



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

April 25, 2021

Fourth 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

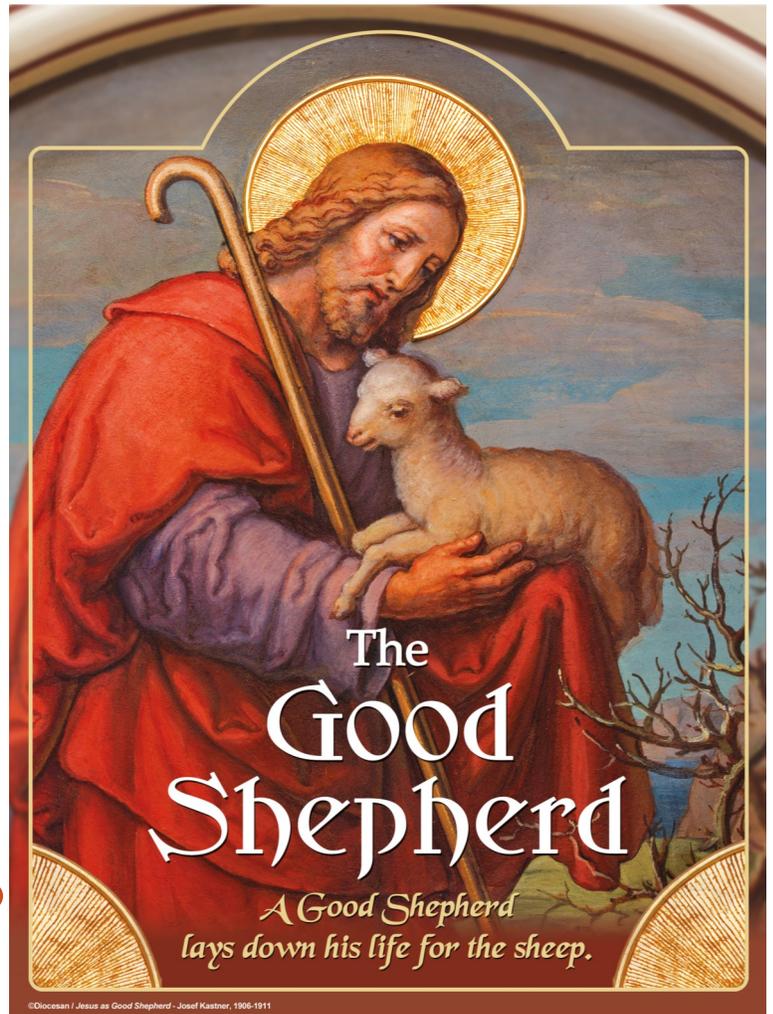
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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



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 11, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$21,395	\$27,625	(\$6,230)
YTD	\$1,018,387	\$1,140,350	(\$121,963)
Needs	\$1,131	\$1,550	(\$419)
Easter	\$15,757	\$22,650	(\$6,893)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending April 11, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,220
2nd	\$86

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.

Last week's Pastor's Column focused on The Eucharist as regards issues of proper terminology as concerns the Sacrament, the definition of the form and matter of Sacrament, the question of our senses as it relates to understanding the Sacrament. This week, I will focus on marking out distinctions between: Eucharist, Holy Communion and Mass, and explaining other related matters for clarification as relates to the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist. I am a believer in the idea that words mean things, that is, they are not mere combinations of letter, but rather are expressive creations. The language we use when talking about our faith needs to be precise. Regarding the Sacrament of the Eucharist, this is especially true. In this week's column, which is part three in a three-part series on the Eucharist, I am going to focus on three words/terms that are used commonly regarding the Eucharist which are often used interchangeably, but are not, in fact, interchangeable words/terms. These words/terms are: Eucharist, Holy Communion and Mass.

Term Limits. As an entrée into the terminological distinction of these words, let me use a more commonplace set of terms that share, in many ways, the Eucharist's distinctions. The words "wristwatch," "clock" and "time" are three words that are very closely related -- just like Holy Communion, Mass and the Eucharist -- but are nonetheless distinct. One may wear a wristwatch. It is a timepiece; the face of that wristwatch shows a clock (analog or digital) and one looks at the clock's face to determine the time. Both the wristwatch and the clock-face of the wristwatch are there -- they exist -- in connection to time. The time is the fundamental item at hand; without time, no one would need a clock or wear a wristwatch. So, too, this relationship and distinction applies to the Eucharist.

Many people, especially in our modern era of the Church, have blurred the lines of distinction between the Holy Eucharist, Holy Communion and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. And holy mackerel, that's a problem. The Eucharist, Holy Communion, and the Mass are connected, to be sure, but they are not same thing.

Thanks Be to God. So, let's clarify: the Eucharist is the name of the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. There are seven Sacraments in the Church, the most blessed of which is the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The word "eucharist" comes from a Greek word meaning "thanksgiving." Thus, in ancient Greece, any kind of thanksgiving would be "eucharist."

However, we're not in ancient Greece, and the "thanksgiving" we are speaking of is a very specific thanksgiving. It is the thanksgiving for Christ's sacrifice for us which makes present to us his person, his Body and Blood. Thus, since this is not just any ol' "thanksgiving" but a quite specific "thanksgiving," we do not call this Sacrament "Eucharist" we call it "the Eucharist" (or "the Holy Eucharist", or "the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist"). In the case of "the Eucharist" that "the" becomes -- dare I say -- an article of faith.

Who's that Girl? To put this into a pop cultural perspective: the 1960s TV sitcom starring actress Marlo Thomas was called "That Girl" not "Girl" or "Some Girl." It wasn't about any girl; it was about that one. So, too, the Eucharist should never, except in perhaps the most metaphysical consideration, be called "Eucharist." Do you hear some folks say just "Eucharist?" Indeed. We also hear people saying "ain't," but that doesn't make it right. I have actually invoked a term to describe this removal of the "the" in front of the Eucharist by folks: I call it article-erasing. Folks that engage in article-erasing eliminate the article "the" and thus, intentionally or unintentionally, make the Eucharist a more vague or abstract thing. But the Eucharist, in truth, is neither vague nor is it abstract; it is a Sacrament; it is a specific form of thanksgiving. For us as Catholics, it's not just any thanksgiving; it is the thanksgiving -- the Eucharist. This is how the Church in its documents speaks about it; it should also be our language.

Wholly Communion. Okay, so that's what "the Eucharist" means. But, you may wonder, isn't Holy Communion also the Eucharist? Strictly speaking, the answer is no. Holy Communion is something much more specific: it is not merely the Eucharist, it is the reception, the receiving, of the Eucharist. To use a royal analogy, the royal crown (not the soda, the headgear) is a crown; when a King or Queen is crowned with it, it is called "coronation." Coronation, while related to the crown, is not the crown, it is the reception of the crown. So, too, Holy Communion, while related to the Eucharist, is not the Eucharist; it is its reception. Thus the Eucharist in its ministration to the faithful is called "Holy Communion."

Some Extraordinary People. Related to this distinction is the name given to the lay faithful commissioned to assist in distributing Holy Communion during Mass. The folks, who are commissioned to assist the clergy, on an extraordi-

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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. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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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.

GOLF FOR LIFE!!

New Day Pregnancy Care Center is having a golf tournament to raise money to protect the lives of babies and to give hope to the mothers of unplanned pregnancies. You can help by forming a team of 4 players for \$75.00 a person or \$300.00 a team. Or you can sponsor a hole for \$150.00 or more! The scramble tournament is on May 22 with a shotgun start at 12:00. If you have any questions, please contact Cristina Mattes at cdmattes@gmail.com or call 302-222-0372. Thank you for helping!

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, May 1st, tune in to hear an interview with Father Edward Looney, author of the new book, "Meditations after Holy Communion." 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 MAY 2

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:26-31

Barnabas introduces Saul to the apostles, preparing the way for the mission of the future apostle, Paul.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:18-24

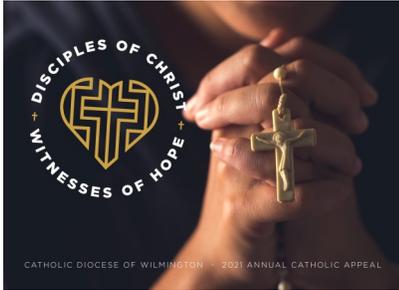
We know that God lives in us when the Holy Spirit enables us to believe in Jesus and love one another as he told us to.

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

Just as the branch has to be attached to the vine if it is to bear fruit, so we have to be united to Christ if we are to bear the fruits of love.

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

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us, "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep."



Everyone is welcomed to the flock by Jesus. We, too, must act faithfully to reach out to all individuals, especially those who feel neglected or abandoned. As Jesus committed His life to being the "one shepherd", we, too, must commit ourselves as Catholics, to providing service to all.

There are several diocesan ministries and programs that offer help for those who feel estranged and marginalized by society. As baptized Christians, it is our shared responsibility to respond to Jesus' command to love and serve one another. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides financial support for a wide range of spiritual, pastoral, and educational services that assist not only the poor and suffering, but anyone who seeks assistance regardless of age, race or social class.

Many thanks to those who have responded to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal; your generosity is deeply appreciated. If you have not yet participated you can contribute to the Appeal by using the pledge card and return envelope mailed to your 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 tables in the church or Gathering Space. It is never too late to help someone in need.

The goal for Holy Cross is \$215,000. The goal for Immaculate Conception is \$25,000. We need help from each and everyone of you in order to help us reach our goal for the Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully considering sending in your pledge or donation today.

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL/MAY

26 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Sergio Mangubat

27 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Victor & Mildred Passer

28 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Cathy Castiglione

29 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Jesus Padilla
ICC 6 pm For the People

30 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Peter Doroshenko

1 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Luz Alamby (LI)
HC 5 pm Lester Maloney

2 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Franklin, Larry, & Michael Bearse
ICC 8:30 am Jerome Bevenour
HC 9:30 am James Canalichio
ICC 11 am James Ward
HC 11:30 am For the People
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION

DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

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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. Due to the COVID restrictions.

VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB website.

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 May 2021

At Holy Cross:

5 pm Mass

May 1 Judi Coffield
 May 8 Lori Christiansen
 May 15 Dennis Dixon
 May 22 Donna Kilby
 May 29 Fran Urick

7:30 am Mass

May 2 John Davis
 May 9 Christina Cuffee
 May 16 Edie Outten
 May 23 Rose Pritchett
 May 29 John Davis

9:30 am Mass

May 2 Mary Louise Sossich
 May 9 Chris Petka
 May 16 Mary Sherlock
 May 23 Tamra Baurys
 May 30 Sher Crossen

At Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass

May 2 Diane Smith
 May 9 Theresa Thompson
 May 16 Karen Cairns
 May 23 Bill Thompson
 May 30 Gerry Godfrey

11 am Mass

May 2 Laura Schlopitz
 May 9 Donna King
 May 16 Laura Schlopitz
 May 23 Donna King
 May 30 Laura Schlopitz

If you wish to be considered to lector at Holy Cross, email Diane at belt@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@iccmmarydel.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

In marriage it may feel good to win an argument – for the moment. It’s not wrong to be right. In the long run, however, it is better not to argue about who is right, but let it go.

PARENTING POINTERS

Have you and your child ever been close to animals. If you don’t have access to a farm, there’s always the zoo. Learn together what it means to take care of animals.

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights again thank you for your continued support of their fish dinners. Because of your attendance, the Knights were able to contribute \$2,900 to the parish from the revenue they made. Stay tuned for more upcoming events from the Knights.



- Si todavía no ha contribuido a la Campaña Católica Anual 2021 del Señor Obispo “Discípulos de Cristo, Testigos de Esperanza” por favor tome un sobre y haga su donativo sacrificial. Esta campaña ayuda a muchos ministerios en toda nuestra Diócesis. Les pedimos que oren para que esta campaña sea un éxito.
- 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.
- PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL: Los Sacramentos de la Reconciliación y la Primera Comunión, generalmente se reciben cuando el niño está en el segundo grado. Es responsabilidad de los padres inscribir a sus hijos a la edad adecuada para la Educación Religiosa a menos que su hijo este asistiendo a una escuela católica.
- Canon 914: Es responsabilidad, en primer lugar, de los padres y de quienes ocupan el lugar de los padres, así como del párroco, velar por que los hijos que han alcanzado el uso de la razón estén correctamente preparados y alimentados por el alimento divino, lo antes posible, precedida de la confesión sacramental; Corresponde también al párroco vigilar que no vengan al Santo Banquete niños que no hayan alcanzado el uso de la razón o que juzgue no estén suficientemente dispuestos.
- 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: 2 de Mayo

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

Felicitaciones a los adolescentes y jóvenes 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

Felicitaciones a los que recibieron a Jesús por primera vez en el Sacramento de la Primera Comunión el sábado 24 de abril. Que el Señor los siga bendiciendo.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS (HC)

Blessings and congratulations to all our youth, who received First Communion on April 24th. Also continue to pray for those who will be making theirs on May 1st. We pray that God continues to be a presence in their lives and may they be blessed in the years ahead.

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP (HC)

For teens 8th grade through college, we are traveling to North Haledon, NJ July 18 to July 23 to serve residents there. MUST know by May 1 if you are interested in attending. Please email Mrs. Darling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org.

KEYCHAINS (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 (HC)

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.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (HC)

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.

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. A table will be set up after Masses in front of the hall for registration.

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 Mrs. Alicia Poppiti. 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 May 2nd

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

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

ICC: Congratulations to our Candidates for Confirmation that received the Sacrament on April 10th: Christiano, Nelvin, Erlin, Kevin, Julian, Ricardo, Itzel, Delaney, Adolfo and Karen, Elsa, Arnoldo, Veronica, Omer, Sergio and Elvira. God Bless you all.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST COMMUNICANTS (ICC)

God Bless: Adriana, Andy, Aylin, Dany, Damariz, Esvin, Elizabeth, Eyli, Heidi, Jason, Johnny, Jose, Keiron, Marlin, Melani Nahomy, Otto and Riquelme

RICE BOWLS (ICC)

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

WE NEED YOU (ICC)

Catechists needed for next year! Please inquire with Mrs. Poppiti as soon as possible. If you are wondering, then this may be your calling.

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him... When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place (John 13:3-5, 12). As Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, He was able to see beyond where He was... about to lay down His life. He was able to see Himself seated at the right hand of God. What divine security, a security that we can take hope in! As a result, Jesus was willing to release "His rights" as God's Son and walk in humility always doing His Father's will.

Jesus was about to express His greatest act of love. The word used in John's Gospel passage for "took off" – related to a classical Greek word) is not the common word used for this action; this form of "took off" refers to Jesus' imminent laying down of his life. Interestingly, the word used in John's Gospel for "put on" His clothes was used to describe the act of taking up His life again. These same words are used again in John 10:17-18: "The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life— only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Without His outer garment, Jesus was left with a tunic, a shorter garment like a long undershirt that gentile slaves would often wear to serve a meal.

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross."

It was a Wednesday afternoon and they came in one by one, some arriving in pairs. Seeking out their normal seat, as if it was one assigned long ago, some engaged in friendly conversation, some seeking out the quiet company of their mobile device. In time, a few of students congregated in the hall, while others steadily made way to their seats. The room was lovely. There was a table bedecked in festive colors, if one glanced closer it was apparent that these cloths of blues, reds, purples, and greens were towels of some sort. Maybe they even bore a resemblance to prayer shawls. And then there were what appeared to be odd looking, but very colorful, lumps of clay at the center of each table. There was a table with all varieties of

colorful candles, some short and round, some tall and slender, some square. There was a lighted Jesus candle. And, when it appeared that all had assembled, it was time to begin.

We began with a small choir of eight students offering the opening for our faculty prayer service. We had come to pray. We had come to acknowledge the meaning of the theme for our year; Called To Serve. The choir opened with Servant Song....."What do you want of me Lord? Where do you want me to serve you? The blended voices of these eight young musicians, their harmonic voices brought goosebumps. (The next day, those in the Parish Office remarked that they thought it was a recording.)

We began all we begin all things, In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Different faculty members read scripture relating to the theme of servanthood, while another came forth to light a candle. There was music playing quietly in the background. There was the Gospel reading where we listened to the retelling of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples.

"Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin, and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

We had listened to the Gospel reading. We reflected upon the Gospel reading. It was time to give life and meaning to the Gospel reading. Mrs. Benini led us in creating our own individual basins from those odd looking lumps of clay. She directed us through the formation of the bowl through the working, and twisting of the clay in such a manner that the colors would blend so beautifully, as an ever so slight shimmer presented itself on the surface. Perhaps it was produced by the warmth of our hands? Later, those beautiful towels were presented one by one to all assembled. Gratitude was expressed to each for their commitment to their own Call To Serve as one wholly devoted and faithful to Catholic education.

It was a Wednesday afternoon. An ordinary Wednesday afternoon....or maybe not so. It was a time for prayer, and a time to thank our loving and merciful God for speaking to our heart. It was a time to give thanks for giving us a listening heart to serve.

nary basis, are commonly called “Eucharistic Ministers” – but that is imprecise colloquial short-hand. These folks are strictly directed to assist in the distribution of “Holy Communion” (i.e., as mentioned, this is the Eucharist being received by the faithful). Thus, the titles of these lay-faithful assistants are, “Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.” That is right and just: on an extraordinary (as needed) basis, these folks minister “Holy Communion” to the faithful. This is why, among other reasons, the Church a few years back clarified that these faithful ministers do not purify sacred vessels (that’s left to sacred ministers) – their role is specifically, and only, to distribute Holy Communion.

Ending Mass Confusion. The final term of endearment related to the Eucharist that needs to be addressed is “Mass.” From the Latin word *missa*, Mass is the name we use to describe the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The gathering of the faithful during which the Eucharist is confectioned at the altar and then distributed to the faithful as Holy Communion is called Mass. Mass requires the proper minister (Bishop or priest), the proper offerings (bread, wine), the intention of the Church and the use of the proper Ritual. There are various Mass texts to adapt to a specific day or season – but no matter when the Eucharist is celebrated... that is the Mass.

Service Stations? There are other actions related to the Eucharist that are specifically not Mass. In the absence of a Priest, some parishes may have what is commonly dubbed a “communion service.” That is not Mass – no Sacrifice occurs on the altar; no sacrament is confectioned. It is merely the distribution of Holy Communion. This may only occur on Sunday, in the absence of a priest. On weekdays, when there is an unexpected absence of a priest (i.e., priest got sick, priest was in accident, etc.), a communion service may be held for those who rightly showed up for Mass (but these weekday services may not be scheduled and are not a substitute for Mass). With the priest shortage in parts of our nation today, there are areas that have a Sunday “Communion Service” (properly called, “Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest”) for consecutive Sundays, and then Mass every third Sunday (or some similar schedule).

“A” Your Adorable. Also related to the Eucharist is the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament – a beautiful, precious and valuable practice – during which the Sacred Host is exposed in a Monstrance (a liturgical vessel that shows the host in its fullness). Recognizing Christ’s real presence in the host, the faithful worship and adore Christ – their Lord and God – with proper prayers, rites and song. Adoration is beautiful and quite important – but it is not to be confused with Mass.

In short, the point I making in this column is this: We must be careful and precise with the language around the things of the Eucharist – that which is precious deserves precision of our words.

Keeping Your Word. Thus, we should avoid saying things like “St. Cunegunda Parish is having Eucharist at 9:00a.m.” No! St. Cunegunda Parish is having (or celebrating) Mass at 9:00 a.m.; thus assuming a homily of reasonable length, one might be having (receiving) the Eucharist in Holy Communion at about 9:42a.m. Every once in a while we hear simply “Eucharist at 9 a.m.” – does that mean Mass? Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? Communion Service? We need to be precise.

Coming to Terms. Let me also note this: For some reason, for a period of time it was *de rigueur*, to substitute the words “Eucharist” or “Liturgy” for the word “Mass” – again, that is imprecise. When someone says “we are celebrating liturgy at 9:00 am” that is like saying “at 10 pm, I am watching ‘tv show.’” This is a matter which needs clarity: Mass is the only word to use for Mass. You can add adjectives: “Holy Mass,” “Morning Mass,” “Sunday Mass” to qualify it, but the word Mass is the word, and the only word that describes propitiously, the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Three Points. So, please remember three things from all of the above points:

- Remember to keep the word “the” in front of “Eucharist” – it is always “the Eucharist” (unless you live in Ancient Greece, and are using “eucharist” in the everyday sense). More broadly, don’t “article-erase;” don’t remove the article “the” from a word that needs the article for specificity.
- Remember that “Holy Communion” is what you call receiving the Holy Eucharist.
- Remember that “Mass” is the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Words are All I Have. The pop music group The Bee Gees, in the 1970s, sang, “*It’s only words, and words are all I have to take your heart away.*” And so, too, for us, we often have only words to express our beliefs. Those words we use are valuable, important and they mean things – and when it comes to the Holy Eucharist, we need to use them well and properly so as to make our words and the words of our faith be as one.

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