

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

January 27, 2018 – Third 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. Timothy J. Brady, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mano Salla, 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,

I must confess that I do enjoy watching many of TV and movies fictional principals. They are entertaining; like, the goofy Mr. Belding in "Saved by the Bell," the long-suffering Mr. Woodman from "Welcome Back, Kotter," the nefarious Mr. Rooney who always gets his comeuppance in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," the pontificating Mr. Feeney in "Boy Meets World," and – you get a prize if you remember this one – the dream-crushing Mrs. Grace Musso in "Parker Lewis Can't Lose."

While these fictional Principals may get a guffaw from me, from time to time, that doesn't come anywhere near matching the joy that I get from seeing the good work, good heartedness, and powerful faith that the Principals of Holy Cross School and St. Thomas More Academy. Mrs. Linda Pollitt and Ms Rachael Casey, Principals of Holy Cross School and St. Thomas More Academy, are two incredible ladies! They satisfy my Principal Principle, that is, if you have

Principals that are good, faithful and devoted, you will have good Catholic schools. They are, and we do.

This week, the Catholic Church in the United States observes Catholic Schools Week, during which we celebrate the history of and the contributions made – and still being made – by Catholic education in our country. At Holy Cross we are blessed to have two schools – an elementary/junior high school (Holy Cross School) and a high school (St. Thomas More Academy). And those two schools are filled with faith, with wonderful students, with committed teachers and staff, and with two Principals who do yeoman's work every day in making these schools, the wonderful places they are. I've never served at a Parish without a school, and I hope I never do. In my estimation, a Catholic School and its student, staff and leaders breathe fresh life into a Parish and into the faith.

As a doff of my chapeau to Catholic Schools week, I will now turn the rest of this week's Pastor's column to Holy Cross School Principal, Mrs. Linda Pollitt, who always has many

wonderful things to say about Catholic education. Happy Catholic Schools Weeks!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday I had the pleasure of speaking at three of our Masses. The intent of my message was to invite our dear parishioners to our Open House as we kick-off our celebration of Catholic education and Holy Cross School. It's going to be a great week! It begins with our **Open House on Sunday, January 27, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.** Teachers, administrators, staff, and some students from our Student Council will be available for you. Please take this opportunity to visit the classrooms, ask questions, listen to our chorus and band in the Parish Hall, and see what Holy Cross has to offer.

But, I also seized the opportunity (don't give me a microphone....) to discuss some good news of another sort. The students of Holy Cross are always giving us good news to talk about!!!

After Mass I was leaving the church when I was approached by a parishioner and parent of three children who had graduated from Holy Cross some years ago. I was eager to hear an update on the success of his children, the oldest of which is slated to finish work on his PhD in Chemistry from Dartmouth University. Most effusive in the expression of his appreciation to our school for the wonderful foundation laid in his children's education, and the ease experienced in their four years of high school. He was so grateful and was happy to be able to speak to me after Mass, but unfortunately, he would not be able to participate in the online giving day, so he handed me a folded piece of paper currency. Much surprised, I thanked him earnestly, and we parted ways.

Back in my office I unfolded that small piece of green paper to see revealed the number 100 in the corners. My heart just filled, as did my tear ducts. The goodness of people who give from their heart with such sincere gratitude in appreciation for the influence of a Catholic education in the lives of their children (or in their own!) is truly remarkable.

Now for the other good news! Mrs. Swartzentruber received notification that ten of her Band members were selected to participate in a concert performed by the Kent County Honors Band. We are so proud!

The Kent County Honors band is a long standing tradition supported by the Kent County Music Educators Association, where the finest middle school instrumentalists are chosen for a one time concert, playing level-three music with a guest conductor. Congratulations to the following fine musicians! Flute: Julia N. Elizabeth Z. Patrick S. Oboe: Laci P. Clarinet: Yanialis R. Josephine W. Vivian W. Saxophone: Emily C. French Horn: Maxwell G. Percussion: Josalyn S

And just when you think it can't get any better! All eight of our student artists in the National Scholastic Art class under Mrs. Benini's instruction who submitted their pieces of art for adjudication were recognized for the depth of thought and creativity rendered in their design. We congratulate the following student artists: Kyle G: Gold Key - Ahita E.H. Gold Key- Jordan P:-Silver Key- Ryan K: Silver Key- Katie D.: Silver Key-Isabella L. Silver Key Anna W; and Emily E. V. both receiving an Honorable Mention.

**Holy Cross School: THE best place on earth!
Applications Available for 2019-2020 School Year**

Holy Cross School offers classes for Three-Year Old's through Eighth Grade. Our school's vision is to be a community where the educational process is centered on the love of Christ and the development of the whole child. By exposing students to Gospel values, high academic standards and individual expectations, Holy Cross School is committed to preparing and enhancing the personal excellence of each and every student. Individual appointments are available daily. Call our school office at 674-5787, ext. 111 to schedule your tour today. **Our website address for applications is holycrossdover.org/prospective-families/how-to-apply/application.**

Mrs. Pollitt, Principal

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, January 27

8:30 Christina Godfrey

11:00 Peggy Clifford

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

Thursday, January 31

7pm Misa For the People

Sunday, February 3

8:30 Christina Godfrey

11:00 Charles Beck

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Offertory: \$ 4494.63

Catholic University and

Catholic Communications: \$ 452.00

Second Collection Today: St. Thomas More Academy

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

Join our Parish Family....Registration Forms are Available at the front vestibule or the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Altar Servers

February 3

8:30am Mass – Mike Dixon, Averi Locke

11am Mass – Sherlin Santizo Isaac Meyer

Spanish Misa 1pm – Emily & Yorly Escalante

Lectors

February 3

8:30am Mass – Diane Smith

11am Mass – Jim Ward

Spanish Misa 1pm – Antonio Pérez, Geyde Méndez

Eucharistic Ministers

February 3

8:30am Mass – Mark Plucenik, Charlotte Tormey

11am Mass – Judy Carrow, Laura Schlaupitz

Spanish Misa 1pm – Ovidio Roblero, Natalina Capistran, Salome Morales, A. Escalante, Verónica Bravo

Collection Counters

Jan 27 Robin & Paul Engstenberg

Feb 3 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Feb 10 Ann Lawson & Julia Moore

Church Cleaning Crew

Febrero 1, 2019 Grupo # 8

Rafael Morales, Marcos González, Osvaldo Miranda Eleazar Santizo, Reyna Morales

Febrero 8 2019 Grupo # 9

Reynaldo Pérez, Maribel Ortiz, Juventino López, Ilenia Escalante, Clemente Escalante

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Parenting Pointer –

It's cold outside. Have a memory party inside. Pull out old photographs and enjoy. Maybe even organize those photos.

Marriage Moment –

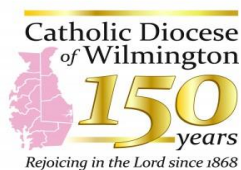
Is there any recurring bad memory or habit that you'd like to change in your marriage? Substitute a newer, positive one. Repeat - over and over again.

History of the Diocese of Wilmington

Get your copy today of the Illustrated History of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Cost is only \$30 for this hard cover—

glossy paper—336 pages, full color throughout. Stop by the Parish Office for your copy today. Also available is a soft cover graphic book for only \$12.



SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Jan 27 9:40am – SRE Classes in Classrooms

Sun, Jan 27 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mon, Jan 28 6:30pm – “Catholicism” in Hall

Tues, Jan 29 6:30pm – Communion Prep in Hall

Fri, Feb 1 7pm – Band Practice

Fri, Feb 1 7pm – RCIA

Sat., Feb 2 6:30pm - Culto



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY –

Jan 27th between Masses in the Hall

Do you know how to crochet, loom knit, knit, quilt or weave? Would you like to learn how to do these crafts or teach them to others? We would

like to start a prayer shawl ministry in our parish. We would like to gather together in community to support others with a tangible sign of our prayers and support with prayer shawls, lap afghans and scarves.

Please join us in the parish hall TODAY Sunday, January 27th between Masses. If you would like to come, or want to be involved but can't come to our meeting, please contact Peggy O'Meara at joyfulnoise@comcast.net, or please leave a message at 302-653-1006, and I will get back to you. Thanks!

Plan to Join Us!! SAVE THE DATE



ICC PENNY PARTY

March 9th
6PM

Knights of Columbus



Next meeting
Tues, February 12
6:30pm Rosary
7pm Meeting
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, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or kelley29@comcast.net. Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509



BREAKFAST:

Next week, February 3rd in the Hall at 9am!

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education
9:40am-10:50am

Registrations for the 2019-2020 School of Religious Education year will be out in early February, they are available online now.



Sacramental Prep:

1st Communion Prep: Tuesday, January 29th at 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish hall.

Confirmation Prep: Sun, February 3rd 11am in Hall.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Jesus is the one sent by God to save us.

Question for Children: Jesus is present to each of us in a different way. Tell about a time that you knew Jesus was with you.

Question for Youth: Name a moment or situation in your life where Jesus was present. What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible?

Question for Adults: Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the poor and set free the enslaved. How has this mission of Christ in the world affected you personally?

3^o domingo en el tiempo ordinario

Tema: Jesús es el enviado de Dios para salvarnos.

Pregunta para los niños: Jesús está presente en cada uno de nosotros de una manera diferente. Cuenten sobre una ocasión en que Jesús estaba con ustedes.

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Menciona un momento o situación en tu vida en que Jesús estuvo presente. ¿En qué situaciones o lugares quisieras que Jesús se hiciera más visible?

Pregunta para los adultos: Jesús vino para traer buenas noticias a los pobres y liberar a los esclavos. ¿Cómo los ha afectado personalmente esta misión de Cristo en el mundo?



“A Church in Two States: The History of Immaculate Conception Parish 1918-2018” is now available for \$10 a copy, at the office or RE desk during SRE.



Saint Thomas More is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Affordable, quality, Catholic education!

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Are you being called to the priesthood or religious life?

Find out more about the priesthood at www.diocesanpriest.com

Find out more about the religious life: religiouslife.com. Let us help you to discover God's plan for your life. E-

mail: vocations@cdow.org or

Call us: (302) 573-3113 today!



Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples who can help a couple re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille can help heal a marriage, as it has for tens of thousands of couples throughout the world. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 8-10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Archives to hold exhibit in conjunction with Diocesan 150th anniversary celebration.

The Archives of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington will present a special exhibit in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese. The exhibit will take place on Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Family Center of Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Church, 10 Old Church Road in Greenville, Delaware. The exhibit will feature dozens of items and documents going back to the 1600s when the first Catholic Europeans arrived in present-day Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. It is free and open to the public.

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 27 DE ENERO, 2019.

Queridos feligreses,

Debo confesar que disfruto viendo muchos de las películas de ficción de TV. Son entretenidos; como, el Sr. Belding es "Salvado por la campana", el paciente Woodman de "Welcome Back, Kotter", el infame Sr. Rooney que siempre recibe su merecido en el "Día libre de Ferris Beuller", el pontificante El Sr. Feeney en "Boy Meets World" y, si recuerdas este premio, obtienes un premio, la Sra. Grace Musso en "Parker Lewis la que no puede perder".

Si bien estos directores ficticios pueden obtener una carcajada de mi parte, de vez en cuando, eso no se compara con la alegría que obtengo al ver el buen trabajo, el buen corazón y la poderosa fe que los directores de la Holy Cross School y St. Thomas More Academy. La Sra. Linda Pollitt y la Sra. Rachael Casey, directores de la escuela Holy Cross y la Academia St. Thomas More, ¡son dos mujeres increíbles! Satisfacen mi Principio de Director, es decir, si tienes Directores que son buenos, fieles y devotos, tendrás buenas escuelas católicas. Ellas son, y nosotros somos.

Esta semana, la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos celebra la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas, durante la cual celebramos la historia y las contribuciones hechas, y que todavía se hacen, por la educación católica en nuestro país. En Holy Cross tenemos la bendición de tener dos escuelas: una escuela primaria / secundaria (Holy Cross School) y una escuela secundaria (St. Thomas More Academy). Y esas dos escuelas están llenas de fe, con estudiantes maravillosos, maestros y personal comprometidos, y con dos directores que hacen el trabajo de todos los días para hacer de estas escuelas, los lugares maravillosos en que se encuentran. Nunca he servido en una parroquia sin escuela, y espero que nunca lo haga. En mi opinión, una escuela católica y sus estudiantes, personal y líderes dan nueva vida a una parroquia y a la fe.

Como parte de mi introducción a la semana de las Escuelas Católicas, pasaré el resto de la columna de Pastores de esta semana a la Directora de la Escuela Holy Cross, la Sra. Linda Pollitt, quien siempre tiene muchas cosas maravillosas que decir sobre la educación católica. ¡Felices Semanas de Escuelas Católicas!

Tuyo en Cristo, P. James Lentini, Pastor

Queridos feligreses,

El domingo pasado tuve el placer de hablar en tres de nuestras Misas. La intención de mi mensaje era invitar a nuestros queridos feligreses a nuestra Casa Abierta cuando iniciamos nuestra celebración de la educación católica y la Escuela de Holy Cross. ¡Va a ser una gran semana! Comienza con nuestra Casa Abierta el domingo 27 de enero de 11:00 am a 1:00 pm. Los maestros, administradores, personal y algunos estudiantes de nuestro Consejo Estudiantil estarán disponibles para usted. Aproveche esta oportunidad para visitar los salones de clase, hacer preguntas, escuchar a nuestro coro y banda en el Salón Parroquial y ver lo que Holy Cross tiene para ofrecer.

Pero, también aproveché la oportunidad (no me des un micrófono ...) para hablar sobre buenas noticias de otro tipo. Los estudiantes de Holy Cross siempre nos están dando buenas noticias de las que hablar. Verás más buenas noticias más adelante en mi artículo.

Después de la misa, salía de la iglesia cuando un feligrés me abordó y tenía tres hijos que se habían graduado de Holy Cross algunos años atrás. Estaba ansioso por escuchar una actualización sobre el éxito de sus hijos, el mayor de los cuales está programado para terminar su doctorado en química en la Universidad de Dartmouth. Más efusivo en la expresión de su aprecio a nuestra escuela por la maravillosa base que impuso en la educación de sus hijos y la facilidad experimentada en sus cuatro años de escuela secundaria. Estaba muy agradecido y estaba feliz de poder hablar conmigo después de la misa, pero desafortunadamente no podría participar en el día de las donaciones en línea, así que me entregó un papel moneda doblado. Muy sorprendido, le agradecí sinceramente y nos separamos. De vuelta en mi oficina, desdoblé ese pequeño trozo de papel verde para ver el número 100 en las esquinas. Mi corazón acaba de llenarse, al igual que mis conductos lagrimales.

La bondad de las personas que dan desde su corazón con tan sincera gratitud en aprecio por la influencia de una educación católica en la vida de sus hijos (¡o en la suya!) Es verdaderamente notable.

¡Ahora las otras buenas noticias! La Sra. Swartzentruber recibió la notificación de que diez de sus miembros de la Banda fueron seleccionados para participar en un concierto realizado por la Banda de Honor del Condado de Kent. Estamos muy orgullosos! La banda de Kent County Honors es una larga tradición respaldada por la Asociación de Educadores de Música del Condado de Kent, de la cual la Sra. es miembro, donde los mejores

instrumentistas de escuela intermedia son elegidos para un concierto único, tocando música de nivel tres con un director invitado . ¡Felicidades a los siguientes músicos! Flauta: Julia N. Elizabeth Z. Patrick S. Oboe: Laci P. Clarinete: Yanialis R. Josephine W. Vivian W. Saxofón: Emily C. French horn: Maxwell G. Percusión: Josalyn S

¡Y justo cuando crees que no puede ser mejor! Los ocho de nuestros estudiantes en la clase de arte escolástico nacional bajo la instrucción de la Sra. Benini que presentaron sus obras de arte para su adjudicación fueron reconocidos por la profundidad de pensamiento y creatividad que se muestra en su diseño. Tendré mucho más en el boletín de las próximas semanas sobre esta buena noticia, pero por ahora felicite a los siguientes estudiantes artistas: Kyle G: Gold Key - Ahita E.H. Gold Key- Jordan P: -Silver Key- Ryan K: Silver Key- Katie D .: Silver Key- Isabella L. Silver Key Anna W; y Emily E. V. ambas reciben una Mención de Honor.

Holy Cross School: ¡El mejor lugar del mundo!

Aplicaciones disponibles para Año escolar 2019-2020

La escuela Holy Cross ofrece clases para niños de tres años hasta octavo grado. La visión de nuestra escuela es ser una comunidad donde el proceso educativo se centra en el amor de Cristo y el desarrollo del niño en su totalidad. Al exponer a los estudiantes a los valores del Evangelio, los altos estándares académicos y las expectativas individuales, la Escuela Holy Cross se compromete a preparar y mejorar la excelencia personal de todos y cada uno de los estudiantes.

Las citas individuales están disponibles diariamente. Llame a la oficina de nuestra escuela al 674-5787, ext. 111 para programar su recorrido hoy. La dirección de nuestro sitio web para las solicitudes es holycrossdover.org/prospective-families/how-to-apply/application.

Sra. Pollitt, Directora