

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

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

## August 5, 2018 – Eighteenth 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**

Dear Parishioners,

A bad joke about bread: Children were lined up in a school cafeteria for lunch. At the end of the counter were bread slices. The cafeteria lady placed a sign in front of the bread tray that read: "Take only one. God is watching." At a table beside the counter were several trays of chocolate chip cookies. One boy whispered to his friend, "Take all the cookies you want. God's only watching the bread."

**Wonder Bread.** Bread is one of the most basic staples in the diet of mankind. So ubiquitous is bread, that Jesus Christ chose that particular food to be emblematic of his spiritual nourishment of us. It is a product everyone is familiar with and which is common. We know that at the Last Supper, it was bread – no other food, just bread – that he took and used in the institution of the Eucharist (along with the wine of the meal). He told his Apostles that the bread and wine were his Body and Blood, and that they should continue to do this sacrificial offering in memory of Him (meaning once he is gone, this practice was to be continued). Thus, it is our faith, that

**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**.

the bread and wine offered at Mass and consecrated by the hands of the Priest, with the power of the Holy Spirit, become more than bread and wine, but become, as Christ promised, his Body and Blood (i.e., the Eucharist).

**Something Old, Something New.** In that same vein, the understanding of Christ being the Bread of Life that gives us nourishment in our spiritual life by our receiving Christ's Body and Blood, has a long scriptural heritage. Much of this idea was prefigured in the Old Testament, brought to reality in the New Testament, and expanded upon on several books of the New Testament.

**Marathon, Man.** If you're a fan of TVLand, you may be familiar with marathons, where they run multiple episodes of a specific TV series or of a specific theme back to back for hours (e.g., the ALF marathon, the Gilligan's Island Marathon, the Dukes of Hazzard marathon, etc.) Well, today St. John's Gospel, begins a marathon of sorts, though far more inspirational than any of the marathons I mentioned; a Bread of Life Marathon! Beginning this weekend, and continuing

through the month of August, we will be regaled with what are sometimes called "The Bread of Life Discourses." This very Bible-scholar-ish term refers to the sections of the Gospel of St. John (in Chapter 6) that focuses our understanding Jesus Christ's real and abiding presence to us in the Holy Eucharist.

**Sliced Bread.** These "Bread of Life discourses" find us in a synagogue in the town of Capernaum, wherein Christ is teaching the people, and helping them to connect the dots of salvation history to bring them to understanding who He is and what God has done, is doing and will do, for them. The Bread of Life discourse is sliced up in to four Scriptural servings: This weekend (August 5th) we will hear Christ say, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." On August 12th, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Then on August 19th, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." Finally on August 26th, (St. Peter says,) "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

**Fleshing Out the Truth.** So, for the first three weeks of the month we will hear the Lord teaching his disciples that just as God fed Moses and his people in the desert all those years ago, God will continue to feed them. However, he will not feed them in the Old Testament way, but in a new and enduring way. He says that the bread he is speaking of is his own flesh, given for the life of the world. Moreover, those who feed on it, who consume his Body and Blood, might have the gift of eternal life.

**Should I Stay or Should I Go?** But then in the last week of August, Christ pauses his preaching to get the reaction of those listening to him. Well, if this were a modern day focus group, the reviews would not have been good. The scripture tells us that after Christ finished his discourse, "many of his disciples returned

to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." As Jesus watched these former followers turn their backs and walk away, he turns to His Twelve Apostles and asks, "Do you also want to leave?" And Peter, speaking for the twelve, says, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

**Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing.** The Apostles obviously grasped the meaning of what Christ was saying. And Peter nails it: He basically says that even if they left, there is really no where else to go, because as shocking as what Jesus said to them was, if it is the truth, it is the truth. And what is that truth relayed to us in this Bread of Life discourse? It is this: Jesus is not simply speaking metaphorically about the Sacrifice He was going to offer on the Cross, rather, He was speaking quite literally, foretelling His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, His Body and Blood, under the appearances of bread and wine. And some of the people listening to our Lord found this shocking, even outrageous, and thus many walked away! But St. Peter, and those who remained there and remained faithful, understood that running from the truth doesn't change the truth, it merely distances yourself from it.

And so, during these dog days of August that lie ahead, amidst the heat of summer sun, and mad dashes to stay in the air conditioning, ponder the words you hear in these Gospel readings of August. And remind yourself that Jesus, who once fed that famous crowd of 5,000 with loaves and fishes, continues today to feed us, His followers, with the Bread of Life so that we might have eternal life with Him.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini

Pastor

## MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sunday, August 5**

**8:30** Larry Rash

**11:00** Bruce Schepens

**Misa en Español 1pm** For the People

**Thursday August 9 7pm**

Misa en Español For the People

**Sunday, August 12**

**8:30** Lynn Schepens

**11:00** Rosida Soriano

**Misa en Español 1pm** For the People

## COLLECTION TOTALS:

**Offertory:** \$ 3352.75

**Supplementary:** \$ 367.50

**Second Collection Today: Supplementary**

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

**Holy Day of Obligation: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Tuesday Aug 14** 5:30 Mass

7pm Misa en Español

**Wednesday Aug 15** 9am Mass

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Collection Counters

Aug 5	Julia Moore & Ann Lawson
Aug 12	Elisa & Tom Costello
Aug 19	Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

### Church Cleaning Crew

#### **Agosto 10, 2018 Grupo #14**

Genaro Pérez, Elizabeth López, Edelfo Tomas, Alfonso Chun

### Altar Servers

#### **August 12**

**8:30am Mass** – Mike Dixon & Anna Clancy

**11am Mass** – Savannah Strauss & Joanna Santizo

**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Itzel Roblero & Reynaldo Alvarez

### Lectors

#### **August 12**

**8:30am Mass** – Lani Small

**11am Mass** – Alicia Poppiti

**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Dario Ortega, Jose Luis Ramirez

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### **August 12**

**8:30am Mass** – Charlotte Tormey, Mark Plucenik

**11am Mass** – Laura Schlaupitz, Bob VanVessen

**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Dolores Cuin, Adrián Miranda, Adelaida Velásquez, Genaro Pérez, E. Morales

#### **SERVERS NEEDED FOR:**

**Holy Day of Obligation: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Tuesday Aug 14** Mass 5:30: Lector, 2 Ministers

7pm Misa en Español:

Lectors- Pavel Rivera, Geydy Mendez

Ministerios- Alberto Morales, Carlos Miguel, Flora Pérez, Miguel López, Antonio Pérez

**Wednesday Aug 15** Mass 9am: Lector, Minister

## Marriage & Family Life Corner

### Marriage Moment –

Dare you share with your beloved a foolish thing you've done during your life? More importantly, share one way that you see your beloved as wise (other than marrying you).

### Parenting Pointer –

Help your child unravel the mystery of how mistakes and problems teach life lessons to be used for future success.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Mon, Aug 6 6:00pm St.Vincent DePaul- office**

**Thur, Aug 9 7pm Misa**

**Fri, Aug 10 7pm Band rehearsal- CC**

**Sat, Aug 11 11am-3pm Happy Helpers-Hall**

## **Knights of Columbus**

Next meeting Tues, August 14th

6:30pm Rosary

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 [kelly29@comcast.net](mailto:kelly29@comcast.net).

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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/](http://www.cdow.org/join-the-delaware-catholic-advocacy-network/)

### **Maryland:**

[www.mdcathcon.org/657](http://www.mdcathcon.org/657)

## FROM THE DRE'S DESK



Thank you to all our Crew Leaders and Station Leaders for another great Vacation Bible School. Thank you to all our wonderful crew members who survived because they had faith that "JESUS RESCUES"

Looking forward to next year. Follow up meeting is planned. Keep your sights and hearts open!



# You Can Teach!

**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.

**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 now available at the office, and online. 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.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Theme:** Jesus is the Bread of Life

**Question for Children:** Why is Jesus compared to bread? How can his teachings be like food?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus is the bread that gives us life. How does believing in Jesus make your life different?

**Question for Adults:** How do you partake of the nourishment that Jesus provides? How often?

**18º domingo en tiempo ordinario**

**Tema:** Jesús es el pan de vida

**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Por qué se compara Jesús con el pan? ¿Cómo pueden sus enseñanzas considerarse alimento?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Jesús es el pan que da vida. ¿Cómo el creer en Jesús hace que sus vidas sean diferentes?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Cómo participan en el alimento que Jesús provee? ¿Con cuánta frecuencia?

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**HAPPY HELPERS**

Saturday, August 11, 2018 1:00-3:00pm  
At Immaculate Conception Hall  
522 Main Street

**Happy Helpers will be giving....School Supplies for those in need.**

## COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES

LENTINI 5 DE AGOSTO, 2018.

Queridos feligreses,

Una broma de mal gusto sobre el pan: los niños se alinearon en la cafetería de la escuela para el almuerzo. Al final del mostrador había rebanadas de pan. La señora de la cafetería colocó un cartel frente a la bandeja que decía: "Toma solo uno. Dios está mirando". En una mesa al lado del mostrador había varias bandejas de galletas de chocolate. Un niño le susurró a su amigo: "Toma todas las galletas que quieras". Dios solo está mirando el pan".

**Pan Maravilla.** El pan es uno de los alimentos más básicos en la dieta de la humanidad. Tan ubicuo es el pan, que Jesucristo eligió ese alimento en particular para ser emblemático alimento espiritual para nosotros. Es un producto con el que todos están familiarizados y que es común. Sabemos que en la Última Cena, fue el pan, no otro alimento, solo pan, lo que tomó y usó en la institución de la Eucaristía (junto con el vino de la comida). Les dijo a sus Apóstoles que el pan y el vino eran su Cuerpo y su Sangre, y que deberían continuar haciendo esta ofrenda de sacrificio en memoria de Él (lo que significa que una vez que él se haya ido, esta práctica continuará). Por lo tanto, es nuestra fe, que el pan y el vino ofrecidos en la Misa y consagrados por las manos del Sacerdote, con el poder del Espíritu Santo, se conviertan en algo más que pan y vino, sino que se conviertan, como Cristo prometió, en su Cuerpo y Sangre (es decir, la Eucaristía).

**Algo Viejo, Algo Nuevo.** En esa misma vena, la comprensión de que Cristo es el Pan de Vida que nos nutre en nuestra vida espiritual al recibir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, tiene una larga herencia bíblica. Gran parte de esta idea fue prefigurada en el Antiguo Testamento, traída a la realidad en el Nuevo Testamento y ampliada en varios libros del Nuevo Testamento.

**Maratón, Hombre.** Si eres fanático de TV, es posible que estés familiarizado con las maratones, donde se ejecutan múltiples episodios de una serie de TV específica o de un tema específico durante horas (por ejemplo, el maratón de ALF, el maratón de La Isla de Gilligan, los duques de la Suerte, etc.) Bueno, hoy el Evangelio de San Juan, comienza una especie de maratón, aunque es mucho más inspirador que cualquiera de los maratones que mencioné; un maratón de pan de vida! A partir de este fin de semana, y continuando todo el mes

de agosto, se nos obsequiará con lo que a veces se llama "El pan de los discursos de la vida". Este mismo término bíblico se refiere a las secciones del Evangelio de San Juan (en Capítulo 6) que enfoca nuestro entendimiento de la presencia real y permanente de Jesucristo en la Sagrada Eucaristía.

**Rebanada de Pan.** Estos "discursos de Pan de Vida" nos encuentra en una sinagoga en la ciudad de Capernaum, donde Cristo está enseñando al pueblo, y ayudándolos a conectar los puntos de la historia de salvación para llevarlos a comprender quién es Él y qué Dios ha hecho, está haciendo y que hará, por ellos. El discurso del Pan de Vida está dividido en cuatro porciones bíblicas: Este fin de semana (5 de agosto) escucharemos a Cristo decir: "Yo soy el pan de la vida; el que viene a mí nunca tendrá hambre, y el que cree en mí nunca tendrá sed. "El 12 de agosto," Yo soy el pan vivo que ha bajado del cielo; el que come este pan vivirá para siempre; y el pan que daré es mi carne para la vida del mundo ". Luego, el 19 de agosto, "el que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre tiene vida eterna, y yo le resucitaré en el último día ". Finalmente, en agosto 26, (San Pedro dice) " Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna; nosotros creemos. Y sabemos que eres el Santo consagrado por Dios".

**Dando Vida a la Verdad.** Entonces, durante las primeras tres semanas del mes escucharemos al Señor enseñando a sus discípulos que así como Dios alimentó a Moisés y su pueblo en el desierto hace tantos años, Dios continuará alimentándolos. Sin embargo, él no los alimentará a la manera del Antiguo Testamento, sino de una manera nueva y duradera. Él dice que el pan del que está hablando es su propia carne, dada para la vida del mundo. Además, aquellos que se alimentan de él, que consumen su Cuerpo y su Sangre, pueden tener el don de la vida eterna.

**¿Debo Permanecer o Debo Ir?** Pero luego, en la última semana de agosto, Cristo hace una pausa en su predicación para obtener la reacción de quienes lo escuchan. Bueno, si este fuera un grupo de enfoque moderno, las evaluaciones no habrían sido buenas. La Escritura nos dice que después de que Cristo terminó su discurso, "muchos de sus discípulos volvieron a su antigua forma de vida y ya no lo acompañaron". Mientras Jesús miraba a estos antiguos seguidores darles la espalda y marcharse, se dirige a Sus Doce

Apóstoles y pregunta: "¿También quieren irse?" Y Pedro, hablando en nombre de los doce, dice: "Maestro, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna. Hemos llegado a creer y estamos convencidos de Tu es el Santo consagrado por Dios".

**No Hay Nada como lo Real.** Los Apóstoles obviamente comprendieron el significado de lo que Cristo estaba diciendo. Y Pedro da en el punto: Básicamente dice que incluso si se fueran, en realidad no hay ningún otro lugar adonde ir, porque tan sorprendente lo que Jesús les dijo fue, si es la verdad, es la verdad. ¿Y qué es esa verdad transmitida a nosotros en este discurso del Pan de la Vida? Es esto: Jesús no está hablando metafóricamente sobre el sacrificio que iba a ofrecer en la cruz, sino que estaba hablando literalmente, prediciendo su presencia real en la Sagrada Eucaristía, su Cuerpo y Sangre, bajo las apariencias de pan y vino. Y algunas de las personas que escucharon a nuestro Señor encontraron esto impactante, incluso escandaloso, iy así muchos se marcharon! Pero San Pedro, y aquellos que permanecieron allí y permanecieron fieles, entendieron que huir de la verdad no cambia la verdad, simplemente se distancian de ella.

Y así, durante estos días de calurosos de agosto que se avecinan, en medio del calor del sol de verano, y de las locas rachas para permanecer en el aire acondicionado, reflexiona en las palabras que escucharás en estas lecturas del Evangelio de agosto. Y recuerda que Jesús, que una vez alimentó a la famosa muchedumbre de 5,000 con panes y pescados, continúa hoy alimentándonos, a Sus seguidores, con el Pan de Vida para que podamos tener vida eterna con Él.

Suyo en Cristo,  
P. James Lentini  
Párroco