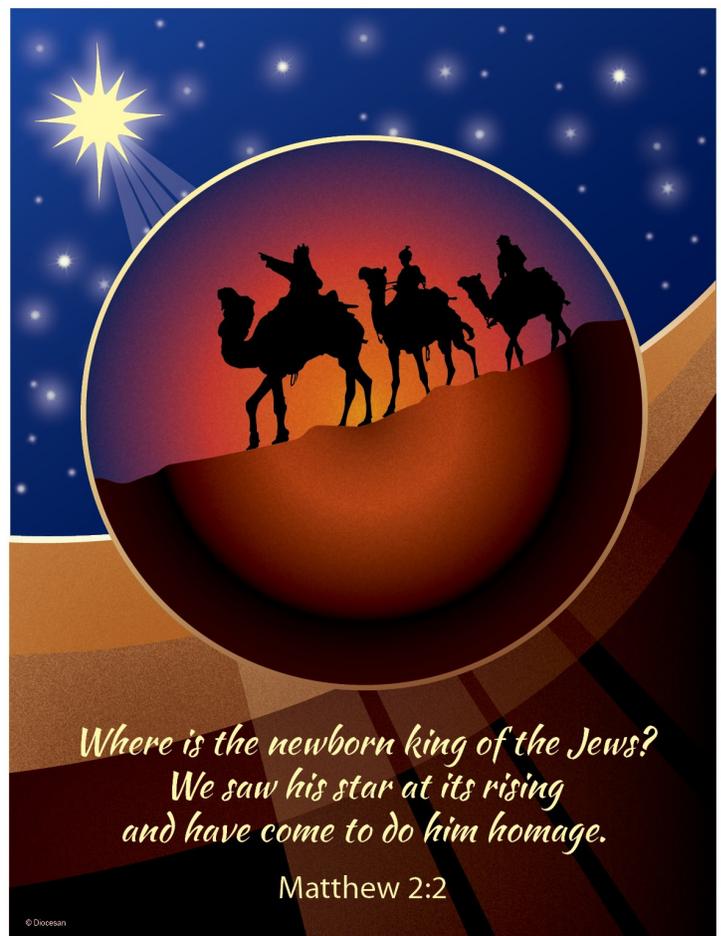
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am  
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday, after 8:30 am Mass  
Thursday, 6:30 pm



*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.*

Matthew 2:2

## 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 parish 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.

## THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

### 5 SUNDAY

HC 9 am, RCIA, MT/MK  
 ICC 9 am, K of C Breakfast, hall  
 ICC 9:40 am, SRE  
 ICC 2:30 pm, Adolescentes, CC  
 ICC 3:30 pm, Jovenes, Church Basement  
 HC 3:30 pm, Confirmation Class, MT/MK

### 6 MONDAY

*St. Andre Bessette*

HC 8:45 am, Spirituality Group, LK

### 7 TUESDAY

*St. Raymond of Penyafort*

HC 9 am, Focolare, LK  
 ICC 1 pm, Exercise, hall  
 ICC 7 pm, Juan XXIII, cc  
 HC 7 pm, Adult Ed, MT/MK

### 8 WEDNESDAY

HC 9 am, Adult Ed, MT/MK  
 ICC 10 am, SVDP  
 HC 6 pm, Confirmation Class, MT/MK

### 9 THURSDAY

HC 8:30 am, DRE mtg, MT/MK  
 HC Noon, Deanery Confirmation Mtg., LK  
 ICC, 1 pm, Exercise  
 ICC 7 pm, Misa

### 10 FRIDAY

ICC Band Practice  
 HC 7 pm, Foro Cristiano, LK

### 11 SATURDAY

HC 8:30 am, Advocate Mtg., MT/MK  
 HC & ICC 9 am or 11 am, First Reconciliation, Holy Cross Church  
 HC 9 am, Columbiettes, PH  
 HC 3 pm, Spaghetti Dinner, Hall

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending December 22

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$27,858	\$30,000	(\$2,142)
YTD	\$707,034	\$711,800	(\$4,766)
Needs	\$1,178	\$1,586	(\$408)

**Please Note: In a cost savings effort we have stopped envelope delivery for inactive envelope users. This will be effective January 2020.**

**If your envelopes stopped being delivered but you would like to use them, please contact the Parish Office or email [mdornberger@holycrossdover.org](mailto:mdornberger@holycrossdover.org).**

## WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending December 22

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,221
Second	\$232

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs, and activities of Holy Cross and ICC are made possible.

*"Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."*

Dear Parishioners,

In countries where a King is the sovereign leader, he reigns, and people are subjects to his rule. As it was in Christ's time, so it is still with monarchies today: When the Monarch has a child, a proclamation goes out declaring the birth of the child and declaring his given name. Then the child is presented to the King (his father) and then to the other members of the royal family and the Lords, and then finally – last on the list – to the people of the Kingdom.

**It's a Boy.** The Epiphany of Christ our Lord, is a reflection of that monarchical tradition, but with one drastic change. You see, when Christ was born in Bethlehem, a proclamation did indeed go out about His birth, as it would with any royal birth. But the first people to be invited to see this newborn child – the first to whom He would be revealed – were not the royalty, nor landowners, nor kings. Nope. It was the shepherds -- the common folk – who were the first to see this royal child. A reversal of royal traditions.

After the common folk of the world gazed upon the face of their savior, their Lord, then and only then, did the royalty of the world gets a glimpse of this Prince of Peace. The Kings are among the last to come to that stable and see the child in the manger – and they did so on the 12th day of Christmas, which we call Epiphany.

Though they were the last to visit, the visitation by the three Kings is nonetheless of great significance. Their visit represents Christ being made known to the several corners of the world. The word Epiphany itself means “manifestation” – that is, a making known. Once the Kings knew of Him, it was deemed that all the nations knew of Him. Once the Kings knelt before Him (something unheard of), then the world knew that Jesus was not was not just some other child; He was God incarnate and was to be light to all nations. This visit represents all the world being made subject to a new king. A king to whom other kings will bow down: yet a king not born in the trappings of royalty, but in the abject poverty of a stable barely fit for animals.

**These Three Kings.** Getting the right gift for someone is sometimes difficult. I remember the story of a husband who gave his wife an amazingly beautiful extravagant diamond necklace for Christmas. His friend saw this expensive looking gift and said “That’s a beautiful necklace, I can’t imagine how you could afford it. But didn’t your wife want new car for Christmas?” And the husband replied, “Yes, but where am I going to find a fake car?” Unlike the husband in the joke, the three kings get exactly the right (and real) gifts. What do these three kings – known as Melchior, Casper and Balthazaar – bring the new born King? They don’t bring Him a gift card, or candy or Phillie tickets (though that would be a fairly cheap gift these days). No. They brought Him, the same things that we should bring Him.

- **Gold Plated.** King Melchior is said to have brought gold. This is to symbolize the recognition of Christ’s royalty, His kingship. Walls of the ancient temples were often lined with gold, as were the palaces of the kings who were often thought of as connected to God somehow. And at Mass, the body and blood Christ is placed on a paten (plate) and in a chalice made not of clay, not of glass but of very often made of gold – a noble metal fit for a king. And we should be bring Him gold also. That is to say, we should bring Him our recognition of His status as our Lord, our Savior, our King and our God.
- **A Scents-ible Gift.** King Caspar is said to have given frankincense. Frankincense is a type of insence that comes from the sap of trees found in Persia, it was used for centuries before Christ as a fragrance offered to God in worship. And so, this fragrance usually offered to God alone, is offered today to this child, recognizing that He is no ordinary child, but rather He is a child worthy of worship and adoration – He is God among us. He is one whose sweetness will pale, the sweetness of the frankincense. And we too, like the Kings, should offer to God that which is proper to God, our heavenly King – like faith, trust, adoration, and love. The incense of our sweet prayers should always rise up to our sweet Lord.
- **An Arrivaderci Aroma.** King Balthazar is said to have brought myrrh in a jeweled cup. Myrrh was a type of an embalming scent used to prepare the dead. This would be an odd gift to give a new born; but this gift was a foreshadowing of the coming death of this child, a death prepared for by this gift at the time of His birth – a redemptive death that would give new life to us. And we too, like the Kings should bring to Christ the myrrh of our recognition of His value and the redeeming power of His death and resurrection. We should be prepared to die with Christ, die to ourselves – take on that aroma of myrrh – and therein rise with Him.

**A Gift for Us.** Even today these gifts given to Christ should be remembered for their significance in Christ’s Epiphany –His being made known to the world. These gifts given by Kings to a King recognized the royal nature of our Savior. Let us be like these three wise men, these three kings, let’s follow the star –the light of Christ – and be willing to offer our recognition of who this child is. He is Jesus Christ, the one and the only Savior of mankind, and God’s gift to us. There is no other.

Happy Epiphany to all of you.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini  
Pastor

## HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F. Pastor  
 Rev. Idongesit Etim Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Mano Salla Parochial Vicar

## HC CLERGY

Msgr. Daniel McGlynn Pastor Emeritus  
 Mr. Philip Belt Deacon  
 Mr. John Harvey Deacon  
 Mr. Robert McMullen Deacon  
 Mr. Scott Peterson Deacon  
 Mr. Vincent Pisano Deacon

## ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell Deacon  
 Mr. James Tormey Deacon

## HC STAFF

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 Kenneth Trojan Business Manager, ext. 119  
 Michele Dornberger Records/Asst. Bus. Mgr., ext. 116  
 Arline Dosman Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. I18  
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 Justin Wurzel Maintenance Director  
 Len Dornberger Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135  
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 Marilyn Dixon Office Manager  
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 P. O. Box 399  
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## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Catholic Education Pre-K3 to Grade 8  
 302 674 5787  
[holycrossdover.org/school](http://holycrossdover.org/school)

Linda Pollitt Principal, ext. 111

## MAILING ADDRESS

*Holy Cross School*  
 631 S. State St.  
 Dover, DE 19901

## ST. THOMAS MORE ACADEMY

Catholic Education Grades 9 to 12  
 302 697 8100  
[saintmore.org](http://saintmore.org)

Rachael Casey Principal

## MAILING ADDRESS

*St. Thomas More Academy*  
 133 Thomas More Dr.  
 Magnolia, DE 19962

## PRO LIFE CORNER

- Help save lives of the unborn in Dover. Join Holy Cross and other local church groups in prayer each Friday morning from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover.
- The 1st trimester -- Fetal development begins soon after conception. Find out how your baby grows and develops during the first trimester. Week 5: Hormone levels increase --- The fifth week of pregnancy, or the third week after conception, the levels of HCG hormone produced by the blastocyst quickly increase. This signals your ovaries to stop releasing eggs and produce more estrogen and progesterone. Increased levels of these hormones stop your menstrual period, often the first sign of pregnancy, and fuel the growth of the placenta. The embryo is now made of three layers. The top layer — the ectoderm — will give rise to your baby's outermost layer of skin, central and peripheral nervous systems, eyes, and inner ears. Your baby's heart and a primitive circulatory system will form in the middle layer of cells — the mesoderm. This layer of cells will also serve as the foundation for your baby's bones, ligaments, kidneys and much of the reproductive system. The inner layer of cells — the endoderm — is where your baby's lungs and intestines will develop.
- About 40 Days for Life: Knowing that “with God, all things are possible,” people of faith and conscience unite in 40 days of prayer and fasting.

*“Being ‘pro-life’ means standing up for all life, valuing all life” ~Abby Johnson*

## READINGS FOR JANUARY 12 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah offers a beautiful description of the Messiah, who comes to serve the cause of right and bring healing to humanity.

SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-38

St. Peter tells a Roman soldier, whom he baptized, how Jesus had gone about doing good and healing.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 23:13-17

Jesus, at his baptism, receives the Holy spirit and is proclaimed to be God’s beloved Son.

## MEN OF HOLY CROSS (HC)

Are you a male between the ages of 18 and 99? Do you wish to learn more about prayer, faith and your vocation? Do you want to become a stronger father, husband or son? Do you want to build lasting friendships with like-minded men? Join the Men of Holy Cross for our weekly meetings: Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM at the Early Learning Center in the Luke Room (second floor) for prayer, timely discussions on current events, Church teachings and good fellowship. For more information contact call 302-313-6935 or e-mail MenOfHolyCross@gmail.com.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

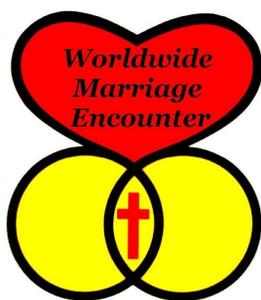
The appearance of Jesus to the three wise men from the East reminds us that Jesus came for all humankind, not just the Jewish people. So too, married love is not a gift to be hoarded. Reach out to someone who is sad, in trouble, or from a different culture. Can you do it together?

## PARENTING POINTERS

As we start a new calendar year resolutions are common - but too soon forgotten. Perhaps remembering important things is timely. Share as a family: The happiest time for me this past year was \_\_\_\_\_ & a regret (sadness) I have about last year is \_\_\_\_\_.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – MARRIED COUPLES

Want to give a gift that keeps on giving? A gift filled with Romance and Excitement? Enrich your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 6-8, 2020 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at [www.wwme-delmar.org](http://www.wwme-delmar.org) or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302 220 9833.



## NEWLY BAPTIZED (HC)

We welcome our newest baptized member to the church:

- Sabrina Marie Thomas
- Liam Bernard Delima



## MASS INTENTIONS

### JANUARY

<b>6 MONDAY</b>	
HC 6:30 am	Reynaldo Cruz
HC 8 am	Louise Quinn
<b>7 TUESDAY</b>	
HC 6i:30 am	Ward Hitch
HC 8 am	Grace Jara
<b>8 WEDNESDAY</b>	
HC 6i:30 am	Gertrude McGinley
HC 8:15 am	Mary McCleary
<b>9 THURSDAY</b>	
HC 6:30 am	Rev. Edward J. Kaczorowski
HC 8:00 am	Ken Fink
ICC 7 pm	For the People
<b>10 FRIDAY</b>	
HC 6:30 am	Ann Schuster
HC 8:00 am	Glaz and Motyka Family
<b>11 SATURDAY</b>	
HC 8 am	Gabriele Maddalena
HC 5 pm	Robert Bronk
<b>12 SUNDAY</b>	
HC 7:30 am	Tyler J. Stokes
ICC 8:30 am	Anna Adam
HC 9:15 am	Beatrice Volger
HC 11 am	Guido Ranier
ICC 11 am	Goldie & Joseph Posner
HC 1 pm	Angela Dosman
ICC 1 pm	For the People
HC 6 pm	Gino Galli

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

## TABERNACLE & SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS (JAN 5—JAN 11)

HC Adoration Chapel George Omeye  
 HC Church Peggy Robinson

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS AVAILABLE (HC)

Our Lord is waiting for YOU to come spend an hour each week with Him. Please help us to fill some of the available hours. Contact JoAnn Pate 302-674-4496 for one of the hours listed below.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	11 am, 11 pm
<b>MONDAY</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7 am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	5 am, 5 pm, 11 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7 am, 4pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10 pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Noon, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

**MASS MINISTERS** **JAN 11/12**

**HOLY CROSS**

**EMHC** **SERVERS**

<b>5:00</b> <b>PM</b>	F. Ernst	T. Dupuis	A. Zink
	S. Coghlan	C. O'Donnell	E. Zink
	L. Accalagoon	M. Casey	J. Konrad
	M. Hitch	R. Coppadge	<b>LECTORS</b>
	A. Hunter	V. Pearl	
	F. Hettinger	H. Showell	
		L. Christiansen	

<b>7:30</b> <b>AM</b>	M. Bailey	A. Mackey	M. Neal
	T. Walsh	S. Gede	N. Whiteman
	M. Thompson	R. Campanicki	B. Stump
		<b>LECTORS</b>	

		D Kilby
		R. Pritchett

<b>9:15</b> <b>AM</b>	G. Yourek	T. Staniszewki	K. Gardner
	C. Bugglin	B. Holmes	R. Poliquin
	J. McIlvain	J. Bieker	E. Wadhams
	K Coyle	B. Holmes	<b>LECTORS</b>
	C. Jones	P. Ford	
	M. Macleish	K. Meire	
		S. Ford	

<b>11:00</b> <b>AM</b>	N. West	M. Miller	M. Costa
	P. Johnson	P. Huffman	M. Arranguuez
	B. Whitworth	M. rogers	A. Costa
	A. Marano	R. Seliga	<b>LECTORS</b>
	F. Deeney	B. Richards	
	G. Richards	V. Viddy	
		P. Keller	

<b>1:00</b> <b>PM</b>	E. Pastoriza	T. Hernandez	F. Rangel
	E. Guzman	C. Valdes	J. Cortes
	M. Richard		
		<b>LECTORS</b>	
		D. Runzer	
		N. Almengor	

<b>6:00</b> <b>PM</b>	A. Wyllie	L. Darling	G. Maddalena
	M. Cacesse	D. Darling	C. Darlin
	D. Novak	R. Kowier	A. Ghanayem
	J Zajac	K Boyer	<b>LECTORS</b>
	V. Balcerak	R. Bracey	
	D. Balcerak	TBD	

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

<b>8:30</b> <b>AM</b>	B. Lawson	B. Casey	A. Clancy
		<b>LECTORS</b>	
		G. Godfrey	

<b>11:00</b> <b>AM</b>	M. Soule	L. Soule	W. Meyer
			S. Santizo
		<b>LECTORS</b>	
		L. Schlaupitz	

<b>1:00</b> <b>PM</b>	V. Bravo	A. Miranda	E. Escalante
	E. Morales	D. Cuiin	B. Fernandez
	A. Morales		
		<b>LECTORS</b>	
		A. Perez	
		C. Bamaca	

**PURSE BINGO (HC)**

Join us Saturday evening, February 29 for a fun-filled evening, and a chance to win a great purse! Cost is \$20 for 10 games, door prizes and light refreshments served. 50/50 and Chinese Auction chances for sale. Must be 18 to play. Please see Linda Darling for tickets - tables of 8 may be reserved.

ldarling@holycrossdover.org

Proceeds will go to help our high school teens attend Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer in Hartford, CT. Thank you for your support.

**CATHOLIC FORUM**

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, January 11th, tune in to hear a tribute to Father Leonard Klein who passed away in December. After it airs, listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at [www.cdown.org/CatholicForum](http://www.cdown.org/CatholicForum), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CatholicForum](http://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

**VOCATIONS**

Did you know that there are special seminaries for men entering the priesthood later in life, seminaries where students range from ages 25 to 60? Many of these men have thought about being a priest at one time or another but, for whatever reason, pushed the idea to the back of their minds. They are men who have made a career change to a second vocation, the priesthood. They're ordinary people, men who have been electricians, teachers, barbers, policemen, social workers, businessmen, farmers, dentists. Some are widowers, even grandfathers. Diverse though their backgrounds may be, they now share one aim in life: to become a priest and serve God's people. Could you be one of them? *Serra for priestly & religious vocations*

**COLLECTION COUNTERS (ICC)**

**Jan. 5** Marilyn Dixon & Maurillo Gabriel

**Jan. 12** Ann Lawson & Julia Moore

**Jan. 19** Frank & Joyce Cristiano

**Jan. 26** Robin & Paul Engstenberg

**CHURCH CLEANING CREW (ICC)**

**ENERO 9: GRUPO #10**

Marcos Domingo, Orelia Berdugo, Carmen Gabriel, **Susana Ortiz Morales**, Alberto Morales.

**ENERO 16: GRUPO #11**

Maurilio Gabriel, **Carlos Miguel**, Aurora Rivera, Bernarda Miguel, Darlo Ortega

## RETRouvaille

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriage through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass it on. Couples learn to build communications skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program in your area begins on the weekend of February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in April. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215 766 3944. All inquiries are confidential.

## YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart will meet January 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Early Learning Center Matthew/Mark room. The speaker is Dr. Joe O'Donnell. His topic is the Life and Times of William H. Taft. You can begin arriving at 10:30. Should the school be closed due to weather we will not meet. If school is delayed we will still meet. Lunch is \$5:00. All seniors are welcome .

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As temperatures start to decline, Catholic Charities is preparing to *Warm Up Winter* for its most vulnerable neighbors by collecting new and "gently used" blankets and other bedding, coats, hats, and gloves at each of its office locations now through the end of January 2020. Catholic Charities will freely distribute donated goods through its various programs. Staff at all locations will accept donations between the hours of 9 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. All donated blankets and bedding, coats, and other clothing items should be clean, in good condition, and ready to use.



- ¡Feliz Navidad y un Próspero Año Nuevo! En nombre del Ministerio Hispano de Holy Cross y La Inmaculada Concepción y todos los que laboramos en las parroquias queremos desearles una Feliz Navidad y un Próspero Año Nuevo, y en esta nueva década que vamos a iniciar les deseamos que reine el amor ,la alegría y la paz en esta Navidad y sobre todo buena salud física como espiritual, tomemos a la Virgen María como nuestro modelo de fe, de amor, de humildad, de esperanza y paz para lograr todo esto tenemos que proponernos abrir nuestros corazones para que Cristo more en ella y así transmitir el amor, la esperanza ,la alegría y la paz a nuestros hermanos. Ella nos da a Cristo, nuestro Salvador, encomendamos a ella a nosotros mismo, a nuestras familias, a nuestra comunidad, a nuestra parroquia y a nuestra diócesis y todo el mundo, y así, irradiar la Luz de Cristo el Salvador. Las Posadas comienzan el lunes, 16 de diciembre con la primera posada en la iglesia de Holy Cross después continuaremos en la cafetería. Nuestro sincero agradecimiento a las familias que nos acogen en sus hogares.
- La Misa del 31 de diciembre es misa de vigilia a las 7:00 PM , donde honramos a la Virgen María como Madre de Dios es día de precepto.
- Se Les invita seguidamente después de la Santa Misa del 31 a la gran celebración de fin del

año y de la década con una cenaailable de 9:00 PM a 1:00PM auspiciado por Directiva del Ministerio Hispano de Holy Cross en La Academia de Saint Thomas More 133 Thomas More DR. Magnolia 19962. Adultos:\$25.00 – Niños 12.50.

- Conozca su Fe católica venga todos los viernes al el Foro Cristiano comenzando el viernes, viernes 3 de enero, 2020, a las 6:30 de la tarde en el ELC la nueva serie " Symbolon. Más de 2000 años de enseñanza de la Fe católica explicada sistemáticamente y presentada en video. Empezaremos con los Sacramentos, Bautismo y Confirmación.
- El día 5 de enero, celebraremos "La Epifanía del Señor" tradicionalmente conocida como "Día de Reyes".
- Si desea compartir una Rosca, atole por favor hable con la Sra. Irma Venezia. Esto será inmediatamente después de la Santa Misa en el Nártex del templo.
- Los Bautismos son los primeros domingos de cada mes, después de la Santa Misa en Español 2:30 pm. La clase pre-bautismales son los segundos domingos de cada mes. Los requisitos para ser padrinos tienen que ser Católicos practicante, y en comunión con la iglesia.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

### REGULAR CCD CLASSES

Wednesdays– Next class will be January 8 at 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

Sundays – Next class will be January 12 at 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

**Reminder:** Parents are to walk their children to the classroom and pick them up from the classroom. Please do not drop children at the door.

### FINAL CLASS OF ROMANS:

The Gospel of Salvation will be held on either Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 pm or Wednesday, January 8, at 9:30 am.

### NEXT OFFERING:

We are continuing the series Catholicism: The Pivotal Players with the following players: St. Augustine, St. Benedict, Fulton J. Sheen, Flannery O'Connor

Classes will run January 14–February 5 on either Tuesday evenings at 7pm or Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Parish Office. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or by calling (302) 674-5787 ext.122..

## CONFIRMATION CLASS (HC)

Classes will resume January 5 and January 8.

**Please have your Sponsor Form signed and returned at the first class in January.**

## MOUNT 2000 RETREAT (HC)

February 7-9, 2020 at Mt. St. Mary's University. All high school teens are welcome to join us on this awesome weekend retreat with teens from Delaware, Maryland and surrounding states. Cost is \$100. Please contact Mrs. Darling for instructions on registering.

## MARCH FOR LIFE: (HC)

Friday, January 24. Bus will depart back parking lot at 5 am. Teens will attend the Youth Rally and Mass, then we will walk to the National Mall to hear the speakers, and join the March. A stop at McDonalds for dinner and back by 7 pm. Please see Mrs. Darling for a spot and permission slip- spots limited.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER (HC)

The Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 11, beginning at 3 pm until 7 pm. Proceeds from the dinner help defray the cost of the trip for the March For Life in Washington, DC. Take out is available. Join us for this very worthy cause.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

- Parent Reminder: Parents are to walk their children to the classroom and pick them up from the class-room. Please do not drop children in parking lot or at the door.
- Classes for School of Religious Education on resume on the January. 5 at 9:40 am.

## SACRAMENTAL PREP (ICC)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, January 11 at 9am or 11am @ Holy Cross in Dover.

**First Communion:** Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30-7:30 in the Hall. Parents, please attend with child.

**Confirmation Prep:** Sunday, January 19, 2:30–5 pm in the Hall.

## WANTED (ICC)

Person or persons to coordinate the Annual Penny Party at Immaculate Conception. All information will be given to you, and you will be “trained”. Many hands work this event and they are in need of a new leader. Please contact ICC office at 410 482 7687 if interested. Thank you.

At this time, the office asks that you do not bring any donations to the office or otherwise until we have a new coordinator.

## KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS (ICC)

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting its monthly breakfast in the hall this Sunday, January 5, beginning at 9 am. Please come join us for a delicious breakfast prepared and served by the Knights.



## MRS. POLLITT'S PONDERINGS

One of the most difficult aspects of my composing a weekly bulletin is the timeliness of the message found therein. I'm usually off by a week or so with the liturgical calendar. This submission is no exception where I will make reference to the Holy Family, where in point of fact the Feast of the Holy Family was on December 29th. So you see, one week behind?

Another difficult aspect of scripting a weekly submission is my attempt to discuss relevant topics without sounding "preachy." I don't assume the right nor do I intend for my messages to be interpreted as such. But, in this particular submission, I fear I might run that risk. Please know that my words do not intend to point fingers nor do I mean to in any way offend. Perhaps they might be seen as words to the wise.

Recently, over a slice of pizza Father Lentini and I were doing our level best to solve the world's problems. The range of topics hit upon was broad, but one particular point for discussion was one that we both have a particular passion for, that which is near and dear to our hearts. At that point it I had just a few sips of tea left in my cup, and he was just about down to the ice cubes in his glass of soda when I said that it was my opinion that the breakdown in education in the United States parallels the breakdown in the American family unit. It's not just the disappearance of the concept of the dinner table discussion; it's the lack of conversation *at all*. Life's demands have completely reshaped the image of the American family. Somewhere between the wholesomeness of 1950s and '60s TV show, where dad Ward Cleaver always gets home in time for dinner, mom June cleans the house wearing a dress and pearls, and kids Wally and the Beav always learn a lesson by the end of the episode, and the 21st century, values in this country have changed. The whole concept of *more is more*, and the *more the better* is what can drive the wedge.

It was in a rather recent parent conference where a slightly tearful admission was made by mom that there just isn't enough time in the day for her to get everything done. Unfortunately, by everything she was alluding to her inability to spend quality time with her child just to review vocabulary. In how many conferences have similar admissions been made where a parent admits that homework turns into a battle? When that scenario unfolds in the dining room, frustration reigns supreme. Homework becomes synonymous with misery and conflict. Then what?

Life's demands have become just that; demands. And we find ourselves strapped to them. And that isn't to say that the experiences don't enrich the lives of the children. They become very accomplished athletes, musicians, dancers, gymnasts, and all of that adds a real and invaluable richness to their lives, we revel in each performance and celebrate their successes. The reality is that there are times when the demands take a bit of a toll on the family. Fatigue, homework at late hours, racing against the clock to get to point A because we also have to get to point B by .....and was dinner (or breakfast) had in the car after sitting in line at the drive-thru?

Parents work hard; there I absolutely no doubt in my mind that they want the very best for their children. I applaud their efforts, and they are to be commended for all that they do. My question is when did it become such the rat race? But; more importantly, why?

We look to the Holy Family. As far as we know, one child, two parents. But even the Holy Family experienced much trial and tribulation. By faith they navigated their way, literally. We can create Holy families if we embrace the qualities of Mary and Joseph. Being open to God's will can help parents keep their families on the right path—the path God has designed for them. Trusting God's providence is vital to living faith filled lives. Mary and Joseph teach us that following God's will is the most important course a parent can set. Because they put their trust in God, God entrusted them with the care of His only begotten Son! God is trusting parents today to care for the children he creates in His image in the 21st century, with all of the complicated schedules, and demands of the modern day.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

One of the great joys in education is watching your work be realized in your students. I'd like to share my column with three STMA students this week who can explain the joy I'm feeling in their own words, as it truly is their joy to share. First I'd like to introduce you to Karli, a freshman. She works hard at everything she does, and she takes on more than most can handle (she played TWO sports for STMA this fall season, while balancing a third club team, as an example!). She is conscientious and an outstanding friend. And, Karli has decided that she'd like to go through the RCIA program to become Catholic. Karli explains:



*"While I was never baptized Catholic, I grew up going to a Catholic Church and I was raised with Catholic values. When I came to Saint Thomas More and was surrounded by people with the same values and mindset, I started to ask myself why I hadn't become officially Catholic yet. Going to Mass every Friday with the school community made me want to become a true part of the Church and be able to participate fully in the Sacraments. I decided to convert now because I know this decision will enrich my life and help me throughout my high school career and beyond. I'm excited to finally become part of the religion that I've been drawn to for so long."*

The Spirit is truly at work at STMA, because a second student stepped forward to become Catholic! James, a senior, has a true servant's heart. If there is a school event, he's there early and last to leave. He raises the American flag on our campus daily - not for recognition, but because it is honorable thing to do. James is contemplative, and he took a question posed by Fr. Etim, "Why aren't you Catholic?" to heart:

*"I have always been a religious person. I grew up in a Lutheran school and church, so most catholic beliefs came second nature to me. I have been at STMA for the past four years, learning about the Catholic faith and how it relates to my own faith. In my Junior year, I was approached by Fr. Lentini about becoming a Sacristan. I took this responsibility very seriously; though I was not even thinking of becoming Catholic at the time, I still felt that it was a good use of my*

*time as I could increase my own faith by helping others to practice theirs. Increasingly, I found myself wanting to become even more involved. The family I've met at STMA has done the same for me; in helping them, I helped myself. Recently, Fr. Etim approached me about becoming a Catholic; I thought about it for a while, but ultimately I decided that it was a step in the right direction. A step that was a long time in the making."*

And finally, I'd like to acknowledge and thank the peer teacher they are working with through RCIA, Lexi, another senior. Lexi is a young woman of great integrity for whom her Catholic faith is very clearly a part of her identity, not just a label she sports. She is an excellent leader in our Campus Ministry through the Liturgical Choir and Retreat program. Lexi has this to say about this RCIA opportunity:

*"When Fr. Etim first approached me about tutoring Karli and James on their journey of becoming Catholic, I was pretty nervous. As a cradle Catholic, I'm not very familiar with how the RCIA program works, and I was scared to start teaching others a religion that I don't fully understand at times. However, God made it known that even if I couldn't find the right words to say, He would teach them through me. I feel honored to work with James and Karli as they start such a new and wonderful chapter of their lives, and I am incredibly proud of them for making the decision to become Catholic. Teaching them about Catholicism has not only helped me understand my religion more fully, but it has shown me how fulfilling it is to share my faith with others and talk about my relationship with God. I feel confident that James and Karli's decision to become Catholic will bestow countless blessings upon them for the rest of their lives, and I am very happy and excited to be able to help them throughout this process. We are praying for the Holy Cross community and I ask that you pray for them too!"*

Praise be to God! Happy New Year from STMA.

This column brought to you by:

Karli, James, and Lexi

Yours in Christ,

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Principal