



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

February 2, 2020

Presentation of the Lord

holy cross

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

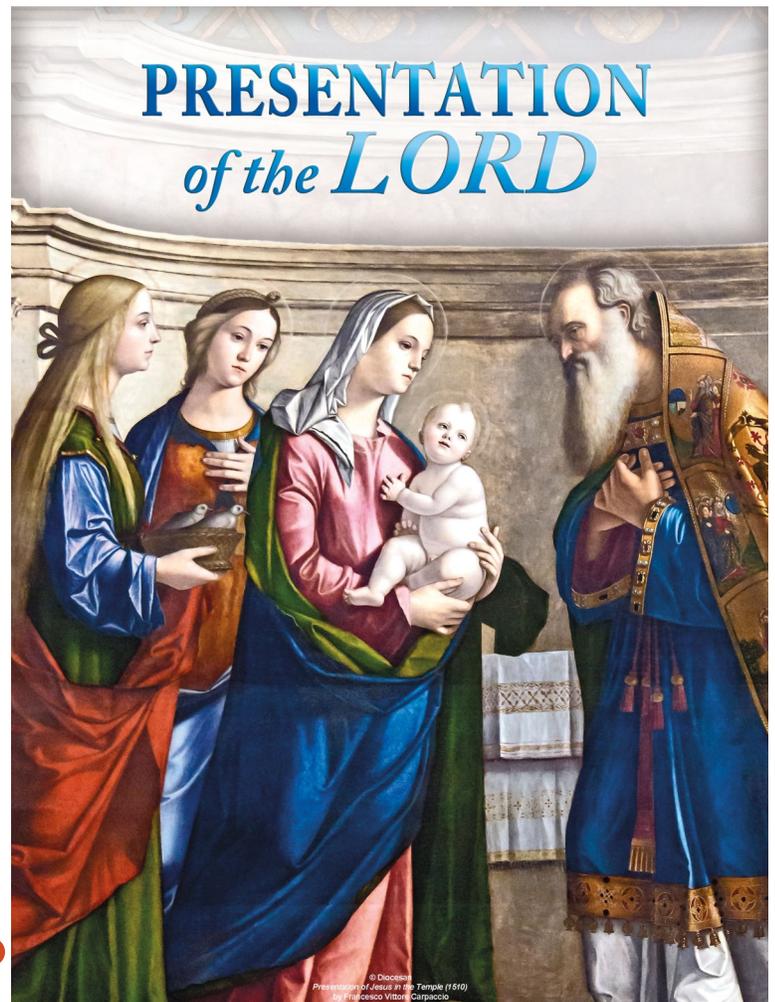
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

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)

2 SUNDAY *2nd Sunday Ordinary Time*

HC 7:30 am, Breakfast by K of C, PH

HC 9 am, RCIA, MT/MK

ICC 9 am, K of C Breakfast, hall

ICC 9:40 am, SRE

HC Noon, LAFF, LK

ICC 2:30 pm, Jovenes, Basement

ICC 2:30 pm, Adolescentes, CC

HC 2:30 pm, Candalaria, CA

HC 3:30 pm, Confirmation, MT/MK

3 MONDAY *St. Blaise*

HC 8:45 am, Spirituality Group, LK

4 TUESDAY *St. Thomas Aquinas*

HC 9 am, Focolare, LK

ICC 1 pm, Exercise, hall

ICC 7 pm, Catechist In Service, Office

ICC 7 pm, Juan XXIII, CC

HC 7 pm, Adult Ed, MT/MK

5 WEDNESDAY *St. Agatha*

HC 9 am, Adult Ed, MT/MK

ICC 10 am, SVDP, Office

HC 6:30 pm, Confirmation Class, MT/MK

6 THURSDAY *St. Paul Miki*

ICC, 1 pm, Exercise, Hall

HC 7 pm, Columbiette Mtg, LK

ICC 7 pm, Misa

7 FRIDAY *First Friday*

HC 8:30 am, First Friday devotion begins, CH

ICC, Band Practice

HC 7 pm, Foro Cristiano, LK

8 SATURDAY *St. Jerome Emiliani*

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending January 19

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$27,356	\$28,300	(\$944)
YTD	\$844,850	\$826,700	\$18,150
Needs	\$1,121	\$1,586	(\$465)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending January 19

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,834
Second	\$468

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."

We have been told informed by the Diocese that Holy Cross has fallen short of its Annual Appeal Goal of 2019 by \$3,335. If you did not pledge to the Appeal this past year and would still like to do so, please contact the Parish Office. Holy Cross is responsible to make up for the short fall to the Appeal.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

I love Church history – I think it is fascinating and very informative to our understanding of the history of the world in the Christian era. One of the most interesting areas of Church history is the study of our Popes. This week and next week, I am dedicating my column to the Popes of history, writing about one from each century who has an interesting story, background or accomplishment. So, let's step into the way-back machine and set the dial for the first century, and begin our journey:

1st Century: Pope Cletus (76-88)

He Gave Us Parishes. Yes, St. Peter is of course the first and best-known Pope of the Church; his election to the Papacy was positively divine! However, Pope Cletus left a legacy we still find in the modern Church – he created the idea of parishes. Pope Cletus, realizing that administration of the growing Church would be difficult, divided Rome into twelve distinct parishes. And we've had parishes ever since!

2nd Century: Pope Alexander I (105-115)

He Gave Us Home Blessings. Have you ever had your home blessed? If so, you can thank Pope Alexander I for this – he started the practice of blessing water, mingled with salt (also blessed) and using that water to bless homes. He is also said to have instituted the practice of mingling the water with wine during the Mass, a practice that continues even today at Mass.

3rd Century: Pope Pontian (230-235)

First Pope to Resign. Much ado has been made in the media about Pope Benedict XVI's resignation, however he was not the first Pope to do so. That honor belongs to Pope St. Pontian. Christianity was under persecution by the Roman Empire; Emperor Maximus Thrax (cool name) banished Pope Pontian to the island of Sardinia (kind of like being banished to The Eagle's "Hotel California" of pop music fame – a place where "you can check out anytime you want, but you can never leave"). Fearing his absence from Rome would cause the faithful to be without a shepherd, he resigned as Pope on September 28, 235 and allowed a new Pope to be elected.

4th Century: Pope Siricius (384-399)

The First Pope called The Pope. was the first Pope to actually use the title Pope ("Papa"). In terms of the clergy he is credited by tradition with two important decrees: He decreed that Bishops cannot be named without the consent of the Pope and that Priests and Deacons were to practice celibacy. Both of these decrees continue in effect even today.

5th Century: Pope Leo the Great (440-461)

He Gave Rome Peace, and the Pope Primacy. Pope Leo the Great argued strongly for the doctrine of Papal Primacy, putting forth that anyone in the Church who rejected Papal Authority placed himself out of the Church. The doctrine was re-asserted by Pope Hilarius (461-468) and Pope Gelasius I (492-496). But Pope Leo's biggest claim to fame was to broker a deal with the likes of Attila the Hun and other barbarian forces not to destroy the city of Rome. But this gentlemen's

agreement didn't stand the test of time – in 476AD, the barbarians trashed the place and killed the Emperor.

6th Century: Pope Gregory the Great (590-605)

He Gave the "Chants" of a Lifetime! Pope Gregory the Great earned that title! He cast out those darn occupying Lombards and asserted direct rule over most of what we would know as modern-day Italy; the area became known as the Patrimony of St. Peter. A better-known aspect of Pope Gregory's legacy was his development and insertion into the Mass, chant; this is commonly referred to as Gregorian Chant, in honor of its founder. Gregory committed his chants to writing, so even today, 15th centuries later, there is no "chants" of it going away!

7th Century: Pope Boniface III (Feb-Nov 607)

Don't Roam from Rome. Pope Boniface III was a short-lived Pope, and the most important church related event during his Papacy did not emanate from him. In 607, during the reign of Pope Boniface III, the Eastern Emperor Phocas declared (with Boniface's absolute agreement) that Rome, under the Pope as its Bishop, was the pre-eminent See of the Church and had primacy. The Emperor likewise told the Patriarch of Constantinople to abandon any claims of primary in the Church or superiority to Rome. Thus, the score: Rome 1, Constantinople 0.

8th Century: Pope Gregory II (715-731)

An Icon to Lovers of Icons. There was a movement in the Eastern (Byzantine) Empire led by Emperor Leo III known as Iconoclasm. Leo III was an iconoclast meaning he rejected the veneration of icons and images. In the East, he had many icons and images destroyed. Pope Gregory II was called on by Leo to join his iconoclast mission to rid the Church of images. Pope Gregory refused and with the aid of Italian forces, fought against Leo and this movement. This was actually the beginning of many years of violence and battles in what is called "The Iconoclast Controversy" – many lives were lost in this fight and suffice it to say, it wasn't a pretty picture.

9th Century: Pope Stephen VI (896-897)

He Tried the Dead. Pope Stephen VI had loath entirely one of his predecessors, Pope Formosus. How much did he loath him? Pope Stephen called what it commonly known as "The Cadaver Synod" – an official meeting of the Church during which the cadaver of Pope Formosus was exhumed, vested in Papal garments and placed on trial. Even the team of Ben Matlock and Perry Mason couldn't help the deceased Formosus in this stilted trial. The dead Formosus was found guilty; his body was dragged through the streets of Rome in a ghastly display and dumped unceremoniously in the Tiber River. Forty years later another Pope would reverse this decision.

(To be continued, next column, same Pope-time, same Pope-channel!)

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

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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.
- The 1st trimester -- Fetal development begins soon after conception. Find out how your baby grows and develops during the first trimester. Week 9: Baby's toes appear --- In the ninth week of pregnancy, or seven weeks after conception, your baby's arms grow and elbows appear. Toes are visible and eyelids form. Your baby's head is large but still has a poorly formed chin. By the end of this week, your baby might be a little less than 3/4 inch (16 to 18 millimeters) long from crown to rump — the diameter of a penny.
- About 40 Days for Life: The next 40 Days for Life Campaign begins February 20, 2020. Mark your calendar and sign up online at www.40daysforlife.com/dover or www.40daysdover.com.

"The right to life is the first human right. Abortion is killing someone that cannot defend him or herself." ~Pope Francis

SAVE THE DATE (HC)

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF DELMARVA'S 1st ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

Theme: "The Holy Family – Your Holy Family"
 Register now for the Catholic Men's Fellowship 1st ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Saturday, March 21, 2020, 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM at The Church of the Holy Cross, Dover, De. Speakers are Jesse Romero*, Father Ed Meeks*, Kevin Wells speaking live in Dover. Breakfast and Lunch included. For details, call 302-331-6935, e-mail CMFDelmarva@gmail.com. To Register go on line to Eventbright.com – tickets \$35.00/p or \$65.00 Father and Son (one ticket admits both) *indicates speaker *livestreamed from Baltimore Conference*

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 9 PRESENTATION

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:7-10

God will hear your prayer, and your light will shine, when you consider the needs of the lowly.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

For Paul, proclaiming Christ and witnessing to the power of the Spirit are the essence of his testimony.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-16

Good works, done in the name of Christ, are to be unashamedly put on display for all

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE (HC)

Throats will be blessed after the 6:30 and 8 am Masses on Monday, February 3, in honor of St. Blaise.

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. For more information contact call 302-313-6935 or e-mail MenOfHolyCross@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What traditions keep your love alive - a weekly date, repeating a special meal, revisiting a place that has meaning for you as a couple? Perhaps look through old photos for ideas.

PARENTING POINTERS

Feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked. Parents do this naturally in the course of raising their children. Good. Is it time to engage your own children in these works for other less fortunate families? Challenge them to help.

MEN OF MALVERN

Men of Malvern, a retreat once a year isn't enough. Let's get together for breakfast and fellowship once a month. We gather at The Country Eatery at 9am (after morning Mass; optional) on the third Saturday of each month. The Country Eatery is just passed Silver Lake on North State Street. Come and join us!!! All are welcome.

NEWLY REGISTERED (HC)

Welcome to our newly registered parishioners

- Justine and Janice Surundu
- Jonathan, Krista, Jonathan and Brody Raymond

VOCATIONS

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

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY

3 MONDAY

HC 6:30 am Janet O'Brien
 HC 8:00 am Mary Castiglione

4 TUESDAY

HC 6:30 am Robert Riley
 HC 8 am Bao Quoi Vu

5 WEDNESDAY

HC 6:30 am Rosemary McDonald
 HC 8:15 am Hope Giamboy

6 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am Matthew & Mary Seben
 HC 8:00 am Connie Sadler
 ICC 7 pm For the People

7 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am Mark Kropiewnicki
 HC 8:00 am Kerrie s. Glembocki

8 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Pat Procopio
 HC 5 pm Ann & Augustus Furjanic

9 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am John Deighton
 ICC 8:30 am Debra Hartlor
 HC 9:15 am Frank & Catherine Forti
 HC 11 am Lewis Crowell
 ICC 11 am Thomas Shields
 HC 1 pm Gabriele Maddalena
 ICC 1 pm For the People
 HC 6 pm David Thomas McGonigle, Jr.

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

TABERNACLE & SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS (FEB 2— FEB 8)

HC Adoration Chapel Inez Anderson
 HC Church Dec Mem. Meachem Family

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, 11 pm

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 5 am, 5 pm, 11 pm

THURSDAY 7 am, 4pm

FRIDAY 10 pm

SATURDAY Noon, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

MASS MINISTERS

FEB 8/9

HOLY CROSS			
	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	F. Ernst	C. O'Donnell	A. Zink
	S. Coghlan	M. Casey	E. Zink
	L. Accalagoon	R. Coppadge	S. Carnbaugh
	M. Hitch	V. Pearl	LECTORS
	A. Hunter	F. Hettinger	H. Showell
	T. Dupuis		L. Christiansen
7:30 AM	S. Gede	B. Gattuso	N. Umobi
	R. Campanicki	L. Davis	C. Umobi
	C. Brown	R. O'Neill	B. Wadhams
			LECTORS
			M. Cordalis
			C. Cuffee
9:15 AM	M. Wessel	G. Yourek	R. Poliquin
	C. Fortier	C. Bugglin	B. Wadhams
	S. Lascano	J. McIlvain	
	L. Stiller	K Coyle	LECTORS
	K Kelly	C. Jones	M Sossich
	V. Pepper		K Meire
11:00 AM	P. Johnson	M. Miller	K. Tabalon
	N. West	P. Huffman	E. Carter
	B. Whitworth	M. Rogers	J. Moyer
	A. Marano	R. Seliga	LECTORS
	F. Deeney	B. Richards	S. Winfrey
		G. Richards	M Philips
1:00 PM	M. Rivera	M. Richard	F. Rangel
	A. Luna	C. Valdes	J. Cortes
	M. Pitti		LECTORS
			D. Runzer
			K. Rangel
6:00 PM	R. Katcher	D. Novak	K. ford
	T. Steir	L. Darling	L. Payus
	M Rathbun	D. Darling	A. Payus
	K. Boyer	K O'Neill	LECTORS
	A. Wyllie	R. Kosior	TBD
		R. Katcher	
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION			
8:30 AM	J. Moore	M. Dixon	A. Clancy
			LECTORS
			K. Cairns
11:00 AM	J. Ward	P. Lardizzone	V. Haas
			J. Santizo
			LECTORS
			A. Poppiti
1:00 PM	L. Tomas	R. Cuin	I. Roblero
	H. Macario	S. Morales	M. Matias
	F. Perez		LECTORS
			J. Diaz
			H. Fuentes

PURSE BINGO (HC)

Join us Saturday evening, February 29 for a fun-filled evening, and a chance to win a great purse! Cost is \$20 for 10 games, door prizes and light refreshments served. 50/50 and Chinese Auction chances for sale. Must be 18 to play. Please see Linda Darling for tickets - tables of 8 may be reserved.

ldarling@holycrossdover.org

Proceeds will go to help our high school teens attend Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer in Hartford, CT. Thank you for your support.

YOUNG AT HEART (HC)

Young At Heart Seniors will meet February 10 at the Early Learning Center Matthew/Mark room. Ms. Monifa Carter: Reference Librarian at Delaware State University will be the speaker. Her topic "Reasons to move on" African Americans during the first migration. All seniors are welcome and may begin coming at 10:30. Lunch is \$5.00. If the school is closed due to inclement weather we will not meet. If the school is delayed we will meet.

TAX LETTERS (HC)

We will automatically be emailing contribution letters for 2019 to your email(s) on we have on file. If you do not receive one and would like it mailed to you, please contact Michele Dornberger at mdornberger@holycrossdover.org or call the Parish Office at 674 5787 ext 116.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, February 8th, tune in to hear an interview with Kevin Wells, author of the book, "The Priests We Need to Save the Church." After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Catholicforum.

COLLECTION COUNTERS (ICC)

Feb 9 Marilyn Dixon & Maurillo Gabriel

Feb 16 Ann Lawson & Julia Moore

Feb 23 Frank & Joyce Cristiano

CHURCH CLEANING CREW (ICC)

FEBRERO 6: GRUPO #14

Genaro Perez, **Elizabeth Lopez**, Edelfo Tomas, Alfonso Chun

FEBRERO 13, 2020 GRUPO #15

Juan Diaz Reynoso, Marlene Garcia, Leonel Juarez, Bernardo De Paz, Brendy Macario

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT (ICC)

Saturday, March 28, 2020

11 AM – 5 PM

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Cost \$20 per team (2 players per team)

1st & 2nd place prizes

Food and Beverages will be on sale.

Signups 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM in the Church Hall

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Any questions please contact Keith DeFrancesco at 302-382-9878.

RETROUVILLE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriage through Retrouville (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. Retrouville 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.

PARISH DIRECTORIES (ICC)

The Parish Directories have arrived. The parishioners who had their pictures taken may stop by and pick up their directory in the office.

PARISH DIRECTORIES (HC)

Lifetouch is making its final revisions on Holy Cross' Directory. They should be arriving within the next few weeks. Watch bulletin for further information.

TAX LETTERS (ICC)

The 2019 tax donation letters will be printed upon request. Please call or come to the office to have your letter printed.

- Agradecemos Conozca su Fe católica venga todos los viernes al el Foro Cristiano comenzando el viernes, viernes 3 de enero, 2020, 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.
- Nominaciones para la nueva Junta Directiva, cualquiera persona con cualidades de liderazgo y el deseo de servir a la comunidad por dos años por favor hable con la directora del Ministerio Hispano con cualquier miembro de la directiva actual.
- El día 16 de febrero tendremos nuestra reunión de planeamiento, decidiremos que actividad queremos tener este año venidero y se someterá a votación todas las nominaciones para la selección de la nueva junta directiva.
- Miércoles de Ceniza es el 26 de febrero, es día de Ayuno y Abstinencia. La Conferencia Episcopal de Obispos Católicos nos dicen: El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días obligatorios de ayuno y abstinencia para los católicos. Además, los viernes durante la Cuaresma son días obligatorios de abstinencia. Para los miembros de la Iglesia de rito latino, las normas son obligatorias desde la edad de 18 años hasta los 59. Cuando se ayuna, se le permite a la persona comer una comida completa, así como dos comidas más pequeñas que juntas no equivalgan a una comida completa. Las normas sobre la abstinencia de carne son

vinculantes para los miembros de la iglesia católica de rito latino desde los 14 años en adelante. Los miembros de la iglesia católica de rito oriental deben observar la ley propia de su iglesia sui iuris. Si es posible, el ayuno del Viernes Santo se continúa hasta la Vigilia Pascual (la noche del Sábado Santo) como el "ayuno pascual" para honrar el sufrimiento y la muerte del Señor Jesús y prepararnos para compartir más plenamente y celebrar más apropiadamente su Resurrección.

- 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.
- Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para la peregrinación con el Señor Obispo el sábado, 4 de abril, 2020 en Wilmington. La inscripción es \$15.00 y la transportación es \$10.00 si desea ir en el bus que saldrá a las 8:00de la mañana hasta las 8:00PM estaremos de regreso. Si usted desea participar en la Vía Crucis que muy pronto comenzaremos los ensayos para la ese día. Todos los jóvenes están invitados.
- ICC – La parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción estará celebrando el día del Amor y la Amistad el domingo 16 de febrero después de la Santa Misa.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

REGULAR CCD CLASSES

Wednesdays- Sundays –

Next Class February 9: 3:30pm-5:30pm and then February 23, 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 EDUCATION (HC)

We are continuing the series Catholicism: The Pivotal Players with the following players:

J. Sheen, Flannery O'Connor

Classes will run through February 5 on either Tuesday evenings at 7pm or Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Parish Office. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or by calling (302) 674-5787 ext.122.

CONFIRMATION CLASS (HC)

Class takes place this Sunday, February 2, at 3:30 pm and Wednesday, February 5, at 6 pm.

Reminder - Please have your Sponsor Form turned in at class.

PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION (HC)

Monday, February 10 or Tuesday, February 11 at 7 pm in the Matthew/Mark room ELC Building 2nd Floor.

Final instructions for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be discussed as well as sign up for interviews which take place February 18 through February 22. VERY important that at least one parent attend this meeting.

YOUTH CHOIR (HC)

If you would like to join the youth choir at 6 pm Mass twice monthly, please call the Parish office. The choir is in need of singers, piano, drums and guitar players. Please consider using your gifts and talents to share at Mass.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS (ICC)

The next meeting Tues, February 11, at 7pm in the Knights Hall. 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, Keith DeFrancesco att weldaway@msn.com. Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

- Parent Reminder: Parents are to walk their children to the classroom and pick them up from the class-room. Please do not drop children in parking lot or at the door.
- Classes for School of Religious Education are from 9:40 am to 10:50 am in classrooms.

SACRAMENTAL PREP (ICC)

First Communion: Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 -7:30 in the Hall.

Confirmation Prep: Mount 2020- For those that are registered, bus pick up is at 1:30pm Friday, February 7th at Immaculate Conception. We will return on Sunday, February 9th at 4pm to Immaculate Conception.

SERVE YOUR PARISH (ICC)

Theme: Have you been wondering how you can serve your parish? Call the office today, or ask Marilyn Dixon or Alicia Poppiti

- Immaculate Conception is in need of Altar Servers, especially for the 8:30am Sunday Mass.
- Immaculate Conception is in need of Collection Counters.

ANSWER THE BISHOP'S CALL (ICO)

Bishop Malooly invites youth, young adults, and families from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the eleventh annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 4, 2020. Pilgrims from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Out of Darkness at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939. Bus transportation is available on first come basis, and registration is due with Pilgrimage. Registration is available through Mrs. Poppiti and deadline is March 22, 2020.

WANTED (ICC)

Person or persons to coordinate the Annual Penny Party at Immaculate Conception. All information will be given to you, and you will be "trained". Many hands work this event and they are in need of a new leader. Please contact ICC office at 410 482 7687 if interested. Thank you.

MRS. POLLITT'S PONDERINGS

Retail therapy. There is much to be said for a great day's worth of browsing about in the stores, perchance making the small, insignificant something new just for me. One of my colleagues many years ago labeled it "me-time." It's shared with no one. A Saturday set aside (it's best on a three-day weekend!), cast my cares to the wind...take my book, find a corner table for lunch, and set about to more browsing before the end of the day. It can be very rejuvenating. It doesn't happen often, but there is great enjoyment in the day where I can find some "me-time."

I have my favorite stops, and I am a picky shopper. Although I enjoy browsing about, I have my standards when it comes to shopping, and I don't have much patience. I want to be able to find what I want without having to pick through a jumble. So having said that much, some of the stores that seems to garner the most business are not on my list of favorites. The stores that are among my personal favorites have fallen on hard times, or so it seems. They are closing their doors. Now this is not a new trend, I've endured this hardship in the past, and I've been resilient in my resolve to soldier on and continue to patronize the few merchants who remain on my list. Currently, my list has more scratches through names of those business concerns that have closed up shop than those who are remain open for my patronage. My concern grows as my choice of shopping venues dwindles. I guess it's just another sign of the times. The times..... The times when the shopping experience has us sitting in front of a computer screen to buy everything we need, from diapers for the toddler to dinner for the family. The only real need to stick one's nose out of the door is to retrieve the newest delivery! I'm not seeing the fun here.

But when it comes to shopping it's not always about the "me-time." Sometimes we are not always out for the fun. Sometimes it's more about finding that perfect something for that perfect someone. And sometimes the search can be arduous. But when you set out to find that perfect something, the search doesn't stop until it's been found. And because we are searching for the perfect something for the perfect someone, although arduous, there is a tremendous sense of satisfaction when the search is over. That's because you know in your heart that you made the right choice. You found the right product; the precise fit for your perfect someone.

Holy Cross School may or may not come to mind when it comes to your run of the mill shopping destinations. But, then, it depends upon what you're shopping for!

- You have that perfect someone for whom you have determined that a public school environment is not the precise fit.
- You've begun your search, and perhaps stopped in a few places, making no decisions.
- Like your peers, you are also using social media to enhance your list of possibilities and you happen upon Holy Cross School their upcoming **Take-A-Tour Tuesday**.
- You've heard that HCS is a great "shopping value."
 - ◊ We're tried and true; we've stood the test of time.
 - ◊ We are well worth the value.
 - ◊ Come and check us out!
 - ◊ Your shopping is done....

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL EARLY LEARNING CENTER TAKE A TOUR TUESDAY FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Come visit Holy Cross School Early Learning Center for a fun tour, craft, and refreshments with your little one!

Tuesday, February 11th - Early Learning Center
The fun begins at 8:30 a.m. and lasts until 10:30 a.m.

Craft and refreshments will be provided.

Register at holycrossdover.org/school.

Please come to the Early Learning Center, Building C.

For any questions, please contact Jill Zink, Early Learning Center coordinator at elc@holycrossdover.org or 302-674-5787 x120.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, I wanted to thank you and celebrate our parish as a kick-off to Catholic Schools Week. This week, I want to highlight the final daily theme, which we celebrate February 1: "Celebrating Families."

Parents serve as the first teachers of their children, and we are so grateful to the families who have entrusted their children to STMA as partners in forming young women and men of promise. Over the 21 years Saint Thomas More Academy has been in operation, we've worked with more than 800 families in this joint effort. Each of you has brought something special to offer in addition to the gift of your children - your time and energy. Our school simply can't be successful without strong family connections. It is you who staff our fundraisers, concerts, and concessions stands. It is you who provide banquets for athletes and dinners for drama tech week. It is you who serve as chaperones or put on the chauffeur caps to make certain our students have rides all over the state to participate in volunteer activities, Diocesan Masses, and promotional events where we can make sure new students hear about our school. Thank you for your dedication to your children, and by extension, your dedication to STMA.

You have heard me explain on many occasions that I consider STMA my family. I truly feel blessed and honored to have spent 13 years with the people of Saint Thomas More Academy. In many ways, I have found instruction and grace and love like that of a family during my career here. Most importantly, though, I have found more brothers and sisters in Christ to share my faith journey

with. Thank you for making my experience as a teacher and administrator so much more than a job. It is fulfilling in ways I know I could not experience except at a Catholic school!

So, for these reasons I think the final daily theme for Catholic schools week is a day to recognize our whole community - our whole family. Rather a full circle, since we started by celebrating our Catholic parish! Let's take time to look to those in the pews next to us, in the Pre-K drop-off and pick-up lines with us, in the parish hall during celebrations, in the STMA gym cheering on the Ravens with us, and everywhere else you may find fellow parish and parish schools family members, and let's lift each other up for the good work we help one another to accomplish. Let's continue to ask how we can serve each other as the family of God.

God bless the Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception Parish family!

Yours in Christ



Rachael A. Casey,
Principal

