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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

August 29, 2021

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
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—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



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You disregard God's commandment
but cling to human tradition."
Mt 23:23



HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

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

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

WILMINGTON MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Join the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage with Bishop



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

A bus will leave from Holy Cross approximately 7 am. We have secured a coach bus for this trip. Limited seats available. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Call the Parish Office to reserve your seat. Payment must be received in order to hold your seat.

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

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

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

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

August 15, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$23,648	\$25,700	(\$2,052)
YTD	\$173,285	\$179,900	(\$6,615)
Needs	\$1,209	\$1,480	(\$271)

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending August 15, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,511
2nd	\$186

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,

As a former teacher, I can say that the one of the best things about school is that every year there is a concrete end to the school year (June), a time to renew oneself (summertime) and a new beginning (late August/early September). The beginning of the new school year, as we are experiencing here at Holy Cross, is a time for fresh starts. Every year, school begins again with that fresh start and a sense of renewal. The idea of a “new beginning” or “starting over” has, in the past 25 years, been adopted into a new word that has been added to our vocabulary: “reboot.” This is very late 20th century world brought into use by the home computer revolution. It refers to what you do with your computer when it is either acting quirky or is seemingly frozen (reboot is the healthy alternative to kicking or throwing your frozen machine). So, for example, you might call customer service and say, “Hey, there are flames coming out of my computer! What should I do?” And the helpful rep, reading off a script might say, “Did you try rebooting your machine?” Usually at this point, you shake your fist and say, “I want to speak to a manager!”

The Ka-boom Factor. But, in general rebooting a machine often does a lot of good, and it is a necessary part of computer life. It’s true: We reboot, and then voila, all is right with the world; we can start fresh-and-new with our computer again. Now, I am a computer geek type of guy and I am a Mac guy (sorry PC fans). Geekily, I like to play around with my computer to see what I can make it do by tinkering with settings and hardware, which I often have no business tinkering with. And then usually, at some point, like the old balloon game by Milton Bradley, my computer goes “Ka-Boom” and then it is time to reboot and recover. I repent from my wicked way, but I know that the temptation to tinker again, down the road, may cause me to wind-up with another “ka-boom” moment — but it is my intention not to repeat my folly.

As Seen on Television... In addition to computers, TV series also have, in modern lingo, “reboots.” Some memorable reboots (and not in a good way) were “The Bionic Woman” (2007), “Kojak” (2005) and “Charlies Angels” (2011). Or I refer to them: Awful, awful and stunningly awful. None of these three reboots really worked because they were insincere copies of the original – no love was in the mix here, just the idea of cashing in on a known quantity. Yet, there have been reboots of other series and franchises that have been excellent. Why? Simple: because those good reboots presented the best qualities of the original series

with a sincere desire to amend it and improve on it.

On Earth as it is in Heaven. As it is with rebooting computers and TV series, we also need to reboot ourselves in our relationship with God from time to time. Like me with my computer, sometimes in life we tinker where we shouldn’t and, well, “ka-boom” -- we land in sin (sometimes venial, sometimes mortal). We damage or break our relationship with God – and we need to fix it. We need to reboot. And the spiritual version of rebooting is called Confession – it is a way of starting over, getting a new beginning. In Confession we confess our sins to the Priest who ministers absolution, and voila, by the power of Christ, our sins are forgiven. But, much like the successful TV show reboots, there must be a level of sincerity to our reboot – to our going to confession.

The Perfect and the Imperfect. What do I mean by “there must be a level of sincerity”? Simply, that one has to come to that Sacrament of Reconciliation with (1) perfect contrition (sorrow, out of love of God, for our sins committed) or (2) imperfect contrition (sorrow, out of fear of God’s punishment, for our sins committed) — and with either flavor of contrition, also have a desire to amend one’s life. That is to say: Our confession has to be more than mere words; it must be sincere. Thus, if we go to confession or maliciously omit sins, just to look like we’re doing the right thing, well then, we are doing no better than the 2007 “Bionic Woman” reboot (and trust me, that’s not good at all). In that case, our reboot, our new beginning, would be insincere, and would fall flat, achieving nothing. And please note, there is a big difference between a failed TV reboot and failed spiritual reboot: a bad TV show can shop around for another network, but there is but one God.

So how does one go to confession? If you have forgotten, fear not: Here is a simple guide. If you need to, clip it out, and take it into confession with you. Going to Confession involves 12 easy steps:

1. Go to the Priest, kneel down or sit.
2. Say “*In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*”
3. Wait for the Priest to speak to you.
4. Say something to indicate you are prepared to confess your sins, common words used are (as is heard in every movie or TV show showing someone going to confession):

“Bless me Father for I have sinned, it has

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HC & ICC CLERGY

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

HC CLERGY

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

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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Diane Belt	Assistant to the Pastor, ext. 113
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Arline Dosman	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. 118
Tammy Korosec	CRE Religious Ed, ext 122
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Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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FAMILY RETREAT

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

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

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

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

LITTLE BOOKS

Immaculate Conception is taking orders for the Little Reflection books for the various liturgical seasons. Cost is \$5.00 for the set. Orders and payment can be taken in the HC or ICC Parish Offices. The order will be placed on October 1 so all who wish to purchase must place their order by September 28.

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 5 23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35:4-7

God offers courage to all those with faith.

SECOND READING: JAMES 2:1-5

Do not be deferential to those with riches or power.

GOSPEL: MARK 7:31-37

Our call to have “hearts without borders”.

ALTAR SERVERS (HC)

There will be a review sessions for all CURRENT altar servers on Saturday, September 11, beginning at 9 am in the church. Deacon Vince will review the procedures and get current information from the altar server as to the Mass they wish to serve on the weekends.

We need NEW altar servers. We are offering a training for anyone in Grade 5 and up who would like to become an altar server. This training will be on Saturday, September 25, at 9 am in the church. If interested in serving at Mass, please call the Parish Office to leave your name and phone number so we know you will be attending this new altar server training.

EMHC'S AND LECTORS (HC)

We want to start publishing a new Ministry Schedule for our Masses but we need your information to update our records. By Sept 5, please send your name, address, email address, phone number, and Mass you wish to serve to mdornberger@holycrossover.org. If you do not have email, please call Michele Dornberger at 674-5787, ext 116. Since Mass times have changed, we need everyone to respond to know who still wishes to be active or taken off our list and the Mass you wish to help with.

RECENTLY DECEASED (HC & ICC)

Condolences to the family of

- *Lida Smith*

who recently passed.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS (HC)

Our K of C will hold a Meatball Sub sale at the Columbian Home, 219 Vepco Blvd, Camden, DE on September 11 from 12 to 5pm. Stop buy to purchase your sub. For \$10.



The Knights also we plan to restart their Sunday breakfast after Mass on Sunday, September 26, following the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses. Please make plans now to join us for a delicious breakfast.



MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

30 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Karen Bergmann

31 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Howard Rowlands

1 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Susan Thompson

2 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Corp. Willard Powell
ICC 6 pm For the People

3 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Kristine O'Connor

4 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Cameron Pelekakis
HC 5 pm Eileen Hanhauser

5 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Hans Crews, Jr.
ICC 8:30 am Rosemary Vasquez
HC 9:30 am Grayce Faries
ICC 11 am Lillian "Lee" Marinelli
HC 11:30 am For the People
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION

DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

LIHEAP HELP

Catholic Charities is the statewide administrator for



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Wilmington

LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program). If you need help paying your home energy bill, LIHEAP may be able to help.

Contact Catholic Charities at 302-674-1782. They will inform you of the documentation that is needed in order to apply and to schedule your appointment.

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 August/Sept 2021

At Holy Cross:

5 pm Mass

Aug 28 D. Kilby
 Sept 4 J. Coffield
 Sept 11 D. Kilby

7:30 am Mass

Aug 29 J. Davis
 Sept 5 R. Pritchett
 Sept 12 C. Cuffee

9:30 am Mass

Aug 29 S. Crossen
 Sept 5 C. Petka
 Sept 12 C. Parks

At Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass

Aug 29 K. Cairns
 Sept 5 B. Thompson
 Sept 12 G. Godfrey

11 am Mass

Aug 29 S. Tucker
 Sept 5 L. Soule
 Sept 12 A. Meyer

For Holy Cross Ministry schedule: All altar servers, lectors, and extraordinary ministers, please see the note on page 5 of this bulletin so we can get new information from you to create a new regular schedule.

For ICC, please get in touch with Marilyn Dixon at mdixon@iccmaryl.org if you have any questions about the ministry schedule.

Thank you.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

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

DIRECTORIES (HC)

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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Listening is not the same as being quiet. After the quiet must come an effort to show your spouse you understand. If you tend to be the less verbal spouse, make an effort to share your feelings and then show that you understand your partner's feelings and position.

PARENTING POINTERS

Children like stuff - a new bike or doll, perhaps the latest video game. If you consider their request an extravagance, can you help them "earn" it? Are there extra jobs around the house you can pay them for like raking the leaves or washing the car?

HELP THE PEOPLE OF HAITI

A massive 7.2 magnitude earthquake has hit Haiti, killing nearly 1300 people, with death toll numbers increasing. The shock leveled homes, leaving thousands without shelter. Countless others are injured and hospitals are already overwhelmed. Your gift to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is critical for the families in Haiti. When you give, you provide immediate assistance for our Haitian sisters and brothers desperate to survive this devastating situation. Your help will deliver immediate relief. Your prayers and support will make so much difference. Please give a vital gift today - visit www.crs.org

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, September 4th, Fr. John Solomon, Pastor of Holy Savior/St. Mary Star of the Sea parish in Ocean City, Maryland will be the guest. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640, or listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANA

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

se inscriba lo puede hacer en línea o en la oficina de la parroquia. Las clases empiezan el Domingo, 19 de septiembre a las 9:40 a.m. Su niño tiene que estar inscrito para asistir.

TE NECESITAMOS: ¡Se necesitan catequistas para el próximo año! Para el Kinder (el jardín de infancia) y 5to grado. Consulte con la Sra. Poppiti lo antes posible. Si se lo está preguntando, esta puede ser su vocación.

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

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

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

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

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA (ICC)

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

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.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (HC)

Parent meeting for candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are asked to please attend a parent meeting on Sunday, August 29 or Monday, August 30 at 7 pm in the Matthew/Mark room of the ELC building 2nd floor. Your teen is welcome to attend with you.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: (HC)

Begin September 12 or 15. If you have not registered your child for Confirmation preparation, please stop by the Parish Office - Mon-Thursday 9-1.

CHWC INTEREST MEETING (HC)

Will take place on Monday, September 27 at 7 pm in the Matthew/Mark room. Catholic Heart Work Camp is open to those entering 8th grade through first year of college. Please come find out about our week planned for this coming summer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (IC)

***Registration for next year 2021-2022: We need to plan for teachers, space and books. Please see Ms. Alicia to hand in your child's registrations. A table will be set up after most Masses for registration, online and at office. Classes begin on Sunday, September 19th at 9:40am. Your child must be registered to attend.

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

Assessments from last year of school are still 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@iccmaryladel.org

SYMBOLON (IC)

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

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

FUND RAISER AT IC

To help defray cost of HVAC repair in church.

Fun & Nonsense 4 Shows

Bingo, Fun & Saintly Prizes

Sept. 11 at 4 PM and 6:30 PM

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

\$10 Donation

SVDP MEETING AT IC

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

PARISH PICNIC AT IC

Saturday, September 25, from 2 to 6 pm.

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers provided.

Join us for Music, Hayrides, and Games.

Please bring a covered dish.

It will be very soon when our students will be entering through the doorways of their classroom buildings. Our sixth graders will be venturing through with giant sized butterflies in their tummies and our first graders, with excitement and anticipation will also nervously walk into a classroom space which looks very different from the one they left behind in the ELC. Our youngest ones will march through the doorway of their very own building filled with a sense of wonder; carrying those oversized backpacks.

WE WELCOME.....

The summer days have been busy here at Holy Cross where much has taken place. The purpose of this communication is to inform you of the changes that have occurred even as late as Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Teresa Arndt has assumed the role of Elementary Office Coordinator. She is coming to us from the Caesar Rodney school district after twenty-one years of service as a classroom para-professional working at the kindergarten level. Mrs. Arndt is a long time Holy Cross parishioner having been affiliated with the CCD program and Vacation Bible School for many years. Many have already had the pleasure of speaking with Mrs. Arndt on the telephone. Additionally, as an early riser, Mrs. Arndt will be the first smiling face many of our children see as she will be supervising the Before-Care students in the school cafeteria every morning. Mrs. Arndt is excited about her new roles here at HCS and we welcome her while wishing her a great school year.

We are all very excited to welcome Mrs. Kelly Carey to Holy Cross as she assumes the role of Cafeteria Manager. Mrs. Carey has recently joined the Holy Cross school family coming to us following a long career with Acme Markets. Very recently retired, Mrs. Carey will be taking on the duties and responsibilities of the cafeteria in September. We do not anticipate any changes in the lunch program as we have come to know and love it. The children will still have their chocolate chip cookies, ice cream sundae days, snacks, ice-cream, cold beverages, and everything else they have come to enjoy over the years. Please look for additional information regarding lunch orders, menu postings, and other pertinent information as it is available for sharing.

In the ELC Three Year Old Room Miss June will be assisted by Mrs. Tamara Traynor. Miss June and Mrs. Traynor are former colleagues having previously worked together before their reunion here at HC. Mrs. Traynor holds several professional credentials and certifications in the area of Early Childhood Education while bringing many years of service and a true devotion to working with young children to her new role.

We also welcome Mrs. Daisy Lowe, Mrs. Lois Lewis, and Mrs. Theresa Bell to our After-Care program. They are looking forward to joining forces with Miss Eleanor, Mr. Henry, and Miss Linda to continue in providing the wonderful care that has become synonymous with the Holy Cross After-School program. I know our students will love these ladies. As an added bonus, Mrs. Lowe is a retired registered nurse. It will be wonderful having a medical professional join the ranks of the AC program!

God is good! He NEVER leaves us wanting, and He ALWAYS hears our prayers. We are so BLESSED to be able to open this new school year with so many talented, and enthusiastic, new members of our school family. I am confident that they will receive a warm and fervent welcome by our entire school community, because just like our students they, too, face all things new with a couple of flutterbyes about them.

PLANS FOR OPENING

Please know that the plan for the opening of school is to keep protocols the same as last year. We will be asking our families to respect our restrictions on building entry upon the opening of the school year. If and when we can lessen restrictions, we will. With regard to other restrictions in place from the last school year such as Mass attendance and extra-curricular activities, look for updates to me made as news is made ready to share. Be advised that our dismissal procedures will remain the same as last year.

For now, our faculty and staff will be returning on Monday, August 23, 2021. We will be spending the day with our new Bishop, William Koenig for Spirituality Day on Wednesday, August 25, 2021. On Thursday we will be looking forward to seeing all of our new students for Drop-Off Day, (please see the attached flyer) and the ELC Open House events in the evening.

SAVE THE DATE

- August 30, 2021---11:50 dismissal with Before Care and After-Care provided.
- August 31---September 03: Full day sessions with Before Care and After-Care provided.
 - 2:30 dismissal ELC; 2:45 dismissal Grades 1-8
- September 02, 2021---Open House for the Three Year Old Program
- September 06, 2021---School Holiday
- September 07, 2021—First Day for the Three Year Olds

God bless the remainder of your summer days with joy and peace.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Linda Pollitt

been ___ (how long?) since my last confession:"

[Note: The reason one notes the time from the last confession is because all sins prior to that last confession have been absolved. You can only confess sins since your last confession. That is why at the end of each confession the penitent usually says something like "for these and all the sins of my past life I am truly sorry." In this way, when the priest gives absolution he is absolving all of your sins — those verbally confessed, and all of those sins you may not have remembered at that moment.]

5. Tell the Priest the sins that you know you have committed.
6. Then say something like: "I am sorry for these and for all of my sins."
7. The Priest will speak to you briefly and give you a penance (usually prayers)
8. The Priest will then ask you to make an Act of Contrition. You can say an Act of Contrition that you are familiar with, or you can say this:
"O My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy."
9. The Priest will then absolve you of your sins, by saying: "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
10. You say "Amen".
11. The Priest will dismiss you (possibly he will say, "Go in peace"), to which you say "Thanks be to God". Or you may simply thank the Priest and leave.
12. As soon as it is possible, do the penance you were assigned.

Welcome Back... So, if you haven't been to confession in a while, fear not, Christ is always ready to welcome you back. At Holy Cross, confessions are at 8:30am Saturday mornings and at Immaculate Conception in Marydel, Confession are at 9:30am Saturday mornings (in English and Spanish). Additional confession times are added during Advent and Lent, including Penance Services.

The new school year marks a time for new beginnings for our children, in the confessional we can find a new beginning, too; a new beginning in our relationship with the Lord. If it's time to reboot, you know where to go!

Yours in Christ,
 Fr. James Lentini
 Pastor

To the right, you will see the answers to last week's crossword Puzzle.

Hope you had fun doing it.

