



# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm  
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

### SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm  
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm  
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

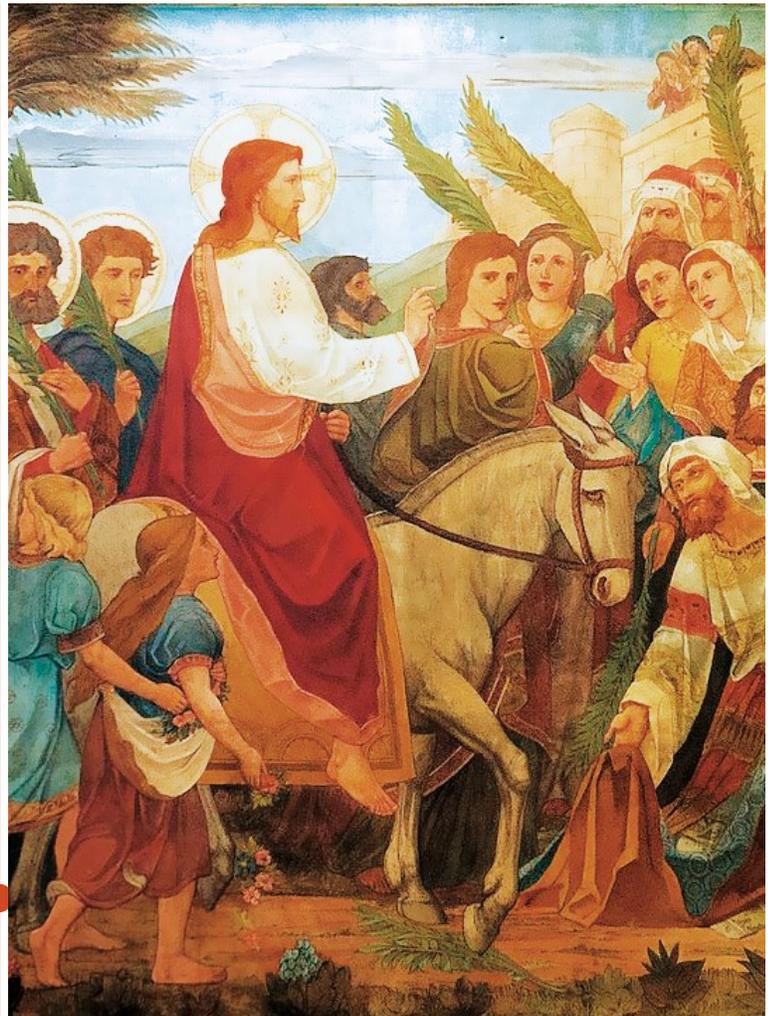
Monday-Saturday, 8 am  
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day,  
MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,  
Labor Day, Columbus Day)

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,  
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

### ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am—9 pm



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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm  
Closed Wednesday and Friday

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 9:30 am  
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 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.

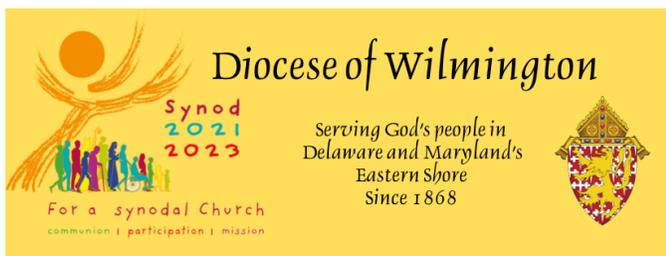
**Sacrament of Holy Orders.** If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

**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.

## SYNOD 2021-2023

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local and parish communities of faith. He and Bishop Koenig would like to know what you think we are doing well and what we need to improve here at Holy Cross to help make our parishes better. The way he has proposed doing this is a synodal process. Holy Cross will have a Listening Session on Sunday, May 1, 2022 from 3 PM - to 6:00 PM in the parish Hall. If you are interested you need to register at Holy Cross website using the following link. Please complete the form once you sign in.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/CDOW1/HolyCrossParishSynodListeningSessionRegistrationForm>



## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

March 27, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$29,488	\$26,000	\$3,488
YTD	\$1,027,209	\$1,014,200	\$13,009
Needs	\$1,808	\$1,480	\$328

## WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending March 27, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,415
2nd collection	\$395

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Dear Parishioner,

As I do every year, I use the Palm Sunday Pastor's Column to highlight and reflect on the significance of Holy Week, which starts today as we celebrate Palm Sunday. Holy Week is where good and evil, faithfulness and betrayal, truth and deception, love and hate and God and man each get — to use a baseball metaphor — an “at bat” in the context of the Passion of our Lord.

**Monday of Holy Week.** Following Palm Sunday, Jesus goes to his Father's house, the Great Temple of Jerusalem. There he sees charlatan moneychangers (to whom people gave coins and gold in exchange for animals to be sacrificed in the Temple), swindling folks. In righteous indignation upended their tables, whipped them, and kicked them out (Matthew 21:12-13). He cleansed the Temple. Needless to say, Jesus' actions in the temple did not go over well with the powers that be.

**Tuesday of Holy Week.** The incident in the Temple, as mentioned, didn't sit well with everyone, and so to trip him up, his detractors asked him this question: “Is it lawful for us to pay tribute to Caesar or not?” (Luke 20:22). Christ answers famously that one should render “to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” (Luke 20:25). Their attempt to pit Jesus against either the faithful or the Roman government failed. The authorities were taken aback by his answer and “and leaving him they went away” (Matthew 22:22). Jesus on this same day is challenged by the Sadducees about resurrection; his clear response silenced them. At this point, “When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.” (Matthew 22:34).

**Spy Wednesday.** On Wednesday, the plotting against Jesus went into motion: The Chief Priests knew they needed to arrest Jesus when there would be few of his supporters around; to do this they needed a spy from Jesus' inner-circle. They focused on Christ's Apostle Judas who seemed the most pliable. John 13:2 tells us that the Devil “induced Judas... to hand [Jesus] over.” The Chief Priests “paid [Judas] thirty pieces of silver” (Matthew 26:15), and that was an offer he couldn't refuse. He agreed to help them, knowing he was imperiling Jesus. From these events, this day is commonly referred to as “Spy Wednesday.” Judas then waited for “an opportunity to hand him over.” (Matthew 26:16).

**HOLY THURSDAY.** On Holy Thursday, Jesus gathered with his Apostles for a Passover meal (the Last Supper). There, Jesus makes alludes to the idea that Judas would betray him: “Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” (Matthew 26:21). No one says a word, except the guilty party, Judas: “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?” Jesus responds, “You have said so.” Then, Judas, realizing that folks are on to him, slips away.

**Institution of the Eucharist and Holy Orders.**

As that gathering continues, Jesus Christ institutes the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As we recount at Mass, Christ said, “Take this all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body which will be given up for you... Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the Chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sin.” With these words Christ instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Following the Apostles reception of what might be reckoned a “holy communion” for them, Christ commanded them to “Do this in remembrance of me.” (1 Corinthians 11:25). With these words Christ instituted the Priesthood, and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. On that same night, Christ washes the feet of his Apostles (John 13:5-8) — a sign of service to the people of God. He tells his Apostles to do likewise: “What I have done for you, you should also do.” (John 13:15).

**After the Supper.** After the Last Supper, Christ goes to the Garden of Gethsemane, to pray about what lay ahead for him; he commends his apostles, to wait outside of the garden. During his prayers he says, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done” (Matthew 26:39). Christ's pondering of what lay ahead of him was so intense that his “sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground” (Luke 22:44). During His “agony in the garden” angels came to Christ to comfort Him in his time of need (Luke 22:43). Christ left that garden to begin his Passion.

**Beyond the Garden.** While he was at prayer, his disciples fell asleep. He chastised their weakness of spirit, “Could you not keep watch for one hour?” (Mark 14:37). Meanwhile, Judas and the plotters against Christ drew near. Judas kissed Christ on his cheek — a sign of fraternal care — to identify Christ to his detractors. Christ chastises Judas: “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” (Luke 22:48). The question was rhetorical; Christ was betrayed by one of those closest to him. Some of Christ followers are riled up to the point that they start to fight against the authorities; Christ tells them, “Stop, no more of this!” (Luke 22:51). Christ is captured by the authorities and is tormented by his captors. He taken before Annas, a High Priest. Annas cannot get a confession out of Jesus, so “Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.” (John 18:24). Christ is taken before the Sanhedrin and Caiaphas. Caiaphas asks Christ if he is the Messiah, to which Christ responds,

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## HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mano Salla	Parochial Vicar

## HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

## ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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## HC STAFF

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## MAILING ADDRESS

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Marydel, MD 21649-0399

## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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302 674 5787  
holycrossover.org/school

Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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*Holy Cross School*  
631 S. State St.  
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## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for an in-person or virtual experience getting closer to your spouse? Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! There will be an in-person weekend in Wildwood, NJ

May 13-15, 2022. Many more options for virtual events can be found on our website [www.wwme-delmar.org](http://www.wwme-delmar.org). For additional information please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

## GOOD FRIDAY LIFE CHAIN

Please honor this most holy day, Good Friday, by attending our annual Dover event set for April 15, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Noon, outside of Planned Parenthood of Delaware, 805 S. Governors Avenue. During this countrywide event, we will stand in prayer giving powerful, positive testimony to those driving by. Make this an opportunity to offer a Lenten sacrifice for the victims of abortion. Pray for its end in Delaware. An Assembly Permit has been obtained from the Dover Police Department. Contact Fran Urick at 302-233-4684 or [furick@hotmail.com](mailto:furick@hotmail.com).

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences to the family of

- *Carmen Garcia White*

who recently passed away.

May the Souls of the Faithful departed, rest in peace, Amen.

## SAMARITANS

Our Samaritan Outreach will prepare Easter Baskets for the needy in our church and area. To do so, we are in need of hams to give to each family. Hams can be left in the freezer inside the Samaritan door located next to the rectory. We could also use some canned corn or canned green beans. These can be left on the table in the same area or in the entrance area of the church.

## READINGS FOR APRIL 17 EASTER

### FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34, 37-43

Jesus was crucified, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear to specially chosen witnesses.

### SECOND READING : COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Paul tells us to set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

While it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed.

## RECONCILIATION FOR LENT

Holy Cross is offering Reconciliation on Friday evenings at 5:30 pm during Lent. We all will provide our normal Saturday mornings from after the 8 am Mass until 10 am.



## RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Bishop Koenig personally invites all Catholics in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore to experience Our Lord's love and forgiveness on April 11th from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m., as we hold our first diocesan-wide Reconciliation Monday. All parish churches will be open and all brother priests will join in hearing confessions and offer absolution. It is our hope that Reconciliation Monday will make it easier to experience Christ's healing grace. We especially hope that God's people who have fallen away from their faith, will use this opportunity to prepare their hearts for a return to Mass at Easter. We invite all Catholics – whether it has been months, years, or decades since their last confession - to take advantage of Reconciliation Monday. If you have forgotten how to go to confession, or the words of the prayers, don't worry, Father will guide you. There are also resources such as an examination of conscience, Act of Contrition, and a step-by-step guide to the Rite of Reconciliation at [cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday](http://cdow.org/ReconciliationMonday), and in the April 8th edition of The Dialog. Please share this information with friends and family members who may want to take advantage of this opportunity.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place at HC and ICC at 7 pm on Fridays during Lent.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

In life and marriage there are also times of joy and celebration. What is something that your beloved has done that makes you proud of him/her? Rejoice together today and remember it when the hard times of life also creep in.

## PARENTING POINTERS

Enjoy your child's successes but don't let your love depend on success. Trying their best is a success in itself.

## MASS INTENTIONS APRIL

**11 MONDAY**  
HC 8:00 am Dec. Members Insao Family

**12 TUESDAY**  
HC 8:00 am Rafael Zarragoza  
HC 7:00 pm Chrism Mass

**13 WEDNESDAY**  
HC 8:00 am Gary D. Hurley

**14 THURSDAY**  
HC 8:00 am Morning Prayer  
HC 7:00 pm Mass of Last Supper  
ICC 7:00 pm Mass of Last Supper

**15 FRIDAY**  
HC 8:00 am Morning Prayer  
3 pm HC/IC Veneration of Cross  
7 pm HC/IC Stations of the Cross  
9 pm HC Spanish Stations of Cross

**16 SATURDAY**  
HC 8 am Morning Prayer 5 pm  
8 pm HC/IC Easter Vigil—For the People

**17 SUNDAY**  
HC 7:30 am  
ICC 8:30 am All Masses on Easter  
HC 9:30 am are For the People  
ICC 10 am at HC and ICC  
HC 11:30 am  
ICC Noon

*(LI—LIVING INTENTION  
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)*

## RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**HOLY CROSS  
HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Monday, April 11**

8 am Mass  
3 pm – 8 pm Reconciliation Available

**Tuesday, April 12**

8:00 am Mass  
7:00 pm Chrism Mass

**Wednesday, April 13**

8:00 am Mass

**Holy Thursday, April 14**

8:00 am Morning Prayer  
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
10:30 pm Night Prayer

**Good Friday, April 15**

No Mass or Confessions  
8:00 am Morning Prayer  
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
9:00 pm Spanish Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday, April 16**

8:00 am Morning Prayer  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil  
Liturgy begins outside with  
“Blessing of the Fire”  
followed by procession into church

**Easter Sunday, April 17**

7:30 am Mass in Church  
9:30 am Mass in Church  
9:30 am in Parish Hall (if needed)  
11:30 am Spanish Mass in Church

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Monday, April 11**

3 pm – 8 pm Reconciliation Available

**Holy Thursday, April 14**

7 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Night Prayer at 11 pm

**Good Friday, April 15**

No Mass or Confessions  
12 pm Walking Stations  
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday, April 16**

8:00 pm Easter Vigil  
Liturgy begins outside with  
“Blessing of the Fire”  
followed by procession into church

**Easter Sunday, April 17**

8:30 am Mass in Church  
10:00 am Mass in Church  
12 pm Spanish Mass in Church

**SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER**

Holy Cross School is holding a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for our winning Holy Cross Odyssey of the Mind Team. We are raising money to send the team to the World Competition in Ames, Iowa

**When:** Tuesday, April 26

**Time:** 4:30 to 6:30 pm

**Place:** Parish Hall

**Menu:** Spaghetti with or without meat sauce, Caesar Salad and Bread

**Cost:** \$10 for adults, Children 10 and under \$5.00

**Take out is available!!**

For more information call 302-270-7432.

**HOLY CROSS GOLF LEAGUE 2022**

**(Note date change for sign up meeting)**

A sign up meeting will take place on **Wednesday, April 13 at 5 PM** at Jonathan’s Landing Golf Course club house. Nine-hole golf will be played on WEDNESDAYS, starting April 20 through August 31. Two person teams: individuals will be assigned a partner. For more information, call Phil Spampinato, 302-382-2979 or Wes Grau at 302-270-8111.

Registration: \$40 per person covers costs, league prizes, an end of season tournament and a donation to Holy Cross Youth Group. Payment by cash or check is due at sign-up.

**ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)**

The Adoration Chapel is open again each day from 5 am to 9 pm. If you would like to take a permanent time slot, it’s not too late. We still have many openings on various days. See the openings listed below. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

**SUNDAY** 10 am, 12 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm

**TUESDAY** 2 pm

**SATURDAY** 5 am, 6 am, 8 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

**CAMP ST. CHARLES**

Boys and Girls Catholic Over-Night Summer Camp in Newburg, Md

Attend our open house to learn more about Camp St. Charles. Open house is April 10 from 11 am to 3 pm. For over 60 years, thousands of children have been making friend, learning to work together and develop an appreciation for Creation while camping out, riding horses, working their way through a challenge course, trying archery, paddling on the river, making art projects and lots of other activities. Fully Accredited, run by the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers. For more info go to [www.campstcharles.org](http://www.campstcharles.org) or call 301-934-8799 or email [director@campstcharles.org](mailto:director@campstcharles.org).

## NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANA

- Hoy celebramos el Domingo de Ramos: La llegada de Jesús a Jerusalén sucedió el Domingo de Ramos lo cual significa el preludio de su Pasión. Al llegar a la Tierra Santa, los fieles lo recibieron con fervor y como símbolo de la fe, los creyentes llevan a sus hogares ramos bendecidos en la Iglesia para cuidar así sus hogares. Lunes Santo: Jesús manifiesta ante el pueblo su naturaleza su poderío. Después de haber pasado la noche en Betania, en casa de Lázaro, Jesús vuelve a Jerusalén en donde el Templo está ocupado por mercaderes, Jesús se enfrenta a ellos al ver la degradación de un lugar tan sagrado. Martes Santo: Jesús anticipa a los discípulos sobre la traición de Jesús y las negaciones de San Pedro. Asimismo, en este día Jesús se enfrenta a los fariseos que constantemente cuestionaban su divinidad, aquí es donde les dijo: "Dad, al César lo que es del César; y a Dios lo que es de Dios". Miércoles Santo: Judas Iscariote conspira en el Sanedrín para traicionar a Jesús con treinta monedas de plata.. Judas y el tribunal religioso judío pactan la entrega de Jesús a cambio de 30 monedas. Comienzo del Triduo Pascual Jueves Santo: La Última Cena de Jesús con sus apóstoles y se lleva a cabo en la que les lavó los pies. La institución del sacerdocio. El Viernes Santo Jesús es sometido a un juicio y sufre tortura pública conocida como el Viacrucis, en donde se le flagela, corona con espinas y se le obliga a cargar su propia cruz en donde será crucificado y asesinado con una daga. Tendremos la Via Crucis a las 9:00 de la noche en el Templo. Venga y acompañe a Jesús.
- Sábado de Gloria: Día de luto por la muerte de Jesús en donde entregó su cuerpo y derramó su sangre para el perdón de los pecados y la salvación del hombre. La Virgen María y los apóstoles pasan el día esperando el regreso del hijo de Dios, quien les había dicho: "Al tercer día resucitaré". Domingo de Resurrección: Inicio de la Pascua. El Domingo de Resurrección día glorioso, es el día en que la profecía se cumple y Jesús resucita de la muerte.
- Quiero agradecer a todos los jóvenes que participaron en la dramatización de las Estaciones de la Cruz muy en especial a la Sra. Mariana Pitti que estuvo a cargo de los ensayos de los jóvenes. Es una bendición poder acompañar a Jesús hasta el Calvario.
- El comité de Arte y Ambientación invita a que se anoten para hacer la limpieza y la

preparación del Templo para la Pascua. Si usted desea ayudar anótese con la Sra. Irma Venezia nos reuniremos el sábado, 16de abril, a las 9:00 de la mañana en la iglesia. Todas las personas que quieran ayudar están bienvenidos.

- Confirmación para adultos: Si usted es mayor de 18 años de edad y no se ha recibido su sacramento de la Confirmación las clases de preparación, empezaran pronto. Habrá Confirmaciones de Adultos Hispano el domingo 10 de Julio. Para más información hable con el Sr. Antonio Luna o llame a la oficina de la parroquia al 302-674-5787 ext. 118.
- Si usted no está inscrito en la parroquia por favor hágalo es importante por si necesita una carta
- de recomendación de parte de la parroquia, para asuntos legales o de solicitud de documentos de inmigración tiene que estar registrado en la parroquia y ser un miembro activo de la comunidad parroquial, para poder escribirle la carta.

## EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA ICC

- Todas las clases se reúnen de 9:40 a 10:50 los domingos en los salones de clases
- La Inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 está abierta, las inscripciones están disponibles a todas las familias. Tiene que inscribir a su hijo cada año Por favor devolver las aplicaciones a Alicia Poppiti antes del 1 de mayo para que podamos estar seguros de tener suficientes maestros y espacio en los salones. Ultimo día de clases para este año es el domingo 1 de mayo.
- Sacramentos: Preparación para la Primera Comunión: próxima sesión, será el retiro el sábado 30 de abril de 2022 de 9:00 p. m. a 12:00 mediodía en el salón. Todos los Primeros comunicantes tienen que asistir. Solo los niños. Padres no tienen que asistir. Por favor, se puntual.
- Preparación para la Confirmación de Jóvenes: Por favor mantenga a nuestros 12 jóvenes candidatos de la Inmaculada Concepción en sus oraciones mientras continúan su jornada de fe al Sacramento de la Confirmación, que se celebrara el sábado 23 de abril a las 10:00 de la mañana en la Iglesia de Santa Cruz en Dover.
- Más información sobre La Escuela Bíblica de Verano la próxima semana será desde el 1-5 de agosto en el salón
- Los niños tienen que inscribirse para poder asistir. Muy pronto las aplicaciones estarán disponibles.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Regular Class: April 10 - 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Next Class: April 24

Contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122 with questions or concerns

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Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122  
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### LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

Last class April 10.

Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF for next year, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

### Adult Education (HC)

#### The Bible in a Year Podcast In English:

Father Mike Schmitz  
[https://](https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/)

[media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/](https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/)



#### In Spanish:

Fray Sergio Serrano

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration>



### SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School July 11-15th, 2022

Ages PK4-Grade 4

Registrations accepted after June 1, 2022

Capacity is limited

Volunteers will be needed!



### YOUTH AT HOLY CROSS

#### Work Camp in Dover (HC)

We have a large group of teens and adults who are traveling to Dover to help our residents. They will be working June 27 to June 30. If you have projects that they would be able to assist you with, please contact Linda Darling

at ldarling@holycrossdover.org. Painting, yard work, organizing, small repairs, cleaning - whatever you have that you are not able to do

on your own, they would love to help.

**Hallow:** Catholic Prayer and Meditation App. [hallow.com](http://hallow.com) to check out more about this prayer and meditation app.

### SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

All classes are meeting from 9:40-10:50am Sundays in classrooms.

Registration for 2022-2023 school year is open, registrations are available to all families. You must register your children each year. Please return to Alicia Poppiti by May 1st so that we can be sure to have enough teachers, books, and space in classrooms. Last day of classes for this school year is May 1st.

#### Sacraments:

**1st Communion Prep:** next session, will be the retreat on Saturday, April 30 from 9am-12noon in the Parish Hall. All first communicants need to attend. Only children, parents do not need to attend.

**Confirmation:** Please keep our 12 youth from Immaculate Conception in prayer as they continue their journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be celebrated on Saturday, April 23rd at 10am at the Church of the Holy Cross in Dover.

More information about Vacation Bible School in next few weeks. Vacation Bible School at Immaculate Conception is from August 1-5, from 6-8:30pm in the Hall. Children must be registered to attend. Registrations will be available soon.

Honest to goodness, it looks like one of those seafood places that specializes in serving steamed crabs. The ones where all the tables are covered in the brown grocery bag paper, there are rolls of paper towels resting on table tops poised for wiping all the deliciousness of the crab spice from lips and fingertips. There are large trash bags lined with plastic bags to contain all of the refuse, and there are people standing about attired in aprons giving the appearance that they are there to serve.

They are. But those white aprons aren't being worn to guard against the red stain of any crab spice. The people wearing them aren't there to receive your order for a dozen steamed crabs, and we aren't in any seafood restaurant!

### The Monday Evening of Holy Week

The apron attired men and women (refer to them as "oilers") await representatives from Catholic parishes and other entities located across the Diocese of Wilmington who have come to drop off their vessels for the Holy Oils that will be taken back for use throughout the year. Bishop Koenig, Diocesan priests, deacons, seminarians, along with other dignitaries representing various and sundry Catholic organizations along with many of their parishioners have come from far and wide to celebrate the Chrism Mass annually held at Holy Cross Church on the Monday evening of Holy Week. **(Note: This year, the Chrism Mass will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.)**

Traditionally; It has always been a beautiful, and tremendously well-orchestrated occasion, replete with more than just a small touch of pageantry. The Mass begins like most, but shortly thereafter the Bishop will bless the oils.

### The Oils

Ordinary, purchased from the grocery shelves olive oil has been poured into large glass urns. These very attractive glass urns are on display in the gathering space just outside of the church until the appointed time when deacons or seminarians will carefully carry one urn at a time into the church. Each urn filled with oil is conferred a blessing. Three holy oils are used in the Church's worship today: **chrism, a blessed mixture of olive oil and balm; oil of catechumens, blessed olive oil; and oil of the sick, also blessed olive oil.**

- **Chrism:** Possessed with a scent all its own; Chrism is made by combining olive oil and balsam. It is blessed by the Bishop prior to being poured into the urn of dark green extra virgin olive oil. Chrism oil is used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders, as well as for the consecration of altars and the dedication of churches.
- **Oil of Catechumens:** One of the three holy oils for the administration of the sacraments. It is used in the ceremonies of baptism, from which its name is derived, the catechumen being the person about to receive the sacrament. It may also be used at various stages in the catechumenate (such as during the course of the program for RCIA).
- **Oil of the Sick:** This is the oil used for the Anointing of the Sick. It is also used for those nearing death and have received what is commonly referred to as the Last Rites.

### A Hasty Retreat

Immediately following the blessing of each urn, it is hastily whisked away to the Oil Room where the apron attired folks wait anxiously with measuring cups in hand. It is our job to fill each order, for each oil, for each parish, (or entity) in quick fashion.... with precision! Each of the blessed urns are on a paper covered table. The paper will soon be soaked in some areas with oil. The urns are difficult to manage while pouring. Each oiler is assigned one of the three oils to fill the parish vessels with the prescribed number of ounces. The trick is to maintain the mathematically calculated amount of blessed oil in the large glass urn so as to guarantee that the oil being poured into each parish vessel is blessed. The workers work with swift accuracy going back and forth to the urn table frequently for refills. Sending out a scout, we learn that Communion is almost over. Soon, the representatives will be lined up at the door awaiting their vessels. We have learned that nobody expects to wait.

### A Well-Oiled Machine

St. Peter's New Castle! St. Francis de Sales! Holy Angels! Ss. Peter ad Paul! IHM! With the pronouncement of each name, an oiler hurriedly retrieves the recently filled vessels to hand over to the authorized party. In a matter of about 75 seconds or less the credentials are verified, and the vessels are surrendered over before the oiler is off and running to fill the next order. It's a bit nerve wracking because we know we didn't have a lot of time to get a lot done. Many hands make for light work---in the beginning there were about five oilers. That number has doubled enabling us to complete an important task within a much smaller window of time.

### Clean-Up, Clean Up..everybody everywhere....

A sigh of relief or two later, the tables are empty and it is time to make right the room. Remember those large trash cans? At least one of them is designated as the "burn bag." Much of the brown grocery bag paper has had a bit of blessed oil trickled over it. Any of this paper has to be burned. That will happen the next day. The urns and measuring cups will have to be thoroughly washed and dried before being placed in safe storage for the next year. Aprons will be machine washed and laid away for the next year.

### The Denouement

It was the rush following the wait. Waiting for the parishes to check in, waiting through the procession of important people into the church, waiting for the urns. And then BAM....let the nerve wracking fun begin! Walking out to the empty parking lot...it's late. But; it was great.

“You have said so.” He is charged with Blasphemy and the Sanhedrin declares the Jesus is worthy of death (Matthew 26:57-66). Caiaphas then sent Christ to Pilate, the Roman Governor, whom had the authority to order an execution (John 18:31). Furthering Christ’s suffering, Peter, the leader of his Apostles, denies Christ as he is questioned about knowing him. Peter weeps when he realizes that Christ predictions that he’d betray him came to pass (Luke 22:54-62).

**GOOD FRIDAY.** On Good Friday, in the morning, Judas – recognizing the weight of deeds – hangs himself. Jesus is brought before Pilate, who finds him guilty of no crime. Pilate sends him to Herod who also had jurisdiction in this matter (Luke 23:6), who likewise finds no guilt in Jesus (Luke 23:15). Jesus is sent back to Pilate who ultimately finds Him innocent three different times (Luke 23:22). Amidst these trials, Jesus is scourged, spat upon, crowned with thorns and mocked by the people he came to save. Due to a custom, Pilate was able to allow the people in the crowd to release a prisoner from custody. Pilate gives the people the choice between releasing Barabbas, a murderer (Luke 23:18) or Jesus. The people release Barabbas, and Pilate agrees to allow Christ’s execution on a Cross (Luke 23:23).

**The Time of Morning.** At about 9:00 a.m., Christ takes up his cross and makes the journey from the Palace of Pilate to the place of His crucifixion. We recount these steps during the first ten Stations of the Cross. At noon, Christ, after making the agonizing journey carrying His cross, reached the place of his death at the hill of Calvary. There he was nailed to the Cross; atop the cross Pilate placed an inscription: “Jesus the Nazarean, the King of the Jews.” (John 19:19). Alongside Christ were two criminals, also being crucified (St. Dismas and Gestas). St. Dismas suffering alongside Christ, confesses his guilt and asks Christ, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus responds, “Today you will be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:39-43). St. Dismas, for his faith in Christ, has become known as “The Good Thief.” In a similar vein, as he was dying on the Cross, amidst the gathered crowd, Christ called upon his Father saying “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34).

**The Time of Mourning.** As the hour of 3:00 p.m. arrived. Christ announces, “It is finished” (John 19:30) and “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit” (Luke 23:46). Then “Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last” (Mark 15:37). To make sure Jesus was dead, a Roman soldier pierced His side with a lance, and from that wound flowed blood and water. (John 19:34); the centurion then states, “Truly this man was the Son of God!” (Mark 15:39). Upon the death of Christ, the earth quaked (Matthew 27:51), breaching the veil of the Temple (Mark 15:38); reflecting the breach between God and man at this dark moment. His body is taken from the cross and laid into a stone-sealed tomb (Matthew 27:60). The women who abided with Christ “prepared spices and perfumed oils” for his burial. (Luke 23:56). Pilate ordered guards at the tomb to make sure His followers didn’t try to steal his body and claim “He has been raised from the dead.”. So, the soldiers sealed the tomb so that it couldn’t be opened. (Matthew 27:66).

And now, for us, the wait begins as we the Christian faithful look from the darkness of Good Friday, to wait, patiently and prayerfully the glory of events of Easter.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini  
Pastor

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**Good Friday Ecumenical-Inter Faith Service and Way of the Cross Procession through downtown Dover**

On Good Friday, April 15, 2022, beginning at 12 noon, there will be an Ecumenical Service and Way of the Cross Procession sponsored by the Central Delaware Interfaith Alliance. The Procession will begin in front of Christ Episcopal on State Street in downtown Dover. The procession will proceed north on State Street stopping for prayer at the Green, Wesley UMC, The Presbyterian Church, People’s Church, DSU Downtown Chapel on Division where the college choir will sing outside and conclude at Mt. Zion AME.

All are invited to attend this event. It is free and open to the public.

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Central Delaware Interfaith Alliance. This fund provides assistance to families in need through referral from the James Williams Service Center. Donations are always welcomed and greatly appreciated. Please mail your contribution to Kent Ecumenical at P.O. Box 913 Dover, DE 19903.

For more information about this event please contact: Father Charles Weiss at Christ Church 302.734.5731 or 412.508.8444.