



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

June 28, 2020

13th Sunday Ordinary Time

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever does not take up his cross and follow
after me is not worthy of me.”

Matthew 10:38

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.

Check out our websites

holycrossdover.org
iccmaryl.org

- *Read daily reflections by our clergy*
- *Watch Masses from various sources*
- *Find spiritual readings*
- *Read about our latest updates*

Holy Cross Church will be unlocked and available for private prayer beginning Monday, June 1. The doors will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday, 7 am to Noon on Saturdays, and 9 am to 7 pm on Sundays.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm, except on Saturday when it will close at Noon.

While we are not allowing anyone into the parish offices, you can call and leave messages and we will get back to you; or, you can email us.

At this time, there are no baptisms or gatherings of any type. Funerals will be graveside only and limited to 10 persons including clergy.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC) ending June 14

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$12,750	\$27,450	(\$14,700)
YTD	\$1,321,751	\$1,416,100	(\$94,349)
Needs	\$773	\$1,586	(\$813)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC) Ending June 14

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,602
Second	\$80

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."

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time that we cannot gather together at Mass. You can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card. We will call you back. Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Parishioners,

In the last issue of our Parish Magazine, THE LANTERN (<https://pubsecure.lucidpress.com/Lantern9>), in our "Sighted" sections, I highlighted various Catholic churches in far-flung locales across the globe. On the farthest of the far-flung places from which I showed an image of a local Church parish, was the island of Tristan da Cunha. Tristan da Cunha is dubbed "the remotest Island in the world." It is 1,500 miles from the next nearest island, and even further from the next mainland territory. The island is only accessible by boat (a weeklong-plus trip from Cape Town, South Africa), and those boats only go there but a few times a year.

The Magnificent Seven. So, you might wonder, "Who the heck is going to Church on Tristan da Cunha anyway?" Good question. Well, the island is inhabited by about 250-260 or so permanent resident islanders (depending births and deaths, etc.) with English or Italian surnames, and are divided between Anglicans and Catholics. Moreover, the population is from the seven original families who settled the island over two centuries ago. This community is by nature (and necessity) self-sustaining. The island is beautiful, peaceful and untouched the events of the world.

All in the Family. Here's a bummer: You can't move there... in order to live there you must be directly related to one of the seven families (Glass, Green, Hagan, Lavarello, Repetto, Rogers, and Swain). It's tough to visit there, too. The islands legislative council has to vote to approve any visitor to the island. It is a unique place in our world.

How'd the Church Get There? Why all this Tristan da Cunha talk in a Catholic parish bulletin? Because the story of this island also regales us with a wonderful story about the abiding power of faith, especially the Catholic — universal — faith, even in the most remote corner of our world. So, let me share with you how Catholicism got to Tristan da Cunha and the perseverance of one person, now on the road to sainthood, helped.

Hey Abbot! I will turn the story-telling over to Abbot Hugh Allan, a Norbertine Priest who holds the lengthy title: "Apostolic Administrator of the Falkland Islands and Superior of the Ecclesial Mission sui juris of St Helena, Tristan da Cunha and Ascension Island." (Now that's a mouthful). The good Abbot is kinda-sorta like Bishop over this diocese-like territory, and is answerable directly to the Pope. He oversees the Falkland Islands, St. Helena, Ascension Island

and Tristan da Cunha, which form a triangle of sorts of 3,100 miles by 2,263 miles by 4,002 miles, with all traveling done by ship (usually fishing vessels). Here's the story as told by the Abbot:

The main island of Tristan da Cunha prides itself on being the most remote inhabited island in the world. It takes up to two weeks to get there by sea from South Africa.

This gives the Catholic parish of St Joseph's a claim to being the most remote parish on earth. It was thanks to Napoleon that life on the island began. When the defeated emperor was exiled to St Helena, the British sent a garrison to Tristan da Cunha as a precaution against a French attempt to liberate him. Pretty soon the government realised that the French weren't coming, and even if they were, Tristan da Cunha was so far away that they certainly wouldn't come from there. So the garrison was withdrawn. Some of the men stationed there sought leave to remain on the island, and thus the little settlement of Edinburgh of the Seven Seas was born.

The Catholic community on the island began with the arrival of a remarkable woman from Mullingar called Agnes Rogers, remembered today by islanders as Granny Aggie. She came to work as housekeeper for the island's administrator. This devout soul was horrified to find no Catholic church and no sign of a priest ever having visited the island.

She came under enormous pressure to renounce her faith and simply conform to the majority religious practice. She refused and was treated appallingly by the authorities. The prejudice was such that, when food was scarce, she was even denied rations. Eventually, her stubborn love of her faith wore down the opposition and she established a small chapel in her home. The parish was born.

In 1932, Fr. L.H. Barry was the first Catholic priest to visit Tristan (he was Catholic chaplain on HMS Carlisle). Aggie hadn't seen a priest for 23 years. He reported that "She heard Mass and went to the Sacraments, and her joy was great and touching to see." The next recorded visit of a priest was in 1955. He wrote: "On Tristan da Cunha, the world's loneliest island, I heard the first Confession of children too young to remember what a priest looks like. They were better prepared than many of the children who live within sight of city churches.

"Did they do all right?' Agnes Rogers anxiously asked me.

"Yes, Grannie Aggie — God bless you — they did splendidly!"

He added, "Agnes has lived most of her life beyond

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini, V. F. Pastor
 Rev. Idongesit Etim Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Mano Salla Parochial Vicar

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 Mr. Philip Belt Deacon
 Mr. John Harvey Deacon
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the reach of priest and sacrament. Nevertheless, Sunday after Sunday, she tries, humbly, to instill into her kin something of her own simple greatness."

We are now preparing to set Granny Aggie on the path to canonization, but for the islanders she is a saint already.

Today the parish is cared for by three catechists, all descendants of Granny Aggie. A priest visits once a year, normally in September [and stays for a month or more]. This year, however, I visited the parish in January and February. This meant sailing on the good ship Edinburgh, a "fish factory" that can carry 12 passengers wishing to visit the island. The accommodation on this working vessel is small and basic. Getting into my small berth each night was quite a challenge, as I am not exactly petite. And as for the South Atlantic swells, I can assure you that they are anything but swell. The voyage was so bad that I'm pretty sure the captain was considering throwing me overboard, like Jonah. But thankfully we made it.

Tristan da Cunha has a population of 263, just over a third of whom are Catholics. This may seem a small number to travel such great distances to visit, but the kindness and deep faith of the islanders made the long voyage well worthwhile.

The island's motto is "Our faith is our strength". A shining example of this strong faith is the building of their new church in the 1990s. It was a time when the prolonged absence of a priest and other pressures had led to a fall in church attendance. The remaining faithful decided to pray a novena together asking the Lord to bring their families and friends back to the Church. Having done this, they reckoned that when God had answered their prayers they would need a bigger church. So they set about constructing a larger one. Sure enough, numbers increased and the new church was filled.

The islanders' kindness is evident above all in their care for the elderly, who are loved, respected and looked after. When I visited the oldest islander (aged 102) she was so delighted to see a priest that she put her teeth in for the occasion.

Trust and Faith. So, when we consider how the faith spreads and how the Church sustains itself in what might be deemed not the most conducive environment, this story is very much one that should give great hope to all. It should give hope and comfort as to the power of the Catholic faith thriving and growing through the good work and perseverance of the faithful of the Church.

And so for us, as life slowly returns to normal these days, I'm inspired to see the Church bouncing back to life and the *(Continued on page 5)*

returning to God’s house. We may not all be as tough and persevering as “Granny Aggie” — but she is a good exemplar for us to help us trust that Jesus Christ built his Church upon rock and that it will remain strong and sound for ages upon age, saecula saeculorum. Amen!

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Please See Below

NOW FOR SOME KEY POINTS FOR YOU

Me. I want to share with you that this week, I will be going into the hospital for a procedure and will then spend the next 2-3 weeks recuperating. I am letting you know this, because this circumstance will leave the parish short-staffed (more on that below), and that will in turn limit our priestly ministry. Regarding my hospital stay, while I appreciate your prayers and concerns, please do not call the office to ask questions like “whose his doctor,” “what room is he in,” “can I have an update,” or “what procedure is he having” (I reference this because questions like this were actually asked when another priest here was sick a while back). I ask you to respect my privacy. I will try to keep up the Pastor’s Column during my down time, and look forward to seeing all of you in a few weeks.

Fr. Etim. Sadly, I report to you that our beloved Fr. Etim is leaving up to take up the role of Parochial Vicar at St. Francis de Sales in Salisbury. I will truly miss him; he has been a great priest for our parish, a great compatriot to me in priestly ministry, and joyful face for the Catholic faith. He and I got along wonderfully as rectory-mates and friends, and I will certainly miss his presence. I will never forget his “exotic-smelling” cooking in the kitchen (which I kidded him about frequently) or his locking himself out of the rectory many, many times during his first year with us. In next week’s bulletin, I would expect that Fr. Etim will have a note to say his goodbyes to all of you. His date of transfer is July 8.

After Fr. Etim. As of this writing, a replacement for Fr. Etim (though who could replace him), may or may not be forthcoming. As noted above, we are going to be VERY short staffed — especially if that is the case. However, I do think something is in the works to send us assistance.

Fr. Bala. Always staying ahead of a problem, with the help of Fr. Mano, I was able to secure a visiting priest, Fr. Bala, to be with us for July. From India, Fr. Bala has been serving in the Diocese of Superior in Wisconsin recently, and will help us out for a bit as he prepared to return to

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MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE/JULY

29 MONDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8 am	Father’s Day Novena John Dyba
30 TUESDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8 am	Sr. Shirley Ann Boucher Steve Mitchler
1 WEDNESDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8 am	Courtney Finnell (LI) Charles & Helen McLaughlin
2 THURSDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8 am ICC 6 pm	Ana Gloria DeJesus For the People
3 FRIDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8 am	Carmellene Sovinski
4 SATURDAY HC 8 am HC 5 pm	Adam J. Daniel Joan Brophy
5 SUNDAY HC 7:30 am ICC 8:30 am HC 9:30am ICC 11:00 am HC 11:30 am ICC 1 pm	Sylvia Crews Louis Adam Marilyn Gorman Tim Murray Costa Family For the People (LI = LIVING INTENTION)

MASS INTENTIONS

Any intentions listed at a time where we do not have a public Mass, will be honored by the priests as they say their private Masses. On the weekend, the priests will be saying other private Masses to cover all of the intentions that occur on the weekend when we do not have a public Mass. Your loved ones will still be remembered in prayer.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



India. I will not be around to welcome Fr. Bala to the parish personally when he arrives, but I am sure our folks will make him feel welcome. We expect him to arrive around July 1. To be clear: he is not the Fr. Etim replacement, but rather will be here to assist our two parishes in this precarious time. We may well have another Priest from India with us for some time in August, also to assist (more on that in future bulletins).

MASS UPDATE:

We're Back on Sunday! And, there's a new Weekday Schedule (Effective SATURDAY EVENING JUNE 28)

Holy Cross. Okay, here is the news: Sunday Mass is back! We have a modified schedule that will be in effect at least for the month of July.

SUNDAY MASSES (Weekend)

- Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m. (note: no confessions before Mass)
- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m (Spanish)

WEEKDAYS

- Monday thru Saturday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

- Saturday morning 8:45-10:00 a.m.

Immaculate Conception. Sunday Mass is back at ICC, too! We have a modified schedule that will be in effect at least for the month of July.

SUNDAY MASSES

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m (Spanish)

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday, Thursday 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. (English)

CONFESSIONS

- Saturday morning 9:30-11:00 a.m.

The dispensation for the obligation to attend Mass remains in place, thus one can attend any Mass during the week or on Sunday. This will help spread the crowd out over multiple days.

At present, attendees are advised to wear a face covering when inside the Church (those under 13 do not have to wear a covering, and those 2-and-under are advised not to wear a covering). We are, at both Churches, using the skip-a-pew set up used in many Churches. Holy Cross is large enough that even with a crowd of 200+ people can be quite spread out; Immaculate Conception is a much, much smaller Church, though adequate to handle the anticipated attendance numbers with skip-pew set up and distancing.

Hope to see many of you this weekend.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

PRO LIFE CORNER

- During this difficult time of Coronavirus Disease, abortion procedures continue throughout the U.S. and in Dover. Abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood are classified as ESSENTIAL SERVICES! You can save lives in Dover by praying with Holy Cross and other local church groups on Friday mornings from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover or by praying at home. If you pray at Planned Parenthood, please follow Governor Carney’s Social Distancing Guidelines.
- Also, remember to pray for the most vulnerable and seniors who are most susceptible to the Coronavirus

MEN OF HOLY CROSS (NEW HIGH TECH VIDEO-CONFERENCE MEETINGS)

Are you a male between the ages of 18 and 99? Do you wish to learn more about prayer, faith and your vocation? Do you want to become a stronger father, husband or son? Do you want to build lasting friendships with catholic faith minded men? Join the Men of Holy Cross for our weekly meetings: Since the Corona virus and social distancing we have been meeting on Zoom Teleconference and it has been working out great. Just type in or click on the following link and it will automatically guide you through the Zoom Meeting application, set up and joining the meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/930861480> Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM for prayer, gospel reflections, Church teachings and timely discussions. If you want more information please contact us at 302-313-6935 or email MenOfHolyCross@gmail.com.

**READINGS FOR JULY 5
14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
FIRST READING: ZECHARIAH 9:9-10**

The Messiah’s coming makes our hearts and souls rejoice, for he humbles himself to share our life.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:9, 11-13

We are spiritual people who belong to Christ and are filled with his Spirit.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:25-30

The Lord calls us to come to him, that we may find rest for our souls.

SAMARITAN FOOD NEEDS (HC)

The Samaritan Food Pantry is collecting items to help with the great demands being placed on them during this crisis.



Please leave perishable items in the freezer by the Samaritan pick up door and non perishable items can be left there also. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Samaritans also appreciate any monetary donations that have been sent in. Thank you for thinking of your needy brothers and sisters. V

VOCATIONS

All too often we forget to express appreciation to those in service-oriented jobs, including priests, sisters and brothers. We forget because we think, "It's their job to help." Priests and religious aren't superhuman. They need genuine support from those they serve. Let them know how you feel.

Serra for priestly and religious

Hola Una gran Alegría de que ya las puertas de nuestras iglesias están abiertas y que podemos volver a reunirnos para celebrar el eje de nuestra Fe, La Santa Misa. El tiempo de Dios es perfecto y nos ha dado ese tiempo de cuarentena, para hacer un alto e ir menos aprisa, un tiempo para reflexionar, ver que es verdaderamente importante en nuestras vidas; estoy seguro que lo material no era lo más importante para la mayoría, sino Dios, el bienestar personal y de los seres queridos, la iglesia, la oración, la familia y la comunidad parroquial. Hemos aprendido a estar mas en familia a descubrir los talentos de cada uno de los de la casa, para algunos descansar un poco más, para otros alimentarse espiritualmente, otros un encuentro con si mismo... donde estoy, hacia donde voy, que me falta para ser un buen cristiano (a), una mejor persona, esposo (a), padre, madre, hijo (a), amigo (a). Reconciliar-me con el Señor, agradecer todas las bendiciones recibidas al largo de la vida. Pero quiero enfocarme en una fiesta es esta muy cerca de nuestro corazón. La Solemnidad del Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo que se celebra el domingo 14 de junio.

Este domingo no tendremos misa en una fiesta que es tan importante para nosotros, La Solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, la fiesta del Corpus Christi donde por lo general incluimos una procesión donde sacamos al Santísimo en procesión con mucha reverencia, y gozo por el regalo de su presencia Real en la Sagrada Eucaristía.

En algunas de nuestras parroquias se celebra con altares, Hora Santa, es una fiesta culturalmente muy especial para nosotros, pero este año 2020 tendremos que hacer un alto porque no podremos celebrar como tradicionalmente lo hacíamos, porque todavía no estamos en esa fase. Quizás el próximo año si el Señor nos da licencia.

Celebrar El "Corpus Christi" que es la fiesta publica de la Iglesia católica destinada a celebrar la Eucaristía para ensalzar públicamente la institución de la Santa Eucaristía. Tal y como hizo Jesús en la Última Cena, cuando convirtió el pan en su Cuerpo y vino en su Sangre.

Que la Solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, nuestra fiesta del Corpus Christi no pase desapercibido, las puertas del Templo en Holy Cross y la Inmaculada Concepción están abiertas, les invito a que vayan y visiten al Señor con su familia, y si no puede, dale gloria y honor en casa, en familia, vista su casa de rojo para celebrar, flores, ponga una mantilla roja y escuche la Santa Misa con su familia con todo honor y gloria, recordamos y glorifiquemos la presencia real de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo en el Santísimo Sacramento.

¿Cuándo la iglesia empezó a celebrar esta fiesta de Corpus Christi? El origen de la celebración del Corpus Christi viene del papa Urbano IV, que instituyó esta fiesta en 1264. Y El término "Corpus Christi" es latín y significa «Cuerpo de Cristo», antiguamente era denominado como "Corpus Domini" (Cuerpo del Señor).

- Las procesiones relacionadas con el Corpus fueron populares a partir del siglo XIV. Y continúan siendo populares en casi todo Latinoamérica.
- En México el Día del Corpus es conocido como "Día de los Manueles" o "Día de las Mulitas". Manuel significa en hebreo "Dios con nosotros" y antiguamente eran numerosas la cantidad de mulas en las que los indios bajaban a la ciudad para vender sus mercancías en esta fecha. La fecha del Corpus tradicionalmente es el jueves después del Domingo de la Santísima Trinidad y viene de contar justo 60 días después del Domingo de Pascua. Se ha transferido en los Estados Unidos y en muchos países al domingo.

Feliz domingo de la Solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FROM THE DRE'S DESK: (ICC)

School of Religious Education: If you have not received information for the completion of this school year or have questions about the work you have received, please email Mrs. Alicia at dre@iccmmarydel.org or call her office at 410-482-8939. A time may be set up to pick up materials or have them mailed to you to be completed during summer months.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 (ICC) school year are available on the website or you can email office for them to be sent to you. 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.

PEER LEADERS AT ICC

If you are interested in helping with classes on Sunday mornings please email or call Mrs. Alicia at dre@iccmmarydel.org or 410-482-8939.

PEER LEADERS (HC)

If you are interested in helping next year with classes and retreats, please email Mrs. Darling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org. She will keep up with you via Flocknotes.

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories have been in the Parish Office for the past few months. Unfortunately we have not been able to distribute them due to the COVID situation. We will arrange for a weekend in the near future. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up. Please do not just show up to pick up your copy. We need to know ahead of time since we are limiting access to the office area. Sorry for this inconvenience.

ADORATION CHAPEL

At this time the Adoration Chapel still remains closed. We will get word out as soon as we plan to open it again.

REGISTRATION FOR HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Holy Cross School is accepting applications for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Please contact the school. Our website is **holycrossdover.org/school**. Download an application form and mail it into the parish office. You may also call 302-674-5787 x111 or x 113; please leave your name and phone contact and we will call you back.

A Catholic education is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child, your family. Join us for the 2020-2021 school year!! You will be glad you decided to attend Holy Cross.

RETURNING TO MASS

At present, we have the following guidelines to help keep everyone safe:

- Attendees are to wear a face covering when inside the Church (those under 13 do not have to wear a covering, and those 2-and-under are advised not to wear a covering).
- Pews have been marked off to accommodate social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church.
- When receiving Holy Communion, please remember to stay socially distanced. We encourage you to receive Holy Communion in your hand, but if you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to be at the end of the Communion line. There will be no Cup distributed at this time.
- As you leave the church, please do not gather in the Gathering Space or parking lot.

Since we are returning to Mass, we will no longer tape Mass at Holy Cross for viewing on youtube. If you still do not feel comfortable attending any of the Masses offered, you can still view the Diocesan Mass (youtube.com/DioceesofWilm) or other video Masses offered on youtube or the television.

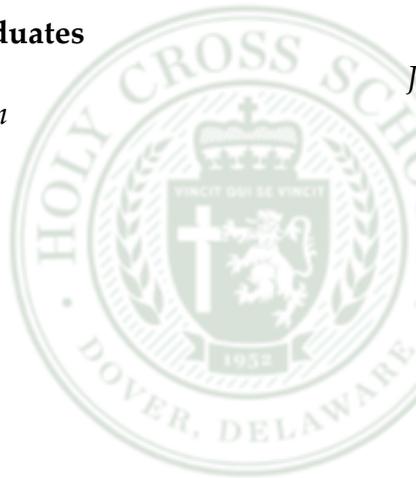
FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It has been a long standing tradition at Holy Cross that the faculty bid a musical farewell to our graduates. The lovely blended voices of our faculty choir call down a blessing upon our graduates before sending them forth along the way. May the Lord Bless and Keep You always evokes the teardrops. It is a fitting way to bid a fond farewell to those who we have come to know, respect and admire over the years.

It is on behalf of the entire Holy Cross community that we bid you peace. May the Lord forever be with you and keep you in the palm of his hand.

Our Eight Grade Graduates

- Victor Adenaike*
- Quentin Adutwom*
- Freddy Aguilar*
- Brook Ashburn*
- Sophie Ashburn*
- Mark Bieker*
- Mason Boyles*
- Pierce Cheslock*
- Emily Chesser*
- Asmita De*
- Jaden Diaz*
- Ahida Espinosa-Hernandez*
- Elizabeth Fannin*
- Kyle Fernandez*
- Kathleen Ford*
- Nadine Hankoua*
- Emma Hawk*
- Sophia Holgado*
- Jaylen Jackson*
- Christopher Jamison*
- Claire Juneau*
- Brendan Knox*
- Madison Lutz*
- Casey Manu-Gyamfi*
- Sayer Mezzatesta*
- Jason Moyer*
- Julia Moyer*
- Tristin O'Leary*



- Yatra Patel*
- Drew Postle*
- Yanialis Ramos*
- Andrew Soto*
- Josalyn Stack*
- Savannah Strauss*
- Alexander Szell*
- Kayla Tabalon*
- Kamabesen Taniform*
- Caleigh Hatcher*
- Ashtyn Torbert*
- Kosisona Umobi*
- Vivian Welch*
- Marilyn Wright*
- Cassidy Yiengst*

St. Thomas More Graduates

- Brianna E. Altidor*
- Nadia Ann Brogan*
- Jessica Saveria Churchman*
- Kayla Alexis Cornejo*
- Tiffany Y. Dong*
- James Douglas Duke*
- Emily D. Godfrey*
- Jane L. Godfrey*
- Joshua Chad Hayward*
- Margaret Renee Kosior*
- Rachel Elizabeth Merson*
- Alexis Carey Sterling*
- Gabriele Venneri*
- Allison Grace Windham*

The Lord bless you and keep you;
 The Lord make His face to shine
 upon you
 To shine upon you and be gracious
 And be gracious unto you
 The Lord bless you and keep you
 The Lord lift up the light of His
 countenance upon you
 The Lord lift up the light of His
 countenance upon you
 And give you peace, and give you peace;
 And give you peace, and give you peace.

Mrs. Pollitt
 Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great pride that I write my final column for the parish bulletin on behalf of Saint Thomas More Academy. You see, we were able to celebrate the twentieth and penultimate graduating class of our special school on the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, St. Thomas More. And we send our 14 graduates out into the world well-prepared to be the best versions of themselves and to continue our Christian message. The same is true for our underclassmen, who will carry our mission and their belonging to the STMA family with them to their various new school communities. We remain extremely proud of our more than 850 alumni, our current and former faculty and staff, and especially grateful to our founders for their vision and faith. Though we will not continue business as usual next year, it is true that once you're a Raven, you're always a Raven!

It is impossible to say goodbye, so instead I will ask you to pray for us all as we continue our journey. Thank you for 22 wonderful years of inspiring students to follow their faith, seeking understanding. Fides Quaerens Intellectum!

Yours in Christ,
Rachael Casey, Principal

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Class of 2020**

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<p>Brianna Altidor <i>Delaware State University</i></p> <p>Nadia Brogan <i>University of Delaware</i></p> <p>Jessica Churchman <i>Temple University</i></p> <p>Kayla Cornejo <i>Loyola University Maryland</i></p> <p>Tiffany Dong <i>University of Buffalo</i></p> <p>James Duke <i>Gettysburg College</i></p> <p>Emily Godfrey <i>Colorado State University</i></p>	<p>Jane Godfrey <i>Colorado State University</i></p> <p>Joshua Hayward <i>Cabrini University</i></p> <p>Margaret Kosior <i>University of Delaware Associate in Arts Program</i></p> <p>Rachel Merson <i>Washington College</i></p> <p>Alexis Sterling <i>Saint Joseph's University</i></p> <p>Gabriele Venneri</p> <p>Allison Windham <i>James Madison University</i></p>
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FOSTER *growth*