



# CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

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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

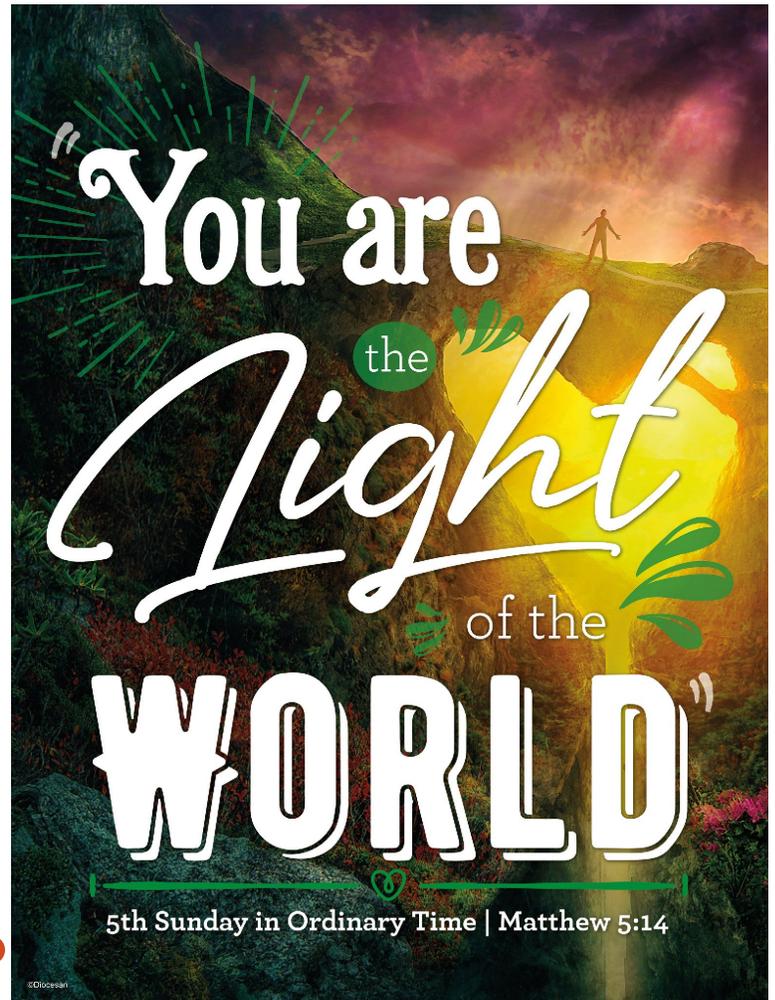
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am  
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:14

## 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)

**9 SUNDAY** *2nd Sunday Ordinary Time*

HC 9 am, RCIA, MT/MK

ICC 9:40 am, SRE

HC 11 am, Hispanic Bapt Class, LK

HC 12:30 pm, Sodality, LK

ICC 2:30 pm, Jovenes, Basement

ICC 2:30 pm, Adolescentes, CC

HC 3:30 pm, CCD, SCH

**10 MONDAY** *St. Scholastica*

HC 8:45 am, Spirituality Group, LK

HC 11 am, YAH, MT/MK

**11 TUESDAY** *Our Lady of Lourdes*

HC 8:30 am, Take a Tour Tuesday, ELC

ICC 1 pm, Exercise, hall

HC 6 pm, Parent Conf. Mtg, MT/MK

ICC 6:30 pm, 1st Com Prep, hall

ICC 7 pm, Juan XXIII, cc

HC 7 pm, Adult Ed, MT/MK

**12 WEDNESDAY**

HC 9 am, Adult Ed, MT/MK

HC 6 pm, CCD, SCH

HC 6 pm, Make up Conf Class, MT/MK

ICC 7 pm, Directiva, basement

**13 THURSDAY**

ICC, 1 pm, Exercise, Hall

ICC 7 pm, Misa

HC 7 pm, Columbiette Mtg, LK

**14 FRIDAY** *SS. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius*

ICC, Band Practice

HC 7 pm, Foro Cristiano, LK

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending January 26

| OFFERTORY TYPE | RECEIVED  | BUDGETED/ NEEDED | DIFFERENCE |
|----------------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| Offertory      | \$26, 218 | \$28,300         | (\$2,082)  |
| YTD            | \$871,068 | \$855,000        | \$16,068   |
| Needs          | \$1,797   | \$1,586          | \$211      |

## WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending January 26

| OFFERTORY TYPE | RECEIVED |
|----------------|----------|
| Offertory      | \$3,800  |
| Second         | \$627    |

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.”

We have been told informed by the Diocese that Holy Cross has fallen short of its Annual Appeal Goal of 2019 by \$3,335. If you did not pledge to the Appeal this past year and would still like to do so, please contact the Parish Office. Holy Cross is responsible to make up for the short fall to the Appeal.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

*Continuing from last week's column about interesting Popes from Church history, we start in the 10th century.*

**10th Century: Pope John XV (985-996)**

**He Gave us the Canonization of Saints.** He was the first Pope to declare and canonize a saint. This authority of the Pope, bound up, ultimately, in the charism of infallibility, became a hallmark activity of all Popes who followed John XV. Prior to this time, saints were declared by popular acclaim or tradition; the problem with that is that some of the Saints life stories became mired in a mixture of truth and legend. The Papacy taking hold of this valuable gift of the Church (demarcating named saints) helped to clean up and grant officiality to what had been previously an undefined process.

**11th Century: Pope Nicholas II (1058-1061)**

**He Gave us Papal Elections.** He was the Pope who gave us the modern construct for the election of Popes. Nicholas wanted to minimize the interference of secular politics in the election of Popes and also mitigate the popularity contest engaged in for the selection of a Pope by the hoi polloi of Rome (which at times made the Papacy like a People's Choice Award winner). To address this Nicholas placed the election of a Pope in the hands of the Cardinals of the Church, where it remains even to this day, and where it is shielded from – dare I say – the Pope-a-razzi.

**12th Century: Pope Adrian IV (1154-1159)**

**He Kind of Gave Ireland to England.** For all you Irishmen out there, takes a Tums before reading this. Pope Adrian IV was and is the only Englishman to serve as Pope. One of the most notable actions attributed to his Papacy is that he issued a Papal Bull encouraging King Henry II of England to invade Ireland to place it under greater Roman control and reform its government. Years later, in 1542, King Henry VIII would quote that same Papal Bull as the premise for the Crown of Ireland Act, uniting England and Ireland under British rule. Suffice it to say, Pope Adrian has never been honored on St. Patrick's Day.

**13th Century: Pope Boniface VIII (1294-1303)**

**He Gave us a Papacy with Worldwide Reach.** He was elected Pope following the resignation of Pope Celestine V. Boniface the strengthened the role and the Church's understanding of the Papacy by issuing the Papal Bull "Unam Sanctum." In that document he famously asserted, "We declare, we proclaim, we define that it is absolutely necessary for salvation, that every human creature be subject to the Roman Pontiff."

**14th Century: Pope Urban VI (1379-1389)**

**He Began the Era of Pope vs. Anti-Pope.** During this period the Papacy was moved from Rome to Avignon, France where the Church was treated as and run as a sort of department of the Government. To appease Roman complaints that an Italian should be Pope, the then, overwhelming, French College of Cardinals elected an Italian: Urban VI. This proved a bad choice for them as he decided to pursue reforms amongst the clergy, notably to curtail the opulent lifestyles of the French Cardinals. Mon dieu! Soon they attempted to "un-elect" him (you can't do that) and then they elected another Pope more to their liking, who became an "anti-Pope" (one not recognized as a true Pope). This caused a messy battle between Pope and competing anti-Popes that wouldn't be resolved until 1417.

**15th Century: Pope Nicholas V (1447-1455)**

**He Gave us the Vatican Library.** He was considered to be the first Renaissance Pope; he was the Pope that ordered the creation of the Vatican Library. He was the Pope for two famous "lasts": He was the last Pope to preside at the crowning of a Holy Roman Emperor (Frederick III in 1451) and the last Pope to reign before the loss of the great Christian city of Constantinople to the forces of Islam (1453).

**16th Century: Pope Pius V (1566-1572)**

**He Gave us the universal Roman Missal.** He was a history making Pope in many ways. He excommunicated Queen Elizabeth I of England and released her subjects from allegiance to her. This chilled relations between Rome and England for years to come. Pius V organized the Holy League – a group of nations and troops – and in the Battle of Lepanto, that Holy League brought a stop to the advance of the forces of Islam in Europe. In liturgical terms Pius V authorized and saw publication of "The Roman Missal" of 1570; he made that Missal's use mandatory throughout the entire of the Latin Rite of the Church. This action unified and standardized the celebration of Mass throughout the world.

**17th Century: Pope Clement IX (1667-1669)**

**He Wrote an Opera.** He has an interesting claim to fame that precedes his tenure as Pope. He is asserted as the creator of first Comic Opera in the history of the arts, as his work Chi Soffre Speri took to the stage in Rome in 1639. Comic Opera was a good preparation for him as during his tenure as Pope he tried to bring humility to King Louis XIV of France (now, that is funny). It didn't work and French anti-Catholic laws persisted, though Clement fought them until his death.

**18th Century: Pope Clement XI (1700-1721)**

**He Saved Catholicism from Calvinist Influence.** There was a movement afoot in Europe in the late 17th and early 18th centuries called "Jansenism." For lack of a better analogy, it was like Catholic Puritanism – it was a mixture of Catholicism with Calvinism. Jansenism saw man as practically unredeemable and very much hell-bound; it held that prayer and sacraments didn't help man's plight. Pope Clement XI, in the strongest term refuted Jansenism and excommunicated from the Church many of its practitioners. Dark and dreary Jansenism went on to fade from the scene.

**19th Century: Pope Pius IX (1846-1878)**

**The Longest Reign since St. Peter.** Pope Pius IX is the longest serving Pope in the history of the Church (post-St. Peter). He convened the First Vatican Council which affirmed Papal Infallibility; he battled Italian hegemony over Papal lands; he declared the dogma of Immaculate Conception of Mary; and battled the scourge of modernism that was threatening the Church.

**20th Century: Pope John Paul I (1978)**

**He Was First Pope to Take a Double Name.** He served a mere 33-day before dying. He had two important "firsts": John Paul I was the first Pope (post fourth century) to be born to working-class parents and was the first to take two names (John Paul), which was done to honor his two predecessors: John XXIII and Paul VI.

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

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 Mr. Philip Belt Deacon  
 Mr. John Harvey Deacon  
 Mr. Robert McMullen Deacon  
 Mr. Scott Peterson Deacon  
 Mr. Vincent Pisano Deacon

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## 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. Week 10: Baby's elbows bend - By the 10th week of pregnancy, or eight weeks after conception, your baby's head has become more round. Your baby can now bend his or her elbows. Toes and fingers lose their webbing and become longer. The eyelids and external ears continue to develop. The umbilical cord is clearly visible.
- 345,672 abortions performed last year--an all-time high.
- About 40 Days for Life: The next 40 Days for Life Campaign begins Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Join us at Planned Parenthood to pray for an end to abortion whenever you are available. Sign up online at [www.40daysforlife.com/dover](http://www.40daysforlife.com/dover) or [www.40daysdover.com](http://www.40daysdover.com).

*“Abortion is inherently different from other medical procedures because no other procedure involves the purposeful termination of a potential life.” ~Potter Stewart*

## SAVE THE DATE (HC)

**CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF DELMARVA'S 1st ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
 Theme: “The Holy Family – Your Holy Family”  
 Register now for the Catholic Men’s Fellowship 1st ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Saturday, March 21, 2020, 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM at The Church of the Holy Cross, Dover, De. Speakers are Jesse Romero\*, Father Ed Meeks\*, Kevin Wells speaking live in Dover. Breakfast and Lunch included. For details, call 302-331-6935, e-mail CMFDelmarva@gmail.com. To Register go on line to Eventbrite.com – tickets \$35.00/p or \$65.00 Father and Son (one ticket admits both) \*indicates speaker *livestreamed from Baltimore Conference*

## READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 16 6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

**FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTICUS 15:15-20**  
 We are taught to keep the commandments, for behaving faithfully is within our power  
**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:-10**  
 Paul warns believers against basing their faith on human wisdom instead of God’s wisdom.  
**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:17-37**  
 Jesus did not reject the Jewish scriptures but brought them back to basics: love of God and of neighbor. Our lives should reflect this love.

## PLEASE NOTE (HC)

Our priest are away on their mandatory diocesan study days so we will not have morning Masses on February 11 – 13. We will only have Morning Prayer at 8 am on these days. Please keep our priests in prayer.

## 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

Valentine's Day is approaching. Cards & flowers are nice, but the heart of your love is your promise to each other.

## PARENTING POINTERS

No matter what our skin color, religion, or economic status we need to learn to get along with people who are different from us. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month.

## MEN OF MALVERN

Men of Malvern, let's get together for breakfast and fellowship once a month. We gather at The Country Eatery at 9am (after morning Mass; optional) on the third Saturday of each month. The Country Eatery is just passed Silver Lake on North State Street. Come and join us!!! All are welcome.

## RECENTLY DECEASED (HC)

Condolences to the families of our recently deceased: *Thomas G. Stone Jr., Richard Rhinestone* May the Souls of the Faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## VOCATIONS

Why should we promote vocations awareness in our church? Catholics need to know about the ordained priests and religious men and women who serve them for at least three reasons: so that they can appreciate what they do for them; so that they may be reminded to show active support; and also so that they might consider the ordained priesthood or religious life for themselves, family or friends.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### FEBRUARY

#### 10 MONDAY

HC 6:30 am Dec. Members Eckert Family  
HC 8:00 am Bernadine Anderson (LI)

#### 11 TUESDAY

HC 8 am Morning Prayer

#### 12 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:15 am Morning Prayer

#### 13 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Morning Prayer

#### 14 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am Rachael Neely (LI)  
HC 8:00 am Dona Kennedy (LI)

#### 15 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Frank A. LaMorte, Sr.  
HC 5 pm Gregory S./Debra Shouldis Petrovich

#### 16 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Tyler J. Stokes  
ICC 8:30 am Elinor Davisson  
HC 9:15 am Thomas Combs  
HC 11 am Rina Lewis  
ICC 11 am Johnn Carrow  
HC 1 pm Mary Wicks  
ICC 1 pm For the People  
HC 6 pm Alessandro Zoino

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

## TABERNACLE & SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS (FEB 9— FEB 15)

HC Adoration Chapel Rubina DeRose  
HC Church John Deighton

## 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.

SUNDAY 11 am, 11 pm

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 5 am, 5 pm, 11 pm

THURSDAY 7 am, 4pm

FRIDAY 6 am, 10 pm

SATURDAY 5 am, Noon, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

## MASS MINISTERS

FEB 15/16

### HOLY CROSS

#### EMHC                      SERVERS

|            |               |              |                           |
|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 5:00<br>PM | D. DeVigili   | C. Helwig    | A. Granitto               |
|            | J. Clendaniel | K. O'Neill   | V. Granitto               |
|            | J. Davis      | J. Priest    | J. Konrad                 |
|            | B. Holmes     | R. Vinsen    |                           |
|            | D. King       | F. Hettinger |                           |
|            |               |              | <b>LECTORS</b>            |
|            |               |              | J. Killman<br>J. Coffield |

|            |              |              |                           |
|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 7:30<br>AM | H. Speed     | B. Fritzsche | A. Szell                  |
|            | K. Speed     | S. Hands     | R. Kovaric                |
|            | E. Henderson | P. Sheldon   | S. Kovaric                |
|            |              |              |                           |
|            |              |              | <b>LECTORS</b>            |
|            |              |              | E. Outten<br>R. Pritchett |

|            |              |             |                         |
|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 9:15<br>AM | T.           | M. Wessel   | R. Torbert              |
|            | Staniszewski | M. MacLeish | A. Torbert              |
|            | B. Holmes    | G. Wessel   | B. Torbert              |
|            | D. Diaz      | T. Arndt    |                         |
|            | A. Hlafka    | R. Wiley    |                         |
|            |              |             | <b>LECTORS</b>          |
|            |              |             | M. Sherlock<br>P. Jones |

|             |               |              |                        |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 11:00<br>AM | W. Aschenberg | K. Maddalena | M. Costa               |
|             | R. Aschenberg | D. Petka     | M. Arranguuez          |
|             | R. Seliga     | R. Bratz     | A. Costa               |
|             | C. Robinson   | R. Bratz     |                        |
|             | D. Lyons      | C. Barnes    |                        |
|             |               |              | <b>LECTORS</b>         |
|             |               |              | P. Keller<br>J. Amoako |

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| 1:00<br>PM | C. Valdes    | E. Pastoriza | A. Sandoval               |
|            | B. Guzman    | M. Rivera    | D. Chavez                 |
|            | T. Hernandez |              |                           |
|            |              |              | <b>LECTORS</b>            |
|            |              |              | F. Mendoza<br>N. Almengor |

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| 6:00<br>PM | J. Zajac    | D. Novak   | A. Blackwell   |
|            | D. Balcerak | R. Katcher | J. Blackwell   |
|            | V. Balcerak | R. Kosior  | C. Darling     |
|            | M. Rathbun  | R. Bracy   |                |
|            | L. Darling  | K Boyer    |                |
|            | D. Darling  |            |                |
|            |             |            | <b>LECTORS</b> |

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

|            |            |           |                |
|------------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| 8:30<br>AM | G. Godfrey | C. Tormey | A. Locke       |
|            |            |           | <b>LECTORS</b> |
|            |            |           | Deacon Tormey  |

|             |          |          |                        |
|-------------|----------|----------|------------------------|
| 11:00<br>AM | M. Soule | L. Soule | S. Santizo<br>W. Meyer |
|             |          |          | <b>LECTORS</b>         |
|             |          |          | S. Tucker              |

|            |            |            |                         |
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| 1:00<br>PM | V. Bravo   | A. Miranda | J. Ortiz<br>Y. Ortiz    |
|            | E. Morales | D. Cuin    |                         |
|            | A. Morales |            |                         |
|            |            |            | <b>LECTORS</b>          |
|            |            |            | Y. Escalane<br>A. Perez |

## YOUNG AT HEART (HC)

Young At Heart Seniors will meet February 10 at the Early Learning Center Matthew/Mark room. Ms. Monifa Carter: Reference Librarian at Delaware State University will be the speaker. Her topic "Reasons to move on" African Americans during the first migration. All seniors are welcome and may begin coming at 10:30. Lunch is \$5.00. If the school is closed due to inclement weather we will not meet. If the school is delayed we will meet.

## TAX LETTERS (HC)

We have emailed contribution letters for 2019 to your email(s) on we have on file. If you do not receive one and would like it mailed to you, please contact Michele Dornberger at mdornberger@holycrossdover.org or call the Parish Office at 674 5787 ext 116.

## CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, February 15th, author, Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle will discuss her new book, "Reclaiming Sundays." After it airs, listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at [www.cdown.org/](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).

## MINISTRY FOR BLACK CATHOLICS

Join the Diocese of Wilmington's Ministry for Black Catholics for a Lenten Revival, "Renew in Hope and Mercy," at Our Lady of Fatima Church, New Castle, Delaware. Featuring Reverend Robert Seay, OFM, from Our Lady of Angels Church in New Orleans. The Revival begins at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 17; Tuesday, February 18; and Wednesday, February 19, 2020. A light supper will be served at 5:30 pm. A free will offering will be taken. Visit [cdow.org/Ministry-for-Black-Catholics](http://cdow.org/Ministry-for-Black-Catholics) for information.

## COLLECTION COUNTERS (ICC)

**Feb 16** Ann Lawson & Julia Moore

**Feb 23** Frank & Joyce Cristiano

**Mar 1** Robin & Paul Engstenberg

## CHURCH CLEANING CREW (ICC)

FEBRERO 13, 2020 GRUPO #15

**Juan Diaz Reynoso**, Marlene Garcia, Leonel Juarez, Bernardo De Paz, Brendy Macario

FEBRERO 20: GRUPO #16

Ovidio Roblero, **Natalina Capistran**, Gordon Robiero, Amanda Salas, Ashley Salas

## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT (ICC)

Saturday, March 28, 2020

11 AM – 5 PM

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Cost \$20 per team (2 players per team)

1st & 2nd place prizes

Food and Beverages will be on sale.

Signups 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM in the Church Hall

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Any questions please contact Keith DeFrancesco at 302-382-9878.

## RETROUVILLE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriage through Retrouville (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. Retrouville 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.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard is hosting a retreat June 12-14, 2020. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more info contact Nan Freeman at 302-333-1904 or visit [rachelvineyard.org](http://rachelvineyard.org).

## TAX LETTERS (ICC)

The 2019 tax donation letters will be printed upon request. Please call or come to the office to have your letter printed.

- Agradecemos 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.
- Nominaciones para la nueva Junta Directiva, cualquiera persona con cualidades de liderazgo y el deseo de servir a la comunidad por dos años por favor hable con la directora del Ministerio Hispano con cualquier miembro de la directiva actual.
- El día 16 de febrero tendremos nuestra reunión de planeamiento, decidiremos que actividad queremos tener este año venidero y se someterá a votación todas las nominaciones para la selección de la nueva junta directiva.
- Miércoles de Ceniza es el 26 de febrero, es día de Ayuno y Abstinencia. La Conferencia Episcopal de Obispos Católicos nos dicen: El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días obligatorios de ayuno y abstinencia para los católicos. Además, los viernes durante la Cuaresma son días obligatorios de abstinencia. Para los miembros de la Iglesia de rito latino, las normas son obligatorias desde la edad de 18 años hasta los 59. Cuando se ayuna, se le permite a la persona comer una comida completa, así como dos comidas más pequeñas que juntas no equivalgan a una comida completa. Las normas sobre la abstinencia de carne son

vinculantes para los miembros de la iglesia católica de rito latino desde los 14 años en adelante. Los miembros de la iglesia católica de rito oriental deben observar la ley propia de su iglesia sui iuris. Si es posible, el ayuno del Viernes Santo se continúa hasta la Vigilia Pascual (la noche del Sábado Santo) como el "ayuno pascual" para honrar el sufrimiento y la muerte del Señor Jesús y prepararnos para compartir más plenamente y celebrar más apropiadamente su Resurrección.

- 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.
- Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para la peregrinación con el Señor Obispo el sábado, 4 de abril, 2020 en Wilmington. La inscripción es \$15.00 y la transportación es \$10.00 si desea ir en el bus que saldrá a las 8:00 de la mañana hasta las 8:00PM estaremos de regreso. Si usted desea participar en la Vía Crucis que muy pronto comenzaremos los ensayos para la ese día. Todos los jóvenes están invitados.
- ICC – La parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción estará celebrando el día del Amor y la Amistad el domingo 16 de febrero después de la Santa Misa.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

### REGULAR CCD CLASSES

Wednesdays- Sundays –

Next Class February 9: 3:30pm-5:30pm and then February 23, 3:30 - 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.

## ADULT EDUCATION (HC)

We are continuing the series Catholicism: The Pivotal Players with the following players:

J. Sheen, Flannery O'Connor

Classes will run through 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)

Class takes place this Sunday, February 2, at 3:30 pm and Wednesday, February 5, at 6 pm.

Reminder - Please have your Sponsor Form turned in at class.

## PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION (HC)

Monday, February 10 or Tuesday, February 11 at 7 pm in the Matthew/Mark room ELC Building 2nd Floor.

Final instructions for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be discussed as well as sign up for interviews which take place February 18 through February 22. VERY important that at least one parent attend this meeting.

## YOUTH CHOIR (HC)

If you would like to join the youth choir at 6 pm Mass twice monthly, please call the Parish office. The choir is in need of singers, piano, drums and guitar players. Please consider using your gifts and talents to share at Mass.

## KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS (ICC)

The next meeting Tues, February 11, at 7pm in the Knights Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Keith DeFrancesco att weldaway@msn.com. Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

## 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 are from 9:40 am to 10:50 am in classrooms.

## SACRAMENTAL PREP (ICC)

**First Communion:** Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 -7:30 in the Hall.

**Confirmation Prep:** Mount 2020- We will return on Sunday, February 9th at 4pm to ICC.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED (ICC)

We need you. Have you been wondering how you can serve your parish? Call the office today, or ask Marilyn Dixon or Alicia Poppiti.

- Immaculate Conception is in need of Altar Servers, especially for the 8:30am Sunday Mass.
- Immaculate Conception is in need of Collection Counters.

## ANSWER THE BISHOP'S CALL (ICC)

Bishop Malooly invites youth, young adults, and families from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the eleventh annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 4, 2020. Pilgrims from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Out of Darkness at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939. Bus transportation is available on first come basis, and registration is due with Pilgrimage. Registration is available through Mrs. Poppiti and deadline is March 22, 2020.

## WANTED (ICC)

We still need a 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.

## MRS. POLLITT'S PONDERINGS

We all like a little advanced notice. It facilitates our planning. It's the social norm to receive a Save the Date announcement in the mail so we can highlight the day on the calendar. We send out flyers by way of communicating the good news of a school event. We send out mass emails. We have the students put the good news in their Good News planners. Thanks to Mrs. Zink and her foresight many years ago, you can easily find us on Facebook and Twitter. At this very second, you are reading from one of our most frequently used forms of communication, whether it be the parish bulletin or the online school newsletter. Quite honestly, I am hard pressed to recall how we ever managed effective communication in the days prior to the School Messenger calls reminding us of deadlines and upcoming events. We work hard to keep those in our parish and school communities abreast of school events.

And so despite all our efforts to spread the word and to encourage everyone to **SAVE THE DATE**; I'd venture to say that there are still a significant few who are unaware of our upcoming and very exciting **TAKE A TOUR TUESDAY** in our beautiful Early Learning Center. We are very proud of our ELC and the sensational learning programs in place for our Little Crusaders.

In the world of Catholic education, we find ourselves in the midst of the season. 'Tis the season for shopping around for the best deals, the best programs, the best learning environment, and the best environment for the spiritual and moral development of your children. These are the primary requirements for the right and proper upbringing of any child. I make no apologies to anyone when I state without hesitation that there is no place anywhere that will provide all of those requirements except for that of a Catholic school. Where else will a child receive the guidance in life to Believe, Learn, Lead, Serve and Succeed except in a school where the teachers partner with the parents in the raising of the child; in an environment where the teacher **cares** enough to partner with the parent in the raising of the child?

So let's talk about what the eager shopper will find upon entering the state of the art security doors behind which our three, four, and five year olds are fully engaged in learning.

- **STOP #1:** You will find Mrs. Kolakowski, our full time registered nurse. She has a fully outfitted health suite where she administers lots of TLC in our ELC.
- **STOP #2:** Mrs. McGowan and her class of four year olds. TTT will begin at 8:30. By the time we get to Mrs. McGowan's room she and her students

might still be in Holy Circle where they say their morning prayers, the Pledge of Allegiance, discuss the calendar and the days' weather. While in Holy Circle they will have their daily Religion lesson, perhaps they will listen to a story based on the letter of the week, or on a particular saint or feast day. There will be songs, movement, and discussion. At the early age of four we are working on those comprehension skills! The rest of the day will unfold as our little Crusaders make their way to their seats for a Language Arts lesson, which is followed by Math or Science. Follow all this up with the handwriting lesson, and then...phew....it's snack time and recess. YAY!!!

- **STOP #3:** Mrs. Zappulo and Mrs. Feaster will undoubtedly still have their little threes firmly planted on their robots. Or maybe not!! They might be in the midst of shake, shake, shaking out the wiggles, or maybe they're engaged in whole group instruction prior to making their way to the tables for a craft related to the unit theme. The classroom environment for the three year olds is the perfect design for learning. There's the library a (with comfy seats and a ton of books!), the kitchen, the block corner, the carpet where everyone has a robot on which to place their "bumper," the prayer table and the art center. It's a terrific space, our families love having their three year old at Holy Cross.
- **STOP #4:** Mrs. Wegemer's "little angels" will be hard at work by this stop on our tour. We might see a lesson in Math, or perhaps handwriting. They love their Handwriting Without Tears curriculum. A couple of weeks ago her class was solving equations. Using a ten-frame the children were learning how to fill in the empty space in a number sentence. They were so excited to show me their mathematical prowess, and so was Mrs. Miller, Anne's mom. She was so proud that her daughter was learning advanced math.
- **STOP #5:** Mrs. Wicks will be in the midst of her morning Religion lesson, we might see her telling her children a story, or they might be singing a song. Mrs. Wicks loves to sing with her children as she calls them to their prayer space each morning.
- **STOP #6 and 7:** Miss Hauss and Mrs. Rider's Kindergarten classes are in full swing. They're probably engaged in their morning Math lesson. In their school uniform, before the day's end they will have had lessons in Phonics, Reading, Science, Religion, Social Studies, and an enrichment. At this point in the school shopping season, our Kindergarten students are readers, and....BOY! Are they PROUD!?

Here is your advanced notice.

February 11, 2020. TTT.

Register at [holycrossdover.org/school](http://holycrossdover.org/school).

See you there.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Let me tell you about a fun community event we're hosting later this month: the Forever-MORE Gala & Silent Auction on February 22, 2020 from 6:00-10:00 pm! This event is our most important fundraiser of the year, and all proceeds benefit Saint Thomas More Academy programs. The evening will feature a live band, dinner, dessert, and a cash bar, one hundred auction packages, mystery gift-card selection and mystery wine wall selection stations, and a 50/50 raffle (do not need to be present to win the cash prize)!

Alumni, take note: there is a Saint Thomas More Academy Alumni-only Happy Hour preceding the event from 5:00-6:00 pm! All ticket-holding grads are invited to come and enjoy some extra time with friends and to get an early preview of auction packages.

We are so pleased to announce that the Reunion will be providing our live entertainment for this special night! Reunion is an eight-piece "Classic Rock 'n' Soul" ensemble whose roots are traced to a number of rock 'n' roll bands formed in Kent County, Delaware during the mid-late 60's and early 70's. All rock and roll fans, the current group includes musicians from Delaware County, Pennsylvania to Dover, Delaware. They are a perfect partner for our "ForeverMORE Rocks" theme for the evening! Check them out at [www.reunionbandde.com](http://www.reunionbandde.com).



Our auction packages range from sports gear to adventure activities to home goods and more. A few items of note include two 4-Day Firefly Musical Festival in June 2020;



four grandstand tickets to the 2020 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in NYC; four greens fees, practice, and cart fees for golf at Bayside Resort Golf Club; a private wine



class for up to 20 people at Total Wine; a new firepit and outdoor chairs plus many STMA-specific packages!



### Regular Admission:

- \$30 per ticket through February 14, 2020
- \$35 per ticket February 15-22, 2020

### Senior Admission:

- \$25 early-bird / \$30 regular admission

### Alumni Admission:

- \$20 per ticket

Call the school to reserve your tickets today! 302-697-8100

Would you be interested in sponsoring this event, or do you know a business that would? Sponsorship packages range from \$50-\$300 and get the purchaser varying advertisements and event tickets:

### Purple Sponsorship: \$50

Half-page Ad in Auction Program  
Public "Sponsor Thank You" during event

### Bronze Sponsorship: \$100

Half-page Ad in Auction Program  
Public "Sponsor Thank You" during event  
Ad on STMA Facebook Page

### Silver Sponsorship: \$200

Half-page Ad in Auction Program  
Public "Sponsor Thank You" during event  
Ad on STMA Facebook Page  
2 Tickets to Gala

### Gold Sponsorship: \$300

Half-page Ad in Auction Program  
Public "Sponsor Thank You" during event  
Ad on STMA Facebook Page  
4 Tickets to Gala

Thank you for your support, Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception Parish family!

Yours in Christ

*Rachael A. Casey*

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