

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

August 19, 2018 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
1:00 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. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Timothy J. Brady, 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**.

Dear Parishioners,

The number seven has a special understanding within the tradition of Scripture, and indeed within our Catholic faith. Seven is deemed the "perfect number." Thus, we see that number frequently in our faith: there are seven Sacraments, seven Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy, seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary, and many others. Our faith is a veritable cornucopia of septuplicate observances!

Of Brides, Brothers and Samurai. However, this column is not being brought to you by the number seven. This column is, rather, about the number eight. It asserted within Catholic tradition that the number eight (i.e., eight of something), can be deemed analogous to perfection plus one. Eight is kind of analogous to being "all that *and a bag of chips*," as the saying goes – the eighth item or observance is the aforementioned "bag of chips" that tops off "all that." That being said, the number eight is certainly not as commonly found in scripture and faith, as seven.

Even in pop culture that is true. For instance, in movies titles, seven is a huge number. There were the movies: "Seven Samurai," "The Magnificent Seven," "Seven Years in Tibet" (which felt like 30 years in a movie theatre), "The Seven-Year Itch," "Seven Days in May," and the double delight of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." And was there a "Police Academy VII"? My goodness, I hope not.

What's in the Duffle Bag? But, what about the number eight in our world? Okay, well, in song, there was "Eight Days a Week" by the Beatles. In movies? There were two films I can think of "Super 8," and, the abjectly bizarre "Eight Heads in a Duffle Bag." But when pondering "eight" – it certainly ain't no seven, in the pop culture realm. But for this column, like the title of the 1976 TV series, "Eight is Enough."

Eight Over Seven. In our Catholic faith we have a great tradition of using the number eight. For instance, when speaking of a holy period of eight days – the Church calls that holy eight day period "an octave" (from the Latin

octava, meaning eight). Currently, the Church observes two designated “octaves” or eight-day periods; The Octave of Christmas (December 25 to January 1) and the Octave of Easter (Easter Sunday through the Second Sunday of Easter). During these Octave Days, every day is supposed to be a holy celebration reflecting back to that first day of the Octave (i.e., Christmas and Easter).

Eight Days in the Eighth Month. In the history of the Church, there have been many other Octaves, now no longer observed. One of those Octaves was the Octave of the Assumption, which used to be in May. In some sense, we still have a vestige of that Octave built upon the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15). You see, there is an eight day period in this the eighth month, which starts on the Solemnity of the Assumption (August 15) and ends on the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary (August 22). In very many ways, this can spiritually -- though not formally -- be understood as an Octave period during which we reflect on Mary’s Assumption, and her being crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Pius Thoughts. Pope Pius XII, who established the holy day for the Queenship of Mary in 1955, made his declaration on this matter in a document entitled, “*Ad Caeli Reginam*” (Queen of Heaven). Later that year, he expounded on his understanding of what Mary’s Queenship means. He said: “*Jesus is King throughout all eternity by nature and by right of conquest: through Him, with Him, and subordinate to Him, Mary is Queen by grace, by divine relationship, by right of conquest, and by singular choice [of the Father].*”

Papal Reminders. What all this means is this? When the Pope spoke of Christ being King by his very nature, he reminds us that Mary is Queen, but only by "divine relationship" to Him. When the Pope spoke of Christ being a King by conquest (over evil), he reminds us that Mary shared in that battle against that nasty ol’ serpent by her cooperation with God’s plan of salvation. When the Pope

spoke of Mary as Queen “by singular choice of the Father,” he reminds us that, Mary’s Queenship, like our existence, is dependent, always, on God’s choice, not ours.

More than a Game of Thrones. Here is something to ponder as we approach the Queenship of Mary: In most traditional monarchies throughout history, one became a Queen in one of two ways: (1) by being the wife of a King and becoming Queen by title via marriage or (2) by being the eldest daughter in the lineage for a throne that lacks a male heir. Neither of these manners of Queenship apply to Mary. In fact, Mary came to her Queenship not by being married to a King, or by being the eldest daughter of a King, but rather by giving birth to a King. This is a unique way for one to have won the crown of Queenship. What does these mean for us? Well, just as Mary won her crown of Queenship by bringing Christ into the world on that first Christmas, so too, we, in imitation of Mary, seek the crown of our salvation likewise, by bringing Christ into the world: by making him known in our prayers, in our words and in our deeds. In fact, we should seek to win that precious crown of salvation by the manner in which we live our lives in service to Him, our Lord, our Savior, the Son of God and the Son of Mary.

Who’s Hailing Who? I often note, that in the English rendition of the Hail Mary, we make it sound like we are hailing Mary (i.e., “Hail Mary, full of grace,” etc.). However, in the Spanish recitation of the same prayer, it is made clear who is honoring and hailing Mary: “*Dios te salve Maria, llena eres de gracia,*” (“God hails you, Mary, full of grace.”) This holy day, this Queenship of Mary, doesn’t just honor our Blessed Mother, it also, and more importantly, honors the truth that God honors Mary, and blesses us by making her Our Queen. God indeed does hail Mary, and on the day of her Queenship – and every day of our lives -- we should do likewise.

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, August 19

8:30 Larry Rash

11:00 Lynn Schepens

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

Thursday, August 16 – 7pm Misa

Sunday, August 26

8:30 Bruce Schepens

11:00 Michael Drass

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Offertory: \$ 3368.00

St. Vincent DePaul: \$ 1034.00

Second Collection Today: Cathedral of St. Peter

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

2018 Mass book is now open.

To schedule a Mass, please contact the office

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Aug 19 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel
Aug 26 Ann Lawson & Assistant
Sep 2 Frank & Joyce Cristiano

Church Cleaning Crew

Agosto 24, 2018 Grupo #2
Hortencia Bamaca, Luz Morales, Lilian Díaz Bamaca,
Rosemery Bamaca, Froilán Berduo, Sheila Berduo

Agosto 31, 2018 Grupo # 3
Natalia Domingo, Victoriano Pérez, Américo García,
María García, Julio Hernández, Hayde Fuentes

Altar Servers

August 26
8:30am Mass – Mike Dixon & Averi Locke
11am Mass – Vince Haass & Savannah Strauss
Spanish Misa 1pm – Emily & Yorly Escalante

Lectors

August 26
8:30am Mass – Catherine Beck
11am Mass – Donna King
Spanish Misa 1pm – Rubelio Velásquez,
Clara Bamaca

Eucharistic Ministers

August 26
8:30am Mass – Alan & Diane Smith
11am Mass – Judy Carrow, Alicia Poppiti
Spanish Misa 1pm – Ovidio Roblero, Natalina
Capistran, Salome Morales, A. Escalante, Verónica
Bravo

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Two questions to consider when you disagree with your beloved: 1. Tell me about what you are seeing that you think I might be missing. 2. What are you most concerned about or worried might happen?

Parenting Pointer –

"Sometimes children can teach us deep truths. What deeper truth have you learned from your child this week?"

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun. Aug 19 Construction on hall floors begin
Fri, Aug 26 7pm – Band Practice



Knights of Columbus

Next meeting Tues, August 28th
7pm Meeting
in the Knights Hall

All members are encouraged to attend. Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For

more info, contact Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or kelley29@comcast.net. Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509



**COME JOIN US SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8 from 9-4 in the
Parish Hall**

**Ministry Open House &
Certification**



Maryland Catholic Conference

As we witnessed recently, there are many issues facing the State of Delaware and Maryland that are of concern to Catholics. Life issues such as abortion and euthanasia, assistance for Catholic school families, aid to the poor and vulnerable are just a few issues that concern us. It is up to us to stay informed about these issues. One way is to join the Catholic Advocacy Network. It takes just 3 minutes to just 5 minutes to join Catholics in the Diocese of Wilmington as members. Marylanders are invited to join the Maryland Catholic Advocacy Network or the Maryland Catholic Conference. The actions of our government have an enormous impact on the lives of you and your family.

Join the Catholic Advocacy Network today.

Delaware:
www.cdow.org/join-the-delaware-catholic-advocacy-network/

Maryland:
www.mdcon.org/657

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

Registration for Religious Education starting in September is still needed.



Please stop in the office and register your children and reserve their spot now. Do not wait for September! Do it today.

We begin Classes on Sunday, September 23, 2018

REGISTRATIONS!! Registrations for 2018-2019 are needed in office of religious education now. Please get your registrations for school of Religious Education this weekend. Fees are as follows: \$35 per child, not to exceed \$150 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 \$150 cada familia.



Hear the call? Share your talents, time & gifts with our parish. Not sure where? Call Alicia Poppiti, we can find a place for you here!! Training on site; knowledge of the Catholic faith, and a willingness to share your faith and your faith journey with the children and people of our Parish. Salary: the satisfaction of doing the right thing in this life! Benefits: a hundred fold happiness in the next. Presently, a team for our littlest of Gods children- PreK and Kindergarten is needed and helpers, aides and substitutes are always appreciated. Thank you.



St. Thomas Academy More

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New Student Orientation

Friday, Aug. 31st 8:30-11:30am.

It's not too late to apply! Contact the admissions office today. We encourage you to visit us in person or through our website www.saintmore.org to learn why we were voted

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Eternal Life.

Question for Children: How does receiving communion help you grow in your faith? How does it help you love others?

Question for Youth: Jesus promises us eternal life if we follow him and believe. What makes it hard for you to believe? What is easy about faith?

Question for Adults: How does your faith in Jesus nourish your own life? How does the Eucharist nourish you?

20mo domingo del tiempo ordinario

Tema: La vida eterna.

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Cómo te ayuda recibir la comunión a crecer en tu fe? ¿En qué te ayuda amar al prójimo?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Jesús nos promete la vida eterna si lo seguimos y creemos en Él. ¿Qué te dificulta creer? ¿Qué es sencillo acerca de la fe?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Cómo nutre tu vida la fe en Jesús? ¿Cómo te alimenta la Eucaristía?

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the beach or bay,
check out

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COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO : PADRE JAMES LENTINI 19 DE AGOSTO, 2018.

Queridos feligreses,

El número siete tiene un entendimiento especial dentro de la tradición de las Escrituras, y de hecho dentro de nuestra fe católica. Siete es considerado el "número perfecto". Por lo tanto, vemos ese número frecuentemente en nuestra fe: hay siete Sacramentos, siete Obras Corporales / Espirituales de Misericordia, siete Dones del Espíritu Santo, siete Dolores de la Virgen María, y muchos otros. ¡Nuestra fe es una verdadera cornucopia de observancias septuplicadas!

De Novias, Hermanos y Samuráis. Sin embargo, esta columna no se la trae el número siete. Esta columna es, más bien, sobre el número ocho. Afirmó dentro de la tradición católica que el número ocho (es decir, ocho de algo), puede considerarse análogo a la perfección más uno. Ocho es similar a ser "todo eso y una bolsa de papas fritas", como dice el refrán: el octavo elemento u observancia es la "bolsa de papas fritas" mencionada que completa "todo eso". Dicho esto, el número ocho ciertamente no es tan común en las Escrituras y la fe, como el siete. Incluso en la cultura pop eso es verdad. Por ejemplo, en títulos de películas, siete es un número enorme. Estaban las películas: "Siete samuráis", "Los siete magníficos", "Siete años en el Tíbet" (que se sintió como 30 años en un teatro de cine), "La comezón de siete años", "Siete días en mayo" y el doble deleite de "Siete novias para siete hermanos". ¿Y hubo una "Academia de policía VII"? Dios mío, espero que no.

¿Qué hay en la Mochila? Pero, ¿qué pasa con el número ocho en nuestro mundo? De acuerdo, bueno, en la canción, hubo "Ocho días a la semana" de los Beatles. ¿En películas? Hubo dos películas en las que se me ocurrió "Super 8" y "Ocho cabezas en una bolsa de lona". Pero al considerar "ocho", ciertamente no son siete, en el ámbito de la cultura pop. Pero para esta columna, como el título de la serie de televisión de 1976, "Ocho es suficiente". Ocho sobre siete. En nuestra fe católica tenemos una gran tradición de usar el número ocho. Por ejemplo, cuando se habla de un período santo de ocho días, la Iglesia llama a ese período santo de ocho días "una octava" (del latín octava, que significa ocho). Actualmente, la Iglesia observa dos "octavas" designadas o períodos de ocho días; La octava de Navidad (del 25 de diciembre al 1 de enero) y la octava de Pascua (domingo de Pascua hasta el segundo domingo de Pascua). Durante estos días Octava, se supone que todos los días son una celebración santa que se remonta al primer día de la octava (es decir, Navidad y Pascua). Ocho días en el octavo mes. En la historia de la Iglesia, ha habido muchas otras Octavas, ahora ya no se observan. Una de esas Octavas era la Octava de la Asunción, que solía ser en mayo. En cierto sentido, todavía tenemos un vestigio de esa Octava construida sobre la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María (15 de agosto). Usted ve, hay un período de ocho días en este el octavo mes, que comienza en la solemnidad de la Asunción (15 de agosto) y termina en el Memorial de la Realeza de María (22 de agosto). De muchas maneras, esto puede ser entendido espiritualmente, aunque no formalmente, como un período de Octava durante el cual

reflexionamos sobre la Asunción de María y su coronación como Reina del Cielo y la Tierra.

Pensamientos Pius. El Papa Pío XII, que estableció el día santo para la Realeza de María en 1955, hizo su declaración sobre este asunto en un documento titulado, "Ad Caeli Reginam" (Reina del Cielo). Más tarde ese año, expuso sobre su comprensión de lo que significa Mary's Queenship. Él dijo: "Jesús es Rey por toda la eternidad por naturaleza y por derecho de conquista: a través de Él, con Él y subordinado a Él, María es Reina por gracia, por relación divina, por derecho de conquista, y por elección singular [de el padre]." Recordatorios papales. ¿Qué significa todo esto? Cuando el Papa habló de que Cristo es rey por su propia naturaleza, nos recuerda que María es reina, pero solo por "relación divina" con él. Cuando el Papa habló de que Cristo era Rey por medio de la conquista (sobre el mal), nos recuerda que María participó en esa batalla contra esa repugnante serpiente por su cooperación con el plan de salvación de Dios. Cuando el Papa habló de María como la Reina "por elección singular del Padre", nos recuerda que la realeza de María, al igual que nuestra existencia, depende, siempre, de la elección de Dios, no de la nuestra

Más que un Juego de Tronos. Aquí hay algo para reflexionar al acercarnos a la realeza de María: en la mayoría de las monarquías tradicionales a lo largo de la historia, uno se convirtió en reina en una de dos maneras: (1) siendo la esposa de un rey y convirtiéndose en reina por título mediante matrimonio o (2) por ser la hija mayor en el linaje de un trono que carece de un heredero varón. Ninguno de estos modales de Queenship se aplican a Mary. De hecho, María vino a su Reinado no por estar casada con un Rey, o por ser la hija mayor de un Rey, sino más bien por dar a luz a un Rey. Esta es una manera única para que uno haya ganado la corona de Queenship. ¿Qué significa esto para nosotros? Bueno, así como María ganó su corona de Queenship al traer a Cristo al mundo en esa primera Navidad, también nosotros, a imitación de María, buscamos la corona de nuestra salvación de la misma manera, al traer a Cristo al mundo: haciéndolo conocido en nuestras oraciones, en nuestras palabras y en nuestras obras. De hecho, debemos tratar de ganar esa preciosa corona de salvación por la manera en que vivimos nuestras vidas al servicio de Él, nuestro Señor, nuestro Salvador, el Hijo de Dios y el Hijo de María. ¿Quién le está diciendo a quién? A menudo observo que en la versión inglesa del Ave María, hacemos que parezca que estamos aclamando a María (es decir, "Dios te salve, llena de gracia", etc.). Sin embargo, en la recitación en español de la misma oración, se deja en claro quién honra y aclama a María: "Dios te salve María, llena eres de gracia" ("Dios te aclama, María, llena de gracia"). Este santo día, esta Reinado de María, no solo honra a nuestra Santísima Madre, también, y lo que es más importante, honra la verdad de que Dios honra a María, y nos bendice haciéndola Nuestra Reina. Dios realmente saluda a María, y el día de su realeza, y todos los días de nuestras vidas, deberíamos hacer lo mismo.

Tuyo en Cristo, P. James Lentini Pastor