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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

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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, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am

Wednesday – 8:15 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



3rd Sunday of Easter

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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

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.

ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal will be conducted in parishes throughout the diocese next weekend. Once a year, our Bishop asks each of us to make a commitment to support the work of diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. Your gift helps our Church to serve the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly.

As parishioners of Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception we are being asked to serve others by sharing our resources. Your generosity enables us to accompany our brothers and sisters in need.

Our parish target is \$225,500 at Holy Cross and \$26,625 at Immaculate Conception. Your financial support of the Appeal also provides funding for our parish since once achieving the goal assigned to our parish, once we are over goal, we receive (100% or 50% where applicable) of monies collected for our own parish and ministry needs.

Please prayerfully consider your generous gift to this Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Kindly decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year and come to Church next week prepared to complete your pledge and offer your support to our parish, and the Diocese of Wilmington.

To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click "Giving" then "Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal,".

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

Ending March 31, 2024

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$28,482	\$25,900	\$2,582
YTD	\$1,076,513	\$1,076,880	(\$367)
Needs	\$2,018	\$1,712	\$306
Easter	\$17,735	\$19,900	(\$2,165)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending March 31, 2024

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$4,703
2nd Collection	\$415
Easter	\$2,,246

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Diocesan Publications at 800-233-8200.

Dear Parishioners,

It is Easter season, and taking a pause from a regular Pastor's Column, I thought it was time for a good ol' crossword puzzle. The theme of this puzzle is "Catholic Trivia." You can complete it below or you can go to www.iccmmarydel.org/puzzle. At that site you can also download a copy of the puzzle (and its clues), too. Sharpen your pencils, or -- for the brave -- ready your ink... and enjoy!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

ACROSS

- 1 How many Hail Marys are prayed in each decade of a Rosary?
- 5 A Bishop's hat or crown.
- 7 When a Catholic is Confirmed the Bishop says, as he anoints the person with oil, "Be _____ with the gift of the Holy Spirit"
- 10 Last word of the Hail Mary before "Amen."
- 12 In what manner was St. John the Baptist executed?
- 13 The name for the main section of the Church where people sit -- it comes from a Latin word meaning "ship."
- 14 According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1183), "the ___ is to be situated in churches in a most worthy place with the greatest honor"
- 16 In what country was Pope Benedict XVI born?
- 19 The Vatican is commonly referred to as the Holy _____.
- 24 Candles around an altar, and especially the Paschal Candle, must be made of 51% _____.
- 25 Who was the last Pope that was born in Italy? (3 words)
- 26 How many Sacraments are there?
- 27 Number of books in a Catholic Bible
- 28 The Sunday after Palm Sunday is known as...
- 32 The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul and _____ Christ.
- 33 Name given, collectively, to the Cardinals of the Church when they gather in deliberation.
- 38 Moses received the Ten Commandments at Mount _____.
- 39 Southeast Asian nation with the highest percentage of Christians attending Church on Sunday (91%)
- 40 According to a traditionally formulary, God created you "to know Him, love Him and _____ Him in this world so as to be happy with Him in the next."

- 41 In what country was Pope Francis born?
- 44 Old term for Anointing of the Sick: Extreme _____
- 45 The collection taken on Good Friday is used to the support the Church's efforts in the _____ . (2 words)
- 47 If Christmas day is on a Friday, on what day of the week would we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.
- 48 By custom, the Sign of the Cross is made with which hand?

DOWN

- 1 At the Council of _____, the Catholic Church addressed issues raised by the 16th century Protestant revolt.
- 2 The Pope has the title Supreme Pontiff -- that title literally means Supreme _____ Builder.
- 3 Last name of the current Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington
- 4 The patron saint of lost causes is St. _____.
- 6 Of the Church's four major seasons, which is the shortest
- 8 With a population of over 4,000,000 Catholics, this is the largest Diocese in the United States (2 words)
- 9 During Christ's Passion, Pontius Pilate, by custom, was able release one prisoner. At the behest of the crowd he released _____ instead of Jesus
- 11 The Vatican City-State is the smallest nation in the world, it is approximately 121 _____ in size.
- 12 Apostle with the longest name
- 15 Last word of the Nicene Creed before "Amen."
- 17 The third Sunday of Advent is, by tradition, called _____ Sunday.
- 18 Last word of the Our Father before "Amen."
- 20 The oldest standing Catholic Church within the U.S.'s 50 states is the San Miguel Mission in which is in the state of _____ . (2 words)
- 21 Where Christ was crucified
- 22 St. Peter was the first but St. _____ was the second Pope.
- 23 Established in 1789, it was the first (and is the oldest) Diocese of the Catholic Church in the United States. And it's not too far from us.
- 29 Name of the Apostle who doubted Christ's resurrection.
- 30 The first Mass of Christmas day is commonly referred to as _____ Mass.
- 31 When a priest is ordained in a Diocese, he

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini, V. F.	Pastor
Rev. Brennan Ferris	Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Hynes	In Residence

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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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (APRIL 14)

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:8-12

Peter publicly and courageously proclaims that it is only in the name of Jesus that anyone can be saved.

SECOND READING: 1JOHN 3:1-2

John promises that although God has already lavished incredible love upon us by transforming us into children of God, the best is yet to come.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

Jesus calls himself a “good” shepherd because he freely lays down his life for his sheep, because he “knows” his sheep in the rich scriptural sense of living in intimate union with them and because he shares his life with them, as the Son shares life with the Father.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Our condolences to the families of:

- Edward Biter
- May the souls of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our newest registered members of Holy Cross:

- Jaysen, Miranie, Mirsen, Aniesen and Jaymi Lausten

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next week, we will learn about the Troops of Saint George, a Catholic outdoors movement for fathers and sons, when Mark & Leo Ugolini are the guests. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music and YouTube.com/
DioceseofWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoons at 1:30. More information is available at cdow.org/
CatholicForum and FaceBook.com/CatholicForum.

MOM AND BABY GROUP AT HC

Our Mom and Baby Group is intended for mothers with babies ages 0-2 years of age. Siblings are welcome to join! This group is for our mothers to connect with each other and our babies to enjoy themselves. We would love if you join us for prayer, discussion, and play time! If you have any small toys you would like to donate to the group, please contact Megan MacCormac. 302 535 9913 or email megs.farl@gmail.com. Our meeting date will be May 25, at 10 am in the Early Learning Center building, second floor. Hope to see you there!

MEN OF MALVERN

THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT

The Archbishop Fitzmaurice Group invites you to a traditional men's retreat on May 17-19, 2024. Our Retreat Director is Rev. Scott Reilly, Chaplain, Lumen Institute, Philadelphia. Also guest speaker Joe McIlvaine, former professional baseball player and MLB Executive. Bishop Koenig will lead Mass on Friday evening. Throughout the weekend, Marty Rotella will lead our Music Ministry. We invite the men of the parish, their sons, and friends to a weekend encounter with Jesus. You can register at <http://www.malvernretreat.com/events/mid-may-2024/>. For more information contact Deacon Bob McMullen at 302-697-9714 or deaconmcmullen@hotmail.com for Holy Cross men.

Contact Francesco Cristiano at 302-222-3422 or email joycenchris@comcaset.net for Immaculate Conception men.

BLOOD BANK OF DELMARVA

The Blood Bank of Delmarva is pleased to partner with the Central Delaware Interfaith Alliance to provide the Blood Mobile at three host locations.

April 15, 9 am to 2 pm at Calvary Baptist Church

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL

15 MONDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Joanne Schaffner
16 TUESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Dona Kennedy (LI)
17 WEDNESDAY	
HC 8:15 am	E. J. Graffes
18 THURSDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Jean Rogers
ICC 7:00 pm	For the People
19 FRIDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Wilberto A. Macaladad
20 SATURDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Matthew & Mary Seben
HC 5:00 pm	(DM) Durk and Kerr Family
21 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	Milton & Catherine Wengerter
ICC 8:30 am	Ann R. & William F. Sullivan
HC 9:30 am	Ann & William Csajko
ICC 11:00 am	Crumlish & Brady Families
HC 11:30 am	Msgr. Daniel McGlynn
ICC 1:00 pm	For the People

April 30, 8 am to 1 pm at Wyoming United Methodist Church.

Please choose your time that is most convenient Give blood, save a life.

To register, go to the Blood Bank of Delmarva website at www.delmarvablood.org. You can get the email to register online for each of the above locations.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP

Holy Cross Respect Life group is in need of volunteers, will you join us? It involves creating ways to promote a pro-life, pro-love message to the community around events and special days.

If you are creative and have a heart of love, please call me. Let's chat! Donna 862-266-1099 or email me dlatter86@gmail.com

APRIL 20/21, 2024

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM

F. Ernst
C. Helwig

D. MacLeish
M. MacLeish

J. Cutrona
M. Rubino

LECTORS

H. Walker

7:30 AM

P. Jackson
M Jacobs

T. Svienty
M. Thompson

J. Shevock
S. Shevock

LECTORS

K. Meire

9:30 AM

K Kelly
B. Richards

G. Richards
C. Robinson

E. Ksenich
B. Torbert
C. Torbert

LECTORS

C. Parks
C. Petka

11:30 AM

T. Hernandez
E. Pastoriza

M. Richard

TBD

LECTORS

TBD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

TBD

8:30 AM

LECTORS

T. Woodeshick

TBF

11:00 AM

LECTORS

S. Tucker

1:00 PM

TBD



ADORATION CHAPEL

Can you spare an hour to spend with Jesus? Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am to 9 pm Monday through Sunday. We have openings. Call or text John Murphy at 302-233-1779 or email him at jkm2015@verizon.net to schedule.



SUNDAY 7 am, 4 pm, 5pm

MONDAY 5 pm

WEDNESDAY 4 pm

FRIDAY 6 am

SATURDAY 5 am, 9 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

DELAWARE CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS "A TAPESTRY OF AMERICAN COMPOSERS"

- The Delaware Choral Society returns to the Schwartz Center for the Arts with "A Tapestry of American Composers". The concert will be held Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 4:00 pm under the direction of Rocky F. Tejada and will feature music by American composers such as Aaron Copeland, George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Gwyneth Walker, and Randall Thompson.
- Tickets for the concert may be purchased in advance from any DCS member or at the door on the day of the concert. Tickets may also be purchased online at the Delaware Choral Society Facebook page, or on the DCS website, www.DelawareChoralSociety.org.
- How Much: \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door (discounted rates available for students and groups of 10 or more)

Feliz Pascua de Resurrección ¡Si hermanos todavía estamos en Pascua ¡El Señor ha resucitado Aleluya. La Eucaristía, Presencia Real, Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad . En la catequesis en el camino a Emmaus el papa Francisco nos dice: “Jesús repite a los dos discípulos el gesto clave de cada eucaristía: toma el pan, lo bendice, lo partió y lo dio. En esta serie de gesto, ¿no está quizá toda la historia de Jesús? ¿Y no está, en cada eucaristía, también el signo de qué debe ser la Iglesia? Jesús nos toma, nos bendice, “parte” nuestra vida —porque no hay amor sin sacrificio— y la ofrece a los otros, la ofrece a todos. Es un encuentro rápido, el de Jesús con los dos discípulos de Emaús. Pero en él está todo el destino de la Iglesia. Nos cuenta que la comunidad cristiana no está encerrada en una ciudadela fortificada, sino que camina en su ambiente más vital, es decir la calle. Y allí se encuentra a las personas, con sus esperanzas y sus desilusiones, a veces pesadas. La Iglesia escucha las historias de todos, como surgen del cofre de la conciencia personal; para después ofrecer la Palabra de vida, el testimonio del amor, amor fiel hasta el final. Y entonces el corazón de las personas vuelve a arder de esperanza. Todos nosotros, en nuestra vida, hemos tenido momentos difíciles, oscuros; momentos en los cuales caminábamos tristes, pensativos, sin horizonte, solamente un muro delante. Y Jesús siempre está junto a nosotros para darnos la esperanza, para calentarnos el corazón y decir: “Ve adelante, yo estoy contigo. Ve adelante”. Centraremos en la avivamiento Eucarístico. La Eucaristía es: Centro, Culmen y Vida de nuestra FE Católica.

- El Foro Cristiano. Las Clases. Todos los viernes a las 6 de la tarde a 8 de la noche hasta el día 2 de junio 2024.
- Las inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa están abiertas, las aplicaciones están en línea o vaya a la oficina de Educación Religiosa.
- El sábado, 20 de abril se celebrará el Sacramento de la Confirmación de nuestros adolescentes de nuestras parroquias de Holy Cross y La Inmaculada Concepción.

ICC

Clases de Preparación Sacramental:

Primera Comunión: Ensayo: viernes, 26 de abril, a las 7pm en la iglesia.

Recepción del Sacramento de La Primera Comunión: Sábado, 27 de abril a las 10 de la mañana

Confirmación:

- **Ensayo:** Jueves, 18 de Abril, 6pm en la iglesia de Holy Cross en Dover
- **Recepción del Sacramento de la Confirmación:** Sábado, 20 de abril a las 10am en Holy Cross, Dover.
- **Próximo Año.** Las inscripciones para el próximo año escolar 2024-2025 están abiertas, Inscripciones estarán abiertas hasta el 30 de agosto. Puede tomar una aplicación en el salón o en puede bajar la en línea. www.iccmarydel.org o visite la oficina parroquial. Se necesitan Catequistas y voluntarios. Si usted desea ser catequista o ayudar hable con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next Class: April 14 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
For more information contact Tammy Korosec at either (302) 674-5787 X 122 or email tkorosec@holycrossdover.org

COMING THE 24-25 ADULT EDUCATION STUDY GROUP YEAR!

Stay tuned for these exciting programs!

Schedule to be determined.

The Summit of Faith

“The Eucharist distinguishes Catholic life more than anything else, providing the foundation for sacred worship and belief in Christ’s living presence within the Church. program will outline the teaching of the Catholic Church on the Eucharist and the Mass and how they lead into a robust expression of the Christian life in the world.”

Divine Mercy – The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

“With his characteristic skill and lucid style, Fr. Michael Gaitley interweaves the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope Saint John Paul II into a tapestry of wonder and beauty.”

Wild Goose Series

“Unleash the Holy Spirit in Your Life In this professionally filmed and cinematographically stunning series, Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR will lead you on an unforgettable journey around the world and into the very heart of God. Discover the immense power and beauty of the unconditional love of God that is the Holy Spirit.”

Classes will begin again in September of 2024.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT HOLY CROSS

Rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Thursday, April 18 at 6 pm. We will meet in the Parish Hall. Sponsor and Candidate should be present - if your sponsor is unable to attend, please have a parent with you.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Saturday, April 20 at 10 am. Please be in the Parish Hall no later than 9 am with your sponsor.

Youth Group:

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 22 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Luke Room - 2nd floor ELC Building

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: ALLELUIA! CHRIST HAS RISEN!

Sacramental Preparation Classes:

First Communion:

Rehearsal: Friday, April 26th at 7pm in Church

Sacrament of First Eucharist: Saturday, April 27th @10am

Confirmation:

Rehearsal: Thursday, April 18th, 6pm at Holy Cross Church

Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday, April 20th 10am at Holy Cross, Dover

Next Year: Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open. Registrations will be taken from March 1st to August 30th. Registrations available at desk in hall during religious education classes and online. Catechists are always needed and helpers always welcome!!

It was that time of day when there were but just a few cars on the parking lot as I walked over to the JH Building. The faithful After-Care staff was represented by their parked automobiles, a family car or two waited for its passengers to appear at the top of the steps leading to and away from the After-Care space. A couple of teachers remained, as well as my own.

I was working in the JH office when I heard one of the teachers working at the copier. I didn't look up and she didn't notice my presence. It was the end of a long day for the two of us. She finished her task at the copier, and returned to the classroom before returning. I looked up to notice Mrs. Peek. She laughed saying 'oh, I didn't see you there when I was at the copier a few minutes ago.' She went to check her mailbox and sign out for the day. It was well after 5 pm. She came back through, wished me a pleasant evening and a safe drive home before saying that she was "headed home to fix dinner, do the laundry and grade more papers." I can't think her day ended much before 10 or 11 that night. Mrs. Peek is always one of the first early arrivals in the morning.

It was a Saturday. Typically, a day off for teachers; you might think. I'd like to know how many Saturdays and Sundays Mrs. Riecks has given over to the preparation and supervision of the Odyssey of the Mind teams as the date for competition draws near on the calendar. Or the Saturdays both she and Mrs. Peek have given over to the NJHS students as they try to complete the community service project requirement of the student membership.

The number of cars belonging to teachers who choose to arrive shortly after 6 am to take advantage of the quiet time to grade a set of papers, update grades on PowerSchool, or set up the lab for a class held later in the day, or prepare for a lesson, to sanitize the desk-tops, or to seize a spot at the printer is enumerable. Typically, their day will not end at dismissal because they have extra-curricular duties such as Student Council, NJHS, parent conferences, level coordinator meetings, committee meetings, and this year extra duties added to the list with our Middle States responsibilities. There are the evening events as well where the teacher presence is an expectation. The days are long with never a complaint aired. No one leaves to go home without a bag chock filled with good intentions and the hope of grabbing another hour or so to grade papers or make sure all the necessities are packed up for that special demonstration for class the next day.

Joining the early crowd will always be Mr. Seams, the lonely guy walking up and down State Street in the dark under any disagreeable weather elements Mother Nature has to throw down upon him. His daily mission is to place the flagger signs on the side of the road informing drivers of the presence of he and Mr. Klaus as traffic managers later in the morning during our busy arrival time. Both he and Mr. Klaus have day jobs to report to following their early morning stint and their days will be long. Mr. Klaus works out of state, while Mr. Seams will likely have a schedule filled with classes. Then there are his after-school sports responsibilities. It is often 6:00 pm and his car is still on the parking lot when I am leaving.

I recall clearly many years ago when I was Math League moderator and was listening to a teacher from one of the local public-schools grumble over the fact that she hadn't received her stipend from the last meet. Naïve, and shocked I said to her, "You get PAID for this??"

The days can run eleven to twelve hours long. There is no stipend for the extra. But there is joy in the commitment. There is much gratification in the daily grind. There is lasting loyalty because it is our vocation.

While I certainly take nothing away from any other profession and the commitment of those who have dedicated themselves to their respective career fields, I will forever say that the teacher in America is under-appreciated, underpaid, taken for granted, and often much maligned. However, I firmly believe that it is the Holy Spirit who has drawn us to Catholic education and it is where we find our fulfillment.

It is not a job or an occupation. It is our vocation.

But, at the end of the day, there are certain truths in life that cannot be avoided. Circumstances change, a need for change that might come out of right field and catch us completely off-guard, some recognizing that now is the time to retreat from the life's work. We wish those teachers well. HCS is now finding itself in a position where employment positions are going to be available.

Discernment is difficult, it can be grueling. But when you ask God for help in finding answers and direction He will act in response. It takes a special person and personality to teach children. It is not a profession for everyone. But if you have that certain niggling that might give cause for consideration leading to prayerful discernment, I want to discuss the possibilities of your experiencing the great personal fulfillment and satisfaction derived from educating children in a Catholic school where your faith can be openly expressed and shared with not just with colleagues, but best news of all, it can be freely expressed with your students. It has been said many times that no profession could possibly exist if not for the teacher. And, to that; there is no credible retort.

take three promises: The promises of prayer, obedience and ____.

34 A Mass held the night before a major holy day is commonly called a ____ Mass.

35 The Pope is the Bishop of ____.

36 Name for general area of the world in which Jesus rose from the dead -- it comes from the French word for "rising," and comprises Israel, Syria and Lebanon.

37 In a typical parish, while the Priest may proclaim the Gospel, this member of the clergy most commonly proclaims the Gospel.

42 In the Catholic Church the Pope is the "Successor of St. Peter" in the Orthodox faith, their leader, the Patriarch of Constantinople, is identified as "The Successor of St. ____"

43 Number of days of the Season of Lent

46 According to Catholic Tradition, there are how many choirs (levels) of Angels?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

