

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

April 3, 2016 – Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy

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,

I have several different items to note in this week's Pastor's Column.

IN FULL COMMUNION. This week, I am exhilarated to report to all of you, that between Holy Cross Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish, some 55 new members were brought into the faith or into full communion with the faith. Holy Cross had 44 Baptisms and/or Confirmations, and Immaculate Conception had 11. Holy Cross had the largest number people being brought into the Church at Easter of any parish in the Diocese. And when combined with Immaculate Conception our two parishes yield 15.7% of the Diocese total. These numbers tell us that our two parishes are alive with the Holy Spirit, as we continue to grow and add to Christ's flock! Alleluia! And be assured those Baptized and Confirmed received some of the signs of our faith: the Holy Oil, a Baptismal candle, a white garment, and immaculate new set of parish contribution envelopes.

CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION. On a more somber note, you will have noted some shocking stories in the news over the past year, but even more so over the past week or so, regarding Christian persecution at the hands of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and other groups. Here are just a few on the bone-chilling stories relayed:"

- Earlier this month, a mission run by Mother Teresa's nuns, in Aden, was attacked by ISIL: 16 people were killed, including four nuns. An Indian priest name Fr. Thomas who was Chaplain to the mission, was abducted and on Good Friday, was crucified by ISIL.
- In the predominantly Catholic nation of Ivory Coast, an Al Qaeda affiliated group killed sixteen people in a resort town, including one five year who was on his knees begging for his life. He was shot through the head. One child, who was able to recite an Islamic prayer was spared.

- On Good Friday, an Islamic shopkeeper in Scotland was beaten to death by Islamic radicals for posting an Easter greeting on Facebook to his many Christian customers.
- As we have all read, on March 22, in the Catholic nation of Belgium, people going about their business were murdered by ISIL via terrorist nail-bombs at an airport and train station. Many were killed, and even more were maimed by this terrible attack.
- In Pakistan, on Easter Sunday, over 70 people were killed and hundreds maimed after a bomb was detonated in a children's play area in Lahore, Pakistan where Christian families were celebrating Easter. Mainly women and children were killed – and for no other reason than being Christian.

There are many more stories of this persecution being visited upon Christians, especially Catholics by radical Islamic forces, and they could fill pages. You know, so many times we hear about the killing of Christians by Romans in the days of the Roman Empire – but that seems like just ancient history. And yet, today Christians around the world are facing terror, terrorism, and death for practicing their faith, or for just being identified as Christian. There is a move afoot in international circles to label this action by ISIL as genocide; and there is certainly a sound basis for that.

As we make our way through this Easter seasons, let us take time out at the start or end of our day, to pause for a moment and pray for our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters. Let us also appreciate that in this country we are able to go Church and worship and practice our religion freely, openly, and without fear of being put to death; and let us never take this for granted!

On this matter, Pope Francis said the following in his Easter message:

The Lord Jesus, our peace (Eph 2:14), by his resurrection triumphed over evil and sin. May he

draw us closer on this Easter feast to the victims of terrorism, that blind and brutal form of violence which continues to shed blood in different parts of the world, as in the recent attacks in Belgium, Turkey, Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon, and the Ivory Coast... Along with our brothers and sisters persecuted for their faith and their fidelity to the name of Christ, and before the evil that seems to have the upper hand in the life of so many people, let us hear once again the comforting words of the Lord: "Take courage; I have conquered the world!" (Jn 16:33). [Easter] is the radiant day of this victory, for Christ has trampled death and destruction underfoot. By his resurrection he has brought life and immortality to light (cf. 2 Tim 1:10).

DIVINE MERCY. Today the Church observes Divine Sunday, also known as Low Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, and end of the Octave of Easter. On this day we reflect on God's Divine Mercy. One of the devotions closely associated with this day (though certainly not restricted to this day) is the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This devotion, which seeks God's Divine Mercy, can be prayed upon a standard set of Rosary beads, and is quite simple to pray. Since the devotion is closely connected to Christ's sacrifice for us, the hour of 3pm is a very appropriate time to pray it (though it can be prayed at any time). Do you want to find out how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet? Just go to: www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/praythechaplet.php

As March marches off, as spring springs up among us, and as March Madness comes to its inevitable conclusion this coming week (with our Catholic Villanova University perhaps going all the way), my best wish to you and your families as we conclude this Octave of Easter, and continue through the Easter Season.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Apr 3 8:30am: Hampton & Messner Family
 11:00am: Lillian Weaver
 Misa en Español 7:00pm: For the People
 Thu., Apr 7 7:00pm: for the People
Sun., Apr. 10 8:30am: Doris & Tom Costello
 11:00am: Ann & Neal Thomas
 Misa en Español 7:00pm: Tirsra Barraza Barraza

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

Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed, and appreciated.

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory:	\$3118.09
Supplementary Offertory:	\$ 588.00
Holy Thursday:	\$ 373.00
Holy Land:	\$ 326.00
Easter:	\$2258.00
Second Collection Today: Supplemental Offertory	



Knights of Columbus: Meet every 2nd & 4th Tues., in the hall at 6:30pm. For more information contact Grand Knight, Clyde Hinebaugh 410-482-8699 or clydehinebaugh@gmail.com

Join us this morning 9am for Breakfast in the Hall

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Apr 3 Margie Short & Laura Voshell

Apr 10 Judy Carrow & Ann Lawson

Apr 17 Frank & Joyce Cristiano

Church Cleaning Crew

April 7, 2016 Grupo #1 Rectoría-Oficina

Ovidio Roblero, **Natalina Capistran**, Fausto Ortiz,
Everilda Pérez, Amanda Salas, Ashley Salas

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,
Ilenia Escalante, Clemente Escalante

April 30, 2016 Grupo #4

Hortencia Bamaca, Mainor Bamaca, Lucia Morales,
Rosemery Bamaca, Froilán Berduo

Altar Servers

April 10

8:30am Mass – Hannah Nagyiski

11:00am Mass – Meg & Vincent Haass & Sherlin Santizo

Spanish Misa 7pm – Emily Escalante &
Alex & Jeffrey Gabriel

Lectors

April 10

8:30am Mass – Marilyn Dixon

11:00am Mass – Laura Schlaupitz

Spanish Misa 7pm – Marcos Díaz, Froilán Berduo

Eucharistic Ministers

April 10

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Elisa & Tom Costello

11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Judy Carrow, Bob
VanVessan

Spanish Misa 7pm – Ovidio Roblero, Natalina Capistran,
Alberto Morales

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Apr 3 9am K of C Breakfast in Hall

Sun, Apr 3 9:40am SRE in Classrooms

Sun, Apr 3 3pm Jovenes

Sun, Apr 3 4pm Baptism Prep

Mon, Apr 4 6pm St. Vincent DePaul

Mon Apr 4 & Wed Apr 6 7pm ESL

Tue, Apr 5 6:30pm 1st Communion Prep

Sat, Apr 9 9am 1st Communion Retreat

Sun, Apr 10 12:30pm Confirmation Prep



TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, April 16th 6pm, 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 –

As Christians we believe that Jesus rose from the dead. As humans we know that each of us will eventually die. When you are honest with yourself, do you really believe in an afterlife? What do you think it will be like? Talk it over with your beloved.

Parenting Pointer –

Jesus experienced humiliation and the physical suffering of the crucifixion. Death is the ultimate letting go of self. Few of us will be in a position to surrender our lives for our faith through physical martyrdom, but letting go of pride and ego can be a spiritual martyrdom and not for the fainthearted. Take stock of your attitudes of pride, self-righteousness, and wanting to be right and important today. Help your children understand true humility.



In this week's Gospel, Jesus appears to His disciples saying the words, "Peace be with you." We hear that he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them and challenges them to forgive sins. Bring It Home by praying the Prayer of Saint Francis each evening as a family. Talk about how to be an instrument of God's peace. Is there someone in your life that you need to forgive? Or do you need to seek God's forgiveness in Reconciliation.

The St Vincent DePaul Committee prepares and distributes



Blessing Bags that meet the basic needs of people experiencing homelessness.

Everyone here in the ICC Community is invited to join in this outreach.

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!

FROM THE DRE'S DESK
School of Religious Education

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

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 13th at 7pm in the parish office

meeting room.



Message from the Diocese Vocations Office

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of the Divine Mercy

Jesus gave the Twelve the authority to forgive sins in His name, and He continues to give that authority to the Church through the ministry of the priesthood. Is He calling you to serve this ministry of reconciliation as a priest? If you are a man between the ages of 18 and 49 and believe that God might be calling you in this way, please call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org).

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 Coffey at 302-239-7100 x 24

WEB SITE: Don't forget to check out our new Web Site today!! See our tweets and scripture of the day!!!

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Easter

Theme: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Question for Children: Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

Question for Youth: Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God? How do you see God in the words and actions of others?

Question for Adults: Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week - how you are being sent forth.

Pregunta de la semana

2º domingo de Resurrección

Tema: Reciban el Espíritu Santo.

Pregunta para los niños: Jesús se les apareció a los discípulos aun cuando ellos tenían miedo y estaban reunidos en un sitio bajo llave. ¿Cómo pueden mostrar a Jesús a otras personas esta semana por medio de su comportamiento?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Tomás no creía porque no había visto a Jesús con sus propios ojos. ¿Cuán difícil es para ti creer en Dios sin verlo? ¿Cómo ves a Dios en las palabras y acciones de los demás?

Pregunta para los adultos: Jesús dijo: "Dichosos los que sin haber visto, creen". Den un ejemplo de cómo mostrarán su creencia en Jesús esta semana: cómo se les ha despedido.

Join the Catholic Advocacy Network today

"Politics is one of the highest forms of charity because it seeks the common good." ~ Pope Francis

There are many issues facing us on a national and state wide level. Social concerns such as health care and immigration, life issues such as abortion and euthanasia, assistance for Catholic school families, poverty and so much more. The actions of our government have an enormous impact on the lives of you and your family.

Columna del párroco padre James Lentini
3 de abril, 2016

Estimados Feligreses,

Tengo en esta columna del Pastor de esta semana varios artículos diferentes.

EN PLENA COMUNIÓN. Esta semana, estoy muy complacido de informarles a todos ustedes, que entre la Parroquia de la Santa Cruz y la Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción, unos 55 nuevos miembros fueron incorporados a la fe o en plena comunión con la fe. La parroquia de La Santa Cruz tuvieron 44 bautismos y / o confirmaciones, y La Inmaculada Concepción tuvo 11. Santa Cruz tuvo el mayor número

de personas que entraron en la Iglesia en la Pascua de cualquiera otra parroquia en la Diócesis. Y cuando se combina con la Inmaculada Concepción nuestras dos parroquias producen el 15.7% del total de la Diócesis. Estas cifras nos dicen que nuestras dos parroquias están vivas con el Espíritu Santo, a medida que continuamos creciendo y agregando al rebaño de Cristo! ¡Aleluya! Y estén seguro de que los bautizados y confirmados recibieron algunos de los signos de nuestra fe: el Santo óleo, una vela bautismal, una vestidura blanca y nueva e inmaculadas caja de sobres para la ofrenda de la parroquia.

VOCACIONES. Si estuviste aquí para la Misa Crismal, o cualquiera de los servicios del Triduo (Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo, o la Vigilia Pascual), te habrás

dado cuenta de la presencia de uno de los seminaristas diocesanos. Su nombre es Craig Kursinsky, y él es un feligrés de la Santa Cruz, y actualmente está asistiendo al Seminario de Santa María en Baltimore. Pedimos por sus oraciones para él, y por un aumento en las vocaciones. He aquí una casualidad, Yo, el Padre Olson y el Seminarista Craig Kursinsky los tres fuimos al seminario desde Santa Cruz, pero aún más coincidencia, antes de que cada uno de nosotros fuéramos al seminario, todos vivimos fuera de la misma intersección en el lado oeste de Dover, justo al lado de la Ruta 8. En 1969, el cantante Nilsson tuvo un éxito con una canción titulada: "Creo que el Señor debe estar en la ciudad de Nueva York." Bueno, eso puede ser... pero claramente, la oficina de vocaciones del Señor debe de estar ubicada cerca de la Ruta 8 Wawa.

PERSECUCIÓN DE LOS CRISTIANOS. En un tono más sombrío, han visto algunas historias impactantes en las noticias durante el pasado año, pero más aún durante la última semana, más o menos, con respecto a la persecución de los cristianos a manos del Estado Islámico de Irak y el Levante (ISIL) y otros grupos .. Éstos son sólo algunas de las historias escalofrantes retransmitidas:

- A principios de este mes, una misión de monjas de la Madre Teresa, en Adén, fue atacada por ISIL: 16 personas murieron, entre ellas cuatro monjas. Un sacerdote hindú llamado padre Tomas, que era capellán de la misión, fue secuestrado y el Viernes Santo, fue crucificado por ISIL.
- En la nación predominantemente católica de Costa de Marfil, un grupo afiliado a Al Qaeda, mataron a dieciséis personas en una ciudad turística, incluyendo un niño de cinco años que estaba de rodillas rogando por su vida. Le dispararon en la cabeza. Un niño, que sabía y pudo recitar un rezo islámico se salvó.
- El Viernes Santo, un comerciante islámico en Escocia fue golpeado hasta la muerte por los radicales islámicos por publicar en Facebook un saludo de Pascua a sus clientes cristianos.

Como todos hemos leído, el 22 de marzo, en la nación católica de Bélgica, la gente que iban por sus quehaceres fueron asesinados por terroristas de ISIL detonaron bombas en un aeropuerto y la estación de tren. Muchos fueron asesinados, y muchos más fueron heridos por este terrible ataque.

- En Pakistán, el domingo de Pascua, más de 70 personas murieron y cientos heridos después que una bomba fue detonada en un parque de juegos para niños en Lahore, Pakistán, donde las familias cristianas estaban celebrando la Pascua. La mayoría mujeres y niños fueron asesinados - y por ninguna otra razón que por ser cristianos.

Hay muchas más historias de este tipo de persecución a los cristianos, especialmente los católicos por las fuerzas islámicas radicales, y podrían llenar páginas. Sabes, cuantas veces oímos acerca de asesinatos a los cristianos por los romanos en los días del Imperio Romano - pero que solo parecía historia antigua. Y, sin embargo, hoy los cristianos de todo el mundo están enfrentando el terror, el terrorismo, y la muerte por

practicar su fe, o simplemente por ser identificados como cristianos. Hay un movimiento en marcha en los círculos internacionales para etiquetar esta acción por ISIL como genocidio; y sin duda hay una base sólida para eso.

A medida que hacemos nuestro caminar a través de este tiempo de Pascua, tomemos el tiempo al comienzo o al final de nuestro día, para hacer una pausa por un momento y orar por nuestros hermanos y hermanas cristianos perseguidos. También debemos de apreciar que, en este país podemos ir a la iglesia, podemos dar culto y practicar nuestra religión libremente, abiertamente y sin temor a ser condenado a muerte; y nunca debemos tomar esto por seguro!

En este sentido, el Papa Francisco dijo lo siguiente en su mensaje de Pascua:

El Señor Jesús, nuestra paz (Ef 2,14), por su Resurrección triunfó sobre el mal y el pecado. Que él nos acerque en esta fiesta de Pascua a las víctimas del terrorismo, que en forma ciega y brutal de la violencia que sigue a derramando sangre en diferentes partes del mundo, como en los recientes ataques en Bélgica, Turquía, Nigeria, Chad, Camerún, y Costa de Marfil ... Con nuestros hermanos y hermanas perseguidos por la fe y por su fidelidad al nombre de Cristo, y ante el mal que parece prevalecer en la vida de tantas personas, volvamos a escuchar las palabras consoladoras del Señor: «No tengas miedo. ¡Yo he triunfado sobre el mundo!» (Jn 16,33). Hoy es el día esplendorosa de esta victoria, porque Cristo ha derrotado a la muerte y su resurrección ha hecho resplandecer la vida y la inmortalidad a la luz (cf. 2 Tm 1,10).

DIVINA MISERICORDIA. Hoy la Iglesia celebra el domingo de la Divina misericordia, también conocida, como el segundo domingo de Pascua, y al final de la octava de Pascua. En este día se reflexiona sobre la Divina Misericordia de Dios. Una de las devociones estrechamente conectadas a este día es el rezo de la Coronilla (aunque ciertamente no se limita a este día). Esta devoción, que busca la Divina Misericordia de Dios, puede rezarse en un conjunto de las cuentas de un rosario normal, y es bastante simple para rezar. Dado que la devoción está estrechamente relacionada con el sacrificio de Cristo para nosotros, la hora de rezar la coronilla es a las 3:00PM es un momento muy adecuado para orar (aunque se puede rezar en cualquier momento). ¿Quieres saber cómo rezar el Coronilla? Sólo tienes que ir a: www.ladivinamisericordia.org/QD/coronilla.php También habrá materiales disponibles en el (área del vestíbulo) nártex de la iglesia este fin de semana.

Como marzo va marchando hacia afuera, y el brote de la primavera entre nosotros, y como la locura de marzo llega a su inevitable final esta semana que viene (con nuestra Universidad Católica VILLANOVA con la posibilidad de ir hasta el final), mis mejores deseos para ustedes y sus familias al concluir esta octava de Pascua, y continúa hasta el tiempo de Pascua.

Suyo en Cristo,
Padre James Lentini
Párroco