

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 8, 2018 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
1:00 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. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar
Rev. John T. Solomon, Parochial Vicar

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 Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

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**.

Dear Parishioners,

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, I want to share God's great mercy and avail folks of the gift and blessing of Christian marriage. Last year, at about this same time, I wrote a Pastor's Column about the Sacrament of Marriage, and exhorted folks who were living together or were married outside the Church, to consider getting married (or getting their marriage "blessed") in the Church. As it is April, and the number of weddings rise between now and the fall, I thought it best to rerun a modified version of my comments regarding marriage in this column.

Ratings, Weddings and Genies. TV lover that I am, I can remember back in 1970, watching the wedding episode of "I Dream of Jeannie" when in a play for better ratings, using wedding-based glitz and glamor, Jeannie and Major Nelson (a lady genie and her astronaut beau) tied the knot. Alas, not even a genie and a wedding could save the show – and it was soon cancelled. This episode "I Dream of Jeannie" tell us something about weddings and marriages that life

experience confirms. A wedding should not be about show and flash, or glitz and glamour; rather it should solemnly celebrate the first day of a lifetime of a marriage of a man and a woman.

Wedding Bell Blues? In our world today, weddings seem to have taken on a greater importance than the marriage itself. There are wedding TV shows, wedding registries, wedding planners, and a whole host of things that have made weddings the second largest expense in a person's life, after buying a home. The problem with this is that "the wedding" has become the focus of attention, while marriage has become some mere echo after effect. To make an analogy, it would be like having a child and making the entire focus on the child's birth, and then once he's born, tossing him aside and just looking back on that birth event.

Gifts and Marriage. To be clear, in the Catholic Church, there is not a Sacrament of Wedding; there is a Sacrament of Marriage. The focus of that Sacrament is not on the event (the wedding), but on

the vocation (married life). Thus, I often tell couples preparing for marriage to stop watching TV wedding shows. Why? Because marriage is not about the "event" of a wedding but, rather, about a life spent together. Thus, while a wedding passes into history in a few hours (after the cutting of the cake and the receiving of some Kenmore blenders, gift cards, and perhaps a set of Ginsu knives), the marriage endures. And marriage in the Church — received as a Sacrament — allows the Baptized parties of the marriage to share in the marital graces, given by God, to bless married life.

Mission Not Impossible. To this end, as Pastor of the parish, I want to commend our couples who are not married in the Church, to consider addressing that status. Many folks think that getting your marriage "blessed by the Church" is an arduous or even impossible task; in most cases, it is not. To this end, I would ask men and women, in non-Church marriages, to seek to amend that situation, and come into the fold of those married in Christ.

How to Get Your Marriage Blessed in the Church: There are several different situations that entail slightly different actions to address marital status. To list all the possible circumstances would take a book the size of a Herman Wouk novel. So, I will focus on the three most common circumstances below. (For more complicated scenarios you will need speak to one of the Priests or Deacons in the Parish.)

- 1. If you are married civilly and this is your only marriage:** If you are couple who, for whatever reason, married civilly, but not in Church — and you have only been married once — you can have your married "convalidated" in the Church (often referred to as "blessed in the Church"). This takes your civil marriage and makes it into a marriage in the Catholic Church.
 - If you have been civilly married (or married in another faith without Church approval) for over four years, you need only to meet with one of our Priests or Deacons, complete a pre-marital inquiry to determine your marital status, and then a convalidation via the Catholic Rite of Marriage may be scheduled.
 - If your civil marriage is more recent (four years or less), you may have to do pre-Cana preparation before the Convalidation of your marriage.

- 2. If you (or your spouse) are Catholic and had a previous civil marriage before this one:** This is usually fairly simple. Since you (or your spouse) are Catholic and married outside of the proper Catholic form of marriage without permission of the appropriate Church authority, that civil marriage reflects a "lack of canonical form" and can be deemed null. This entails some paperwork. Once I get the approved documentation back from the Diocese (usually, in a week or two), we can get your Convalidation planned (and if married over four years, the simpler process noted above applies)
- 3. If you are Catholic and have a previous marriage in the Catholic Church (or married with Church permission in another Christian Church/location):** In this circumstance, you may need an annulment. An annulment speaks to the questions of whether a marriage was validly contracted at the time of consent (i.e., was there duress, were there impediments, etc.). If it is deemed that the circumstances on the day of the marriage were not proper or that informed consent was impeded, an annulment may be issued, freeing you to marry. The good news is, is that process, with emendations put forth by Popes Benedict and more recently Pope Francis, has become much quicker (usually about six months or less).

Please note: If you are in a marriage currently, and you or your spouse are non-Catholic: If the non-Catholic party had been married previously, that original marriage of theirs is considered valid and thus an annulment process must ensue (as noted in #3 above).

Marriage in the Church. And so, I commend you: If you are married outside of the Church, seek to have your marriage convalidated (blessed) in the Church. This is the faith and teaching of your Church, moreover, this is the call of Jesus Christ to a man and a woman in the vocation of married life. Christ is asking: Do you want to do what is necessary to marry according to our faith and the laws of His Church: Please say, "I do."

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor



**JOIN US TODAY
Knights Breakfast in the Hall 9 AM**

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, April 8

8:30 Thompson & Harter Family

11:00 Bruce Schepens

Misa en Español **1pm For the People**

Thursday Apr 12 Misa en Español **7pm For the People**

Sunday, April 15

8:30 Julie Larkin

11:00 Doris Faust

Misa en Español **1pm For the People**

2018 Mass book is now open.

To schedule a Mass, please contact the office

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Apr 8 Frank & Joyce Cristiano

Apr 15 Paul & Robin Engstenberg

Apr 22 Tom & Mary McGowan

Church Cleaning Crew

Abril 13, 2018 Grupo #5

Santos Juárez, Arturo Ramírez, Eva Bravo,
Herminda Bravo, Paulina Morales, Silvia Ramírez

Abril 20, 2018 Grupo #6

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

Altar Servers

April 15

8:30am Mass – Anna Clancy & Averi Locke

11am Mass – Vince Haass & Savannah Strauss

Spanish Misa 1pm – Reynaldo Alvarez & Itzel Roblero

Lectors

April 15

8:30am Mass – Barbara Thompson

11am Mass – Sherry Tucker

Spanish Misa 1pm – Rubelio Velásquez, Clara Bamaca

Eucharistic Ministers

April 15

8:30am Mass – Chris & Joyce Ford

11am Mass – Judy Carrow, Laura Schlaupitz

Spanish Misa 1pm – Alberto Morales, Carlos Miguel,
Flora Pérez, Miguel López, Antonio Pérez

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Holy Thursday: \$ 508.00

Good Friday: \$254.00

Offertory: \$5458.00

Easter Offering: \$2158.25

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

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

SCHEDEDULED EVENTS

Sun, April 8 – 9am Knights Breakfast in Hall

Sun, April 8 – 9:40am SRE Classes in Classrooms

Sun, April 8 – 2pm RICA

Mon, Apr 9 & Wed Apr 11 - 7pm ESL

Tues, April 10 – 6:30pm Communion Prep

Tues, April 10 – 7pm Juan XXIII

Sat, April 14 – Catechetical Day- STMA

Sat, April 14 – 9am 1st Communion Retreat-basement

Sat, April 14 10am – Car Show

Sun, April 15 Noon – Confirmation Retreat-hall



Knights of Columbus

Next meeting Tues, April 10th

Rosary @ 6:30pm

Meeting @ 7pm

in the Knights Hall

All members are encouraged to attend. Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or kelly29@comcast.net.

Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

"Whoever fails to love does not know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:8) Do you know anyone who claims to love God yet does not act lovingly toward a family member, a neighbor, creation? Don't let it be you

Parenting Pointer –

Grandparents have access to history that can thrill and surprise their grandchildren. They can tell stories about how life used to be and shed some light on how the child's parent was a generation ago. They are the keepers of tradition. Don't lose the wisdom. Connect.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education
September 24, 2017-May 6, 2018
9:40am-10:50am



Registration is open for next year Religious Education. Get your seat now! For next year RE! Please get your registrations today and save a spot for your children next year. Spaces go fast, so do not miss out! Don't wait until September!

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 \$35 por cada niño, y no más de \$150 cada familia.

NEEDED: TEACHERS! APPLY HERE FOR NEXT YEAR! Share your gifts and get the rewards in heaven.

We will need 2 or more teachers for religious education on Sunday mornings from September to May. Please take the time during Lent this year in prayer and discernment on serving the young people and families of our Parish. Please contact Alicia Poppiti with any questions, 410-482-8939 at parish office. Thank you to those that have heard the call and responded.

Welcome and Congratulations to those who were baptized and entered our Church at the Easter Vigil:

Carolina, Nuel, Maria, Elder, Neidy, Michaias, Adrian, Artemio and Melvin.



Please keep them in your prayers. God Bless them all.



1st Communion Prep: Tuesday, April 10, 6:30-7:30pm in the hall.

1st Communion Retreat: Saturday, April 14, 9am to 12 noon in the Church Basement.

Confirmation Retreat: Sunday, April 15th, 12 noon-5pm in the parish hall.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Easter

Theme: Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!

Question for Children: How can you believe in Jesus whom you have never seen?

Question for Youth: Jesus' words of greeting were "Peace be with you," followed by the invitation to forgive sins. How does forgiveness bring peace to you? How does it change the world?

Question for Adults: What strengthens your faith? Why do you believe in Jesus?

2do domingo de Pascua

Tema: ¡No persistas en tu falta de fe! ¡Cree!

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Cómo puedes creer en Jesús, a quien nunca has visto?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: El saludo de Jesús era "La paz esté con ustedes", seguido de la invitación a perdonar los pecados. ¿De qué manera te da paz el perdón? ¿Cómo cambia esto el mundo?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Qué fortalece su fe? ¿Por qué cree en Jesús?

Are you being called to the Priesthood?

Come socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests, and men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest. Find out about the *amazing* life of the Priesthood.



CAS – North will meet on April 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption in Hockessin, Delaware. **For more information, contact Father Chris Coffey at FrCoffey@sjbde.org or call 302-999-0211.**

CAS – South will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Saint John the Apostle Church, 506 Seabury Drive, Milford, DE on April 30, 2018. **Contact Father John Solomon at fatherjohnsolomon@gmail.com or 302-674-5787.**



THANK YOU

We changed lives this Lent, thanksto YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at the DRE's front desk

in hall before, during or after SRE, or in the bin at the front door of Church.

COLUMNÁ DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 8 DE ABRIL, 2018.

Queridos feligreses,

En este Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, quiero compartir la gran misericordia de Dios y hacer uso del regalo y la bendición del matrimonio cristiano. El año pasado, más o menos al mismo tiempo, escribí una Columna del Pastor sobre el Sacramento del Matrimonio y exhorté a las personas que vivían en unión libre o estaban casadas fuera de la Iglesia a que consideraran casarse (o que su matrimonio fuera "bendecido") en la Iglesia. Como es abril, y el número de bodas aumenta de aquí al otoño, pensé que era mejor volver a escribir una versión modificada de mis comentarios sobre el matrimonio en esta columna.

Calificaciones, Bodas y Genios. Amante de la televisión que soy, en 1970, recuerdo viendo el episodio de la boda de "Mi Bella Genio" cuando en una obra de teatro para mejores ratings, usando brillo y glamour basados en la boda, Jeannie y Major Nelson (una dama genio y el astronauta beau) atan el nudo. Por desgracia, ni siquiera un genio y una boda podrían salvar el programa, y pronto fue cancelado. Este episodio "Mi Bella Genio" nos dice algo sobre bodas y matrimonios que la experiencia de la vida confirma. Una boda no debe ser sobre decoraciones y un gran evento, o brillo y glamour; más bien debería celebrarse solemnemente el primer día de una vida de un matrimonio entre un hombre y una mujer.

Campanas de Bodas Sonando? En nuestro mundo de hoy, las bodas parecen haber adquirido una importancia mayor que el matrimonio en sí. Hay programas de bodas, Inscripciones para bodas, planificadores de bodas y una gran cantidad de cosas que han hecho que las bodas sean el segundo gasto más grande en la vida de una persona, después de comprar una casa. El problema con esto es que "la boda" se ha convertido en el foco de atención, mientras que el matrimonio se ha convertido en un simple efecto repetido. Para hacer una analogía, sería como tener un hijo y concentrarse por completo en el nacimiento del niño, y luego, una vez que nazca, echarlo a un lado y solo mirar hacia atrás en ese evento de nacimiento.

Regalos y Matrimonio. Para ser claros, en la Iglesia Católica, no hay un Sacramento de la Boda; hay un Sacramento del Matrimonio. El enfoque de ese Sacramento no está en el evento (la boda), sino en la vocación (vida conyugal). Por lo tanto, a menudo les digo a las parejas que se preparan para el matrimonio que dejen de ver programas de bodas en la televisión. ¿Por qué? Porque el matrimonio no se trata del "evento" de una boda sino, más bien, de una vida que van a pasar juntos. Por lo tanto, mientras que una boda pasa a la

historia en unas pocas horas (después del corte del pastel y la recepción de algunas licuadoras Kenmore, tarjetas de regalo, y tal vez un juego de cuchillos Ginsu), el matrimonio perdura. Y el matrimonio en la Iglesia, recibido como un Sacramento, permite a las partes bautizadas del matrimonio compartir las gracias matrimoniales, otorgadas por Dios, para bendecir la vida matrimonial.

Misión No Imposible. Con este fin, como pastor de la parroquia, quiero recomendar a nuestras parejas que no están casadas en la Iglesia, que consideren abordar ese estado. Mucha gente piensa que conseguir que tu matrimonio sea "bendecido por la Iglesia" es una tarea ardua o incluso imposible; en la mayoría de los casos, no lo es. Con este fin, les pediría a hombres y mujeres, en matrimonios que no sean iglesias, que intenten enmendar esa situación y que entren en el rebaño de aquellos casados en Cristo.

Cómo conseguir que su Matrimonio sea Bendecido en la Iglesia: Hay varias situaciones diferentes que implican acciones ligeramente diferentes para abordar el estado civil. Enumerar todas las posibles circunstancias tomaría un libro del tamaño de una novela de Miguel de Cervantes. Por lo tanto, me centraré en las tres circunstancias más comunes a continuación. (Para escenarios más complicados necesitarás hablar con uno de los Sacerdotes o Diáconos en la Parroquia).

1. Si está casado civilmente y este es su único matrimonio: si son una pareja que, por alguna razón, se casaron civilmente, pero no en la Iglesia -y solo han estado casado una vez- puede hacer que sumatrimonio se "convalide" en el Iglesia (a menudo referida como "bendecida en la Iglesia"). Esto toma su matrimonio civil y lo convierte en un matrimonio en la Iglesia Católica.

- Si ha estado casado civilmente (o casado en otra fe sin la aprobación de la Iglesia) durante más de cuatro años, solo necesita reunirse con uno de nuestros sacerdotes o diáconos, completar una consulta prematrimonial para determinar su estado civil y luego una Convalidación a través del Rito Católico del Matrimonio puede ser programada.
- Si su matrimonio civil es más reciente (cuatro años o menos), es posible que tenga que prepararse antes de la Convalidación de su matrimonio.

2. Si usted (o su cónyuge) son Católicos y tuvieron un

Matrimonio Civil Anterior a este: Esto es generalmente bastante simple. Dado que usted (o su cónyuge) es católico y está casado fuera de la forma de Matrimonio Católico apropiada sin el permiso de la autoridad eclesiástica apropiada, ese matrimonio civil refleja una "falta de forma canónica" y puede considerarse nulo. Esto implica un poco de papeleo. Una vez que reciba la documentación aprobada de la Diócesis (por lo general, en una semana o dos), podemos obtener su Convalidación planificada (y si está casado por cuatro años, se aplica el proceso más simple señalado anteriormente)

2. Si es católico y tiene un matrimonio anterior en la Iglesia Católica (o está casado con el permiso de la Iglesia en otra Iglesia cristiana):

En esta circunstancia, es posible que necesite una nulidad. Una nulidad se refiere a la cuestión de si un matrimonio fue contractado válidamente en el momento del consentimiento (es decir, hubo coacción, hubo impedimentos, etc.). Si se considera que las circunstancias del día del matrimonio no fueron las adecuadas o que se impidió el consentimiento informado, se puede emitir una nulidad que lo libere para que se case. La buena noticia es que ese proceso, con

las enmiendas presentadas por los Papas Benedicto XVI y, más recientemente, por el Papa Francisco, se ha vuelto mucho más rápido (por lo general, unos seis meses o menos). **Tome Nota:** si actualmente está casado y usted o su cónyuge no son católicos: si la parte no católica se había casado anteriormente, ese matrimonio original se considera válido y, por lo tanto, debe producirse un proceso de nulidad (como se señaló en el n. ° 3 arriba). Matrimonio en la iglesia Y así, los invito: si están casados fuera de la Iglesia, busquen que su matrimonio sea convalidado (bendecido) en la Iglesia. Esta es la fe y la enseñanza de su Iglesia, además, este es el llamado de Jesucristo a un hombre y a una mujer en la vocación de la vida matrimonial. Cristo pregunta: ¿Desea hacer lo necesario para casarse de acuerdo con nuestra fe y las leyes de su Iglesia? Por favor diga: "Sí, quiero".

Tuyo en Cristo,
P. James Lentini
Párroco