



# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

August 23, 2020

21st 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

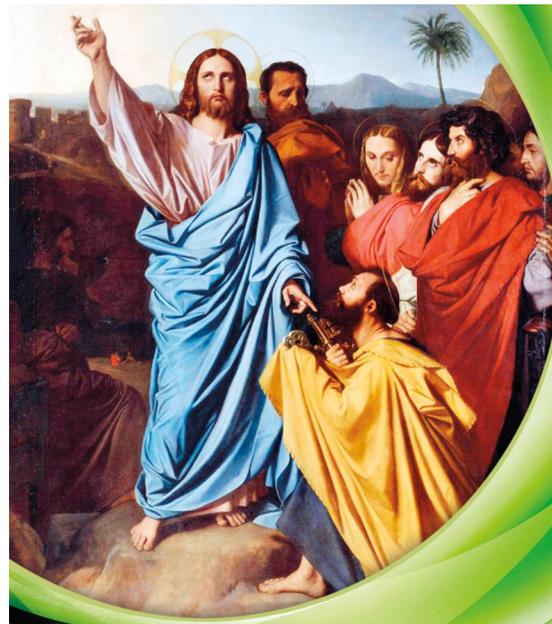
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am  
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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



## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

*Matthew 16:18*

Jesus Returning the Keys to St. Peter by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres, 1820  
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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](http://holycrossover.org)

[iccmmarydel.org](http://iccmmarydel.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 9

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$15,626	\$27,200	(\$11,574)
YTD	\$148,534	\$164,800	(\$16,266)
Needs	\$1,147	\$1,550	(\$403)

## WEEKLY OFFERING (ICO)

Ending August 9

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,276
Second	\$268

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. May are still not attending Mass but we still need your support. 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,

This Saturday (August 22), we celebrate the Queenship of Mary — a day on which we honor our Blessed Mother’s role as Queen of Heaven and Earth. So, I thought I would spend this-column writing about the nature of Queenship.

**Queens, the County.** It’s a county in New York State that is conterminously a borough of the city of New York. Interestingly, unlike other, so-called, outer-boroughs of New York City (i.e., Brooklyn, Bronx, Staten Island), Queens is more of a collection of small 19th century towns clustered together under a county umbrella, bearing odd names such as Blissville, Utopia, the Hole, Dutch Kills, Ozone Park, and even the appropriately named, Flushing.

**Queen B.** But why is this area called Queens? Well, as it turns out it was named for Catherine of Braganza, a Portuguese Princess, who at the time of the settlement of America, had become the Queen of England. In 1683, when this land area on New York’s Long Island was established and settled, it was dedicated to Catherine as “the Queen’s County.” In time, it became rendered as simply “Queens County” or to New Yorkers, just plain ol’ Queens. I would be willing to bet few folks living in New York City, or even in Queens County, would be able to know Catherine of Braganza as the source of the moniker of the County of Queens. As a Queen, as a significant figure, her fame disappeared quicker than a swimmer in a Jaws movie.

**Unforgettable... in Every Way!** While there have been many a queen in history, who have fallen in the “who’s that” list, in our faith, we have a Queen: Mary, Our Blessed Mother. And, unlike Queen Catherine of Braganza, Mary’s name, and her significance have grown over the past two millennia. Mary bears the title Queen of Heaven and Earth. Her unique role in salvation history, and the honor due her name as the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and as Queen, is so significant that it is commended by liturgical law that during Mass a priest should bow his head at the name of Mary, uniquely among all the saints.

**What My Line?** Now one might rightly ask, why does Mary have the title Queen? I mean, although Christ is King, isn’t a Queen normally the wife of a King? Well, not always. You see, in the Old Testament times, like in the times of David, Solomon, etc., the Queen of the Kingdom was the person whom we would today call the Queen-Mother. Back in those times, Kings oft had many wives – thus the honor of Queenship, by law, was reserved, in a special way for the mother of the King. Keeping this in mind, let us look at the scene of the Annunciation in St. Luke’s Gospel (1:31-32):

*“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”*

Thus, as the Jesus Christ, by paternal lineage assumed the Kingship of Israel, and of all, in the line of David, so, too, Mary follows in that lineage and by its practices assumed the mantle of Queen. He follows in the line of David, and so to Mary shares in his Kingship as Queen.

**Where Does It Say That in the Bible?** Mary’s Queenship – demarcating her special relationship to Jesus in Salvation history – can be seen in foreshadowed form in the Old Testament.

In Psalm 45:10-11, we hear implications that speak to our understanding of Mary with these words: *“Listen, my daughter, and understand; pay me careful heed. Forget your people and your father’s house, that the king might desire your beauty. He is your lord... the throne of your fathers your son will have... I will make your name renowned through all generation.”*

Likewise, in the New Testament, in the Book of Revelation, we see the Mary’s Queenship alluded to:

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## HC & ICC CLERGY

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

## HC CLERGY

Msgr. Daniel McGlynn Pastor Emeritus  
 Mr. Philip Belt Deacon  
 Mr. John Harvey Deacon  
 Mr. Robert McMullen Deacon  
 Mr. Scott Peterson Deacon  
 Mr. Vincent Pisano Deacon

## ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell Deacon  
 Mr. James Tormey 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](mailto:MenOfHolyCross@gmail.com).

## READINGS FOR AUGUST 30 22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:7-9

Though Jeremiah feels that the Lord has deceived him, he knows that he must proclaim the prophetic message of what is to come.

### SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1-2

Paul urges us to follow the will of God, not the fashions of the world.

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-27

Jesus makes it clear that there is a price to be paid for following him.

## 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 29th, tune in to hear an interview with Diocese of Wilmington Seminarians, Peter Schirmer and Gabriel Ortiz-Jimenez. A video of this interview will be available at [www.YouTube.com/DioceseOfWilm](http://www.YouTube.com/DioceseOfWilm). After it airs, listen online anytime at [www.cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/Catholicforum).

## VOCATIONS

Prayer is a moving force in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

"Lord, your Church is in need.

Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you.

Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders.

Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment.

May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world.

Amen."

*Serra for priestly and religious*

## MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST

### 24 MONDAY

HC 6:30 am

HC 8:00 am Edward V. Dodd, Jr.

### 25 TUESDAY

HC 6:30 am

HC 8:00 am Geraldine E. Stine

### 26 WEDNESDAY

HC 6:30 am

HC 8:00 am Charles K. Pitts

### 27 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am

HC 8:00 am Charlie Neunam

ICC 7 pm For the People

### 28 1 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am

Frank Trojan

HC 8:00 am

Marian Olechnowicz

### 29 SATURDAY

HC 8 am

Crystal Rush

HC 5 pm

Donna Marie & Charles Coyle, Jr.

### 30 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am

Carmellene Sevinski

ICC 8:30 am

Marge Messner

HC 9:30 am

Paul Anthony Brooks

HC 11:30 am

Edward A. & Helen Cooke

ICC 11 am

Mary Elizabeth Reilly Mayan

ICC 1 pm

For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

## COLLECTION FOR THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington last weekend.

It's not too late to still give by your generous donation to the Cathedral of Saint Peter. 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](http://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](http://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.

RECENTLY DECEASED (HC & ICC)

Please pray for the repose of :

- *Richard Brusca, Sr.*
- *Salvador Schepens*
- *Patricia Luke*
- *Debra Jane Paxton*
- *Hugh Lafferty*
- *Elizabeth Schellhardt*
- *Gerry Fountain*

NEWLY BAPTIZED (HC)

We welcome our newest baptized member into our community:

- *Lilly Dawson*
- *Liliana Cook*

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.

## 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.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

TIME: During Covid-19 you may feel you have more free time or the opposite, "I don't have enough time." Either way, we all have 24 hours in a day. It's a matter of prioritizing. What's the most important thing you can do for your beloved today?

## PARENTING POINTERS

Have a memory party. Pull out old photographs or songs from your youth. Enjoy. Maybe even organize those loose photos or digital files.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 following Masses in the grass area next to the parking lot, and we are asking that you please register, so we are able to make necessary plans for the year and order books, materials, and supplies. It only takes 5 minutes.

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](mailto:dre@iccmaryl.org) or 410-482-8939.

## CONFIRMATION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR (ICC)

Forms have been 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.

I guess the seed was planted long before I ever realized it, but as a young child my favorite game was playing school. I would “borrow” pieces of chalk from the chalk ledge as we lined up to go to lunch, or to recess, or at dismissal. Stealthily, I would pocket the pieces of chalk for my next school session at home. My teachers were my role models; I would mimic them in every way. I had my own textbooks that I would use for lessons. I had my own desk, and I used the surface of my bed (believe it or not) as “student desks”. My favorite part of being the teacher was writing on the board. I didn’t have a chalkboard. But, I did have my walls. I would use my ill-gotten gain (the chalk) and have a grand old time writing lessons; my student’s spelling lists, or demonstrating mathematical procedures. The best part was that the chalk left little to no trace on the wall, or so I thought. I would always erase the walls at the end of class. Unfortunately, it wasn’t too very long before it was found out that I was writing all over the walls, but that’s another story. Suffice it to say that my teaching career was ended, sadly.

So then I went through many years of my life intending to be a pharmacist. But then that little seed that had apparently been planted so many years previous took root and had begun to grow, extending roots that tugged on my heart. Career plans changed.

Our diocesan theme for the upcoming year is *Called To Serve!*

*Catholic school education this year reminds us that we have been invited to live the Corporal Works of Mercy, as we strive for social justice. Each month from September through May our focus will be on one work of charity that brings us closer to the invocation we pray daily – “Thy kingdom come.” Connected with each month’s focus is a Gospel passage which assists in developing the theme. Our challenge throughout this school year will be to find ways to connect students, staff, families, and ourselves in exploring the works of mercy so that we may truly move closer to a reality that ensures social justice for all.*

Louis DeAngelo, Superintendent of Catholic Schools

On a monthly basis our teachers will present lessons on the Corporal Works of Mercy. I offer them to you for your reference and request your support in reinforcing the message that lies therein.

- ◆ September: Feed the Hungry
- ◆ October: Give Drink to the Thirsty
- ◆ November/December: Shelter the Homeless
- ◆ January: Clothe the Naked
- ◆ February: Care for the Sick
- ◆ March: Visit the Imprisoned

◆ April/May: Bury the Dead

Our prayer associated with the theme this year is The Morning Offering. I offer it in the hope that perhaps as you drive to school or to the bus stop you might pray with your children. Your children will recite the prayer every morning with their teacher and classmates.

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings  
of this day,  
For all the intentions of your Sacred Heart,  
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
throughout the world,  
in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my  
relatives and friends,  
and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father.  
Amen.*

The faculty and staff of Holy Cross School are definitive examples of professional men and women to have answered the call to serve. It is a call from the heart, it is a call that not all may hear at first. I thought I was bound for pharmacy school. Others have heard the call while serving in other professions entirely. But it IS a call that cannot be ignored. You cannot run from a call to teach, and to serve the children. For HC teachers, we are called, and blessed to serve in a Catholic school.

In this turbulent time we are all planning for the upcoming year in an environment radically different from that of any school year in our respective careers. It is understandable that commitment and determination might well waiver. We may ask ourselves if we have the fortitude, the guts to get back in there and do everything we have to do to make this work for our families, for the children. The answer has been a resounding yes. We’re ready; we are willing, because we are called to serve. The seeds were planted a long time ago. And now, the roots are deeply embedded.

Now, more than ever before, I implore you for your prayers. Pray the Morning Offering, pray a decade of the Rosary, (or all of them!), pray an Our Father, or my personal favorite; Hail Holy Queen. Hey!! Pray a novena!! But, please, pray for the intention of Holy Cross School, for its children, and for all those who are called to serve.... its teachers and staff.

*Embracing His cross means finding the courage to embrace all the hardships of the present time.*

Pope Francis

In Revelation 12:1-2, 5, a Marian image is placed upon the Woman in Revelation: "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. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne."

The crown of twelve-stars denoted the Twelve Tribes of Israel, over which David (as King) ruled – a throne inherited by the Lord, in a fuller sense.

**Over and over A-gwen.** Approaching Queenship from a linguistic angle, let me note that the word Queen in its origin doesn't necessarily refer to a monarchical context. The word queen finds its origin in the Greek word *gyné* (meaning woman), over time that word morphed into the old English word (and name) *gwen*, which took on the meaning of "honored woman." In that sense, apart from the scriptural and theological underpinnings, Mary could also be rightly called a Queen. Thus she is honored as a mother and model of the Church, and the first and best disciple of Christ.

**Pius Thoughts.** In 1954, to further affirm Mary's role as Queen, Pope Pius XII established the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary. In his encyclical, *Ad Caeli Reginam* (Queen of Heaven), Pope Pius XII wrote: "Mary, the Virgin Mother of God... is crowned in heavenly blessedness with the glory of a Queen." Initially, the feast was celebrated on the last day of May (the Month of Mary), as way of crowning the month. In 1969, Pope Paul VI was moved it to August 22. This was done to form a sort of unofficial Octave (eight-day celebration in prayer) of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) that was capped with Mary's coronation as Queen of Heaven and Earth (August 22). And so it stands today.

**Queen of Hearts – and Souls.** So many Queens have come and gone, from ABBA's

"Dancing Queen," to Billy Ocean's "Caribbean Queen" to TV's "Queen for a Day" – but they are mere pop cultural references to the past. Likewise, the once notable Queen Catherine of Braganza is long forgotten. However, the name of Mary, our Queen, continues on the lips of the faithful, daily. From first century Israel to the ends of the earth, Mary's name is known, and honored, after two millennia under her belt. Why? Because this Queen is – to use a playing card metaphor – a Queen of hearts, but also of souls; and she prays for us in our need "now and at the hour of our death" (to quote the Hail Mary).

And so, while other Queens of history may have had their moments in the sun, our is remembered for her moments with her Son... the Son of God: our Savior, and King, Jesus Christ. On, August 22, on the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary, the Church pauses to remember Mary in her special role. *Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us.*

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini  
Pastor




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