



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

December 29, 2019

Holy Family

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:15, 11:00 am, 6 pm
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish
First Saturday, 5 pm, Children's Choir
Fourth Saturday, 5 pm, Gospel Choir
Alternate Sundays, 6 pm, Youth Choir

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 6:30, 8 am
Wednesday, 8:15 am, Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday-Friday, 12:10 pm also
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day,
MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,
Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4 pm, First Friday, 8:30 am
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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



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)

29 SUNDAY

HC No RCIA today

ICC No SRE today

ICC 2:30 pm, Adolescentes, CC

ICC 3:30 pm, Jovenes, Church Basement

30 MONDAY

6th Day of Octave

HC, 7 pm, Posada, CH

ICC Offices Closed

31 TUESDAY

7th Day of Octave

HC & ICC Offices closed

HC & ICC See Mass schedule for Mass times

1 WEDNESDAY

Solemnity of Mary

HC & ICC See Mass Schedule in bulletin for times

Happy New Year

2 THURSDAY

St. Basil the Great

ICC, 1 pm, Exercise

ICC 7 pm, Misa

HC 7 pm, State Columbiette Mtg, LK

3 FRIDAY

HC, 8 am First Friday Mass and Devotions

ICC Band Practice

HC 8 am, Mass, CH

ICC 8 pm, Vigilia, CH

4 SATURDAY

ICC 6 pm, Culto, Hall

HC 6 pm, Jr. High Mtg, CA

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending December 15

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$31,276	\$30,000	\$1,276
YTD	\$679,176	\$681,800	(\$2,624)
Needs	\$2,073	\$1,586	\$487

Please Note: In a cost savings effort we have stopped envelope delivery for inactive envelope users. This will be effective January 2020.

If your envelopes stopped being delivered but you would like to use them, please contact the Parish Office or email mdornberger@holycrossdover.org.

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending December 15

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,789
Second	\$699

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.”

Christmas Grift. For all those who have a birthday within a week of Christmas, I am sure you will appreciate the fine Christmas whine I am about to decant. You see, I was born on December 19; six short days before Christmas. And that might sound nice – being born so close to date upon which our Savior was born. But here's the downside: You get royally rooked when it comes to gifts. I recall, through most of my childhood and into adulthood, when my birthday would come around, I would get presents. But as those presents were handed to me, I'd be greeted with this phrase, "This is for your birthday... and for Christmas, too." In the background I was almost able to hear singer Barry Gordon intoning mockingly, "I'm gettin' nothin' for Christmas."

Likewise, from those relatives who would visit on Christmas day, I would be handed a Christmas gift, followed by the phrase (no doubt crafted in some dark place where joy goes to die), "This is for you for Christmas... oh, and it's for your birthday, too." They figured they'd get credit for giving me a birthday and a Christmas gift, when really, really – in the clear blue light of morning – they knew that they were just giving me a Christmas gift.

People who have birthdays at other time may not understand the pain of what I like to call "Lose a Gift Syndrome." But, those of us brave souls who are born between December 17-25, we have gotten used to it, we accept it, and with proper decades of therapy, we trek onward.

Be Sorry. But, as bad as this birthday-near-Christmas problem might be, there is a worse Christmas fate. Dig if you will this picture: What if you were a saint and your saint day was Christmas Day! It would be like being Jan Brady at a Marcia Brady Award Banquet. It would be like being the opening act for the Beatles. It would be like being the Sesame Seed on a Big Mac. That being said, I am here to tell you that there are many saints for whom December 25 is their saint day, and because of this timing, you probably have not heard of many (or any of them). So, let's look at six of these forgotten "Christmas Day Saints" who are no more than a hangnail on the fickle finger of fate as a result of the date of their saint day:

I. St. Alburga. Alburga was a princess, and relative of English King Egbert. Her husband was Wulstan of Wiltshire who founded the Wilton Abbey in the late 8th century; after he died, Alburga started measuring for drapes, and converted that Abbey into a convent for Benedictine nuns. Not only inventive, but she could be the patron saint of "repurposing" things.

II. Blessed Jacopone of Todi. Jacamo was married to a woman named Vanna (though this one did not turn letters on Wheel of Fortune). Vanna thought Jacamo was too worldly. When Vanna was killed in a terrible accident, Jacamo, to honor her, abandoned his worldly way of life, sold his possessions, and dressed in rags. His friends though he was coo-coo-for-Cocoa-Puffs-crazy, and nicknamed him "Jacopone" (Crazy Jim). He then joined the Franciscans order; there he tried to lead

a quasi-renegade group of Franciscans called "The Spirituals" to bring the order to strict abject poverty. He was rebuked, imprisoned and excommunicated. Soon, he reconciled and spent his final years writing Latin hymns – the most famous of which is the *Stabat Mater* (which is sung between the Stations of the Cross). He died at Midnight Mass in Colazzone, Italy in 1306.

III. St. Peter Nolasco. He was born into a French noble family, and at a young age inherited his father's fortune. Ultimately, he gave up his noble rank and moved to Spain (which was occupied by the Islamic Moors). There he established the Order of Our Lady of Mercy in 1218, which had as its mission the ransoming of Christians to free them from Islamic oppression; Peter, using his inheritance, won the release of over 400 Christians. I guess you could say he spent "Moor Money" than most in service to the Church. He died on Christmas Day in 1258 and was canonized in 1628.

IV. St. Anastasia. When a Priest celebrates Mass and uses the "Roman Canon" (First Eucharistic Prayer), he rattles off a long list of saint names. The last seven names given are women martyrs: "Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, and Anastasia." Yes, this is that Anastasia. From Roman nobility, she was raised a Christian, but married a pagan, in hope of his conversion. Well, that plan backfired; and as Christianity was illegal in the Roman Empire, Anastasia was martyred by burning in 304 A.D.

V. Blessed Bentivoglio de Bonis of San Severino Marche. Aside from having the longest saint name, Blessed B. (easier to remember) was a disciple of St. Francis of Assisi and was one of the first Franciscan Priests. Many miracles and healings were attributed to him. He died on Christmas Day 1232.

VI. Blessed Michaël Nakashima Saburoemon. He was a Christian in Japan during a period when Christianity was illegal there. He allowed Jesuit Priests to hide in home and celebrate Mass there. He joined the Jesuits in 1627. A year later, Japanese soldiers were collecting firewood from every house to be used in the burning of Christians. Blessed Michaël refused to provide the wood, and made known his faith. He was arrested and was scalded to death by the soldiers. He died in Christmas Day of 1628.

Don't Forget to Remember. There you have it: some of the saints that share a date with the birthday of the Savior of the World. The Incarnation of Christ is such a pivotal moment in salvation history that it is not a wonder that these holy men and woman are consigned to "who's that" file of saints. As a Christmas gift to these holy folks, I wanted to give them a small moment of remembrance here in print, so that we may not forgot how their lives honored Christ, born to us on Christmas Day.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

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 Rev. Mano Salla Parochial Vicar

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HOLY CROSS MASS SCHEDULE MONDAY, DEC. 30 & TUESDAY, DEC. 31

8:00 am Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE – TUES., DECEMBER 31

Solemnity of Mary

5:00 pm Mass

7:00 pm Spanish Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY – WED., JAN. 1, 2020

Solemnity of Mary

8:00 am Mass and 10:00 am Mass

PRO LIFE CORNER

- Help save lives of the unborn in Dover. Join Holy Cross and other local church groups in prayer each Friday morning from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover.
- The 1st trimester -- Fetal development begins soon after conception. Find out how your baby grows and develops during the first trimester. Week 4: Implantation --- The rapidly dividing ball of cells — now known as a blastocyst — has begun to burrow into the uterine lining (endometrium). This process is called implantation. Within the blastocyst, the inner group of cells will become the embryo. The outer layer will give rise to part of the placenta, which will nourish your baby throughout the pregnancy.
- About 40 Days for Life: 196 abortion workers have quit!

"I'm a pro-life candidate because I believe that science is proving us right every day" ~Carly Fiorina

READINGS FOR JANUARY 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 6:22-27
 SECOND READING: GALATIANS 4:4-7
 GOSPEL: LUKE 2:16-21

READINGS FOR JANUARY 5 EPIPHANY

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

The light of the Lord's glory shines out and draws people from all over the world: they come to worship and to praise the Lord.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3, 5-6

The writer tells how the non-Jewish nations now share in the same inheritance and promise as the chosen people, through Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

The magi, who represent the Gentile nations, come to Jerusalem as they search for the recently born king of the Jews; they are sent on to Bethlehem, the city of King David.

MEN OF HOLY CROSS (HC)

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 like-minded men? Join the Men of Holy Cross for our weekly meetings: Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM at the Early Learning Center in the Luke Room (second floor) for prayer, timely discussions on current events, Church teachings and good fellowship. For more information contact call 302-313-6935 or e-mail MenOfHolyCross@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

The year is almost over. Of course this is an arbitrary division of time, but let it serve your love by thinking of the top way your beloved served you this past year. Write it down. Put it under each other's pillow tonight.

PARENTING POINTERS

After the hubbub dies down, pause as a family not only to thank each other, but to be thankful that you have the resources to give gifts and that you have a family to share this time with.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER—MARRIED COUPLES

Want to give a gift that keeps on giving? A gift filled with Romance and Excitement? Enrich your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 6-8, 2020 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at www.wwme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302 220 9833.

NEWLY BAPTIZED (HC)

We welcome our newest baptized member to the church:

- *Benjamin Thomas Melhus*

NEWLY REGISTERED MEMBER (HC)

Welcome to our newly registered member:

- *Chris, Crystal, Taylor, and Lillian Hurlley*

RECENTLY DECEASED (HC)

Condolences to the families of the following:

- *Anthony Chevalier, Angela Dosman, Ed Krupka*
- May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER

30 MONDAY

HC 8 am Stephen Bachman

31 TUESDAY

HC 8 am Lloyd Barrett
 HC 5 pm For the People
 ICC 5:30 pm For the People
 HC 7 pm For the People
 ICC 7 pm For the People

1 WEDNESDAY

HC and ICC—see schedule elsewhere in bulletin; All Masses for the People

2 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am Beatrice Vogler
 HC 8:00 am Amelia R. Janairo
 ICC 7 pm For the People

3 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am Louise & Bill Russell
 HC 8:00 am Brynn Morgan (LI)

4 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Donald Peer
 HC 5 pm Edward A. & Helen Cooke

5 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Michio Tamura
 ICC 8:30 am For the People
 HC 9:15 am Angela Penfield
 HC 11 am George Omeye
 ICC 11 am Ruth Duryea
 HC 1 pm Florence Tomaszewski
 ICC 1 pm Luis Bamaca Roblero
 HC 6 pm Tom Lyons

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

TABERNACLE & SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS (DEC 29—JAN 4)

HC Adoration Chapel Joe/Marguerite Casey (LI)

HC Church Charles K. Pitts

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS AVAILABLE (HC)

Our Lord is waiting for YOU to come spend an hour each week with Him. Please help us to fill some of the available hours. Contact JoAnn Pate 302-674-4496 for one of the hours listed below.

SUNDAY 11 am, 11 pm

MONDAY

TUESDAY 7 am

WEDNESDAY 5 am, 5 pm, 11 pm

THURSDAY 7 am, 4pm

FRIDAY 10 pm

SATURDAY Noon, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

MASS MINISTERS JAN 4/5

HOLY CROSS

EMHC **SERVERS**

5:00 PM	D. DeVigili	B. Holmes	E. Kozel
	J. Clendaniel	D. King	N. Hawk
	J. Davis	C. Helwig	S. Carbaugh
	R. Vinsen	K. O'Neill	
	F. Hettinger	J. Priest	

LECTORS

J. Killman
J. Coffield

7:30 AM	E. Henderson	C. Brown	A. Szell
	B. Fritsche	D. Marthaler	R. Kovaric
	S. Hands	J. Salamone	S. Kovaric

LECTORS

E. Outten
R. Pritchett

9:15 AM	R. Wiley	C. Fortier	R. Garnsey
	M. Malloy	S. Ford	D. Taniform
	L. Olmsted	L. Stiller	K. Taniform
	J. Chandler	K. Kelly	
	G. Yourek	V. Pepper	
	M. Wessel		

LECTORS

T. Baurys
M. Sossich

11:00 AM	W. Aschenberg	D. Petka	K. Tabalon
	R. Aschenberg	T. Petka	E. Carter
	P. Keller	R. Bratz	J. Moyer
	C. Robinson	R. Bratz	
	D. Lyons	C. Barnes	

LECTORS

J. Connolly
C. Wells

1:00 PM	M. Rivera	C. Valdes	C. Cortes
	B. Guzman	E. Pastoriza	M. Luna
	A. Luna		

LECTORS

V. Betancourt
M. Neyra

6:00 PM	V. Balcerak	K. Boyer	K. Ford
	D. Balcerak	R. Katcher	C. Wilk
	L. Darling	R. Katcher	N. Kosior
	D. Darling	K. O'Neill	
	R. Kosior	T. Steir	
		M. Rathbun	TBD

LECTORS

TBD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	C. Tormey	M. Plucenik	TBD
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LECTORS

M. Dixon

11:00 AM	J. Ward	A. Poppiti	TBD
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LECTORS

D. King

1:00 PM	L. Tomas	R. Cuin	TBD
	H. Macario	S. Morales	
	F. Perez		

LECTORS

Y. Escalante
P. Hernandez

PURSE BINGO (HC)

Join us Saturday evening, February 29 for a fun-filled evening, and a chance to win a great purse! Cost is \$20 for 10 games, door prizes and light refreshments served. 50/50 and Chinese Auction chances for sale. Must be 18 to play. Please see Linda Darling for tickets - tables of 8 may be reserved.

ldarling@holycrossdover.org

Proceeds will go to help our high school teens attend Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer in Hartford, CT. Thank you for your support.

GIVING TREE (HC)

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who purchased gifts for the tags on the giving tree. This year we were able to help 65 different families bring a happy Christmas to their children. We collected just shy of 1000 gifts. I've been organizing this Giving Tree for years and the generosity of our parishioners is amazing. (Thank you personally from me, Diane Belt)

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, January 4th, tune in to learn about the post-holiday blues and how to deal with them. After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Catholicforum.

VOCATIONS

Holiness is a challenge for us all, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners — and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. Strive to be a saint.

COLLECTION COUNTERS (ICC)

Jan. 5 Marilyn Dixon & Maurillo Gabriel

Jan. 12 Ann Lawson & Julia Moore

Jan. 19 Frank & Joyce Cristiano

CHURCH CLEANING CREW (ICC)

ENERO 2: GRUPO #9

Reynaldo Perez, Maribel Ortiz, Juventino Lopez, **Ilenia Escalante**, Clemente Escalante

ENERO 9: GRUPO #10

Marcos Domingo, Orelia Berdugo, Carmen Gabriel, **Susana Ortiz Morales**, Alberto Morales.

RETRouvaille

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriage through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass it on. Couples learn to build communications skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program in your area begins on the weekend of February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in April. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215 766 3944. All inquiries are confidential.

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart will meet January 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Early Learning Center Matthew/Mark room. The speaker is Dr. Joe O'Donnell. His topic is the Life and Times of William H. Taft. You can begin arriving at 10:30. Should the school be closed due to weather we will not meet. If school is delayed we will still meet. Lunch is \$5:00. All seniors are welcome .

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As temperatures start to decline, Catholic Charities is preparing to *Warm Up Winter* for its most vulnerable neighbors by collecting new and "gently used" blankets and other bedding, coats, hats, and gloves at each of its office locations now through the end of January 2020. Catholic Charities will freely distribute donated goods through its various programs. Staff at all locations will accept donations between the hours of 9 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. All donated blankets and bedding, coats, and other clothing items should be clean, in good condition, and ready to use.



- ¡Feliz Navidad y un Próspero Año Nuevo! En nombre del Ministerio Hispano de Holy Cross y La Inmaculada Concepción y todos los que laboramos en las parroquias queremos desearles una Feliz Navidad y un Próspero Año Nuevo, y en esta nueva década que vamos a iniciar les deseamos que reine el amor ,la alegría y la paz en esta Navidad y sobre todo buena salud física como espiritual, tomemos a la Virgen María como nuestro modelo de fe, de amor, de humildad, de esperanza y paz para lograr todo esto tenemos que proponernos abrir nuestros corazones para que Cristo more en ella y así transmitir el amor, la esperanza ,la alegría y la paz a nuestros hermanos. Ella nos da a Cristo, nuestro Salvador, encomendamos a ella a nosotros mismo, a nuestras familias, a nuestra comunidad, a nuestra parroquia y a nuestra diócesis y todo el mundo, y así, irradiar la Luz de Cristo el Salvador. Las Posadas comienzan el lunes, 16 de diciembre con la primera posada en la iglesia de Holy Cross después continuaremos en la cafetería. Nuestro sincero agradecimiento a las familias que nos acogen en sus hogares.
- La Misa del 31 de diciembre es misa de vigilia a las 7:00 PM , donde honramos a la Virgen María como Madre de Dios es día de precepto.
- Se Les invita seguidamente después de la Santa Misa del 31 a la gran celebración de fin del

año y de la década con una cena bailable de 9:00 PM a 1:00PM auspiciado por Directiva del Ministerio Hispano de Holy Cross en La Academia de Saint Thomas More 133 Thomas More DR. Magnolia 19962. Adultos:\$25.00 – Niños 12.50.

- Conozca su Fe católica venga todos los viernes al el Foro Cristiano comenzando el viernes, viernes 3 de enero, 2020, a las 6:30 de la tarde en el ELC la nueva serie " Symbolon. Más de 2000 años de enseñanza de la Fe católica explicada sistemáticamente y presentada en video. Empezaremos con los Sacramentos, Bautismo y Confirmación.
- El día 5 de enero, celebraremos "La Epifanía del Señor" tradicionalmente conocida como "Día de Reyes".
- Si desea compartir una Rosca, atole por favor hable con la Sra. Irma Venezia. Esto será inmediatamente después de la Santa Misa en el Nártex del templo.
- 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– Next class will be January 8 at 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

Sundays – Next class will be January 12 at 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

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.

FINAL CLASS OF ROMANS:

The Gospel of Salvation will be held on either Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 pm or Wednesday, January 8, at 9:30 am.

NEXT OFFERING:

We are continuing the series Catholicism: The Pivotal Players with the following players: St. Augustine, St. Benedict, Fulton J. Sheen, Flannery O'Connor

Classes will run January 14–February 5 on either Tuesday evenings at 7pm or Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Parish Office. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or by calling (302) 674-5787 ext.122.

CONFIRMATION CLASS (HC)

Classes will resume January 5 and January 8.

Please have your Sponsor Form signed and returned at the first class in January.

MOUNT 2000 RETREAT (HC)

February 7-9, 2020 at Mt. St. Mary's University. All high school teens are welcome to join us on this awesome weekend retreat with teens from Delaware, Maryland and surrounding states. Cost is \$100. Please contact Mrs. Darling for instructions on registering.

JR HIGH YOUTH GROUP: (HC)

We will be meeting Saturday, January 4, 6 pm to 7:30 pm to make blankets for the Code Purple shelter. Please come join us - dinner will be served. If you have a pair of sewing scissors, that would be great! We will meet in the school cafeteria.

MARCH FOR LIFE: (HC)

Friday, January 24. Bus will depart back parking lot at 5 am. Teens will attend the Youth Rally and Mass, then we will walk to the National Mall to hear the speakers, and join the March. A stop at McDonalds for dinner and back by 7 pm. Please see Mrs. Darling for a spot and permission slip- spots limited.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

- Parent Reminder: Parents are to walk their children to the classroom and pick them up from the classroom. Please do not drop children in parking lot or at the door.
- There will be no Classes for School of Religious Education on Sunday, December 29th.
- Classes will resume on the 5th of January.

SACRAMENTAL PREP (ICC)

Reconciliation: Saturday, January 11 at 9am or 11am @ Holy Cross in Dover.

First Communion: Session #1—Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30-7:30 in the Hall. Parents, please attend with child.

WANTED (ICC)

Person or persons to coordinate the Annual Penny Party at Immaculate Conception. All information will be given to you, and you will be “trained”. Many hands work this event and they are in need of a new leader. Please contact ICC office at 410 482 7687 if interested. Thank you.

At this time, the office asks that you do not bring any donations to the office or otherwise until we have a new coordinator.

ICC SCHEDULE OF MASSES NEW YEAR'S EVE – TUESDAY, DEC. 31

Solemnity of Mary

5:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Spanish Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY – WED., JANUARY 1, 2020

Solemnity of Mary

9:00 am Mass

On behalf of the Priests, Deacons, and staff members of Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception, we wish you a very blessed, healthy, happy, and peaceful New Year!!



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MRS. POLLITT'S PONDERINGS

We hope you'll enjoy a few of the pictures taken at some of the events held at HCS during the Advent season where the focus was preparing our hearts for the birth of our Savior.

It is on behalf of our faculty, staff and student body that I extend heartfelt best wishes to you and your family for an abundantly blessed and joy filled Christmas season that only the newborn Prince of Peace can bring.



Pre-K and K Concerts



Elementary Concert



Kindergarteners bringing the 6th grade treats for the feast of St. Lucy



Junior High Concert



Advent Prayer Service attended by all grades



Mass for Feast of Immaculate Conception

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

We know that beauty is a gift from God, and manifesting that beauty in music, performance, and artwork is something we at STMA take to be a blessing.

Thank you to all who came to support our Instrumental Ensemble and Choir in our variety of performances leading up to Christmas. We were especially excited to include members of the Crusader Band in a side-by-side performance with STMA at our annual Christmas Concert. Thank you for sharing your talents with us, Crusaders! Congratulations to all, and especially to Mrs. Maureen Cannon and Mrs. Heather Schwartzenruber, music directors at our schools.



STMA art students are impressing our art teacher, Guy Miller! Working in watercolor, Studio III student



Alexis Sterling's split image landscape exhibits her understanding of both color and monochromatic value. These two explorations are unified by the serenity of her subject.

Studio III student Margaret Kosior's diptych illuminates the differences and similarities of an astronaut and deep sea diver. Her ability to create a dialogue is highlighted in these crafty acrylic paintings



Studio I student Natalie Ramos uses hand painted paper in her exploration of collage. Here she has captured the beauty and fragility of two swimming coy fish. Through use of a complementary color, her creation comes to life!

AP Studio Art student Tiffany Dong's mountain landscape challenges traditional ideas behind paint application and canvas. Here she swaps paint brush for a pallet knife to depict a loose yet realistic mountain scene.



We can't wait for the Midnight Dreary Player's production of the Broadway musical Honk! Young children are needed for our show. We'd like to cast 3rd-8th graders in the roles of ducklings, froglets, geese and the ensemble. Come to the audition on January 6 from 3:30 -6:00 pm in the STMA music room if you'd like to participate! The show will run March 13-15, 2020 – mark your calendars!



Yours in Christ,

Rachael A. Casey

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