Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Summer Office Hours: Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., **Closed** Wednesday & Friday
Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

August 4, 2019 – 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. Mano Salla, 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,

In the late 1940s, a Navy Veteran, Bill Levitt, had bought a large area of farm land in Long Island – just to the east of New York City. He had an idea. He could use this then-cheap land as a place to build standardized homes with standardized fixtures – each home similar to the other – for dirt cheap costs. He could then sell them to couples interested in moving out to "the countryside" for $7,990, no money down! The houses were modernish, and even came equipped with, the then-uncommon, washing machine. What a deal. With this new housing, a new town in Long Island was born, Levittown (population today: 52,000). And Levitt's generous plan also came with an ulterior motive: Defeating communism, then rising in the world. How did this accomplish that? He reasoned it, "No man who owns a house and lot can be a Communist. He has too much to do." You won't have time to overthrow the American government, after all, if you have gutters to be cleaned. Moreover, you won't lean toward a property grabbing political movement, if you own property.

From Levittown to Delmarva. From Bill Levitt in the 1940s, through today, people work to improve their surroundings for themselves and for others. Even here in the Church that is done. Each Pastor sets his hand to the till to try to better things in his parish. At Holy Cross, Fr. Hanley oversaw the construction of a new Church and Parish Office Building in the late 1990s, Msgr. Dan upgraded the school with air conditioning, added two science labs, oversaw the construction of the mausoleum and fence around the cemetery, while at Immaculate Conception, Fr. LaBarge oversaw a renovation of the Parish rectory and added a learning lab.

Six Years Ago. On July 25, 2013, yours truly was officially installed as Pastor of Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception Parishes. It has been quite a ride during that period! And during that period, I have tried to follow in the footsteps of my esteemed forbears, and work to better things at the Parishes. While there is still more to be done, much has been done.

Working for the Wick-end. My favorite change (or restoration) happened early in my time at Holy Cross: The re-institution of votive candles. I remember during my first week as Pastor, I had a funeral at Holy Cross and a person who was visiting asked me, "Where can I go to light a candle for the person who died?" And my response was, "Well, if your heading south after this, St. John's in Milford." That was a resolutely unsatisfying answer for both of us. It also marked the beginning of the return of votive candles to Dover!

Ch-ch-changes! Other changes at Holy Cross are numerous! We created, in the building that was the "old Church," a brand-new Parish Hall. That hall is stunning; it is something that was very much needed for our Parish and our School. We upgraded our security system, including security cameras, in the school and standardized our locks on all buildings and doors. We spruced up our classrooms in Elementary and Junior High School buildings. We put in a new HVAC system in the Church, and the gymnasium, while adding a new boiler in the Junior High School. We put a new roof on the gym and re-sealed the roof on the Elementary School building. We added a brand-new, and enlarged, Adoration Chapel. We completed the chapel area of the Mausoleum in our cemetery and added two columbarium's, along with a new memorial area. We added St. Thomas More Academy to the patrimony of our Parish, and have a Parish high school for the first time since 1987. We upgraded the rectory floors and kitchen which were likely last upgraded during Thomas Jefferson's presidency. We added Wi-Fi access to our buildings and implemented Chromebooks in our Middle School.

Meanwhile in Marydel. At Immaculate Conception, the changes over the past six years are vast. When I came to Immaculate Conception, the fear of the folks was that I was sent to close the Parish. That was not true. I felt like Winston Churchill when he said, in 1942, as Prime Minister, "I have not become the King's First Minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire." I didn't take on the Pastorate in Marydel to close the Parish – but to kick it up a notch. And we did!

What Happened? A lot! At ICC, we put new roofs on the Church and the Parish Hall. We restored the Church to its original look and feel, replete with newly installed hardwood flooring. We had the kneelers reupholstered with the aid of an Eagle Scout! We cleaned and scrubbed all the pews. We added a new sound system in the Church. We re-worked the sprawling tentacles of electrical wires that traversed the sanctuary of the Church. We put in a new sealed stone floor in the CCD classrooms under the Church. We stripped the parish hall down to the studs, and created a brand-new Parish Hall, complete with video projection system. We had the entire kitchen area of the Parish Hall redone, making it not only nicer to look at, but more importantly, nicer for the county health inspector to look at! We took one of our unused Parish buildings and gave it over to our Knights of Columbus as a Council Chamber – they have done wonders with it. We added Wi-Fi to our Parish property, allowing people to be distracted on the iPhones and iPad in more locations than ever. And we replaced or upgrades the HVAC systems in the Church, the Parish Office and the Rectory (with the Hall next on the list).

The Who. All of this happened, in Dover and in Marydel, because of the support of my brother Priests, our Deacons, our Parishes staffs, and, most especially with the support of the faithful, our Parishioners. At both Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception, there were and are many smaller everyday items that were likewise fixed, replaced, added or upgraded… and to add them into this column would take, well, a whole 'nother column.

Facing Forward. But in all of these things, no matter how big or small, significant or insignificant – all that we do at our Parishes, while perhaps practical, necessary or beautifying, are all done for the greater glory of God and Lord, Jesus Christ. The very existence of our two Parishes are to put beacons of Christ's light in community, amidst a world too often filled with darkness. And our two Parishes burn bright with Christ's love! They do! And I start my second six-year stint in these two parishes, it is my hope and my expectation, to see that light of Christ continue to burn brightly through the faithfulness of our faithful people. I am sure I will not be disappointed at all! God bless you all!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, Aug 4
8:30am Charles Beck
11:00am Harry Stotsenberg
Misa en Español 1pm For the People

Thursday, Aug 8
7pm Misa en Español 1pm For the People

Sunday, Aug 11
8:30am Charles Beck
11:00am For the People
Misa en Español 1pm For the People

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Offertory: $ 3852.00
Supplementary: $ 630.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

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

Join our Parish Family…Registration Forms are Available at the front vestibule or the Parish Office

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Altar Servers

Aug 11
8:30am Mass –Averi Locke, Mike Dixon
11am Mass –Joanne Santizo, Isaac Meyer
Spanish Misa 1pm – Emily Escalante, Brandon Morales Fernandez

Lectors

Aug 11
8:30am Mass – Theresa Thompson
11am Mass – Laura Schlaupitz
Spanish Misa 1pm – Darío Ortega, Emma Miguel

Eucharistic Ministers

Aug 11
8:30am Mass – Lani Small, Marilyn Dixon
11am Mass – Judy Carrow, Bob Vanvessan
Spanish Misa 1pm – Guadalupe Morales, Genaro Pérez, Verónica Bravo, Carlos Miguel, Epifanio Morales

Collection Counters

Aug 4 Ann Lawson & Julia Moore
Aug 11 Paul & Robin Engstenberg
Aug 18 Tom & Mary McGowan

Church Cleaning Crew

Agosto 8, 2019 Grupo #3
Natalia Domingo, Victoriano Pérez, Américo García, María García, Julio Hernández, **Hayde Fuentes**

Agosto 15, 2019 Grupo # 4
Marinda Escalante, Elías González, Alfonso, Perez, Oscar Roblero, Edgar Velásquez, Rubelina Ortiz

Knights of Columbus

Next meeting Tues, Aug 27,
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.**

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Aug 4 9am VBS Setup – Hall and Kitchen
Sun, Aug 4 3:30pm Jovenes
MON – FRI – Aug 5 – 9 6PM – VBS Kitchen, Hall, Field
Tues, Aug 6 1pm Exercise class in hall
Tues, Aug 6 7pm Juan XXIII
Thu, Aug 7 1pm Exercise class in hall
Fri, Aug 9 7pm Band Practice
Fri, Aug 9 8:30pm VBS Clean up
Sat, Aug 10 1pm Happy Helpers
Sat, Aug 10 6pm Pre-Cana in Hall

New Church Directory is coming! Sign up for your Free 8 x10 and Directory.

Sign up sheets are located in the back of the church. Please list your Name, Phone, and number in the family photo.

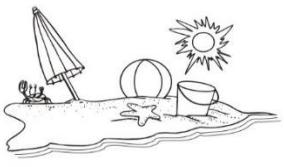
Marriage & Family Life Corner

Parenting Pointer –

For many people, summer is a good time to do recreational reading. What was your favorite book as a child? If your child is old enough you've probably already read it together. Talk about why it was your favorite.

Marriage Moment –

Treat each other - Wives: Give him an afternoon of uninterrupted time to watch sports. Husbands: Place a rose under the car's windshield wiper. Sure these are gender stereotypes, but let it prompt you to think of your own personal creative treat.



Before you head to the beach or bay, check out the Vacation Mass Guide
http://www.cdow.org/vmg/

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

SRE will start again on September 22, 2019.

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

REGISTRATIONS: Registrations for 2018-2019 are now available at the office, and online. Please get your registrations for school of Religious Education this weekend. We would like to have all registered for next year now to plan for materials, classrooms and teachers. Please return registrations to Alicia or office. Fees are as follows: $40 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 $40 por cada niño, y no más de $150 cada familia.

NEEDED: TEACHERS! APPLY HERE FOR NEXT YEAR! Share your gifts and get the rewards in heaven.

We will need teachers for religious education on Sunday mornings from September to May.

If you see this, and are wondering "is this me?", inquire.

Vacation Bible School

August 5-9th

If you are interested in helping out this year you may contact Kathleen or Meg Haass at Meg Haass at rlhkbh@verizon.net.

9am TODAY

Setup in the Hall and Kitchen

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Faith helps us set Godly priorities.
Question for Children: What is the most important thing in your life?
Question for Youth: It is easy to get self-centered and greedy. What do you have in your life that is unnecessary? In your life, what keeps you close to God? What distracts you from your relationship with God?
Question for Adults: What wisdom do you pull out of this reading to help you set priorities in your life?

18º domingo en tiempo ordinario

Tema: La fe nos ayuda a establecer prioridades piadosas.

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Qué es lo más importante en su vida?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Es fácil ser egoísta y codicioso. ¿Qué tienes en tu vida que no sea necesario? En tu vida, ¿qué te mantiene cerca de Dios? ¿Qué te distrae de tu relación con Dios?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Qué enseñanza pueden sacar de esta lectura para ayudarlos a establecer prioridades en su vida?

Are you being called to the priesthood or religious life?

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 4, 2019 If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Fr. Norm Carroll 302-573-3113 vocations@cdow.org.

Find out more about the priesthood: diocesanpriest.com
Find out more about the religious life: religiouslife.com
Let us help you to discover God's plan for your life.

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 4 DE AGUSTO, 2019.

A fines de la década de 1940, un veterano de la Marina, llamado Bill Levitt, había comprado un área grande de tierra agrícola 3 en Long Island, justo al este de la ciudad de Nueva York. Él tenía una idea. Él podría usar esta tierra entonces barata como un lugar para construir casas idénticas con accesorios idénticos, cada casa similar a la otra, por costos muy bajos. Luego podría venderlos a parejas interesadas en mudarse al "campo" por $ 7,990, ¡sin pago inicial! Las casas eran modernas e incluso venían equipadas con una lavadora poco común. Qué buena oferta. Con esta nueva vivienda, nació una nueva ciudad en Long Island, Levittown (población actual: 52,000). Y el generoso plan de Levitt también vino con un motivo oculto: derrotar al comunismo y luego surgir en el mundo. ¿Cómo logró esto? Lo razonó: "Ninguna persona que tenga una casa y un lote puede ser comunista. Tenía mucho que hacer". Después de todo, no tendría tiempo para derrocar al gobierno estadounidense si tiene que limpiar las canaletas. Además, no se inclinará hacia un movimiento político que se apodere de la propiedad, si posee la propiedad.

De Levittown a Delmarva. Desde Bill Levitt en la década de 1940, hasta hoy, las personas trabajan para mejorar su entorno para ellos y para los demás. Incluso aquí en la Iglesia se hace. Cada párroco pone su grano de arena para tratar de mejorar las cosas en su parroquia. EnSanta Cruzs, el p. Hanley supervisó la construcción de una nueva iglesia y un nuevo edificio de oficinas parroquiales a fines de la década de 1990, Mons. Dan actualizó la escuela con aire acondicionado, agregó dos laboratorios de ciencias, supervisó la construcción del mausoleo y la cerca alrededor del cementerio, mientras que en la Inmaculada Concepción, el Padre. LaBarge supervisó una renovación de la rectoría de la parroquia y agregó el lab. de aprendizaje.

Hace Seis Años. El 25 de julio de 2013, su servidor fue instalado oficialmente como párroco de las parroquias gemelas de Santa Cruz y la Inmaculada Concepción. ¡Ha sido toda una jornada durante ese período! Y durante este período, intenté seguir los pasos de mis estimados antepasados y trabajar para mejorar las cosas en las parroquias. Si bien aún queda mucho por hacer, se ha hecho mucho.

Trabajando Por Las Veladoras. Mi cambio favorito(o restauración) sucedió temprano en mi tiempo en Holy Cross: la re institución de las veladoras. Recuerdo que durante mi primera semana como párroco, tuve un funeral en Holy Cross y una persona que estaba de visita me preguntó: "¿Dónde puedo encender una vela para la persona que murió?" Y mi respuesta fue: "Bueno, si te diriges al sur después de esto, San Juan Apóstol en Milford ". Esa fue una respuesta decididamente insatisfactoria para los dos. ¡También marcó el comienzo del regreso de las veladoras a Dover!

¡C-C- Cambios! Otros cambios en Holy Cross son numerosos! Convertimos, en el edificio que era la "Iglesia vieja", un nuevo Salón de Eventos Parroquial. Esa sala es impresionante; Es algo que era muy necesario para nuestra parroquia y nuestra escuela. Actualizamos nuestro sistema de seguridad, incluyendo las cámaras de seguridad, en la escuela y estandarizamos nuestras cerraduras en todos los edificios y puertas. Arreglamos nuestras aulas en los edificios de las escuelas primarias y secundarias. Pusimos un nuevo sistema de HVAC en la Iglesia y en el gimnasio, mientras agregamos un nuevo sistema de calefacción en la Escuela Secundaria. Pusimos un techo nuevo en el gimnasio y volvimos a sellar el techo en el edificio de la Escuela Primaria. Agregamos una nueva y amplia Capilla de Adoración. Completamos el área de la capilla del Mausoleo en nuestro cementerio y agregamos dos columbarios, junto con una nueva área conmemorativa. Agregamos la Academia St. Thomas More al patrimonio de nuestra parroquia y tenemos una escuela secundaria parroquial por primera vez desde 1987. Mejoramos los pisos y la cocina de la rectoría, que probablemente se actualizaron por última vez durante la presidencia de Thomas Jefferson. Agregamos acceso Wi-Fi a nuestros edificios e implementamos Chromebooks en nuestra escuela secundaria

Mientras Tanto en Marydel. En La Inmaculada Concepción, los cambios en los últimos seis años son enormes. Cuando llegué a la Inmaculada Concepción, el temor de la gente era que me enviaron para cerrar la parroquia. Eso no era cierto. Me sentí como Winston Churchill cuando dijo, en 1942, como Primer Ministro, "No me he convertido en el Primer Ministro del Rey para presidir la liquidación del Imperio Británico". No tomé la posición como párroco en Marydel para cerrar la parroquia, pero para mejorarla un poco. Y lo hicimos!

¿Qué Pasó? ¡Mucho! En ICC, pusimos nuevos techos en la Iglesia y en el Salón Parroquial. Restauramos la Iglesia a su aspecto original, con pisos de madera noble recién instalados. ¡ Re tapizamos las rodilleras de los bancos con la ayuda de un Eagle Scout! Limpiamos y pulimos

todos los bancos. Agregamos un nuevo sistema de sonido en la Iglesia. Re trabajamos los extensos tentáculos de cables eléctricos que atravesaban el santuario de la Iglesia. Con la ayuda de la comunidad hispana Colocamos un nuevo piso de loza sellado en las aulas de CCD debajo de la Iglesia. Renovamos totalmente el salón parroquial hasta los postes, y creamos un nuevo Salón Parroquial, completo con sistema de proyección de video. ¡Renovamos toda el área de la cocina y los baños del Salón Parroquial, por lo que no solo es más agradable de ver, sino más importante, más agradable para el inspector de salud del condado! Tomamos uno de nuestros edificios parroquiales no utilizados y se lo entregamos a nuestros Caballeros de Colón como un salón de juntas del Consejo; han hecho maravillas con él. Agregamos Wi-Fi a nuestra propiedad de la parroquia, lo que permite que las personas se distraigan en los iPhones y iPad en más ubicaciones que nunca. Y reemplazamos o mejoramos los sistemas de HVAC en la Iglesia, la Oficina Parroquial y la Rectoría (con el Salón próximo en la lista).

El Quien. Todo esto sucedió, en Dover y en Marydel, gracias al apoyo de mis hermanos sacerdotes, nuestros diáconos, nuestro personal parroquial y, especialmente y sobre todo con el apoyo de los fieles, nuestros feligreses. Tanto en la Santa Cruz como en la Inmaculada Concepción, había y hay muchos pequeñas reparaciones que también se arreglaron, reemplazaron, agregaron o actualizaron... y agregarlos a esta columna tomaría, bueno, otra columna entera.

Mirando Hacia el Adelante. Pero en todas estas cosas, no importa cuán grande o pequeño, cuán significativo o insignificante, todo lo que hacemos en nuestras parroquias, aunque sea práctico, necesario o embellecedor, todo se hace es para la mayor gloria de Dios y Señor Jesucristo. La existencia misma de nuestras dos parroquias es poner faros de la luz de Cristo en la comunidad, en medio de un mundo muy a menudo lleno de oscuridad. ¡Y nuestras dos parroquias brillan con el amor de Cristo! ¡Brillan! Y comienzo mi segundo período de seis años en estas dos parroquias, es mi esperanza y mi expectativa, ver que la luz de Cristo continúe brillando intensamente a través de la fidelidad de nuestra gente fiel. ¡Estoy seguro de que no me decepcionarán en lo absoluto!
¡Dios los bendiga a todos!

Tuyo en Cristo
El padre James Lentini,
Párroco