

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., 9:30-12noon Fridays, Closed Wednesdays

Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

April 2, 2017 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Weekday Eucharist

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,
Thursday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Michael Angeloni, Associate Pastor
Rev. Idongeset Etim, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of financial assistance, please call

St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702

The Sacraments

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

A few folks after Mass at Holy Cross last Sunday, asked me why myself and the Deacon weren't wearing Violet colored vestments at Mass, but rather were wearing rose-colored vestments. I should have noted in last week's bulletin, but I didn't... so here's the explanation, better late than never. The use of the color rose is permitted to replace the use of the color violet on the 4th Sunday of Lent which is also known as *Laetare* Sunday. The term *laetare* comes from the first words of the Latin text of the entrance antiphon of that day: "*Laetare Jerusalem*" ("rejoice Jerusalem"). This is the Sunday at which Lent is more than half-way completed, it a day of hope with Easter being at last within sight.

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I want to take a moment bid a fond adieu to two of members of our office staff. Elaine Cramer served in our Records Department (and in other roles) at Holy Cross. She also served as our Business Manager at Immaculate Conception Parish.

She retired from Holy Cross in February and from Immaculate Conception this month. Her many years of dedicated service are greatly appreciated. Elizabeth O'Shea has served for many years as the Parish Office receptionist at Holy Cross; hers was the smiling face and southern accent that greeting countless thousands over the years. Her many years of great service to Holy Cross are appreciated by us all. These wonderful ladies will be missed by our two Parishes.

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In the history of television there have been many great cliffhangers. All of those of certain age will remember the excitement and buzz generated by the third season finale of the TV series "Dallas," when the nefarious J.R. Ewing (played by Larry Hagman) was shot and lay dying on the floor. That entire summer, the question lurked in America's mind: Who shot J.R.? Then there was the drawn-out type of cliffhanger, like the TV series "The Fugitive" wherein the fugitive spent the entire length of this multi-season series looking for the

one-armed man who could prove his innocence – and as the series wound down, the question was “will he find the one-armed man.” Now, for me watching these shows as reruns, my view is impacted already, because I know the ending, and I can see the threads of the plot that point the way. For me, these are not cliffhangers any longer, but stories that I remember – a form of history, if you will.

As we wind our way through Lent, I was pondering that as Christians the story of Christ – his ministry, his opponents, his passion, his death, his resurrection – is so second-nature to us, that we experience it knowing the outcome. Like my TV observations above, there is no cliffhanger aspect to the story. We see what’s coming because we already know what’s coming. But, what if we didn’t? If this story was being revealed to us for the first time, how would we interpret what’s going on? Would we ever expect the story to turn out as it did? When Christ dies on the Cross, would we assume that that was the end of the story, or would we have envisioned that moment as the start of a cliffhanger?

During this season of Lent, we are often counseled by the devotional writings of the Church, to place ourselves into the scene of what is going on: to try to ponder where we see ourselves in this story; how we would react to Christ’s words, as well as to the words of those who oppose him. I think that that thought is best summed up in the hymn, “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord.”

During this season of Lent, we need to strive to experience the story of Christ’s Passion, not as a re-run, but as breaking news. When he questions those who challenge him, imagine him asking you those questions? Also, imagine yourself as Jesus hearing questions from the people and leaders; imagine how these questions wound you. Here are some questions posed to Jesus and posed by Jesus:

- + *(Jesus asks) “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”*
- + *(The People ask) “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”*

- + *(Jesus asks) “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?”*
- + *(The people ask) And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?”*
- + *(Judas asks) “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?”*
- + *(Judas asks) When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, [Jesus] said, “Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, “Surely it is not I, Lord?”*
- + *(Jesus asks) “So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?”*
- + *(Pilate asks) “Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?”*
- + *(Pilate asks) Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” But he said, “Why? What evil has he done?”*

While we do know the beginning, middle and end of the story of Jesus Christ’s life, public ministry, suffering, death and resurrection, it is perhaps helpful at time, in our spiritual lives, to step back for a moment, and place ourselves in the scene, at the moment, at the time, and experience the Greatest Story Ever Told, up close and personal. Move the scriptures from being history, being part of your lived experience.

From 1947 to 1952, Walter Kronkite hosted a TV series called “You are There” – it allowed history to be re-enacted with you as part of the story, present to your eyes. Likewise, for us as Christians, on occasion, we need to be there, on the scene as part of the story, as part of a moment in human history. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Take a moment to consider it.

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., April 2

8:30: Tom & Doris Costello

11:00: Gloria Lentini

Misa en Español **7pm** For the People

Thur. April 6 Misa **7pm** For the People

Palm Sunday-Sun., April 9

8:30: Ron & Rob Lawson

11:00: James Schwartz

Misa en Español **7pm** For the People

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays during Lent at 7pm in the Church

Mass Intentions for 2017 are still available.

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$4788.50

Supplementary: \$639.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

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

Tax Letters are prepared and available for pick up at the Church Office.



**Join us in the hall this morning
for the Knights of Columbus
Breakfast**

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Apr 2 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Apr 9 Margie Short & Laura Voshell

Apr 17 Judy Carrow & Ann Lawson

Church Cleaning Crew

April 7, 2017 Grupo #10

Maurilio Gabriel, **Carlos Miguel**, Aurora Rivera,
Bernarda Miguel, Reymundo Miguel, Teresa Tomas.

April 12, 2017 Grupo #11

Anselmo Escalante, **Adelaida Velásquez**, Judith Ortiz,
Cesario Escalante, Ada Escalante, Haylen Bartolón

Altar Servers

Apr 9

8:30am Mass – Hannah Nagyiski & Mike Dixon

11:00am Mass – Sherlin Santizo & Vince Haass

Spanish Misa 7pm – Jeffrey Gabriel & Sofia Ramirez

Lectors

Apr 9

8:30am Mass – Bill Thompson

11:00am Mass – Laura Schlaupitz

Spanish Misa 7pm – Olegario Cuin, Froilan Berduo

Eucharistic Ministers

Apr 9

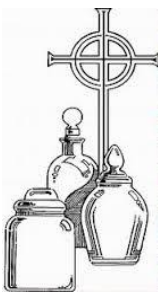
8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Tom & Elisa Costello

11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Paul Lardizzone,

Bob Vanvessan

Spanish Misa 7pm – Alberto Morales, Carlos Miguel,
Flora Pérez, Miguel López, Antonio Pérez

**+++HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE STILL IN NEED
OF LECTORS, EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS
OF THE EUCHARIST AND ALTAR SERVERS+++**



THE CHRISM MASS, or Mass for the Blessing of Sacred Oils and Consecration of Chrism, will be celebrated Monday April 10 at Holy Cross Church in Dover. This Mass is celebrated once a year in each diocese in the world. Every priest who can get out of bed gathers with the Bishop for the occasion. We are blessed to have it so close to us, and your pastor urges you to consider participating this year.

Knights of Columbus

We meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month at 6:30pm. **Come join us!**

For more info, contact Grand Knight,
Harry Brown 302-233-8336.

**Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of
Columbus Council 12509**

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Join us **TOMORROW April 3rd 7pm** in the hall for a Lenten Presentation by Fr. Lentini on "The Witnesses of the Passion of Christ."



Sun, Apr 2 9:00am Knights Breakfast in Hall

Sun, Apr 2 9:40am SRE Classes

Sun, Apr 2 1pm RICA

Mon, Apr 3 6pm St. Vincent DePaul

Mon, Apr 3 7pm Lenten Presentation

Mon, Apr 3 & Wed Apr 5 7pm ESL

Tue, Apr 4 6:30pm Communion Prep

Tue, Apr 4 7pm RCIA

Tue, Apr 4 Juan XXIII

Wed, Apr 5 6:30pm 6 Weeks with the Bible

Fri, Apr 7 7pm Stations of the Cross

Sat, Apr 8 Youth Pilgrimage



Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 13

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 p.m.

11:00 p.m. Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 14

No Mass or Confessions

1:00 Walking Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion-Veneration

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 15

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Mass begins outside with "Blessing of the Fire" followed by procession into church **VIGIL** following Mass

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church

10:00 a.m. Mass in Church ** (different time)

12:00 p.m. Mass in Church (Spanish) **

NOTE:

There will be no 7:00 p.m. Mass

FROM THE DRE'S DESK
School of Religious Education

Religious Education Classes
9:40am-10:50am on Sundays

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

First Communion Preparation – Session #6, Tuesday, April 4, 6:30-7:30pm in the hall.

Confirmation Preparation- Pilgrimage-Saturday, April 8, we leave Marydel at 8:15am

ADULT FORMATION:

Six Weeks with the Bible: Join us for Lent on Wednesday's at 6:30pm-8pm in the office meeting room. Luke: The Good News of God's Mercy. If you know you will be joining us or are interested, please contact the office so we may have enough materials for all to attend.

Answer Bishop Malooly's Invitation to Love Without Measure.



*Bishop Malooly invites youth and young adults from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the eighth annual **Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 8, 2017.** Young people from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage*

*cross through the streets of Wilmington with the bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and his journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Cooper Ray at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. **Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch).** All registrations due to Alicia today.*



In this week's gospel from John the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead is revealed to us. It is in this account that Christ says, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." It is in the raising of Lazarus that this truth is confirmed. With knowledge of this truth, are we living a hope filled life without fear? After learning of Lazarus' death Jesus informs his disciples that he wants to return to Judea where Lazarus had been buried. The disciples question this action, for some in Judea wished to stone him. Despite this fact Jesus still returned. Living out our faith and following God's plan can be difficult, and may even put us in a position to be attacked for our beliefs. This week I encourage you to pray for the courage to remain faithful to your belief and steadfast in your journey with God.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Theme: New life in Christ Jesus

Question for Children: How do your actions show that you put your faith and trust in Jesus?

Question for Youth: Lazarus received a second chance at life through Jesus. How have you experienced second chances in your own life?

Question for Adults: The death from which we are called is healing from those things which bind us and hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, or other such things. What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?

5o domingo de cuaresma

Tema: Nueva vida en Cristo Jesús

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Cómo muestran tus acciones que pones tu fe y confianza en Jesús?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Conforme crecemos, encontramos que estamos sujetos a ciertas cosas, como la popularidad, la moda o la presión de los compañeros. ¿Qué tendría que desatar Jesús en tu vida para liberarte?

Pregunta para los adultos: La muerte desde la cual somos llamados es la cura de aquellas cosas que nos unen y nos retienen: memoria, temores, rechazo u otras cosas similares. ¿Qué lo une? ¿Qué evita que usted mismo esté verdaderamente en Cristo?



Operation Rice

Bowl:

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

ENCOUNTER RESILIENCE

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Research indicates that the average person listens for 17 seconds before interrupting. Sometimes one spouse may be more long winded than the other. Sometimes one hardly speaks at all. Pay attention to your words this next week. Try to meet in the middle.

Parenting Pointer –

Laughter can be healing. Does your family have any stories about family foibles that get repeated at family gatherings? It doesn't matter that it's embarrassing; it becomes family mythology.

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE

JAMES LENTINI 2 DE ABRIL, 2017.

Estimados feligreses,

El domingo pasado algunas personas después de la Misa en Holy Cross, me preguntaron por qué yo y el Diácono no estábamos vestidos de color violeta en la misa, sino que llevábamos vestiduras de color rosa. Debería haber puesto algo sobre eso en el boletín de la semana pasada, pero no lo hice ... así que aquí está la explicación, mejor tarde que nunca. Se permite sustituir el color rosa por el uso del color violeta en el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma, que también se conoce como domingo Laetare. El término laetare viene de las primeras palabras del texto latino de la antífona de entrada de ese día: "Laetare Jerusalén" ("regocija Jerusalén"). Este es el domingo en que la Cuaresma está más que a mitad de camino para finalizar, es un día de esperanza con la Pascua finalmente al alcance de la vista.

Quiero tomar un momento para darle un adiós a dos miembros de nuestro personal de oficina. Elaine Cramer sirvió en nuestro Departamento de Registros (y en otras funciones) en Holy Cross. También se desempeñó como nuestra Gerente de Negocios en la parroquia de La Inmaculada Concepción. Se retiró de Santa Cruz en febrero, y de la Inmaculada Concepción este mes. Son apreciados los muchos años de servicio dedicado a las parroquias. Elizabeth O'Shea ha servido durante muchos años como recepcionista de la Oficina Parroquial en Holy Cross; Ella era el rostro sonriente y el acento sureño que saludó a miles de personas a lo largo de los años. Sus muchos años de gran servicio a Santa Cruz son agradecidos y apreciados por todos nosotros. Estas dos maravillosas señoras harán en ambas de nuestras parroquias.

En la historia de la televisión ha habido muchas series con finales de gran suspenso. Todos aquellos de cierta edad recordarán la emoción y el zumbido generado por la tercera temporada y el final de la serie de televisión "Dallas", cuando el nefasto J.R. Ewing (interpretado por Larry Hagman) fue asesinado en el suelo. Ese verano entero, la pregunta en la mente de todo estadounidense era: ¿Quién mató a J.R.? Luego se produjo el tipo de suspenso, como la serie de televisión "El Fugitivo", en la que el fugitivo era una serie alargada multi-temporada en busca del hombre manco por el crimen de asesinato que le es imputado y tenía que probar su inocencia - y como la herida de la serie Ahora, para mí viendo

estos espectáculos como repeticiones, mi punto de vista ya está impactado, porque sé el final, y

puedo ver los hilos del trama que apuntan al camino. Para mí, estos no son ya suspensos, pero son historias que recuerdo - una forma de historia, si se quiere decir.

A medida que avanzamos en la Cuaresma, pensaba como cristiano la historia de Cristo -su ministerio, sus oponentes, su pasión, su muerte, su resurrección- es tan natural para nosotros que lo experimentamos conociendo el resultado. Al igual que mis observaciones de televisión anteriores, no hay ningún aspecto de suspenso a la historia. Vemos lo que viene porque ya sabemos lo que viene. Pero, ¿y si no lo supiéramos? Si esta historia nos fue revelada por primera vez, ¿cómo se interpretaría lo que está pasando? ¿Esperaríamos alguna vez que la historia resultara como lo hizo? Cuando Cristo muera en la Cruz, ¿asumiríamos que ese era el final de la historia, o habríamos imaginado ese momento como el comienzo de algo atónito?

Durante este Tiempo de Cuaresma, a menudo nos aconsejan los escritos devocionales de la Iglesia, situarnos en la escena de lo que está pasando: tratar de ponderar dónde nos vemos en esta historia; Cómo reaccionaríamos a las palabras de Cristo, así como a las palabras de aquellos que se oponen a él. Creo que ese pensamiento se resume mejor en el himno, "Estabas allí cuando crucificaron a mi Señor"

Durante este Tiempo de Cuaresma, debemos esforzarnos por experimentar la historia de la Pasión de Cristo, no como una repetición, sino como noticias de última hora. Cuando cuestiona a quienes lo desafían, imagínese que Él te haga esas mismas preguntas. También, ponte en el lugar de Jesús escuchando preguntas del pueblo y de los líderes; Imagínese cómo estas preguntas te hirieron. Aquí están algunas preguntas hechas a Jesús y planteadas por Jesús (como escucharemos en los Evangelios de esta semana y de la próxima semana):

- (Jesús pregunta) "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida; Todo aquel que cree en mí, aunque muera, vivirá, y todo aquel que vive y cree en mí nunca morirá. ¿Crees esto?"

"(El pueblo pregunta)" ¿No pudo el que abrió los ojos del ciego hacer algo para que este hombre no hubiera muerto? "

- (Jesús pregunta) "¿No te dije que si crees que verás la gloria de Dios?"

Y cuando entró en Jerusalén, toda la ciudad fue sacudida y preguntó: ¿Quién es éste?

- (Judas pregunta) "¿Qué estás dispuesto a darme si te lo entrego?"



Horario de semana Santa

- (Judas pregunta) Cuando era de noche, se sentó a la mesa con los Doce. Y mientras comían, [Jesús] dijo: "Amén, les digo que uno de ustedes me traicionará". Profundamente angustiados por esto, comenzaron a decirle uno después del otro. Otro: "¿De seguro que no soy yo, Señor?"

- (Jesús pregunta) "¿Así que no pudiste vigilarme una hora?"

- (Pilato pregunta) "¿A cuál quieres que te suelte, Barrabás, o Jesús que se dice el Mesías?"

(Pilato pregunta) Pilato les dijo: "Entonces, ¿qué haré con Jesús llamado Cristo?" Todos dijeron: "¡Que sea crucificado!" Pero él dijo: "¿Qué mal ha hecho?"

Si bien conocemos historia de la vida de Jesucristo, el comienzo, el medio y el final de Su ministerio público, Su sufrimiento, Su muerte y Su resurrección, es quizás útil, para nuestras vida espiritual, retroceder un momento y colocarnos en La escena, en el momento, ponernos en el momento, y la experiencia de la historia más grande jamás contada, de cerca y personal. Mover las escrituras de ser historia, a ser parte de tu experiencia vivida.

De 1947 a 1952, Walter Kronkite presentador de una serie de televisión titulada "You are There" (Estabas allí) permitió que la historia se volviera a representar contigo como parte de la historia, presente a tus ojos. Del mismo modo, para nosotros como cristianos, en ocasiones, necesitamos estar allí, en la escena como parte de la historia, como parte de un momento en la historia humana. ¿Estabas allí cuando crucificaron a mi Señor? Tómese un momento para considerarlo.

Suyo en Cristo,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor



QUINTA SEMANA DE CUARESMA

UN ENCUENTRO CON LA RESISTENCIA

Nos encontramos con Dita en Etiopía, y vemos cómo sus recién descubiertas habilidades empresariales están proporcionando tres comidas al día a sus hijos. ¿Qué habilidades ha descubierto esta Cuaresma que se pueden poner a buen uso en la construcción del reino de Dios? Visite crsplatodearroz.org para más información.

Domingo de Ramos: 9 de Abril

830am Mass- processing from the hall

11:00 am Mass

7:00pm Misa en Español

Horarios del Triduo

Jueves Santo, 13 de Abril

7:00 p.m. Misa de la cena del Señor
(Bilingual)

Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento
hasta 11:00 p.m.

11:00 p.m. Oración de la noche

Viernes Santo, 14 de Abril

No Misa o Confesiones

1:00 A pie de las estaciones de la Cruz
(Spanish)

3:00 p.m. - Veneración -Celebración de la
pasión del Señor

7:00 p.m. Estaciones de la Cruz

Sabado Santo, 15 de Abril

8:00 p.m. Vigilia de Pascua

Masa comienza fuera de con

"Bendición del fuego"

seguida de procesión en la iglesia

Después de Misa de la Vigilia

El domingo de Pascua, 16 de Abril

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church

10:00 a.m. Mass in Church ** (different
time)

12:00 p.m. Misa en la Iglesia (Español) **

NOTE: NO 7:00pm Misa