

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Summer 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 6, 2017 – The Transfiguration of our Lord

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. John T. Solomon, 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,

Remember the "Magic Eye" book craze from about 15-20 years ago? In that era, there was a succession of "Magic Eye" books and posters sold, and they were all the rage. What was "magic" about these books and posters? Well, when you looked at a "Magic Eye" image – technically called an *autostereogram* (now there's a \$50 word if I ever heard one) – it looked like nothing more than some bizarre, intricate, two-dimensional color pattern. But, if you looked at that image long enough, and stared intently, you would eventually come to see an actual real three-dimensional picture embedded within the design.

See Minus. I have to confess, that over the years, I spent much time, staring at these images, and often saw nothing, while those around me would instantly say things like, "Oh, I see it! It's a jet plane" or "It's a house." However, I found that if I persevered faithfully, I too, would eventually see the true image – I would see the picture for what it really was.

Ain't No Mountain High Enough. Today, in our Gospel, Apostles Ss. Peter, James and John, have a Magic-Eye moment. At this point, they have been with Jesus for some time: they've travelled, ministered, ate, and prayed with Him. They have faithfully followed and persevered with Him. And today on Mount Tabor, after years of seeing Jesus the man, they finally get to see Jesus in his fullness, as He truly is, in his Divinity. At the Transfiguration, the veil between the natural and supernatural realms was peeled back for just a moment, but that short glimpse of God was all that was needed! The Scripture describes the scene like this: "*Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.... behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."*" (Matthew 17:1-2,5)

Who Can It Be Now? This Transfiguration scene is more accurately described as a moment of Theophany. Theophany (another \$50 word) is a moment in Scripture, where the Blessed Trinity (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) is present and is experienced by those who are there. Jesus Christ, God the Son in the flesh, is there, with his Apostles. The cloud that casts a shadow over the Apostles is the same one that overshadowed Mary (Luke 1:35): the glorious cloud of the Holy Spirit from which the voice of God the Father's booms, "This is my beloved Son."

Wholly Moses! In this moment of Theophany, the Apostles saw more than just Jesus transfigured; they saw a glimpse of God in his fullness. Question: Who was the last person to see God in this manner? If you were on Jeopardy, you might respond: Who is Moses? And Alex Trebek would congratulate you on answering correctly. Yes, in Exodus, chapters 33-34, Moses converses directly with God on Mount Sinai. The brilliance of God's light, which is seen in the Transfiguration, was seen in that encounter between Moses and God, when Moses received the Ten Commandments. For this reason, it is quite appropriate that Moses is present at the Transfiguration. His presence reminds the Apostles that what Moses saw, they have now seen.

Exact Change. In Exodus, we are told that God's brilliance was so great that, "*the skin of [Moses'] face had become radiant while he spoke with the Lord.*" I don't know if the Apostle got a similar – dare I say – "Son tan" in their encounter with Christ at the Transfiguration, but I can say that they were forever changed! Christ's Transfiguration marked the Apostles transformation. They saw Christ differently, and so they left that mountainside differently than when they arrived. Their lives were changed by this encounter with the Lord.

Wait and See. What about us? Can we come to see things differently? Can we strive to see things as God would have us see them? Sometimes in life, we do come to see things in a different way. It may take time, and perseverance, but we can come to see things differently. For instance:

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, Aug 6

8:30: Ellen Dragotto

11:00: Sandra Dean

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

Thu Aug 10 Misa **7pm** For the People

Sunday, Aug 13

8:30: Cora Messner

11:00: Lillie Herin

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

- Back-in-the-day it took me awhile to learn that the Columbia House Record and Tape Club's promise of 11-lps and tapes for "free," really wasn't such a bargain (\$114.80 later, I saw things differently);
- At age 30, I could have a Big Mac or a bucket of fried chicken very late at night, and then go to bed, no problem; 25 years later, my stomach and I see things differently.
- Back to those darn Magic Eye pictures: I look and look, and all I can see is some goofy pattern. But persevering faithfully, eventually I come to see things differently, and I can finally see what's really there.

Taste and See. At Mass, when we approach the altar to receive Holy Communion, with the eyes of our head, we see only bread and wine. But, by persevering in faith, by trusting in God, and by opening our minds and hearts to God's omnipotence, we can come to see things differently. At Mass, let us join our minds and hearts to those of the Apostles at the Transfiguration, and let us see who is really here with us. Let us approach Holy Communion and see not just the bread and wine visible to our human eyes, but rather, let us see what is really there: The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. As with the Apostles at the Transfiguration, when we receive Communion let us be open to the blessing and the gift of a profound encounter with the God who gave us life. And let us allow that encounter to continue to transform us to become more and more like Christ, so that we might bear the name Christian not just proudly, but rightfully.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini

Pastor

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: 7/23 \$ 3203.00 7/30 \$2900.05

Supplementary: 7/23 \$ 588.00 7/30 \$384.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

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

STEWARSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Aug 6 Judy Carrow & Ann Lawson

Aug 13 Frank & Joyce Cristiano

Aug 20 Paul & Robin Engstenberg

Church Cleaning Crew

Agosto 11, 2017 Grupo # 7

Rafael Morales, Marcos González, Osvaldo Miranda
Eleazar Santizo, Reyna Morales

Agosto 18, 2017 Grupo # 8

Reynaldo Pérez, Maribel Ortiz, Juventino López,
Isenia Escalante, Clemente Escalante

Altar Servers

August 13

8:30am Mass – Mike Dixon & Anna Clancy

11:00am Mass – Savannah Strauss & Sherlin Santizo

Spanish Misa 1pm – Itzel Roblero & Reynaldo Alvarez

Lectors

August 13

8:30am Mass – Lani Small

11:00am Mass – Sherry Tucker

Spanish Misa 1pm – Lucia Tomas, Marcos Díaz

Eucharistic Ministers

August 13

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Chris & Joyce Ford

11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Alicia Poppiti &
Judy Carrow

Spanish Misa 1pm – Adelaida Velásquez, Epifanio
Morales, Guadalupe Morales, Adrián Miranda, Carlos
Miguel

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

"And [Jesus] was transfigured before them, his face shone like the sun." (Mt 17:2) What is the most endearing physical feature of your beloved? Has it changed over the years?

Parenting Pointer –

Read a book to (or with) your child that was a favorite when you were their age. Already did that? How about writing or telling a short story together.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Aug 6, 2pm Church Family Picnic

Mon, Aug 7 6pm St. Vincent dePaul

Mon, Aug 7 & Wed Aug 9 7pm ESL

Tues, Aug 9 7pm Juan XXIII

Sat, Aug 12, 12pm Juan XXIII Picnic



Church Family Picnic

TODAY Aug 6th 2-4PM

ALL ARE Welcome!

Please Join the Fun!

Food, Fun, Games and

Fellowship

Hamburgers will be provided.

Bring chairs, blankets and a dish to share.



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**



VBS "HERO CENTRAL"

THANK YOU!! To all the Great Heroes that spent time with Jesus and us at Vacation Bible School! To all the incredible volunteers that made this another fantastic & successful VBS. To all the wonderful people that made donations for our week. To Father Lentini, "The Sermonator", Father Solomon, "The Clergyman", and Father Etim, "The Jesterman".



**Make plans to attend or help out next year!!
And stay tuned for our theme ☺**

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education
September 24, 2017-May 6, 2018
9:40am-10:50am

REGISTRATIONS!! Registrations for 2016-2017 are open. Please get your registrations for school of Religious Education this weekend. Please return registrations to the parish now. **Fees are as follows: \$35 per child.** 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/ahora, con la cobra de \$35 por cada niño.**



150 Years a Diocese! The Diocese of Wilmington celebrates its 150 year Anniversary with a 360 page colored coffee table book for \$30. A graphic novel for children will be \$11. **Pre-orders** are being taken now at the parish office. Please call and place your order today.



Retrouvaille may be the way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. **The next program begins the weekend of August 11-13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Theme: Jesus appears glowing with light. Moses and Elijah appear with him.

Question for Children: How do you show that you listen to Jesus?

Question for Youth: How does your faith in Jesus as the Son of God affect your life?

Question for Adults: When have you had a "transfiguration" experience? What was it like?

La transfiguración del Señor

Tema: Jesús resplandece con una luz brillante. Moisés y Elías aparecen junto a Él.

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Cómo demuestran que escuchan a Jesús?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿Cómo transforma sus vidas su fe en Jesús como el Hijo de Dios?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Cuándo han presenciado una "transfiguración"? ¿Qué experimentaron?

St. Academy Thomas More

133 Thomas More Drive, Magnolia, DE 19962

St. Thomas More Academy is a Catholic College Preparatory School located in Kent County.



St. Thomas More is Faith Focused, Teacher Connected,
Arts Inspired, College Centered and Honor Guided.
We encourage you to visit us in person or through our website www.saintmore.org to learn why we were voted

2017 Best Private School in Kent County

Need Energy Assistance?

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), administered in Delaware by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington, will begin taking applications beginning July 5, 2017 for the upcoming heating season. This federally-funded program assists low-income Delawareans with heating bills through direct payments to home energy suppliers. Those interested should call their local Catholic Charities office to get an appointment. Regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

COLUMNÁ DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 6 DE AGOSTO, 2017.

Estimados feligreses,

Recuerdas en los años de los 90 la manía de los libros de "3D" "Magic Eyes (Ojos Mágicos)" de hace unos 15-20 años? En esa época, había una sucesión de "Magic Eye" libros y carteles vendidos, y estaban candentes. ¿Qué era "magia" acerca de estos libros y carteles? Bueno, cuando mirabas una imagen de "Ojo Mágico" - técnicamente llamada auto-estereogramas (ahora bien, hay una palabra de \$ 50 si alguna vez escuché una) - una forma de probar las habilidades de las personas para ver en tres dimensiones a través de puntos aleatorios en diferentes diseños. Su idea era demostrar que la noción de profundidad se producía en el cerebro y no directamente en el ojo, lo que parecía nada más que un patrón de colores extraños, intrincado y bidimensional, pero, si mirabas esa imagen bastante tiempo, y profundamente sin parpadear, eventualmente verías una imagen tridimensional verdadera real encajada dentro del diseño.

Ver Menos. Tengo que confesar que con el paso de los años pasé mucho tiempo mirando estas imágenes, y muchas veces no vi nada, mientras que aquellos a mi alrededor instantáneamente decían cosas como: "¡Oh, lo veo! Es un avión" "Es una casa". Sin embargo, descubrí que si perseveraba fielmente, yo también vería la verdadera imagen, vería la imagen de lo que realmente era.

No Hay Montaña Suficiente Alta. En nuestro Evangelio de hoy, los Apóstoles Pedro, Santiago y Juan, tienen un momento de Ojo Mágico Magic-Eye. Hasta este punto, habían estado con Jesús por algún tiempo: había viajado, ministrado, comido y orado con Él. Ellos habían seguido fielmente y perseverado con Él. Y hoy en el Monte Tabor, después de años de ver a Jesús el hombre, finalmente llegan a ver a Jesús en su plenitud, como es Él verdaderamente, en el resplandor de su Divinidad. En la Transfiguración, el velo entre los reinos naturales y sobrenaturales fue revelado por un momento, ipero ese breve vistazo de Dios era todo lo que se necesitaba! La Escritura describe la escena como esta: "Jesús tomó consigo a Pedro, Santiago, y a su hermano Juan, y los hizo subir a solas a un monte elevado. Y ahí se transfiguró delante de ellos; Su rostro resplandeció como el sol y su ropa se volvió blanca como la nieve He aquí una nube luminosa los cubrió, y de la nube vino una voz que decía: "Este es mi Hijo

amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias; Escúchenlo." (Mateo 17: 1-2,5)

¿Quién Puede Ser Ahora? Esta escena de la Transfiguración se describe exactamente como un momento de Teofanía. Teofanía (otra palabra de \$ 50) es un momento en la Escritura, donde está presente la Santísima Trinidad (Dios el Padre, Dios el Hijo y Dios el Espíritu Santo) y la experiencia de aquellos que están allí. Jesucristo, Dios el Hijo en la carne, está allí, con sus Apóstoles. La nube que proyecta una sombra sobre los Apóstoles es la misma que ensombreció a María (Lucas 1:35): la gloriosa nube del Espíritu Santo de la cual brota la voz de Dios Padre: "Este es mi Hijo amado".

iTotalmente Moisés! En este momento de Teofanía, los Apóstoles vieron más que a Jesús transfigurado; Vieron una vislumbre de Dios en su plenitud. Pregunta: ¿Quién fue la última persona que vio a Dios de esta manera? Si estuvieras en Jeopardy, podrías responder: ¿Quién es Moisés? Y Alex Trebek te felicitaría por contestar correctamente. Sí, en Éxodo, capítulos 33-34, Moisés conversa directamente con Dios en el monte Sinaí. El esplendor de la luz de Dios, que se ve en la Transfiguración, fue visto en ese encuentro entre Moisés y Dios, cuando Moisés recibió los Diez Mandamientos. Por esta razón, es muy apropiado que Moisés esté presente en la Transfiguración. Su presencia le recuerda a los Apóstoles que lo que Moisés vio, ahora ellos lo han visto.

Cambio Exacto. En Éxodo, se nos dice que el esplendor de Dios era tan grande que "la piel del rostro [de Moisés] se había vuelto radiante mientras hablaba con el Señor". No sé si los Apóstoles obtuvieron una respuesta similar - me atrevo a decir - "Hijole se broncearon" en su encuentro con Cristo en la Transfiguración, pero puedo asegurarles que fueron cambiados para siempre! La Transfiguración de Cristo marcó la transformación de los Apóstoles. Vieron a Cristo de manera diferente, y por eso dejaron esa ladera de forma diferente que cuando llegaron. Sus vidas fueron cambiadas por este encuentro con el Señor.

Espera y Verás. ¿Qué pasa con nosotros? ¿Podemos ver las cosas de otra manera? ¿Podemos esforzarnos por ver las cosas como Dios quiere que las veamos? A veces en la vida,

llegamos a ver las cosas de una manera diferente. Puede tomar tiempo y se necesita perseverancia, pero podemos llegar a ver las cosas de manera diferente. Por ejemplo:

- En tiempos atrás me tomó tiempo aprender que la promesa del Columbia House Record y Tape Club de 11-lps y cintas que decían que eran "gratis", realmente no eran gratis (\$ 114,80 más tarde, vi las cosas de manera diferente) ;
- A los 30 años, podría comer bien tarde de noche un Big Mac o un cubo de pollo frito, y luego irme a la cama, sin ningún problema; 25 años después, mi estómago y yo vemos las cosas de manera diferente.
- Volver a esas dichosas imágenes de Magic Eye: Miro y miro, y todo lo que puedo ver es un patrón torpe. Pero perseverando fielmente, finalmente vengo a ver las cosas de manera diferente, y finalmente puedo ver lo que realmente hay.

Gusten y Vean. En la Misa, cuando nos acercamos al altar para recibir la Santa Comunión, con los ojos de nuestra cabeza, vemos sólo pan y vino. Pero, perseverando en la fe, confiando en Dios y abriendo nuestras mentes y corazones a la omnipotencia de Dios, podemos llegar a ver las cosas de manera diferente. En la Misa, unamos nuestras mentes y corazones a los de los Apóstoles en la Transfiguración, y veamos quién está realmente aquí con nosotros. Aproximémonos a la Sagrada Comunión y no veamos sólo el pan y el vino visible a nuestros ojos humanos, sino más bien veamos lo que realmente existe: El Cuerpo, la Sangre, el Alma y la Divinidad de Jesucristo. Al igual que con los Apóstoles en la Transfiguración, cuando recibimos la Comunión, estemos abiertos a la bendición y al don de un encuentro profundo con el Dios que nos dio la vida. Y permitamos que ese encuentro continúe transformándonos para volvemos más y más parecidos a Cristo, para que podamos llevar el nombre de cristiano no sólo con orgullo, sino con razón.

Suyo en Cristo,
Fr. James Lentini
Párroco



Todos están invitados a participar en el V Encuentro Diocesano de la Pastoral Hispánica 2017-2020. El Lema del V Encuentro es

"Discipulos Misioneros: Testigos del Amor de Dios."

Esto es un proceso de formación, de consulta de preparar discípulos misioneros dispuestos a servir a la Iglesia y a la comunidad en todo los Estados Unidos.

Para poder planificar mejor, por favor de inscribirse con los líderes de la directiva. . Comenzará a las 9:00 con una procesión, habrá Alabanzas Charlas motivacionales, animación, música, almuerzo y Misa de envío.

El Sr. Obispo Malooly presidirá la santa Misa.

Gran V encuentro Diocesano

el 14 de octubre 2017.

En la Academia de St. Thomas More

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