

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

522 Main Street • P.O. Box 399 • Marydel, Maryland 21649-0399

Phone: 410-482-7687 • Fax: 410-482-7253

[www.immaculateconceptionmarydel.com](http://www.immaculateconceptionmarydel.com)

**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Friday 9:30-12 noon, Closed Wednesdays

*Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.*

## December 6, 2015 – Second Sunday of Advent

### Eucharist of the Lord's Day

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

#### Weekday Eucharist

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

#### Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

#### Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,  
Wednesday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

#### Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. John Olson, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Anthony Giamello, Associate Pastor

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.  
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

#### Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

#### Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of  
financial assistance, please call

**St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702**

### The Sacraments

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr., our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-697-2049.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

---

### Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Doors. I am not referring to the rock band of the 60s which had number one hit with "Light My Fire." Rather, when I say "door" I am speaking of an entrance. Poet Ogden Nash once posited that "a door is what a dog is perpetually on the wrong side of."

I must confess that I enjoy examining word origins and development – I'm geeky that way. And I have to say that word "door" has one of the weirdest word origins I've ever come across.

The word "door" comes from the Greek word "thyra" (pronounced thuh-ruh). Somehow over time, the "th" became a "d" (kind of like how we folks back in Brooklyn would say "dat" instead of "that") – and thus, the word became pronounced duh-ruh, which kind of sounds like door. Ah, were that where the story ended, it would be a simple word origin -- but alas it is not. As it happened, some Greek speakers in Turkey altered the "th" into an "f" (like when a little kid says

he has to go to the "baffroom" instead of the "bathroom"). Thus the word morphed into "fyra" (fuh-ruh)... the Latin language took that ball and ran with it. Latin developed "fyra" into foris (door). If that wasn't morphing enough, the "fyra" and "dyra" words later became connected with the "p" sound – and gave us "porta" in Latin and in our Romance languages, meaning "door," "gate," or "entrance." Thus:

From "fyra" we get our words like "forth" (to pass forward through an entrance), "forest" (wooded area out of doors), "foreign" (from outside the entrance of your land), "foyer" and "foray," etc.

From "dyra" we get the more common word "door" meaning an entrance, an opening or passage into something, or it can refer to an object that controls that entranceway.

From "porta" we get the Spanish words "puerta" (door), "porto" (port – a harbor entrance), etc. Am I giving word history for fun? As a-door-able (ouch) as that might be, no.

## The Holy Year and the Holy Door

The reason that I am speaking to you of doors is because in accord with the Holy Father and our Bishop, parishes in the Wilmington Diocese will be establishing a “Holy Door” for the “Year of Mercy.” You see, Pope Francis has convoked the first Extraordinary Jubilee of the Third Millennium, in the form of “The Year of Mercy” – a year focused on the mercy of God. In his Papal Bull, *Misericordiae Vultus* (Face of Mercy), which set this Holy Year in place, he declared: “In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. He gives us his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return.” This “Year of Mercy” is a special jubilee year; it will extend from December 8, 2015 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception), to the Feast of Christ the King, next November.

### Holy Cross: A Door of Mercy Pilgrimage Site

As a way of bringing that “mercy” into our parishes, Dioceses around the world were commended to designate a “Holy Door” or a “Door of Mercy.” In our Diocese, Bishop Malooly has designated a handful of Churches to dedicate a “Holy Door” – and Holy Cross is one of those churches. Thus we will be a sort of pilgrimage site for the faithful during this coming year.

### What does all of this mean to our faithful?

Well, the “Holy Door” will be an indulgenced site in our portion of the Diocese – thus, as mentioned, it will become a pilgrimage destination for some. For us at ICC, it is so close that it can be a part of our everyday life here for the coming year.

### Plenary Indulgence

The “Holy Door” will be dedicated and blessed at the start of the Saturday 5pm Mass for weekend of Gaudete Sunday (the Third Sunday in Advent). Once that door is dedicated and blessed, those passing through it may gain a plenary indulgence (i.e., the full remission of temporal punishment due to sin), providing all the regular conditions are met. What are the regular conditions? Simple during the period of eight days before or eight days after walking through the Holy Door, a member of the Catholic faithful must go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Pope.

### What Door Will It Be?

I felt like Monty Hall making this selection – will it be door number one, door number two, or door number three. But luckily, I had some guidance on what door to choose to bless.

Much like what will be done in Rome (and in other locations), the main center double-doors are not the ones being dedicated, as they are used for bulk-traffic in and out of the Church. Following the example from Rome, the Holy Door at Saint Peter’s Basilica is not the main entrance, but rather the far right door (of five) on the main façade. So, too, the door that will be dedicated as our “Porta Sancta” (Holy Door) will be the right-hand door in the narthex (“gathering space”) of the Church, leading into the Church’s nave. That door will be identified in a proper and reverent manner for all to see.

### Why are We Doing This?

Aside from the directive that we do this, there are excellent reasons for observing this Year of Mercy with this Holy Door, to wit:

**Spiritual Growth:** as with all specially designated years, the focus of a jubilee year is the spiritual growth of the faithful – your spiritual growth. Draw close to the Church, to our Lord, to the teachings and dogmas of our Faith, and grow in understanding, knowledge and love of the mercy of God.

**Access to God’s Mercy.** The Holy Door (“Porta Sancta”) is a tradition established in 1500; that door symbolizes the doorway of salvation and our access to God’s mercy, especially in the Sacraments of the Church.

**One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church:** This Holy Door at Holy Cross symbolically unites the door of Holy Cross Church with the Holy Door in Rome at St. Peter’s Basilica, and indeed with the Catholic Church around the world. It reminds us of our communion – our unity – with the Holy See and the Holy Father.

Paul McCartney, former member of the Beatles, sang, in 1976, “Someone’s knockin’ at the door... do me a favor, open the door and let ‘em in.” The door is opened for Christ’s faith – the door of mercy is there... and now, we “let ‘em in.” It is my great joy to share this good news of the Holy Door at Holy Cross. I would commend you, during this season of Advent and in the Holy Year ahead, to make use of the Holy Door, and more importantly, to be reminded every day to thank God for the gift of Mercy made manifest in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

---

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun., Dec 6**    **8:30am:** Louis & Anna Adams  
                  **11:00am:** Alan Meek  
Misa en Español **7:00pm:** Lambert Weber  
**Thur, Dec 10**   **7:00pm:** For the People  
**Sun., Dec 13**   **8:30am:** Andrea Nagyiski  
                  **11:00am:** Joe Policella  
Misa en Español **7:00pm:** For the People

*Our Mass book for 2016 year is open. Please stop by office or call to have Masses scheduled.*

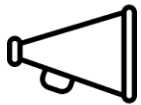
### COLLECTION TOTALS:

**Regular Offertory:**                    \$2995.85  
**Supplementary Offertory**        \$473.56

**Second Collection Today: Supplementary Offertory**

*Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed, and appreciated.*

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT



Lectors please pick up your new Lector book this weekend in the office. Your name is on your book. If there is not one with your name, let Alicia know. Some schedule changes are in the mail for the 11Mass. Thank you.

### Collection Counters

**Dec. 6** - Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud  
**Dec. 13** - Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud  
**Dec. 20** - Margie Short & Laura Voshell

### Church Cleaning Crew

#### **December 12, 2015 Grupo #5**

Alberto Morales, Maurilio Gabriel, Carlos Gabriel, Carlos Miguel, **Érica Miguel**, Aurora Rivera

#### **December 19, 2015 Grupo #6**

Anselmo Escalante, **Adelaida Velásquez**, Judith Ortiz, Cesario Escalante, Ada Escalante, Haylin Bartolón

#### **December 26, 2015 Grupo #7**

**Celia Berduo**, Lidia Fernández, Adrián Matías, Agurinda Santizo, Maricela Santizo, Patricia López

### Altar Servers

**Dec 13**

**8:30am Mass** – Hannah & Evan Nagyiski  
**11:00am Mass** – Carmine Poppiti & Joanne Santizo  
**Spanish Misa 7:00pm** – Armando Macario & Haylin Bartolón

### Lectors

**Dec 13**

**8:30am Mass** – Sandy Dean  
**11:00am Mass** – Laura Schlaupitz  
**Spanish 7:00pm Misa** – Marcos Díaz, Froilán Berduo

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Dec 13**

**8:30am Mass**  
Deacon Tormey, Elisa & Tom Costello  
**11:00am Mass**  
Deacon Sherman, Geri Garvin, Joan Stewart  
**7:00pm Misa**  
Dolores Cuin, Carlos Miguel, Flora Pérez

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

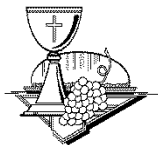
### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Monday-Vigil Mass- 5:30pm, 7pm in Spanish**

**Tuesday Mass- 9am**

### NEW MASS TIME FOR WEEK NIGHT!

Beginning, Thursday, December 10, there will be Mass in Spanish celebrated on Thursdays at 7pm. We will no longer have Mass on Wednesday evenings due to scheduling.



Thank you!!

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Knights Breakfast: Sun Dec 6, 9am in Hall**

**SRE:** Sun, Dec 6, 9:40am in Classrooms

**RICA:** Sun, Dec. 6, 1:30pm, Computer Center

**JOVENES:** Sun, Dec 6, 3:30pm, church basement

**St Vincent de Paul:** Mon, Dec 7, 6pm in Office

**Knights of Columbus:** Tues. Dec. 8, 6:30pm, Hall

**ESL:** Mon. & Wed, Dec 7 & 9, 7pm in Computer Room and basement classroom

**Juan XXIII:** Tues. Dec. 8, 7pm, computer center

**MISA:** Thursday, Dec. 10, 7pm, Church



**Knights of Columbus:** Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues., in the hall at 6:30pm. For more information contact Grand Knight, Clyde Hinebaugh 410-482-8699 or [clydehinebaugh@gmail.com](mailto:clydehinebaugh@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Events – Save The Date

#### ➤ **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration:**

Fri, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 10pm at Holy Cross Church

Holy Rosary, Dramatization, and Mañanitas

Sat, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 11am at Holy Cross Church

Holy Mass (with Mariachis)

Grand Fiesta to follow in Gymnasium

**PLEASE RSVP BY DEC 8<sup>th</sup> - 674-5787 ext 118**

#### ➤ **Christmas Presentation - Adult Education:**

Fr. Lentini will be presenting an evening of “The Christmas Story in Words and Art”, Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please call the office to register, so we can have all the materials needed. Come share a wonderful evening.

#### ➤ **Advent Parish Penance service:**

Thursday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in Church

### Marriage & Family Life Corner

#### Marriage Moment –

**As we enter the holy season of Advent, the rest of the world often knows this as the holiday and party season. Who does most of the decorating, buying, cooking, and cleaning up around your home? Is it shared? Is it hectic? Is it too much? Simplify.**

#### Parenting Pointer –

**St. Nick's Day is Dec. 6. It's a nice custom to put a treat in your child's shoe the night before. BUT...also remember there are children in our world without shoes. If your child is old enough tell him or her about Soles4Souls or visit <http://soles4souls.org>. Maybe your child will offer to give an extra pair of shoes.**

**FROM THE DRE'S DESK**  
**School of Religious Education**

**SRE Classes TODAY 9:40 am in Classrooms**

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Theme:** We are getting ready to welcome Christ into our hearts.

**Question for Children:** What things do you do to get ready for a big event or celebration?

**Question for Youth:** How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

**Question for Adults:** Name one thing you can do to help "prepare the way of the Lord?"

**Pregunta de la semana**

**2o domingo de adviento**

**Tema:** Nos estamos preparando para recibir a Cristo en nuestros corazones.

**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Qué hacen para prepararse para un gran evento o celebración?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** ¿Cómo compartes la Buena Nueva de Jesús con los demás?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Nombren algo que puedan hacer para ayudar a "preparar el camino del Señor."



**HAPPY HELPERS:**  
**Saturday, Dec. 19,**  
**1-3pm, hall**



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE:

Mass- 5pm, 7pm and Midnight

Mass in Spanish -9pm

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY:

9:00am Mass ONLY

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Regular Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: New Years Eve

5pm in English & 7pm in Spanish

Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: New years Day-Solemnity of Mary

9:00am Mass ONLY

Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>: Regular Mass Schedule

**Holy Cross Cemetery** in Dover  
Serves the members of Immaculate  
Conception Parish  
Contact  
Len Dornberger, Administrator  
302-674-5787 x135

**Are you called to be a Deacon?**



The Diocese of Wilmington welcomes applicants for a new class of Permanent Deacons that will begin formation in June 2016. The five-year preparation program consists of human, spiritual, academic, and pastoral formation. Spiritual formation programs are held one Saturday a month during the initial year of discernment. Academic formation, beginning with the second year, takes place one weekend a month from September to June. Applicants must be 60 or younger when the program begins. Minimum ordination age is 35. Applicants must demonstrate a zeal for service to God's people; experience in some volunteer parish or diocesan ministry is preferred.

Information nights are scheduled from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the following locations:

Tues, January 12, 2016

Church of the Holy Child, 2500 Naamans Rd.,  
Wilm, DE 19810

Parish Activities Center (Education Wing)

Thursday, January 14, 2016

Holy Cross, 631 S. State St., Dover, DE 19901

Early Learning Center (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Thursday, January 21, 2016

St. Francis de Sales, 535 Riverside Drive, Salisbury,  
MD 21801

Mercy Hall

Wives of interested married men are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. The sessions will discuss the role of the permanent deacon, qualifications for admission, and the formation process.

For further information and registration, please contact the Office for Deacons at 302-573-2390.

**Join the Catholic Advocacy Network**

Many issues face us on a national and state wide level. Social concerns such as health care and immigration, life issues such as abortion and euthanasia, assistance for Catholic school families, poverty and so much more.

You can make a big difference in just 5 minutes. That's all it will take to join Catholics in the Diocese of Wilmington as members of the Delaware or Maryland Catholic Advocacy Network. The actions of our government have an enormous impact on the lives of you and your family. Join the Catholic Advocacy Network today.

MD Residents - <http://www.mdcathcon.org/657> or

DE Residents <http://www.cdow.org/join-the-delaware-catholic-advocacy-network/>

## **COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 6 DE DICIEMBRE, 2015**

Queridos feligreses,  
Puertas. No me refiero a la banda de rock de los años 60 que tuvieron el éxito número uno con "Light My Fire" "Enciende mi fuego". Más bien, cuando digo "puerta" Estoy hablando de una entrada. El poeta Ogden Nash una vez se refirió que "una puerta es lo que un perro esta perpetuamente en el lado equivocado."

Debo confesar que me gusta examinar el origen de palabras y su desarrollo - Soy fanático de esa manera. Tengo que decirles que la palabra "puerta" tiene uno de los orígenes de palabras más extrañas que he encontrado.

La palabra "puerta" viene del latín "Porta" nos recuerda que toda letra "o" tónica en latín se diptonga en "ue" porta puerta. Al contrario de la palabra puerta en inglés "Door" que viene de la palabra griega Thyra" (pronunciado thuh-ruh). De alguna manera, con el tiempo, la "th" se convirtió en una "d" (algo así como la forma en que nosotros las personas de Brooklyn dirían "Dat" en lugar de "That") - y por lo tanto, la palabra llegó a pronunciarse duh-ruh, que en inglés tiene un sonido como puerta. En América se desarrolló "fya" en FORIS (puerta). Si eso no fuera suficiente " la palabra más adelante fue conectada con el sonido "p" - y nos dieron "porta" en América y en nuestras lenguas románticas, que significa "puerta", "portón" o "entrada".

### **El Año Santo y la Puerta Santa**

La razón por la que les estoy hablando de las puertas se debe a que de acuerdo con el Santo Padre y de nuestro Obispo, la parroquia de la Santa Cruz estará estableciendo una " Puerta Santa " para el " Año de la Misericordia. " Ves, el Papa Francisco ha convocado el primer Jubileo Extraordinaria del Tercer Milenio, en forma de " el Año de la Misericordia " - un año enfocado en la misericordia de Dios. En su Bula Papal , Misericordiae Vultus (cara de la Misericordia ), que establece y pone en lugar este Año Santo, y declaró: "En la misericordia , encontramos prueba de que Dios nos ama . Él nos da todo su ser, siempre, libremente, sin pedir nada a cambio." Este " Año de la Misericordia " es un año especial de jubileo; se extenderá desde el 8 de diciembre, 2015 ( Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción ), a la Fiesta de Cristo Rey , el próximo mes de noviembre.

### **La Santa Cruz: Una Puerta de Misericordia Sitio de peregrinaje**

Como una manera de traer esa "misericordia" dentro de nuestras parroquias, diócesis alrededor de todo el mundo recomendaron designar una "Puerta Santa" o "Puerta de Misericordia." En nuestra Diócesis, el Obispo Malooly ha designado a unas cuantas Iglesias para dedicar una " Puerta Santa "- y la Santa Cruz es una de esas iglesias. Por lo tanto vamos a ser como un lugar de peregrinación para los fieles durante este año que viene.

### **¿Qué significa todo esto para nuestros fieles?**

Bueno, la "Puerta Santa" será un sitio de indulgencias en nuestra parte de la Diócesis - por lo tanto, como se ha mencionado, se convertirá en un lugar de peregrinación para algunos. Para nosotros, será parte de nuestra vida cotidiana aquí en Santa Cruz para el próximo año.

### **Indulgencia Plenaria**

La "Puerta Santa" será dedicado y bendecido el sábado del fin de semana del Domingo de Gaudete (el Tercer Domingo de Adviento). Al comienzo de la Misa de las 5:00 de la tarde. Una vez que la puerta se dedica y se bendice, los que pasan por esa puerta, pueden ganar

indulgencia plenaria (es decir, la remisión completa de la pena temporal debido a los pecados), siempre que se cumplan todas las condiciones regulares. ¿Cuáles son las condiciones regulares? Simple, durante el periodo de ocho días antes u ocho días después de caminar por la Puerta Santa, un miembro de los fieles católicos debe ir a confesarse, comulgar y rezar por las intenciones del Papa.

### **¿Qué Puerta será?**

Me sentí como Monty Hall haciendo esta selección - ¿será la puerta número uno, o la puerta número dos, o la puerta número tres. Pero por suerte, tuve un poco de orientación sobre qué puerta elegir para bendecir. Parecido a lo que se hará en Roma (y en otros lugares), la puerta principal de doble puertas no son los que se dedican, ya que se utilizan para tráfico masivo dentro y fuera de la Iglesia. Siguiendo el ejemplo de Roma, la Puerta Santa en la Basílica de San Pedro no es la entrada principal, sino más bien la puerta de la derecha (de cinco) en la fachada principal. Así, también, la puerta que se dedicará como nuestro "Porta Sancta" (Puerta Santa) será la puerta de la derecha en el nártex ("el vestíbulo") de la Iglesia, que conduce a la nave de la Iglesia. Esa puerta se identificará de manera adecuada y respetuosa para que todos lo vean.

### **¿Por qué estamos haciendo esto?**

Aparte de las instrucciones de que hagamos esto, hay excelentes razones para observar este Año de la Misericordia con esta Puerta Santa, a saber:

**Crecimiento espiritual:** al igual que con todos los años especialmente designados, el enfoque de un año jubilar es el crecimiento espiritual de los fieles - tu crecimiento espiritual. Acercarse más a la Iglesia, a nuestro Señor, a las enseñanzas y dogmas de nuestra fe, y crecer en la comprensión, el conocimiento y el amor de la misericordia de Dios.

**Acceso a la Misericordia de Dios.** La Puerta Santa ("Porta Sancta") es una tradición establecida en 1500; esa puerta simboliza la puerta de la salvación y nuestro acceso a la misericordia de Dios, especialmente en los Sacramentos de la Iglesia.

**Una Iglesia , Santa, Católica y Apostólica:** Este Puerta Santa en Santa Cruz une simbólicamente la puerta de la iglesia de la Santa Cruz, con la Puerta Santa en Roma, en la Basílica de San Pedro, y de hecho con la Iglesia Católica en todo el mundo. Nos recuerda de nuestra comunión - nuestra unidad - con la Santa Sede y el Santo Padre.

Paul McCartney, el ex miembro de los Beatles, cantaba, en 1976, "Alguien está golpeando en la puerta... hazme un favor, abre la puerta y déjame entrar." La puerta se abrió a la fe de Cristo - la puerta de la misericordia es allí... y ahora, "vamos a dejarlos entrar." Es una gran alegría para mí poder compartir esta buena noticia de la Puerta Santa en Santa Cruz. Me gustaría invitarles, durante este tiempo de Adviento y en el Año Santo venidero, a que usen la Puerta Santa, y lo más importante, que recuerden todos los días darle gracias a Dios por el don de la misericordia manifestada en Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y nuestro Salvador!

Suyo en Cristo,  
Padre James Lentini  
Párroco