



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

April 3, 2022

5th Sunday Lent

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

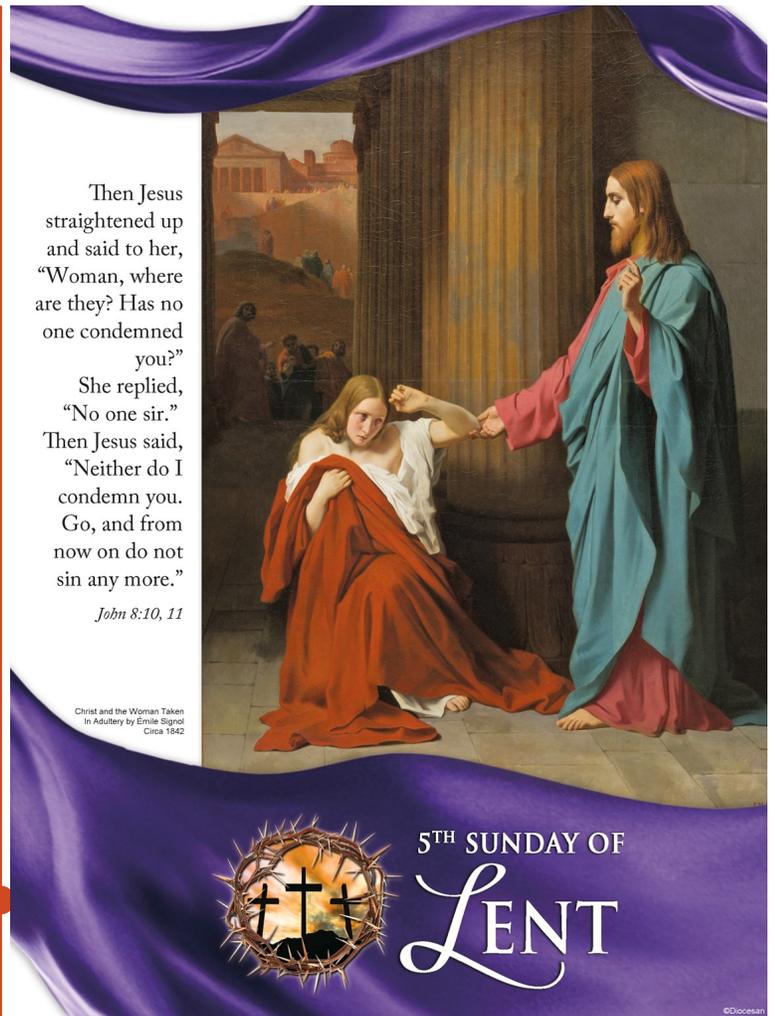
Monday-Saturday, 8 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day,
MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,
Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am—9 pm



Then Jesus
straightened up
and said to her,
“Woman, where
are they? Has no
one condemned
you?”

She replied,
“No one sir.”
Then Jesus said,
“Neither do I
condemn you.
Go, and from
now on do not
sin any more.”

John 8:10, 11

Christ and the Woman Taken
in Adultery by Emilie Signol
Circa 1842

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 9:30 am
Thursday, 6:30 pm

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 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.

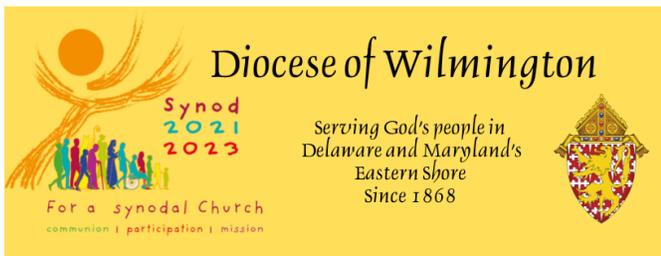
Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

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.

SYNOD 2021-2023

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local and parish communities of faith. He and Bishop Koenig would like to know what you think we are doing well and what we need to improve here at Holy Cross to help make our parishes better. The way he has proposed doing this is a synodal process. Holy Cross will have a Listening Session on Sunday, May 1, 2022 from 3 PM - to 6:00 PM in the parish Hall. If you are interested you need to register at Holy Cross website using the following link. Please complete the form once you sign in.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/CDOW1/HolyCrossParishSynodListeningSessionRegistrationForm>



WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

March 20, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$27,721	\$26,000	\$1,721
YTD	\$997,721	\$988,200	\$9,521
Needs	\$1,296	\$1,480	(\$184)
Ukraine Relief	\$13,329		

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending March 20, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$5,346
2nd collection	\$269

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Dear Parishioners,

Did you ever have a piggy bank? The answer, most probably, is yes. Did you ever wonder what the connection between a pig and a place to keep money is? Well, yes, we speak about “pork barrel spending” in Washington, but that phraseology came long after piggy banks existed. The actual connection goes back to a homophonic misunderstanding of a word from hundreds of years ago. Way back when, about 500-600 years ago, it was common for folks to keep their money (usually coinage) in a small clay kitchen jars. These jars, for the average person, were not made of porcelain or metal – those materials were too expensive. Rather they were made of an inexpensive orange colored clay found in Europe called pygg (pronounced “pug”) clay. Over time, it started being pronounced “pig” clay.

At the same time, and over centuries, hogs that wallowed in mud got covered that in that orangey soft pygg clay, began being called “pigs.”

What’s the Pig Idea? Into the kitchen blender of history, and over centuries, these two “pygg” connections got pureed together... and what happened? Well, the clay (pygg) and the animal called pig (or pigge, in pre-20th century English) came to be pronounced the same. While the term “pygg jars” was still used, most people forgot that the term “pygg” actually referred to clay. So, when English potters in the 19th and early 20th century had people ask for “pygg jars” or “pygg banks” to hold their coins, some potters began making jars and banks shaped like pigs. Yada, yada, yada, today we have piggy banks.

Get a Clue. Likewise, in Greek mythology, when King Theseus found himself trapped in a labyrinth, he escaped using a ball of yarn which was, back in those days, called a ‘clew.’ King Theseus used the yarn (the clew) to track his path so he could follow it back again if he got lost. From that word (clew), with a change of spelling, we get the word “clue” which helps us to unravel (solve) mysteries. Just as a clew solved a puzzling maze for King Theseus, so, too, today, a clue helps us solve puzzles and mysteries today. And that’s the true origin of the word “clue” – I’m not just spinning a yarn!

Passiontide. This weekend begins the period of Lent traditionally called “Passiontide” – a part of the Season that draws us close to the coming Passion of the Lord. Most everyone knows what the Passion of the Lord, but what is Passiontide? When we hear the word “Passiontide” I might imagine that that suffix “tide” may be a trifle confusing. I mean, we have high tide, low tide, red tide, and ebb tide; we know that sometimes the tide is running against us, we have to turn the tide, or that a rising tide raises all boats. But all that

tide-talk has to do with water and waves. So, what the heck is “Passiontide” – I mean, we know what the Passion is, but – to paraphrase a 1984 Tina Turner hit – “what’s tide got to do with it?”

Time and Tide. Just as with the “pygg” and “pig” confusion, I began with, a similar linguistic confusion occurred with the word “tide.” “Time and tide wait for no man,” so the saying goes. Most people hearing this phrase, at first blush, will assume it refers to (A) time and (B) the ebb and flow of the tides of the ocean. That assumption would be wrong. You see, “time and tide” refers actually to (A) time (daily time) and (B) seasons. The old-fashioned term for a season is “tide” – hence at Christmastime, we talk about “Yuletide” (Christmas season). Christ, in olden English, was described as the Prince of Tides (meaning Prince of [all the] Seasons); from this appellation for Jesus, a fairly jejune movie (“The Prince of Tides”) was named in the 1990s.

A Wave of Tides. Now, in the Catholic Church there are many “Tides” – and I don’t just mean the laundry detergent that we might use in the rectory or waters that broke upon the shore line in “From Here to Eternity.” I mean “tide” in the sense of seasons. For much of the past millennium, up until late 20th century changes of the Church’s Calendar, we commonly referred to key periods of the Church year with suffix -tide tacked on. For example, Christmastide (which became Christmastime), and Eastertide (a.k.a. Paschaltide). Likewise there were Trinitytide (right after Pentecost), Ascensiontide (the weeks leading to and from Ascension Thursday), and Assumptiontide (the week leading to and from the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Now, there is nothing wrong with still referring to these periods by these names, it is just not part of common parlance as much as it once was.

The Tide is High Nigh. Now, let’s make our way back to this Fifth Sunday of Lent. To wit, on the topic of “tides,” this week in the Catholic Church, we begin the period of what used to be called “Passiontide.” Passiontide is that part of the Season of Lent that starts on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, leads us to (and through) Palm Sunday and continues through the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week. It is a time (or tide) when we are called to reflect on the Passion of Christ. Since 1970, a tide of change has come to the period of “Passiontide”.

- Back in the day, Passiontide begins on the 5th Sunday of Lent, that day used to be cele-

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mano Salla	Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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holycrossover.org/school

Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for an in-person or virtual experience getting closer to your spouse? Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! There will be an in-person weekend in Wildwood, NJ

May 13-15, 2022. Many more options for virtual events can be found on our website www.wvme-delmar.org. For additional information please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following who recently registered with the parish.

- *Ronald and Helga LaSana*
- *Jason, Mary, Emily, Melanie and Darren Czech*
- *Joseph, Michaela and Luca Salerni*

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newest baptized member:

- *Zoe Leilani Gonzalez Benitez*

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences to the families of

- *Esther LaSana*
- *Charlie Thomas Smisson, Jr.*

who recently passed away.

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

SAMARITANS

Our Samaritan Outreach will prepare Easter Baskets for the needy in our church and area. To do so, we are in need of hams to give to each family. Hams can be left in the freezer inside the Samaritan door located next to the rectory.

We could also use some canned corn or canned green beans. These can be left on the table in the same area or in the entrance area of the church.

READINGS FOR APRIL 10 PALM SUNDAY

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

The suffering servant places his trust in the Lord.

SECOND READING : PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself in obedience, but the Father raised him beyond all others.

GOSPEL: LUKE 22:14—23:56I

Christ's death on the cross reveals the depth of his passion for us.

RECONCILIATION FOR LENT

Holy Cross is offering Reconciliation on Friday evenings at 5:30 pm during Lent. We all will provide our normal Saturday mornings from after the 8 am Mass until 10 am.



We will host our Lenten Deanery Reconciliation Service at Holy Cross on Monday, April 4, at 7 pm with visiting priests.

Holy Cross will also hold a Reconciliation Monday on April 11 from 3 pm to 8 pm with one or two priests only. More details to follow.

Stations of the Cross will take place at HC and ICC at 7 pm on Fridays during Lent.

KOF C FISH FRY (HC)

Our Knights of Columbus will host a Fish Fry every Friday in Lent at Holy Cross. It will be held from 4 pm to 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Take out is also available.

The menu is:

8 April: To be determined based on availability.

Cost is \$10.00 per person, children under 8 free, and families \$25.00. At each dinner tickets for a Lladro figurine of "Pan de Vida" will sell for \$10.00 each or two for \$15.00. Drawing to be held on 8 April at the last Lenten dinner.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

In life and marriage there are bound to be painful times. Jesus joins us in our sorrows. When was the last time your beloved cried? How do you comfort each other?

PARENTING POINTERS

Life can get heavy at times. Take a break from seriousness and lighten your child's day today. Tell a joke, play a practical joke, or let your child's natural silliness lighten your day.

9 GRADES OF PRAYER

Our Spiritual Support Group has resumed again on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. We will meet in the St. Luke's room at the ELC watching and discussing The 9 Grades of Prayer. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL

4 MONDAY HC 8:00 am	Charles and Bridget McGlynn
5 TUESDAY HC 8:00 am	Diana Ellis
6 WEDNESDAY HC 8:00 am	John S. Kowalczyk
7 THURSDAY HC 8:00 am ICC 6:30 pm	Kitty Litrenta (LI) For the People
8 FRIDAY HC 8:00 am HC,ICC 7 pm	Mark Konrad Stations of the Cross
9 SATURDAY HC 8 am HC 5 pm	Don St. Clair Dec. Mem. Haxton & McNail Fam.
10 SUNDAY HC 7:30 am ICC 8:30 am HC 9:30 am ICC 11 am HC 11:30 am ICC 1 pm	Dominic Keane James Ward Ed Furjanic William Schwartz Eric Andrews (LI) For the People

*(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)*

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANA

- Ensayo para la Vía Crucis como parte de uno de los eventos de la peregrinación con nuestro obispo Koenig el sábado, 9 de abril, 2022 2n Wilmington. Sera los miércoles a las 7:00 pm en la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Marydel. 522 Main St. Marydel, MD 21649. Se les pide llegar a tiempo.
- Si usted quiere asistir a la peregrinaciones necesario inscribirse.. El costo del día es de \$15 por persona o \$45 como máximo por familia (familia inmediata)habrá un bus que saldrá de centro comercial en Marydel y es un costo adicional \$ 10,por persona.
- Confirmación para adultos: Si usted es mayor de 18años de edad y no se ha recibido su sacramento de la Confirmación las clases de preparación, empezaran pronto. Habrá Confirmaciones de Adultos Hispano el domingo 10 de Julio. Para más información llame a la oficina de la parroquia al 302-674-5787 ext. 118.
- Cuaresma: Fechas para recordar todos los viernes abstenerse de comer carne, hoy es Domingo de Laetere, mitad de la Cuaresma, el 10 de abril domingo de Ramos Misa a las 11:30 am, lunes 11 de abril misa Crismal, jueves 14 de abril Misa de la Cena del Señor a las 7:00pm y Se les invita a todos a la dramatización de la Pasión de nuestro Señor Jesucristo el Viernes Santo 15 de abril, 2022 en la iglesia a las 9:00 de la noche.
- Si usted no está inscrito en la parroquia por favor hágalo es importante por si necesita una carta
- de recomendación de parte de la parroquia, para asuntos legales o de solicitud de documentos de inmigración tiene que estar registrado en la parroquia y ser un miembro activo de la comunidad parroquial, para poder escribirle la carta.
- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre-bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA ICC

- Todas las clases se reúnen de 9:40 a 10:50 los domingos en las aulas. Por favor es-taciónese , lleve a sus hijos al salón y recójalos frente al salón. Padres, por favor mantengan a sus hijos en casa si están enfermos,

- tienen fiebre o no se sienten bien.
- La Inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 está abierta desde el 1 de marzo de 2022. Las inscripciones se están disponibles a todas las familias. Tiene que inscribir a su hijo cada año Por favor devolver las aplicaciones a Alicia Poppiti antes del 1 de mayo para que podamos estar seguros de tener suficientes maestros y espacio en los salones.
- Preparación para la Primera Comunión: próxima sesión, martes 5 de abril de 2022 de 6:30 p. m. a 7:30 p. m. en el salón. Por favor, se puntual.
- Preparación para la Confirmación de Jóvenes: la próxima sesión será el Retiro el sábado, 2 de abril de 2022 de 9:00 AM -2:00 PM en el salón. Es solamente para los adolescentes candidatos a la Confirmación. Asegúrese de programar los horarios de las entrevistas.
- Peregrinación diocesana: el obispo Koenig invita a jóvenes, adultos jóvenes y familias de todas las parroquias y escuelas a unirse a él nos reunimos para la undécima peregrinación anual el sábado 9 de abril de 2022. Peregrinos de toda la diócesis llevarán la cruz de peregrinación diocesana por las calles de Wilmington con el Obispo como representación de la entrada de Jesús a Jerusalén y su camino el viernes Santo hacia el Calvario.
- El día comienza a las 10 am en la parroquia St. Elizabeth con la oración de apertura y un concierto de The Scally Brothers a las 10:30 am. Concluimos con Misa a las 5pm en St. Elizabeth. No se pierda esta gran oportunidad de concluir su camino de Cuaresma con cientos de compañeros. El costo del día es de \$15 por persona o \$45 como máximo por familia (familia inmediata). Para registrarse, comuníquese con Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939. El transporte en autobús está disponible por orden de llegada por \$ 10, la inscripción de la peregrinación debe llenarse y entregarse. Lleve su almuerzo, bebidas ni refrigerios, y debe traerlos con usted. La inscripción está disponible a través de la Sra. Poppiti y la fecha límite es el 1 de abril de 2022.Inscripciones
- Más información sobre La Escuela Bíblica de Verano la próxima semana será desde el 1-5 de agosto en el salón
- Los niños tienen que inscribirse para poder asistir.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Regular Class: April 10 - 3:30 to 5:30 pm
Next Class: April 24
Contact Tammy Korosec at either
tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302)674-5787
X 122 with questions or concerns

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Edu-
cation? Please contact Tammy Korosec at either
tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787
X 122

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

Last class April 10.
Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF for next
year, please contact Tammy Korosec at either
tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787
X 122

Adult Education (HC) The Bible in a Year Podcast

In English:
Father Mike Schmitz
[https://
media.ascensionpress.com/all-
bible-in-a-year-episodes/](https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/)



In Spanish:
Fray Sergio Serrano
[https://ascensionpress.com/pages/
biy-espanol-registration](https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration)



SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School July 11-15th, 2022
Ages PK4-Grade 4
Registrations accepted after June 1, 2022
Capacity is limited
Volunteers will be needed!



YOUTH AT HOLY CROSS

Work Camp in Dover (HC)
We have a large group of teens and adults who
are traveling to Dover to help our resi-
dents. They will be working June 27 to June
30. If you have projects that they would be
able to assist you with, please contact Linda Dar-
ling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org. Painting,

yard work, organizing, small repairs, cleaning -
whatever you have that you are not able to do
on your own, they would love to help.

Hallow: Catholic Prayer and Meditation
App. hallow.com to check out more about this
prayer and meditation app.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

All classes are meeting from 9:40-10:50am Sundays
in classrooms. Please park, walk your children to
hall, and pick up in front of the hall. Parents,
please keep your children home if they are sick,
have a fever, or they are not feeling well.

Registration for 2022-2023 school year is open up
March 1st, 2022. Registrations are available to all
families. You must register your children each
year. Please return to Alicia Poppiti by May 1st so
that we can be sure to have enough teachers, books,
and space in classrooms.
Last day of class for this school year is May 1st.

Sacraments: (ICC)

1st Communion Prep: next session, Tuesday, April
5th, 2022 at 6:30-7:30pm in the hall. Please be on
time.

Diocesan Pilgrimage: Bishop Koenig 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 9,
2022. 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 10 am at St.
Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert
featuring The Scally Brothers at 10:30 am. We con-
clude with Mass at 5pm at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss
this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten jour-
ney with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day
is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (immediate
family). To register, please contact Alicia Poppiti at
410-482-8939. Bus transportation is available on
first come basis for \$10, and registration is due with
Pilgrimage. Lunch, drinks and snacks are not pro-
vided, and you need to bring with you. Registra-
tion is available through Mrs. Poppiti and deadline
is April 1, 2022.

More information about Vacation Bible School in
next few weeks. **Vacation Bible School at Immacu-
late Conception is from August 1-5, from 6-
8:30pm in the Hall.** Children must be registered to
attend.

Sixteen years of education just isn't enough. The modern-day graduate with a four year degree is barely marketable. It only makes sense that by having an advanced degree in the field of your choice increases the qualifications of the prospective employee.

There are seminars, workshops, college courses, and professional conferences lasting for days at a time that provide doctors, nurses, attorneys, educators, and technicians of all sorts with the opportunity to further hone skills, increase their knowledge base, familiarize themselves with the newest, and greatest breakthrough in their respective vocation.

In Delaware, educators are required to fulfill ninety clock hours of professional development over a five-year period in order to maintain status as a certified teacher. Additionally, there are many opportunities for advanced levels of certification, or specializations in particular subject areas. In a few words, educators are required to increase their knowledge of the newest, most innovative, state of the art approach to the education of the child seated in the classroom. And, rightly so. While the tried and true will always work, the fact of the matter is that the learning needs, the psychological and emotional needs of the student in the 21st century have changed. The 21st century educator has to be prepared for all of it, or at least have a resource to partner with in successfully reaching the learner. A classroom teacher is not a psychologist, a psychologist doesn't teach reading or math, a classroom teacher is not a guidance counselor, and a guidance counselor isn't a resource teacher. We all have our areas of expertise and we work hard to ever increase our knowledge base on behalf of those we have the responsibility for educating.

At HCS our teachers get excited over the prospect of professional development. Over the past two years it has been a difficult task to find in-person opportunities for PD. The online six-hour sessions provided us with an alternative, but oftentimes alternatives pale in comparison to the real-life experience. The availability of the recorded version has provided teachers with the chance to view the online course at their convenience avoiding the need for a substitute in the classroom. Mrs. Benini was very excited about her most recent experience with the online version of the National Art Educators Assn. conference. She was both pleased and impressed by the wide variety of learning opportunities made available for visual arts, design and media arts educator across the globe. The convention actually took place in NYC, but thanks to modern technology, Mrs. Benini was able to enjoy her courses in the comfort of her own home. We are grateful for Title II funding allowing our teachers to take the fullest advantage of mini-courses, college courses, as well as week-long professional conventions in all areas of the curriculum. Title II funding also pays all travel expenses, and accommodations. Perhaps our greatest venture was the 4,357-mile jaunt involving two of our teachers who boarded a plane on the East coast and disembarked in Anchorage, Alaska some seventy hours later. Mrs. Bolton and Mrs. Seeney were all bundled up in their winter finest for professional development in the cross-curricular learning experience focused on the annual Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Fourth grade students love this unit. They especially enjoy tracking the progress of their assigned musher.

We have four teachers traveling to Orlando this summer to participate in a week-long conference called Get Your Teach On! Keynote speakers, workshops, and a multitude of other learning experiences are customized to suit the needs of educators and their particular area of concentration and expertise.

Mrs. Borden and Mrs. Knox just completed a day-long course in teaching methods titled Just In Time: Math Intervention. Mrs. Knox was happy with all the new ideas she came away with and looks forward to implementing them in her classroom.

The five pillars of literacy will be explored as HC teachers participate in PD centered on the Science of Reading. The five areas of focus are Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Comprehension. In my most recent years, as a dyed in the wool Math teacher, firm in my convictions that Math is the reason we come to school, I have learned to concede to the idea that all HC teachers, in addition to being teachers of Religion, are also teachers of Reading. According to research, 35% of 4th graders and 34% of 8th graders are proficient in reading, according to the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Research also tells us that 75% of students who do not read proficiently by third grade end up failing to reach proficiency in future grades. We cannot continue to graduate a nation of poor readers in this country.

In May HCS will complete a day-long session led by Mrs. Alisa Kaczorowski of AK Educational Consultants of Indianapolis. We will participate in a PD session entitled Trauma Informed Social Emotional Training for Schools. As educators, we are acutely aware of our students needs that exceed the boundaries of the curriculum. I said it before, teachers are not psychologists, guidance counselors or therapists, but there is an ever increasing need to bring some of that into the classroom. It's just one more arrow in the quiver, that is the ability to effectively respond to the child for whom we may not have any concerns for their academic learning, but rather how it is impacted by their emotional needs, or perhaps their inability to interact appropriately with their peers.

I have been a Catholic school educator for the whole of my career. I adopted the new ideas and different approaches to Math instruction for as long as I found them effective. Invariably, I would return to what I knew worked best for my students. Today however, student needs are multi-faceted. Their needs stretch far beyond their core subject work. The face of education has drastically changed over the length of my career, and it is our responsibility to equip ourselves the best we can to provide them with what every child has an inherent right to; an education.

brated as “Passion Sunday” (or “1st Sunday of Passiontide”).

- Similarly, back in the day, Palm Sunday, a.k.a. the 6th Sunday of Lent, used to be celebrated as the “2nd Sunday of the Lord’s Passion” (or “2nd Sunday in Passiontide”).
- Currently, Passion Sunday (formerly, the Fifth Sunday of Lent) and Palm Sunday (the Sixth Sunday of Lent) are now conjoined and observed together, on what is called “Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion.”

Passionate Observance. So, how is one to observe this period of Passiontide? Well, Pope St. John Paul II, said in 1995: “With Passiontide almost upon us, let us continue to look to Him who freely laid down his life that He might take it up again.” In other words, let us focus on Christ, along with the events in his life related to His Sacred Passion, made known to us in Scripture and Tradition.

How do we focus on this during this time of the Church year? Well there are several ways we observe this “Passiontide” period:

- Within the body of the Church there is the practice of veiling images, usually in violet cloth. Veiling of Images traditionally, though by no means universally, takes before the first Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent (which is start of Passiontide). Those images by tradition remain veiled, usually with a purple cloth, until Holy Saturday. The veiling of these images may serve focus us more the salvific works of Christ in our redemption. In another sense, it is oft asserted that the statues of saints are veiled to connotate Christ’s sense of being abandoned by his followers. (Fun fact: If Passiontide lands during March, churches have the option to leave the statue of St. Joseph unveiled, as March is deemed “The Month of St. Joseph.”)
- The readings in the Mass place special focus on Christ’s final days and weeks... the tide (time) of his Passion. Perhaps during these final weeks of Lent, we can look ahead in the Missal and take time to reflect on the words of Scripture to be read at Mass. If you would like to look at the readings, especially the Gospel readings, during this period of time, I commend you to go to the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Go to the web address <https://bible.usccb.org> and you can see the daily and Sunday readings in their fullness.
- If you have yet to attend the Stations of the Cross this year, by all means come and pray that devotion during this Passiontide. The Station of the Cross are devoutly prayed and observed each Friday night in Lent (and on Good Friday) at 7pm, at both Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception parishes. Take that time to draw yourself into a time of prayerful reflection on the Passion of our Lord.

Let me, on a final note on Passiontide, commend to you an old hymn in our Catholic faith entitled, *Fulget Crucis mysterium*, (“the mystery of the Cross shines out”). The penultimate verse of that hymn is best reflected upon with eyes focused on the Cross of our Savior. That verse’s words shine forth the hope we are called share in faith amidst this period of Passiontide:

O Cross, all hail! Sole hope, abide

With us now in this Passiontide:

New grace in loving hearts implant

And pardon to the guilty grant!

Blessed Passiontide!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

