

CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:15, 11:00 am, 6 pm
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish
First Saturday, 5 pm, Children's Choir
Fourth Saturday, 5 pm, Gospel Choir
Alternate Sundays, 6 pm, Youth Choir

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 6:30, 8 am
Wednesday, 8:15 am, 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, 4 pm, First Friday, 8:30 am
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

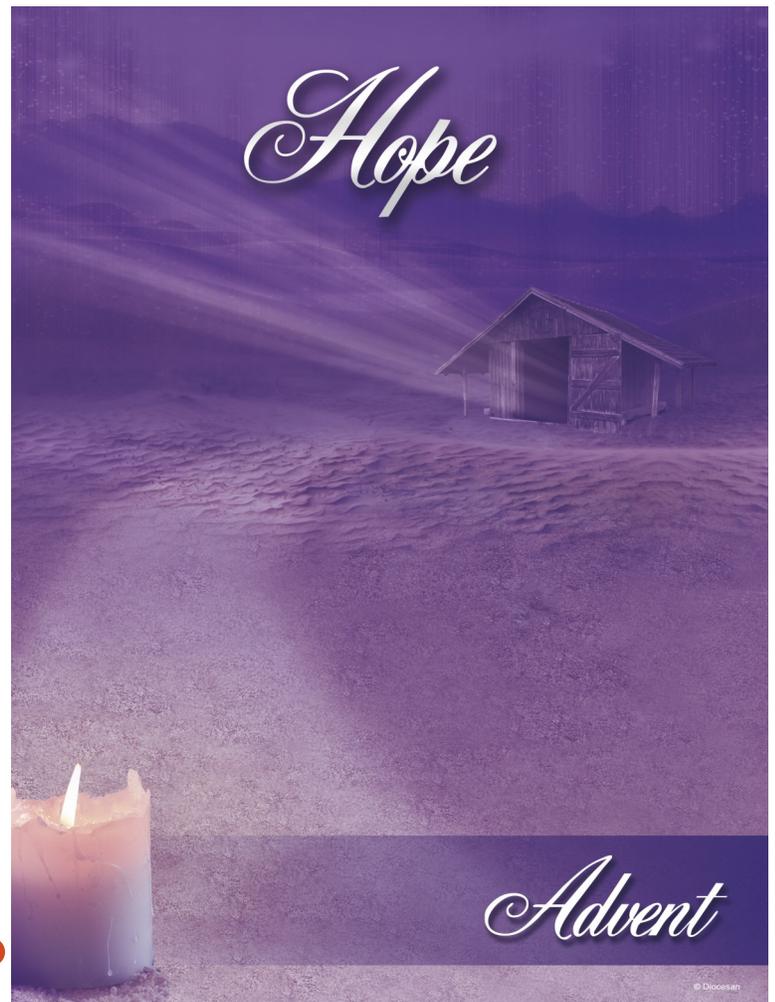
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday, after 8:30 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm



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 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)

1 SUNDAY

HC 9 am, RCIA, MT/MK
 ICC 9:40 am, NO SRE
 ICC 2:30 pm, Adolescentes, CC
 ICC 2:30 pm, Advent Gathering Families, Hall
 HC 3:30 pm, Confirmation Class, MT/MK
 ICC 3:30 pm, Jovenes, Church Basement

2 MONDAY

HC 8:45 am, Spirituality Group, LK
 ICC 6 pm, SVDP, office

3 TUESDAY

St. Francis Xavier

ICC 1 pm, Exercise Class, Hall
 ICC 7 pm, Juan XXII, CC
 HC 7 pm, Adult Ed, MT/MK

4 WEDNESDAY

St. John Damascene

HC 9 am, Adult Ed, LK

5 THURSDAY

HC 9 am, Mass, CH
 ICC 7 pm, Misa

6 FRIDAY

St. Nicholas

ICC 7 pm, band practice
 CC 8 pm, Vigil, CH

7 SATURDAY

St. Ambrose

ICC 11 am, Wedding, CH
 ICC, 1 pm, Happy Helpers, hall



WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending November 17

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$27,699	\$28,200	(\$501)
YTD	\$557,819	\$563,680	(\$5,861)
Needs	\$1,529	\$1,586	(\$57)

Please Note: In a cost savings effort we have stopped envelope delivery for inactive envelope users. This will be effective January 2020.

If your envelopes stopped being delivered but you would like to use them, please contact the Parish Office or email mdornberger@holycrossover.org.

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

ending November 17

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,504
Second	\$790

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.”

Dear Parishioners,

As Thanksgiving has passed, and gluttony has been reinstated as a deadly sin, after having been suspended for a day as a Thanksgiving tradition, I thought this might be a good time to regale you with a little known story from the annals of American history, which will help contextualize what lies ahead for us in the season of Advent that is coming upon us quickly.

Oh, Canada! True story from American History, at the time after the American Revolution, there was a piece of land in the very north of the state we know as New Hampshire that became disputed between the British and the Americans in the wake of the Treaty of Paris (1783) which ended the revolutionary war. This top piece of New Hampshire was to be part of the U.S., according to the treaty, from “the northwestern-most head of the Connecticut River.” The British and Canadians took this to be sources flowing from rivers and streams to the east (giving more land to Canada); the American’s took this to mean sources flowing from rivers and streams to the west (giving more land to America, specifically to New Hampshire).

A Taxing Situation. Ultimately deadlock, lead to there being a no-man’s land in the middle between these eastern and western sources. It was an area called Indian Stream which was about 282 square miles in size. The problem for the people that lived there had to do with — as many problems have to do with — taxation. The British said the land was theirs, and levied British taxes on them, and the Americans said the land was theirs, and levied American taxes on them. And the people there were angry, and, let’s face it, poor, because of this situation. To cast off this yoke of taxation, the people there eventually declared their land “The Republic of Indian Stream” — and independent nation. Skirmish with the British and the New Hampshire militia ensued, but the people held their ground.

These Indian Steamers wanted peace (and lower taxes), but they did not want to be taken advantage of by the State Government in Concord, New Hampshire, nor be conquered by the British. To be homonymic in my word, one might say, these folks shunned both Concord and being conquered.

Leaving a Nice Tip. The people in Indian Stream waited for many years for this matter to be resolved. They yearned to be united to the United States, but not until peace would come to the area and the matters at hand resolved. But the waiting was long. However, peace finally came, in 1842, when a treaty between the British and the Americans and the people of Indian Stream was signed, and the Republic of Indian Stream lowered its flag, and became the protruding northern tip of the State of New Hampshire.

Wait for It. For the people of Indian Stream, the wait was long but the worth was worth it. And their ultimate victory to the promised land (i.e., New Hampshire) was long and anxiety filled, but ultimately worth the wait. And that might speak to our experience as Christians with the season of Advent, which began on November 30, this year. Advent is a season

which is best described as a season of waiting — and waiting patiently. But who we are waiting for, provides the grander context of this period of the year, and that waiting is — wait for it — two-fold.

If it Looks like a Duke, and Quacks like as Duke. Advent, unlike Lent, Christmas or Easter, is a Church season with two purposes or better states, with two views of the coming of Christ. Unlike TV’s “The Patty Duke Show” in the 1960s, wherein two look-a-like cousins (played by Patty Duke and Patty Duke) caused hi jinx as people mistook one girl for the other, Advent is not about two distinct persons being conflated. No! It is about one and the same Jesus Christ, and how we await him. The first portion of Advent deals with how we await him at the end of time, when he will be returning to us as the judge of mankind, a mankind which he saved during his first coming. Meanwhile, the second portion of Advent, starting in mid-December focuses on the historic coming of Christ — that is, his Nativity — into the world, being born of the Virgin Mary, marking a turning point in man’s salvation history.

These two portions of Advent adjoined in a few ways: they both focus on Jesus Christ, they both deal with our salvation, and they both build on the concept of waiting. However, it is that last part, about waiting — waiting, anxiously, but with hope — that directs our spiritual GPS during this season. And so it is that we do wait with hope because in faith we know, as writer William Faulkner noted, “Waiting will end...if you can just wait long enough.”

Hit the Pause Button. A few weeks ago, I noticed that “all-Christmas radio stations” started popping up. It was still October for goodness sakes; Charlie Brown’s Great Pumpkin hadn’t even made an appearance and these radio stations were already celebrating Christmas. In that regard, I am sure, in the weeks ahead, you’ll hear the tune “We need a little Christmas / right this very minute.” But looking at this rush into Christmas, I would say that it might be more appropriate to sing “we need a little Advent / right this very minute.” We need to be able to pause and to reflect. We do, we really do. It is spiritually healthy to do so. It will keep things in proper perspective, and help make your Christmas, and your family’s Christmas, all the more fulfilling.

A Pre-Christmas Gift. I commend you, this Advent Season, do what Catholics have done for centuries and centuries: Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Examine your conscience, your faith life, and prepare yourself to be ready for the coming of the Lord. Use the violet-tinted Season of Advent well; don’t celebrate Christmas before Christmas – but rather prayerfully anticipate the Birth of Christ! The Season of Advent allows us to prepare for Christ thoughtfully, prayerfully, and reflectively. What a wonderful gift of the Holy Church Advent is to us all!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

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 Rev. Mano Salla Parochial Vicar

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 Mr. John Harvey Deacon
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PRO LIFE CORNER

- Help save lives of the unborn in Dover. Join Holy Cross and other local church groups in prayer each Friday morning from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover.
- What does your baby look like now? Follow your baby's development week by week, from conception to labor. 41 weeks: Your baby is now considered late-term. Going more than two weeks past your due date can put you and your baby at risk for complications, so your provider will probably talk to you about inducing labor.
- About 40 Days for Life: The children saved this fall will live countless precious milestones: first breaths, first words, first steps, first days of school and the rest of life.

"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government." – Thomas Jefferson

CEMETERY NEWS

The pre-Christmas clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7; this includes the removal of Halloween and Thanksgiving decorative items except artificial flowers. If you wish to reclaim your decorations for reuse please do so by then. Your assistance in disposing of decorations at home will help reduce our clean up time and costs. Christmas decorations (such as wreathes, poinsettias, blankets, etc.) are permitted from December 1st until March 1st. As always, thank you for your understanding and cooperation in maintaining our sacred grounds

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 8 SECOND SUNDAY ADVENT

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10

The spirit of the Lord will rest on the offspring of Jesse, and he will judge the wretched with integrity.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 15:4-9

Christ came to bring salvation to all, pagans as well as Jews.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

John the Baptist calls us to prepare the way for the Lord through baptism and repentance.

Please Note:

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (HC)

Are you looking for a way to involve your children in actively participating in Mass? The Holy Cross Children's Choir is a great way to do so! The choir meets the first Saturday of the month for practice and Mass in the choir room in the Gathering Space. Practice is at 4:00 and Mass is at 5:00. No additional practices! Please note that this is for children 5 years of age and older. Next Mass is Saturday, December 7, at 5:00 pm. Practice will begin at 4:00 pm. For more information, call Mrs. Vicki Frazier at 335-4663.

YOUNG AT HEART (HC)

Our Young at Heart will meet on December 9, at 11:00 a.m. in the Early Learning Center in the Matthew/Mark room. This is the annual Christmas cover dish luncheon and there is **no charge**. Deacon Vince will be our speaker and Christmas music will be provided by Mr. & Mrs. James Frazier. Thank you to all who made our Thanksgiving luncheon a success. Should school be delayed opening we will still meet but if school is closed because of the weather we will not be meeting.

MEN OF HOLY CROSS (HC)

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 like-minded men?

Join the Men of Holy Cross for our weekly meetings: Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM at the Early Learning Center in the Luke Room (second floor) for prayer, timely discussions on current events, Church teachings and good fellowship. We are looking forward to welcoming all new members. For more information contact call 302-313-6935 or e-mail MenOfHolyCross@gmail.com.

CAPITAL RINGERS

The Presbyterian Church of Dover is hosting the ringers on December 8 at 4 pm. for a Christmas concert of favorites and new songs. They have the largest set of handbells and chimes in Delmarva.. \$15 per person, free under 18.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Think of one trait or talent that your mother-in-law or father-in-law passed on to your spouse for which you are grateful.

PARENTING POINTERS

The purpose of Advent is not to shop but to learn to wait. Teaching your child to delay gratification is an important life skill.

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER

2 MONDAY

HC 6:30 am John Deighton
HC 8 am Crispin Hernandez Sanchez

3 TUESDAY

HC 6:30 am Christian MacPherson
HC 8 am Joan Warnock

4 WEDNESDAY

HC 6:30 am Mildred Byers
HC 8:15 am Eugene Belt

5 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am Rita A. Tomasso
HC 8:00 am Bill Farrell

6 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am Rey Cruz
HC 8 am Cheryl Peyerk

7 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Mary E. Coyle
HC 5 pm Arline Walter

8 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Bernice Calloway
ICC 8:30 am Thompson & Harter Family
HC 9:15 am Soledad & Martin Banez
HC 11 am Montavano Family
ICC 11 am Margaret Poppiti
HC 1 pm Mayla Feliu
ICC 1 pm For the People
HC 6 pm Thomas D. Ward

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

TABERNACLE & SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS (DEC 1—DEC 7)

HC Adoration Chapel John Deighton
HC Church Carol Bachand

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS AVAILABLE (HC)

Our Lord is waiting for YOU to come spend an hour each week with Him. Please help us to fill some of the available hours. Contact JoAnn Pate 302-674-4496 for one of the hours listed below.

SUNDAY 11 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 11 pm
MONDAY
TUESDAY None
WEDNESDAY 5 am, 5 pm, 11 pm
THURSDAY 7 am, 4pm, 8 pm
FRIDAY 10 pm
SATURDAY Noon, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

MASS MINISTERS DEC 7/8

HOLY CROSS

EMHC SERVERS

5:00 PM	D. DeVigili	J. Killman	A. Granitto
	J. Clendaniel	K. O'Neil	V. Granitto
	J. Davis	J. Priest	J. Konrad
	B. Holmes	R. Vinsen	LECTORS
	D. King	F. Hettinger	
C. Helwig		R. Alderman J. Cuyjet	

7:30 AM	H. Speed	E. Henderson	N. Umobi
	K. Speed	B. Fritzsche	C. Umobi
	J. Fischer		E. Wadhams
	A. Fischer		LECTORS

			M. Cordalis C. Cuffee
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9:15 AM	C. Fortier	G. Yourek	R. Garnsey
	D. Diaz	C. Bugglin	D. Taniform
	L. Stiller	D. Guido	K. Taniform
	K. Kelly	K. Coyle	LECTORS
	V. Pepper	C. Jones	
		T. Staniszewski	M. Sossich M. Sherlock

11:00 AM	W. Aschenberg	K. Maddalena	M. Costa
	R. Aschenberg	D. Petka	M. Arranguuez
	P. Keller	T. Petka	A. Costa
	C. Robinson	R. Bratz	LECTORS
	D. Lyons	R. Brats C. Barnes	
		J. Amoako V. Viddy	

1:00 PM	E. Pastoriza	T. Hernandez	C. Cortex
	A. Luna	C. Valdes	M. Luna
	M. Pitti		LECTORS
			D. Runzer N. Almengor

6:00 PM	K. Boyer	T. Steir	A. Blackwell
	R. Bracy	M. Rathbun	J. Blackwell
	R. Katcher	A. Wyllie	K. Ford
	R. Katcher	M. Cacesse	LECTORS
	K. O'Neill	D. Novak	
		J. Zajcac	TBD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	A. Smith	D. Smith	A. Locke
			LECTORS
			J. Tormey, Jr,

11:00 AM	M. Soule	L. Soule	W. Meyer
			J. Santizo
			LECTORS
			J. Ward

1:00 PM	V. Bravo	A. Miranda	M. Gabriel
	E. Morales	D. Cuin	J. Godinez
	A. Morales		LECTORS
			Jazmin

GIVING TREE (HC)

Help those in need this Christmas by taking a tag from our tree. **Items must be returned to the Gathering Space, Christmas wrapped, with the tag taped to the front of the package by Sunday, December 15,** so they can be sorted and prepared to distribute to the proper families. If you buy clothing, please insert a gift receipt with it in case it does not fit the person. Thank you for your generosity during this blessed holiday season.



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SAMARITAN TREE (HC)

If you don't want to buy presents but still wish to donate something to help those in need, you can take an envelope from our Samaritan Tree. It will contain envelopes to make a donation for the Samaritan Food Pantry. These envelopes can be put into the collection basket, mailed to the Parish Office, or handed directly to the priest at mass. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, December 7th, Msgr. Steven Hurley is scheduled to report from Rome where he and Bishop Malooly are attending the ad limina visit. The Bishops' periodic visits to the Vatican is formally called "ad limina apostolorum," which means "to the thresholds of the apostles."

NEWLY REGISTERED (HC)

- Welcome to our newly registered members:
- Emil Ida and Giuseppe Mondì
 - Marcinda Haedge
 - Shaun, Mackenzie, Eloise and Margaret Armstrong
 - Stephen, Cassandra and Maya Saam

COLLECTION COUNTERS (ICC)

December 8, Frank & Joyce Cristiano
December 15, Robin & Paul Engstenberg
December 22, Tom and Mary McGowan

CHURCH CLEANING CREW (ICC)

DICIEMBRE 5 GRUPO #5
 Olegario Cuin, Emma Rojas, **Egidio Macario,**
 Gerardo Escalante, Leticia Ortiz
DICIEMBRE 12 GRUPO #6
Santos Juarez, Arturo Ramirez, Eva Bravo, Hermina Bravo, Paulina Morales, Silvia Ramirez



PARISH DIRECTORY ORDERS (HC)

If you didn't have your picture taken for the directory but would like a copy, you can purchase one for \$15.00. We will only order additional directories if they are prepaid. You can come by the Parish Office to leave your name and payment, and we will be happy to order a directory for you. We can take orders for a limited time only so be sure to place your order now before it's too late.

ELF, THE MUSICAL, JR.

What happens when a baby from an orphanage crawls into Santa's sack without his knowledge, is raised by his North Pole elves, but later, learns he is NOT an elf? He is a human! Enjoy Buddy, the Elf's, journey based on the movie, **Elf**, as The Children's Theatre, Inc. performs this musical at the beautiful Schwartz Center for the Arts on Saturday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 8, at 2:00 p.m. **Elf, the Musical, Jr.** has limited seating. Purchase tickets through eventbrite.com or at the door; all seats are \$10.

RETROUVILLE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriage through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass it on. Couples learn to build communications skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program in your area begins on the weekend of February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in April. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215 766 3944. All inquiries are confidential.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA (HC)

Holy Cross will host its annual breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 15 after the 7:30 and 9:15 am Masses. Cost is only \$2 for children, ages 2-12 and \$5 for adults; \$15 family. Come enjoy!!



- La Fiesta en honor a nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe comenzará el día miércoles, 11 de diciembre a las 10:00 de la noche con el rezo del santo Rosario y las mañanitas. El día jueves, 12 de diciembre, la santa Misa seguido por la procesión al Tatman gimnasio para la gran fiesta, Todos están invitados.
- Queremos agradecer a los padrinos de la Fiesta en honor a Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe 2019; Familia Cortes-Betancourt, Familia Betancourt-Alcántara Familia Betancourt- Mejía Familia González-Benítez, López-Rivera, Familia Cárdenas-Sarabia, Familia Aguayo-De La Paz.
- Las Posadas comienzan el lunes, 16 de diciembre con la primera posada en la iglesia de Holy Cross después continuaremos en la cafetería. Nuestro sincero agradecimiento a las familias que nos acogen en sus hogares.

Lunes 16, de Diciembre: Nombre: La Parroquia, Padre Etim Iglesia/Cafetería, 631 South State St. Dover DE 19901

Martes 17, de Diciembre: Nombre :Familia Gerónimo-Ramírez- Dirección: 139 Carnation Dr. Magnolia DE

Miércoles 18, de Diciembre: Nombre: : Gómez, González, Guzmán, Pitti 5792 West Denney Rd. Dover, DE 19904

Jueves 19, de Diciembre: Nombre: Sol Ruiz, María Martínez 105 Holstein Dr, Clayton, DE 19938

Viernes 20, de Diciembre: Nombre: :Mary Atilano y Mireya Rodríguez Dirección:7 Saxton Rd. Dover, DE 19901

Sábado 21, de Diciembre: Nombre: Familias Cortes,

Betancourt, Benítez Dirección 2381 White Oak Rd. Dover DE 19901

Domingo 22, de Diciembre: Nombre: Familia Morales Dirección: 5 Pinewood Acres Ave., Dover, DE 19901

Lunes 23, de Diciembre: Nombre: Familia Serrano Dirección: 66 Roberts Dr. Dover DE 19901

Martes 24, de Diciembre: Iglesia La Santa Misa de Nochebuena 8:45 PM

- Conozca su Fe católica venga todos los viernes al el Foro Cristiano comenzando el viernes, 4 de octubre, a las 6:30 de la tarde en el ELC la nueva serie " Symbolon. Más de 2000 años de enseñanza de la Fe católica explicada sistemáticamente y presentada en video. Empezaremos con los Sacramentos, Bautismo y Confirmación.
- Después de las clases compartiremos algo ligero de comer y pasar un momento en comunidad familia. Venga y únete a nosotros traiga toda la familia.
- Confirmación de Adultos será el 15 de diciembre, durante la misa en español, si usted no está confirmado, llame a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano, para anotarse para las clases.
- Los Bautismos son los primeros domingos de cada mes, después de la Santa Misa en Español 2:30 pm. La clase pre-bautismales son los segundos domingos de cada mes. Los requisitos para ser padrinos tienen que ser Católicos practicante, y en comunión con la iglesia.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

REGULAR CCD CLASSES

Wednesdays– December 4, 6—7:30 pm
Sundays – Class December 1, 3:30 –5:30 pm.; December 15, 3:30—5:30 pm

Reminder: Parents are to walk their children to the classroom and pick them up from the classroom. Please do not drop children at the door.

ADULT FORMATION (HC)

Advent is here! Holy Cross is currently holding the class Advent: Preparing for Christ Cycle A. Classes are held on Tuesdays at 7pm or Wednesdays at 9:30am in the Matthew/Mark room in the Early Learning Center upstairs. The upcoming dates are:

- Tuesday evenings: December 3rd, 10th, 17th
- Wednesday mornings: December 4th, 11th, 18th

If you are interested in attending, please register by either emailing Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or calling (302) 6745787 X 122. Please register ASAP.

MOUNT 2000 RETREAT (HC)

February 7-9, 2020 at Mt. St. Mary's University. All high school teens are welcome to join us on this awesome weekend retreat with teens from Delaware, Maryland and surrounding states. Cost is \$95 if you register by December 1. Please contact Mrs. Darling for instructions on registering.

JUNIOR HIGH TEENS (HC)

Two opportunities for service:

- Saturday, December 7 at 9 am in the school cafeteria - Cookie Baking for the Samaritan Christmas Baskets
- Saturday, December 7 at 6 pm in the school cafeteria - Paint Night to make a special gift for the Nursing Home Residents. PLEASE let Mrs. Darling know you are attending so she can make sure we have enough supplies

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (HC)

- Please come help with Cookie Baking Saturday, December 7 from 9 am to noon. So many cookies to make - all help is welcome. Invite a friend! Make sure they have a Form A.
- Lock In: December 14 from 6 pm - fun night of service and comradery. We will assist with the Giving Tree gifts, have food, games and movie. In the morning, we host Breakfast with Santa - your help is needed in decorating, serving and hosting our young people who come to visit Santa. PLEASE let Mrs. Darling know you plan to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

- Classes run from 9:40-10:50 am on Sunday. No Classes, December 1, for Thanksgiving break. Class resume December 8.
- Lector Books are in the office. Please pick up your copy today.

SACRAMENTAL PREP (ICC)

Confirmation: Sponsor/Padrinos Meeting is Noon on Sunday, December 15 in the Hall. Next session for youth is Sunday, December 15, beginning at 2:30 in the hall.

First Reconciliation Prep: Next session is on Tuesday, December 10, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Retreat will be on Saturday, December 14 from 9 to Noon in the hall.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY (ICC)

The ICC Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting between the 8:30 am and 11 am Masses in the church hall on the following dates: December 8 and 22. We are currently making hat and scarf sets for boys and girls, women and men. You are welcome to join us! If you can't attend our meetings, but would like to donate hat and scarf sets, you can drop them off to us by our deadline on December 8.

K OF C (ICC)

The date for the next K of C breakfast is on December 8 due to Thanksgiving Holiday.



SPIRITUALITY MEETING (HC)

Please join us for The Bible and the Virgin Mary a DVD series based on Scott Hahn's book, Hail Holy Queen. We are meeting in St. Luke's room in the ELC Monday mornings at 9:00.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE (HC & ICC)

Make plans now to attend our Deanery Advent Reconciliation Service to be held at Holy Cross on **Monday, December 9, beginning at 7 pm.** Many visiting priests will join our parish priests to hear confessions that evening. Make yourself ready for Christmas by going to reconciliation.



Reconciliation

MRS. POLLITT'S PONDERINGS

"I will praise your name forever, Lord" is the responsorial psalm that was sung at Mass on Thanksgiving Day and is taken from Psalm 145. "I will praise your name forever, Lord" is also the daily psalm response in our school-wide morning prayer for the month of November.

Our focus for the months of November and December is Helping Others in Need. Throughout the month we have been collecting toiletry items for the purpose of making small care packages to be distributed to those who are displaced and indigent. Our Thanksgiving prayer service focused on the needy amongst us as well as to offer prayers of gratitude for the blessings in our lives.

**"I will praise your name forever,
Lord"**



As we enter Advent this week, I still want to give thanks for all that we have in our school community.

We are a blessed community. I believe it only right and fitting that I seize the opportunity presented by the privilege of coming your way each week by way of the printed word to reflect upon the many ways that our Lord has graced our school community.

The dedicated faculty and staff members of Holy Cross who "do it all for the kids," every single day.

- Our Student Council.....
- Robotics....
- Ice cream sundae days.....
- Our new Reading series....
- Our wonderful and generous parents.....
- For the strong Catholic identity that pervades our entire school.....
- Our present and past HSA boards who have made such an impact on our school and its programs....
- For hugs....
- For Mr. Seams and Mr. Pate, our morning traffic controllers....
- For our Science Explorers.....
- For Mr. Justin and Mr. Earl...
- Chocolate chip cookie Wednesdays....
- For weekly Mass.....
- Our parishioners.....

- Our Religion committee.....
- Our chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.....
- Publication Design....
- The beautiful musical gifts of our Crusader Choir....
- Our Odyssey of the Mind teams and the dedicated coaches
- The undefeated field hockey season and their amazing coach Judy!!
- Our talented junior high athletes and all their expert volunteer coaches.
- For Catholic education and its impact on countless lives.....
- Our sweet three year olds.....
- Prayer partners
- Book buddies.....
-for the gift of appreciation for a Catholic school education.....

◇ From Madeline G. who tells us that *"My experience at Holy Cross made me dedicated to the church. Holy Cross provides me with a great education and has taught me how to be a kind person ...Since I go to Holy Cross I will grow up to be a faithful adult."*

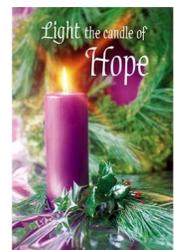
◇ From Bridget W. who wants us to know that *"I am so lucky my family sends me to a Catholic school. I get to say prayers every day. My school celebrates Easter and Christmas...."*

◇ From Elizabeth F. *Holy Cross School is not like most other schools. I can go to Mass weekly on Wednesdays. My parents and teachers help me learn how to be respectful in God's home and of others who are praying. Most importantly Holy Cross helps me to be a child of God. It is great to be in a Catholic school like Holy Cross.*

And all God's people said Amen!

**"I will praise your name forever,
Lord"**

And now we begin our preparations for Advent.....waiting, preparing, for Christ thoughtfully, prayerfully, and reflectively.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy Advent! We have made it to December, when we begin the season of joyful anticipation of the Lord's coming. We at STMA also find ourselves in the middle of another sort of joyful anticipation: enrollment for the 2020-21 school year is in full swing! We have enjoyed meeting prospective families at our Open House, Shadow Days, and visits to STMA from the Holy Cross and Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School's junior high students. We have enjoyed venturing out to community events, CCD classes, and area churches to share the good news of our school.

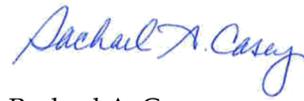
When families ask, "What makes your school special?" we share the following the key points:

- We are **FAITH FOCUSED**. We are specifically a Catholic high school that welcomes a diverse faith population within our student body. This creates a rich environment for exploration of and respect for faith traditions.
- We are **TEACHER CONNECTED**. Our teacher-to-student ratio permits a level of personal guidance that inspires individual student growth. Our students and their families receive extraordinarily individualized support up to and throughout the college admissions process.
- We are **ARTS INSPIRED**. Our drama, fine arts, choir and band programs enjoy great participation. Four fine arts scholarships are available to incoming freshmen.
- We are **COLLEGE CENTERED**. The 26 graduates in the Class of 2019 earned \$6.3 million in scholarships and grants, and they accepted more than \$1.39 million. Our average SAT score for the Class of 2019 was 142 points higher than the state of Delaware average score.
- We are **HONOR GUIDED**. Because our students are nurtured by ethics, virtue, and their duty to others, Saint Thomas More Academy is a place where young people of promise are molded into adults of worth.

We want to ensure that all interested 8th graders are registered to take the High School Placement Test at STMA on December 7 or 8, 2019. Students who tests on these dates may qualify to receive merit scholarships! Additionally, dis-

counts will be applied to school registration fees for new and returning students who submit payment by December 20, 2019. If you haven't registered for the HSPT or the 2020-21 school year yet, there's still time!

Yours in Christ,



Rachael A. Casey
Principal



Apply Now

UPHOLD faith FOSTER growth

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Saturday, December 7 and Sunday December 8 at Saint Thomas More Academy. The HSPT is an important step in the process of admission. This test is used for admission, scholarship and placement decisions.

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