



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

August 1, 2021

18th 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 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



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

Jn 6:32-33



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.

THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

holycrossover.org
iccmarylodel.org

Holy Cross Church 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.

Face masks do not have to be worn if you are fully vaccinated. If not, it is recommended that you still wear your face-mask over your nose and mouth. Thank you for your cooperation.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

July 18, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$29,088	\$25,700	\$3,388
YTD	\$74,388	\$77,100	(\$2,712)
Needs	\$1,651	\$1,480	\$171

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending July 18, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,984
2nd	\$203

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,

Before I get into these week's column, I want to address an issue of etiquette, manners.

In our society, etiquette and societal development tend to parallel one another. That is, as new conventions or practices appear, so to the etiquette that goes along with things. Hence, with the development of automobiles, the etiquette developed that you should kindly allow a car to merge into your lane; as buffets came into style, the etiquette developed that you should cut in front of someone in line; as movie theaters developed, you learned the etiquette that you should watch the movie quietly, in respect to those around you. The etiquette developed with the "technology" so to speak.

Phone and Games. One area of proscribed and prescribed behavior in societal development which has been left behind, overlooked or just ignored, regards the use of cell phones in public venues. Back in the day, you will remember, a phone was heavy black object that used to sit on a table in one's house, and you had to sit near that telephone table to speak on that phone. Then we got the phones with the longer cords, so we can talk on the phone, and continue to do things around the house. Then came the cordless phone; with that we could walk around the house, walk out to the mailbox or into the backyard and continue a conversation. All of these developments were telephonic progress, but all left the phone still firmly planted in and around the house.

Of Locusts and iPhones. And they came the cellular telephones. Like a plague of locusts, they descended upon us. People began carrying them in the late 1990s. Then, in 2007, came the smartphones (iPhones) etc... like locusts with built in cameras. And over the past 14 year, smartphone addiction has set in — and people cannot put down their iPhones. Just take a look at someone who goes out and forgets that phone at home, absolute panic sets in. Gotta have the phone, gotta have the phone, gotta have the phone.

Good Vibrations? And sometime between 2007 and now, the habit, the addiction of the smartphone/iPhone has led people to, very commonly, bring those phones into Church. Whether that is appropriate or not, I will leave to greater minds than mine. But here's where the etiquette comes in: your addictions to the iPhone can't be mine or anyone else's addiction. You want to carry that phone into Church, fine. But please, turn it off. Or at least silence it. I would counsel to not even to let that phone vibrate during Mass, because, bare minimum, it distracts you from focusing on the Lord.

Silence is Golden. Keeping an iPhone silent during Mass is good etiquette. If Emily Post were alive today, her new book on etiquette would undoubtedly

feature a whole chapter on smartphones and iPhones — when to use them, when to put them away etc.

Me and Averno. I can remember a few years back, I was at a local diner — it was about 9 pm, and relatively empty. There was a lady in the booth behind me on her phone, talking to her sister Averno — how do I know her sister's name? Because, let's just say, the person speaking was speaking loudly enough that anyone in that diner, or maybe even in neighboring towns, could have heard the conversation. I heard about Averno's vacation, her new job, her house, her kids, etc. After I finished my dinner, I headed up to the cashier to pay my check, and this person was still on the phone with Averno. As I walked by her, being completely galled by the rudeness of the phone call from H-E-double hockey sticks, I told her, "Give my regards to Averno." The lady looked at me and said, "What?" I repeated: "Give my regards to your sister Averno." The lady smiled and said do you know my sister? And I said, "No, but I feel like I do." And, I moved along.

Make Emily Post Happy. So, as we mosey into Church, let's check our phones. Let's make sure they are off or silent. If you do keep your phone set to vibrate when a call comes in, then do your best to ignore it during Mass, and focus on worshipping God. And if you can't do that, and feel the need to answer your phone — and this should go without saying — step outside, don't answer your phone in Church. The primary person speaking to you during Mass is the Lord; Aunt Estelle's phone call can wait. So, please try the best you can to keep your phone silent during Mass, and try even harder to keep yourself from being distracted during Mass. And if you can do that, then I am sure that Emily Post, the mistress of etiquette, would smile down upon you!

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The Transfiguration of the Lord. And now, onto more spiritual things... like the Feast of the Transfiguration coming up on August 6. That feast day celebrates Jesus Christ reveal his "Godhead" (i.e., his Divinity) to some of his Apostles while on a mountainside, and while visited by Moses and Elijah.

It's the Last Game of the Season. It was 1974, Bell Bottoms were in, platform shoes were the rage, the Post-It note was invented, GI Joe with Kung-Fu grip was the #1 toy, pet rocks were on their way in, and puka shells on their way out. In that same year, there was a song entitled, "The Last Game of the Season." The schmaltzy bit of pop puffery told the tale of young boy in high school who was on the football team. Evidently, he wasn't the best

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. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

The Adoration Chapel will open again on Monday, August 2 , after the 8 am Mass. It will be open each day from 5 am to 9 pm. We still have some openings and need YOU to fill them. Call Joann Pate at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you and/or your family. Our Lord is waiting for YOU to come spend one hour a week with him in prayer!!

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-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. The next program begins the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newly baptized members: *Griffin Oliver Tyler, Parker Joseph Baker, and Everly Rosa Torres.*

RECENTLY DECEASED

Condolences to the family of *Rosemary Vasquez* who recently passed. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 8 19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:4-8

Elijah, afraid for his life and discouraged, prays to die but God has other plans for him. **SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 4:30-5:2** We should get rid of all negativity and, instead, try to imitate Jesus' love and forgiveness.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:41-51

Jesus is the bread of life, come down from heaven for the eternal life of all who eat of it.

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

2 MONDAY
HC 8:00 am Beaugelin Family DM

3 TUESDAY
HC 8:00 am Bill Patriarca

4 WEDNESDAY
HC 8:00 am Mary Wynne

5 THURSDAY
HC 8:00 am Tom Natali
ICC 6 pm For the People

6 FRIDAY
HC 8:00 am Harry Antonick

7 SATURDAY
HC 8 am Donald & Helen Byers
HC 5 pm Ken Xiques, II

8 SUNDAY
HC 7:30 am Hans & Virginia Crews
ICC 8:30 am Larry Brown
HC 9:30 am Yvon Gervais
ICC 11 am Joseph Gehringer
HC 11:30 am Dave & Alice Gehringer
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

July 31 F. Curick
 Aug 7 D. Kilby
 Aug 14 K. Bassett

7:30 am Mass

Aug 1 C. Cuffee
 Aug 8 J. Davis
 Aug 15 R. Pritchett

9:30 am Mass

Aug 1 S. Ford
 Aug 8 C. Parks
 Aug 15 M. Sherlock

At Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass

Aug 1 Bill Thompson
 Aug 8 G. Godfrey
 Aug 15 D. Smith

11 am Mass

Aug 1 L. Schlaupitz
 Aug 8 A. Meyer
 Aug 15 D. King

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.

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

Last Thursday, July 29, was Earth Overshoot Day – the day when we humans exhausted nature’s budget for 2021. But... we’re still alive. Good. Want to personalize this idea to your own home. Click here <http://www.footprintcalculator.org/> to calculate your ecological footprint.

PARENTING POINTERS

When Jesus talked about being “the bread of life” the Jews didn’t understand what he meant and complained. Jesus responded, “Stop murmuring among yourselves.” (John 6: 43). Sometimes we complain about food too. What’s each family member’s favorite food? Can you treat each member to their favorite food sometime this week?

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 7th, tune in to meet the new Principal of Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Berlin, Maryland; Ms. Trinette Stillman. 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. at www.facebook.com/Catholicforum.

NEWLY REGISTERED

Welcome to our newest parish members: *Margaret A. Walker; Marie and Nicholas J. Sirolli; Jennifer and Joe Pepple; Andrew Walters; Emily, Sophie, Thomas Bickle and Rachel Delgado*

- 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. Es una distracción para los fieles que están orando. No les traiga comida o juguetes a sus hijos. La duración de la Misa es de una hora o menos. Enséñales a participar del santo sacrificio de la Misa, sabemos que los niños pequeños se inquietan, si se inquieta o llora sáquelo al Nártex hasta que se tranquilice. Prepare en casa a la familia, háblele a su hijo del lugar sagrado y de Jesús antes de ir a la santa misa y como cada niño se debe comportar en la iglesia y las expectativas que usted tiene del comportamiento de su hijo. Cuando llegue para la misa ocupe los asientos más cercanos al altar los pequeños se sienten más involucrados con la celebración y así pueden apreciar lo que está sucediendo; dale una labor en la Misa, puede crear en los pequeños una “sentido de responsabilidad y logro”, simples como “poner el dinero en la canasta de la colecta “y lo importancia de ayudar al sostenimiento de su iglesia. Explíquelo que las veladoras que están en el Nártex no son para jugar son ofrecimientos por una intención de una persona y se deja un donativo por cada vela que se enciende. Nunca deje ir al baño o salir solo a sus hijos, es por su protección y para la protección de todos.
- 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.
- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, músico, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión (necesita ser aprobado por el párroco) Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre-bautismales. Por favor llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118
- 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

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA **las inscripciones están abiertas para el próximo año, 2021-2022. Las aplicaciones deben ser entregadas antes del 25 de julio. Por favor devuélvalo antes de esta fecha. Necesitamos planear de acuerdo con la cantidad de niños por clases, catequistas, libros espacio y salones. Habrá una mesa para las inscripciones después de la misa enfrente del salón o puede inscribirse en line o en la oficina.

Se están recopilando evaluaciones para las 4 unidades. Por favor, llévelos a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti para obtener su crédito para este año, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmaydel.org

¡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@iccmaydel.org

La Escuela Bíblica de Verano empieza el 2 de agosto hasta el 6 de agosto 2021 de 6-8:30pm Inscribese antes del 25 de julio. Grados: Pre-K - Sexto grado. ¡Se necesitan voluntarios! - Caballeros al Norte del Castillo, guía para el Castillo, Persona para las actividades, persona para las manualidades, persona para la Ciencia, Líder para el canto

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.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (HC)

Forms to register for Confirmation 2022 Preparation for all high school students not confirmed may be found on the parish website under Teaching the Faith, Sacramental Preparation, Confirmation. to help at the parish and is a huge asset to us.

Please register for Confirmation NOW, so we can make plans and order the correct amount of materials. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

***Registration for next year, 2021-2022 has begun. We need to plan for teachers, space and books. A table will be set up after most Masses in front of the hall for registration, online and at office.

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@iccmarylodel.org

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.

LECTORS AND COUNTERS (ICC)

Since we are back to regular mass, anyone who wants to be a collection counter or lector, please contact Marilyn Dixon at Immaculate Conception.

HELPERS NEEDED

Bible camp runs from August 2 - 6 from 6—8:30 pm. We are still in need of: Castle Guides, Activities person, crafts person, science person, song leader. If interested, please contact Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939.

We are still accepting donations for snacks: cases of small water bottles, pudding cups, fruit by the foot, Little Debbie birthday cakes, cheeseballs, sugar cookies, pretzel rods/cheese dip packs, 8 packages of Pepperidge Farm Chessmen Butter Cookies - 8ct individual, Goldfish crackers, small orange paper plates

FUND RAISER AT ICC

Fun & Nonsense: Bingo, Fun, and Prizes

Showtimes

Sat. Sept. 11, 4 PM & 6:30 PM

Sun. Sept. 12, 9:30 AM & 2:30 PM

Donation \$10 Immaculate Conception Hall

SVDP MEETING AT ICC

St. Vincent de Paul meeting on August 9, at 5 PM, in church office meeting room.

SYMBOLON (ICC)

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*."

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Psalm 23

It is true what they say. I've heard it told for practically the whole of my life. I have always believed it, and now I am more convinced of the wisdom and truth of the words than ever in my life.

The Lord speaks to us through His Holy Word. Countless is the number of times when I have prayed for direction and guidance, for wisdom, for a sign---"somehow speak to me Lord and let me know you are listening."

It is only through prayer and the prayerful support of friends, family and colleagues that saw all of us through a difficult year. HCS was not slammed by the worst that the pandemic had to dish out. We were blessed in so many ways. Not one single student was exposed to the virus on our school grounds. Our families were more than kind and understanding when we had to impose quarantine restrictions. The mask was a hot issue throughout the year. But with God and consistent and fair enforcement of policy we were able to make it through. At this point there have been no decisions made as to mask wearing in the Fall of 2021. The following message is from the Office of the Superintendent. It is the latest word available. I will update our school community with any changes released from the Catholic Schools Office as I have it to share.

The release of the CDC recommendations on Friday, July 9, the removal of state restrictions in Maryland (May 15) and in Delaware (July 13), and the recommendations of the Division of Public Health (DE) and County Departments of Health (MD) will all need to be considered in providing direction to our schools as we look to the start of the new school year. We plan to communicate school directives before the end of July.

God continues in his faithfulness as we move forward day by day closer to the 30th day of August when we open our doors to our students once again. As many who read the weekly Parish Bulletin are aware, HCS has been publishing news of our personnel needs. It is with great joy that I relay the news of the hiring of Mrs. Teresa Arndt as the Administrative Assistant and Elementary Office Coordinator. Mrs. Arndt is a long time HC parishioner and CCD teacher. We welcome her and look forward to her working alongside the faculty and staff of HCS.

We also welcome Mrs. Tamara Traynor to the staff of HCS. Mrs. Traynor will be assisting Ms. June Pennewill in the TYO classroom. Mrs. Traynor comes to us with many years of experience in working with young children and happily anticipates the onset of the school year. While I rejoice in welcoming two new members to our faculty, there are remaining a few positions left waiting for that certain someone. I can't wait to learn what our Lord has in store. I know it will be just the perfect fit. I recall, as a young child there was a period of time when I lived with my grandmother. Each night her bedtime prayer was the 23rd Psalm. And so it was early on that I became familiar with those comforting words. Later in life I came to know the comfort and assurance the psalmist contained in his promise to the seekers of God's consolation. Two weeks ago at Mass the 23rd Psalm was the Responsorial Psalm for the day. Convinced those words were meant solely for me, I felt fully affirmed in knowing God is indeed listening.

This morning at Mass I was, once again particularly moved by the solace found in the 145th psalm.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

*Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.*

*Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might.*

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

*The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food in due season;
you open your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

*The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.*

I give thanks to the Lord for each day He gives me to serve our wonderful school. I offer Him my prayerful thanksgiving and praise for giving me peace in the wait as He works in the heart of those best suited to serve the children of Holy Cross School. I ask you to listen. Is Jesus speaking to you?

player. His dad, who was blind, nonetheless came to every game in which his son played during his high school year. During one game – the titular “Last Game of the Season” – many players are injured, and second string may be called in. Suddenly, the boy is called to locker room for a phone call. When he returns to players’ bench, he tell the coach “You gotta let me in to play.” And play he does! Like never before.

Blind Ambition. The lyrics say, due to his amazing playing “*It’ll make the local papers / how the team came from behind / when they saw him playing’ his heart to win.*” It was a big comeback for the team by the work of this second -string player. The song then explains why he played so well that evening: “*And when the game was over / the coach asked him to tell / what was it he was thinking’ of / that made him play so well. / “You knew my dad was blind,” he said / “Tonight he passed away” / “It was the first time that my father’s seen me play.*”

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

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

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

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

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

- Back-in-the-day it took me awhile to learn that the Columbia House Record and Tape Club’s promise of 11-record albums and tapes for “free,” really wasn’t such a bargain (\$114.80 later, I saw things differently);
- At age 30, I could have a Big Mac or a bucket of fried chicken very late at night, and then go to bed, no problem; 30 years later, my stomach and I see things differently.

Taste and See. At Mass, let us join our minds and hearts to those of the Apostles at the Transfiguration, and let us see who is really here with us. Let us approach Holy Communion and see not just the bread and wine visible to our human eyes, but rather, let us see what is really there: The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Let our reception of Holy Communion be a profound encounter with the God who gave us life. And let us allow that encounter continue to transform us to become more and more like Christ, so that we might bear the name Christian not just proudly, but rightfully.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor