



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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Dover, Delaware

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

August 14, 2022

20th Sunday Ordinary Time

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

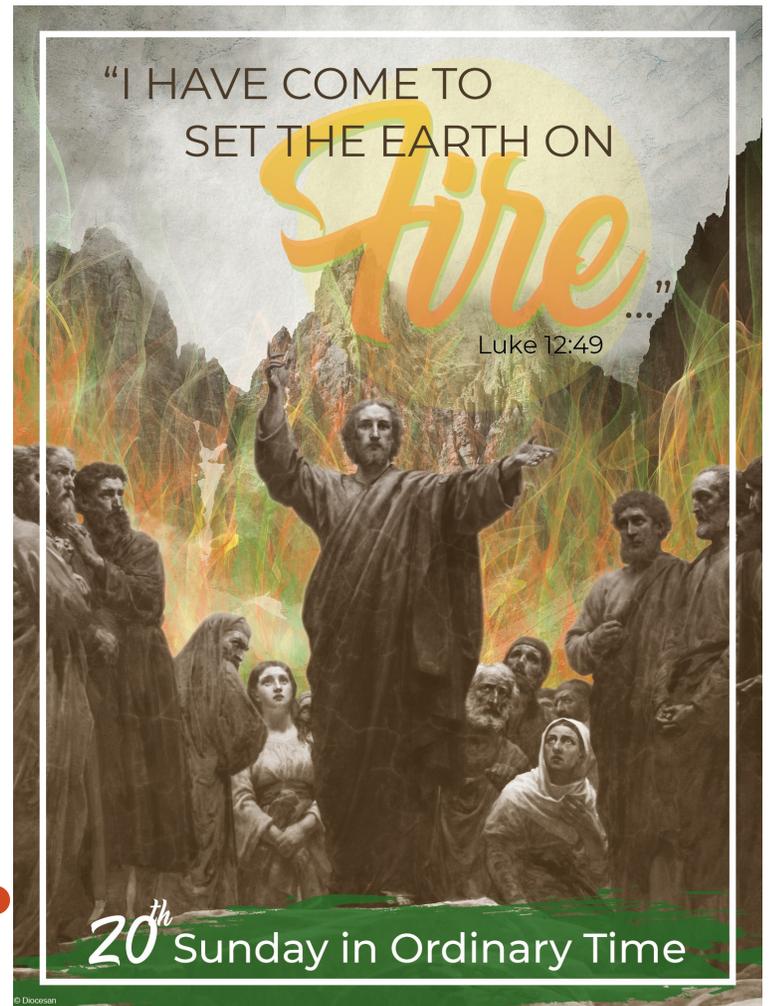
Monday-Saturday, 8 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day,
MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,
Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am – 10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am – 9 pm



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 9:30 am
Thursday, 6:30 pm

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

ASSUMPTION

The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is NOT a holy day of obligation this year. The Mass on Monday, August 15, we will have the 8 am Mass only.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, August 20th, Kristen Van Uden from Sophia Institute Press will discuss the new book, "The Wrath of God: How to Read the Signs of the Times and Recognize the Evils of Our Age," by theologian, Fr. Livio Fanzaga. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

July 31, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$25,606	\$26,500	(\$894)
YTD	\$126,212	\$132,500	(\$6,288)
Needs	\$1,640	\$1,604	\$36

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending July 31, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$4,397
Second Collection	\$413

SWITCH TO EGIVING THIS SUMMER (HC)

Online donations through Faith Direct help sustain our parish ministries and keep our offertory consistent during the busy summer vacation months. If you make the switch today, you'll be giving steady, consistent support to the parish ministries you care about most in the months ahead – even if you're out of town during summer weekends.

Dear Parishioners,

With August 15 upon us, thoughts turn to one of the major holy days of the summer months: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Now, it might be many people's "assumption" that August 15, 2022's Solemnity of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation. But this year that assumption is not correct. It is true that in a typical year, the Solemnity (high holy day) of the Assumption is a "holy day of obligation." But not this year.

In this column, I will build up the gumption to explain why this assumption about the Assumption is a wrong presumption, after which there will be a resumption of the regular pastor's column about the story of the Assumption. In normal English: I will explain why – sometimes – the obligation of a Holy Day of Obligation is set aside. As they say at the beginning of every "Brady Bunch" episode... here's the story:

Of Riddles and Holy Day. As many of you know, I like puns and riddles. Like, "Why didn't the photon take luggage on his trip?" Answer: Because he's traveling light. Yeah, that's my punny sense of humor. But I had an inspiration who moved me to enjoy pun. Who? Well, for those familiar with the comic book superhero "Batman," you will undoubtedly be aware that one of his nefarious nemeses is "The Riddler." The ever-giggling Riddler's *raison d'être* was to leave riddles as clues to his upcoming crimes. His riddles were corny, dryly humorous and oft punny – and yes, he is my inspiration. Among his riddles to Batman in comics and on TV:

"Which President wore the largest hat?" (The one with the largest head)

"Why is a woman in love like a welder? (They both carry a torch)

"How can one get into a locked cemetery at night?" (With a skeleton key)

To follow in the Riddler's footsteps, I have a riddle, too. Riddle-me-this: When is a Holy Day of Obligation not a Holy Day of Obligation? Here's the long answer to this short riddle:

The Way We Were. Prior to 1991, a Holy Day of Obligation was always a Holy Day of Obligation – no matter what. It was a solemnity which either the Universal Church and/or the U.S. Bishops elevated to the status of being treated fully like a Sunday, including obligatory Mass attendance. There were six Holy Days of Obligation, to wit, the Solemnities of: the Immaculate Conception; the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas); Mary, Mother of God; the Ascension; the Assumption

of the Blessed Virgin Mary and All Saints.

Mass-ive Change. But on December 13, 1991, this all changed. On that date, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops decreed that effective that liturgical year: Mary, Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption (August 15) and All Saints Day (November 1), would be governed by a new regulation, namely, if any of those Holy Days fell on a Saturday or Monday, the precept (i.e., the obligation) to attend Mass was removed. According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in a statement approved by the Vatican in 1991,

"Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogate."

Rhyme and Reason? Why only those three Holy Days of Obligation and not the other three? Well, there is a rhyme-and-reason to this new rule not applying to the Ascension, the Immaculate Conception and Christmas:

- The Ascension of the Lord is observed on either a Thursday or Sunday (depending on the Diocese) and would never be affected by the rule.
- The Immaculate Conception is the National Patronal Feast of the United States, and by that designation must always be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.
- The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) is one of the two great feasts of the Church year, and by Canon Law must be a Holy Day of Obligation throughout the world.

Back to the Future. So, this year, when the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary lands on Monday, August 15, it will still be a solemnity (high holy day) but it will not be a Holy Day of Obligation; that is, it is not to be treated like a Sunday. Thus, the Mass schedule for the Assumption, this year, will remain that of our usual weekday schedule, i.e., there will be an 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross. Next year, when the Assumption lands on a Tuesday, the Holy Day Mass Schedule at both parishes will be again in effect: multiple Mass at each parish, including a Vigil Mass (i.e., Mass the evening before the Holy Day) in each place. So, when is a Holy Day of

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Brennan Ferris	Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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HC STAFF

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Arline Dosman	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. I18
Tammy Korosec	CRE Religious Ed, ext 122
Linda Darling	Youth Ministry, ext. 123
Justin Wurzel	Maintenance Director
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 302 674 5787
holycrossdover.org/school

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When Jesus was approached by those who wished to become disciples, he invited them to "...come and see," that is to come and be with me and my disciples for a while. Walk with us – learn who we are. Then make your decision to become a disciple.

Pope St. John Paul II said, "It is not enough to discover Christ – you must bring him to others!" The words of our Holy Father should encourage us to reach out to a neighbor, friend, relative and co-worker. If they do not have a church home, invite them to consider Holy Cross.

We are already making contact and responding to those who are interested in journeying with us to discover more about the Catholic Christian experience. Even if you have asked someone before they have passed up the opportunity, today may be the time that the Holy Spirit has chosen for them. Invite them to discover at no obligation what the Catholic Church is really all about. For more information, contact the Parish Office, 674-5787 extension 110 or 113.

SAMARITANS

Last Fiscal Year, the Samaritan Food Pantry provided food to 1,009 families (2208 Adults and 3576 Children) .

We are asking for the following foods to continue providing balanced meals to families needing assistance:
 (small packs of ground beef, tray pack or whole chicken, small beef or pork roasts)
 We have a freezer and drop box inside the left door in the building behind the Rectory. (unlocked 6 AM to 6 PM)
 Thank you for your donations.

21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (AUG 21)

FIRST READING: [ISAIAH 66:18-21](#)

The Church must be the Church of all the world, or it is not the Church of God.

SECOND READING: [HEBREWS 12:5-7, 11-13](#)

There is no healing without change. The Father is healing us by changing us.

GOSPEL: [13:22-30](#)

The narrow door makes us concentrate on the entry, not the door itself.

YOUNG AT HEART

We will resume our meetings on September 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the ELC Matthew/Mark room. Dr. Joe O'Donnell will be the speaker. The topic "Oliver Wendell Homes". Bring your own lunch. We will supply water, individual bags of chips and dessert. There is no charge.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our prayers shawl ministry continues to meet each Tuesday morning from 10 am to 12 noon in the St. Luke Room on the second floor of the Early Learning Center Building. Newcomers are welcome. If you know someone who could use a prayer shawl or if you would like one yourself, please call the parish office and we can pass along the message to the group.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"[God] has lifted up the lowly and filled the hungry with good things. (Luke 1:52-53) Mary identifies with the lowly and hungry even as she accepts her role as being the mother of Jesus. Sometimes our deficiencies can show the power of God working in us. How does your beloved lift you up when you feel low?

PARENTING POINTERS

"...for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines." (Hebrews 12:6) What does discipline look like in your family? As a parent is it easy for you to find effective ways to correct a toddler or teen? As a child do you resent a punishment or get over it quickly. Are there any changes that any of you would like to make?

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Ret-ro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming weekend programs will be held August 19 - 21 and October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. To register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for an in-person or virtual experience getting closer to your spouse? Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! Many options for virtual events

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST

15 MONDAY
HC 8:00 am Dr. & Mrs. Robert Scacheri (LI)

16 TUESDAY
HC 8:00 am Katie Fortier

17 WEDNESDAY
HC 8:00 am Paul Kelly

18 THURSDAY
HC 8:00 am Taylor Howell
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

19 FRIDAY
HC 8:00 am Joseph Casey, Jr.

20 SATURDAY
HC 8 am Tony DiPietrantonio
HC 5 pm Virginia & John Hulka

21 SUNDAY
HC 7:30 am Benito Sefil
ICC 8:30 am Carmen Campanicki
HC 9:30 am Richard Mocoski
ICC 11 am P. O'Meara
HC 1:00 pm Alison Rifenburg-Osborne
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

can be found on our website www.wwmelmar.org. For additional information please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

SVDP MEETING AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

St. Vincent de Paul meeting the 2nd Mon. of the month at 5 pm, in the office meeting room.

Next meeting is Monday, September 12, 2022, at 5 pm.

HOLY CROSS AUG 20/21, 2022

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM D. Darling L. Darling D. Field P. Gerard G. Coyile M. Coyle L. Curley

LECTORS

L. Christiansen D. Kilby

7:30 AM C. Brown J. Chandler R. O'Neill M. Thompson B. Richardson L. Richardson E. Wadhams

LECTORS

J. Davis

9:30 AM K. Kelly S. Lascano D. McGinnis L. Olmstead J. Beugre C. Beugre E. Bydlon

LECTORS

S. Crossen C. Parks

11:30 AM TBD K. Espinosa C. Geronimo

LECTORS

A. Luna

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM G. Godfrey

LECTORS

K. Cairns

11:00 AM F. Cristiano

LECTORS

P. Meyer

1:00 PM To be determined

LECTORS

TBD

The Cathedral of Saint Peter, in the historic Quaker Hill section of the City of Wilmington, is the Bishop's own parish and the center of Catholicism in our diocese. It was built over 200 years ago – 50 years before the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington - and continues with a small but dedicated parish community and school. At the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, the diocese began live-streaming Sunday Mass from our Cathedral. That effort continues today. In 2015, Bishop Malooly, with the support of the priests of the diocese, instituted an annual special collection to support the maintenance and ministry of our Cathedral. This year, the collection will be held on August 13 & 14. More information is available at www.cathedralofstpeter.com and at www.cdow.org/cathedral. We thank you for your generosity.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL RE-UNION, YEARS 1963 - 1990

Open to all HC graduates and guest

Friday, August 26

6:30 – 10 pm

at HC Gymnasium, Live entertainment, snacks and beverages

Pay at door: \$10 per person



Saturday, August 27

4:00 – 11:00 pm

at Dover Elks Lodge, Saulsbury Rd

Dinner, beverages, dj -music (cash bar for some beverages)

Advance registration and payment required.

\$35 per person,

REGISTER/PAY at

HOLYCROSSDOVER.COM

Website has more details and hotel information

Also visit Holy Cross Dover on Facebook

Inquiries to bwinters@mitten-winters.com or

cpedrotty@mitten-winters.com

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

It's a question every Catholic man needs to ask - and answer. God calls you to lead with faith in all you do. The Knights of Columbus is here to help. We offer the Catholic faith formation, financial protection, and family resources that can help you grow as a father, husband, and leader. With the Knights, you can become the man you want to be - and your family needs. Learn more at KofC.org and find out how you can make a difference and enjoy the benefits of becoming a Knight. Lead, they'll follow.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Can you spare an hour to spend with Jesus? Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am to 9 pm Monday through Sunday We have openings where you can spend quality time with Our Lord. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

SUNDAY 6 am, 10 am, 5 pm, 8 pm

TUESDAY 6 am, 3 pm

WEDNESDAY 11 am

THURSDAY 12 pm

SATURDAY 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

- Los Obispos de los Estados Unidos están llamando a un avivamiento de tres años de la devoción y la creencia en la Presencia Real de Jesús en la Eucaristía. Crean que Dios quiere ver un movimiento de católicos en todo Estados Unidos, curados, convertidos, formados y unificados por un encuentro con Jesús en la Eucaristía, y enviados en misión “para la vida del mundo”. Estos tres años culminarán con el primer Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en Estados Unidos en casi cincuenta años. Casi cien mil católicos se reunirán en Indianápolis en una peregrinación única hacia la “fuente y cumbre” de nuestra fe católica. Que culminara con un Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en Indianápolis, Indiana del 17-21 de julio del 2024.
- Respondiendo a este llamado de la Iglesia a un Renacimiento Eucarístico, este septiembre, Holy Cross celebrará su fiesta Patronal (14 de septiembre - Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz) de una manera diferente a la habitual.
- A partir del martes, 6 de septiembre, de 2022 y continuando todas las noches hasta el miércoles 14 de septiembre de 2022, habrá Novena de la Santa Cruz (nueve días) de oración. Esto tomará la forma de una Hora Santa, centrada en la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento, todas las noches a las 7:00 p. m. Cada noche, la Hora Santa será presidida por uno de nuestros Sacerdotes o Diáconos, excepto el miércoles 7 de septiembre, cuando el Obispo Koenig presidirá la Hora Santa. Cada Hora Santa consistirá en Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento, escritura, homilía, recitación de las Letanías de la Santa Cruz, tiempo de silencio en oración, Bendición, recitación de las Divinas Alabanzas y reposición del Santísimo Sacramento. Asegúrese de unirse a nosotros algunas noches o todas las noches de esta novena de oraciones, del 6 al 14 de septiembre
- Para cerrar con broche de oro El domingo 18 de septiembre tendremos un Kermes y un torneo de Fútbol y venta de comida, necesitamos voluntarios que nos ayuden con donaciones, a preparar, vender y limpiar. Todos están invitados a participar de este evento que es la culminación de nuestras fiestas patronales y celebrando Nuestra Herencia Hispana.
- Es muy importante inscribir a sus hijos a tiempo para la Educación Religiosa. Las Inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa y Preparación para la Confirmación (HC - 2023) Las aplicaciones para inscribirse para

la Preparación para la Confirmación 2023 se pueden encontrar en el sitio web de la parroquia en holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christianformation/k-8-formation.

- Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en comunicarse con Tammy Korosec en tkorosec@holycrossdover.org o llame al (302) 674-5787 X 122
- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre - bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118
- La virgen peregrina está visitando casas, si usted desea tener la virgen en su casa por una semana por favor hable con la Sra. Marta Espinosa.

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

- La inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 está abierta, las inscripciones están disponibles para todas las familias y aún se aceptan. Debe inscribir a sus hijos cada año. Vuelva a Alicia Poppiti ahora, para que podamos estar seguros de tener suficientes maestros, libros y espacio en las aulas.
- Necesitamos Catequistas, Asistentes, sustitutos y ayudantes para el próximo año para la Educación Religiosa los domingos por la mañana, desde el 18 de septiembre hasta el 7 de mayo, de 9:40 a 10:50 a.m. Póngase en contacto con Alicia Poppiti @ 410 -482-8939 o dre@iccmaryl.org para obtener más información.
- Las inscripciones ya están disponibles.
- Nuevos Inscribiéndose: https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/new_sre_registration_form_2021.pdf
- Retornando Inscribiéndose: https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/sre_registration_form_2021.pdf
- Forma A en Inglés: https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/form_a_new.pdf
- Forma A en Español https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/form_a_spanish1.pdf

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education?

Registration forms available at <https://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>

If you have any questions contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossover.org or call (302)674-5787 X 122

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith) Catechesis Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF?

Registration forms available at <https://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>

If you have any questions please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossover.org or call (302) 674-5787

ADULT FORMATION

In English:
Father Mike_Schmitz
tinyurl.com/yknnjyc7



In Spanish:
Fray Sergio Serrano
tinyurl.com/3dfwydt7



CONFIRMATION AT HOLY CROSS

REMINDER - Registration for Confirmation Preparation may be found on the Parish Website under Teaching the Faith. Any teen entering 9th Grade to 12th Grade is invited to join us for Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring.

Parent Meeting - for teens beginning Confirmation Preparation
Sunday, August 28 at 5 pm OR Monday, August 29 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Please mark your calendar.

High School Peer Leaders -
Training for next year teens who would like to join the peer leader group will be held on Thursday evening, August 18 at 7 pm.
Reminder - deadline to let Mrs. Darling know you would like to be a peer was July 1! Please email her to let her know your plan to participate this year.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Religious Education registration for the 2022-2023 school year are available to all families registered in the parish, and are stilling being accepted.

Religious Education classes run Sunday mornings from September 25th thru May 7th, 9:40am-10:50am.

Please return to Alicia Poppiti at the ICC Religious Education office. You can also download and print from our website at:

New Registrants https://www.iccmmarydel.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/new_sre_registration_form_2021.pdf

Renewal Registrants https://www.iccmmarydel.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/sre_registration_form_2021.pdf

Form A in English: https://www.iccmmarydel.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/form_a_-_new.pdf

Form A in Spanish; https://www.iccmmarydel.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/form_a_-_spanish__1_.pdf

Your Assistance is requested for our School Year Religious Education: Wanted, to share faith and knowledge, as we are in need of Catechists, Assistants, substitutes and helpers for next year for Religious Education on Sunday mornings, from September 25th until May 7th, 9:40-10:50am. Contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482-8939 or dre@iccmmarydel.org for more information. We offer wonderful and faith filled formation days for you as well.

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CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL MASS

10:30 am September 1, 2022 at Tuckahoe State Park Lake Pavilion.

Bring your own lunch and stay afterwards to meet the families and learn more about our monthly homeschool support group. For more information, contact Jill King 410-556-6222 or Carm Powell 410-200-1346

To live without the presence of Christ in our lives leaves a void that cannot be filled with anything this world has to offer.

Those wooden signs. I find myself making a conscious effort to avoid becoming fixated on reading all the signs, big and small, square, rectangular, some humorous, and some not so, some espousing political persuasion, many declare allegiance to our country. Some proffer advice, while some are targeted to the pet owner and their passion for the four-legged. These small placards are found in just about every sort of retail establishment. Many are a little pricey, but no one seems to care because for now they continue to be hot items in the world of retail. I have a few in my home, in my office and you will undoubtedly see them in just about every classroom at HC. They have become a part of our culture.

Recently I had the privilege of visiting family across the country---just under 2500 miles away from where I live. We saw many beautiful natural sites, visited some tiny little towns, we ate lots of well-prepared food, and, of course, we did some shopping. In our daily touring we saw many symbols of a large metropolis---large scale marketplaces and impressive skyscrapers that in many cases rest alongside of very old and beautifully designed architecture that city government has allocated great stores of cash to insure preservation. The city proper is plagued with many of the same issues that plague other cities, but no one seems to be affected by it. People go about their daily appointed rounds seemingly (in my observation, at least) oblivious. It must be a coping mechanism, I told myself.

We were there for a brief time, but we did spend a fair amount of time in the city, while also traveling to points outside city limits. I saw one church in all my time there. And, while I admit that I could well have missed it, I never saw an American flag. I never even saw a state flag. I never saw anything that would have espoused any form of patriotism or Christianity. In all the shops we visited, there were none of those little wooden signs that line the retail shelves just a little over two thousand miles away. What a stark difference in culture.

Now, I'm not entirely against the whole "to each his own" concept. But, I couldn't help but to question---what are they teaching the children?

My husband and I were guests in the home of our hosts. I know their liberal lean. Out of respect, I didn't broach the subject of my observations. However, in unrelated conversation they both shared with us that their nieces and nephews are not churching, and their parents have left the decision as to any form of faith formation to them as they enter into adulthood. But, as I recall our time there in the great big city, I still wonder about the children and what lessons they are learning with respect to our country and our God, and what will be the impact on their lives as they grow older. Won't there be some kind of void? More troubling, will that void be recognized?

No child is born with inherent knowledge of the virtues of faith in God and allegiance to country. Children need guidance, direction, and instruction.

Most recently, it has been my experience to meet with prospective families who have sought information regarding enrollment. Our time together always includes the opportunity for them to ask questions following my discussion of school culture, our Catholic Identity, the strengths of our curriculum, schedules, teacher commitment, and all that sets HCS apart from the rest. I have learned through the questions they ask that many students in classrooms of other schools are not reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The absence of prayer is common knowledge. Parents are concerned over the lack of respect taught for community helpers. I have seen more than one sigh of relief when I assure parents that our students recite the Pledge of Allegiance every morning, and we pray as a school community. They are relieved to hear that the learning institution where their children are enrolled still clings to and is fully supportive of the virtues and beliefs held in their home. Some years back, PP (Pre-Pandemic) our school always enjoyed hosting representatives of law enforcement, the community fire stations, paramedics, EMT's; we enjoyed demonstrations of the canine units, the DSP helicopter, motorcycle units, mini tours of the ambulance and fire trucks. It was a day where we paid tribute to those who have dedicated their lives to our security and well-being. It's time we bring this back to HCS! Our children need to know and celebrate their service. It's heartwarming in that every parent I have approached to assist in the planning has been more than super-cooperative and super-willing to lend a hand, to be on site, and to speak to the children.

Also in the planning stage is a Veteran's Day celebration. Many of our moms and dads are serving America in one capacity or another. Our children need to know and celebrate their service.

We are more than just a little excited about our return to weekly Mass. In the era PP, you recall we were there every week. It sent a clear message to all of us last spring when we had our end of the SY Mass. While the students were well behaved, their participation was nil to nothing; and their focus was off target. The message came through loud and clear. We had to get the children back to church. Children learn by doing. Children learn from their role models. HCS teachers are good and positive role models for their students as they provide a faith-filled learning environment, and insuring a Catholic values-based education.

God, Country, Family. Virtues upheld and supported by the HCS community.

Past, present, and future.

Obligation not a Holy Day of Obligation? When it lands on January 1, August 15, or November 1, and those days are Saturdays or Monday.

The Assumption. Sherlock Holmes is greatest fictional detective and solver-of-mysteries in the world (though I suspect Columbo might give him a run for his money). One of the great qualities embodied in author Arthur Conan Doyle's character, Sherlock Holmes, is the ability to make logical deductions (the intellectual type, not the IRS type). By looking at a crime scene, examining facts, and assessing character traits, Holmes was able to solve some thorny mysteries. He put the crew driving Scooby-Doo's "Mystery Machine" van to shame. And when by deduction he solved the mystery and revealed the truth of the situation, his aide-de-camp Dr. Watson would look amazed and say "How did you figure it out?" And, Sherlock Holmes would reply, "It was elementary, my dear Watson."

A Dogma Unleashed. That power of deduction, so seminal to the actions and work of Sherlock Holmes, are also applicable to Theology. By examining evidence revealed to us, we can rightly deduce some proper conclusions about God and salvation. On Monday, August 15 we observe the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is an observance of an event in Mary's life and in salvation history. This event, which is a declared dogma of the Church, was held nearly universally for centuries before its official declaration. Why? Because what it asserted made logical sense and could be deduced by facts made known to us by revelation.

Untainted Love. Here is the basic premise: the wages of sin, results in death. Death came into the world by Adam and Eve's first transgression; the preternatural gifts that had been given to man were squandered by their act of disobedience. Thus, man was cast out of paradise, and the "gates of Heaven" closed. Later in salvation history, after covenants offered by God had been unsuccessful with mankind, comes the time of our redemption. Mary is the "new Eve" – she is conceived in the womb of St. Ann without the taint of original sin. Later in her life, she was asked to bear the Son of the Most High – Jesus. Mary, with a heart full of love, answered with a resounding "Yes." By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ was conceived in her womb. He was to be the "new Adam" – the first born of the "new creation." And he was. We know the rest of the story – he suffered, died, and rose that we might have new life and Heaven could await us.

Paradise Found! Mary, unlike us, was conceived without the taint of original sin, which is the cause of death as we know it. But Mary, our Blessed Mother, lived a sinless life. Thus, at the end of her earthly life, she would rightly be able dwell in paradise – in Heaven. Just as Eve before the fall of man dwelt in paradise, so too, Mary. Because of her unique status, Mary was assumed – taken up – body and soul, into Heaven. There was no need for her to wait for that final resurrection; she already possessed all she needed to dwell with God.

Try Saying "Munificentissimus" 3-Times Fast. Thus, in 1950, Pope Pius XII, spoke infallibly on the matter and declared Mary's place in heaven. In his document, "*Munificentissimus Deus*" ("The most bountiful God"), put forth on November 1, 1950, the Pope declared that the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a dogma of the Catholic Faith; that it was a matter of truth, part of the Deposit of Faith, handed down to us through Sacred Tradition. Second Vatican Council re-affirmed Pope Pius XII's doctrinal teaching about the Assumption of Mary. In the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, entitled *Lumen Gentium* ("Light of the Nations"), the Council echoed the Pope's declaration that "*the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things.*"

A Reasonable Assumption. And so, from a point of deductive reasoning, the teaching of the Assumption of Mary – as declared by Pope Pius XII and passed down by Sacred Tradition – makes perfect sense: If original sin separated us from dwelling in Paradise, and Mary lacked the stain of original sin and remained sinless throughout her life, she would, at the end of her earthly life, be assumed into Heaven. Elementary, my dear Watson! Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

Yours in Christ,
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