



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

August 28, 2022

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am – 9 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For everyone who exalts himself
will be humbled, but the one who
humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 14:11



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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

On Saturday, September 10, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the 9th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 60 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community:

We will begin with Mass at Holy Cross and then proceed to the Memorial of the Unborn in the Northwest corner of Holy Cross Cemetery for prayer service.

Event: National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

When: Saturday, September 10

Where: 8:00 Mass followed by 9:15 prayer service at Holy Cross Cemetery (NW Corner) weather permitting.

More Info: Contact Donna Latteri 862-266-1099 dlatterri86@gmail.com

Together we remember those who were taken out of this world before they had a chance to live. We also pray for the parents to repent and turn to God for Mercy.

Abortion is a generational curse and God alone can heal the broken hearts and break the chain of death. Please come to honor the lives of the innocent babies.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

August 14, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$20,741	\$26,750	(\$6,009)
YTD	\$170,993	\$186,000	(\$15,007)
Needs	\$1,128	\$1,604	(\$476)

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending August 14, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$3,915
Second Collection	\$632

SWITCH TO EGIVING (HC)

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

Dear Parishioners,

Counting Down! One of my favorite radio experiences of the 1970s and 1980s was the weekly broadcast of American Top 40, a radio program that counted-down the top 40 songs in America for any given week. The show was hosted by Casey Kasem (who, random fact, was the voice of Shaggy on Scooby-Doo); he would pepper the countdown with stories, facts and trivia about the songs, the recording artists, and some music chart history. The key part of the show was when the countdown approached the top 10. It was during the top 10 portion of the countdown when the most popular songs in America were heard. During the top 10 listeners heard everything from the schmaltz factory of music, like "You Light Up My Life," to dystopian meanderings, like "Another Brick in the Wall," to the wacky and goofy, like "Disco Duck" and "I Ain't Gonna Bump No More with No Big Fat Woman." Bottom line: the top 10 of the top 40 was a top stop on the radio dial, each week, for millions of Americans who listened to "American Top 40."

Saintly Top 10? I thought of doing a saintly top 10 — the ten best known saints, but that seemed a bit too on the nose with the above intro. So, in l'esprit de l'escalier — going back to the bottom of the stairs and starting up again with a different approach. Thus, I have a different type of top 10 countdown for this week's and next week's column. In fact, it is a top 10 count-up, rather than a countdown. Realizing that the Church has a lot of little-known saints (like St. Demetrius the Myrrh-Streamer, St. Dionysius the Aeropagite, St. Zosimus the Wonder-Worker, etc.), I noticed that the first 10 days of September have some especially interesting saint days in it. These saint days I speak of are not the major saint days, but rather days of little-known or forgotten saints with an interesting history attached to them. And so, as Casey Kasem did for many year's let's get to the top 10 — the top 10 little-known saint days of the first 10 days of September. We'll count-up from September 1st to 10th. Let's kick things off with September 1st.

St. Terentian of Todi (September 1). St. Terentian of Todi was born in the late first century. He was a leader of a large Christian community that settled in Todi, Italy. In light of his leadership, St. Terentian was named Bishop of Todi. Under his guidance, the community became a vibrant Christian center. The pagans who believed in the Roman gods were not please by this development. Tension between the Christians and the worshippers of the Roman gods escalated. One day a pagan priest named Flaccus of the temple of Jupiter formally denounced St. Terentian to the Emperor Ha-

drian. On July 30, 118, Hadrian had St. Terentian arrested for practicing Christianity; he was brought before the local Proconsul of Tuscia. The Proconsul chastised the good saint for his practice of Christianity. St. Terentian replied, "Take your eyes off the cult of idols and you will be able to know the truth." So, in short, the conversation didn't go well. The Proconsul commanded Flaccus the priest to prepare sacrifices to be offered to the god Jupiter. He then commanded the good saint to offer those sacrifices. St. Terentian rebuffed him: "Lord God, may those who worship idols and glory in their images be confounded." Instantly Flaccus, one of the priests who prepared the offerings, went blind; the statues of Jupiter and the other gods were shattered; and the material for the sacrifices dissolved into nothingness. The Proconsul was irate; he had St. Terentian's tongue removed, and then stomped on it in rage. The Proconsul suddenly himself became mute, and soon thereafter died; meanwhile St. Terentian continue to be able to speak. The matter of what to do with St. Terentian was delayed, but eventually he was sentenced to death. On September 1, 118 on his way to be beheaded, St. Terentian was met by the now-blind priest Flaccus, who asked for baptism. St. Terentian baptized him, and Flaccus' sight returned; Flaccus announced proudly that he was now a Christian. He, too, was then arrested and accompanied St. Terentian to his place of martyrdom, and both were beheaded.

Saint Comus of Crete (September 2). Born in Crete in the late 6th century, St. Comus became a monk. He was a fierce opponent of the monothelite heresy, which held that Jesus Christ only theoretically had two natures (human and divine), but in reality these two natures had one will (divine only). This matter, years after St. Comus' death, was ultimately ruled upon by the Council of Constantinople in 681, and declared a heresy. However, in general, St. Comus lived a solitary life of fasting and prayer in a cave on Crete. He died in that cave on September 2, 658, and he had expected to be buried in that cave. But some townsfolk decided it would be better to bring the body into town and do the burial there. Getting his body from deep in the cave took some time (I guess you could say extracting him from the cave was a "miner inconvenience"), but ultimately they accomplished the deed. But, from the day they moved this hermit's body, their town was

HC & ICC CLERGY

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

HC CLERGY

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

ICC CLERGY

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

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

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

SAMARITANS

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

23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (SEPT 4)

FIRST READING: WISDOM 9:13-18

Human reasoning is unsure, but Wisdom, the light of the Holy Spirit, teaches us what pleases God.

SECOND READING: PHILEMON 9-10, 12-17

St. Paul speaks about Onesimus, a runaway slave whom he converted to Christianity.

GOSPEL: LUKR 24:25-33

Jesus commends a radical life without possessions and human ties, providing we weigh up the costs

YOUNG AT HEART

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Dare you share with your beloved a foolish thing you've done during your life? More importantly, share one way that you see your beloved as wise (other than marrying you).

PARENTING POINTERS

Phones, technology, TVs are part of modern life. They are helpful. (It would take me a lot longer to drive places without a GPS.) But how much is too much? Ask your family which piece of modern technology is most important to them and which is least?

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. Upcoming weekend programs will be held October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. To register, visit- www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

29 MONDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Katie Fortier
30 TUESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Gabriel Suto
31 WEDNESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Howard Rowlands
1 THURSDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Katie Fortier
ICC 6:00 pm	For the People
2 FRIDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Joseph Pedrotty
3 SATURDAY	
HC 8 am	John Deighton
HC 5 pm	Emma Zapanta Donato
4 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	William Mitten, III
ICC 8:30 am	Roman Troyor
HC 9:30 am	Christine Luba
ICC 11 am	Allen Matheny
HC 11:30 am	Mayla Felieu
ICC 1 pm	For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for an in-person or virtual experience getting closer to your spouse? Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! Many options for virtual events can be found on our website www.wwme-delmar.org. For additional information please call Tony and Linda Mas-sino at 302-648-2228.

SVDP MEETING AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

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

HOLY CROSS SEPT 3/4, 2022

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	D. Darling L. Darling	R. Ernst D. Field	L. Curley N. Kosior S. Murawski LECTORS R. Alderman J. Davis
7:30 AM	J. Chandler J. Davis	R. Fritzsche R. O'Neill	B. Gyamfi E. Gyamfi E. Wadhams LECTORS R. Pritchett
9:30 AM	T. Arndt N. West	B. Whitworth R. Willey	E. Bydlon K. Fernandez G. Maddelena LECTORS T. Baurys J. Coffield
11:30 AM	TBD		K. Espinosa C. Geronimo LECTORS A. Luna

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8:30 AM	J. Tormey Jr.		LECTORS G. Godfrey
11:00 AM	M. Soule		LECTORS D. King
1 PM	To be determined		LECTORS TBD

Are YOU interested in becoming an altar server, Lector, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Holy Cross? We also need EMHC's to visit the sick and homebound in their homes, nursing homes, and the hospital. God could be calling YOU.

Training sessions for each of these Ministries will take place this FALL. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number so we can reach you once we have the dates for these training sessions.

Watch the bulletin for exact dates of these training sessions. We'd love to have YOU step forward to serve in one of these ministries!!! Please pray and discern if YOU are being called to serve.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

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

SUNDAY	6 am, 10 am, 5 pm, 8 pm
TUESDAY	6 am, 3 pm
WEDNESDAY	11 am
THURSDAY	12 pm
SATURDAY	12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Are you looking for a way to involve your children in the celebration of the Mass? The Holy Cross Children's Choir warmly welcomes school age children (6-13) to sing at the 5:00 Mass on the first Saturday of each month. We meet for practice at 4:00 on those Saturdays in the choir room to the right of the entrance to the worship space. It's that simple! Please have your children join us on October 1.



- Queremos agradecer a todos que de una forma u otra colaboraron con la limpieza de los predios de nuestra parroquia. Todos somos corresponsables de mantener y cuidar nuestro medio ambiente y en particular nuestra iglesia. Si todos ponemos nuestro granito de arena, se hace más fácil y ligera el trabajo. Gracias y que el Señor los siga bendiciendo.
- Respondiendo al llamado de la Iglesia a un Renacimiento Eucarístico, este septiembre, Holy Cross celebrará su fiesta Patronal (14 de septiembre - Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz) de una manera diferente a la habitual.
- A partir del martes, 6 de septiembre, de 2022 y continuando todas las noches hasta el miércoles 14 de septiembre de 2022, habrá Novena de la Santa Cruz (nueve días) de oración. Esto tomará la forma de una Hora Santa, centrada en la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento, todas las noches a las 7:00 p. m. Cada noche, la Hora Santa será presidida por uno de nuestros Sacerdotes o Diáconos, excepto el miércoles 7 de septiembre, cuando el Obispo Koenig presidirá la Hora Santa. Cada Hora Santa consistirá en Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento, escritura, homilía, recitación de las Letanías de la Santa Cruz, tiempo de silencio en oración, Bendición, recitación de las Divinas Alabanzas y reposición del Santísimo Sacramento. Asegúrese de unirse a nosotros algunas noches o todas las noches de esta novena de oraciones, del 6 al 14 de septiembre.
- Para cerrar con broche de oro El domingo 18 de septiembre tendremos un Kermes y un torneo de Fútbol y venta de comida, necesitamos voluntarios que nos ayuden con donaciones, a preparar, vender y limpiar. Todos están invitados a participar de este evento que es la culminación de nuestras fiestas patronales y celebrando Nuestra Herencia Hispana.
- Se necesitan voluntarios y donantes.
- Es muy importante inscribir a sus hijos a tiempo para la Educación Religiosa. Las Inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa y Preparación para la Confirmación (HC - 2023) Las aplicaciones para inscribirse para la Preparación para la Confirmación 2023 se pueden encontrar en el sitio web de la parroquia en [holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-](http://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christianformation/k-8-formation)

[faith/christianformation/k-8-formation](http://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christianformation/k-8-formation).

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

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

- SE NECESITAN CATEQUISTAS PARA KINDER, QUINTO Y SEPTIMO GRADOS.
- La inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 está abierta, las inscripciones están disponibles para todas las familias y aún se aceptan. Debe inscribir a sus hijos cada año. Vuelva a Alicia Poppiti ahora, para que podamos estar seguros de tener suficientes maestros, libros y espacio en las aulas.
- Las Clases de Educación Religiosa son los domingos por la mañana, comenzando 25 de septiembre hasta el 7 de mayo, de 9:40 a 10:50 a.m. Póngase en contacto con Alicia Poppiti @ 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmaryl.org para obtener más información.
- Las inscripciones ya están disponibles.
- Nuevos Inscribiéndose: https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/new_sre_registration_form_2021.pdf
- Retornando Inscribiéndose: https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/sre_registration_form_2021.pdf
- Forma A en Inglés: https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/form_a_-_new.pdf
- Forma A en Español https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/form_a-spanish1_.pdf

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education?

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

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

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith) Catechesis

Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF? Registration forms available at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>

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

ADULT FORMATION

In English:
Father Mike Schmitz
tinyurl.com/yknnjyc7



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



CONFIRMATION AT HOLY CROSS

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

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

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

Please get them back or come register as soon as you can, so we can have enough teachers, books and materials for your children.

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482-8939 or dre@iccmmarydel.org for more information. If you have any difficulty with affording RE, please call Alicia Poppiti, and the office can assist you.

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

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CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL MASS

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

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

Devotion, loyalty, and commitment. Holy Cross School is knocking on the door of its seventieth year of service to the Dover community. I am not qualified to discuss the many changes that the school has undergone and experienced in its long-time history; but suffice it to say that in my years of service to HCS I have experienced more than just a few. It was along about 35 years ago when I signed my first contract to work for HCS. Holy Cross High School had recently closed.

Originally from a large metropolitan area myself; and having attended a heavily populated public high school I could never truly relate to those who experienced a sense of loss over the closure of HCHS. While my high school enjoyed a rich, long history, and touted numerous accomplished personalities who claimed my school as their Alma Mater, as a graduate I have never felt any sort of allegiance or devotion to the school. I guess because it was such a large school lasting relationships were never formed.

Last week I arrived at school and spied a pick-up truck and attached trailer parked in front of the gym. Thinking nothing of it, really, I went about my business when I heard a friendly greeting from the area of the pick-up. Returning the greeting, I wondered to myself if it was Mr. Davis. Later in the day I had the wonderful opportunity of meeting with a new family who had enrolled their daughter in our third grade. Since they had enrolled last spring before I was permitting tours of the school, following our meeting I conducted a mini tour of our school which included the gym. It was there that I found Mr. Davis hard at work sprucing things up in preparation for the upcoming All-Class High School reunion. Plans had been in the making for quite some time, and one of the evenings events were to be held in the gym. My eyes practically popped out of the sockets when I saw the flashy new placards hanging across the expanse of the stage. C-R-U-S-A-D-E-R-S, one letter per placard in the traditional school colors. The knight on horseback and school crest included! Later, I had the occasion to speak with Mr. Davis at greater length, along with Mrs. Beth Riecks, another pride-filled alum. (Both Mr. Davis and Mrs. Riecks sent all of their children to Holy Cross School through eighth grade) The devotion, loyalty, and commitment is stronger than ever. I loved listening to some of the old stories. And, it was clearly apparent to me that they enjoyed telling them. Over the years HCHS graduates have been very generous with funds raised in making great improvements in the gym. The best part is that our school students benefit from all of them! **It's heartwarming to see and hear their rooted love for Holy Cross----after so many years.**

Devotion, loyalty, and commitment. I see it at least once every day of the school year in the classrooms. The number of elementary school alumni that have chosen their alma mater as the school of choice for their next generation is large. It's just one of the great benefits of my longevity with HCS; enrolling the offspring of a graduate! They come back for a reason. Devotion, loyalty, and commitment to the school where they received a quality Catholic education speaks volumes about the value they place in their experience. **It's heartwarming to see and hear their rooted love for Holy Cross----after so many years.**

Mrs. Arndt had brought the mail over. Placing all the junk mail aside, I began sorting through the more important matters. Setting bills aside in another pile before coming across a handwritten envelope addressed to me, I recognized the name of the sender. Priority mail! Opening the envelope, I read the lovely letter asking me to attribute the handsome donation to the good work of our faculty. The benefactors are parishioners, and as most of you are aware, HC Parish subsidizes the good work of our school. I am completely inadequate in describing the depth of my gratitude for those who seek to help in making monetary donations. There are no words.

Earlier in this same week I met with a family who had contacted me last year inquiring after making a donation for an upgrade in one of our curricular areas. Following research and some further conversation, I was given a generous sum of money to purchase textbooks for our junior high students.

A couple of years ago, I was visited by a parishioner who had recently retired and moved to Dover. She made an appointment to meet with me during which time she inquired as to how she could be of help to our school. Following our conversation and thanks to her giving heart, I was able to purchase our new Reading series.

Additionally, we were able to purchase a new set of Chromebooks for the elementary classrooms with a very healthy and timely donation made by a parishioner who expressed thanksgiving for the quality education his granddaughter received at HC.

Not to sound like the broken record, but; we were able to purchase our new Math series last year with funds donated to HC by our families during our Day of Giving.

Because of the generosity of our parishioners, we are able to augment our curriculum programs with additional online curriculum supplements, as well.

A parish aligned with a school carries a tremendous financial burden. Unfortunately, tuition does not cover all of the expenses. We are grateful to the parish for their subsidy and assistance.

On behalf of the faculty of HC, we are grateful for the devotion, loyalty, and commitment of the parishioners who have blessed our school by your great love and generosity. Thank you.

struck with disaster upon disaster. Soon, the town authorities decided to re-bury St. Comus in his cave; thereafter the disasters stopped. Today his remains, thus far disaster-free, reside in the Church of St. George the Great in Venice. Or was it disaster-free? I see that Venice looks like all of its streets have been flooded — a coincidence? Methinks not.

St. Vitalian of Caudium (September 3). St. Vitalian of Caudium was part of what seemed like a Catholic version of “The Game of Thrones.” Vitalian reluctantly accepted the office of Bishop of Caudium, but found himself surrounded by various priests who played the role of pretenders to the throne. This cabal of calumnious clergy did everything possible to injure the reputation of St. Vitalian — they accused him of being unchaste, they accused him of drunkenness, etc. Outraged by the lies, he blew out of Caudium faster than a toupee in a hurricane, to go to Rome to meet with the Pope. But he never got there. His enemies captured him, tied him in a sack and threw him into the Garigliano River to drown. Luckily, he was rescued by some fishermen downstream. He stayed with them for awhile. Meanwhile Caudium’s vile treatment of this holy man metastasized in the form of famine, drought and plague. Eventually, St. Vitalian made his way back home — and people being fickle, he was welcomed back. As soon as he entered the city, it rained after months of drought. I guess when he re-entered the city, he could have claimed that “the ‘rain’ of God was at hand.” His relics are now enshrined in the Church of Our Lady of Catanzaro; it is said that pure water, at times, flows out from those relics.

St. Moses (September 4). Holy Moses! What Moses is this? It is THAT Moses! This is the holy day of the Moses of the Exodus, the Moses who battled with the Pharaoh, the Moses who led his people through the Red Sea, etc. We don’t normally preface his name with the word “Saint,” but the Church includes Moses in the “Roman Martyrology” (kind of like the Yellow Pages of saints). He is classified as a “Patriarch,” who died at the age of 120 on the border of the Promised Land. Moses last reference in scripture is in the Epistle of St. Jude (1:9) wherein St. Michael the Archangel gets in to an argument with the Devil over the body of Moses. As with all the saints of the Martyrology who pre-date the birth of Christ, Moses (St. Moses) is not on the Church’s liturgical calendar (i.e., Mass calendar). And I would be remiss not dropping my favorite Moses pun in here: After the exodus through the Red Sea, Moses’ staff could no longer perform miracles, and still he kept it beside him the rest of his life... he just couldn't part with it.

Blessed William Browne (September 5). An English layman likely born during the reign of King Henry VIII, and lived through to the reign of King James I. He was an active and practicing Catholic during an era in England when that was tantamount to a crime, and punishable by death. More explicitly Bl. William Browne took three steps that ultimately led to his martyrdom: (1) he rejected the “Act of Supremacy” in which a citizen of England, specifically Catholics, would have to acknowledge the English Monarch as the head of the Catholic Church in England (which later became the Anglican Church), (2) he refused to attend religious services of the Church of England, vis a vis refusing to acknowledge their validity, and (3) he continued to evangelize people to join the Catholic faith, and encourage those who were teetering under the pressure of the demands of the Monarch, from leaving the Catholic faith to become Anglican. Folks like Bl. William Browne would, dare I say, “grate Britain” by their tenacity in standing against the rise of Anglicanism and royal force. For these reasons Bl. William Browne was arrested in 1605 in North Yorkshire, England and tried under the reign of King James I. He was sentenced to capital punishment for high treason; he was hanged, drawn and quartered. He was beatified in 1929 by Pope Pius XI.

To be continued next week, with the little-known saints of September 6-10.

Yours in Christ,
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