



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

September 22, 2019

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

holy cross

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

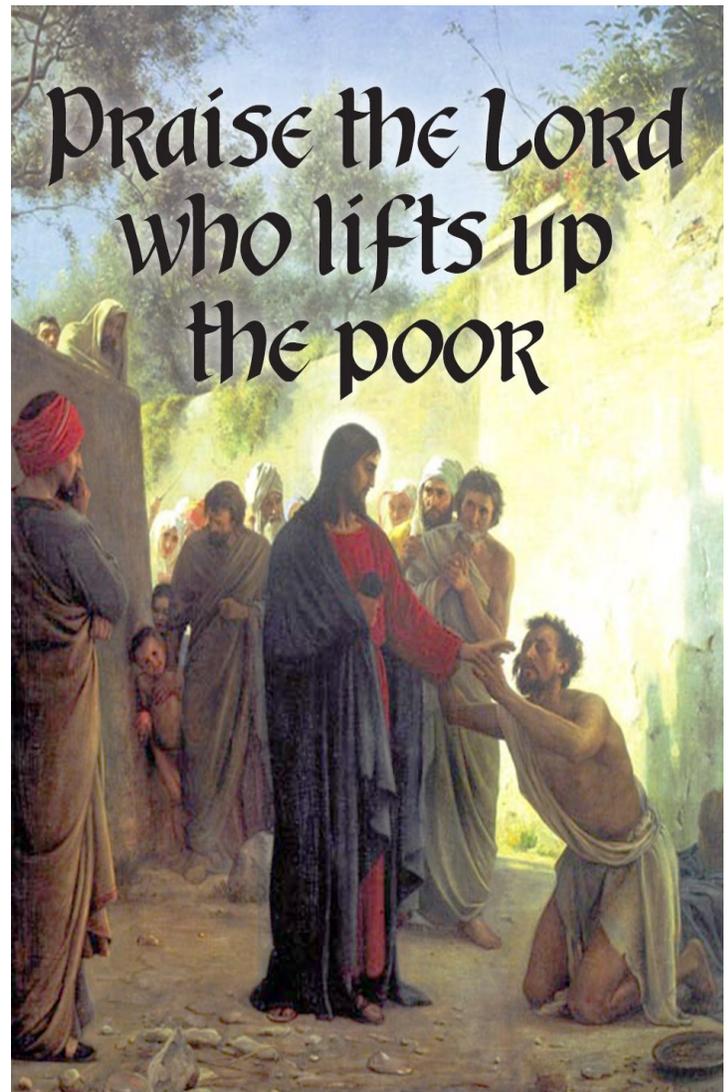
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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



Praise the LORD
who lifts up
the poor

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)

22 SUNDAY

HC 9 am, RCIA, MT/MK
 ICC 9:40 am SRE begins
 ICC 2:30 pm, RCIA—computer room
 HC 3 pm, Baptism, CH
 HC 3:30 pm, Confirmation Class, MT/MK
 HC 3:30 pm, CCD, EL

23 MONDAY

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

HC 8:45 am, Spirituality Group, LK
 HC 6:00 pm, HSA Mtg., MT/MK

24 TUESDAY

St. Robert Bellarmine

HC 8th grade breakfast, PH
 ICC 1 pm, Exercise Class, Hall
 HC 1 pm, Lifetouch, PH
 HC 6:30 pm, STMA Back to School Night

25 WEDNESDAY

HC 1:30 pm, Lifetouch, PH
 HC 6 pm CCD, SCH
 HC 6 pm, Confirmation Class, MT/MK

26 THURSDAY

St. Cosmas and Damian

ICC 1 pm, Exercise Class, Hall
 HC 1:30 pm, Lifetouch, PH
 ICC 7 pm, Misa-Boda

27 FRIDAY

St. Vincent de Paul

HC, 1:30 pm, Lifetouch, PH
 HC 7 pm, Foro Cristiano, LK
 ICC 8 pm, Vigilia, CH

28 SATURDAY

St. Wenceslaus

HC 9 am, Lifetouch, PH
 ICC Noon, Deportes—field/kitchen
 HC 10 am, EM Training, MT/MK

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending September 8

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$27,686	\$28,200	(\$514)
YTD	287,258	\$281,600	\$5,658
Needs	\$1,235	\$1,588	(\$354)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

ending September 8

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,141
Second	\$1,100

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“Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold.”

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Dear Parishioners,

There are some months which have songs connected with them that inspired distinctly different feelings; September is one of those months. I was just putting together an Apple music playlist for songs about September. Focusing on the happy side of September's newness and change of season, I found Earth Wind and Fire's "September," which encourage us to *"party hard, [and be] dancing September."* I'll think about the first, but probably resist the second.

On the Down Low. But it is the more downbeat, reflective songs of September that tend to catch my ear, my heart and my imagination. In these September is seen as the start of the countdown to the end of the year, when days start getting shorter, and evening falls more quickly. Two of these songs which never cease to give me pause to ponder about the passage of time, and indeed, life, are "September Song" (my favorite version is by Willie Nelson), and "The September of my Years" by Frank Sinatra.

Blue-Eyed Soul. September Song reminds us that *"it's a long, long while from May to December, but the days grow short when you reach September."* It notes that in terms of the year, *"the days dwindle down to a precious few"* and so, these "precious days I'll spend with you." The metaphor of the passage of time simply drips all over this song. This is even more so the case with "September of My Years" in which Sinatra croons: *"One day you turn around and it's summer / next day you turn around and it's fall / and the springs and the winters of a lifetime / whatever happened to them all?"*

Still Crazy After All These Years. A lament to be sure, and this resounds with these days as I near the final years of my 50s, with my 60s on the horizon. As one gets old there is more to look back on and reflect on. And yet, while I understand why some lament, I can't bring myself to lament. So, even as the years pass, the wonderful mysteries of life combined with the assurance of the Catholic faith, and the presence of Christ front and center, keep me feeling young, alive and perhaps at times adventurous -- still wanting to *"party hard, [and be] dancing in September."* Similarly, in the final line of "September of my Years," the singer takes lament and turns it on its ear, saying *"And I find that I'm smiling gently as I near September / the warm September of my years."*

Man with A Plan. So, is Fr. Lentini going through a musical mid-life crisis? Not at all. I'm just putting a point of reference on the idea that as time keeps on slippin' slippin' slippin' into future, God still has plans for each of us. Our life with God, our Catholic faith and our Lord's presence, front and center, reminds us that we always, always, always have more to do! Whether in the January, September or December of our years, we are disciples and followers of Christ. To this end, I want to talk about three saints who served God until amazing oldness of age, each a centenarian, but each demonstrating youthfulness of heart.

St. Simon Stock. Simon Stock was born in England in 1165. At age 12, he began living as a hermit in the hollow trunk ("stock" means trunk, hence St. Simon "Stock") of a large tree. If he were Swedish, I guess that would be his "Stock-home." (ouch) Anyway, in the early 13th century, he joined the newly formed Carmelite Order. At age 86, on July 26, 1251, the Blessed Mother appeared to Simon holding the Brown Scapular and telling him that it is *"...a shield in time of danger, and a pledge of special peace and protection."* The scapular, a devotional cloth worn over the shoulders, was Promoted by St. Simon Stock, and became an object of devotion to his order -- and is today worn by Catholics world-wide. His feast day is May 16. St. Simon Stock died in the year 1265, at the age of 100; well after the September of his years!

St. Patrick. St. Patrick, the patron of Ireland, was probably born in the early 5th century in England. As a teen he was kidnapped by pirates and taken to Ireland and held in captivity for six years. Ultimately, he escaped and returns to Great Britain. He later became a priest and ironically, was sent to Ireland to convert pagan Celts to Christianity (these Celts were the very people who had held him captive). He later was made a Bishop. Today, he is regarded as the founder of Christianity in Ireland. St. Patrick died when he was 106 years old; well after the September of his years!

St. Raymond of Penyafort. Born in 1175, Raymond was a lawyer and a priest who was famously instrumental in re-Christianizing Spain as Islam withdrew. At age 47, in 1222, St. Raymond joined the Dominicans in Barcelona. During this time, and for decades beyond, Raymond compiled and organized all the decrees of popes and councils; the Church used St. Raymond's good work in it drafting of the Code of Canon Law of 1917. He was also appointed by Pope Gregory IX as his confessor and serve to a ripe old age. He's the patron saint of lawyers. He died in 1275 at the age of 100; well after the September of his years!

Keepin' the Faith. So, while it's a long, long way from May to December, in the journey of life, faith in God, heeding God's call, keeps our souls young, amazed, and excited. I will end with a passage from Psalm 42, commonly called the *Judica Me*, which was, for over a thousand years (until the late 1960s), read at the beginning of each and every Mass by the Priest. It speaks to trusting in God's care and plan for each of us: *"And I will go to the altar of God, to God, the joy of my youth... Why art thou sad, my soul, and why art thou downcast? Trust in God, for I shall yet praise Him, my Savior, and my God."*

In short, young or old: Keep the faith, trust in God!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini,
Pastor

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PRO LIFE CORNER

- Help save lives of the unborn in Dover. Join Holy Cross and other local church groups in prayer each Friday morning from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover.
- What does your baby look like now? Follow your baby's development week by week, from conception to labor. 32 weeks: You're probably gaining about a pound a week. Half of that goes straight to your baby, who will gain one-third to half her birth weight in the next seven weeks in preparation for life outside the womb. Your baby is the size of large jicama.
- About 40 Days for Life: Dover 2019 Fall Campaign begins this week on Wednesday, September 25th. It will be the 23rd consecutive Dover 40 Days event! Join us for the kick-off prayer rally at Planned Parenthood at 11 AM.

"Adoption was such a positive alternative to abortion, a way to save one life and brighten two more: those of the adoptive parents." ~George W. Bush

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS (ICC)

It's time to order your little books. Each Little Book has been carefully crafted to help explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ.

- Advent/Christmas – Little Blue Book
- Lent – Little Black Book
- Easter – Little White Book

The price for all three books is a total of \$5. Interested in ordering this year? Please let Marilyn Dixon know in the office. You may also put a note in the collection with your \$5 in an envelope.

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 29 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: AMOS 6:1, 4-7

Amos condemns the people of Samaria who lounge comfortably on their couches while the nation is facing moral disaster.

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16

Timothy is urged to live a Christian life of faith, love and patience, that he may be ready for the coming of Christ.

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31

The ancient parable of the rich man who ignored his poverty-stricken neighbor speaks powerfully to the modern world.



MINISTRY HELP NEEDED (HC)

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for the Liturgy and/or the Sick and Homebound are needed. Please call the Parish Office to sign up for our next training class scheduled for Saturday, September 28, from 10 am to Noon that you must attend. Please pray about becoming part of this most important ministry.

ANNUAL RED MASS

Bishop Malooly invites you to the 2019 Diocese of Wilmington "Blue Mass" on Friday, October 4, at 11:00 am at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South room Street, Wilmington. The "Blue Mass" honors the local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire emergency medical, and military personnel who live and work in Delaware and on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Those currently serving, the retired, and their families are invited to attend.

SAMARITAN NEEDS (HC)

Our Samaritan Food Pantry is running low on the following items: Chicken, Ground beef (small packs), hot dogs, and peanut butter and jelly. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help feed the needy of our community. Fresh meats can be left in the freezer at the Samaritan drop off. Canned donations can be left in the container provided in the vestibule area of the Gathering Space.

PRAYING ROSARY IN OCTOBER (HC)

Unite with us in the Annual Rosary Crusade (started in 2001) in which we pray the daily rosary from October 1 through October 31 for the intentions of world peace and conversion of sinners as our Blessed Lady requested of us at Fatima 102 years ago. This message from heaven is more urgent than ever.



Pledge forms are available this weekend and next weekend in the Gathering Space after every Mass. When you sign the pledge form, you pledge to pray the Holy Rosary daily, or as much as possible, whenever, wherever, and with whomever. Place your signed forms in Our Lady's Basket at the table. This is a great time to bring the family together to pray. Also available at the sing up table are rosaries, pamphlets on how to say the rosary, mysteries of the rosary, consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All at no cost! Any questions, please call Carol at 302 359 4340.

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER

23 MONDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Walter Mendoza
HC 8 am	Maria Antonietta Maddelena
24 TUESDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Charles Pitts
HC 8 am	Normita Phillips
25 WEDNESDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Charles Kenneth Pitts, Jr.
HC 8:15 am	Howard Rowlands
26 THURSDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Janet Furr
HC 8 am	Maria Antonietta Maddelena
ICC 7 pm	For the People
27 FRIDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Gumersindo Torres Figueroa
HC 8 am	James Clacher
28 SATURDAY	
HC 8 am	Franciszek Glas
HC 5 pm	Wayne Stanley
29 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	Michael Tocchetti
ICC 8:30 am	Messner & Hampton Family
HC 9:15 am	Carol Bachard
HC 11 am	Sr. Joan Ruth OP
ICC 11 am	Alice Taraila
HC 1 pm	Goldhammer Family
ICC 1 pm	For the People
HC 6 pm	Michael Caperino

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

TABERNACLE & SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS

HC Adoration Chapel	Rudolph Heusser
HC Church	Stanley & Mary Gorzek

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS AVAILABLE (HC)

Sunday	11 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 11 pm
Monday	7 am
Tuesday	None
Wednesday	5 am, 5 pm, 11 pm
Thursday	7 am, 4pm, 11 pm
Friday	10 pm
Saturday	8 am, Noon, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

Contact JoAnn Pate 302-674-4496 for one of the above hours.

"We are transfigured into his likeness, from splendor to splendor" (2 Cor 3:18), We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into a sunset, the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain. Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

MASS MINISTERS

SEP 28-29

HOLY CROSS

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM M. Casey C. O'Donnell M. Bieker
S. Coghlan R. Coppadge E. Kozel
J. Bieker V. Pearl D. Song
M. Hitch F. Hettinger
C. Helwig T. Dupuis

LECTORS

J. Cuyjet
J. Benzin

7:30 AM R. Pritchett R. O'Neill N. Madison
B. Gattuso A. Mackey R. Mackie
L. Davis H. Speed B. Stumpf

LECTORS

M. Cordalis
C. Cuffee

9:15 AM R. Wiley T. Arndt N. Ramos
B. Holmes T. Petka E. Wadhams
M. Wessel M. Malloy
J. Chandler L. Olmsted
A. Hlafka C. Fortier
M. Sossich

LECTORS

M. Arsenault
M. Sherlock

11:00 AM B. Richards P. Huffman K. Bradley
B. Whitworth M. Rogers K. Tabalon
A. Marano R. Seliga M. Maddalena
F. Deeney P. Johnson
G. Richards

LECTORS

S. Winfrey
M. Phillips

1:00 PM R. Dosman M. Rivera E. Morales
B. Guzman E. Pastoriza G. Morales
C. Valdex

LECTORS

S. Ruiz
A. Luna

6:00 PM L. Darling R. Katcher C. Cannon
D. Darling T. Steir M. Guthrie]
J. Zajac R. Kosier C. Darling
K. Boyer K. O'Neill
R. Katcher M. Rathbun
A. Wyllie

LECTORS

TBA

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM M. Plucenik A. Locke
G. Godfrey A. Clancy

LECTORS

K. Cairns

11:00 AM F. Cristiano S. Santizo
J. Cristiano I. Meyer

LECTORS

D. King

1:00 PM O. Roblero R. Morales N. Tomas
N. Capistran D. Cuin K. Tomas
S. Morales

LECTORS

L. Ramirez
D. Garcia

TRUCK NEEDED (HC)

Holy Cross Maintenance department is in need of a gently used working pick up truck. If you have one or know of someone who would like to donate one to Holy Cross, please contact the Parish Office at 302 674 5787, extension 113 or 119.

VOCATIONS

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? Could it be you are being called to serve the Master as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Norm Carroll vocations@cdow.org 302-573-3113 www.vocations@cdow.org

DIOCESAN MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to join Bishop Malooly and parishioners from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore at the annual Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 5, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Come for Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Mass, Rosary and more.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

We continue to receive very positive comments on the care, maintenance and overall condition of our cemetery. Credit goes to Danny Waite and his staff at Cemetery Care Services, to our very active Cemetery Committee for the ongoing enforcement of our Rules & Regulations, and to the families and friends of loved ones interred in our cemetery.

As a reminder, the Rules & Regulations are strictly enforced and apply not only to in-ground graves but to the mausoleum and columbariums as well, with the purpose of ensuring the sacred character and good order of our cemetery. Len Dornberger – 674-5787 x135.

COLLECTION COUNTERS (ICC)

September 29, Tom & Mary McGowan

October 6, Elisa and Tom Costello

October 13, Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

CHURCH CLEANING CREW (ICC)

SEPTIEMBRE 26, GRUPO #10

Marcos Domingo, Orelia Berdugo, Carmen Gabriel, Susana Oritz Morales, Alberto Morales

OCTUBRE 3, GRUPO #11

Maurillo Gabriel, Carlos Miguel, Aurora Rivera, Bernarda Miguel, Dario Ortega

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Francis Malooly invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at St. Joseph's, Middletown, at 371 E. Main Street, Middletown, DE 19709. The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 1:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Malooly, please arrive at 1:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however reservations are required. Please make your reservations by October 7. Forms are available in the Parish Offices for you fill in and send to the Diocese. Thank you.

NEWLY REGISTERED (HC)

We welcome to our parish:

- Logan, Tom and Sherri Dolphin; Thomas and Joanna Campbell; William and Phyllis Wells; Jason, Jenny, Noah, Daniel, and Anna Zhang; Jane Fahey; George and Julia Sears.

RECENTLY DECEASED (HC)

We extend our condolences to the families of:

- Barbara Wieczorek, Florence Niles, Daniel Marks, and Gloria Colley

May the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

NEWLY BAPTIZED (HC)

Congratulations to our newly baptized members:

- Guadalupe Rivera Baltazar
- Capri Soleil Hallman

PARISH DIRECTORY (HC)

We need you to be part of our new directory. If you haven't signed up yet, now is the time to do so. We are still scheduling for the week of September 24 and Oct. 1. Online sign-ups are the easiest way to sign up at your convenience. Please visit: booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yrbhczr8/. We need you to make our directory complete. Sign up today!!!

- Conozca su Fe católica venga todos los viernes al el Foro Cristiano comenzando el viernes, 4 de octubre, 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.
- Queremos felicitar a los jóvenes de la Inmaculada Concepción por su XV Aniversario que sigan trabajando y viviendo su fe y cultura para ejemplo de otros jóvenes. Que el Señor los bendiga ricamente
- Agradecemos a todos los que han participado de una forma u otra en los eventos del festival Latino Americano. Gracias por hacer comunidad y por su ayuda. A las Abuelas que participaron, a la junta directiva y a todos los que trabajaron incansablemente para que el evento fuera todo un éxito para la honra y gloria a Dios.
- Ya están disponibles las aplicaciones para la Educación Religiosa 2019-2020. En la página de la parroquia, entre y descargue una aplicación, o vaya a la oficina de Educación Religiosa y recoja. Si su hijo está en edad escolar y no está asistiendo a la escuela católica, los padres tienen la responsabilidad de que su hijo se forme y conozca sobre su Fe que un día ustedes

profesaron por él o ella.

- ICC- El día viernes 27 de Septiembre habrá una vigilia en la iglesia. La comunidad invita el sábado y el domingo 28-29 un encuentro deportivo y venta de comida.
- HC- La Virgen Peregrina ya está visitando las casas, hasta el mes de noviembre. Todas las semanas durante nuestra misa dominical se le entregará la virgen Peregrina a una familia. Para más información llame a la Sra. Tayde Hernández.
- Si desea participar en alguno de los ministerios, por favor hable con los . Necesitamos: Lectores, Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión (necesitan ser aprobado por el párroco), Ujieres. Ministerio de la Música. Comparte con otros los talentos que el Señor les ha dado.
- Confirmación de Adultos será en diciembre, si usted no está confirmado, llame a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano, para anotarse para las clases. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

REGULAR CCD CLASSES

Wednesdays-Class September 25, 6-7:30pm

Sundays – Class October 6, 3:30-5:30pm

Reminder: Parents are to walk their children to the classroom and pick them up from the classroom. Please do not drop children at the door.

ADULT FORMATION

ROMANS: THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

Learn about St. Paul's Letters to the Romans in this 4 part series that will begin Tuesday, October 8, at 7 pm or Wednesday, October 9, at 9:30 am in the Matthew/Mark room in the Early Learning Center upstairs. If interested please register by either emailing Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossover.org or calling (302) 674-5787 X 122. Please register by September 23.

CONFIRMATION (HC)

Confirmation class Sunday, September 22, at 3:30 pm or Wednesday, September 25, at 6 pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: (HC)

Join us for Golf and Ice Cream at Tre Sorelle Dolce in Camden Sunday, September 29, from 7:30 - 9 pm. Cost \$6 per golfer.

VOLUNTEER MEETING (HC)

Any ADULT interested in helping with Junior High Youth Group or High School Youth Group please attend this meeting on Monday, September 30, at 7:30 pm in Matthew Mark Room of ELC building.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE CORNER

MARRIAGE MOMENT

For a Fall activity, perhaps you can balance the summer activities by putting away summer equipment. Balance this "work" with each sharing a favorite summer memory.

PARENTING POINTER

Wonder how to protect your child from being vulnerable to manipulation or abuse by bullies? There's no magic vaccine but a child who knows they are unconditionally loved and respected by their parent(s) is inclined to accept their own worth and not depend on validation from others.

K OF C (HC)

There will be a "Columbus Day" Italian Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 12, at 6 pm at the Columbian Home Hall in Camden, DE. Cost is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

SRE starts today, September 22, 9:40 – 10:50 am. All children must be registered in parish and in Religious Education to attend class.



Registrations: Registrations for 2019-2020 are now available at the office, and online. Please get your registrations for school of Religious Education this weekend. We would like to have all registered for next year now to plan for materials, classrooms and teachers. Please return registrations to 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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/ COMMUNION PREP (ICC)

Class starts: Tuesday, October 1, at 6:30-7:30 pm in the Parish hall. Do not miss your first class.

If you are unsure about your child receiving a sacrament, please contact the office or check with Mrs. Alicia Poppiti.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS (ICC)

In-Service for Confirmation Sunday, October 6, at Noon in the parish hall.

K OF C (ICC)

The next meeting of the Knights will take place on Tuesday, September 24, at 7 pm in the Knights Hall. Rosary will take place at 6:30 pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more information, contact Grand Knight, Keith DeFrancesco at weldaway@msn.com.



Knights Breakfast begin next month Come Eat with us the first Sunday of every month starting in October.



MRS. POLLITT'S PONDERINGS

Some of us may remember and have fond memories of an event that we used to have here at Holy Cross. It was an outdoor event and was usually held in the fall when we were having fair weather. An entire school day was set aside for celebrating the good and invaluable work of the First Responders of our community. Initially this event was conceived of by Trooper Angela Garnsey and our two ladies of the HSA at the time, Mrs. Megan Glick and Mrs. Kristy Gallo-way. We were SO excited to welcome representatives of the Delaware State Troopers Aviation Team who actually landed their helicopter in our field! We loved seeing the Mounted Patrol Unit; the horses, so majestic in stance were a real hit with our students. No one will ever forget the Police Canine Unit, that's for sure! Students were enthralled by the presentation of the talented canines who demonstrated investigatory and detection expertise in the field of narcotics, and explosive devices as well as the canine's devotion to the protection of his handler.

We welcomed members of the Robin's Hose Fire Company, representatives of the Dover City Police Department, State Paramedics, and local ambulance crews. To see all of the emergency equipment on our parking lot and athletic field was beyond amazing. The men and women who dedicate themselves to the citizens of their communities are the true heroes of our time. We believe that our students should be made aware and appreciate their contribution to the safety and well-being of our communities.

It has been a few years since we last celebrated our First Responders. It might be time for us to revisit the feasibility of scheduling another such event.....

For the here and now, though, I'd like to make two proposals.

Proposal #1: I'd like to conduct a very informal survey of our students. I'd ask them to identify an example of a community first responder. I'd be willing to bet that the standard responses would include the police officer, the fire fighter, the ambulance crews, and the paramedics. All good answers!

Proposal #2: I'd like to make an addition to that list.

- Police Officer
- Fire Fighter
- Ambulance Crew
- Paramedics
- **TEACHERS**

TEACHERS???

Yes, teachers. Permit me to explain my way of thinking here.

Every summer the teachers and staff members of our school participate in a professional development session mandated by the Diocesan Office of Safe Environments. It is of paramount importance that our schools and all that lies therein represent safe, secure and nurturing environments where our students are able to grow and thrive academically and spiritually. The parents of our students trust us to fulfill this responsibility. The truth of the matter is this. There are those occasions where a student will possess a need that goes deeper and far beyond the academic and spiritual. As I mentioned to our faculty in August; many things have changed since we made the choice to say Yes to God and dedicate our careers to teaching in a Catholic school. Today our children come to school with much more in their backpacks than just books and lunch. It's often invisible to the naked eye; carefully hidden. It's those contents of the backpack that educators have to be keen enough to recognize, and often carefully and patiently ferret out, for the benefit of the child. Those invisible contents can include internal issues with neglect, emotional upset, psychological upset, or worse; the secrets held within of physical or sexual abuse.

Our teachers and staff-members were joined by the faculty of St. Thomas More for a presentation given by Mrs. Kellie Turner, a representative of Prevent Child Abuse Delaware. The purpose was to educate us in the protocol for responding to the needs of our students that go beyond "book learning" and to recognize or identify the physical signs of stress, neglect, and abuse. We listened to ways we can help to put new things in their backpacks such as assisting them in building trusting relationships and helping them to realize that they have someone in school that will listen.

The session was most informative, it was honest, it was worthwhile, and it was necessary.

And so it is; it may very well be the classroom teacher who is the *first responder* to the hidden needs of the student. It is the classroom teacher with whom the student builds a strong enough level of trust; and s/he becomes the first responder to a crisis emergency in the child's life.

Thanks to Mrs. Turner and the information provided on that morning in August, as first responders we know how to *respond*.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

For Dear Parishioners,

For all its benefits, Catholic education has a particular obstacle that can stand in the way of families pursuing it for their children: tuition. I and my faculty are empathetic; choosing to enroll your children in Catholic school – our parish schools included – requires financial sacrifice in a day and age when financial stresses are high.



At Saint Thomas More Academy, we view tuition as an investment that yields significant returns! Our 26 graduating seniors in the Class of 2019 were offered \$6.3 million in college scholarships and grants, of which they accepted \$1.39 million (or an average of just under \$53,500 per student). Even if the aforementioned “returns” are strictly defined in financial terms, I feel confident based on collegiate scholarship and grant offers that the investment of high school tuition is a sound one to make. When we also consider the advantages gained from our personal, Christ-centered school experiences, I contend that Catholic school students have the strong moral and academic character to face the world with courage and skill, and to change it for the better. Our families’ investments benefit not only their own children, but the communities in which their children will grow and learn and live! Though my goal is always to proclaim the good news about our high school, that is not my singular focus in this week’s column.

Instead, it is my goal to ensure that we at STMA understand the sacrificial nature of tuition, and appreciate families who take that on to provide for their children and, consequently, our school. This weekend you’ll be invited to contribute to the *Share in the Spirit* Collection to fund tuition assistance Diocesan-wide for students and families seeking a Catholic education which may otherwise be out of reach. Contributions support the *Vision for the Future* tuition assistance fund, established in 1993. Holy Cross School and Saint Thomas More Academy students are among those who benefit from gifts made to this fund, so I’d like to encourage you to contribute, just as I and my faculty and staff have done. We have set a donation goal to demonstrate to our parish community that we teachers, administrators, and staff are grateful for your sacrifice, and wish to share in it with you. Our check will be mailed to the CDOW Office of Development this week!

Furthermore, we owe a debt of thanks to Father Lentini, who agreed to lower our high school tuition when we joined the parish in 2017. I’m proud to announce that we continue to offer the lowest high school tuition in our region at \$8,000 per school year. Our variable tuition rate scale seeks to acknowledge and reward the families who are imbued in our parish and our parish elementary school. I’ve told you how important *family* is to us; this is our way of literally putting our money where our mouth is!

If you have benefitted from Catholic education in your own life, will you give in honor of your experience? If you have school-aged children of your own, will you give STMA a chance to illuminate the value our tuition affords?

Contact Admissions Team Director, Ms. Kayleigh Karnbach, Holy Cross Class of 2002, STMA Class of 2006, to learn more about our school. 302-697-8100 ext. 2 moreadmissions@saintmore.org



Yours in Christ,

Rachael A. Casey
Principal

JOIN THE RAVENS

Cheer our fall athletes on from the sidelines and the bleachers!

Home Field Hockey Contests:

- 9/23 at 4:00 pm vs. Gunston
- 9/25 at 4:00 pm vs. Ss. Peter & Paul
- 9/26 at 4:00 pm vs. Delmarva Christian

See the full calendar of sports contests at www.ravenssports.com.