



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

February 16, 2020

Sixth 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

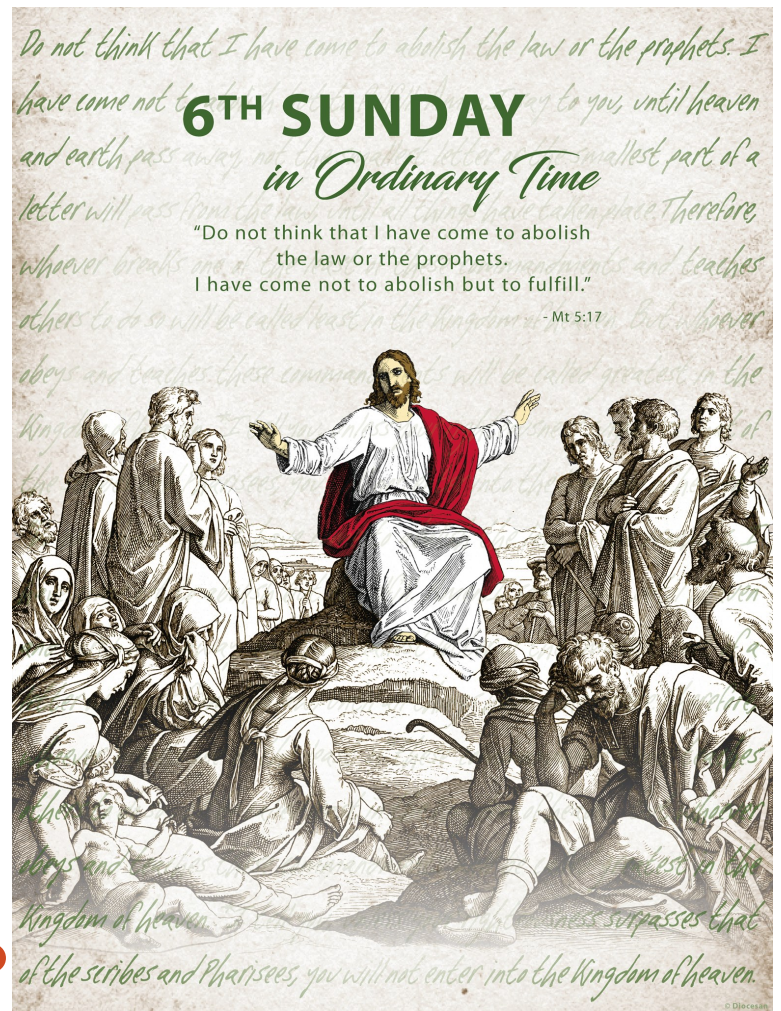
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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



6TH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

"Do not think that I have come to abolish
the law or the prophets.
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

- Mt 5:17

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)

16 SUNDAY *5th Sunday Ordinary Time*

HC 9 am, RCIA, MT/MK
 ICC NO SRE due to President's Day Holiday
 ICC 2:30 pm, Armor/Amistad Jovenes, Hall
 ICC 2:30 pm, Adolescentes, CC
 HC 3:30 pm, Confirmation Class, MT/MK

17 MONDAY *President's Holiday*

HC 9:00 am, Mass
 HC & ICC, Offices Closed due to Holiday

18 TUESDAY

ICC 1 pm, Exercise, hall
 ICC 4 pm, Confirmation Interviews, Office
 HC 7 pm, Adult Ed, MT/MK
 HC 7 pm, Baptismal Prep, LK

19 WEDNESDAY

HC 9 am, Adult Ed, MT/MK
 HC 6 pm, CCD, SCH
 HC 6 pm, Conf Class, MT/MK
 HC 6 pm, CCD, EL
 ICC 5 pm, Confirmation Interviews, Office
 ICC 7 pm, Directiva, Basement
 HC 7 pm, Mass of Holy Spirit, CH

20 THURSDAY

ICC, 1 pm, Exercise, Hall
 ICC 7 pm, Misa
 HC 6:30 pm, Irish Society, MT/MK

21 FRIDAY *St. Peter Damian*

ICC, 6 pm, Formacion, Hall
 ICC, Band Practice, cc
 HC 6:30 pm, Father/Daughter Dance, PH
 HC 7 pm, Foro Cristiano, LK

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending February 2

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$24,180	\$28,100	(\$3,920)
YTD	\$895,248	\$883,100	\$12,148
Needs	\$1,937	\$1,586	\$351

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending February 2

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,243
Second	\$472

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 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.

Dear Parishioners,

Interesting but useless trivia for you. While we commonly call the federal holiday we celebrate on Monday, "Presidents Day," that in fact is not the name of the holiday. In fact, the name of the holiday on Monday is actually designated as "Washington's Birthday."

Yep! When Congress changed many U.S. holidays to land on Monday, it created a holiday on the third Monday of February. It was discussed that this would be a day to honor our Presidents, but Congress never made that specific change, and this in section 6103(a) of title 5 of the United States Code, the third Monday in February is designated, "Washington's Birthday." And if you don't believe me, fire up your computer, iPad, iPhone, or other internet addicting devices and check it out at: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/5/6103>.

I must confess that I kind of like that. The catch-all concept of Presidents Day wherein we lump together Washington and Lincoln with Millard Fillmore and William Henry Harrison, always seemed kind of silly. But, in any event, we get a long holiday weekend out of it.

This week I'd like to highlight a few Church holy days which have experience changes in names, sometimes right back to their original name.

February 2 - Then: Purification of Mary: This was the feast day on which Church venerated the humility and obedience of Mary who, though needn't subject herself to this ritual, followed Jewish law of the day that required women to be purified after childbirth and present their child in the temple. Occurring 40 days after Christmas, back in the day this marked the end of the Christmas season.

February 2 - Now: The Presentation of the Lord. This is the feast day on which Church celebrates Mary, who came to the temple for purification, presenting her child, Jesus. This name for the feast day actually has ancient origins. This was affirmed by Pope St. Paul VI in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Marialis Cultus*, which notes that feast day has "been given back its ancient name, the Presentation of the Lord," and that it "should also be considered as a joint commemoration of the Son and of the Mother." Of particular notes, the readings for Mass on that day did not change even though the name of the feast day was changed.

February 2 - Also: Candlemas. In addition to the above two name, this feast day is also know as Candlemas; the day we bless candles. It is also, by tradition, considered a Christmas feast. Why? Because it's the last feast on the liturgical calendar on which we commemorate Christ still as an infant child. The readings on this day describes the Christ child as "light to reveal you to the nations," and thus, the Church ceremoniously blesses candles on this day.

January 1 - Then: Circumcision of the Lord. This holy day celebrated Mary and Joseph having Jesus circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, as per the requirements of the Jewish law. The focus of the feast was on Mary's following the law, and seeing to it that her son was circumcised which marked him as one of God's cho-

sen people, the Jewish people.

January 1 - Now: The Motherhood of Mary. This solemnity (high holy day) celebrates Mary's Motherhood, and role of Mary, as a mother, raising her child according to the faith of Jewish people under the Old Covenant and observing the obligations of her faith. This feast day, like that of Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Lord, kept the readings the same even after changing the day's name. What really changes here is the focus: from Mary as one who meets the obligations the law, to Mary as one who observes and passes on her faith out of love of God.

September 29 - Then: Michaelmas: Like Christmas and Candlemas, Michaelmas was holy day with a reference to Mass in its name. This was the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel. Michael was considered the greatest of the Archangels, as he did battle with and defeated Satan during the great war in Heaven (see Revelation 12:7-17). Until the late 18th century, Michaelmas was a Holy Day of Obligation.

September 29 - Now: Feast of the Archangels: Same day, more Angels. Today, September 29 celebrates three of the Archangels: Michael, Gabriel and Rafael. Why these three? No, not in imitation of "Charlie's Angels" but because these are the three Archangels that held by tradition to have walked or touched the Earth — and thus they are given the honorific title of "Saints Michael, Gabriel and Rafael," though they are not properly saints (as only human being who make their way from Earth to Heaven are deemed saints).

August 5 - Then: Our Lady of the Snows: In 352 A.D. a noble family wanted to use their fortune to help the Church. Mary appeared to them and directed them to build a Church on a nearby hill. They approached Pope Liberius on this matter, who asked the couple to beseech the Blessed Mother for a further sign. They did. And in the summer, on August 5, 352, in Rome, snowflakes fell and fell in a particular pattern on that hill, showing the outline of the church. From this Mary acquired the title of Our Lady of the Snows.

August 5 - Now: Dedication of St. Mary Major: Continuing the story from above, the Church that was built on that hill where snow fell was named the Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore (the Major Basilica of St. Mary, or more commonly the Basilica of St. Mary Major). That Church had gained the nickname of the Basilica of Our Lady of the Snows in the 14th century, focusing on that miraculous snow fall. But when revising its Universal Calendar in 1969, the Church wanted to focus that feast day on the real name of the Basilica and on its formal Dedication, rather than on the 4th century snowfall. Thus, on August 5 we have the Memorial of the Dedication of St. Mary Major.

So, while Church feast day names may change, most of the changes are in the focus of the feast day, not in the actual events of the feast. And in that regard, have a happy Washington's Birthday!

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

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Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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Rachael Casey	Principal
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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 11:** Baby's genitals develop - At the beginning of the 11th week of pregnancy, or the ninth week after conception, your baby's head still makes up about half of its length. However, your baby's body is about to catch up. Your baby is now officially described as a fetus. This week your baby's face is broad, the eyes widely separated, the eyelids fused and the ears low set. Buds for future teeth appear. Red blood cells are beginning to form in your baby's liver. By the end of this week, your baby's external genitalia will start developing into a penis or clitoris and labia majora. By now your baby might measure about 2 inches (50 millimeters) long from crown to rump — the length of the short side of a credit card — and weigh almost 1/3 ounce (8 grams).
- A million unsafe abortions are performed in the world annually.
- **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 or www.40daysdover.com.
"The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man." ~Mildred Jefferson

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 Eventbright.com – tickets \$35.00/p or \$65.00 Father and Son (one ticket admits both) *indicates speaker *livestreamed from Baltimore Conference*

SODALITY (HC)

Our Sodality group will hold a bake sale after all the weekend Masses on February 22/23. Proceeds will be used towards church linens as needed. If you would like to help bake for the bake sale or donate ingredients for the ladies to bake with, please contact Agnes Hankoua at 302-724-0314 or Priscilla Johnson at 202-705-8178.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Try gazing lovingly into each other's eyes for one minute. ... Probably you will end up laughing. See, I made you laugh. Yes, it's corny - but fun.

PARENTING POINTERS

Wednesday, February 26, is Ash Wednesday. Discuss with your family whether there is something you would like to "give up" or "do" in common. Can you go beyond giving up sweets? Consider "fasting" from social media for a day.

RECENTLY DECEASED (HC)

Condolences to the families of our recently deceased:

- *Robert Dunn*
- *Constance Dougherty*
- *Frances Harvey*

May the Souls of the Faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON CATECHETICAL DAY

ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS!

The Office for Religious Education invites you to attend Catechetical Day on March 21, 2020 at St. Thomas More Academy with Bishop W. Francis Malooly.

Catechetical Day allows the opportunity to celebrate those who have been giving effective witness for years and are living the call within their religious education programs, families, and the larger community.

This year's Catechetical Theme is "Stay With Us." Bob McCarty, D. Min. is the keynote speaker for the event. For more information or to register, please call the Diocesan Office for Religious Education at 302-573-3130 or contact your Parish Religious Education Office. The deadline for registration is March 2, 2020.

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 23 7TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 17-18
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-23
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:38-48

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY

17 MONDAY	
HC 9:00 am	Emma Zapanta Donato
18 TUESDAY	
HC 6:30 am	John Hulka
HC 8:00 am	Joseph F. Kowalzyk
19 WEDNESDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Rev. Leonard Klein
HC 8:15 am	Dec Members Gergel Family
20 THURSDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Joseph Borer
HC 8:00 am	Bso Quoi Vu
ICC 7 pm	For the People
21 FRIDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Raymond DiMaria (LI)
HC 8:00 am	Mary Catherine Castiglione
22 SATURDAY	
HC 8 am	David Kauffman
HC 5 pm	Henry Krepil
23 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	Corinne Christiansen
ICC 8:30 am	J. Francis Bevenour
HC 9:15 am	Kurt Malloy
HC 11 am	Raymond Leicht
ICC 11 am	Thomas Shields
HC 1 pm	Maya Felio
ICC 1 pm	For the People
HC 6 pm	Eileen Nuttle

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

TABERNACLE & SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS (FEB 16— FEB 22)

HC Adoration Chapel	Alessandro Zoino
HC Church	Joshua Isabella

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, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

HOLY CROSS

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM F. Ernst T. Dupuis G. Coyle
S. Coghlan C.. O'Donnell J. Tiner
L. Accalagoon M. Casey D. Song
M. Hitch R. Coppadge
A. Hunter V. Pearl

LECTORS

R. Alderman
J. Cuyjet

7:30 AM D. Marthaler A. Fischer M. Neal
J. Salamone M. Bailey N. Whiteman
J. Fischer T. Walsh B. Stumpf

LECTORS

D. Kilby
R. Pritchett

9:15 AM L. Olmsted G. Sears J. Bieker
J. Chadler L. Stiller B. Coyle
J. Bieker K. Kelly N. Ramos
M. Wessel V. Pepper
C. Fortier G. Yourek
J. Sears

LECTORS

T. Baurys
S. Ford

11:00 AM P. Johnson P. Huffman C. Cannon
N. West M. Rogers J. Novack
B. Whitworth R. Seliga J. Novack
A. Marano B. Richards
F. Deeney G. Richards
M Miller

LECTORS

C. Barnes
C. Petka

1:00 PM C. Valdes M. Rivera J. Cortez
M. Richard E. Pastoriza E. Cortes
B. Guzman

LECTORS

R. Dennis
S. Ruiz

6:00 PM D. Balcerak D. Novak G. Maddalena
A. Wyllie L. Darling A. Ghanayem
M. Rathbun D. Darling C. Wilk
M. Cacesse R. Katcher
K. Maddalena V. Balcerak
J. Zajac

LECTORS

TBD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM M. Plucenik B. Lawson A. Clancy

LECTORS

J. Tormey, Jr.

11:00 AM G. Taraila A. Poppiti J. Santizo
I. Meyer

LECTORS

D. King

1:00 PM A. Escalante F. Perez N. Tomas
A. Velasquez A. Perez K. Tomas
M. Lopez

LECTORS

L. Ortiz
D. Ramirez

YOUNG AT HEART (HC)

Young at Heart Seniors will meet March 9 at the Early Learning Center in the Matthew/Mark room. Mr. Thomas Summers from the Delaware Archives will be our speaker. The topic is "More Treasures of the Delaware Public Archives. Featuring an array of unique documents and photographs that provide a look at life in Delaware from the 17th century to the present". These images tell the story of the First State and the people who have made Delaware their home. All seniors are welcome and may begin coming at 10:30. Speaker begins at 11. Lunch is \$5.00. If the school is closed due to inclement weather we will not meet. If school is delayed we will still meet.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Lent is a time to grow closer to Jesus. Please join the Bro. Vincent Columbiettes at St. Polycarp, 135 Ransom Lane, Smyrna, for a spiritual opportunity at our Annual Women's Lenten Retreat on Sat., Feb. 22, 8:30 am - 2 pm. The day will begin with 8:30 am Mass with the Retreat following in the hall at 9 am. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost. Sr. Rosemary Holter, O.S.F. will be the retreat master. The Retreat topic is: Coming to Peace: Unloading the Burdens of Life. Please contact Betty Sloven at 302-547-8174 or churchladybetty@gmail.com by Feb. 17 to register.

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 for information.

COLLECTION COUNTERS (ICC)

Feb 23 Frank & Joyce Cristiano

Mar 1 Robin & Paul Engstenberg

Mar 8 Elisa & Tom Costello

CHURCH CLEANING CREW (ICC)

FEBRERO 20: GRUPO #16

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

FEBRERO 27 2020 GRUPO #2

Hortencia Bamaca, Luz Morales, Lillian Diaz Bamaca, Rosemary Bamaca, Froilan Berduo, Sheila Berduo

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 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.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, February 22, tune in to hear an interview with author Gary Zimak, about his book, "Give up Worry for Lent." After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

- 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.
- 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, 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.
- Se necesita jóvenes para que se inscriban para la escenificación de la Vía Crucis. Los ensayos comenzaran el miércoles 4 de marzo, a las 7:00pm en el salón de la Inmaculada Concepción en Marydel. Si desea participar hable con la Sra. Arline Dosman. Directora del aMinisterio Hispano de Holy Cross y la Inmaculada Concepcion.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

REGULAR CCD CLASSES

Wednesdays- Sundays –

Next Class February 19: 6:00–7:00pm 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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS (HC)

Class takes place this Sunday, February 16, at 3:30 pm and Wednesday, February 19, at 6 pm. Reminder - Please have your Sponsor Form turned in at class.

PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION (HC)

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (HC)

The K of C will be holding its Annual Fish Fry's during the Fridays in Lent in the Parish Hall. Please watch for details in the upcoming bulletins. Make plans now to attend beginning on Friday, February 28.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS (ICC)

The next meeting Tues, February 25, 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 at weldaway@msn.com. Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

MASS OF HOLY SPIRIT (HC)

Msgr. Dan will preside at the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 pm, in the church. All are welcome to join in this Mass and experience the Spirit!

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.
- No SRE February 16—Happy President's Day Holiday.

SACRAMENTAL PREP (ICC)

First Communion: Tuesday, February 25, at 6:30 -7:30 in the Hall.

Confirmation Prep: Next preparation class to be held on March 15, 2:30 to 5:00 pm.

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.

NO PENNY PARTY (ICC)

The office asks that you DO NOT bring any donations to the office or hall.



MRS. POLLITT'S PONDERINGS

It happened by way of an email, I believe. I was communicating with one of our parents who was at the time very busy with preparations for our Mother-Son Dance. So many details to see to! At the last minute, (or so it seemed to us) our DJ encountered a conflict in schedule. We were operating with only a few (if that) volunteers; while trying SO hard to keep our promise of producing a grand scale event on a shoestring budget. With the faith and full belief that God would provide for our needs, we pressed on. It was a labor of love for sure. One of the very best attributes of the Holy Cross School community is its alumni. The alumni are well represented in the presence of their children here at HC. Our alumni parents are very cooperative in lending assistance when and where needed. We are grateful to Mr. Joseph LiCausi for stepping in to lend his expertise as DJ on our evening of "Aglow." It was such fun to see the fancy bow-ties, outlandish spectacles, and fancy chapeaux, all aglow in fluorescent green, blue, and pink. The twinkling fluorescent green stars on the ceiling and walls were just lovely. The aroma of the cheese flowing in the fountain lured me over only to find Mr. Vescovi manning the cheese fountain. He was in charge of keeping the cheese filled and refilling the chip baskets. He walked me over to the other side where I found a beautiful display of other kid friendly finger foods. Not having had dinner, it all looked down-right delectable. Self-restraint kept me from piling high a plate of white-chocolate/oreo cookie covered popcorn. I was also tempted by the dreamy cream cheese/chocolate chip spread so attractively displayed atop a platter of graham crackers. Without question though were those tasty garlic ranch pretzels. Mrs. Deborah Vescovi happily came to the rescue in filling our food needs for the evening. Mrs. Vescovi's grandson is in Pre-K and when Colton was enrolled last summer she offered to assist us with any of our events. At the time, I thanked her very much. But I didn't forget. Then I saw the adorable treats made for the Teddy Bear Picnic and I instantly remembered her kind offer. When I reached out to her, (interrupting a vacation in Puerto Rico....so sorry) she could not have been any more agreeable. Most gracious, Mrs. Vescovi has agreed to help us with the Father-Daughter Dance, too!! I am so grateful to Dr. Sandra Costa, Mrs. Allison Shevock, Mrs. Sioban Buchko, and a host of other moms who showed up to decorate the parish hall. It was a wonderful evening. The boys and their moms had a blast.

And so it was in that email I alluded to at the outset of this weekly installment that Dr. Costa shared a link to the new Box Tops for Education video. Upon receipt of the link I thanked her for keeping Holy Cross so close to her heart. I'll treasure her response for a long time to come. *"My heart comes to Holy Cross every morning in three little boys. How can I not keep Holy Cross close to me?!"* Dr. Costa is not alone in her sentiment. We are richly blessed in the cooperative spirit and the giving spirit of our parent community. The sharing of their time, talent and treasure is a tremendous source of strength for our school. We are grateful. I am grateful.

And speaking of such, we are grateful to Mr. Mark Wojtkiewicz for his hard work in applying several tons of new rubber playground mulch in both play-spaces. Mr. W. did the muscle work, the HSA provided the funding. Thank you!

Many will recall the new approach we adopted this past fall to raising funds for HCS. It is a necessary evil—money....funding....finances, call it what you will, but it is that which enables us to remain current with curriculum changes, technology changes, and enrichment offerings. The new approach was to ask for \$100.00 per child from each family to offset costs. We were going to eliminate all the other efforts from the past that were implemented to fund raise. No more Fall Festival, no more coupon books, no more 5-K's, no more repeated asking for money. For those who attended the fall HSA meeting, the announcement was overwhelmingly received as good news. The best news of the good news however, was that there would be no sacrifices made in the quality of student life here at school. It all sounded great!

The latest news is that we fell short of our monetary goal. There is a deficit in the projected outcome that will prevent us from being able to make hoped for improvements in the middle school reading program. It was HSA funding that enabled us to purchase the Wonders Reading series for the elementary school. Our teachers love the series and all it has to offer the students in meeting diverse learning needs. The words thank you pale in comparison to my heartfelt gratitude.

"My heart comes to Holy Cross every morning in ____."
Fill in the blank with your child's name.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

We have so much to celebrate about the talents and achievements of our students in the field of the Fine Arts!

Kate Dunkle, a freshman at St. Thomas More Academy has earned entrance via audition to the 2020 Delaware All-State Orchestra. The 86-piece orchestra is comprised of top musicians from schools throughout the state. Auditionees prepare an assigned piece and must perform scales and sight-reading during the audition process.

As a very active freshman, Kate is a member of the Instrumental Ensemble and Choir at STMA, takes private violin and piano lessons, and plays field hockey for STMA.

You can hear her perform with The Delaware All-State Orchestra in their concert on March 14, 2020 at Newark High School (750 E. Delaware Ave., Newark, DE) at 5:00 PM.



Two seniors from St. Thomas More Academy also earned special accolades as musicians as they have been named to the 2020 Kent County Honor Band. Maggie Kosior and Rachel Merson, both clarinetists, will represent Saint Thomas More Academy in the band this year. Students are selected by director nomination from each school in Kent County.

Maggie Kosior is a member of the Instrumental Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Liturgical Choir at STMA. She is also an athlete and a stellar student. She will graduate in June and has been accepted to the University of Delaware, Neumann University, and Cabrini College.

Rachel Merson is also a member of the Instrumental Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Liturgical

Choir, is active in theatre, and leads the Book Club at STMA. Rachel is also a member of the Student Government. She will graduate in June and plans to attend Washington College.

You can hear Maggie and Rachel perform with The Kent County Honor Band in their concert on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Dover High School at 6:00 PM.



In other great news, several arts all-stars stand out among the incoming class of freshmen, the Class of 2024. Join me in congratulating Vocal Scholarship awardee Elaina Caber, Instrumental Scholarship awardee Emily Chesser, Drama Scholarship awardee Lilian Ruffin-Stewart, and Visual Arts Scholarship awardee Marilyn Wright! Each student auditioned or submitted a portfolio demonstrating their prowess and will be leaders in their class of freshmen in the art department at our Catholic high school, which values talents as gifts from our Creator, worthy of cultivation and celebration.

Thank you each for bringing the beauty of music and art to our campus!

Yours in Christ

Rachael A. Casey,
Principal

