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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

August 9, 2020

19th 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



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Matthew 14:31

Saint Peter Attempting to Walk on Water
by François Boucher, 1766
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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

iccmaryl.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 July 26

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$27,650	\$27,600	\$50
YTD	\$111,371	\$110,400	\$971
Needs	\$1,581	\$1,550	\$31

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending July

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,394
Second	\$245

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

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

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time that we cannot gather together at Mass. You can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card. We will call you back.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Parishioners,

Amidst these days when we are still dealing with coronavirus fears and everyday life limitations as a result, I am sure many of us are looking ahead to a brighter day, and back in time to happy memories. Taking these action helps to transfigure our despair into hope, our troubles into opportunities and our questions into solutions. This past week on Thursday, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6), a day when Christ revealed himself, as who truly was, before the eyes of his Apostles — they saw him in his Divinity. And that vision of the Transfiguration changes — dare I say — transfigures the faith of the Apostles, as it makes their faith in Christ what it should truly be, faith in God, in the Divine.

Let's take a moment, in this column to take a deeper look at this Feast Day we call "The Transfiguration." And let's start it by taking a step back ... in time.

Bell Bottoms and a Blind Man. The year was 1974, bell bottoms were in, platform shoes were the rage, the Post-It note was invented, GI Joe with Kung-Fu grip was the #1 toy, pet rocks were on their way in, and puka shells on their way out. It was a groovy time. In that same year, there was a song entitled, "The Last Game of the Season." The song was a schmaltzy bit of pop puffery that told the tale of young boy in high school who was on the football team. This young man was evidently not the best of players on the team. His dad, who was blind, nonetheless came to every game in which his son played during his high school year. During one game – the titular "Last Game of the Season" – many players are injured, and second string may be called in. Suddenly, the boy is called to locker room for a phone call. When he returns to players' bench, he tell the coach "You gotta let me in to play." And play he does! Like never before.

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

Ain't No Mountain High Enough. Today, in our Gospel, Apostles Ss. Peter, James and John, have a Magic-Eye moment. At this point, they have been

with Jesus for some time: they've travelled, ministered, ate, and prayed with Him. They have faithfully followed, and persevered with Him. And today on Mount Tabor, after years of seeing Jesus the man, they finally get to see Jesus in his fullness, as He truly is, in his Divinity. At the Transfiguration, the veil between the natural and supernatural realms was peeled back for just a moment, but that short glimpse of God was all that was needed! The Scripture describes the scene like this: "Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.... behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Matthew 17:1-2,5)

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

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

Exact Change. In Exodus, we are told that God's brilliance was so great that, "the skin of [Moses'] face had become radiant while he spoke with the Lord." I don't know if the Apostle got a similar – dare I say – "Son tan" in their encounter with Christ at the Transfiguration, but I can say with some level of metaphysical certitude that they were forever changed! Christ's Transfiguration marked the Apostles transformation. They saw Christ dif-

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PRO LIFE CORNER

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

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

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

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

READINGS FOR AUGUST 15

ASSUMPTION (NOT A HOLY DAY THIS YEAR)
 FIRST READING: REVELATION 11:19Z; 12:1-6A
 SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-27
 GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-56

READINGS FOR AUGUST 16 20TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7
 SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:13-15, 29-32
 GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:21-28

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

Jesus commanded us to pray for vocations with his words, "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington by your generous donation during the special collection being taken in all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore on August 15/16. Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Malooly has been live-streaming weekend Masses from our Cathedral. You can view the Masses at [YouTube.com/DioceseOfWilm](https://www.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](https://www.cathedralofstpeter.com/donate). We thank you for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST

10 MONDAY

HC 6:30 am Edna Mulloy
HC 8:00 am Anne Fortier

11 TUESDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8:00 am Patricia Martinelli

12 WEDNESDAY

HC 6:30 am Rev. Thomas McLaughlin
HC 8:00 am Guy Isenberg

13 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am Lia Cruz (LI)
HC 8:00 am Matt Kropiewnicki
ICC 7 pm For the People

14 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am Janis Beiser
HC 8:00 am Mary Lee Allen

15 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Gloria Lentini
HC 5 pm Augustine Etim

16 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Bill Bachman
ICC 8:30 am Marge Messner
HC 9:30 am Richard Mokoski
HC 11:30 am Thomas Combs
ICC 11 am Patricia Spiezio
HC 1 pm Mayla E. Felio
ICC 1 pm For the People
HC 6 pm DM Teleska & Gore Families

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

RETROUVAILE:

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 and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

MASS MINISTERS ARE NOT ACTIVE AT THIS TIME.

YOUNG AT HEART (HC)

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

NEWLY BAPTIZED (HC)

We welcome our newest baptized member into our community:

- *Benjamin Delgado*

NEWLY REGISTERED (HC)

Welcome to our newly registered parishioner:

- *Michael, Krystal and Jackson Messick*

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.

VOCATIONS

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the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

Serra for priestly and religious

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

In any marriage there are times when we hurt each other, sometimes seriously. In your own marriage how do you heal? How do you forgive? It's not always easy because love is not easy.

PARENTING POINTERS

Who are my enemies (or at least people I don't like)? If your child is old enough, pose this question to them also. Then... try to think of at least one positive quality of the person you don't like. Try to understand what might have led him or her to act the way you dislike.

Horario Temporal de las Misas Dominicales en

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

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

NUEVA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL 2020-2021:

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

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

VBS, Escuela Bíblica de Verano 2020

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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC) REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 (HC)

Registration for the 2020-2021 Religious Education Program is now open. The registration forms are attached below. Please complete the forms and either email them back to tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or drop them off in the Parish Office. Please note that payment is NOT due at the time of registration. We would appreciate the forms back ASAP so we may have 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, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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.



PLEASE NOTE:

THE ONLY MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, AT THE 8 AM MASS AT HOLY CROSS OR THE 9 AM SPANISH MASS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. THERE IS NO VIGIL MASS THE NIGHT BEFORE FOR THE ASSUMPTION. IT IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION IN THE UNITED STATES THIS YEAR

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC) NEW REGISTRATION FOR THE

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

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

Registration is needed before school.

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

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

Teens/Parents/ Grandparents

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

CONFIRMATION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:

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

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



Let me begin by saying that although he was a pretty funny comedian, I never cared for all the expletives and innuendo in his routine. I have never understood why the King's English (as my grandmother used to say) has to be further enhanced by words that are offensive. George Carlin was a favorite during the time of my youth, especially among the college crowd. It was the college crowd that didn't care about his use of profanity, oddly enough thinking it only made the delivery of his comedic routine all the more humorous. Alas, I guess I've always been a prude. But there was one performance of his that I still remember to this day. I remember it because it didn't contain too many nasty words, but mostly I remember it because the message therein was oh, so true.

"Actually, this is just a place for my stuff, ya know? That's all; a little place for my stuff. That's all I want, that's all you need in life, is a little place for your stuff, ya know? I can see it on your table; everybody's got a little place for their stuff. This is my stuff, that's your stuff, that'll be his stuff over there.

That's all you need in life, a little place for your stuff. That's all your house is- a place to keep your stuff. If you didn't have so much stuff, you wouldn't need a house. You could just walk around all the time. A house is just a pile of stuff with a cover on it."

Recently, my husband was relaying a story of one of his jaunts to Lowes. He happened to mention a zero-turn lawn mower they had "on sale" for \$6000.00. Foolishly I asked him if he needed a zero-turn lawn mower. Thankfully he said no. This past Saturday he and I were shopping in a small town on the Eastern Shore. We ambled into one of those consignment centers that are filled with stuff that used to belong to somebody else. Immediately upon my spying the sweetest little antique student desk, I just **had** to have it. I have always wanted one. We bought it. This led to the question as to where to place it, how will we accent it? We simply must place something on top of it, you know. Well, we answered all the questions and we returned home very happy with our newest purchase. But, does it not beg the question; did we **need** the sweet little antique student desk that I have always **wanted**? Frankly, the answer is no.

We've all heard it. Want vs. need. Now, unless you're really smart, exercise self-control, and manage finances skillfully, oftentimes want wins out over need as we accumulate all of our stuff through life.

Currently the conversational buzz is centered upon plans for returning to school. Everyone I know is aware of what I do for a living. I cannot engage in a single conversation without the subject being raised. Clearly, it is not my decision. I only wish it was. I

won't know until I know. I won't have answers until I am given the answers. I am not being cynical here; it is the plain and honest truth.

I **do** know one thing, though. I **do** know for a fact is that children **need** to be in school. The concept of school was *invented* for a reason. We have come to learn just how desperate **the need** is. I was touring a mom and daughter through the JH Building last week. The student has been enrolled at HC for a few years. Mom has some justified concerns over her daughter's return to school. After conversation I asked the child what her choice would be, if she could make the decision. She admitted to **wanting** to be back in school. School is where the structure is, where children thrive on the routine of the day. Where they make friends, where they form social circles, they learn social graces. The strong academic foundation found in a Catholic school is formed and solidified by daily attendance and in-person instruction. It is a basic **need**.

School...it's both a want **and** a need.

No one knows what the future holds. We have worked and will continue to work by preparing ourselves for the possibility of returning to virtual learning. If this is what we are to do, our student's virtual learning experience will be different. Our faculty is geared up for boosting our knowledge of Google Classroom and making it work more efficiently for the children; AND I am **so** excited about Chromebook ownership in fourth and fifth grade! As soon as we come back our teachers will provide instruction on accessing digital access to our Reading, Science, Religion and Math series, as well as using Google classroom. If we don't have to return to virtual learning, our students will still benefit from this new information and be able to use it in the classroom.

This past week I received the long awaited answer. [Holy Cross children will be in school every day receiving in-person instruction.](#)

I'd like to quote one our parents' response to learning the good news. "Praise Jesus!" To that I say a resounding Amen!

ferently, and so they left that mountainside differently than when they arrived. Their lives were changed by this encounter with the Lord.

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

- Back-in-the-day it took me awhile to learn that the Columbia House Record and Tape Club's promise of 11-record albums and tapes for "free," really wasn't such a bargain (\$114.80 later, I saw things differently);
- At age 30, I could have a Big Mac or a bucket of fried chicken very late at night, and then go to bed, no problem; 25 years later, my stomach sometimes see things differently (but it all still tastes good).
- And remember those "Magic Eye" photos popular in the 1990s — you look at some intricate design and if you do in just the right way, you will see an image appear within the design. They made me crazy. Sometimes I would look and look and look and look, and all I'd see is the goofy pattern — no image would appear to my eye. Everyone else around would say "I see it... I can see the image in there." But I saw nothing... at first. But, then persevering faithfully, eventually I would come to see things differently, and I would come to be able to finally see what's really there.

Taste and See. At Mass, when we approach the altar to receive Holy Communion, with the eyes of our head we see only bread and wine. But, by persevering in faith, by trusting in God, and by opening our minds and hearts to God's omnipotence, we can come to see things differently. At Mass, let us join our minds and hearts to those of the Apostles at the Transfiguration, and let us see who is really here with us: Jesus Christ — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

And so, let us approach Holy Communion and see not just the bread and wine visible to our human eyes, but rather, let us see what is really there: The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. As with the Apostle at the Transfiguration, when we receive Communion let us be open to the blessing and the gift of a profound encounter with the God who gave us life. And

let us allow that encounter to continue to transform us to become more and more like Christ, so that we might bare the name Christian not just proudly, but rightfully.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor



FROM THE OFFICE FOR DEACONS...

Our diocesan candidates for the Permanent Diaconate were in Malvern this week for their preaching practicum. They will be installed in the Ministry of Acolyte by Bishop Malooly at 11 a.m., August 8th at St. Margaret of Scotland. Please keep our candidates in your prayers. Mr. Rich Kosior, from Holy Cross, is one of these candidates. Mr. Adam Perza, also a member of both Holy Cross and St. Benedict's, is a diaconate candidate. Please keep both men and their families in your prayers.

THE DIALOG

We have good news to share about the return of The Dialog to every-other-Friday publication.

Beginning Friday, Aug. 14, The Dialog will once again be publishing and delivering to parishes its regular print edition. It's the first in-print version of the newspaper since mid-March as restrictions were put in place to limit the spread of coronavirus.



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