

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Fridays 9:30-Noon, Closed Wednesdays.

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

**February 11, 2018 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Eucharist of the Lord's Day

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

### Weekday Eucharist

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

### Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

### Reconciliation

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

And by appointment at any reasonable time

### Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. John T. Solomon, Parochial Vicar

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 Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

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**.

Dear Parishioners,

The Philadelphia Eagles changed the course of their team's history with their first Super Bowl win. The team likewise changed the record books for NFL football. How? Well, the Eagles and Patriots in heated confrontation generated the most total yards (1,151) of any game in NFL history – either in the course of the regular season or post season. Tom Brady of the Patriot also achieved a record of sort, but in keeping things positive, I'll omit his "achievement" and leave it to you to Google and find his source of infamy. This coming week, with Super Bowl in our rearview mirror, we begin the Season of Lent. Lent is the penitential season in which we turn our hearts back to God. It is a season when we strive to wash away the stains of sin and rid ourselves of all that prevents us from living a truly Christian life as Catholics. I would put to you that the Season of Lent is much like the football season that just ended. How so?

- † Just as players in the pre-season get themselves in shape physically, we ready ourselves spiritually for what lies ahead, and we ready ourselves for a season that ends in victory – but it will require work.
- † Just as a player at the outset of the season dons his uniform to show he's on the team, we start the season in earnest by donning ashes, (dare I say, we "soot up" for the game).
- † Just as a football player gives up his free time during football season to ensconce himself firmly in the game, so, too, we sacrifice things for Lent that may serve to distract us, thus allowing us to focus more firmly on our relationship with the Lord.
- † Just as a player practices and hones his skill day after day throughout the season, we likewise develop a game plan to help achieve our outcome and get us to a better place spiritually.

In this regard, what do you need to know for the Season of Lent? What do you need to know so that you may share in the Super Bowl victory of Jesus Christ over the darkness of evil under those Good Friday Night Lights that will lead us from despair to hope, from sorrow to joy, and from death to resurrection? Here are some key items:

**Ash Wednesday – Soot up for Lent.** This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday; it marks the beginning of the Church's season of Lent -- a 40-day season of fasting, repentance and prayer. On Ash Wednesday, the faithful present themselves to receive ashes. At Masses that day, following the homily, ashes are blessed and then applied to faithful in the form of a cross on their foreheads. These ashes are derived from burning the blessed palm branches used on Palm Sunday during the previous year. When person receives ashes, they are administered with the admonition: "*Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*" This serves to remind us of our mortality, our need for humility recognizing that we will one day have to stand before God to answer for our lives. Thus, it is time to repent, or as the old song says, time to "straighten up and fly right."

**Rules for Fasting and Abstinence in Lent.** In addition to repentance, Lent is also a season that call us to fasting and abstinence from meat on appointed days. The Church teaches that fasting and abstinence "prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart" (CCC 2043) allowing us to focus on our relationship with the God who gave us life. Here are some of the general rules and guidelines for Lent:

- † **Fasting (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday):** This means only eating one full meal a day, and two much smaller meals. No snacking. Fasting is mandated for all Catholics ages 18-59. And yes, this applies even on Valentine's Day which lands on Ash Wednesday.
- † **Abstinence (Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent):** Abstinence is a special form of fasting that directs us to have no consumption of meat. Abstinence from meat applies to all Catholics 14 on up.

- † **About the Age Limits:** While the Church does set age limitations where the obligations bind, it is nonetheless commendable for Catholics of all ages to join in the disciplines of Lent if they are able – no matter their ages.

**Abstinence: There's a Lot at Steak!** Why do we abstain from eating meat on Fridays and not from broccoli? (That would have my vote!) Think of it in the context that the animals that we commonly get meat from were traditionally the animals that were offered in Sacrifice by the Priests in ancient Judaism in the Temple. With Christ's sacrifice, animal sacrifices in the Temple were no longer necessary. Abstaining from meat is a way of recognizing the perfect sacrifice of Christ that did away with all the sacrifices required under the Old Covenant. There are other historical reasons that speak to the development of Catholicism's "meatless Fridays" – but the devotional understanding stated above is a sound way to understand the significance of these days of abstinence.

**Knight Moves.** Gladys Knight, in the song "Midnight Train to Georgia" followed the man she loved from Los Angeles to his new home in Georgia. Why? Because she sang, "I'd rather live with him in his world, than live without him in mine." Lent is a time for us to follow Christ to where he calls us, and to leave those things that keep us from him, behind. Thus, we are commended to make sacrifices during Lent – to give up something during the 40 days of Lent that would be a sacrifice for us (thus, for me, giving up broccoli would not really be acceptable – as that's no sacrifice at all). This further unites us to Christ's sacrifice and draws us closer to God.

During this season of Lent, the Church commends us to live our faith more fully by prayer, repentance and fasting. If you live your faith in this manner, Lent will be a well spent season that brings you closer to God and his one holy Church.

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

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### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

#### **Sunday, Feb. 11**

**8:30:** James Messner

**11:00:** For the People

Misa en Español **1pm** For the People

#### **ASH Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

**9:00am:** For the People

**5:30pm** For the People

Misa en Español **7:00pm** For the People

#### **Sunday, Feb. 18**

**8:30:** For the People

**11:00:** Jack Carrow

Misa en Español **1pm** For the People

**Thu Feb 22 7pm** For the People

### **COLLECTION TOTALS:**

**Regular Offertory:** \$4473.00

**Supplementary:** \$571.00

#### **Second Collection Today: Black, Indian & Home Missions**

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

*2018 Mass book is now open.*

*To schedule a Mass, please contact the office*

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Collection Counters

**Feb 11** Ann Lawson & Assistant  
**Feb 18** Frank & Joyce Cristiano  
**Feb 25** Paul & Robin Engstenberg

### Church Cleaning Crew

**Febrero 16, 2018 Grupo #11**  
Anselmo Escalante, **Adelaida Velásquez**, Judith Ortiz,  
Cesario Escalante, Ada Escalante, Haylen Bartolón  
**Febrero 23, 2018 Grupo #12**  
**Hortencia Bamaca**, Luz Morales, Lilian Díaz Bamaca  
Rosemery Bamaca, Froilán Berduo, Sheila Berduo

### Altar Servers

**Ash Wednesday, February 14**  
**9am Mass** – Volunteer Needed  
**5:30pm** – Mike Dixon  
**7:00pm** – Volunteer Needed

**Sun, February 18**  
**8:30am Mass** – Anna Clancy & Mike Dixon  
**11:00am Mass** – Joanna & Sherlin Santizo  
**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Jose & Yareli Ortiz

### Lectors

**Ash Wednesday, February 14**  
**9am Mass** – Lani Small  
**5:30pm** – Marilyn Dixon  
**7:00pm** – Volunteer Needed

**February 18**  
**8:30am Mass** – Paul McQuaide  
**11:00am Mass** – Donna King  
**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Rubelio Velásquez, Clara Bamaca

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Ash Wednesday, February 14**  
**9am Mass** – Chris & Joyce Ford  
**5:30pm** – Alan & Diane Smith  
**7:00pm** - Ovidio Roblero, N. Capistran, Salome  
Morales, Anselmo Escalante, Verónica Bravo  
**February 18**  
**8:30am Mass** – Deacon Tormey, Sarah Bell, Karen  
Durham  
**11:00am Mass** – Deacon Mitchell, Paul Lardizzone,  
Joan Stewart  
**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Alberto Morales, Carlos Miguel,  
Flora Pérez, Miguel López, Antonio Pérez

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Sun, Feb 11 - 9:40am SRE Classes**  
**Sun, Feb 11 – 2pm RICA**  
**Sun, Feb 11 - 2:30pm Confirmation Prep**  
**Mon, Feb 12 - 7pm ESL**  
**Tue, Feb 13 - 7pm Juan XXIII**  
**Fri, Feb 16 – 7pm Stations of the Cross**  
**Sat, Feb 10 6:30pm Culto**



### **Please Join our Lenten Events**

**Ash Wednesday Mass: February 14th,**  
**9am, 5:30pm, 7pm in Spanish**

† **SACRED: Salesianum Adult Catholic**  
**Religious Education Day- register online, or**  
**check with Alicia Poppiti**

† **Adult Lenten Retreat: Sunday, February 25th**  
**from 12:30-4pm in the hall. Lunch is provided,**  
**registration is a must. Theme: Opening to God's**  
**Love: An Ever-Deepening Conversion of Heart.**  
**Retreat leader is Anita Wood of Gloria Dei**

† **Lenten Penance Service: Monday, March 12,**  
**7pm at Holy Cross in Dover.**

† **Pilgrimage: Saturday, March 24th**



### **Knights of Columbus**

**Next meeting - Tues, February 13th**  
**in the Knights Hall**  
**Rosary @ 6:30pm**  
**Meeting @ 7pm**

**All members are encouraged to attend.**

Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older  
who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact  
Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or  
kelley29@comcast.net

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Assistance is needed caring for the linens used in  
our Church. Please consider offering your time and  
talents to help. A little time would mean so much!

**Contact Ann Marie Weer (410) 482-7237**

## FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education  
September 24, 2017-May 6, 2018  
9:40am-10:50am



**Confirmation Prep:** Today, Sunday, February 11, 2:30-4:30pm, hall  
**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Prep:** Tuesday, February 20, 6:30-7:30pm in the hall.



Jesus' compassion for the leper leads Him to heal the man of his ailment. It is this same compassion that leads Christ to heal each of us. His love goes beyond sympathy and shows how to truly be empathetic. His love for us is so profound that He feels our pain. He wants us to turn to Him so He can relieve this pain, and make us stronger. Are there things in your life that you currently struggle with? Jesus wants to hear about them, and He wants to help. During these times we often need assistance to understand how the Lord is directing us. In these moments one should turn to a priest or spiritual director for aid and understanding. Jesus is always with you, and desires to help you on your path. Remember you do not have to do it on your own.



**NEEDED : TEACHERS! APPLY HERE FOR NEXT YEAR!**

**Share your gifts and get the rewards in heaven.**

We will need 3 or more teachers for religious education on Sunday mornings from September to May.

Please take the time during Lent this year in prayer and discernment on serving the young people and families of our Parish.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme:** Jesus wants to make us whole.

**Question for Children:** What do you want to ask Jesus to do for you?

**Question for Youth:** How has Jesus touched your life? How are you changed because of that touch?

**Question for Adults:** Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

**6to domingo del tiempo ordinario**

**Tema:** Jesús quiere sanarnos.

**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Qué quieres pedir a Jesús que haga por ti?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** ¿De qué maneras Jesús ha tocado tu vida? ¿Cómo has cambiado a causa de eso?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Mencione un momento en que experimentó la caricia sanadora de Jesús.

## Marriage & Family Life Corner

### Marriage Moment –

This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are both on February 14. How might we reconcile these two seemingly opposite themes? The Ash Wednesday reading beckons you to "Return to me with your whole heart. (Joel 2:12) The "me" can be God or the spirit of God within your beloved.

### Parenting Pointer –

Ash Wednesday is February 14. Prepare for Lent by talking with your family about how this can be a time of generosity and mercy (forgiveness). Think about ways your family can live more simply.

## **Are you being called to the Priesthood?**

Come socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests, and men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest. Find out about the *amazing* life of the Priesthood.



CAS – North will meet on February 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption in Hockessin, Delaware. For more information, contact Father Chris Coffiey at [FrCoffiey@sjbde.org](mailto:FrCoffiey@sjbde.org) or call 302-999-0211.

CAS – South will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Saint John the Apostle Church, 506 Seabury Drive, Milford, DE on February 26, 2018. Contact Father John Solomon at [fatherjohnsolomon@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjohnsolomon@gmail.com) or 302-674-5787.

## **COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 11 DE FEBRERO, 2018.**

Queridos feligreses,

Los Eagles de Filadelfia cambiaron el trayecto de la historia de su equipo con su primer triunfo en el Súper Bol. El equipo también cambió los libros de registro para el fútbol de la NFL. ¿Cómo? Bueno, los Eagles y los Patriotas en una acalorada confrontación generaron la mayor cantidad de yardas totales (1,151) de cualquier juego en la historia de la NFL, ya sea en el transcurso de la temporada regular o en la post temporada. Tom Brady de los Patriotas también logró un récord de otra clase de género, pero para mantener las cosas positivas, voy a omitir su "logro" y dejarte a ti y a Google que encuentren su fuente de infamia. Esta semana que viene, con el Súper Bol en nuestro espejo retrovisor, comenzamos el Tiempo de Cuaresma. La Cuaresma es Tiempo de penitencia en la cual volvemos nuestros corazones a Dios. Es una época en que nos esforzamos por borrar las manchas del pecado y deshacernos de todo lo que nos impide vivir una vida verdaderamente cristiana como católicos. Les diría que el Tiempo de Cuaresma se parece mucho al Tiempo de Fútbol que acaba de finalizar. ¿Cómo es eso?

- † Al igual que los jugadores en la pretemporada se ponen físicamente en forma, nos preparamos espiritualmente para lo que viene y nos preparamos para un tiempo que termina en victoria, pero requerirá trabajo.
- † Así como un jugador al comienzo de la temporada se pone su uniforme para demostrar que está en el equipo, comenzamos el tiempo de Cuaresma al ponernos cenizas (me atrevo a decir que nos "vestimos" para el juego).
- † Así como un jugador de fútbol renuncia a su tiempo libre durante la temporada de fútbol para mantenerse firme en el juego, también para la Cuaresma sacrificamos cosas que pueden distraernos, permitiéndonos estar firmes y enfocarnos más en nuestra relación con el Señor.
- † Así como un jugador practica y perfecciona su habilidad día tras día durante toda la temporada, también desarrollamos un plan de juego para ayudarnos a lograr nuestro resultado y llevarnos a un mejor lugar espiritualmente.

En este sentido, ¿qué necesitas saber para el Tiempo de Cuaresma? ¿Qué necesitas saber para compartir la victoria del Súper Bol de Jesucristo sobre la oscuridad

del mal bajo esas Luces del Viernes Santo que nos llevará de la desesperación a la esperanza, del dolor al gozo y de la muerte a la resurrección? Aquí hay algunos elementos clave:

**Miércoles de Ceniza:** Tizne para la Cuaresma. Este próximo miércoles es miércoles de Ceniza; marca el comienzo del tiempo de Cuaresma de la Iglesia: un tiempo de 40 días de ayuno, arrepentimiento y oración. El Miércoles de Ceniza, los fieles se presentan a recibir cenizas. En las Misas de ese día, después de la homilía, las cenizas son bendecidas y luego aplicadas a los fieles en forma de cruz en sus frentes. Estas cenizas provienen de los ramos de palmas bendecidas utilizadas durante el año anterior en el Domingo de Ramos. Cuando la persona recibe cenizas, se los administra con la advertencia: "Recuerden que eres polvo, y al polvo volverás". Esto sirve para recordarnos nuestra mortalidad, nuestra necesidad de humildad, reconociendo que un día tendremos que estar ante Dios, para responder por nuestras vidas. Por lo tanto, es hora de arrepentirse, o como dice una vieja canción, es hora de que "Me levantaré, Iré al Padre".

**Reglas Para el Ayuno y la Abstinencia en Cuaresma.** Además del arrepentimiento, la Cuaresma es también un Tiempo que nos llama al ayuno y la abstinencia de la carne en los días señalados. La Iglesia enseña que el ayuno y la abstinencia "nos preparan para las fiestas litúrgicas y nos ayudan a dominar nuestros instintos y nuestra libertad de corazón" (CIC 2043) permitiéndonos enfocarnos en nuestra relación con el Dios que nos dio la vida. Estas son algunas de las reglas y pautas generales para la Cuaresma:

- † **Ayuno (Miércoles de Ceniza y Viernes Santo):** Esto significa comer una sola comida completa al día y dos comidas mucho más pequeñas. Sin meriendas. El ayuno es obligatorio para todos los católicos entre las edades de 18-59. Y sí, esto se aplica incluso en el Día de San Valentín que este año cae en el Miércoles de Ceniza.
- † **Abstinencia (Miércoles de Ceniza, Viernes Santo y todos los viernes de Cuaresma):** La abstinencia es una forma especial de ayuno que nos induce a no consumir carne. La abstinencia de la carne se aplica a todos los católicos 14 años en adelante.
- † **Acerca de los Límites de Edad:** si bien la Iglesia sí establece limitaciones de edad donde se unen las obligaciones, no obstante, es recomendable que los católicos de todas las edades se unan a las disciplinas de la Cuaresma si pueden, sin importar su edad.

**Abstinencia: ¡Hay mucho de por Medio!** ¿Por qué nos abstenemos de comer carne los viernes y no de comer brócoli? (¡Eso tendría mi voto!) Piénselo en el contexto de que los animales de los que comúnmente recibimos carne eran tradicionalmente los animales que se ofrecían en el Templo en Sacrificio por los Sacerdotes en el antiguo judaísmo. Con el sacrificio de Cristo, sacrificios de animales en el Templo ya no eran necesarios.

Abstenerse de comer carne es una manera de reconocer el sacrificio perfecto de Cristo que eliminó todos los sacrificios requeridos por la Antigua Alianza. Hay otras razones históricas que hablan del desarrollo de los "viernes sin carne" del catolicismo, pero la comprensión devocional mencionada anteriormente es una manera sensata de comprender la importancia de estos días de abstinencia.

**Knight Moves.** Gladys Knight, en la canción " El Tren De Medianoche/Midnight Train to Georgia", siguió al hombre que amaba desde Los Ángeles hasta su nuevo hogar en Georgia. ¿Por qué? Porque ella cantó: *"Preferiría vivir con él en su mundo, que vivir sin él en el mío"*. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para que sigamos a Cristo a donde nos llama, y para dejar atrás las cosas que nos separan de Él, Por lo tanto, se nos recomienda hacer sacrificios durante la Cuaresma: renunciar a algo durante los 40 días de Cuaresma que sería un sacrificio para nosotros (por lo tanto, renunciar al brócoli en realidad no sería aceptable, ya que eso no es sacrificio en absoluto). El sacrificio, nos une aún más al sacrificio de Cristo y nos acerca a Dios.

Durante este tiempo de Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos recomienda que vivamos nuestra fe plenamente mediante la oración, el arrepentimiento y el ayuno. Si vives tu fe de esta manera, la Cuaresma será un Tiempo bien utilizada que te acercará más a Dios y a su santa Iglesia.

Tuyo en Cristo,  
P. James Lentini  
Párroco