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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

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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



**LORD, LET YOUR
MERCY BE ON US,
AS WE PLACE OUR
TRUST IN YOU.**

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)

8 SUNDAY

2nd Sunday Lent

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

9 MONDAY

St. Francis of Rome

HC 11 am, YAH, MT/MK
HC 6:30 pm, Parish Mission, CH

10 TUESDAY

ICC 1 pm, Exercise, hall
ICC 6:30 pm, 1st Comm Prep
HC 6:30 pm, Parish Mission, CH
ICC 7 pm, Juan XXIII, CC

11 WEDNESDAY

HC 6 pm, CCD and Confirmation Mtg., MT/MK
HC 6:30 pm, Parish Mission, CH
ICC, 7 pm Pilgrimage Stations rehearsal, hall
ICC 7 pm, Directiva, basement

12 THURSDAY

ICC, 1 pm, Exercise, Hall
HC 6:30 pm, Parish Mission, CH

13 FRIDAY

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

14 SATURDAY

HC 10 am, Columbiette State Mtg., MT/MK
HC 6 pm, Candy Making, CA
ICC 7 pm Grupo de Oracon, CC

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending February 23

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$30,185	\$28,100	\$2,085
YTD	\$977,841	\$967,400	\$10,441
Needs	\$1,346	\$1,586	(\$240)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending February 23

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,302
Second	\$640

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,

The 1960s TV series “Gilligan’s Island” was a goofy sitcom about seven folks stranded on an uncharted island in the Pacific Ocean: Gilligan, the Skipper, Millionaire Thurston Howell, his wife Lovey, a movie starlet named Ginger Grant, a Professor, and a Kansas farmgirl named Maryann. During the opening credits in the first season, the show theme song sang of each of the island’s castaways – well at least, I should say, it sang about five of the castaways. Notably missing from the theme song was any reference to the Professor and Mary Ann. The theme song’s lyrics identified the crew this way: “Gilligan, the Skipper too, the Millionaire, and his wife, the movie star... and the rest, here on Gilligan’s Island” Talk about no respect! There are only seven characters in the cast, and your two characters are relegated to being known as “the rest.” Does it get any worse than this: being disrespected by a sitcom like “Gilligan’s Island.” As Rodney Dangerfield might say, they got “no respect, at all.”

Passionate Players. Well, there is similar problem when we talk about and examine the story of Christ’s Passion. In addition to Christ, we tend to focus on his Apostles, Pontius Pilate, Judas, etc., and sometimes overlook some other folks in the story of the Passion. We start to just think of them as “the rest” of the folks in the greatest story ever told. But we shouldn’t! These “other” folks should not be forgotten, they played a part in the moment in salvation history. This column will highlight some of “the rest” of the persons we encounter in the telling of Christ’s Passion.

So, let’s step into the Wayback Machine, set the dial for the first century, and find out who some of these other folks are.

Malchus: Ear Today, Gone Tomorrow. Malchus, whose name literally means king, was the servant of the High Priest Caiaphas who arrived with the authorities, when Judas betrayed Jesus. As they were seeking to arrest Jesus, St. Peter, who was brandishing a sword, cut off the ear of Malchus to stop him from engaging in the arrest of Christ. Jesus rebuked Peter’s actions saying, “Stop, no more of this!” Then he healed Malchus’ ear. This marks the last miracle of Christ before being crucified. Interestingly, only in the Gospel of St. Luke – who was a physician – does Malchus’ ear get healed. The sword that St. Peter use to cut off Malchus’ ear has been preserved and is on display in a museum owned by the Archdiocese of Poznan in Poland.

Longinus: Lance Corporal. St. Longinus is the name ascribed to the Roman Centurion who thrust his lance into the side of Christ, creating a fifth wound, from which blood and water flowed. Tradition has it that Longinus was blind and that the drops of Christ’s blood that fell on his face cured his blindness. Scripture tells us that this centurion, standing at the side of the cross, proclaimed about Christ, “Truly, this was the Son of God.”

Thick as Thieves: Dismas and Gestas. St. Dismas (a.k.a., the Good Thief) was one of two thieves crucified alongside of Christ. The ancient writing, the Acts of Pilate tells us that St. Dismas was crucified at Christ’s right-hand side. He is the thief that sought Christ’s intercession. After castigating the other thief, named Gestas (whose

name means “one who complains”), for his arrogance towards and mocking of Jesus, St. Dismas said to Christ, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus replied: “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” The Catholic Church identifies March 25 as the feast day of St. Dismas. An ancient tradition holds that when Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt with Jesus soon after his birth, two thieves set out to rob them, but one thief (Dismas) relented and convinced the other (Gestas), by bribing him with forty drachmas (Greek money), to let the Holy Family pass through the land safely. Mary then tells St. Dismas that Jesus, her son, will one day forgive his sins. Of note, St. Dismas is the last person Jesus converses with before dying.

Bury Good: Joseph of Arimathea. St. Luke calls Joseph of Arimathea “virtuous and righteous” – and indeed he was. St. Matthew informs us that he was a rich man. Now, Joseph came from the town of Arimathea in Judea. Undoubtedly, Joseph was around during the crucifixion of Christ; and after it was over, he asked the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, for the body of Christ. Why? Because he sought to give Christ a proper burial (and with the help of Nicodemus and some of the women of Jerusalem, he did just that). This might sound like a simple kind deed, but it was a powerful act. Why? Joseph risked touching the body of the deceased Jesus, which under Mosaic Law, would lay on him the status uncleanness for seven days. But Joseph did what he needed to do, and laid Christ in a tomb that he had made himself. Ironically, Joseph was actually a member of the Sanhedrin, the Council that the evening before had convicted Jesus. One tradition says that after the death of Christ, the Apostle Philip sent Joseph of Arimathea to Britain to make known the message of Christ. It is there that he built a Church – the first church building in England – soon after arriving.

Lifting the Veil on St. Veronica. We’re probably all familiar with St. Veronica; we see her at the sixth Station of the Cross, wiping the bloodied and sweaty face of our Savior with a cloth. Who was she? One origin cites her as the wife of Zacchaeus. Another origin identifies her as the woman (in Luke 8:43-48) who had suffered from hemorrhages for twelve years and was cured when she touched the garment of Christ. The name Veronica can be ascribed to having its origin in the words “vero” (Latin for “true”) and “icon” (Greek for “image”); this name was premised on the tradition that the true image of Christ’s face was imprinted on the cloth. That cloth, known as the “Veil of Veronica,” was destroyed during the sacking of Rome by troops of the Holy Roman Emperor in 1527. Pope Urban VIII prohibited any replicas of the Veil from being made.

Continued in next week’s bulletin.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini
Pastor



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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.

SCIENCE OF SAINTHOOD (HC)

Do you want to get to heaven? The souls in heaven are saints and we are all called to sainthood. Join us Tuesday mornings during Lent, started 3/3 through 4/14, for Matthew Leonard's "The Science of Sainthood." We will meet from 8:45-9:45 am in the Luke room in the ELC. Great also for those seeking spiritual direction. For more information, you can contact Carol Bugglin at 674-3525.

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. 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. 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED (HC)

Condolences to the families of our recently deceased: *Joseph Burns*
May the Souls of the Faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

READINGS FOR MARCH 15

3RD SUNDAY LENT

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:3-7

The Israelites, dying of thirst in the desert, begin to doubt God's love for them. At God's command, Moses strikes the rock with his staff. Out gushes water.

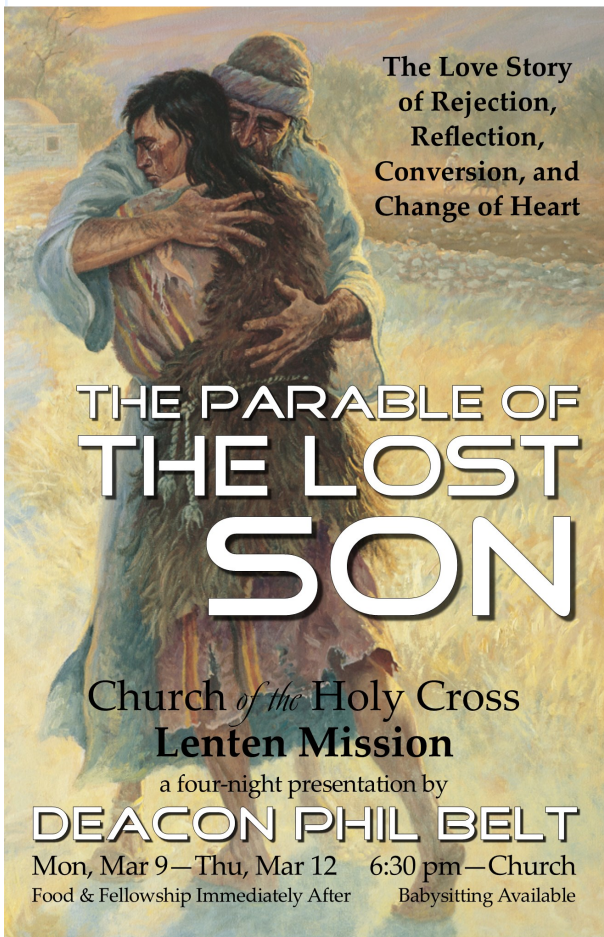
SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8

God's love is overflowing: that is why Christ came to save us, and not because we deserved it. Trusting in God's love, we face the future with hope.

GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

The conversion of Samaria begins when Jesus stops by a well, where he meets a woman coming to draw water. She gives him a drink; he, in turn, offers her the living water of God's Spirit.

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

MEN'S CONFERENCE (HC)

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF DEL-MARVA'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 CMFDel-marva@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

LAYMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

In this day of frantic hustling, when the pace can be almost too much to bear, there is a place where a weekend can be quiet, peaceful, rich, and fulfilling. Think about it. The annual Archbishop Fitzmaurice Group weekend retreat is April 24-26, 2020 at beautiful St Joseph's-in-the-Hills, Malvern, Pa. For more information, please visit our web site at www.malvernretreat.com or call Deacon Bob McMullen@ 697-9714 or Don Crews@674-0944.

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY/MARCH

9 MONDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8:00 am
12:10 pm

George Schofield
Ward Hitch
Cassandra Cooney

10 TUESDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8:00 am
HC 12:10 pm

Pete Pizzadili (LI)
James B. Lynch
Dec Mem. Perchin Family

11 WEDNESDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8:15 am
HC 12:10 pm

Tancredi "al" Rucci
HCS volunteers living and deceased
Gabriele Maddalena

12 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8:00 am
HC 12:10 pm
ICC 7 pm

John Deighton
Arthur E. Luba
Earl Francis
For the People

13 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8:00 am
HC 12:10 pm

Eugene Belt
Frances Harvey
Robert Herrera

14 SATURDAY

HC 8 am
HC 5 pm

Hans Crews
Nicholas & Anna Redano

15 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am
ICC 8:30 am
HC 9:15 am
HC 11 am
ICC 11 am
HC 1 pm
ICC 1 pm
HC 6 pm

Eugene Belt
Sister Winifred Ann Tormey
Charles M. Stump
Gertrude Trojan
Vittorio Cristiano
Maya Feliu
For the People
Janice Coyle

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

TABERNACLE & SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS (MAR 8—MAR 14)

HC Adoration Chapel Ward Hitch
HC Church Robert J. Gore

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS AVAILABLE (HC)

Contact JoAnn Pate 302-674-4496 for one of the hours listed below. Lent would be the PERFECT time to start visiting the Adoration Chapel. Stop by to spend some time with our Lord. Visitors are always welcome.

SUNDAY 11 am, 11 pm

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 5 am, 5 pm, 11 pm

THURSDAY 7 am, 11 pm

FRIDAY 6 am, 10 pm

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

MASS MINISTERS

MAR 14/15

HOLY CROSS			
	EMHC	SERVERS	
5:00 PM	F. Ernst S. Coghlan L. Accalagoon M. Hitch A> Hunter T. Dupuis	B. Holmes M Casey R. Coppadge V. Pearl F. Hettinger	G. Coyle J. Tinger D. Song LECTORS H. Showell L. Christiansen
7:30 AM	S. Hands P. Sheldon D. Marthaler	J. Salamone M. Bailey T. Walsh	A. Szell R. Kovaric S. Kovaric LECTORS D. Kilby E. Outten
9:15 AM	B. Holmes S. Lascano S. Ford P. Ford M. MacLeish M. Sossich	A. Hlafka T. Arndt R. Wiley M. Malloy L. Olmsted	N. Ramos R. Poliquin E. Wadhams LECTORS K. Meire P. Jones
11:00 AM	P. Johnson N. West B. Whitworth D. McGinnis F. Deeney M. Miller	P. Huffman M. Rogers R. Seliga B. Richards G. Richards	C. Cannon J. Novack J. Novack LECTORS C. Barnes P. McCall
1:00 PM	M. Ramirez C. Valdes A. Luna	T. Hernandez E. Pastoriza	C. Cortex M. Luna LECTORS F. Mendoza M. Neyra
6:00 PM	V. Balcerak D. Balcerak L. Darling D. Darling R. Kosier	K. Boyer R. Bracy R. Katcher R. Katcher K. O'Neill T. Steir	A. Payus L. Payus C. Darling LECTORS TBD
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION			
8:30 AM	C. Torney	M. Plucenik	A. Locke LECTORS J. Tormey, Jr.
11:00 AM	B. Vanvessan	J. Carrow	V. Haas J. Santizo LECTORS S. Tucker
1:00 PM	L. Tomas H. Macario F. Perez	R. Cuuin S. Morales	M. Gabriel J. Godinez LECTORS C. Gonzalez L. 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. 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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

The Irish Society of Delmarva will hold their annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Fraizer's Restaurant, 9 E. Loockerman Street, Dover, DE. This event is from 6-11 pm. and includes a Corn Beef, Bangers and Cabbage Dinner 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 per Family, del All of this fun for only \$35.00 per person. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact Robin Engstenberg at 302-674-4834.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, March 14th, tune in to learn about Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl program to help the needy around the world when Mr. Chris West will be the guest. After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum.

COLLECTION COUNTERS (ICC)

Mar 15 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Mar 22 Ann Lawson & Lulia Moore

Mar 29 Frank & Joyce Cristiano

CHURCH CLEANING CREW (ICC)

MARZO 12, 2020 GRUPO #4

Marinda Escalante, Elias Gonzalez, Alfonso Perez, Oscar Roblero, Edgar Velasquez, Rubelina Ortiz

MARZO 19 2020 GRUPO #5

Olegario Cuin, Enma Rojas, **Egidio Macario**, Gerardo Escalante, Leticia Ortiz

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

If interested, please register during coffee and doughnut time on Sundays in parish hall, or contact Keith DeFrancesco at 302-382-9878.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

Important notice

CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP. The clean-up is scheduled for March 9th and includes ALL Christmas decorations. Please remove items you wish to retain. Your cooperation is appreciated.

HOLY CROSS CYM SOCCER (HC)

Information to register is available in the parish Office. Forms were emailed out to previous players also.

SAMARITAN NEEDS (HC)

The Samaritan Food Pantry is collecting items to help with our Easter Baskets that will be given away to needy families this Easter. The items that are being requested are:

- HAMS 6, 8, 10, or 12 pounds
- Whole Chickens
- Pineapple Rings, Sweet Potatoes/Yams
- Canned Fruit
- Peas, Corn Green Beans, Mac and Cheese
- Rice, 1-2 pound bags
- Desert (Brownies)

Please leave perishable items in the freezer by the Samaritan pick up door and non perishable items can be left in the bins in the lobby of the Gathering Space. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SODALITY (HC)

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 8, at 12:30 pm on the second floor of the ELC building.

- Los ensayos para la dramatización de la Vías Crucis serán todos los miércoles, 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 Concepción.
- 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.
- 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.
- El retiro de las quinceañeras es el sábado, 2 de mayo, en el monasterio de Santa Veronica en Wilmington. Saldremos a las 6:30 de la mañana en punto. Pueden ir adolescentes entre las edades de 14 a 17 años. Para más información llame a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano al 302-674-5787 ext. 118 o al 410-482-7687.

- Estamos pidiendo su colaboración en las semanas de la Cuaresma le pedimos que si pueden donar productos enlatados, productos secos, Maseca, arroz, pasta, frijoles, para postres. Lo pueden traer los domingos a la misa y habrá una caja donde pueden dejarlos.
- 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.
- La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul Parroquia La Inmaculada Concepción, Marydel. Esta recolectando: Jabón para lavarse las manos, jabón para bañarse, toallas de papel, servilletas de papel kleenex, detergente para lavar, cepillo de dientes y pasta dental. Crema o locion para evitar la piel seca. Una maquinilla de afeitar, cepillo para el cabello, peine, champú, desodorante Papel de baño. Tráigalo los domingos a misa y deposítalo en la caja
- Te desafiamos durante este tiempo de CUARESMA a traer uno de estos artículos como limosna durante los próximos 5 domingos, 8, 15, 22, 29 de marzo y 5 de abril.
- Por favor traiga a su salón de clases los próximos 5 domingos y ponga en la canasta para San Vicente de Paul.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

REGULAR CCD CLASSES

Wednesday Classes

- Next Class March 11. at 6 to 7:30 pm.

Sunday Classes

- Next Class March 8th at 3:30pm—5:30 pm.
- Next class March 22nd at 3:30 pm—5:30 pm.

CONFIRMATION CLASS (HC)

Final Confirmation Class

Sunday, March 8 at 3:30 pm or Wednesday, March 11 at 6 pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (HC)

Saturday, March 14 from 6-7:30 pm in school cafeteria- making candy to place in Samaritan baskets for Easter. Help needed - bring a friend.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (HC)

Saturday, March 21 6-7:30 pm we will be helping in the food pantry. We will meet in the lobby of church.

CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION (HC)

Rehearsal Thursday evening, March 26 at 6 pm. We will meet in the Parish Hall.

PLEASE be prompt. Sponsors and candidates welcome for pasta dinner at 5 pm in hall. Please join us for social time before rehearsal.

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 for more information.



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS (ICC)

The next meeting Tues, March 10, at 7 pm 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

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, March 10, 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.

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

FAITH FORMATION (ICC)

- There are Lenten Reflection/Meditation Booklets in the vestibule of the Church, please help yourself for this part of your Lenten journey.
- Rice Bowls are in the vestibule, please take one and help Catholic Relief Services this year.

SRE REGISTRATIONS (ICC)

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 school year are available at the desk of Mrs. Alicia in the hall during SRE. We would like to have all registered for next year to plan for materials, classrooms and teachers. Please return registrations to Ms. Alicia or office.

Fees are as follows: \$40 per child, not to exceed \$150 per family. This is to defray all costs of books, materials, and supplies.

LAS MATRICULAS: para nuestro programa de formación cristiana de niños en domingo están todavía disponibles en el despacho parroquial, en la entrada principal del templo, y en el internet. Favor de someterlas en lo más pronto posible, con la cobra de \$40 por cada niño, y no más de \$150 cada familia.

VIDEO/STUDY BOOK SERIES (ICC)

ICC is offering a video/study book series once again, for 10 Sessions that extend to approximately a 12 week time frame. "Symbolon": The Catholic Faith Explained-Knowing the Faith. If you are interested, please contact Alicia Poppiti to register. The cost is \$25 for Part 1 and registration is necessary in order to have your participant guide. We will begin on Monday the 16th of March. Part 1 will span from March 16 until the end of June. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me. 410-482-8939.

1,500,000,000 (one billion five hundred million) results in 0.74 seconds. As much as I love numbers and the infinite ways that they affect our lives, even this one boggles my mind. In just a hair under three fourths of one second, I have been given 1,500,000,000 opportunities and descriptive websites, for researching the concept of volunteerism throughout the world.

I'd be willing to go out on the proverbial limb and say that volunteerism accounts for several of the vital vertebrae in the backbone of America. It wasn't until I moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland that I became familiar with the very notion of a volunteer firefighter. Living and growing up in a big municipality all of the firefighters were paid employees of the city! And, so were the members of the ambulance crews!! I am so very grateful to the men and women who volunteer and dedicate their lives to emergency response. They are highly trained experts of tending to the desperate needs of those in crisis. A tip of the hat to Holy Cross seventh grade teacher, Mr. Dan Jones, a long-time volunteer firefighter and EMT; and those like him who contribute to those in need without any expectation of recompense. Our Superintendent of Catholic Schools has said many times that we shouldn't feel a need to reward the student when s/he has committed an act of kindness or service. Gratification and personal satisfaction in doing good is its own reward.

Google is the place for the Who, What, Where, How, and Why behind volunteering. I can't even begin to list the opportunities available just in Dover; let alone Delaware. Believe me when I say that it is a global concept and has been since the dawn of time. The thing with volunteering however is the time investment. Do we have the time to volunteer? As for me, that has long been my intent...in my retirement years.

I'm sure that when the town fire whistle blows at 3 am, it's a hard push to respond. For the youth who volunteer for the Catholic Heart Work Camp and find themselves pulling weeds, painting a fence, or mowing a lawn under the boiling hot summer sun, the whole idea of volunteering might trigger a second thought. At the heart of the volunteer IS their heart; and the willingness to sacrifice for the benefit of another.

I was in conversation with Dr. Costa the other morning following the weekend of the annual Father-Daughter dance. Once again, the dance was a lovely affair. But it would never have happened without volunteer moms. It was the volunteer moms who set the venue, who made all the phone calls, who manned the registration table, and who cleaned up. Some of these "generous with their time moms" don't

have daughters, but felt a need and willingness to share and to insure the success of the event....and (sadly) there were no others. The moms sort of devised a schedule between themselves so one or two could go home to tend to the home front; one of them even went home to get her own broom to sweep the floor of the hall!

We are grateful to our volunteers....the ladies (...and Mr. Holtom) who volunteer in the cafeteria, the ladies who stuff Communicator envelopes, our moms who volunteered to read in third grade during the I Love to Read month of February, those who take a day away from work to chaperone a field trip, to our HSA moms, and to those who have told me that "if there is anything I can do, don't ever hesitate to ask." We have embarked upon the liturgical season of sacrifice, and isn't it just a little coincidental that the month of April, National Volunteer Month falls during this time of sacrifice? I might suggest that in Lent this year we examine our hearts to see where we might be led to give of ourselves for the benefit of others. If you Google short term volunteer opportunities near me (374,000,000 results in .84 seconds) you'll find volunteer availabilities at BayHealth, The Shepherd Place, Animal Rescue services, Habitat for Humanity. Honestly, the list is endless, but my strongest suggestion is Holy Cross School.

HCS is in need of school parents who can lend time to our Home School Association for the 2020-2021 SY. Examine your heart....might this be you? Can you and I discuss the possibility? If the HSA is not for you; perhaps a one-time stint for a one-time event? Maybe you could assist Mrs. Williams in setting up or breaking down the Book Fair?? Perhaps you might lend a helpful hand to our two volunteer dads, Mr. Sills and Mr. Allen in coordinating the upcoming Father-Son camping trip?? And how about the Mother-Daughter Tea? This is a lovely afternoon for mom and her daughter(s). Tip the pinkies up....no styrofoam cups here!

Lent...a perfect time for self-reflection and making a commitment to volunteerism. Thank you to our volunteers.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

One of the most obvious ways STMA has lived out our Catholic faith is through weekly celebration of liturgy with the full student body. What an environment to go to school and work in, knowing that we make time to worship God, pray as a community, and receive the sacrament of the Eucharist as a measure of regular business!

We owe much thanks to the students of the Campus Ministry program for their dedication to leading our weekly Masses. In their own words, our Liturgical Choir leaders Senior Jessica Churchman and Margaret Kosior explain their role:

Liturgical Choir is one of the many unique facets of the Campus Ministry program at Saint Thomas More Academy. Each Friday, our school gathers for weekly Mass in our chapel where the Liturgical Choir leads worship through song. We are proud that Saint Thomas More was the first high school in the Diocese to celebrate a weekly Mass! Gathering together every week as a whole school community truly gives us our family feel and creates a safe space for us to become closer to Jesus.

As leaders of Liturgical Choir, we are responsible for picking out hymns based on the daily readings and rehearsing with the choir members every Tuesday. Being in Liturgical Choir has deepened my understanding of many Bible passages because I learned to read not just for content, but for underlying themes like faith and trust in the Lord. Singing in Mass is like praying, in a way. Liturgical Choir is just another way to deepen our faith connection.

Liturgical Choir does more than just serve Saint Thomas More as a school — we serve the community as well. Throughout the year, the Liturgical Choir is asked to sing at various special events. In the past we have sung at the Rosary Pilgrimage, the Administrators Mass at the beginning of the school year, and the Circle of Honor Mass at Holy Cross. Liturgical Choir loves singing with the Holy Cross Choir because many Saint Thomas More students used to go to Holy Cross School. (pictured below at the opening Mass of Catholic Schools Week)



Our sacristans and altar servers faithfully fulfill their duties and serve as a wonderful model of faith in action for their fellow students, too. The USCCB explains their role: "Servers carry the cross, the processional candles, hold the book for the priest celebrant when he is not at the altar, carry the incense and censer, present the bread, wine, and water to the priest during the preparation of the gifts or assist him when he receives the gifts from the people, wash the hands of the priest, assist the priest celebrant and deacon as necessary [...] Servers respond to the prayers and dialogues of the priest along with the congregation. They also join in singing the hymns and



other chants of the liturgy." Along with them, students take leadership in presenting the gifts and as lectors.



In this season of Lent, and as we all contemplate the importance of belonging to a Catholic community, I ask you to join me

in thanking and acknowledging our student Campus Ministers, and all those who serve in ministry in our parishes of Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception. God bless you for your work!



Yours in Christ

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