

CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

August 16, 2020

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday-Friday, 12:10 pm also
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am, First Friday, 8:30 am
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And her daughter was healed from that hour.

Matthew 15:28

Christ and the Canaanite Woman by Jean Germain Drouais, 1784
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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

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RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

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

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the parish 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.

THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

holycrossover.org

iccmarylodel.org

Holy Cross Church is unlocked and available for private prayer. The doors will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Daily Mass at HC at 8 am Monday through Saturday. Weekend Masses at Holy Cross are Saturday evening 5 pm, Sunday at 7:30 and 9:30 am, 11:30 am Spanish.

Weekend Masses at ICC are Sunday at 8:30 and 11 am, and 1 pm Spanish. Also a 9 am Mass on Saturday morning in Spanish

We are limiting access to the parish offices, so you can buzz when you stop by, or call and leave messages and we will get back to you; or, you can email us.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending August 2

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$21,537	\$27,200	(\$5,663)
YTD	\$132,908	\$137,600	(\$4,692)
Needs	\$1,473	\$1550	(\$77)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending August 2

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$1,866
Second	\$111

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs, and activities of Holy Cross and ICC are made possible.

“Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold.”

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time that we cannot gather together at Mass. 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 will call you back.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Parishioners,

Let me start off this column, saying a fond farewell to Fr. Bala who was with us for the month of July and the first few days of August. Fr. Bala had a wonderful experience here at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception, and was a great, and joyful, assistance to us. He is now safely back in India, and will be taking up his new role as a Pastor there, very soon.

And now we welcome our second summer visitor, Fr. Raju, another friend of Fr. Mano's from India. He will be with us beginning this weekend until later in September; he previously has assisted at St. Jude's Parish. I am sure he will find the great spirit of Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception parishes joyful and inviting. We welcome him with open arms.

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This weekend (on Saturday) we observe the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. As the Holy Day lands on a Saturday, it is not treated as a Holy Day of Obligation, and thus the normal Saturday schedule will apply.

On this Holy Day, the church reminds us, that "at the end of her earthly life Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven" to be with her Son in paradise.

Just the Facts, Please. Belief in the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven is not a mere conjecture of faith; as Catholics it is a statement of fact. Mary was assumed into heaven just as truly as Jesus died on a cross and rose from the dead for us. To believe one and not the other would deny a basic tenet of our faith, but would also cause of to lose sight of the message of the assumption, so beautifully stated in the Gospel on the Solemnity of the Assumption, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Can You Say Munificentissimus? In 1950, for only the second time ever, a Pope, Pius XII, spoke infallibly on the matter and declared Mary's place in heaven. In his document, "Munificentissimus Deus" (meaning "The most bountiful God"), put forth on November 1, 1950, the Pope declared infallibly that the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a dogma of the Catholic Faith; it is a matter of truth, part of the Deposit of Faith, handed down to us through Sacred Tradition. The time frame of the

announcement of this proclamation was particularly important to God's people; this infallible Papal proclamation told a 1950s world torn by the Cold War, living in fear of destruction, that a future of Blessed Hope in heaven awaits. Pope Pius XII's message was thematically similar to that of the Gospel proclaimed on the Solemnity of the Assumption, that tells us that "*what was spoken to you by the Lord would [will] be fulfilled.*" That message still needs to be resounded today, and peeled from every bell tower to a world needing to hear the clanging sounds of hope.

Seconding the Motion. The Second Vatican Council taught, and affirmed in the strongest possible language, Pope Pius XII's doctrinal teaching in this matter of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, entitled *Lumen Gentium* (meaning "Light of the Nations"), the Council expounded 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.*"



Ponderings. All this doctrine, and all of these expressions of the truth bound up in Sacred Tradition, and put forth by infallible declarations being said, many academics and great theological minds will banter back and forth about what the idea of "the assumption" means. Some academics will debate the scriptural basis for it; other will examine its source in Catholic tradition; others will debate whether the Assumption is miraculous or merely proper due to the Mary's unique role. But putting all

that to one side, a better question might be what does the Assumption of Mary mean in people's lives? The Assumption is in fact very important in people's lives – it is important because ultimately it doesn't speak simply to our understanding of Mary, but more importantly our understanding and relationship with God.

Mount St. Mary? The Assumption should carry a great deal of meaning for all of us. It shows that we can live a life worthy of heaven. That Heaven is not just open to us in some theoretical sense, but in the truest sense. Consider it this way, Mary, in her Assumption, was like the first person to climb Mt. Everest – she proved that it can be done. And she show that we can do it to; the journey is there for us, the tickets are purchased by the price of the blood of Christ, all we need to do is heed the will

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F. Pastor
 Rev. Mano Salla Parochial Vicar

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 Mr. Philip Belt Deacon
 Mr. John Harvey Deacon
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PRO LIFE CORNER

During this difficult time of Coronavirus Disease, abortion procedures continue throughout the U.S. and in Dover. Abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood are classified as ESSENTIAL SERVICES! You can save lives in Dover by praying with Holy Cross and other local church groups on Friday mornings from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover or by praying at home. If you pray at Planned Parenthood, please follow Governor Carney’s Social Distancing Guidelines.

Also, remember to pray for the most vulnerable and seniors who are most susceptible to the Coronavirus

MEN OF HOLY CROSS (NEW HIGH TECH VIDEO-CONFERENCE MEETINGS)

Are you a male between the ages of 18 and 99? Do you wish to learn more about prayer, faith and your vocation? Do you want to become a stronger father, husband or son? Do you want to build lasting friendships with catholic faith minded men? Join the Men of Holy Cross for our weekly meetings: Since the Corona virus and social distancing we have been meeting on Zoom Teleconference and it has been working out great. Just type in or click on the following link and it will automatically guide you through the Zoom Meeting application, set up and joining the meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/930861480> Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM for prayer, gospel reflections, Church teachings and timely discussions. If you want more information please contact us at 302-313-6935 or email MenOfHolyCross@gmail.com.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 23 21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 22:19-23

The Lord passes authority from one servant to another.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:33-36

Paul writes of the depth of God’s wisdom.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20

Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ, and Jesus gives him the keys of the kingdom.

MASS INTENTIONS

Any intentions listed at a time where we do not have a public Mass, will be honored by the priests as they say their private Masses. On the weekend, the priests will be saying other private Masses to cover all of the intentions that occur on the weekend when we do not have a public Mass. Your loved ones will still be remembered in prayer.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, August 22nd, tune in to hear an interview with Diocese of Wilmington Seminarian, James Gebhart. A video of this interview will be available at www.YouTube.com/DioceseOfWilm. After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "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.

VOCATIONS

The seeds of vocations are sown in the family. Through the loving support of parents who nurture the love of God in their children, young people see that serving God is an important and satisfying lifestyle.. So that you parents can encourage your children to listen to God's call in their lives, the following might be one of your prayers at home.

Lord, we thank you for our children.

You are Father and Mother to us;

Help us to be good parents.

*Make our home a place of life and love,
Where strangers are welcome and sins are forgiven.*

Make us a family, Lord.

*Whatever you may call our children to be,
Give us the grace to say "yes" and let go of their lives.*

May our family's love extend beyond our table

And be a blessing for the whole world.

Help us to have a part in making your Kingdom come. Amen.

God has the key to your life. Ask Him to show you how to be the best parents.

Serra for priestly and religious

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST

17 MONDAY

HC 6:30 am

HC 8:00 am

Edward Quinn

18 TUESDAY

HC 6:30 am

HC 8:00 am

Sophia & Michael Timtishin

19 WEDNESDAY

HC 6:30 am

HC 8:00 am

Joseph Casey, Jr.

Rina Lewis

20 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am

HC 8:00 am

ICC 7 pm

Tom and Dolores Kolakowski

For the People

21 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am

HC 8:00 am

Michael H. Seams

22 SATURDAY

HC 8 am

HC 5 pm

Cua It

James Teeney

23 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am

ICC 8:30 am

HC 9:30 am

HC 11:30 am

ICC 11 am

HC 1 pm

ICC 1 pm

HC 6 pm

Joan Nisch

Marge Messner

Gary Wessel, Jr.

Giovanni DeSandro

Mary Elizabeth Reilly Mayan

For the People

Gabriele Maddalena

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington by your generous donation during the special collection being taken in all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore on August 15/16. Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Malooly has been live-streaming weekend Masses from our Cathedral. You can view the Masses at YouTube.com/DioceseOfWilm. Your financial support will help us upgrade our live-streaming equipment and keep the effort going strong. If you would like to give a one-time or ongoing gift directly to the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington, please visit cathedralofstpeter.com/donate. We thank you for your support.

NO SCHEDULE FOR
MASS MINISTERS
AT THIS TIME.

PLEASE COME
FORWARD TO HELP
DISTRIBUTE
HOLY COMMUNION
AT THE MASS YOU
ATTEND. THE PRIEST
WILL INDICATE HOW
MANY EXTRA-
ORDINARY
MINISTERS ARE
NEEDED.

YOUNG AT HEART (HC)

Young at Heart Seniors will not start meeting in the Fall. We will inform you when the meetings will start again. Stay home, stay safe, and stay healthy.

NEWLY BAPTIZED (HC)

We welcome our newest baptized member into our community:

- Gabriella Zinkeng
- Seamus Gallagher

NEWLY REGISTERED (HC)

Welcome to our newly registered parishioner:

- Carl Dye

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories have been in the Parish Office for the past few months. Unfortunately we have not been able to distribute them due to the COVID situation. We hope to arrange for a weekend in the near future. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up. Please do not just show up to pick up your copy. We need to know ahead of time since we are limiting access to the office area. Sorry for this inconvenience.

RETURNING TO MASS

At present, we have the following guidelines to help keep everyone safe:

- Attendees are to **wear a face covering** when inside the Church (those under 13 do not have to wear a covering, and those 2-and-under are advised not to wear a covering).
- Pews have been marked off to accommodate social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church.
- **When receiving Holy Communion, please remember to stay socially distanced.** We encourage you to receive Holy Communion in your hand, but **if you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to be at the end of the Communion line.** There will be no Cup distributed at this time.
- As you leave the church, please **do not gather in the Gathering Space** or parking lot.

Since we are not scheduling ministers to assist at the Masses as of yet, we do appreciate the Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion who volunteer to step forward at the Mass they are attending to help distribute communion. Thank you.

SAMARITAN FOOD NEEDS (HC)

The Samaritan Food Pantry is collecting items to help with the great demands being placed on them during this crisis.

Please leave perishable items in the freezer by the Samaritan pick

up door and non perishable items can be left there also. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



The Samaritans also appreciate any monetary donations that have been sent in. Thank you for thinking of your needy brothers and sisters.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

It is good to pray and be a person of faith, BUT married couples don't always share the same faith or pray the same way. Even if you are of the same faith, ask each other how they describe God, what they really believe, or how they pray. You can be different but still united.

PARENTING POINTERS

What posture or gestures do you find helpful to pray? For some, kneeling feels most reverent. For others sitting, holding hands, or gazing at nature helps. Parents often bless their child at bedtime with the sign of the cross. There is no wrong way but lots of right ways.

Horario Temporal de las Misas Dominicales en

Holy Cross son: HOLY CROSS: En inglés - Sábado por la tarde a las 5:00 p.m., domingo a las 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., En Español 11:30 a.m. **LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN**: Domingo: En inglés o: 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Español: Jueves a las 6:00 de la tarde, Sábado a las 9:00 de la mañana y el domingo a la 1:00 de la tarde. Por favor tenemos tres MISAS en español

Escoja una de las misas que desea asistir, no tiene que ir a todas las misas así alivia la conglomeración de la misa dominical y nos estará ayudando a obedecer las reglas de la pandemia Las reglas de la pandemia siguen en vigor .Todos tenemos que poner de nuestra parte y seguir las regulaciones gubernamentales de usar mascarillas en lugares públicos, distanciamiento social, lavarnos las manos con frecuencia ,si está enfermo quédese en casa y si respetamos estas reglas, juntos podremos salir adelante y superar como iglesia, como comunidad los grandes desafíos que estamos enfrentando con esta epidemia. Protegemos nuestra salud y la salud del hermano especialmente los más vulnerables. Las Confesiones en Holy Cross son los sábados de 8:45 a 10 de la mañana. En la Inmaculada Concepción después de la misa de las 9 de la mañana hasta las 11 de la mañana.

NUEVA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL 2020-2021:

Las inscripciones para el año escolar están disponibles en el sitio web o pueden llamar o enviar un correo electrónico a la oficina para que se lo envíen. Por favor inscribese antes del 1 de agosto, para que podamos hacer los planes necesarios para el año y

ordenar libros, materiales y suministros. A medida que trabajamos en el plan para el nuevo año escolar, para garantizar la seguridad de todos los estudiantes y sus familias, y los actualizaremos a todos cuando tengamos una agenda finalizada. Para la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción habrá inscripciones después de la misa los jueves y después de la misa en español los domingos.

VBS, Escuela Bíblica de Verano 2020

Celebraremos nuestra Escuela Bíblica de Verano totalmente diferente este año. Es una oportunidad para que toda la familia participe en casa y estamos entusiasmados de ofrecer una Escuela Bíblica de Verano llamada "Descubriendo nuestros tesoros familiares" para nuestros estudiantes de Pre-K hasta 6to grado! Esta es una oportunidad creativa para que usted y su (s) hijo (s) descubran juntos los tesoros escondidos que la fe trae a su familia. Tiene que inscribirse para recibir el material para este programa como una VBS en una bolsa! ;Tenemos 6 sesiones que se empaquetarán con algunos "tesoros" para que sus hijos disfruten! Cada sesión incluye: oración de apertura, historia bíblica, actividad de enriquecimiento, manualidades relacionadas, santo testigo y refrigerio Tendremos las "Bolsas VBS" listas para recoger el 2 de agosto. A medida que nos acerquemos a esa fecha, les avisaremos cuando pueden recoger su paquete. Las inscripciones cierran el 24 de julio, para que tengamos tiempo de preparar las bolsas. Simplemente envíe un correo electrónico a dre@icmarydel.org o llame al 410-482-8939 para registrarse. Incluya la edad y el nombre de cada niño y un número de teléfono de contacto.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION (HC)

Registration for the 2020-2021 Religious Education Program is now open. The Registration forms can be obtained at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation> and may be emailed back to tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or dropped off/mailed to the Parish Office. Please note, payment is NOT due at the time of registration. We would appreciate the forms back ASAP as we need adequate time to plan for the new year. Because of COVID, the class formats may change. We will update with any changes as soon as possible. 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.

CHANGES TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR 2020-2021 (HC)

Changes will be seen in the Religious Education curriculum. In Kindergarten through 7th grade we will be "Christ Our Life" series through Loyola Press. Loyola Press promises to bring some useful on-line parent and student resources. 8th grade will be using Loyola Press's "Called to Be Catholic" and the Ignatius Press "YouCat" and "YouCat Study guide" to help prepare for their 9th grade confirmation. The Living as a Family of Faith Family Catechesis (LAFF) program will be moving on to the 4th series in the Sophia Institute series "A Family of Faith: Christian Prayer". Any questions in regard to these changes may be directed to Tammy Korosec, Coordinator of Religious Education at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or by calling (302) 674-5787 X 122.

2019-2020 1ST COMMUNICANTS (HC)

The 1st Holy Communion for the 2019-2020 second grade class has been tentatively rescheduled for October 3rd. Further details will come out as soon as everything is confirmed. If this date is inconvenient for your family please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302)674-5787 X 122 as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (HC)

Registration forms for Confirmation 2021 have been emailed to families. They are also available on the Parish website under Religious Education - Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation. Please return them to the office as soon as possible. It will help in our planning for this coming year.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING (HC)

We will have an informational meeting for parents of teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2021 on Sunday, August 30 or Monday, August 31 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please have your registration paperwork in before the meeting, and have at least one parent present at one of the meetings. Please let Mrs. Darling know if you have any questions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC) NEW REGISTRATION FOR THE

2020-2021 school year are available on the website or you can Call/email office for them to be sent to you.

We will have a registration drive on Sundays following Masses in the grass area next to the parking lot, and we are asking that you please register by August 8, so we are able to make necessary plans for the year and order books, materials, and supplies.

Registration is needed before school.

As we work on the plan for the new school year, we are working to ensure the safety of all students and families, and will update you all when we have our plan in place.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions to Alicia Poppiti at dre@iccmaryl.org or 410-482-8939.

Teens/Parents/ Grandparents

We are **ChURch!** If you have interest in assisting with Religious Education Classes this year, please contact Alicia Poppiti today and be a big part of **UR ChURch!**

CONFIRMATION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR (ICC)

Forms are being mailed out to those youth that will be preparing this year.

Please fill out forms and mail back as soon as possible so that we can prepare our plan and materials for the year.

Dear Parishioners,

It has been six months since my routine of rising at 4:30 am was interrupted. It is the one single thing I have not missed one single bit. It won't be too very much longer that I will return to that routine. It is the one single thing I do not look forward to one single bit.

But it was at 4:30 am that the first alarm sounded loud and clear that the residents of my little town better seek cover because there was a real threat headed in our direction. Instead of heeding the warning my husband turned on the television. The alarm sounded again in less than 5 minutes. The path of the tornado did indeed threaten our little town. It could have been devastating. We saw it on the map. The forecaster was warning us to seek safe shelter. And the alarm sounded again. We headed down the stairs. The tornado, as tornados do, skirted us by. Towns close to us were not as fortunate.

We continued to watch the coverage as the local news station continued to track the storm. We watched it tear along at 35 mph. and picking up speed. It was heading due north. Galetown, Federalsburg, Hurlock, East New Market, it had its eye on Dover! Now, this is why I am **NOT** a meteorologist. I thought, well...the storms are driving across land and so it's bound to lose some of its steam, so there shouldn't be hardly any damage the further north it travels. That's usually the way of it, right? As I was thinking my meteorological thoughts, the alarm in my town sounded again. The skies were an ominous steel gray. The windsoh my, but the winds!!

Still glued to the old TV, I continued to watch as coverage of local tornado damage ran across the screen. Surely this was a southern event, and Dover was going to be just fine. Maybe they'll get the rain that had passed us by, minor flooding perhaps. I continued to follow the coverage. My ears perked up as I listened to the meteorologist say something to the effect that there was news coming out of Dover. The winds continued to howl on the other side of my door, and the TV screen went black.

I never heard another word. We were without power for nine hours. Mrs. Stant sent me a text message. She had no power and it appeared that Dover had not been spared. I sent Mr. Justin Wurzel, our Facilities Plant Manager a text message. How was Holy Cross? He let me know that Holy Cross appeared to be fine at that time. "It could have been a whole lot worse."

Our electricity was restored a little after 7 that night. Fishing perishables out of coolers as we refilled the refrigerator, and one turkey sandwich later, we decided to call it a day.

It wasn't until the next day that I learned from Miss Overstreet that William Henry Middle School had been declared a total loss. My meteorological intuition had failed me greatly. There was sheer devastation in and throughout Dover.

According to Justin, Holy Cross School never experienced a power outage. Holy Cross School didn't experience any flooding, there were no broken windows. Holy Cross School never lost so much as one single roof shingle.

On August 7th I released our plan to return to school. I admit that it's a brave plan. After six months we will fill the classrooms with children who have been deprived of the luxury of a typical school day. Our days won't be typical in every sense, but we will be back. I know some of our parents are a little afraid. But sometimes we have to accept our fears and go in afraid, armed with our faith and secure in the knowledge that God will NOT fail us.

When I returned to school on Thursday following the rampage of Isaias, I pulled onto Holy Cross property and experienced a perfect pocket of peace. Once again, I heard Justin's words...."it could have been a whole lot worse." I tell you, it was as if there had never been a storm.

Just like when we took the brave steps and ventured outdoors to survey the damage left in the wake of Isaias, it is now time to take the brave steps and take the children back to school. We have been experiencing a storm of another breed for the past six months. This storm, too, has left much damage in its wake. But God will forever shine his countenance upon us. My faith is strong. My belief is strong. My determination is strong. I believe with all that is in me that we will come through the obstacles, overcome the trials, and do what we have always done; we will do well by the children. We will provide quality in-person instruction every day. I have not spoken to one single HC teacher who has expressed one single reservation about returning to school on September 1st. And, the reason for that?? It is because Holy Cross School is that perfect pocket of peace.

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace."*

Numbers 6:24-26

Yours in Christ,
Linda Pollitt
Principal

of God, answer his call, and like Mary, be open to God's grace. In fact, in seeking the hope of Heaven, God gives us the inspiration and aid for the climb, the Church provides us the necessary equipment, and Mary provides us a role model, an exemplar — a heroine — who points the way to the top and shows that it's possible to get there. And through the many difficult moments in her her climb she reminds us that God Promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

World News. With that understanding of the Assumption in mind, how very appropriate it is for the Church to honor greatly the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day, this holy day, means so much not just to each one of us, but also to our world. What does this day mean to our world?

- This day represents hope in a world where we may sometimes be surrounded by hopelessness.
- This day we recall the role of Mary in salvation history: that just as "Eve closed the doors of paradise through sin; Mary through her sinlessness, opened them wide."
- This day we see what awaits us, when we allow Christ to be in our life, as Mary did.

This day we honor Mary for being the first of creation to be in heaven. First because she was sinless, first because she was pure, first because of her unique status as Mother of God.

Creed, Mystery and More. The reason that the Assumption for us is more than a nice legend or tradition, is that it prefigures what Christ promised to all of us... to be in his presence forever... this is why in our Creed we say "we look for the resurrection of the dead." It is because we yearn to be like Mary, so that we too can be with Jesus. The Assumption is not just a feast of honor to Our Lady; it is not just a Glorious Mystery we pray on our Rosary; it is not just scripture and theology. No: The Assumption is a day of hope. Hope that we too can share in the joy of Mary because she led the way; she leads the ways and she reminds that her Son is the way. In her assumption she showed what good can happen if we are open to God.

Importance of the Assumption. What is important in this idea of the Assumption is not simply that Mary was assumed, but rather that the hope of an assumption awaits each one of us.

Mary as the first and best disciple shows the way. Mary as the first recipient of the happiness of what awaits us, after the Resurrection, shows that we too can be assumed into heaven – body and soul. Yes: Mary was the first human person assumed into heaven but what we celebrate on the Assumption is the fact that she will not be the last.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

A vertical smartphone screen showing a photograph of a church interior, likely a sanctuary or altar area, with a priest in white vestments and a large cross on the wall.

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