



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

August 15, 2021

Assumption of Mary

holy cross

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
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday and Friday, 12:10 pm
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-Midnight (temporarily closed)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

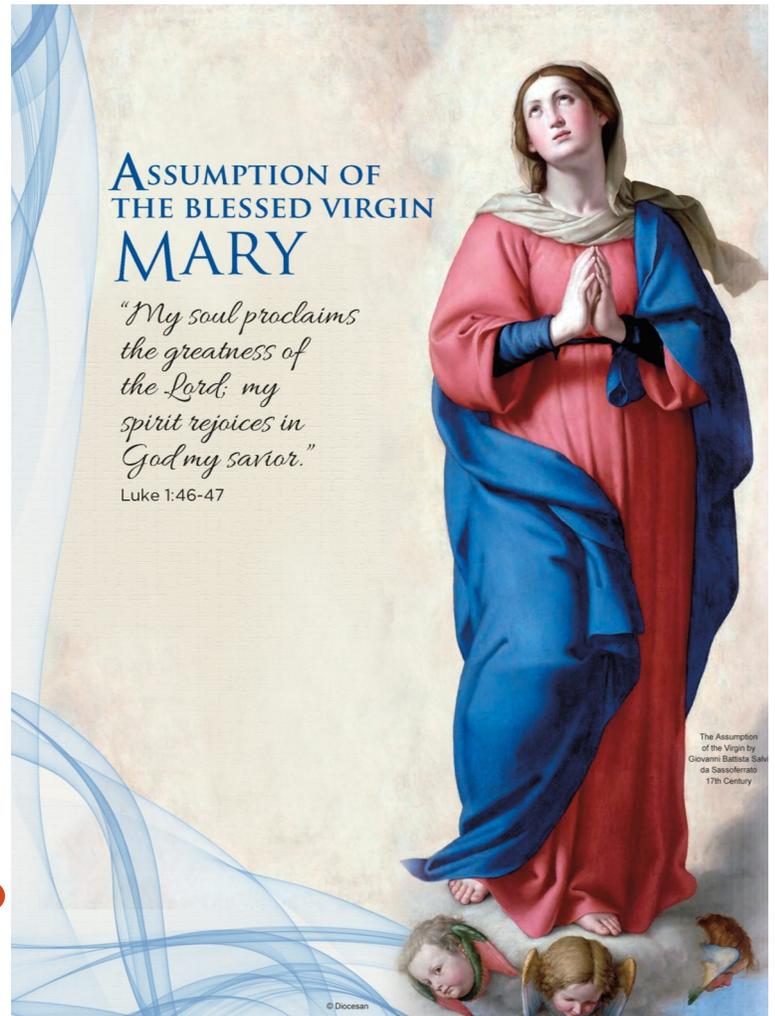
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*"My soul proclaims
the greatness of
the Lord; my
spirit rejoices in
God my savior."*

Luke 1:46-47

The Assumption
of the Virgin by
Giovanni Battista Salvi
da Sassoferrato
17th Century

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.

WILMINGTON MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Join the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage with Bishop



William Koenig at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on September 25, 2021, from 10 am to 4 pm.

A bus will leave from Holy Cross approximately 7 am. Right now we have a school bus reserved but are trying to find a coach bus. Limited seats available. Cost is \$15. Call the Parish Office to reserve your seat. Payment must be received in order to hold your seat.

Schedule includes 10:15 am Opening prayer, 10:30—Noon tours of the grounds, 12:30 pm lunch, 1:30 pm holy hour and confessions, 2:30 pm benediction and reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and ends with Mass at 3 pm.

We are trying to reserve a spot to stop for dinner on the way home but watch for details on this.

Any questions, please call the Parish Office at 302-674-5787, ext 110.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

August 1, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$21,159	\$25,700	(\$4,541)
YTD	\$124,934	\$128,500	(\$3,566)
Needs	\$1,304	\$1,480	(\$176)

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending August 1, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,915
2nd	\$311

For Holy Cross, you can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card.

We appreciate your generosity to the church.

Dear Parishioners,

This column is a continuation of last week's column on the Titles of Mary.

Meanwhile in Vilnius. One image of Mary, indicating her Immaculate Conception, is titled Our Lady of the Gate of Dawn. It developed in the Lithuanian city of Vilnius, when the city was besieged by the Swedish Army in 1702. Things looked bleak, but people turned in prayer to this image of Mary, crowned with twelve-stars indicating her Immaculate Conception. Suddenly the city-gate fell forward in collapse upon the advancing Swedish soldiers, scattering them and giving the Lithuanian forces the advantage of surprise. To this date, the image of Mary, the Immaculate Conception as our Lady of the Gate of Dawn is honored in Lithuania.

Meanwhile in Obando. Another famous image of Mary, as the Immaculate Conception is found in the Philippines, under the title of Our Lady of Salam-bao. Originally named by the Spanish as Nuestra Señora dela Inmaculada Concepción de Salambáo, or Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception of Sa-lambao. The devotional history of this image of Mary dates to the 18th century, when Filipino fisherman caught this statue of Mary in their net. The ship was held mysteriously in place and would not move to shore until it is was decided to bring the ship to the town of Obando, where the people had a special devotion to Mary. The statue remains there to this day, replete with its twelve stars indicating Mary's Immaculate Conception.

The Assumption: The dogma of the Assumption (celebrated on August 15) tells us that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven." This was declared a dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*. Titles derived from this dogmatic truth about our Blessed Mother are, among others, "Our Lady of Assumption" and "Queen Assumed Into Heaven."

The Assumption is dogmatic truth to be held by all the Catholic faithful. It points to the hope of Heaven, while Christ died, rose, and ascended to Heaven, the question that lingered was, "What about us?" Mary answered that question, by going where her son went, to that kingdom of joy and peace. There are nine further titles rendered by Mary as relates to her assumption, among them: Our Lady of the Assumption, Mary, Most Holy in her Glorious Assumption; Great Queen, who wast Assumed to Heaven Most Gloriously, and Mary, Assumed into Heaven.

Meanwhile in Ta' Pinu. The Blessed Virgin of Ta' Pinu, a title of Mary that speaks to location, is a derived directly from Mary as the Assumption. In Ta' Pinu on the island of Gozo (near Malta), a Vatican

delegate was dispatched in 1575 to check on the state of the many local chapel buildings located away from the main parishes. Finding most of them in bad condition, he ordered them torn down and rebuilt. Nearly all were torn down, but when they got to the shrine at Ta' Pinu, with its image of Mary of the Assumption adorning it, the first workman swung his arm with a sledge hammer to begin demolition – and his arm broke. Similar, event followed in the days ahead, and all agreed that this was a sign that this shrine should be left alone. And it was. And it stands today, and its image of Mary commonly called "Our Lady of Ta' Pinu" remains as a source of great devotion for the islanders of Gozo.

Doctrinal titles of Mary

There are also titles of Mary that while not dogmatic, are of sufficient weight to hold some doctrinal sway in our understanding of Mary.

First and Best Disciple. Mary was the only one in human history to love Jesus as her son and her God. In saying "yes" to the Holy Spirit and bearing the Son of the Most High, she became a disciple of Christ even before Christ was born. In that way, she was the first disciple of Christ, the first Christian. She was also the best because of her fiat, her openness to God's will, her cooperation with God's grace, her working for the redemption wrought by Christ, and her staying with Christ from the beginning of his life to the end. Her devotedness to God is best summed up in Luke 1:38: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Mother of the Church. Because the Church is of Jesus Christ, and Mary is His mother, it is only logical to call her Mother of the Church. Our Lord also indicated that Mary be the mother of the Church when He presented her to St. John at the foot of the cross, with the words "Behold your mother." John 19:27. Pope Leo XIII, and Paul VI both declared that Mary should bear this title. More recently this titled has been rendered as Mary, Mother and Model of the Church – as Mary is the model for all of us as we strive to serve Christ in his Church; she sets the example of faithfulness and devotion that each and every one of us would be wise to heed and follow. The feast day "Mary, Mother of the Church" is celebrated the day after Pentecost.

Queen of Heaven. Mary is known as Queen of Heaven because of scripture. "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;" Revelation 12:1. She is often depicted in art with these symbols. The Church celebrates this title with a memorial on August 22

HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mano Salla	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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NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newly baptized members:

Grayson Pablo Gomez Diaz, Peter Rafael Gomez Diaz, Neizan Perez Barrios

RECENTLY DECEASED

Condolences to the families of *Rev. Thomas Peterman, Richard Soladino* who recently passed. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

NEWLY REGISTERED

Welcome to our newest parish members: *Rony, Yamaris, Miguel and Rony Zabala*

FAMILY RETREAT

Labor Day Weekend—September 3 – September 5, 2021 – Malvern Retreat House
Join families of all sizes and ages for a week-end of music, arts & crafts, outside games, Mass and Reconciliation services, and organized activities for families, toddlers, teens, and parents.

Stay the weekend in the Malvern Retreat House’s new Family Life Center - fully enclosed on a single floor, each room has two beds-shower-bathroom (kid’s love this set up), meals are provided throughout the weekend including a picnic on Saturday and plenty of snacks and refreshments available anytime. Plenty of time to explore the 100+ open and wooded acres.

For more information email / call Lynne Sadusky at (302) 272-8698 or rlrzmt@comcast.net

Or visit the Malvern Website: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/family-labor-day-4/>

READINGS FOR AUGUST 22

22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-8

SECOND READING: JAMES 1: 17-18, 21B-22, 27

GOSPEL: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

What does it mean for a person to be consecrated to Saint Joseph?

It basically means you acknowledge Saint Joseph is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to Saint Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The person who consecrates their self to Saint Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give his undivided attention, protection, and guidance to those consecrated to him.

When will the next group consecration occur at Holy Cross?

The next group consecration will occur on Saturday, August 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the church. While it is being sponsored by the Men of the Holy Cross men's group, everyone is welcome, and encouraged, to attend.

What do I have to do to prepare myself for consecration?

First, purchase the book: *Consecration to Saint Joseph*. (If you are currently under financial hardship, please email the Men of the Holy Cross, and they will gladly provide a copy for you.)

The book has preparation methods for individuals and groups. You will follow the individual preparation method, which is the main part of the book, for Days 1 through 32. Day 33 and the consecration will occur on August 21 as a group.

Ideally, Days 1 through 33 are contiguous, but that is not an absolute. If you prefer this approach, you begin Day 1 on July 20. Otherwise, begin as soon as you are ready, and complete Day 32 no later than August 20. You will spend about 20-30 minutes each day reading a short exposition on one of the invocations in the powerful Litany of Saint Joseph, followed by a reading on Saint Joseph, and concluding with the recitation of the Litany of Saint Joseph. On August 21, we will recite the same consecration prayer together as a group.

What is the agenda for the event on August 21?

The agenda is basically the Day 33 agenda that is given in the book. However, it will occur during Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction of the

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST

16 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Spc. Matthew E. Schneider

17 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Robert M. Sadusky, Jr.

18 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Regolina & Elliott Fam. (DM)

19 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Charles Pitts
ICC 6 pm For the People

20 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Sgt. Ralph Porras

21 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Mike Seams
HC 5 pm Haydee Molina Lugo

22 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Cua It Yao
ICC 8:30 am Loretta Edwards
HC 9:30 am Ernie Lana
ICC 11 am Christopher Powell
HC 11:30 am Margaret Jesse
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

Most Holy Eucharist.

What can I do if I cannot attend the group consecration on August 21?

Just follow the instructions in Consecration to Saint Joseph from the Individual Preparation Method as soon as you are ready.

How may I obtain more information about being consecrated to Saint Joseph or the Men of the Holy Cross men's group?

For more information about the Consecration to Saint Joseph, please visit the official website at www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/index.html.

For more information about the Men of the Holy Cross men's group, either visit their webpage on Holy Cross' website, or send an email to the Men of the Holy Cross via Reggie Capitan at reggie@thebrickdoctor.com.

MASS MINISTERS

A SCHEDULE FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS WILL NOT BE PUT OUT AT THIS TIME. PLEASE STEP FORWARD TO ASSIST AT THE MASS YOU ATTEND.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO LET OTHERS HAVE A CHANCE TO COME FORWARD SO THEY, TOO, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST AT MASS. WE HAVE MANY WHO WANT TO ASSIST BUT NEVER GET THE CHANCE TO STEP FORWARD.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Lector Schedule for July/August 2021

At Holy Cross:

5 pm Mass

Aug 14 K. Bassett
Aug 21 D. Dixon
Aug 28 D. Kilby

7:30 am Mass

Aug 15 R. Pritchett
Aug 22 C. Cuffee
Aug 29 J. Davis

9:30 am Mass

Aug 15 M. Sherlock
Aug 22 T. Baurly
Aug 29 S. Crossen

At Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass

Aug 15 D. Smith
Aug 22 T. Thompson
Aug 29 K. Cairns

11 am Mass

Aug 15 D. King
Aug 22 L. Schlaupitz
Aug 29 S. Tucker

If you wish to be considered to lector at Holy Cross, email Diane at belt@holycrossdover.org so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector.

At ICC, please get in touch with Marilyn Dixon at mdixon@iccmaryladel.org Thank you.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

The Adoration Chapel is open again each day from 5 am to 9 pm. If you would like to take a permanent time slot, it's not too late. Call Joann Pate at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you and/or your family.

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories are in the Parish Office. If you have not picked up your copy yet, please stop by the office to get your copy. It is best to please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it ready for you to pick up.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

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 POINTERS

If your kids are of school age, it will soon be time to return. Most schools will be different post pandemic – even if it means going back to almost normal. Of course you'll talk about this, but also listen – to what they've learned during 2020-21 and what they fear.

FAITH DIRECT

The more people use eGiving, the stronger foundation we will have for ministries that bring hope in times of uncertainty. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/DE251. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, August 21st, tune in to learn about the new book, "Carlos Acutis: A Millennial in Paradise," by Fr. Will Conquer when Michael Lichens from Sophia Institute Press is the guest. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640, or listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Catholicforum.

NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANA

- Caminamos por FE con nuestro obispo William Koenig y sacerdotes de la diócesis en una peregrinación Mariana a la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington D.C. el sábado, 25 de septiembre, 2021 de 10 AM – 4PM. Si usted está interesado por favor hablar con la Sra. Arline Dosman directora del Ministerio Hispano. Hay que anotarse para poder conseguir la transportación para la cantidad de personas y poder calcular el costo para el viaje para cubrir el gasto del bus. El itinerario del día: 10:15 Oración de apertura. 10:30-12:30 visita por el santuario y sus alrededores, 12:30 – 1:15PM Almuerzo, 1:30PM – 2:30PM Hora Santa y Confesiones y reposición del Santísimo Sacramento. 3PM – 4PM La Santa Misa en la Cripta de la iglesia antes de la bendición final el obispo bendecirá artículos religiosos que se haya comprado y va a re-consagrar la Diócesis de Wilmington al Corazón Inmaculado de María. Venga y acompañenos.
- Por favor de APAGAR o silenciar los celulares y todo aparato electrónico antes de entrar al Templo, que es un lugar sagrado donde se va a tener un encuentro con el Señor nuestro Dios.
- La virgen peregrina ya está visitando casas, si usted desea tener la virgen en su casa por una semana y rezar el santo Rosario con su familia con la imagen de la virgen peregrina anótese con la Sra. Marta Espinosa. Se le entregara a imagen el domingo al final de la misa y usted la devuelve el próximo domingo en la misa para e entregara la siguiente familia.
- Foro Cristino Comienza el viernes 17 de septiembre, 2021 a las 6:00 de la tarde el ELC. Volveremos a empezar con Symbolon: Explicación de la fe católica: conocimiento de la fe. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más. Si está interesado, comuníquese con la Sra Arline Dosman para Inscribirse. El costo es de \$ 25 para el libro del participante Parte 1

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA (IC)

** Inscripciones para el próximo año escolar 2021-2022: Necesitamos planear para maestros, espacio y libros. Por favor vea a la Sra. Alicia para que le entregue su aplicación para su hijo. Una

mesa estará afuera después de la misa para que se inscriba lo puede hacer en línea o en la oficina de la parroquia.

TE NECESITAMOS: ¡Se necesitan catequistas para el próximo año! Consulte con la Sra. Poppiti lo antes posible. Si se lo está preguntando, esta puede ser su vocación.

ESCUELA BIBLICA DE VERANO: Un gran agradecimiento a todos nuestros voluntarios, nuestro seminarista Eric,

¡Todos los que donaron artículos y especialmente nuestros niños!- ¡¡¡Nos vemos el año que viene!!!

Se están recolectando evaluaciones: Todas las evaluaciones de los estudiantes que están en sus paquetes de unidades, para las 4 unidades, entréguelo para el crédito de este año a la Alicia Poppiti, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o dre@icmarydel.org

Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones en la Inmaculada Concepción:

¡TE NECESITAMOS! NECESITAMOS CATEQUISTAS PARA EL PROXIMO AÑO. Si está pensando esto pue ser su llamado. Comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o dre@icmarydel.org

Symbolon: Explicación de la fe católica: conocimiento de la fe. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más, para 10 sesiones que se extienden a aproximadamente un marco de tiempo de 12 semanas. Si está interesado, comuníquese con Alicia Poppiti para registrarse. El costo es de \$ 25 para la Parte 1 y es necesario registrarse para tener su guía de participante. Presentado en el Salón del ICC los lunes por la noche a partir del 27 de septiembre., “Symbolon: La fe católica explicada es una nueva serie de videos asombrosos que presenta sistemáticamente la imagen GRANDE de la fe católica. Filmado en lugares en Roma, Tierra Santa, Calcuta, y en los estudios del Instituto Augustine Institute en Denver, docenas de maestros conocidos a nivel nacional presentan claramente la belleza y el brillo del catolicismo. Esta convincente serie contiene dos partes que incluyen diez episodios cada una. En la Parte 1, viajamos a través de las enseñanzas centrales de la Iglesia Católica descritas en el Credo y el Catecismo con el objetivo de conocer la Fe. En la Parte 2, nos enfocamos en nuestro encuentro con Dios en los sacramentos y la vida moral para que podamos vivir plenamente la Fe”.

REGISTRATION FOR 2021/22 REL. ED (HC)

2021-2022 Religious Education Class registration forms now available on line at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>. Registration for Religious Education is due July 16, 2021. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION PREP CANDIDATES (HC)

Please plan on attending a parent meeting for Confirmation candidates on either Sunday, August 29 OR Monday, August 30 at 7 pm in the Matthew Mark room of the ELC Building 2nd Floor. We will go over the schedule for classes, retreats, and answer any questions that come up.

If you have not returned your child's registration materials, please do so ASAP.

PEER LEADERS FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (HC)

Please let Mrs. Darling know your intent on continuing as a peer leader this coming year. Mark your calendar for Peer Retreat August 28 and 29. More details to follow.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (IC)

***Registration for next year 2021-2022: We need to plan for teachers, space and books. Please see Ms. Alicia to hand in your child's registrations. A table will be set up after most Masses for registration, online and at office.

WE NEED YOU: Catechists needed for next year! Please inquire with Mrs. Poppiti as soon as possible. If you are wondering, then this may be your calling.

Assessments are being collected: All student assessments that are in their unit packs, for all 4 units, are due to Mrs. Alicia Poppiti when unit is finished. Please hand in for credit for this year. Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmmarydel.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (IC)

A big thank you to all our volunteers, our seminarian Eric, all those who donated items and especially our kids! See you all next year!!!

SYMBOLON (IC)

Knowing the Faith: We are offering a video/study book series once again, for 10 Sessions that extend to approximately a 12-week time frame. If you are interested, please contact Alicia Poppiti to register. The cost is \$25 for Part 1 and registration is necessary in order to have your participant guide. Presented in the Hall at ICC on Monday evenings beginning September 27th.

Here is a brief description, "*Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained* is a stunning new video series that systematically presents the BIG picture of the Catholic Faith. Filmed on location in Rome, the Holy Land, Calcutta, and in the Augustine Institute studios in Denver, dozens of nationally known teachers clearly present the beauty and brilliance of Catholicism. This compelling series contains two parts including ten episodes each. In Part 1 we journey through the core teachings of the Catholic Church traced out in the Creed and Catechism with the goal of *knowing the Faith*. In Part 2, we focus on our encounter with God in the sacraments and the moral life so that we can be fully *living the Faith*."

FUND RAISER AT IC

To help defray cost of HVAC repair in church.

Fun & Nonsense 4 Shows

Bingo, Fun & Saintly Prizes

Sept. 11 at 4 PM and 6:30 PM

Sept. 12 at 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM

\$10 Donation

SVDP MEETING AT IC

St. Vincent de Paul meeting will meet from now on in the office building every month on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5 pm.

PARISH PICNIC AT IC

Saturday, September 25, from 2 to 6 pm.

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers provided.

Join us for Music, Hayrides, and Games.

Please bring a covered dish.

We are living in an age of uncertainty and often times it's unnerving. But we cannot go forth unprepared. We closed last school year feeling triumphant and very much looking forward to the new school year under what we remembered as normal conditions. We felt that as a nation, as a state, we might have rounded the bend. But if this isn't a case of "don't count your chickens before they're hatched," I don't know what is.

So, here I find myself having to make plans without knowing how to plan. It's like trying to prepare for a dinner party without knowing how many guests to prepare for. While we await a final word from the CSO, I feel a huge pressure to give our families some kind of direction. The worst-case scenario being I lead us all down the wrong path as we inch ever closer to August 30, 2021. I hope to know more in the time between my writing this week's installment and its actual publication. As I know, you will know.

For the here and now, we are grateful for what we have. We know we can open our doors to in-person instruction every day.

For the here and now, I am leaning toward the likely possibility of planning for another Drop-Off Day. You may recall, and for the benefit of our newest families Drop-Off Day is the day that would normally have been our "Meet The Teacher" Day, during which time our families would bring in all the bright and shiny new school supplies, the rolls of paper towels, the Kleenex boxes, and add to that list the packages of sanitizing wipes. Traditionally, it has been the Thursday before the first day of school, and the classrooms would be well on their way to opening day conditions. Students would happily greet one another in the hallways and stop in to see "old" teachers, it has always been such a festive day.

Last summer, however, we had to have our families meet their teacher on the exit driveway as supplies were dropped off from the back end of the vehicle. It was great to see our moms and dads and our sweet kiddoes--- albeit behind a mask; it had been five months since we said our good-byes on that Friday afternoon at dismissal.

When it comes to our sweet kiddoes, there is no amount of caution too great. If we cannot have parents in our buildings, we won't. I have often joked that no one has ever called to ask me for my opinion on important issues. It doesn't matter how I feel about the current climate in which we live, although I am willing to go on record as bitterly disappointed in the unanticipated turn of events. It doesn't matter the opinion of the faculty. We must all do as we are told.

Patience and understanding will see us all through. Please try to be understanding and considerate of the difficult position higher authorities find themselves in. These issues are discussed daily, consultations between those in the health care community, and the Catholic Schools Office are frequent. Dr. DeAngelo is a firm believer in getting word out in ample time prior to the need, but sometimes we find ourselves coming down to the wire before final words on decisions are received. Further news is forthcoming, I can assure you of that much. We all want to know. And we will.

The next step will be in the acceptance of those decisions. All I ask is that at the end of the day you put the good of your children first.

Recently, I was having a conversation with one of our teachers. You can guess the topic for discussion. One of the points made was the impact the wearing of masks had on our rate of absenteeism last school year. It was at a bare minimum. She mentioned, with some incredulity, that it was actually the family vacation that cost a few more in her class the 100% attendance, not illness. Food for thought.....?

Once again, all I ask is that you put the good of your children first. My pledge to you is that we always will.

each year ("The Queenship of Mary"). This title is also honored by our meditation on the last glorious mystery of the Rosary. It is also most common to reference Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth, recognizing that she, as Mother of God, gave birth to Jesus, fully divine, fully human, King of Heaven and Earth. Mary, Queen of the Universe is also another version of this title. Please note that there are 282 titles of Mary that include the designation of Queen including: August Queen of Victories, Queens of Angels, Loveliest Queen, Jubilee Queen, and my favorite, Mary, Heavenly Queen, whose Beauty Surpasses that of All the Angels and Saints Together.

Natural titles of Mary

Lady/Woman. Lady is a title of respect for a woman. Mary is the Lady of Ladies, deserving our greatest respect and admiration. She is the mother of God, the Queen of angels and saints. But matching her dignity is her ability and desire to draw us to her Divine Son. She is not distant but close. She knows and anticipates our needs and is ever ready to help us in prayer. And her love is honored by the faithful in many ways. Witness the innumerable churches and shrines dedicated to her. The greatest artists have devoted their talents in painting and sculpture to honor our Lady. Countries, cities and homes are placed under her protection. Islands, rivers and towns bear her name. She is God's Lady. She is our Lady. There are 463 common titles for Mary, invoking the name of Lady, and 93 invoking the name woman, among them Unparalleled Lady, Valorous Lady, Our Lady of the Snows, Our Lady Queen of All Saints, Woman without Peer, Woman Most Loyal, Woman of Seven Swords, and so very many more.

Daughter. Mary in addition to be a Lady, a Woman, a Queen and a Mother, was first a daughter. She was the daughter of Ss. Anne and Joachim; she was immaculately conceived in the womb of St. Anne, meaning she was preserved there from the taint of original sin. There are 51 titles for Mary, invoking the name daughter, among them First-Born Daughter of the New Law of Grace, Daughter of Jerusalem, Well-beloved Daughter, Exalted Daughter of Zion, Daughter of the Light Eternal, and so very many more

Notable Devotional Titles

Our Lady of the Rosary. She is known by this title by proclamation of Pope St. Pius V. Why? Well, in the 16th century, the Islamic Turks had prepared a huge fleet to sail west to attack southern Europe. The Pope begged that all Christians pray the Rosary for deliverance. They did. And the Turks were defeated at the great naval battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. In gratitude that the tide of history had been turned, Pope Pius V declared that October 7 would be a holy day, and that Mary should be known by this title: Our Lady of the Rosary. The memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7 is on the calendar of our Universal Church to this day.

Our Lady of Sorrows. This is another title bestowed through scripture. When Mary and St. Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple they were met by St. Simeon who told her "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce" (Luke 2:34-35). While this prophesy of sorrow is quite general, over the years, the number of sorrows attached to this title has solidified into seven. These seven traditionally are: the prophecy of Simeon, flight into Egypt, loss of Jesus in the temple, way of the cross, crucifixion, the taking down from the cross, and burial. The Church commemorates this title with a memorial on September 15, one day after celebration of the Feast of the Holy Cross.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Hermits living on Mount Carmel in what is today the land of Israel dedicated a chapel to the Blessed Virgin. Their religious order later spread and carried dedication to the Blessed Virgin with them through the brown scapular. This order eventually became known as the Carmelites. The optional memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on July 16.

Full Stop! And here is where I will stop as the list could go on and on; this is just a small piece of large tapestry of titles woven into our faith in Mary. These titles are descriptive at times, designative at times, citing of locations at times and giving of accolades and honors at times. But, no matter the title, the person to whom it is attached is our Blessed Mother, and no matter the predicate the subject is Mary. And these titles tell us about Mary, who in turn and importantly tells us about Jesus Christ, who is our light, our salvation, our savior and our redeemer, and the one on whom our eyes, our hearts and our minds should be focused upon.

Yours in Christ,
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