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January 28, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

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

Weekday Eucharist

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

Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation

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

And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor

Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar

Rev. John T. Solomon, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.

Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of financial assistance, please call

St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702

The Sacraments

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

Dear Parishioners.

I've turned my Pastor's Column over to Linda Pollitt, principal of Holy Cross, this week. Enjoy her information on Catholic Schools Week. Fr. L.

It's fun to have fun, don't you agree? I love to have fun! Now the problem with *having* fun is that not everyone agrees on the *definition* of fun. By definition fun is a time or feeling of enjoyment or amusement. But then the trick is agreeing on what's enjoyable or amusing. I remember with great fondness my days of teaching Math. I truly had fun. I had fun every day! The longer and more complicated the procedure, the more I enjoyed myself. I remember telling my students that Math was so much fun we all ought to be wearing party hats! Would you find teaching Math amusing and enjoyable? So, do you see my point?

Next week HCS is going to be the place to be if you are looking for fun! A fun that *everyone* can agree on, that is. We will be celebrating who we are as a Catholic School. A Catholic school; a unique place where a strong value

system based on Gospel values with Christ as the center of the school is celebrated every day.

- HCS is a faith community that fosters positive relationships among student learners, teachers and parents.
- Our Catholic school is where we all believe in the formation of the whole child.
- Worship and prayer are integral and central to our daily school life at Holy Cross.
- A sense of social responsibility based on Gospel values is fostered. This helps young learners become citizens who will *desire* to make a difference in society because of the foundation and values learned in a Catholic school. HC students develop a sense of community service through their service projects. Every student completes a service project every year. This is over and above those performed by our Honor Society, Student Council and individual student initiatives.

Our theme for CSW this year is ***Believe. Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.*** Each day of the week is themed and our celebrations for each day will coincide with that particular theme.

Sunday: January 28: **OPEN HOUSE** from 11:00 am -1:00 pm.

We would love it if you could stop in and visit our wonderful school. We will have our Honor Society students and Student Council on hand to conduct tours of our classroom buildings; you will have the opportunity to hear our chorus and band perform in the Parish Hall which is also where you will also see our Science Fair projects on display. (I've already seen a few of them...very impressive!) Be *absolutely* sure to stop in and see our Scholastic Book Fair in the multi-purpose room on the first floor of the elementary building. There are plenty of selections for both young and old!

Monday: January 29. **CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY**

As one school and one community, Pre-K through Grade Twelve will be celebrating Mass at 9:30. Our first grade is preparing the Mass and will be sharing responsibility for readings, offertory and ushering. I love watching the first grader and high schooler walk down the aisle bearing the offertory gifts. (Do you remember Mutt and Jeff?) The Mass choir will also be a combined effort on the part of both schools. This year I eagerly anticipate the recognition of generational families at HCS. It has always been a tremendous source of pride for me that we have such a large number of HCS graduates who by enrolling their children at HC demonstrating their appreciation for their Catholic school experience and speaking to the value they place on their own Catholic school education. Mass will be followed by a brunch in honor of our First Responders and Parent Volunteers. We are eternally grateful to them for their service to our community and school.

Tuesday: January 30: **CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS:**

Our youngest Crusaders will be staying behind for a cool magic show with Mr. Mike Rose, the magician, while the rest of us will be jumpin' on the bus and heading off for a few hours of pure fun of our own! We'll be hopping and bouncing, jumping, rolling and gliding as students in grades 1-8 will be doing their best to remain vertical on ice and roller skates. The first and second graders will visit a house of inflatables. Everyone will be back in plenty of time for lunch before Ryan R. and Hannah B. take the stage as hosts for our HC Talent Show. Students and even some moms and dads will be singing and dancing the afternoon away.

Mrs. Cote and Mrs. McGowan assure me that we have some pretty talented folks taking the stage. Break a leg out there!!

Wednesday: January 31: **CELEBRATING OUR NATION:**

We are so grateful to the parishioners who have welcomed our students at the Wednesday morning Mass. As a small token of our appreciation HCS will be serving donuts after Mass on Wednesday morning. Members of the Honor Society will act as hosts in serving and greeting our wonderful parishioners. "The word is *accommodate*" Spell "*accommodate*." We will gather in the PH for our annual school Spelling Bee where only one student will reign victorious and join Mrs. Bason and I for the statewide event at St. Mark's later this year. The afternoon will find everyone in the church for our Patriotic Rosary for the intention of our nation and all those who serve.

Thursday: February 01: **CELEBRATING VOCATIONS IN THE CHURCH:**

Thanks to our Student Council for sponsoring a stick to the ribs yummy breakfast in honor of our Parish Clergy. Fathers Lentini, Etim, and Solomon and Deacons will be joined by the eighth grade Altar Servers for breakfast. Many thanks to our Student Council officers who will be on hand to serve our priests and Deacons as we demonstrate our appreciation to them for their frequent presence in our classrooms. We will welcome Mr. John Hadfield to HC for some madcap Science demonstrations in the afternoon. There will be plenty of audience participation----does that spell F-U-N??

Friday: February 02: **CELEBRATING FACULTY AND STAFF:**

TEA—CHERS! TEA—CHERS! STU-DENTS! STU-DENTS! We'll all be screaming our lungs out as teachers and eighth grade students face off for a friendly game of volleyball. We will be joined by some of our alumni students from STMA for a little extra support on the court. It's Souper Bowl Friday---bring a couple of cans of soup to school and wear your favorite team jersey. All the soup will be donated to the Samaritans Pantry. By the time Friday afternoon rolls around our faculty and staff will be glad and relieved to gather for a little end of the week treat planned and sponsored by our HSA.

It's fun to have fun! Heartfelt thanks to our Religion Committee for planning a week filled with fun for all! It'll be fun having fun as we celebrate Catholic education in its 65th year at **HOLY CROSS SCHOOL!**

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, Jan. 28

8:30: Ann R. Sullivan

11:00: For the People

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

Thu Feb 1. 7pm For the People

Sunday, Feb. 4

8:30: For the People

11:00: For the People

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

2018 Mass book is now open. To schedule a Mass, please contact the office

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Jan 28 Elisa & Tom Costello

Feb 4 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Feb 11 Ann Lawson & Assistant

Church Cleaning Crew

Febrero 2, 2018 Grupo #9

Marcos Domingo, Orelia Berdugo, Carmen Gabriel,
Susana Ortiz Morales, Alberto Morales

Febrero 9, 2018 Grupo #10

Maurilio Gabriel, **Carlos Miguel**, Aurora Rivera,
Bernarda Miguel. Reymundo Miguel, Teresa Tomas.

Altar Servers

February 4

8:30am Mass – Averi Locke & Anna Clancy

11:00am Mass – Sherlin & Joanna Santizo

Spanish Misa 1pm – Jeff Gabriel & Sofia Ramirez

Lectors

February 4

8:30am Mass – Bill Thompson

11:00am Mass – Alicia Poppiti

Spanish Misa 1pm – Marcos Díaz, Ema Miguel

Eucharistic Ministers

February 4

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Alan & Diane Smith

11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Judy Carrow & Jim Ward

Spanish Misa 1pm – Dolores Cuin, Carlos Miguel,
Flora Pérez, Genaro Pérez, Antonio Pérez



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COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$ 3765.00

Catholic University and Catholic

Communications: \$ 482.00

Second Collection Today: St. Thomas More Academy

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

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Jan 28 - 9:40am SRE Classes

Sun, Jan 28 – 2pm RICA

Mon, Jan 29 & Wed Jan 31 7pm ESL

Tue, Jan 30 7pm Catechist Formation

Thu, Feb 1 8pm Directiva

Sat, Feb 3 6:30pm Culto

Sun, Feb 4 9am Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Join us at The Penny Party



Sat., Feb 10th, 2018

Do you have a New Years Resolution to Clean out the Garage? PLEASE consider donating your “unwanted treasures” and yard-sale type items to our Penny

Party FUNd-Raiser this year. We are accepting donations now through Feb 9th. Please drop off at the Office Garage or contact Alan Smith (302) 379-3878.



Knights of Columbus

Next meeting - Tues, February 13th

in the Knights Hall

Rosary @ 6:30pm

Meeting @ 7pm

All members are encouraged to attend.

Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or kelly29@comcast.net

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Retrouvaille...a lifeline for Marriages

Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you to learn the tools of healthy communication build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. The next program begins on the weekend of February 16 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 our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

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



This week's Gospel message speaks of Jesus' authority. He commanded unclean spirits, and they fled at his command. Sin and temptation are real, and they can be a daily struggle. By walking with Christ and relenting to His authority we can overcome these sins, and fight off these temptations. Are you able to turn to Christ during times of temptation? Do you come to Him through the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Embrace the power and authority of Christ. Know that through Him our sins are forgiven, and our temptations can be fought.



Saint Thomas More Academy 133 Thomas More Drive, Magnolia, DE 19962

Saint Thomas More Academy is a Catholic College Preparatory School located in Kent County. Saint Thomas More is Faith Focused, Teacher Connected, Arts Inspired, College Centered and Honor Guided.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, Saint Thomas More Academy would like to acknowledge parishioners, parents, volunteers, and other community members who support Catholic education.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to faith-based education and for the sacrifices you make to provide our children with quality local Catholic education programs. STMA parents invested in their child's education and it paid off. The class of 2017 earned over \$7 million dollars in scholarships and grants.

If you are interested in spending a day at STMA or learning more about STMA, we encourage you to visit us in person or through our website www.saintmore.org to learn why we were voted

2017 Best Private School in Kent County.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Jesus has power over evil.

Question for Children: Name some bad things that you want to pray that Jesus will take away from our world.

Question for Youth: Jesus was able to free the man from the unclean spirit within him. What do you hope Jesus will free you from? What is happening in the world that needs Jesus' help?

Question for Adults: What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?

4to domingo del tiempo ordinario

Tema: Jesús tiene poder sobre el mal.

Pregunta para los niños: Menciona algunas cosas malas que quieres pedirle a Jesús que quite de nuestro mundo.

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Jesús pudo liberar al hombre del espíritu impuro que había en él. ¿De qué esperas que Jesús te libere? ¿Qué sucede en el mundo que necesita la ayuda de Jesús?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Cuáles son los males del mundo de hoy por los que ora para que Dios nos libere?

Are you being called to the Priesthood?

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



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

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

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Do not let obsessions distract you from being present to your beloved. How clean does the house really need to be? Hobbies are fun but can steal together time. Perfectionism can rob you of laughing together at your mistakes.

Parenting Pointer –

You are not your children! Your success as a parent does not depend on their success. Resist the urge to take credit for your child's successes, lest you also take the blame for their mistakes.

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 28 DE ENERO, 2018.

Le pasé mi Columna del Pastor a Linda Pollitt, directora de Holy Cross, esta semana por ser la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas disfruta de todos los eventos. P. James Lentini.

Es divertido divertirse, ¿estás de acuerdo? ¡Me gusta divertirme! Ahora el problema en divertirse es que no todos están de acuerdo con la definición de diversión. Por definición, la diversión es un momento o una sensación de disfrutar o tener un momento agradable. Pero el truco es estar de acuerdo en qué es diversión o entretenimiento. Recuerdo con gran cariño mis días enseñando matemáticas. Realmente me divertí. ¡Me divertía todos los días! Cuanto más largo y complicado sea el problema y procedimiento, más me divertía. Recuerdo haberles dicho a mis alumnos que las matemáticas eran tan divertidas que todos deberíamos llevar sombreros de fiesta. ¿Le resultaría divertido y ameno enseñar matemáticas? Entonces, ¿ves mi punto?

¡La próxima semana, HCS la escuela de Holy Cross será el lugar ideal si buscas tener diversión! Una diversión en la que todos pueden estar de acuerdo, es decir. Vamos a celebrar quiénes somos como escuela católica. Una escuela Católica; es un lugar único donde hay un sistema de valores fuertes basado en los valores del Evangelio de Cristo como el centro de la vida escolar que se celebra todos los días.

- HCS es una comunidad de fe que fomenta las relaciones positivas entre los estudiantes, maestros y padres de familia.
- Nuestra escuela católica es donde todos creemos en una formación completa del niño.
- El culto y la oración son integrales y centrales en nuestra vida escolar diaria en Holy Cross.
- Se fomenta un sentido de responsabilidad social basado en los valores del Evangelio. Esto ayuda a los estudiantes pequeños y jóvenes convertirse en buenos ciudadanos que deseen hacer una diferencia en la sociedad debido a la base y los valores aprendidos en una escuela católica. Los estudiantes de HC desarrollan un sentido de servicio comunitario a través de sus proyectos de servicio. Cada año todos los estudiantes tienen que completar un proyecto de servicio. Esto está por encima de los realizados por nuestra Sociedad de Honor, Consejo Estudiantil e iniciativas estudiantiles individuales.

Nuestro Lema para La Semana de las Escuelas Católicas CSW este año es **Creer, Aprender, Servir, liderar, Éxito**. Cada día de la semana tiene un tema y cada día nuestras celebraciones coincidirán con ese lema en particular.

Domingo: 28 de enero: OPEN HOUSE (casa abierta) de 11:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. Todos están invitados. Nos encantaría si pudieras pasar y visitar nuestra maravillosa escuela. Tendremos nuestros estudiantes de la Sociedad de Honor y el Consejo Estudiantil disponibles para realizar recorridos por los edificios de nuestras aulas; Tendrás la oportunidad de escuchar nuestro coro y la banda presentarse en el Salón Parroquial de eventos, donde también verás nuestros proyectos de la Feria de Ciencias en exhibición. (Ya he visto algunos de ellos... ¡muy impresionante!) Asegúrese de visitar nuestra Feria de libros de Scholastic en la sala de usos múltiples del primer piso del edificio de la primaria. ¡Hay muchas selecciones para jóvenes y adultos!

Lunes: 29 de enero. CELEBRACIÓN DE NUESTRA COMUNIDAD Como una sola escuela y una sola comunidad, Pre-K hasta doce grado celebrarán misa a las 9:30 am. Nuestro primer grado está preparando la misa y compartirán la responsabilidad de las lecturas, el ofertorio y de ujieres. Me encanta ver a los estudiantes de primer y grados superiores caminar por el pasillo llevando las ofrendas del ofertorio. (¿Recuerdas a Mutt y Jeff?) El coro para la misa también será un esfuerzo combinado de parte de ambas escuelas. Este año espero ansiosamente el reconocimiento de las familias generacionales en HCS. Siempre ha sido para mí una inmensa fuente de orgullo que tengamos una gran cantidad de graduados de HCS que inscribieron a sus hijos en HC demostrando su aprecio por su experiencia en la escuela católica y hablando del valor que le dan a su propia educación escolar católica. La misa será seguida por un desayuno en honor a nuestros Primeros Respondientes y Padres Voluntarios. Estamos eternamente agradecidos con ellos por su servicio a nuestra comunidad y escuela

Martes: 30 de enero: CELEBRANDO A NUESTROS ESTUDIANTES: Nuestros cruzaders más jóvenes se quedarán atrás para un fantástico espectáculo de magia con el señor Mike Rose, el mago, ¡mientras que el resto de nosotros saldremos en el autobús y nos dirigiremos a disfrutar de unas horas de pura diversión! Estaremos brincando y saltando, rodando y deslizándonos, ya que los estudiantes de 1-8 grados harán todo lo posible para mantenerse verticales sobre hielo y patines. Los alumnos de primero y segundo grado visitarán una casa de inflables. Todos volverán con suficiente tiempo para almorzar antes de que Ryan R. y Hannah B. suban al escenario como presentadores de nuestro HC Show de Talentos. Los estudiantes e incluso algunas mamás y papás estarán cantando y bailando toda la tarde. La Sra. Cote y la Sra. McGowan me aseguran que tenemos bastantes talentos subiendo al escenario. ¡Rompe una pierna por ahí!

Miércoles: 31 de enero: CELEBRANDO

NUESTRA NACIÓN: Estamos muy agradecidos con los feligreses que han dado la bienvenida a nuestros alumnos en la misa de los miércoles por la mañana. Como una pequeña muestra de nuestro agradecimiento, HCS servirá donuts después de la misa el miércoles por la mañana. Los miembros de la Sociedad de Honor actuarán con anfitriones para servir y saludar a nuestros maravillosos feligreses. Nos reuniremos en el Salón de Eventos para nuestro Concurso anual de Ortografía donde solo un estudiante reinará y saldrá victorioso y se unirá a la Sra. Bason y a mí para el evento estatal en San Marcos más adelante este año. La tarde encontrará a todos en la iglesia para nuestro Rosario Patriótico por las intenciones de nuestra nación y todos aquellos que sirven.

Jueves: 01 de febrero: CELEBRACIÓN

VOCACIONES EN LA IGLESIA: Gracias a nuestro Consejo Estudiantil por patrocinar un delicioso desayuno de costillas en honor a nuestro Clero Parroquial. A los sacerdotes, padre Lentini, p. Etim y p. Solomon y Diáconos se les unirán los Servidores de Altar del octavo grado para el desayuno. Muchas gracias a la directiva del Consejo Estudiantil que estarán disponibles para servir a nuestros sacerdotes y Diáconos mientras se le demuestra nuestro agradecimiento por su constante y frecuente presencia en nuestras aulas.

Por la tarde, Le daremos la bienvenida al Sr. John Hadfield a HC para algunas demostraciones de ciencia alocadas. Habrá mucha participación de la audiencia -- -- ¿eso deletrea D-I-V-E-R-S-I-O-N?

Viernes: 02 de febrero: CELEBRANDO

FACULTAD Y PERSONAL: ¡MA-ESTROS! ¡MA-ESTROS! ESTU-DIENTES! ESTU-DIENTES! Todos estaremos gritando mientras nuestros maestros y alumnos del octavo grado se enfrentan para un partido amistoso de voleibol. Nos acompañarán algunos de nuestros alumnos de STMA para obtener un poco de apoyo adicional en la cancha.

Es el viernes de Souper Bol: traiga un par de latas de sopa a la escuela y ponte tu camiseta o playera de tu equipo favorito. Toda la lata de sopas será donada a la dispensa de los Samaritanos.

Para cuando llegue la tarde del viernes, nuestros maestros y el personal que labora estarán contentos y aliviados de reunirse para un convivio de fin de semana planificado y patrocinado por nuestra HSA.

¡Es divertido divertirse! ¡Gracias de corazón a nuestro Comité de Religión por organizar una semana llena de diversión para todos! ¡Será divertido divertirse mientras celebremos la educación católica en su 65 ° año en

LA ESCUELA DE HOLY CROSS !