



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

April 18, 2021

Third 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
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday and Friday, 12:10 pm
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-Midnight (temporarily closed)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

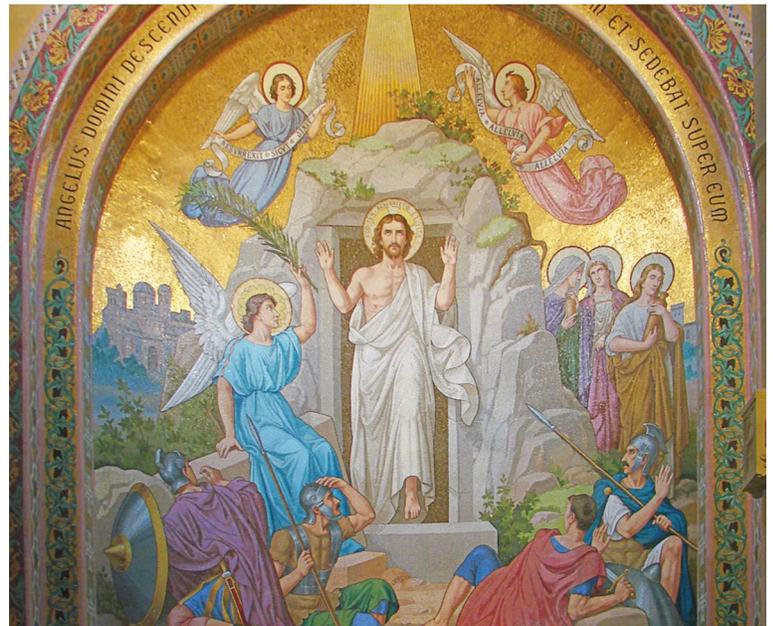
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm



3rd Sunday of Easter



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

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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.

THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

holycrossover.org
iccmarylodel.org

Holy Cross Church will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, parishes must continue to adhere to all health and safety regulations without exception. Policies including wearing face masks, maintaining proper six-foot social distancing and proper hand hygiene remain nonnegotiable and are fundamentally rooted in protecting all people in our parishes and maintaining the health and safety of our community. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses on holy days remains suspended at this time.

Face masks are to be worn by all who are in the church. It is to be worn covering both the nose and mouth. Thank you for your cooperation.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

April 4, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$22,827	\$27,625	(\$4,803)
YTD	\$996,992	\$1,112,725	(\$115,733)
Needs	\$1,009	\$1,550	(\$541)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending April 4, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,990
2nd	\$1,171

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time. Many are still not attending Mass but we still need your support. You can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card.

Dear Parishioners,

Last week's Pastor's Column gave an overview of the general understanding and background on the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. In this issue, I will focus on the essential components of confecting the Sacrament and on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Do You Validate? In the Sacramental theology of the Faith, for any Sacrament to be validly confected, the proper "form" and "matter" must be present. Without the presence of those validating elements, there is no Sacrament – there is no encounter with Christ. In addition to the form and matter, the proper minister (a Priest or Bishop) with the proper intention (the intention of the Church) must likewise be present. Each of these essential elements: form, matter, proper minister, and proper intention will be examined below.

Heart of the Matter. The matter of the Sacrament of the Eucharist is bread and wine. And the church is very clear, in Canon Law, in defining the two elements: "The bread must be made of wheat alone The wine must be natural wine of the grape and not corrupt" (Canon 924). Moreover, the Church adds that a "quantity of any other substance than wheat" in the bread, renders it invalid for use (meaning the Sacrament of the Eucharist cannot be confected with such bread). In a similar way, the Church says that "wine... cannot be regarded as valid matter, [if] extracted from apples or other fruits, or which is made chemically." Additionally, if there is more water than wine in the mixture, it is equally invalid.

More than a Form-ality. Now, that we have cleared up the matter of the matter – which is no trifling matter -- let's move onto the proper form of the Sacrament. The form of the Sacrament is the proper minister speaking the "words of institution" over the valid matter; both bread and wine must be present (having only one or the other invalidates the Sacrament). The "words of institution," sometimes called the "words of consecration," are as follows:

- As the priest holds the bread, he says, "Take this all of you and eat of it for this is my body which will be given up for you."
- As the priest holds the chalice filled with wine, he says, "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 sins. Do this in memory of me."

These beautiful words are not just some Hall-mark Card type, nice-sounding prose. The Church holds that these are the words that Christ spoke at the Last Supper, (i.e., the first Mass). The Church, following the command of Christ to "do this in memory of me," continues to re-present that event which is inextricably connected to His death and resurrection. Following the recitation of these words over the elements (and the Holy Spirit having been invoked previously in the Ritual), the bread and wine that the eye still sees (sometimes called the Sacred Species), are, in reality, no more. What is substantially, truly and actually present are the Body, Blood, soul and Divinity of Christ.

Prim and Proper. So, with all of the above in mind, one might wonder, "Can't I just get bread and wine and say the word and have the Eucharist in my home?" No! In order for the Eucharist to be confected, the proper minister, a Priest (or Bishop) – one who is ordained to offer Sacrifice – must make the Sacrificial offering. The ordained Priest stands in the person of Christ (in persona Christe). Thus when Fr. O'Reilly says, "Take this all of you... this is my body" it is Christ speaking, it is Christ re-presenting the offering of his Body and Blood.

Magic, Man? And finally, after having the proper form, proper matter and proper minister, there is one other essential element: The proper minister must also have the proper intention, namely, the intention of the Church. What does that mean? Well, let me tell you about an urban legend from a few years ago – completely untrue, but repeated endlessly. The legend said that some priest in the Midwest went wiggy, and said words of consecration inside a bakery truck and consecrated tons of bread which became the Body of Christ. Further, the urban legend stated, the Church then had to take the truck and reserve it as sort of giant tabernacle until all of the "Eucharist" could be consumed. Oh, where to begin? Let's start with the key point: This never happened. And even if this did happen, no valid consecration would have occurred because the proper minister did not have the intention of the Church.

What do I mean by that? The priest is not to be seen as a variant of Mandrake the Magician or the Great Amazo. He doesn't twitch his nose or give an "I Dream of Jeannie" blink-of-his-eyes and do a trick. That is not the intention of the Church at Mass. The intention of the Church is that priests consecrate bread and wine to re-

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. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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holycrossdover.org/school

Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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LEAVING ITEMS IN CHURCH

Please **do not** leave cards, religious items, clothing, or other such items in the lobby area of the Gathering Space. We cannot accept any of these items at this time.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Even though we are not opening the Adoration Chapel at this time, anyone who was on the normal adoration schedule is encouraged to come into the church to pray during your assigned hour. The church is unlocked from 7 am to 7 pm and Our Lord is waiting for you to come spend time with Him. Our Lord is present in the tabernacle all day long and would love for you to spend time praying. It's a great way to get back into the routine of praying during your scheduled hour.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER

The K of C will be offering a beefaroni dinner on April 23, from 4 to 6 pm,. Cost is \$10 per person. This will take place at the Columbian Home on Vepko Blvd. Come out and enjoy a delicious meal.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/ podcast each week. Next Saturday, April 24th, tune in to hear the winners of the annual Gerry Dawson Delaware Knights of Columbus Vocations Essay Contest present their essays. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640, or listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

READINGS FOR APRIL 25

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy spirit, Peter discovers his gift of healing. Only by the name of Jesus, he declares, can any of us be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-2

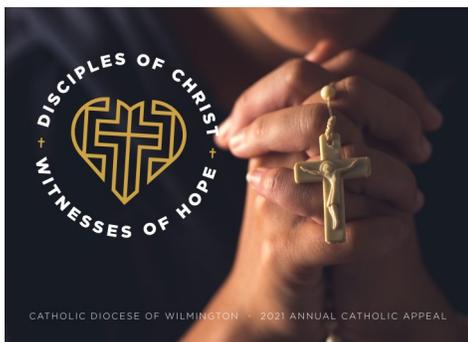
Whatever the future may hold, we have the assurance of being God's beloved children.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

Like a good shepherd, Jesus is dedicated to our care and protection. He willingly laid down his life for the flock, as well as for others not yet in his fold.

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, WITNESSES OF HOPE

As Luke recalls for us in today’s Gospel, only after the Apostles had absorbed the excitement and wonderment of seeing Jesus alive when they thought Him dead, did the importance of His words take on meaning.



Jesus had chosen them as His witnesses to His mission and His true identity. If anyone among them had thought that Jesus had some other way of telling the world about Himself, these thoughts were dismissed when they realized that they were the means, that they would be God’s instruments.

Just as the disciples realized that with the death and resurrection of Jesus they were suddenly forced to confront the radical change in their lives, we too are called to do the same. As Christ’s followers, we must make Easter season a time of new beginning in our lives. As Disciples of Christ, being witnesses and believers, we cannot separate ourselves from being doers of the Word.

The Annual Catholic Appeal works to ensure the viability and growth of many charitable, pastoral and educational ministries throughout Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore. With its theme, “Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Hope” the Appeal brings hope and the good news of Christ’s love to thousands of men, women and children each year.

Recently, you were invited to participate in the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have already provided a gift, thank you for your generosity. If you have not, please give prayerful and thoughtful consideration to your resources and the needs of those served by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

You can contribute to the Appeal by using the pledge card and return envelope mailed to your

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL

19 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Bettina Corowiti

20 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Michael Ciccarelli

21 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Joe Carmody

22 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Ray Costa (LI)
ICC 6 pm For the people

23 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Eileen Creighton

24 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Ivan Kelly
HC 5 pm Rosalie Chordas Boryszewski

25 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am James Canalichio
ICC 8:30 am William F. & Ann R. Sullivan
HC 9:30 am Anthony DeVigili
ICC 11 am James Ward
HC 11:30 am For the People
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION

DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

home, by accessing the Appeal website at www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal and clicking “How to Donate” or by completing a pledge card located on the back tables of the church.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. Consider viewing a brief video highlighting a few of the supported ministries at <https://youtu.be/1789oOHmTkg>.

MASS MINISTERS

PLEASE COME
FORWARD TO HELP
DISTRIBUTE
HOLY COMMUNION AT THE MASS
YOU ATTEND. THE PRIEST WILL INDICATE HOW MANY EXTRA-ORDINARY
MINISTERS ARE NEEDED.

Lector Schedule for April 2021

At Holy Cross:

5 pm Mass

Apr 17 Dennis Dixon
Apr 24 Donna Kilby

7:30 am Mass

Apr 17 Edi Outten
Apr 24 Rose Pritchett

9:30 am Mass

Apr 17 Suzanne Ford
Apr 24 Colin Parks

At Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass

Apr 18 Bill Thompson
Apr 25 Gerry Godfrey

11 am Mass

Apr 18 Laura Schlopitz
Apr 25 Donna King

If you wish to be considered to lector at Holy Cross, email Diane at dbelt@holycrossdover.org so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector.

At ICC, please get in touch with Marilyn Dixon at mdixon@iccmarydel.org Thank you.

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories are in the Parish Office. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

You and your beloved have been through a lot together. Keep in mind your service to each other.

PARENTING POINTERS

Why don't you and your children clean up some of God's creation. Pick a park, a street, a place of nature to clear of litter.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

Pre-need planning. Still trying to decide on what to do with this year's income tax refunds or your COVID stimulus funds? During our lifetime we spend a lot of time planning and preparing for future events, such as weddings, vacations, college for the kids, retirement, etc. It's easy to put off planning for the day when the Lord will call you home. Planning for the inevitable and securing space in our cemetery is a wonderful gift for the whole family. When that day does come, with all its emotional trauma, sparing your spouse and children those difficult decisions is a blessing. Contact Len Dornberger at the parish office for a no obligation discussion.

VOCATIONS

A vocation must be nurtured for a lifetime, not just until ordination or the taking of vows. You can help nurture the vocations of priests, sisters and brothers by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. A life of service needs support from those served.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

DOVER INTERFAITH MISSION

Anyone interested in providing a dinner for the DIMH Men's shelter can call 302-736-3600. The shelter is located across from the Salvation Army building.

The shelter will have to move to a new location at the end of the year. They are also asking for anyone interested in donating money to help build/redo a new building to house the shelter. They would like to have a permanent location in the future. If interested in donating, you can send your donation to DIMH Shelter, 684 Forrest Street, Dover, DE 19904.

- La próxima clase Pre-bautismal de será el viernes 23 de abril, 2021 a las 7 de la noche. La clase será virtual por favor de conectarse vía Zoom el ID es: 882 0940 3126 y la contraseña es Bautismo. Recuerde que al seleccionar los padrinos deben seguir los requisitos de la iglesia. Deben de ser católicos. Inscritos en la parroquia, haber recibido los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana, si están casados debe de ser un matrimonio sacramental, por favor sea cuidadoso en seleccionar los padrinos. Llenar completamente las aplicaciones apropiadas.
- Las inscripciones para las clases de Educación Religiosa del próximo año escolar 2021-2022 están abiertas
- Las aplicaciones para los que van a recibir los Sacramentos pueden ir a la página cibernética de la parroquia y bajar la aplicación completarlo a tiempo y entregarlo en la oficina de Educación Religiosa.
- Recuerde que todavía tenemos que seguir las medidas de precauciones de guardar la distancia, usar mascarillas, lavarnos las manos con frecuencia y no aglomerarnos.
- Si hay algún adulto que no ha recibido su sacramento de la Confirmación y desea información sobre las clases por favor anótese con la Sra. Arline Dosman.
adosman@holycrossdover.org
Recuerde que para ser un padrino tiene que tener todos los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana.

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

** Ha comenzado la inscripción para el próximo año, 2021-2022. Por favor devuelva los formularios lo antes posible

para que podamos ordenar libros y tomar decisiones de ubicación para el año escolar.**

¡Traiga sus mochilas Azul con libros a clase!

La unidad 4 se está repartiendo ahora. Por favor, venga al salón después de las misas y recoja el suyo. Si conoce familias que no vienen físicamente a la Iglesia, avíseles para que recojan libros. Se están recopilando evaluaciones para las 4 unidades. Todas las evaluaciones de los estudiantes que están en sus paquetes de unidades, cuando la unidad se termina por favor llévelos a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti para obtener su crédito para este año.

Grupo 1- grados 3, 6, en el salón, 7,8 en el sótano (basement), y RICA estará en el salón de computadoras - presencial

Grupo 1- Próximas Sesiones: 25 de abril

Grupo 2- grados 1, 2, en el salón, 4,5 en los salones del Basement (sótano) y RICA en el salón de computadoras- presencial 28 de marzo.

Grupo 2- Próximas Sesiones: 18 de abril y 2 de Mayo

Si tiene alguna pregunta o prefiere que sus hijos continúen haciendo Educación Religiosa en casa, hágaselo saber a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o envíele un correo electrónico a dre@iccmaryl.org

Felicitaciones a los adolescents y juvenes adultos que fueron sellados con los dones del Espíritu Santo el pasado 10 de abril por medio del Sacramento de la Confirmación. Continuaremos orando por ustedes en su jornada de Fe

Si tiene alguna pregunta comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmaryl.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Regular Class

April 18 3:30-5:30 pm

Next class May 2—LAST CLASS

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH)

May 9, 2021 Cancelled

REGISTRATION FOR 2021/22 REL ED

2021-2022 Religious Education Class registration forms now available on line at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

NEWLY CONFIRMED (HC)

Please continue to pray for our 70 teens from Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception parishes who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation this past weekend.

A special thank you to the priests, deacons, volunteers and peer leaders who shared their faith with our teens this year. To the ladies who donated material and sewed masks for the teens, thank you.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: (HC—2022)

Forms to register for Confirmation 2022 Preparation for all high school students not confirmed may be found on the parish website under Teaching the Faith, Sacramental Preparation, Confirmation.

KEY CHAINS (HC)

For our teens beginning to drive this year, or those from last year who were not able to receive a key chain, please let Mrs. Darling know you would like one. ldarling@holycrossdover.org

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

June 28 to July 1 we will be hosting teens from around the East Coast to assist the elderly and those who could use an extra pair of hands with yard work, painting, minor repairs, window washing, etc. We would prefer to do outside work if possible this year—please contact Linda Darling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org if we may be of assistance to you or someone you know.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

***Registration for next year, 2021-2022 has begun. Please return forms as soon as possible so that we are able to order books, and make placement decisions for the school year.

Bring your Blue Book Bags with books to class, you will need them.

Unit 4 is being handed out now. Please come to the hall after Masses and collect yours. If you know families that are not physically coming to Church, let them know to pick up books. Assessments are being collected for all 4 units. Please get them to Ms. Alicia

All student assessments that are in their unit packs are due to Mrs. Poppiti when unit is finished. Please hand in for credit for this year.

Group 1- grades 3, 6, in the hall, 7, 8 in the basement, and RCIA in the computer center -on site April 25th

Group 2- grades 1, 2, in the hall, 4, 5 in the basement and RCIA in the computer center- on site April 18th & May 2nd

Alicia , Director of Religious Education at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmaryl.org

CONGRATULATIONS (ICC)

Congratulations to our Candidates for Confirmation that received the Sacrament Saturday @ Holy Cross. Congratulations to our confirmandi that received Confirmation on April 10th: Christiano, Nelvin, Erlin, Kevin, Julian, Ricardo, Itzel, Delaney, Adolfo and Karen. God Bless you all.

RICE BOWLS: (ICC)

Please place Rice Bowls in the collection bin in the back of church.

2021 FIRST COMMUNION PREP (ICC)

Retreat: Saturday, April 17, 9am-12noon in the Hall.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Saturday, April 24th at 10am at Immaculate Conception.

As I sit and compose my weekly word, I am listening to birds chirping following a morning shower of rain. It is lovely, the birds sounding the promise of sunshine to come. For many, this time of the calendar year is a favorite, and I cannot deny feeling uplifted by the beauty of color, the budding of the trees, and random shoots of emerald green grass. All of it far outweighs the "brown all-around" of winter. Despite however, the newness brought on by spring, it has always signaled the onset of frenzy with regard to the school year. And so it is, I equate springtime with the dread of the onset of the beginning of the end of a school year. The acute condition known as spring fever attacks most. There is no cure for the condition; teachers simply find new and inventive ways to treat the condition.

As we transition into a new season, it occurs to me that the current seasonal change is not the only transition before us. The act of transitioning can take many forms and have different meanings to different people. For example our eighth graders have their graduation in mind. Before we all realize, the time will be upon us and they will be walking down the aisle of the church to receive their diploma. Life's milestone events are often accompanied by a transition. And, as life's years accumulate along the journey pleasant memories are often a frequent reward.

Marian Stone Stant began her nearly lifelong affiliation with Holy Cross Parish and Schools as a young child. Having moved from Chicago, she found Dover a "rude awakening." She was enrolled as a fifth grader following the family's move. She continued her education through Holy Cross High School, graduating in 1972. Having met her prospective husband in high school, she and Mr. John Stant married and over the years parented twelve children. Deeply committed to the tenets of Catholic education, Heather, John III, James, Mary Beth, Joseph, Kathryn, Michael, Billy, Lizzy, Ben, Maria, and Tim, all twelve of their children were gifted with a Holy Cross School education. As a young parent, Mrs. Stant initially began her service to our school as a Tuesday volunteer in the school cafeteria under Mrs. Phyllis Mabrey. She continued to answer her call to service for thirty years as a cafeteria volunteer. Following the illness of Mrs. Rhonda Curley, Mrs. Stant stepped up to the plate and assumed the operation of the school cafeteria. No one could have stepped forward with greater qualifications. In addition to her years of service to the school and preparing meals for a large family, she also had some idea of cooking for the masses by virtue of the family restaurant ownership. I have a fond memory of walking through the cafeteria

one afternoon on my way to collect my class from enrichment. While taking a bit of a shortcut, I came upon Mrs. Stant in the kitchen. She was crumbling up chocolate chip cookies to place atop vanilla pudding. It seems like such a simple thing, but it signaled a new and different approach to preparing kid-friendly meals at HC. If Mrs. Stant didn't know a thing or two about making appealing meals for kids, then I don't know who in the world would have. She finished out the year as sort of an interim manager, and ten years ago, as circumstances would have it, Mrs. Stant agreed to accept the offer extended to serve as the school Cafeteria Manager.

Cake days, ice cream sundae days, chocolate chip cookie days, and holiday feasts are student favorites. Mrs. Stant has always put the children first. Expanding the menu to include such other favorites as chicken nuggets, chicken and rice, pasta and sauce, pizza parlor pizza, and breakfast for lunch, the number of lunches ordered began to rise dramatically. She also introduced a different sandwich offering each day as a hot entrée alternative, not to mention the all American favorite; PBJ is offered as a daily menu choice. Speaking of breakfast, Mrs. Stant began offering the first meal of the day to our Early Morning Room patrons even going so far as to warm the syrup for the French toast sticks and chocolate chip waffles! No bagel ever left the kitchen unless it was toasted first!

Making its debut during Mrs. Stants' administration of the school cafeteria; online lunch ordering has been a saving grace for parents.

This year has proven a challenge for all. The cafeteria operation is no exception. The addition of a fourth lunch period? Not a problem. Packaging lunches in individual containers? Not a problem. Reducing the number of menu offerings? Not a problem. Having to reduce her number of cafeteria volunteers. Not (too much) of a problem. "Whatever you need me to do, Mrs. Pollitt is what I'll do." Because, it's for the kids. It's a sad truth in life that all good things must come to an end. Much to my chagrin, Mrs. Marian Stant has decided to hang up her pot holders for the last time and transition into retirement at the end of the 2020-2021 school-year; and I will beg to differ with anyone who tries to tell me that no one is irreplaceable.

As a long-time familiar, and much admired member of our school staff, Mrs. Stant is going to be sorely missed. Suffice it to say that I wear a size 4.5 shoe, and I don't believe Mrs. Stant wears a much bigger shoe than I.

But I am here to tell you that come June 11th, Mrs. Stant is leaving some pretty large shoes to fill.

present, in an un-bloody manner, the Sacrifice of Christ at Calvary making Christ present in our world to nourish us and to be adored. It isn't an act of magic, it is an act of faith.

Sense and Sense Ability. "Okay, so, Christ is present: Body, Blood, soul and Divinity. Why then," you may ask, "Do I still see what looks like bread and wine?" A great question! The common simple reply is that Christ is present to us "under the veil" of the Sacrament. He is there, and if you could pull that veil away, you would see the second person of the Blessed Trinity, the Son of God, in his glorified form as he was seen after the resurrection.

Thomas' Promises. St. Thomas Aquinas in his hymn "Pange Lingua," addresses this issue writing: "*Praestet fides supplementum / Sensuum defectui.*" That Latin phrase, roughly translated to English, states, "Faith provides a supplement / (to compensate for) the defect of our senses." What this means is that in faith we understand the reality of the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, even though our eyes and our taste buds would tell us it is bread and wine. Aquinas would describe the sight of bread and wine after consecration (aka, the Sacred Species), as an "accident" of appearance. That is, just because it looks like bread and wine, doesn't change what is substantially, actually and truly there: The Real (and abiding) presence of Christ.

Candy is Dandy. To put this in clearer terms, I will make an analogy I used in the past with young children making their first communion. It deals with Fred Flintstone. You have probably all seen what are called "Flintstone Vitamins"? These vitamins were developed by a smart pharmaceutical company – they decided that children don't like to take vitamins because, even though they are good for them, they look like medicine. So, that company decided to make their Vitamins in the shape of the cartoon character Fred Flintstone and added a pinch of sugar to the formula. The Vitamin now looked like and tasted like candy. To the eyes and the taste buds, it had all of the properties of candy. And yabba-dabba-doo, the kids liked it and began taking their vitamins without tears, screaming or a big to-do.

What's the point of this tale from Vitamin history? Simply this: As much as a Flintstone Vitamin looks and tastes like candy -- to use New York grammar – it ain't candy. It is in fact: Potassium Iodide, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Vitamin A Acetate, Vitamin B12, Vitamin D3, Vitamin E Acetate, Zinc Sulfate and much, much more. What the eyes see and the senses taste in a Flintstone Vitamin –namely, candy -- are what St. Thomas Aquinas would call "accidental qualities." The look and the taste are not what that Flintstone Vitamin truly is; it isn't candy. What is really there – the good stuff – is hidden to the senses to make the Vitamin more likely to be consumed and understood.

While all analogies break down, and this one is no exception, I think this helps to make the point: Christ makes himself present to us, Body and Blood, soul and Divinity, in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, under the Sacred Species of bread and wine. While our limited senses can only see the appearance bread and wine, it is not bread and wine that is there at all – it is Jesus Christ. Under the appearance of bread and wine we are able receive Christ and be nourished by him spiritually and physically in a way that our human nature can comprehend.

Thus, in the Eucharist is the real and abiding present of Jesus Christ, whole and entire, made present to us. And frankly, that is something which should all be willing to yabba-dabba-doo about. God bless!

Yours in Christ,

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Note: Next week, I will focus on marking out distinctions between: Eucharist, Holy Communion and Mass, as well as explaining other related matters for clarification as relates to the Most Blessed Sacrament.