

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Friday 9:30-12 noon, Closed Wednesdays  
*Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.*

**April 10, 2016 – Third Sunday of Easter**

## Eucharist of the Lord's Day

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

### Weekday Eucharist

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

### Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

### Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,

Thursday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

### Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor

Rev. John Olson, Associate Pastor

Rev. Anthony Giamello, Associate Pastor

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.

Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

### Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

### Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of financial assistance, please call

**St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702**

## The Sacraments

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr., our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-697-2049.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

## Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

In 1979, a terrible – but so good it was bad – TV show appeared: *Mrs. Columbo*. Each week, this faithful spouse of Lt. Columbo (who was portrayed by the late Peter Falk on his own series), went about solving a mystery. I have to say that back then, even as a teenager, the mysteries weren't that mysterious and the clues stuck out like a Klingon at a Star Wars convention (to translate that geeky reference contact a local Star Wars/Star Trek fan).

In any event, after a half season of lackluster ratings, the show's name was changed to "Kate Loves a Mystery" (though not too many other people loved this mystery, as a month later it found eternal rest in Lame TV Show Graveyard). And while "Kate Loves a Mystery," Catholics love a mystery even more – though not the kind of mystery you solve, but the mystery of faith you ponder each day of your life.

During this season of Easter and then on into ordinary time this summer, we are presented with many great mysteries of faith

to be pondered. We hear of these mysteries most commonly in the praying of the Rosary, when we pray The Glorious Mysteries. There are five Glorious Mysteries to reflect on... and they each have a calendar date tied to them. To wit, in the weeks, and months ahead, consider spending some time in prayer, most especially when praying the Rosary, to consider the Glorious Mysteries. Below I am going to note the mystery, the related date, a scripture text and thought on each mystery:

**The Resurrection our Lord Jesus Christ (Easter Sunday – March 27, 2016).** "But the Angel spoke; and he said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." (Matt. 28:5-7a). Back in the 1970s NBC had a TV series called "The Big Event" – it featured an event, about monthly, so big and so star-studded that other programming would pale in comparison (and it did so for several years until "The Big Event" fizzled into the mundane event). For us, Easter is and must be "The Big Event." God's promises to us were made palpable: death was conquered; eternal life was

open to man again! Our faith is built upon the Resurrection of the Lord, and on Easter and on each Sunday we celebrate his Resurrection from the dead.

**The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ (Thursday, May 5, 2016).** “*[Y]ou will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.*” (Acts 1:8-9) I can remember as a kid, being in Macy’s department store in New York City. They still had elevator operators back then. The elevator operator on the ground floor would remain there with the elevator door opened, until someone came aboard with him. He would then close the rickety safety gate, and then the elevator door. Then, louder than an air siren at a Cistercian monastery, he’d yell out: “Go-o-o-ing up.” At the Ascension, Jesus is like our elevator operator. At the Ascension, Jesus’s disciples gain the hope and belief that they will follow Him up to heaven; we share that same hope and belief. We were created to be with God, and the Ascension shows that us that as we follow Christ on earth we have the hope of following him to Heaven.

**The Descent of the Holy Spirit / Pentecost (Sunday, May 15, 2016).** *"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."* (Acts 2:1-4). In 1989, singer Billy Joel sang "We didn't start the fire / it's been always burnin' since the world's been turnin'." Indeed, we see since the first chapter of Genesis, that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world. At Pentecost, Christ sends that Spirit to his Apostles and into his Church to strengthen them and to enlighten them. They accepted the Holy Spirit, and it gave them strength and wisdom. They were no longer afraid. Like Christ's disciples, it is up to us to accept

## **MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sun., Apr 10**   **8:30am:** Doris & Tom Costello  
                         **11:00am:** Ann & Neal Thomas  
**Misa en Español 7:00pm:** Tirsa Barraza Barraza  
**Thu., Apr 15**   **7:00pm:** For the People  
**Sun., Apr. 17**   **8:30am:** Ron Lawson  
                         **11:00am:** Rosa Cristiano  
**Misa en Español 7:00pm:** For the People

*Our Mass book for 2016 year is open.  
Please stop by office or call to have Masses scheduled.*

**TAX letters** are in the office ready for you to pick up.  
Please stop in to get yours today. Thank you.

this gift into our lives. The Holy Spirit gives us guidance and direction, strength, and grace to carry out God's will.

**The Assumption of Mary** (August 15, 2016). From a fourth century text, part of Catholic tradition, tells us, “*[P]eter and the other apostles took her body to be buried in a new tomb near Gethsemane in the Kidron Valley, where miracles of healing accompanied her burial. Three days later, angels took her body to heaven.*” In 1968, singer Jackie Wilson, in his hit “Higher and Higher,” sang, “Your love is lifting me higher than I’ve ever been lifted before.” In that regard, Mary, without sin, and full of grace, at the end of her earthly life, was taken, body and soul to heaven. God’s love lifted her higher than she’d ever been lifted before – from her earthly life to a heavenly one. And if, we follow Mary’s example, we too can share in the resurrection.

**The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth** (August 22, 2016). “[Mary] was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things.” (Second Vatican Council, Lumen Gentium 59) Earlier this year, TV emcee Steve Harvey committed the *faux pas* of all *faux pas*, when at the Miss Universe Pageant, he announced the wrong winner – and after a few minutes waving down the runway, at her fans, the incorrect winner had her crown and sash stripped from her and they were given to the correct winner. Yikes! This was painful to watch, though that didn’t stop of from going viral on YouTube! God however, is not Steve Harvey. Not only does God not host “Family Feud” or emcee beauty pageants, he also doesn’t err in conferring honors. In baptism, we receive the crown of priest, prophet and king; a crown that is ours to lose. Mary was selected for a unique privilege to be Queen of Heaven and Earth, and be marked as Christ’s first and best disciple.

These are God's mysteries for us to ponder, most especially during this Easter season.

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

## **COLLECTION TOTALS:**

**Regular Offertory:** \$3808.00  
**Supplementary Offertory:** \$ 382.00

**Second Collection Today:** Supplemental Offertory  
*Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed, and appreciated.*



**Knights of Columbus:** Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues., in the hall at 6:30pm. For more information contact Grand Knight, Clyde Hinebaugh 410-482-8699 or [clydehinebaugh@gmail.com](mailto:clydehinebaugh@gmail.com)

**Join us MOTHER'S DAY morning 9am for  
Breakfast in the Hall**

## STEWARSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Collection Counters

**Apr 10** Judy Carow & Ann Lawson

**Apr 17** Frank & Joyce Cristiano

**Apr 24** Paul & Robin Engstenberg

### Church Cleaning Crew

#### **April 16, 2016 Grupo #2**

Rafael Morales, **Marcos González**, Osvaldo Miranda

Eleazar Santizo, Reyna Morales

#### **April 23, 2016 Grupo #3**

Reynaldo Pérez, Maribel Ortiz, Juventino López,

**Isenia Escalante**, Clemente Escalante

#### **April 30, 2016 Grupo #4**

Hortencia Bamaca, Mainor Bamaca, Lucia Morales,

Rosemery Bamaca, Froilán Berduo

### Altar Servers

#### **April 17**

**8:30am Mass** – Evan Nagyiski

**11:00am Mass** – Carmine Poppiti & Joanne Santizo

**Spanish Misa 7pm** – Itzel Roblero & Armando Macario

### Lectors

#### **April 17**

**8:30am Mass** – Catherine Beck

**11:00am Mass** – Sherry Tucker

**Spanish Misa 7pm** – Fausto Ortiz, Brenda Morales

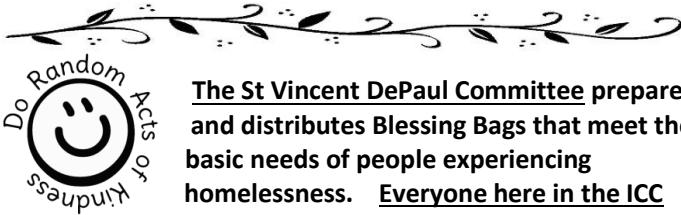
### Eucharistic Ministers

#### **April 17**

**8:30am Mass** – Deacon Tormey, Chris & Joyce Ford

**11:00am Mass** – Frank & Joyce Cristiano & Alicia Poppiti

**Spanish Misa 7pm** – Genaro Pérez, Carlos Miguel, Miguel Lopez



All it takes is keeping a Blessing Bag in your car in case you find someone in need while about your regular day. It takes very little to change the life of just one person. See Marilyn

Dixon or Alan Smith to participate. Thank you!



Welcome and Congratulations to those who were Baptized and entered our Church at the Easter Vigil: Melina, Elmer, Marco, Axel, Hilario, Eduardo, Adrian, Agurinda, Ema, Efren and Griselda. Please keep them and the 27 Candidates for next week's First Communion class in your prayers.

God Bless them all.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Sun, Apr 10** 9:40am SRE in Classrooms

**Sun, Apr 10** 12:30pm Confirmation Prep

**Sun, Apr 10** 3:30pm Jovenes

**Mon Apr 11 & Wed Apr 13** 7pm ESL

**Tue, Apr 12** 7pm John XXIII

**Wed, Apr 13** 7pm VBS Planning

**Fri, Apr 15** 7pm Communion Rehearsal

**Sat, Apr 16** 10am 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion



### **Sat, Apr 16 6pm TRIVIA**

#### **NIGHT – Join Us !!**

Here at ICC Hall ... Get a team together, pick a name and register your team by filling out a form and turn it into ICC office, Holy Cross office or STMA office with payment, questions to 410-482-7687.

## Marriage & Family Life Corner

### Marriage Moment –

"Peace be with you." (John 20:21) All married couples hurt one another at one time or another. Whether minor or large, it still can hurt. Offering forgiveness can bring peace to you both. Is there anything left unforgiven in your marriage? Make peace.

Parenting Pointer – Laughter can be healing. Does your family have any stories about family foibles that get repeated at family gatherings? It doesn't matter that it's embarrassing; it becomes family mythology. Let your child play a joke on you today.



In this Sunday's Gospel, the risen Jesus reveals himself again to His Apostles. He prepares a breakfast on the beach for them, as they have been out fishing. Jesus feeds them a meal and challenges Peter to feed his sheep. Bring It Home this week by donating food to a local food bank or prepare a special breakfast (or other meal) together as a family. Each member prepares a part of the meal. Nourish each other with good food and conversation, without electronics!

You are invited to join Bishop Malooly for the Annual Diocesan "Celebrate Life Mass," a celebration for persons with special needs and their families/friends/caregivers. This event will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bear, DE on Sunday, May 1, 2016. The day includes a gathering at 12:30 pm, Mass at 1:00 pm, and a light lunch following Mass. We ask that if you are able to attend, please bring 2 or more cans of food for the parish food closet. To register, please email Debbie Ciafre at [dciafre@comcast.net](mailto:dciafre@comcast.net) or call her at (302) 275-8717.

Please respond no later than April 15th.

## FROM THE DRE'S DESK

### School of Religious Education

SRE Classes Today, 9:40 – 10:50 in Classrooms

**School of Religious Education: Registrations are now available** for 2016-2017 school year. Please register your children as soon as possible, so we can better prepare for next year. We had our largest numbers this past year, and we may have to rearrange the times, classes and teachers. **Do not wait until Sunday school starts next year to register!**

### First Vacation Bible School Meeting – Apr 13 7pm



We are planning meeting for VBS! If you are interested in being a part of the planning and on the team!

We will have the meeting on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the parish office meeting room.



### Message from the Diocese Vocations Office

#### **Third Sunday of Easter**

The apostles experienced great joy through teaching in the name of Jesus, even though they were persecuted for doing so. Every day, religious sisters and brothers, along with deacons and priests, teach in the name of Jesus, despite all sorts of difficulties. Maybe God is calling you to join in that great venture. If you think so, please call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations!](http://www.cdow.org/vocations)

#### **Are you being called to the Priesthood?**

You're invited to socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests, and men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest.

On April 13, CAS will be held at Ss. Peter & Paul in Easton at 6:30 p.m.. For information, contact Fr. Glenn Evers at 410-882-3244.

On April 21, CAS will meet at St. John the Beloved Church on Milltown Road in Wilmington at 6:30 p.m. Contact Fr. Chris Coffie at 302-239-7100 x 24



Estimados Feligreses,

En 1979, una terrible serie de televisión donde aparecía, la Sra. Colombo, cada semana, esta fiel esposa del teniente colombo (Ramón Ramírez, en el doblaje fue la voz en español de colombo "Peter Falk" en su propia serie), se trataba de resolver un misterio, pero fue mal recibida y, desapareció rápidamente pero era tan bueno que era malo. Tengo que decir que en aquel entonces, incluso cuando era un adolescente, los misterios no eran tan misteriosos y las pistas sobresalían como humanoides en una convención de viaje a las Estrellas (Star Wars).

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

#### **Third Sunday of Easter**

**Theme:** Jesus feeds us so that we can feed and serve others.

**Question for Children:** Jesus asks Peter three times if Peter loves Jesus. What one thing can you do this week to show Jesus your love?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus asked Peter three times to "feed my sheep." Who are you being called to help in your life right now?

**Question for Adults:** Christ continues to feed us as his disciples, even after his death and resurrection. How does the Eucharist feed your faith?

#### Pregunta de la semana

#### **3º domingo de Resurrección**

**Tema:** Jesús nos alimenta para que podamos alimentar y servir a los demás.

**Pregunta para los niños:** Jesús le pregunta a Pedro tres veces si Pedro lo ama. ¿Qué cosa pueden hacer esta semana para mostrar que aman a Jesús?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Jesús le pidió tres veces a Pedro: "alimenta mis ovejas". ¿A quién se te llama a ayudar en estos momentos?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Cristo sigue alimentándonos como sus discípulos, aún después de su muerte y resurrección. ¿Cómo alimenta su fe la Eucaristía?



En todo caso, después de una temporada de calificaciones mediocres el nombre fue cambiado a "Kate amaba un Misterio" (aunque no a muchas otras personas les gustó este misterio, como un mes más tarde encontró descanso eterno en el programa de televisión Cementerio). Y mientras que "Kate amaba un misterio," católicos aman aún más un misterio - aunque no el tipo de misterio a resolver, pero el misterio de la fe para reflexionar cada día de tu vida.

Durante este tiempo de Pascua y luego en el tiempo ordinario este próximo verano, se nos presentan con muchos grandes misterios de la fe para ser ponderadas. Oímos hablar de estos misterios más a menudo en el rezo del santo Rosario, cuando oramos

los Misterios Gloriosos. Hay cinco misterios Gloriosos para reflexionar... y cada uno tiene una fecha en el calendario atado a ellos. Así pues, en las semanas y meses venideros, considera pasar algo de tiempo en la oración, especialmente cuando rezas el Rosario, para reflexionar sobre los misterios Gloriosos. A continuación voy a decir el misterio, la fecha relacionada, un texto de la Sagrada Escritura y la reflexión de cada misterio.

**La Resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo (Domingo de Pascua - 27 de marzo, 2016).** "Pero el ángel habló; y dijo a las mujeres: "Entonces el ángel dijo a las mujeres en respuesta, " ¡No teman! Yo sé que buscan a Jesús, el crucificado. No está aquí, porque ha resucitado como había dicho "(Mat. 28: 5-7a)... En la década de 1970 NBC tenía una serie de televisión llamada " El Gran Evento-The Big Event" - un evento, mensual, tan grande y tan lleno de estrellas que otra programación sería nada en comparación (y lo hizo durante varios años hasta que " El Gran Evento "se desinfló en el evento mundial). Para nosotros, la Pascua - es "El Gran Evento" es y debe ser promesas de Dios para nosotros que se hicieron palpables: la muerte fue vencida; "El Gran Evento." la vida eterna estaba nuevamente abierta para el hombre! Nuestra fe se basa en la Resurrección del Señor, y en Pascua y en cada domingo celebramos su Resurrección de entre los muertos.

**La Ascensión de nuestro Señor Jesucristo (jueves, 5 de mayo, 2016).** "Pero recibirán la fuerza del Espíritu Santo cuando venga sobre ustedes, y serán mis testigos en Jerusalén, en toda Judea, en Samaría y hasta los extremos de la tierra." Dicho esto, Jesús fue levantado ante sus ojos y una nube lo ocultó de su vista." Hechos 1: 8-9). Recuerdo cuando era un niño, estando en Macy's en la ciudad de Nueva York. Todavía, en aquel entonces, tenían los operadores de los elevadores o ascensores. El operador del ascensor en la planta baja permanecería allí con la puerta del ascensor abierta, hasta que alguien llegaba a bordo con él. Él entonces cerraba la puerta raquítica de seguridad, y luego la puerta del ascensor. Entonces, más fuerte que una sirena de aire acondicionado de un monasterio cisterciense, gritaba: " A-rrí-ba" en la Ascensión, Jesús es como nuestro operador de ascensor. En la Ascensión, los discípulos de Jesús obtienen la esperanza y la creencia de que van a seguirle hasta el cielo; compartimos la misma esperanza y la misma fe. Fuimos creados para estar con Dios, y la Ascensión muestra que nosotros a medida que seguimos a Cristo en la tierra tenemos la esperanza de seguirlo al cielo.

**La Venida del Espíritu Santo / Pentecostés (Domingo, 15 de mayo, 2016).** "Cuando llegó el día de Pentecostés, estaban todos reunidos en el mismo lugar. De repente vino del cielo un ruido, como el de una violenta ráfaga de viento, que llenó toda la casa donde estaban, y aparecieron unas lenguas como de fuego que se repartieron y fueron posándose sobre cada uno de ellos. Todos quedaron llenos del Espíritu

Santo y comenzaron a hablar en otras lenguas, según el Espíritu les concedía que se expresaran."(Hechos 2: 1-4) En 1989, el cantante Billy Joel cantó " Nosotros no empezamos el fuego/Siempre ardió/Desde que el mundo gira". De hecho, vemos desde el primer capítulo del Génesis, que el Espíritu Santo está trabajando en el mundo. En Pentecostés, Cristo envía el Espíritu a sus Apóstoles y en su Iglesia para fortalecerlos y para iluminarlos. Ellos aceptaron el Espíritu Santo, y se les dio la fortaleza y la sabiduría. Ya no tenían miedo. Al igual que los discípulos de Cristo, depende de nosotros aceptar este regalo en nuestras vidas. El Espíritu Santo nos da consejo y sabiduría, la fortaleza y la gracia para llevar a cabo la voluntad de Dios.

**La Asunción de María (15 de agosto de 2016).** De un texto del siglo cuarto, parte de la tradición católica, nos dice: "[P]edro y los otros apóstoles tomaron su cuerpo para ser enterrado en una tumba nueva, cerca de Getsemaní, en el valle de Cedrón, donde milagros de curación acompañados de su entierro. Tres días más tarde, los ángeles llevaron su cuerpo al cielo. "En 1968, el cantante Jackie Wilson, en su éxito" Cada vez más alto, "cantó:" Tu amor me está elevando alto, más alto de lo que nunca he sido elevado antes. " A este respecto, María, exenta de pecado, y llena de gracia, al final de su vida terrena, fue llevada en cuerpo y alma al cielo. El amor de Dios la elevó más alto de lo que había sido elevada antes - de su vida terrenal a la celestial. Y si, seguimos el ejemplo de María, también nosotros podemos compartir en la resurrección.

**La Coronación de la Virgen María como Reina del Cielo y de la Tierra (22 de agosto de 2016).** "[María] fue llevada en cuerpo y alma a la gloria celestial cuando su vida terrenal había terminado, y exaltada por el Señor como Reina del universo." (Concilio Vaticano II, Lumen Gentium 59) A principios de este año, el presentador de televisión Steve Harvey Cometió el error de los errores, cuando en la gala de Miss Universo, anunció la ganadora equivocada - y después de unos minutos corriendo agitado por la pista, pidiendo disculpas a sus fans, por anunciar la ganadora incorrecta, y ella tenía que despojarse de su corona y la banda y le fue dada a la ganadora correcta. ¡Ay! Este fue doloroso de ver, aunque eso no impidió de ir viral en YouTube! Dios sin embargo, no es Steve Harvey. Dios no sólo no es presentador o maestro de ceremonia de concursos de belleza, Dios no se equivoca al conferir honores en el bautismo, recibimos la corona de ser sacerdote, profeta y rey; una corona que es nuestro para perder. María fue seleccionada por un privilegio único de ser Reina del Cielo y de la Tierra, y marcada como la primera y la mejor discípula de Cristo.

Estos son los misterios de Dios para que reflexionemos, especialmente, y sobre todo durante este tiempo de Pascua.

Suyo en Cristo,  
P. James Lentini  
Párroco