



# CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

February 23, 2020

Seventh 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

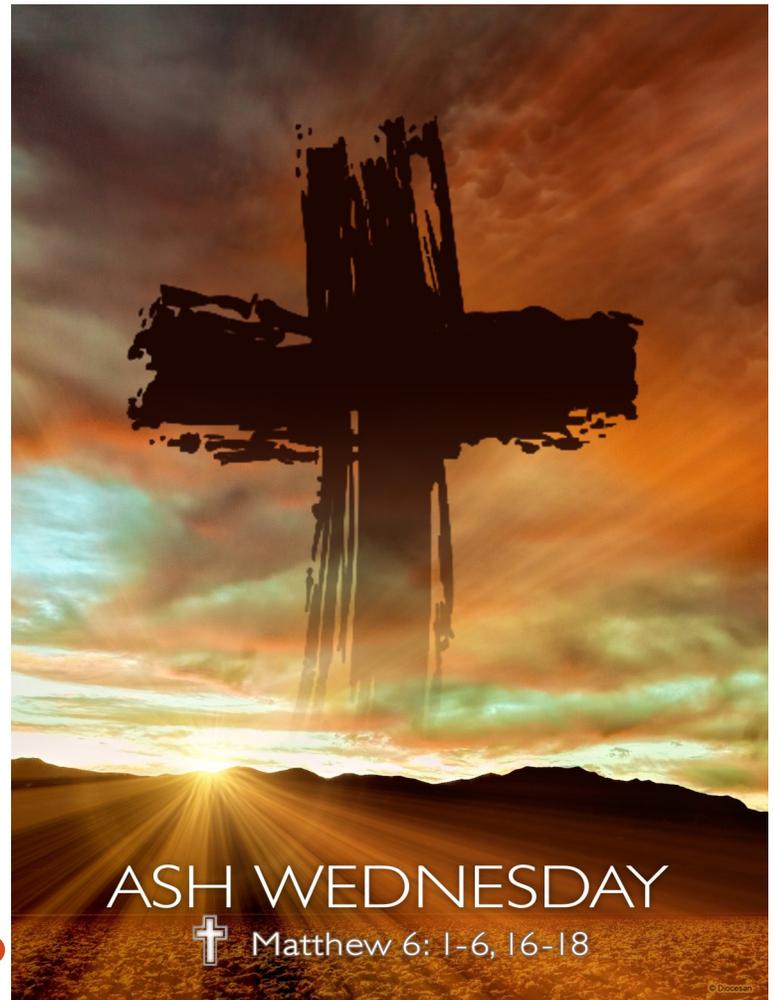
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am  
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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



ASH WEDNESDAY

✠ Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

## 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)

**23 SUNDAY** *7th Sunday Ordinary Time*

HC 9 am, RCIA, MT/MK  
 ICC 9:40 am SRE classes  
 ICC 2:30 pm, Adolescentes, CC  
 ICC 3:30 pm Jovenes,, Basement  
 HC 3:30 pm, Confirmation Class, MT/MK

**24 MONDAY**

HC 8:45 am, Spirituality Group, LK

**25 TUESDAY**

ICC 1 pm, Exercise, hall  
 ICC 6:30 pm, 1st Communion prep, hall

**26 WEDNESDAY** *Ash Wednesday*

ICC 9 am, 5:30 pm, 7 pm (Hispanic) Masses  
 HC 6:30 & 8:15 am, 12:10 and 7 pm Masses  
 HC 5:30 pm, service with ash distribution

**27 THURSDAY**

ICC, 1 pm, Exercise, Hall

**28 FRIDAY**

HC 4 pm, Fish Dinner, PH  
 HC 5:30 pm, Confessions, CH  
 HC 7 pm, Stations, CH  
 ICC 7 pm, Stations, CH  
 ICC 8 pm, Vigilia, CH  
 HC 7 pm, Foro Cristiano, LK

**29 SATURDAY**

HC 11 am, Rite of Election, CH  
 HC 6 pm, Purse Bingo, PH

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending February 9

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$25,057	\$28,100	(\$3,043)
YTD	\$920,305	\$911,200	\$9,105
Needs	\$1,198	\$1,586	(\$388)

## WEEKLY OFFERING (ICO)

Ending February 9

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,291
Second	\$488

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,

**Conversion.** A few weeks ago, I wrote about some of the greatest conversions in Church History. I want to pick up on that theme again in this column as we prepare for Lent, which begins next week, on Ash Wednesday.

In terms of conversion, one thing I have observed in my lifetime are the many technological conversions that occurred. Many of you probably remember them, too. There was a conversion from black and white photos to color as a norm. Then from photos to 8mm. or Super 8 projector film. Later, along came videotape – VHS and BetaMax – and people did conversions of home movies to those new formats. BetaMax went the way of WB-TV network - into the entertainment landfill. In the 1990s DVD's came along and conversion came from VHS to that new format. Most recently, conversion came again when people began converting DVDs to digitized files for computer viewing or streaming (with DVDs slowing being relegated for use as coasters).

**Let's Not Go to the Videotape.** What do these conversions have in common? In each case, conversion occurred to improve the visual media being preserved. Conversion improved the product. As a matter of fact, when you do the opposite of conversion (for example going from DVD back to VHS, the term that is used to describe that change is "downgrading."). As it is for products, so it is with us. A person who has a conversion – which for us as Catholics is seen as an ongoing process – improves himself. When we sin and go back to bad ways, that is when we "downgrade."

**Call Back.** We are all to called conversion – to change and grow and draw closer to God in our life. Yes, it is true that God loves as we are, but it is also true that he loves us so much that he won't leave us that way. Nope. He calls us to conversion – to turn back to him, when we have strayed.

**New Life Begins at 40.** This coming week begins the Season of Lent, a 40-day period in the Church leading us, ultimately, to the Resurrection of Christ at Easter. During Lent, we are called to examine hearts and minds, repent, and turn ourselves more fully back to God. In short, it is a time to focus on our ongoing conversion. To this end, I want to present one of the most famous conversions of heart imaginable – it involves both faith and forgiveness, two key parts of Lent.

**Here's the Story.** On July 6, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Maria Goretti. Maria Goretti was a young girl who was canonized a saint in 1950. At the time, it was the largest-ever canonization ceremony at the Vatican. What was so special about this canonization? What was so special about this young saint and what was so special about her story? Read on and judge for yourself.

**A Girl Named Maria.** Maria Goretti was born in a small farming village in Italy in 1890; she was the third of seven children and was by all accounts a happy and profoundly faithful young girl. The faith her mother instilled in her as a child guided her young life. When Maria was nine years old her father died, and Maria began helping with the younger children in the family to allow her mother more time to work on the family farm.

**A Boy Named Alessandro.** At the age of twelve, Maria had sexual advances made on her by a local boy named Alessandro Serenelli, the son of her late father's business partner. Maria put off Alessandro advances but said nothing about them because the boy threatened to kill her mother if she did. The advances continued until one night, when Maria was alone babysitting one of her younger siblings, Alessandro burst in and tried to force himself on her. She pushed him away saying, "No! It is sin. God doesn't want this."

**Forgiveness.** Alessandro was so angry at Maria's words that he pulled out a knife and stabbed her multiple times. She was taken to the hospital, but it was clear that Maria would not live. That next morning, after receiving communion for the last time, one of the nurses asked her what punishment she would want for the man who did this -- for Alessandro. Maria answered, but did not call for vengeance, or hate, or retribution. Rather she said, "I forgive Alessandro, I forgive him with all of my heart and at the end of his life I want him to be in heaven." And then she died.

**Confession.** Now if the story had ended there it would have been inspiring and exemplary. But the story doesn't end there. You see, there is more that shows us what the power of forgiveness and faith can do. Maria's assailant Alessandro was sentenced to 40 years in jail. After eight years he admitted his crime, confessed and repented. After 27 years he was released on good behavior.

**Conversion.** Upon his release from prison, he went directly to visit Maria's mother. In her house, he cried at her feet, apologized and asked forgiveness for what he did to her daughter. Maria's mother forgave him! Like daughter, like mother. Maria's (and her mother's) example of forgiveness changed Alessandro's life. By their witness of faith and forgiveness, Alessandro underwent a total conversion and committed his life to Christ. Ultimately, he went onto become a Capuchin (Franciscan) brother and dedicated his life to the service of our Lord.

**Canonization.** On July 25, 1950, Pope Pius XII elevated Maria Goretti to sainthood. Who was present in the audience? There was Maria's mother, her brothers, her sisters, and – standing with them – Alessandro Serenelli. The power of forgiveness is wonderful thing! In the Lord's Prayer, we pray for God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Maria lived this prayer – and the power of forgiveness changed the life of killer and strengthened the faith of a family.

**Lent is Here.** This Lent you may not have a conversion like Alessandro. Each person's conversion is unique. But Lent provides us with a period of time to reflect on our life, repent of our sins, and turn back to God, especially in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is upon us, and God is waiting to hear from you. Have a blessed Lent.

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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 Kenneth Trojan Business Manager, ext. 119  
 Michele Dornberger Records/Asst. Bus. Mgr., ext. 116  
 Arline Dosman Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. I18  
 Tammy Korosec CRE Religious Ed, ext 122  
 Linda Darling Youth Ministry, ext. 123  
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 302 674 5787  
 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

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 12:** Baby's fingernails form - Twelve weeks into your pregnancy, or 10 weeks after conception, your baby is sprouting fingernails. Your baby's face now has taken on a more developed profile. His or her intestines are in the abdomen. By now your baby might be about 2 1/2 inches (61 millimeters) long from crown to rump – the length of the short side of a U.S. bill – and weigh about 1/2 ounce (14 grams).
- Contrary to popular belief, abortion is pretty common. Thirty percent of American women will have an abortion by age 45.
- **About 40 Days for Life:** The next 40 Days for Life Campaign begins this 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).

*"It's time that we recognize the Supreme Court is not the supreme being, and we change the policy to be pro-life and protect children instead of rip up their body parts and sell them like they're parts to a Buick."*  
 ~Mike Huckabee

## ASH WEDNESDAY (HC & ICC)

Ashes will be distributed on Wednesday, Feb.26, during the following Masses or services:

- HC:** 6:30 am Mass  
 8:15 am Mass  
 12:10 pm Mass  
 5:30 pm service  
 7:00 pm Mass

- ICC:** 9:00 am Mass  
 5:30 pm Mass  
 7:00 pm Mass (Hispanic)



## READINGS FOR MARCH 1 1ST SUNDAY LENT

FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A way to lie is to tell people what they want to hear, for pride makes us gullible.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:12-19

Death entered the world through sin; God's life entered the world through Jesus.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

Friends do not use each other, but if he cannot make us deny God, Satan wishes us to use God, so we will not be friends with God.

## MASS MINISTERS FEB 29/MARCH 1

HOLY CROSS			
	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	F. Ernst	T. Dupuis	E. Kozel
	S. Coghlan	C. Helwig	N. Hawk
	L. Accalogoon	M. Casey	S. Carbaugh
	M. Hitch	R. Coppadge	LECTORS
	A. Hunter	V. Pearl	
		F. Hettinger	J. Killman
			J. Coffield
7:30 AM	S. Gede	B. Gattuso	M. Neal
	R. Campanicki	L. David	N. Whiteman
	S. Hands	R. O'Neill	B. Stump
			LECTORS
			D. Kilby
			R. Pritchett
9:15 AM	P. Ford	R. Wiley	J. Bieker
	M. Macleish	M. Malloy	B. Coyle
	G. Wessel	L. Olmsted	N. Ramos
	A. Hlafka	J. Chandler	LECTORS
	T. Arndt	J. Bieker	
	M. Wessel	S. Ford	
		J. Coffield	
11:00 AM	P. Johnson	P. Huffman	K. Tabalon
	N. West	M. Rogers	E. Carter
	B. Whitworth	R. Seliga	J. Moyer
	A. Marano	B. Richards	LECTORS
	F. Deeney	G. Richards	
M. Miller		J. Connolly	
		P. Keller	
1:00 PM	M. Rivera	C. Valdes	A. Sandoval
	B. Guzman	E. Pastoriza	D. Chavez
	R. Dosman		LECTORS
		V. Betancourt	
			A. Luna
6:00 PM	T. Steir	D. Balcerak	C. Daerling
	M. Rathbun	L. Darling	N. Kosior
	A. Wyllie	D. Darling	G. Maddalena
	M. Cacesse	J. Zajac	LECTORS
	D. Novak	R. Katcher	
	V. Balcerak		TBD
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION			
8:30 AM	K. Durham	S. Bell	A. Clancy
			LECTORS
		T. Thompson	
11:00 AM	J. Stewart	G. Taraila	W. Meyer
			V. Haas
			LECTORS
		A. Poppiti	
1:00 PM	G. Morales	C. Miguel	E. Esalante
	G. Perez	E. Morales	B. Fernandez
	V. Bravo		LECTORS
		S. Berduo	
		F. Ortiz	

## 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. 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](http://cdow.org/Ministry-for-Black-Catholics) for information.

## COLLECTION COUNTERS (ICC)

**Mar 1** Robin & Paul Engstenberg  
**Mar 8** Elisa & Tom Costello  
**Mar 15** Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

## CHURCH CLEANING CREW (ICC)

**FEBRERO 27 2020 GRUPO #2**  
**Hortencia Bamaca**, Luz Morales, Lillian Diaz Bamaca, Rosemary Bamaca, Froilan Berduo, Sheila Berduo  
**MARZO 5 2020 GRUPO #3**  
 Natalia Domingo, Victoriano Perez, Americo Garcia, Maria Garcia, Julio Hernandez, **Hayde Fuentes**

## 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.

## CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, February 29th, tune in for details about the upcoming Catholic Men's Fellowship of Delmarva Conference, when Al Wyllie is the guest. After it airs, listen online anytime at [www.cdown.org/CatholicForum](http://www.cdown.org/CatholicForum), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

## IRISH SOCIETY

The Irish Society of Delmarva will hold their annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Fraizer's Restaurant, 9 E. Loockerman Street, Dover, DE. This event is from 6-11 pm. and includes a Corn Beef and Cabbage Buffet with a dessert table. Followed by dancing and sing alongs with music provided by Affinity Entertainment with Alex Vaughan from 7-11 pm. There will also be raffles, door prizes and a free Irish music CD. All of this fun for only \$30.00 per person. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact Robin Engstenberg at 302-674-4834.

## RECENTLY DECEASED (HC)

Condolences to the families of our recently deceased:

- *Sheila Hickey*
- *Tiffany Montgomery*

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

- 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.

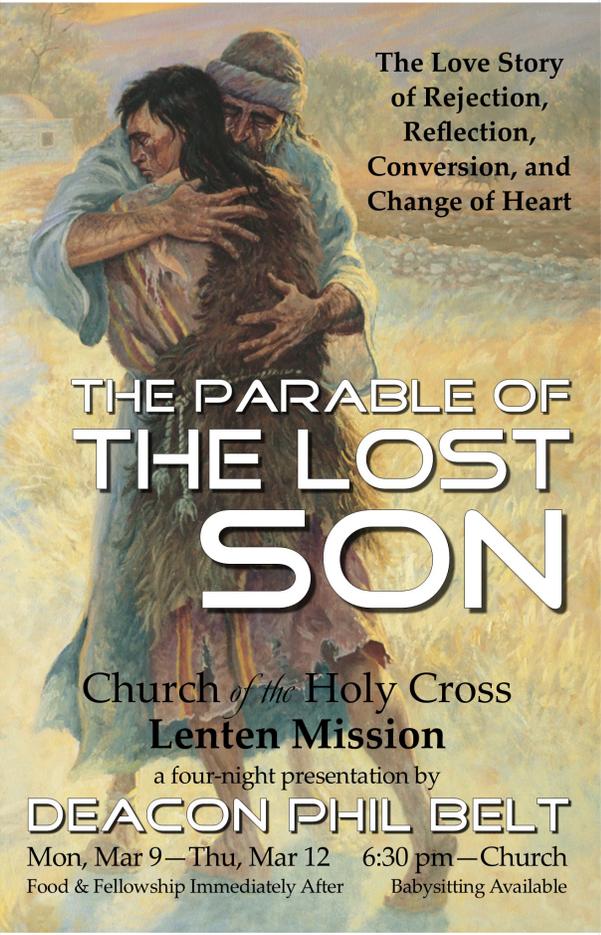
- Los Bautismos son los primeros domingos de cada mes, después de la Santa Misa en Español 2:30 pm. La clase pre-bautismales son los segundos domingos de cada mes. Los requisitos para ser padrinos tienen que ser Católicos practicante, y en comunión con la iglesia.
- Ya están abiertas las inscripciones 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 Ministerio Hispano de Holy Cross y la Inmaculada Concepcion.

## RULES FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE IN LENT

Lent is a season that call us to fasting and abstinence from meat on appointed days. The Church teaches that fasting and abstinence “prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart” (CCC 2043) allowing us to focus on our relationship with the God who gave us life. Here are some of the general rules and guidelines for Lent:

- Fasting (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday): This means only eating one full meal a day, and two much smaller meals. No snacking. Fasting is mandated for all Catholics ages 18-59.
- Abstinence (Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent): Abstinence is a special form of fasting that directs us to have no consumption of meat. Abstinence from meat applies to all Catholics 14 on up.
- About the Age Limits: While the Church does set age limitations where the obligations bind, it is nonetheless commendable for Catholics of all ages to join in the disciplines of Lent if they are able – no matter their ages.

### PARISH MISSION : MARCH 9 - 12



**The Love Story of Rejection, Reflection, Conversion, and Change of Heart**

# THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SON

Church of the Holy Cross  
**Lenten Mission**  
a four-night presentation by  
**DEACON PHIL BELT**  
Mon, Mar 9—Thu, Mar 12 6:30 pm—Church  
Food & Fellowship Immediately After      Babysitting Available

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### FEBRUARY/MARCH

<b>24 MONDAY</b>	
HC 6:30 am	Mary Castiglione
HC 8:00 am	Dec Members Dornberger Fam.
<b>25 18 TUESDAY</b>	
HC 6:30 am	Gerald Rozum
HC 8:00 am	Mary Catherine Castiglione
<b>26 WEDNESDAY</b>	
HC 6:30 am	Joseph Cusick
HC 8:15 am	Louis Jara
HC 12:10 pm	Dec Members Lavin Family
HC 7 pm	Robert Byres
<b>27 THURSDAY</b>	
HC 6:30 am	Joe and Marguerite Casey (LI)
HC 8:00 am	Mildred Byers
HC 12:10 pm	Ronald Morra
ICC 7 pm	For the People
<b>28 FRIDAY</b>	
HC 6:30 am	William & Alice Gasparri
HC 8:00 am	Genevieve Parise
HC 12:10 pm	Bill McNiece (LI)
<b>29 SATURDAY</b>	
HC 8 am	Joseph Chillari
HC 5 pm	Donna Marie & Charles Coyle, Jr
<b>1 SUNDAY</b>	
HC 7:30 am	Elizabeth Ival Stafford
ICC 8:30 am	open
HC 9:15 am	Margaret & Charles Feigh
HC 11 am	Dec Mem DeAngelis & Kozanecki Fam.
ICC 11 am	Arthur Tucker
HC 1 pm	Ms. Mae Va
ICC 1 pm	For the People
HC 6 pm	James T. Conlogue, Sr.

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

### TABERNACLE & SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS (FEB 23— FEB 29)

HC Adoration Chapel	Joseph Cusick
HC Church	Dona Kennedy (LI)

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

### REGULAR CCD CLASSES

#### Wednesday Classes

- Wednesday Family Prayer Service 5:30pm February 26th (no class)
- Next Class March 4th.

#### Sunday Classes

- Next Class February 23rd at 3:30pm-5:30pm
- Ash Wednesday Family Prayer Service 5:30pm February 26th
- Next Class March 8th at 3:30pm-5:30pm

## CONFIRMATION CLASS (HC)

Final Confirmation Class takes place

Sunday, March 8 or Wednesday, March 11.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (HC)

Join the Knights as we begin our Annual Fish Fry dinners in the Parish Hall every Friday during Lent. Meals begin at 4 pm and run through 7 pm. Please see the insert as to the menu and prices.

## RECONCILIATION (HC)

Holy Cross will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Friday during Lent starting at 5:30 pm. Use this time to prepare yourself for Lent.

## LENTEN TALKS (HC)

In lieu of the weekly Lenten talks that we have offered in the past, this year we will be having a Parish Mission. This will take place Monday, March 9 thru Thursday, March 12, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Church. The topic will be "The Parable of the Lost Son" presented by Deacon Phil Belt. Babysitting will be available if requested in advance. Food and fellowship will follow immediately after. Make plans now to attend this Lenten Mission.

## MEN'S CONFERENCE (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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

- Classes for Religious Ed are from 9:40 am to 10:50 am in classrooms.

## 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.

## 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.

Join us for our next breakfast on March 1

## MRS. POLLITT'S PONDERINGS

*Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.*  
*Thomas Merton*

Driving around a college campus can be daunting for a driver who is not at all sure where the destination is actually located. College campuses ramble...one building doesn't look too much different from its neighbor. And there never appears too much rhyme or reason as to the placement of signage. Or at least these were my observations and thoughts as I drove around the campus of Delaware State University one recent Saturday morning. I visit the university once each year. I have never committed to memory the layout of the campus. Once I learned from Mrs. Benini where I was supposed to be, I launched an all-out search for the university library. Ahh! Success! But now, where to park.....

With all my dilemmas solved, I quickly made my way to the Delaware Regional Scholastic Art and Writing exhibit. I was so excited to see the exhibit this year because HCS was very well represented by our four Gold Key Award winners. Additionally, a HC alumna was handsomely featured by the display of two of her Gold Art portfolios. Attending this annual exhibit always makes for a delightful morning. To view the art work produced by such richly talented young artists truly fills the observer with awe. The personality, emotions and individual perspectives of the young artists that are poured into the creations hanging on the walls before me or expertly placed on display truly renders one speechless.

And so it was as I stood in front of a glass display case backed with mirrored glass examining what was once an ordinary pair of gray Crocs, now bedazzling and resplendent with copious multicolored gems that I heard a voice alongside of me saying, "well Mrs. Pollitt...I see you found your way." I responded to Mrs. Benini by saying that I had first spied Reagan's creation as soon as I walked in the door. It was most surreal—at that very second I lifted my eyes away from the gemified Crocs, there was Reagan in the mirrored backdrop of the display case. Turning around, greeting she and her mother, we had a brief conversation about Reagan's Gold Key submission in the Fashion Design category entitled From the Operation Table to the Red Carpet. Reagan had designed and created a formal gown of the drapery material found in hospital operating rooms. A beautiful gown fit for the runway

was an original approach to recycling spent materials.

Making my way throughout the exhibit I came upon a sculptured design submitted by Sophie A. entitled The Walls Between Us. Sophie used clay materials to mold two figures on opposite sides of a wall representing emotional suffering and human conflict. It is an uncomplicated design packing a powerful message. Several steps to my right, I came upon another sculptured rendering of conflict; this piece depicting a different form of conflict, however. Katie's piece centered more on personal and internal conflict. Entitled Juggling Priorities, Katie's sculpture was of a figure centered in a wooden hexagonal form, surrounded by symbols suspended from the sides of the hexagon. The symbols represented that which tugs within the heart and mind throughout adolescent life, and the difficult choices between them. Continuing my stroll through the exhibit, I realized I had missed seeing the work of Sophia H. I knew I'd find it eventually, but first I wanted to make another stop at the two walls dedicated to Miss Sara Paulish, our HC alumna. It was Mrs. Benini who may well have been the first to recognize and cultivate the gifts she recognized in Sara during her years in middle school. Sara is a previous Gold Key Award winner as a middle schooler here at HC. As a student at SHS, her talent has continued to soar. Sara has been nominated for an American Vision Award and her work will be taken for exhibition at the National level in Washington DC. Other various and sundry awards were presented to Sara at the ceremony following the close of the exhibit. She later shared with me that she has been accepted for admission by some of the most prominent Art schools in the country. On behalf of Holy Cross School, I wish our gifted young alumna Godspeed.

Happening across Mrs. Benini, I mentioned that I had not yet seen Sophia's work. Located not too far from Sara's display, I found Earth's Bloom to Earth's Doom. A poignant piece sculpted to represent the waste that clogs and pollutes our planetary waterways and landscapes with half of the globe depicted in its natural coloration of blue and green while the other half was molded, sadly, of black clay.

Holy Cross School is rich in so many ways. Our students are privileged in the expert tuition of passionate educators. In turn, they discover an individualized passion of their own.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

We recently shared news of our annual Forever-MORE Silent Auction & Gala in this bulletin column, and since then, we have made the decision to postpone the event until April 25, 2020. I'd like to be sure you have the opportunity to see the message we shared with our school community regarding this event, and I'd like to use this as another opportunity to ask you to join us on April 25! Please read on:

*We at STMA ask for your understanding as we announce a rescheduling of our annual ForeverMORE Silent Auction & Gala, originally planned for Saturday, February 22, 2020 now postponed until Saturday, April 25, 2020.*

*We experienced an impressive turnout for our fall Beef & Beer fundraising event, and with hopes to repeat that success, have decided that it is best to move the ForeverMORE Silent Auction & Gala, most recently held in our Refectory, back to the larger venue of the STMA Gymnasium as we have done in years past! This special event and single largest fundraiser of the year takes considerable effort and coordination, and we believe we'll have the greatest results with additional time to plan for our move to the gym. Our team of parent volunteers will happily accept additional help! Contact the school if you'd like to become a member of the planning team. It is our hope that this postponement will also allow us to secure more sponsors for the event, facilitate a change in policy to require ticket sales in advance in order to properly plan for meals and table settings, and to encourage more alumni to commit to joining us for the special alumni-only happy hour.*

*Those who have already purchased tickets: your tickets will be good for the new April 25, 2020 date! If you are unable to join us for the occasion, you'll receive a full refund unless you wish for your ticket purchase to serve as a donation to our cause. Early-bird ticket prices will be extended until April 3, 2020; regular ticket prices will apply from April 4-April 22, 2020; and no tickets will be sold at the door. All tickets must be pre-ordered by contacting the main office 302-697-8100 or by ordering online through our website [www.saintmore.org](http://www.saintmore.org), Facebook Page @SaintThomasMoreAcademy, or through Eventrbite.*

*Furthermore, those who have purchased 50/50 raffle tickets will still be included in the raffle drawing - now occurring at the event on April 25, 2020. This raffle drawing is shaping up to be an exciting one! STma reported that 70 tickets had been sold at the time we announced our date change, and in fact we now stand at almost 90 tickets sold! The lucky raffle winner will enjoy half of the total cash value!*

*We apologize for any inconvenience our change in date may cause, and appreciate your support as we work to deliver the best possible fundraiser for our school.*



**Sponsorships are still available, and will be accepted until April 3, 2020.**

**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

We hope to see you there to celebrate our school?

Yours in Christ

Rachael A. Casey,  
Principal

