

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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,

Last year, I noted, just before Holy Week, that what is wonderful for me about being a fan of baseball is that I find so many correlations between baseball and our Catholic faith. This pre-season time in baseball is no exception. Pre-season Baseball (aka Spring Training) is, dare I say, in full swing. Every year, when baseball teams gather for Spring Training – it is a time when teams begin preparing for the coming season. And Spring Training always overlaps with the Season of Lent. In that context, we know what the Phillies gave up for Lent last year: hope and winning. This year, so far, they are 1-0, and hope abounds for the new season.

In any event, baseball's Spring Training activities occurs in Florida. During this period, the players get back to the basics; they begin the rigors and discipline of getting ready for the new season – throwing, catching, fielding, batting, etc. Players work hard to improve themselves and identify what areas they need to work on to play their best in the season ahead. Likewise, for us in Lent (the

pre-season for Easter): the faithful are the players; we get back to basics of prayer, almsgiving and fasting – these Lenten disciplines that help us to draw closer to God, and get ready for the Easter Season (and the year ahead). We strive to better our ourselves (and our standings) before the Lord.

There are of course some differences: In Spring Training one has the hope of victory for merely the one season ahead. However, in Lent, when we see the victory of Jesus Christ over death ahead on the horizon at Easter, we know full well that that victory, won once, and won for all time, will never fade. Death will not get the last word, Christ will! Our efforts during that period of preparation will make our Easter joy that much more joyful, as Christ pitches a perfect game defeating the Devil and death!

HOLY WEEK. Before we can get to Easter, we have to make a profound journey in the Holy Week ahead. It is a week that will see Christ welcomed joyfully into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, yet condemned to death and crucified five days later. It is the, as the movie title of yore tells us,

"The Greatest Story Ever Told." We, as Catholics, are called to engage with and make that Holy Week journey with Christ – and we do this most especially through partaking in the liturgies of Holy Week, the keys days of which are Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (known as the Triduum). To guide you on this journey, I leave you with three reflections about these three days, to contemplate as we finish our Lenten season:

- **PALM SUNDAY.** On this day, we recall Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem before his crucifixion. As Jesus rode into the city on the "foal of an ass" (small donkey), the people of Jerusalem exult, throwing cloaks and palm branches on the road and praising him. Remembering this, at Palm Sunday Mass, we have a blessing of palms which the faithful hold as they process into church. The blessed palms are later kept in the home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ, whom we welcome into our homes.
- **HOLY THURSDAY:** On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the institution, by Christ, of the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders. At the Last Supper, on the night before Jesus Christ was crucified, he changed bread and wine into his own Body and Blood, and he commanded the Apostles and their successors (Bishops and their priests) to re-present this sacrifice. Thus, at every Mass, by way of transubstantiation, the bread and wine offered by the priest becomes Christ's Body and Blood again. As Christ and his Apostles retreated to the Garden of Gethsemane later that evening to prayer, so, too, after Mass, the Eucharist is carried out of the Church to an "altar of repose." The faithful go that place of repose, and spend time in adoration and praying with the Lord. Meanwhile, in the Church, with Eucharist gone, the tabernacle door is left open, showing it is empty. The altar is stripped, candles removed, and holy water drained. The Church is left unadorned, setting the stage for Good Friday – and it remains this way until the Easter vigil Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Palm Sunday-Sun., April 9

8:30: Ron & Rob Lawson

11:00: James Schwartz

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

Holy Thu Apr 13 Mass of the Last Supper **7pm**

For the People

Holy Friday, April 14 Veneration **3pm** For the People

Easter Vigil Sat. April 15 **8pm** For the People

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:30: For the People

10:00: For the People

Misa en Español **12pm noon** For the People

Mass Intentions for 2017 are still available.

- **GOOD FRIDAY:** Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. On Good Friday, at 3 p.m. – the hour of Christ's death on the Cross -- the church gathers for "The Good Friday of the Lord's Passion." As our Lord is not present in the tabernacle, the faithful are commended to genuflect to image of the crucified Christ, before they sit. This service, which is not a Mass, includes a reading of the Passion, and veneration of the Cross (e.g., kissing or touching the wood of the Cross). The service concludes with distribution of Holy Communion (consecrated on Holy Thursday, and is taken to the Church from the Altar of Repose, where place last night).
- **HOLY SATURDAY.** Holy Saturday is a day of waiting. It is on this day that the Church fathers noted that Christ descended to the dead, to the so-called Limbo of the fathers – where those who died after the fall of man (by the sin of Adam and Eve) awaited the gates of Heaven to be re-opened. Today, the anticipation of peace between God and man, with the gates of heaven being opened again, comes into view. Or as put in the words of Psalm 24: "*O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!*" But anticipation is not yet reality, and so on this day, in prayer and reflection, we wait at the Lord's tomb, we ponder what has transpired, and await His glorious resurrection. Likewise Mary waits with us in hope for her son's victory over death, and the joy of his victory to come.

As Lent end, and the Christ's Passion pours forth, a tragic scene seems to emerge: The Messiah condemned to an ignominious death; a Savior crucified, betrayed and denied. To go back to a baseball metaphor, things look tough, but a grand-slam and a win lay ahead -- more on this great moment of joy and victory in our Easter bulletin!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: **\$3523.50**

Supplementary: **\$466.00**

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 Coffee and Donuts**

STEWARSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Apr 9 Margie Short & Laura Voshell
Apr 16 Judy Carrow & Ann Lawson
Apr 23 Frank & Joyce Cristiano

Church Cleaning Crew

April 12, 2017 Grupo #11

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

April 21, 2017 Grupo #12

Hortencia Bamaca, Luz Morales, Rosemery Bamaca, Froilán Berduo, Sheyla Berduo

Altar Servers

April 15-16 EASTER

8:00pm VIGIL – needed

8:30am Mass – needed

10:00am Mass – Vincent Haass

Spanish Misa Noon – needed

Lectors

April 15-16 EASTER

8:00pm VIGIL – Diane Smith & Julio Hernandez

8:30am Mass – Lani Small

10:00am Mass – Needed

Spanish Misa Noon – Ángela Córdova, Javier Carreto

Eucharistic Ministers

April 15-16 EASTER

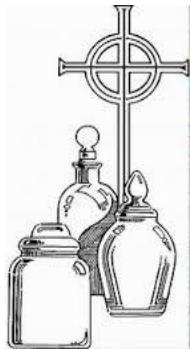
8:00pm VIGIL – Deacons,

8:30am Mass – 3 needed

10:00am Mass – 3 needed

Spanish Misa Noon – Dolores Cuin, Carlos Miguel, Flora Pérez, Genaro Pérez, Antonio Pérez

Liturgy Ministries, please let Alicia Poppiti know if you are able to fill in where needed for Holy Week, Thank you



THE CHRISM MASS, or Mass for the Blessing of Sacred Oils and Consecration of Chrism, will be celebrated TOMORROW
 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.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Apr 9 9:40am SRE Classes

Mon Apr 10 7pm **Chrism Mass, Holy Cross Church**

Mon, Apr 10 & Wed Apr 13 7pm ESL

Tue, Apr 11 Juan XXIII

Wed, Apr 12 6:30pm 6 Weeks with the Bible

Thu, Apr 13 7pm Mass of the Last Supper

Fri, Apr 14 1pm Walking Stations of the Cross

Fri, Apr 14 3pm Veneration of the Cross

Fri, Apr 14 7pm Stations of the Cross

Sat, Apr 15 8pm Vigil Mass

Knights of Columbus

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

Membership in The Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Harry Brown 302-233-8336.

Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Palm Sunday. Because we know how this Palm Sunday parade turns out, isn't it amazing how quickly the praise turns to condemnation. How fickle we humans are. St. Paul reminds us, "He humbled himself..." (Phil. 2:8) Who is the more humble of the 2 of you? (trick question)

Parenting Pointer –

Palm Sunday. Tell your children the story of how the people praised Jesus by waving palms. Of course just a few days later we remember Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday. Perhaps learn how to make a palm cross with your child.



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FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education

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



PILGRIMAGE CROSS

Yesterday, 50 of our youth, young adults and adults walked on the Pilgrimage with Bishop Malooly, carrying the Cross, praying, singing, reconciling, attending Eucharistic adoration, observing Stations of the Cross and attending Palm Saturday

Mass with hundreds of youth around the Diocese of Wilmington for the 8th year. We also had a group from Immaculate Conception and Holy Cross that re-enacted the living Stations of the Cross on our Pilgrimage. We are blessed to have had this opportunity and even more blessed that our young people want to attend this annual event. God Bless them, and thank you for holding them in prayer.

REGISTRATIONS!! Registrations for 2016-2017 are now available at the office, SRE desk and online. Please get your registrations for school of Religious Education this weekend. We would like to have all registered for next



year by May 1st. Please return registrations to Alicia as soon as possible. Fees are as follows: \$35 per child, not to exceed \$100 per family. This is to defray all costs of books, materials, and supplies.

LAS MATRICULAS: para nuestro programa de formación cristiana de niños en domingo están todavía disponibles en el despacho parroquial, en la entrada principal del templo, y en el internet. Favor de someterlas en lo más pronto posible, con la cobra de \$35 por cada niño, y no más de \$100 cada familia.

VBS will be here at ICC soon!

July 31st - August 4th



The next Vacation Bible School planning meeting is in the works. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out this year.

Registration for VBS is open now. Registration forms are available at Ms. Alicia's desk in the hall.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Theme: Holy Week — the mystery of our faith.

Question for Children: Share how you sometimes make sacrifices for the good of others.

Question for Youth: Today begins the holiest week of the year. It is a once-a-year opportunity to really reflect on Jesus life, death, and resurrection. How will you enter into this experience? How will you be open to how you might be changed?

Question for Adults: Name one specific way that you live your baptismal call to enter into the death of the Lord by forgiveness, generosity, hospitality, or other ways.

Domingo de Pasión

Tema: Semana Santa, el misterio de nuestra fe.

Pregunta para los niños: Comenta cómo algunas veces haces sacrificios por el bien de otros.

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Habla sobre cómo tomas decisiones que reflejan tu fe, especialmente con respecto a tu relación con otros cuando hay conflicto o dificultad.

Pregunta para los adultos: Mencione una forma específica en la que vive su llamada bautismal para entrar a la muerte del Señor mediante el perdón, la generosidad, la hospitalidad u otra forma.



**PALM SUNDAY
ENCOUNTER
OUR
NEIGHBORS**

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help.

How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Are you being called to the Priesthood?

You're invited to socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests, and men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest. Find out about the *amazing* life of the Priesthood. You will meet young men like yourself who are asking the same question: is Jesus calling ME to be a Priest?



CAS will meet at Saint Francis de Sales Parish Office Complex, located at the corner of Camden Avenue and Wicomico Street in Salisbury, Maryland on April 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. For information, contact Fr. Glenn Evers at (410) 882-3244.

CAS – North, will meet on April 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Mary of the Assumption Church, 7200 Lancaster Pike in Hockessin, Delaware. Contact Father Chris Coffey at (302) 239-7100 x 24 for information.

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 9 DE ABRIL, 2017.

Estimados feligreses,

El año pasado comenté, justo antes de la Semana Santa, lo maravilloso que es para mí ser un fanático del béisbol es porque encuentro tantas correlaciones entre el béisbol y nuestra fe católica. Este tiempo de pretemporada en el béisbol no es una excepción. Pre-temporada de béisbol (Entrenamiento de primavera) me atrevería a decir, que está en pleno apogeo. Cada año, los equipos de béisbol se reúnen para el entrenamiento de primavera - es un momento en que los equipos comienzan a prepararse para la próxima temporada. Y el Entrenamiento Primaveral siempre se superpone con el Tiempo de Cuaresma. En ese contexto, sabemos lo que los Phillies renunciaron para la Cuaresma el año pasado: la esperanza y la victoria. Este año, hasta ahora, están a 1-0, y la esperanza abunda para la nueva temporada.

En cualquier caso, las actividades de entrenamiento de primavera del béisbol ocurren en Florida. Durante este período, los jugadores vuelven a lo básico; Empiezan los rigores y la disciplina de prepararse para la nueva temporada - lanzar, apañar, lanzar, batear, etc. Los jugadores trabajan duro para mejorar ellos mismos e identificar en qué áreas tienen que trabajar para jugar lo mejor posible en la próxima temporada. Del mismo modo, para nosotros la Cuaresma (la pre-temporada de Pascua): los fieles son los jugadores; Volvemos a los fundamentos de la oración, la limosna y el ayuno - estas disciplinas de Cuaresma que nos ayudan a acercarnos a Dios, y prepararnos para la Pascua (y el año que viene). Nos esforzamos nosotros mismos a ser mejores (ya nuestras posiciones) ante el Señor.

Hay, por supuesto, algunas diferencias: en el entrenamiento de primavera uno tiene la esperanza de la victoria por sólo una temporada. Sin embargo, en la Cuaresma, cuando vemos la victoria de Jesucristo sobre la muerte en el horizonte, en la Pascua, sabemos muy bien que esa victoria, ganada una vez y ganada para siempre, nunca se desvanecerá. ¡La muerte no tendrá la última palabra, Cristo lo tendrá! Nuestros esfuerzos durante ese período de preparación harán que nuestra alegría de Pascua sea mucho más alegre, ya que Cristo lanza un juego perfecto para derrotar al Diablo y la muerte.

SEMANA SANTA. Antes de que podamos llegar a la Pascua, tenemos que hacer una jornada profunda en la Semana Santa que está por delante. Es una semana donde verás a Cristo recibido con alegría en Jerusalén el Domingo de Ramos, condenado a muerte y crucificado cinco días después. Como el título de la película de

antaño nos dice: "La historia más grande jamás contada". Nosotros, como católicos, somos llamados a comprometernos y hacer esta jornada de la Semana Santa con Cristo - y lo hacemos especialmente a través de nuestra participación en las Liturgias de Semana Santa, cuyo días claves son Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y Sábado Santo (conocido como Triduo). Para guiarte en esta jornada, te dejo con tres reflexiones acerca de estos tres días, para contemplar como terminamos nuestra Tiempo de Cuaresma:

- **DOMINGO DE RAMOS.** En este día, recordamos la entrada de Jesús en Jerusalén antes de su crucifixión. Cuando Jesús entró en la ciudad con el "potrillo de un asno", el pueblo de Jerusalén se regocija, arrojando capas y ramas de ramos en el camino y alabándolo. Recordando esto, en la Misa del Domingo de Ramos, tenemos una bendición de ramos que los fieles sostienen mientras procesan en la iglesia. Las palmas bendecidas se guardan más tarde en el hogar como un testimonio de la fe en Jesucristo, a quien acogemos en nuestros hogares.

- **SANTO JUEVES:** El Jueves Santo, celebramos la institución, por Cristo, de los Sacramentos de la Sagrada Eucaristía y del Orden Sacerdotal. En la Última Cena, la noche anterior a la crucifixión de Jesucristo, cambió el pan y el vino en su propio Cuerpo y Sangre, y ordenó a los Apóstoles y a sus sucesores (Obispos y sus sacerdotes) que volvieran a presentar este sacrificio. Así, en cada Misa, por medio de la transubstanciación, el pan y el vino ofrecidos por el sacerdote vuelven a ser Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo. A medida que Cristo y sus Apóstoles se retiraron al Jardín de Getsemaní más tarde esa noche a la oración, también, después de la Misa, la Eucaristía es llevada de la Iglesia a un "altar de reposo". Los fieles van a ese lugar de reposo y pasan tiempo en adoración y oración con el Señor. Mientras tanto, en la Iglesia, con la Eucaristía desaparecida, la puerta del tabernáculo se deja abierta, mostrando que está vacía. El altar es despojado, se quitan las velas, y el agua bendita drenada. La Iglesia queda sin adornos, preparando el escenario para el Viernes Santo - y así permanece hasta la misa de la Vigilia pascual.

- **VIERNES SANTO:** El Viernes Santo es un día de ayuno y abstinencia. El Viernes Santo, a las 3 pm - la hora de la muerte de Cristo en la Cruz - la iglesia se reúne para "El Viernes Santo de la Pasión del Señor." Como nuestro Señor no está presente en el tabernáculo, se les invita a los fieles a hacer una genuflexión ante la imagen del Cristo crucificado, antes de sentarse. Este servicio, que no es una Misa, incluye una lectura de la Pasión, y la veneración de la Cruz (por ejemplo, besar o tocar la madera de la Cruz). El servicio concluye con la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión (consagrada el Jueves Santo, y que es traído a la Iglesia desde el Altar de Reposo, lugar donde se puso anoche).

SÁBADO SANTO. El Sábado Santo es un día de espera. Es en este día que los Padres de la Iglesia señalaron que Cristo descendió a los muertos, al llamado Limbo de los padres - donde los que murieron después de la caída del hombre (por el pecado de Adán y Eva) esperaban las puertas del Cielo para ser reabierto. Hoy en día, la anticipación de paz entre Dios y el hombre, con las puertas del cielo abriéndose de nuevo. O como se pone en las palabras del Salmo 24: " ¡Ea puertas, levanten sus dinteles, élévense, portones eternos, y que pase el Rey de la gloria!" Pero la anticipación no es todavía realidad, y así en este día, en oración y reflexión, esperamos en el sepulcro del Señor, reflexionamos sobre lo que ha ocurrido y esperamos su gloriosa resurrección. Igualmente María con nosotros espera la esperanza de la victoria de su Hijo sobre la muerte, y la alegría de su victoria por venir.

Cuando la Cuaresma termina y la Pasión de Cristo derrama, parece emerger una escena trágica: El Mesías condenado a una muerte ignominiosa; un Salvador crucificado, traicionado y negado. Para volver a una metáfora del béisbol, las cosas se ven difíciles, pero un cuadrangular y una victoria por delante - más sobre este gran momento de alegría y victoria en nuestro boletín de Pascua!

Suyo en Cristo,

Fr. James Lentini

Párroco



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



DOMINGO DE RAMOS

UN ENCUENTRO CON NUESTRO PRÓJIMO

Nos encontramos a Jesús esta semana en Jerusalén, una comunidad que el conocía bien. Entramos en oración a nuestras propias comunidades, también, saliendo al encuentro de los que tienen hambre y sed, los que necesitan nuestra ayuda. ¿De qué manera nos motiva el camino cuaresmal a servir a los que encontramos en nuestra vida diaria? Visite crsplatodearroz.org para más información.