



# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

February 12, 2023

6th 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

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am

Wednesday – 8:15 am

Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am – 10:00 am,  
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

### ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am – 9 pm



## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,  
‘Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.’”

*Matthew 5:33*

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The Sermon on the Mountain, by Arsène Robert, 1870

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm  
Closed Wednesday and Friday

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 9:30 am  
Thursday, 6:30 pm

### HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

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

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

## RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### TAX STATEMENTS

The **HC Parish Office** has emailed out tax statements to anyone we had an email on file.

If you did not receive a copy of your statement and would like one, please call the Parish Office or email [mdornberger@holycrossover.org](mailto:mdornberger@holycrossover.org). Thank you.

For **ICC** please contact the **ICC** parish office to pick one up or have it mailed to you.

### LENT

Lent will be starting on Wednesday, February 22. Ashes will be distributed at Holy Cross during the 8:15 am and 12:10 pm Masses. There will also be a service in the church at 5:30 pm for the Religious Education classes where ashes will be distributed. We will also have a 7 pm Mass that evening with distribution of Ashes.

Immaculate Conception will offer a 9 am Mass, 5:30 pm Mass, and 7 pm Spanish Mass where ashes will be distributed at each.

### WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

Ending January 29, 2023

| OFFERTORY TYPE | RECEIVED  | BUDGETED/ NEEDED | DIFFERENCE |
|----------------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| Regular        | \$33,519  | \$27,760         | \$5,759    |
| YTD            | \$824,153 | \$852,100        | (\$27,947) |
| Needs          | \$1,759   | \$1,604          | \$155      |

### WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending January 29, 2023

| OFFERTORY TYPE    | RECEIVED |
|-------------------|----------|
| Regular           | \$3,263  |
| Second Collection | \$309    |

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Dear Parishioners,

In these United States, we are blessed that in our Constitution, in its First Amendment — the lead off amendment in our Bill of Rights — there is a guarantee of religious freedom. That amendment provides for our religious liberty in the form of barring the Federal Government from making any “law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” With the passage of the 14th amendment the import of the First Amendment has generally been incorporated as applicable to states — protecting religious liberty.

**In Delaware.** Regarding religious liberty, the State of Delaware’s Constitution declares that “no power shall or ought to be vested in or assumed by any magistrate that shall in any case interfere with, or in any manner control the rights of conscience, in the free exercise of religious worship,” — this complements our Federal Constitution.

**In Maryland.** The Maryland Constitution ups the ante, in its Bill of Rights, stating that “as it is the duty of every man to worship God in such manner as he thinks most acceptable to Him, all persons are equally entitled to protection in their religious liberty; wherefore, no person ought by any law to be molested in his person or estate, on account of his religious persuasion, or profession, or for his religious practice.” (Fun fact: later in that same paragraph it seems to say that one can be dismissed as a juror — or a witness — if they don’t believe in God).

**Meanwhile Across the Pond.** The bottom line is that we hold our nation to be a beacon and model of religious liberty. After all we were initially founded as a nation by those fleeing from religious oppression in Great Britain where the Church of England and the Government acted to persecute and impair the practice of the faith of those folks who were not Anglican and wouldn’t accede to Anglican preference.

**Putting the “First” in the First Amendment.** So, when our nation was formally constituted, the first item placed in the Bill of Rights was an amendment crafted to protect the religion and religious institutions from the powerful hand of the state. Why was this the “first” of all of the amendments? Good question. Religious freedom was embodied as the “first” of all the amendments because of the experience some had had or learned about from political and religious life in Europe.

The Treaty of What? You see, at the time of the passage of the Bill of Rights (specifically of the First Amendment), the founders of our nation had seen the problem of state intervention in religion. Certainly, they knew from history about the various wars of religion that consumed Europe from the time of the Protestant Revolt and through to the time of the adoption of the Treaty of Westphalia (which established the principle of *cuius regio, eius religio* — the religion of the king is the religion

of the people). This treaty didn’t address the problem of religious freedom directly, but it blew the referee’s whistle and called for a time out, a truce.

**Protestant vs Catholic.** But post-Westphalia, many still saw a need to protect religious freedom much further. Most of our nation’s founders were of English stock, thus they had seen the role of the state and the King in Great Britain in matters of religion. And most probably saw that role as too heavy-handed. Now truth be told, while most of our founder certainly wanted the Protestant faiths to have constitutional protections in terms of religious liberty, many of them probably didn’t want to see that extended to the Catholic Church, for various reasons also related to Europe’s history.

**Louie and Joey Cause a Problem.** Speaking of Europe’s history, and since I am writing about religious liberty (i.e., keeping Government out of religious institutions and the Church), let me give some background on what happened in Austria when the Government tried to control or influence the Church. A movement arose: Josephinism. Josephinism arose in the Austrian Empire, under the rule of Emperor Joseph II of the Hapsburg Dynasty. What Josephinism did was to render the Catholic faith as being an arm of the Government, and under the thumb of the Monarch. Josephinism’s seminal period was 1765-1790, but its after-effects lingered much longer — into the 20th Century.

**What is Jus Exclusivae?** As noted, the after-effects of Josephinism — that is, the outsize role of the Austrian Emperor in the workings of the Church — lingered into the 20th century, albeit in a very specific form. Here’s the story: In 1903, a conclave to elect a new Pope was held. The likely candidate was Cardinal Rampolla, but the Austrian Emperor deemed him insufficiently beneficial to Austrian interests. So, the Emperor exercised the right of *jus exclusivae*; that is, the right to veto a candidate for Pope. Thus Rampolla was effectively eliminated from consideration, and a different candidate (Giuseppe Sarto, Patriarch of Venice) was elected — and became Pope Pius X. The new Pope was so disturbed by this intervention by the Austrian Government into the life of the Church that he nixed this authority of the Austrian Emperor, thus preventing such an intervention from ever happening again. This effectively ended the long hangover of Josephinism.

**Learning from History.** So, having seen problems caused by the intervention of Governments into religious institutions, indeed into the Church — whether it be by King Henry VIII in the 16th centu-

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## HC & ICC CLERGY

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F. | Pastor          |
| Msgr. Daniel McGlynn              | Pastor Emeritus |
| Rev. Brennan Ferris               | Parochial Vicar |

## HC CLERGY

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

## ICC CLERGY

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Mr. Sherman Mitchell | Deacon |
|----------------------|--------|

## HC STAFF

|                    |                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Parish Office      | 302 674 5787                         |
| Jane Green         | Receptionist, ext. 110               |
| Diane Belt         | Assistant to the Pastor, ext. 113    |
| Kenneth Trojan     | Business Manager, ext. 119           |
| Michele Dornberger | Records/Asst. Bus. Mgr., ext. 116    |
| Arline Dosman      | Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. 118  |
| Tammy Korosec      | CRE Religious Ed, ext 122            |
| Linda Darling      | Youth Ministry, ext. 123             |
| Justin Wurzel      | Maintenance Director                 |
| Len Dornberger     | Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135     |
| Michael Perza      | Dir. of Music Ministry, 302 698 9302 |

## MAILING ADDRESS

*Church of the Holy Cross*  
631 S. State St.  
Dover, DE 19901

## ICC STAFF

|                |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Parish Office  | 410 482 7687              |
| Marilyn Dixon  | Office Manager            |
| Alicia Poppiti | DRE Religious Ed.         |
| Susan Venezia  | Bookkeeper                |
| Arline Dosman  | Dir. of Hispanic Ministry |

## MAILING ADDRESS

*Immaculate Conception Church*  
P. O. Box 399  
Marydel, MD 21649-0399

## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Catholic Education Pre-K3 to Grade 8  
302 674 5787  
holycrossdover.org/school

|               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Linda Pollitt | Principal, ext. 111 |
|---------------|---------------------|

## MAILING ADDRESS

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

## RECENTLY DECEASED (HC)

Condolences to the families of those who have recently died:

- Clara Valdes
- Carol Murrian
- Macaria Lazaro
- Allen Cook

## NEWLY REGISTERED (HC)

Welcome to our newly registered parishioners:

- Jerry and Michelle Riley

## THANK YOU

You can drop off donations to the Samaritan Pantry any day between 7 am and 6 pm. The white door by the carriage house is unlocked at those times. You can put canned good on the table in that room or meats in the freezer.

## 7TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (FEB 19)

### FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 19:1-2. 17-18

The book of Leviticus can seem rather dry. It begins with the command to be as holy as God. This is an impossible command, but the point is to allow God to live that holiness within us by making space for God in our lives.

### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-23

Paul writes to the Corinthians, a community made up of common people with no pretensions to greatness. He reminds them that their dignity comes from being temples of God.

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:38-38

Jesus sets out the implications of living as his disciples. He reminds us that God gibes the same grace to good and bad people alike. L The choice is ours, on a daily basis, whether to respond to it or not.

## LADIES RETREAT

We reflect on the lives of Four Teresa's and how their example guides us today. Saturday, March 4 at St. Bernadette Church Hall, 109 Dixon St. Harrington, DE.

Cost is \$10 per person - we ask everyone to bring their own lunch - breakfast, snacks and drinks provided. Retreat begins at 8:30 am with breakfast, 9 am we begin our day and conclude at 3:30 pm with Mass at 4 pm. Please make checks payable to Delaware State Columbiettes and mail to Linda Darling, 206 Pitch Kettle Ct., Magnolia, DE 19962 by February 24, 2023. Questions? 302-233-2246.

## DELAWARE STATE COLUMBIETTES

Delaware State Columbiettes will be hosting their annual Basket Auction on Sunday, February 26th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Parish Life Center, Holy Cross Church, South State Street in Dover, Delaware. Tickets are \$25.00 per person to include a buffet dinner, desert, coffee and ice tea. Please respond by Saturday, February 18th to Mary Jane Deni, 69 Comanche Circle, Millsboro, DE 19966, 302 841 8831 (diamondmj@aol.com). There will be many fabulous gifts as well as a raffle with three great prizes.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! Get away for an intimate weekend – no group sharing required. The next weekend is March 10-12, 2023 at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website <http://www.wvme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

## SWITCH TO eGIVING (HC)

Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2023 that reflect the steadfast promise of God’s love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people all around us.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/DE251](http://faith.direct/DE251). Or go to the Holy Cross website ([holycrossdover.org](http://holycrossdover.org)) and click on the Online Giving button.

## RACHEL’S VINEYARD

A Rachel’s Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of April 21-23, 2023. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or [lucyminn929@gmail.com](mailto:lucyminn929@gmail.com) by April 7.

## CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, February 18th, tune-in to find out about the hot new books to help you on your Lenten journey when Therese Brown from the Association of Catholic Publishers is the guest. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime

## MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY

### 13 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Christopher Martin

### 14 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Jan Marinucci

### 15 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:15 am J. Ballo

### 16 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Joseph F. Kowalczyk  
ICC 7:00 pm For the People

### 17 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Emma Zapanta Donato

### 18 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Matthew & Mary Seben  
HC 5:00 pm Joe McLoughlin

### 19 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am F. Tenusak  
ICC 8:30 am Jim Ward  
HC 9:30 am Rose Gazzaro  
ICC 11:00 am DM Saladino Family  
HC 11:30 am Lina Moran  
ICC 1:00 pm For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION  
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

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HOLY CROSS FEBRUARY 18/19

|                        | EMHC                        |                            | SERVERS                               |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 5:00 PM                | M. Casey<br>D. Darling      | L. Darling<br>F. Hettinger | G. Coyle<br>M. Coyle<br>S. Murawski   |
| <b>LECTORS</b>         |                             |                            |                                       |
| D. Dixon<br>H. Walker  |                             |                            |                                       |
| 7:30 AM                | S. Gede<br>M. Jacobs        | R. O'Neill<br>R. Pritchett | A. Costa<br>E. Costa<br>M. Costa      |
| <b>LECTORS</b>         |                             |                            |                                       |
| C. Cuffee              |                             |                            |                                       |
| 9:30 AM                | S. Cordie<br>D. Kaltenbaugh | K. Kelly<br>L. Olmstead    | K. Fernandez<br>C. Imhof<br>J. Seeney |
| <b>LECTORS</b>         |                             |                            |                                       |
| J. Coffield<br>S. Ford |                             |                            |                                       |
| 11:30 AM               | T. Hernandez<br>E. Patoriza | M. Richard                 |                                       |
| <b>LECTORS</b>         |                             |                            |                                       |
| TBD                    |                             |                            |                                       |

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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| 8:30 AM  | D. Smith  |  | <b>LECTORS</b> |
|          |           |  | B. Thompson    |
| 11:00 AM | J. Carrow |  | <b>LECTORS</b> |
|          |           |  | D. King        |
| 1:00 PM  | TBD       |  |                |

Thank you to all who help with our various ministries at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception. We are truly grateful for your service to your parishes.

We are always in need of more Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers.

Please call your parish offices if you would be interested in joining in with those who already serve.

REUPHOLSTERING THE PEWS

The work on the pews is continuing. Holy Cross will remain closed for daily Mass the week of February 13–February 18. Masses will be at Immaculate Conception at 8 am this week. Confessions will also be held at ICC on Saturday morning, Feb. 18, from 8:30 to 10 am.

We will reopen at Holy Cross for Saturday evening Mass on February 18 at 5 pm and on Sunday, February 19, at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Can you spare an hour to spend with Jesus? Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am to 9 pm Monday through Sunday. We have openings where you can spend quality time with Our Lord. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

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| SUNDAY   | 6 am, 4 pm, 5pm, 6 pm                  |
| MONDAY   | 5 am, 5 pm                             |
| TUESDAY  | 6 am, 5 pm, 8 pm                       |
| SATURDAY | 8 am, 12 pm, 1 pm,<br>2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm |

ADULT EDUCATION

The Bible in a Year  
In English:  
Father Mike Schmitz



<https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>

In Spanish:  
Fray Sergio Serrano



<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration>

K OF C BREAKFAST

The Knights will hold a breakfast in the Parish Hall on Sunday, February 19, after the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses.

Be on the look out for the K of C Fish Dinners starting on February 24 throughout Lent. More information to follow.

- Febrero es por excelencia el mes del Amor y la Amistad. Y se destaca el amor Conyugal y la Familia. Este 7 al 14 de febrero de 2023, celebraremos la Semana Nacional del Matrimonio! Esta celebración anual es una gran oportunidad para que todos reflexionen sobre el regalo que es el matrimonio para nuestra Iglesia y nuestro país, así como una oportunidad para que las parejas revivan y crezcan sus propios matrimonios. El tema de este año es: **Matrimonio: Una sola carne, entregada y recibida.** El Papa Francisco en Amoris Laetitia nos exhorta acerca de lo importante que es priorizar momentos juntos entre las parejas. (Amoris Laetitia 219) Por eso es importante para la salud de toda relación, ya tengan un año de casados o cincuenta, cultivar momentos donde comparten actividades juntos, y profundizan su relación. La Rutina es mortal para el Matrimonio. Oremos por los Matrimonios.
- El ministerio de Arte y Ambientación se reunirá el Martes, 21 de Febrero a las 4:00 Pm en la iglesia para limpiar y ambientar el Templo para la Cuaresma. Si usted desea ayudar, solo tiene que venir. Mientras más manos tengamos es más fácil y rápido el trabajo.
- La diócesis una vez más nos ha extendido la invitación de participar en la Peregrinación CYM que se llevará a cabo el sábado 1 de abril. Los ensayos serán todos los miércoles, en el salón de nuestra parroquia gemela de la Inmaculada Concepción en Marydel a las 7:00 PM.
- Estamos buscando adolescente y jóvenes para formar parte del elenco para la dramatización de la pasión de nuestro Señor. Si usted desea participar por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Arline Dosman.
- Todos están invitados a la reunión de planeamiento el para el domingo, 5 de marzo en el salón parroquial de eventos. Esta reunión es de suma importancia para planear todas las actividades del próximo año litúrgico que será desde Julio 2023 a Junio 2024. Si usted está interesado en contribuir con ideas, trabajo por el bien común de nuestra comunidad y nuestra parroquia venga a esta reunión, que durara aproximadamente 2 horas. Es una reunión de trabajo y les pedimos encarecidamente de no traer niños, porque es una jornada larga y los niños se inquietan y hay que atenderlos y se hace más larga la reunión. Todos están invitados, todos somos iglesia. Si no puede venir a la reunión le pedimos que ore para que esta reunión sea un éxito y que hagamos la voluntad de Dios y para el bien común de nuestra comunidad.
- Si usted desea compartir su talento o quiera participar en alguno de los ministerios por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Arline Dosman o llame a la oficina parroquia al 302-674-5787 ext. 118

## ICC- EDUCACIÓN

CONFIRMACION DE JOVENES: Quinta Sesión es el Domingo, 12 de febrero, a las 2:30-5pm en el Salón Parroquial.

Clases de Primera Comunión en ICC:

Tercera Sesión es el martes 21 de febrero de 6:30 – 7:30 en el salón

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next Class 2/12/2023 3 to 5 pm

Next class 2/26/2023

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Registration forms available at [holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation](http://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation)

If you have any questions contact Tammy Korosec either 302-674-5787 x122 or [tkorosec@holycrossdover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossdover.org)

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### LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

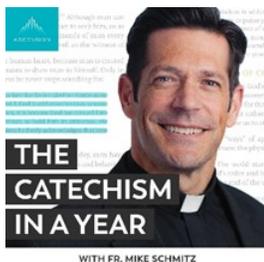
Next class February 12, 2023 at 10:30 am in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Early Learning Center. Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF? Contact Tammy Korosec.

### ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (HC)

"The Eucharist in Scripture" with Scott Hahn  
"In *The Eucharist in Scripture*, discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Mass. This six-lesson study, presented by Dr. Scott Hahn, will unlock the meaning of covenant, sacrifice, and sacrament as understood in the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation.

Built around three of Dr. Hahn's foundational talks: "The Lamb's Supper," "The Fourth Cup," and "Consuming the Word," *The Eucharist in Scripture* examines the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and explores the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the Bible."

Classes began January 10th at either 9AM or 7 PM in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Parish Office. This will be a free class. No workbooks will be provided. If you are interested contact Tammy Korosec at either [tkorosec@holycrossdover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossdover.org) or call (302) 674-5787 X 122



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### CONFIRMATION AT HOLY CROSS

Confirmation Class:

We have class Sunday, Feb. 12 at 3:30 pm and Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 6 pm.

Youth Group:

We will be making candy for our Samaritan Easter baskets on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 3-4:30 pm in the cafeteria. Come join us for service and camaradery. All are welcome - if you bring a friend from outside the parish, please make sure they have a Form A.

Parent Meeting:

For parents of candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation - please mark your calendar for our final parent meeting on Sunday, March 5 or Monday, March 6 at 7 pm in the ELC Building Matthew Mark room. Sign up for interviews as well as final instructions for Confirmation will be shared.

### Purse Bingo:

Tickets are going fast - please join us for our annual Purse Bingo fundraiser on Saturday, March 25.



Doors open at 6 pm and Bingo begins promptly at 7 pm.

Email [ldarling@holycrossdover.org](mailto:ldarling@holycrossdover.org) to reserve your spot. Cost is \$30 per person - includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Cash Bar with beer and wine available.

### SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Youth Confirmation for Immaculate Conception:

Fifth Session is Sunday, February 12, at 2:30-5pm in the Parish hall.

First Communion classes Immaculate Conception:

Third Session is Tuesday, February 21st, 6:30-7:30pm in the ICC hall.

It almost never fails whenever I have a prospective family in my office, or if we are on a school tour, at least one positive comment is made on the beautiful art that bedecks the walls of the hallway outside of my office, or the larger area where the children gather in the morning anticipating the opening of the doors signalling the onset of a new day. The quality of the artwork is outstanding. The various media introduced and incorporated into their creations, the use of color and design resulting from the individual student's interpretation is what makes the end result a work of art. Their work is beyond impressive, and I am not alone in my opinion. It makes for a great segue into a discussion of our Art classes and the opportunities for the students to learn and grow into accomplished painters, illustrators, and sculptors. I have such admiration for all our enrichment offerings. They are called enrichment for a reason for they truly enrich our curriculum and enrich the student learning experience.

Scholastic Art is one of the features of the Art Department offered in Junior High, and is a class offered by Mrs. Benini with a focus on creating pieces of art intended for adjudication by the scrutinous eye of judges of the National Scholastic Art program. The pieces of art created by the Scholastic Art students exemplify their passions, their talent, and their personal insight into subject matter and issues they feel compelled to give life and expression to. Never a year goes by that our student's art work is not given well deserved recognition.

One of the aspects of the Art curriculum that I love the most is the requirement of each artist, no matter the grade level to write an artist's statement on the completed work. This reflection offers a glimpse into the motivation, vision, and intuition of the artist during the creative process. No piece of art is considered a completed piece without the artist statement.

This week I would like to share snippets of the artist's statements written by this year's Scholastic artists, those who found the highest favor of the discriminating eye of the judges before whom their art was submitted. These snippets offer a peek into the personal motivation, personal vision, and the personal intuition which served to shape their artistic rendering.

Jillian N. We're Watching You

I created two pieces of jewelry, a necklace and a pair of earrings, but this was far from my original idea. My original idea was to create a mobile made out of electrical wires, and CDs so it would sparkle in the sunlight. My idea went through different phases: the mobile, the mobile with more computer parts, computer keys, fashion with wires, to eventually the piece of jewelry that I have today. I gathered two HP Chromebooks, taken apart for the sake of my project. The pieces being used in the necklace and the earrings. I used jump rings to create the short chain the earrings would hang on along with the hook so they could be worn. With clay, I created my first eye. This one was big, and would definitely not fit onto the earrings. Instead, I used red clay and created six smaller eyes that would fit on the earrings. These eyes took up most of the project time..... After I baked the eyes, I glued the six eyes (three on each earring) onto the earrings using E6000 jewelry glue, so they could stay on the earrings. Using a polymer clay glaze, I covered the eyes with this glaze so they would appear to be shiny.

The meaning of my artwork is that people are always watching you, in good or bad ways. Especially on the Internet, people can hack and code, and do anything to find you.

If I were to create this art project again, I would probably change the eyes. I have just felt like they would have always been better.....

Dana S. Burned Out

My original idea for Scholastic art was to make a mosaic of a sun surrounded by darkness to show the importance of positivity. I....settled on bringing awareness to the animals that are in trouble and losing their homes due to forest fire. I decided to make a mosaic of an owl flying with fire and smoke in the background. It took me a few attempts to realize how I wanted it to fly, but once I figured out the wings the rest came together easily. I found the glass from four different sites; everything seemed to go alright until we discovered that the company was in Florida, where there had just been a large hurricane that had been extremely damaging to the state. Thankfully, everything worked out since the business wasn't near where the hurricane had gone through, and we finally got the glass. I had to figure out how to cut the glass, which I did using a pistol grip scorer and a pair of pliers. Then, once I finished cutting all of the glass, I had to grind the pieces. This took forever. It was so slow and so loud, and I thought I would never finish. Finally, I did, and I began preparing to glue. I had to make the glass pieces fit together, which was especially annoying because I had to make them fit in a frame. I had to grind most of the glass on the edges. Once it was glued, I grouted it. This had to be done outside because it was so messy.....The mosaic's message means a lot to me because I love animals, and I want to bring awareness to the species that were being driven out of their homes and injured by forest fires. While creating my project, I learned how to cut and grind glass. I learned that if I am determined to do something, I can do it.

....know that you can do anything you put your mind to. Also, know that whether you get an award or not doesn't define your project. I was able to complete it and enter it into the competition to earn a Silver Key.

ry, the Church of England in the 17th-18th centuries, by Josephinism in Austria, or by religious wars throughout Europe — here in the United States religious liberty was seen as a most important liberty in the lives of the citizenry. Thus, we see the First Amendment established because our early leaders remembered the past and learned from it. This amendment allowed religious people and their faiths to be involved in the civic life of the nation, while at the same time keeping the hands of the Government out of the workings of religion (or in our cases, out of the workings of the Church).

**When Liberty Erodes.** But what happens when the value of religious liberty loses its significance or —even worse— the Government's or society's desire to protect religious liberty erodes? What happens if religion liberty itself comes under attack, or is simply disregarded? Some people say there is a “war on religion” in our country today. I don't know if that is too melodramatic a statement. But that there is a hostility to religion these day — often going unchecked by the Government or civic institutions that should be protecting religious liberty — is quite clear.

**Eye Opening Events.** What led me to write this column were two disturbing events that happened in January of 2023. These two events show me that there is a certain mindset in government agencies and a certain mindset being inculcated in our society that is breeding a hateful disdain of religion, especially of Christianity. As I ponder the two events I am going to write about, I also ask the question: How can these two events that have happened, have happened in a nation with religious liberty?

**Hats Off — Or Else.** The first event happened in January 2023 — around the time of the March for Life. There were about a dozen Catholic high school students along with their chaperons from Greenville, South Carolina in Washington, D.C., for the March for Life. While in D.C., the group went for a visit to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. The group was told that it would have to leave the Smithsonian because they wore beanies with pro-life messages, which were deemed inappropriate in a Government building. The choice they were given: take off your hats, or leave. According to members of this group they were also mocked and cursed at by the museum staff.

To see news coverage of this incident go to [www.iccmartydel.org/prolifehats](http://www.iccmartydel.org/prolifehats)

**Shirt Off — Or Else.** Even more shocking was a second event in January 2023, this one took place in Minnesota. A man name Paul Shoro, a black Christian, walked into the world famous “Mall of America” — one of the largest shopping malls in the world — in Bloomington, Minnesota. He entered the mall wearing a t-shirt that said, “Jesus Is The Only Way” and “Jesus Saves.” Security officers stopped him and told him “If you want to shop here you need to take off that shirt.” The officers added that “Jesus is associated with religion and it is offending people.” They later specifically note that his wearing the shirt is soliciting. This man was told he must remove his shirt or leave the mall — or face arrest.

I thought for sure, this simply couldn't be. Not in the U.S. This couldn't have happened. I kind of dismissed the story as perhaps a slanted piece of reporting. Days later, I saw a video of the incident — and I am sad to report that that incident did happen. And seeing it unfold was nothing short of chilling and much worse than my summary of it could ever be.

I got a link to a video of the incident, it can be accessed at [www.iccmartydel.org/tshirt](http://www.iccmartydel.org/tshirt)

**What's Up with This?** What the heck is going on in our country these days? How can it be that one can walk around with cuss words on a shirt, vile messages on a shirt, but cannot walk into a shopping mall wearing a shirt that says “Jesus Saves.” Similarly, how can it be that pro-life beanies are such an affront that children can be threatened with expulsion from a government-run museum for wearing one.

I guess the lesson learned from this is that one can have all the laws and amendments in the world to protect him or her, but if the powers-that-be don't enforce them, all those laws become nothing but pieces of paper. Our Christian forbears in the first, second, third and fourth centuries felt the power of persecution for their beliefs. This past week (Feb. 6) we recalled Ss. Paul Miki and Companions who suffered persecution, torture and crucifixion for preaching the Gospel in a foreign land. While we may feel, at times, like we are in a foreign land — seeing religious liberty, and indeed the name of Jesus treated as objects of derision — we must learn from those martyrs who went before us, that being a disciple of Christ may not make you popular, but it will make you holy. So, keep the faith, pray hard, and praise always the name of Jesus Christ, even when it is made difficult to do so.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor