



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

January 16, 2022

2nd 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
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday and Friday, 12:10 pm
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

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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

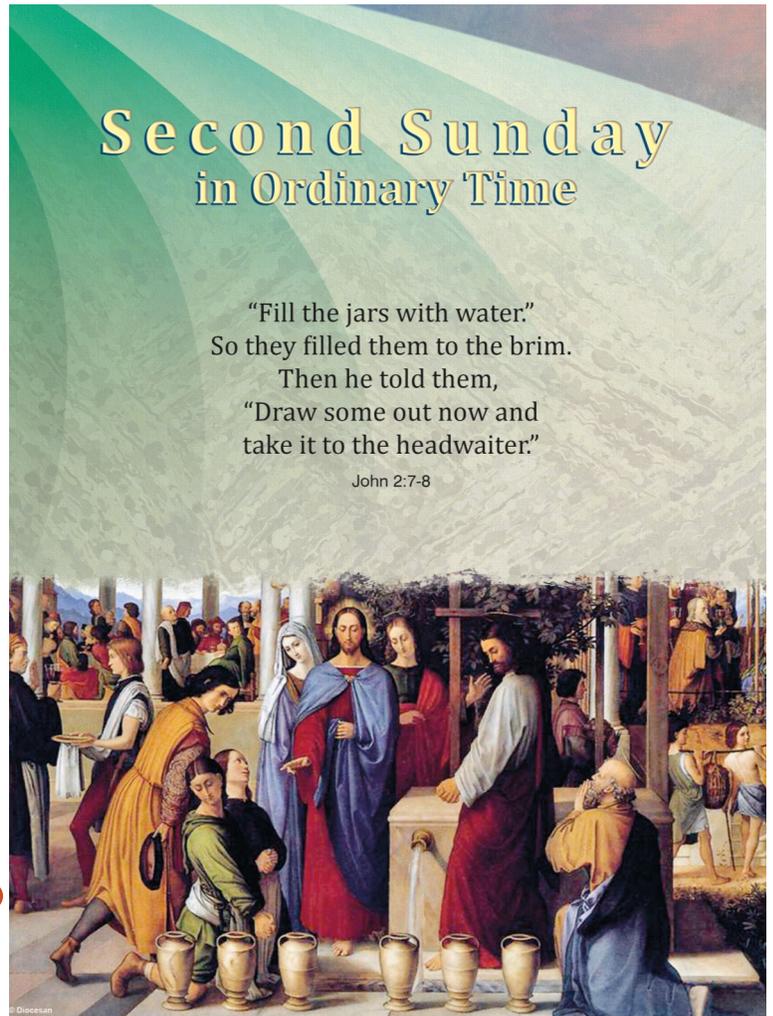
CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Fill the jars with water.”
So they filled them to the brim.
Then he told them,
“Draw some out now and
take it to the headwaiter.”

John 2:7-8



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.

In response to the rising numbers of positive COVID-19 cases, particularly the Omicron variant, the Diocese of Wilmington is issuing new COVID-19 protocols for all parishes effective January 6, 2022.

- Clergy and volunteers are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**, to obtain COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters.
- Clergy and Liturgical ministers at all parishes are encouraged to wear masks, except when speaking publicly.
- Parishes are to encourage all attendees to be masked while attending Mass.
- Mass attendees over the age of 5 who are not vaccinated for COVID-19 must wear a mask.
- Ministries and non-liturgical parish activities should be carefully evaluated and, if possible, held virtually or with limited contact.
 - o This effort includes third-party use of facilities, such as Scouts, community groups, etc.
 - o Parishes should consider rescheduling in-person social gatherings scheduled for January or February to later in the year.
- Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must carefully adhere to proper hand sanitization following the distribution of communion on the tongue.
- Parishes may continue to make holy water available in fonts.
- Filled hand sanitizing dispensers should be available at entrances.
- Clergy should be mindful about social distancing and hand shaking when greeting parishioners before and after Mass.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

January 2, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$26, 833	\$26,000	\$833
YTD	\$714,043	\$702,200	\$11,843
Needs	\$1,392	\$1,480	(\$88)
Christmas	\$31,217	\$35,000	(\$3,783)

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending January 2, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,317
2nd collection	\$743
Solemnity	\$2,568

For Holy Cross, you can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card.

We appreciate your generosity to the church.

Dear Parishioners,

No doubt many of you have heard about the passing away of one of Holy Cross Parish's great Pastors, Fr. Thomas Hanley. While his death was a long time in the making, and the last 19+ years of his life were difficult, he remains well-remembered and important to Holy Cross Parish, and in the minds and hearts of many of us.

Coming to Dover. Fr. Hanley came from Christ our King Parish (Wilmington) and was ordained to the Priesthood in 1965. Among his many assignments, he served at St. Paul's Church in Wilmington, and as the head of Catholic Social Services for a number of year. But the one place that he would be most associated with — with 14 years of service — would be Holy Cross Parish. Fr. Hanley came to Holy Cross following the sickness (and then death) of the preceding pastor. He arrived in Dover in 1989 as an Administrator of Holy Cross, and within a year was named Pastor.

Building Up the Parish. Between 1989-2002, Fr. Hanley built up Holy Cross from being a small-but-growing Parish in Central Delaware to being a thriving outpost of Christendom here at the heart of the state capital. His "small country parish," as he used to call Holy Cross, grew to become a thriving Catholic community during his tenure — a huge devotional life developed, Hispanic ministry was begun, an Adoration Chapel was added, a religious order was welcomed in, the parish school boomed, mass attendance blossomed, a new Church was built and parish size nearly tripled. Within a few years of the end of his pastorate Holy Cross became (and remains) the largest Parish in the Diocese of Wilmington, both in terms of registered families and mass attendance.

A Visitor from New York. I remember well my first meeting with Fr. Hanley. It was in 1991. I was visiting here in Central Delaware — passing through, if you would — and stopped at Holy Cross to attend Mass on a Sunday morning. Before I came down from New York, I had told my dad I was going down to Delaware. My dad, whose sense of geography envisioned a map with only two locations, "New York City" and "Everywhere else" — said to me, "Be careful, you're going 'down south' and they don't like Catholics or Italians down there." I paid no

mind to that warning, as, firstly, I realized that I wasn't going 'down south' but to the mid-atlantic region, and secondly, surely, being Catholic shouldn't be a big deal, this is the 1990s.

"A Great Place to be." I attended one of the morning Masses at Holy Cross in the "old church" (now, our parish hall), and after Mass, Fr. Hanley greeted me as I was leaving the Church — he asked if I was new here. I told him I was just visiting, we chatted briefly, and then I went on my merry way. When I got to my car, there was a flyer on my windshield (and on many of the car windshields), which stated that "Catholics are not Christians" and would be "going to hell" (among many other things). I thought for a brief moment, "Wow. My dad was right about 'going south' and anti-Catholicism." I took the flyer, walked back to Fr. Hanley, and showed it to him. He took it, and crumbled it up. He then said to me (and I paraphrase): "Well, welcome to southern Delaware... we have some nuts down here who say thing like this, but just ignore it... forget it about... this a great place to be!" But Fr. Hanley's words assuaged my fears... and he was right Holy Cross was (and is) great place to be.

The Parish and the Priesthood. Fr. Hanley loved this parish, and he loved the Priesthood of Jesus Christ — and he had a grand insight into both. In that regard, while I was discerning for the seminary, we spoke often about the Priesthood; he offered a lot of insight, and a lot of sage advice. In 1998, before I went into the seminary, Fr. Hanley gave me a book with reflections and writings of many saints. I hadn't thought about that book in quite some time, but, Fr. Hanley death brought my memory of it back to mind. The book had a plain blue hard-cover, and to be honest I can't even remember the name of it. Nonetheless, the other day, I pored through my mountains of books to see if I could find the book, but alas, I could not (though I am sure it will turn up at some point).

Reflections. In any event, there was a reflection in that book about the Priesthood... it was written by St. John Vianney (Patron Saint of Parish Priests). Fr. Hanley pointed out this particular piece out to me; he told it was worth reading, and reflecting on. He said it would

HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mano Salla	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
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HC STAFF

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Len Dornberger	Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135
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Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Are both of you equally good at cooking, mechanical things, sewing, small talk? Probably not. Even though your spouse may have a natural talent for a particular task, try trading chores for a day, just for fun.

PARENTING POINTERS

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

SVDP MEETING (IC)

St. Vincent de Paul meeting will be suspended due to the increase in COVID cases until May.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP (IC)

The Prayer Shawl Group will be suspended due to the increase in COVID cases until May. Questions call Karen Cairns 302-382-9316.

KNITTING CLUB (HC)

Holy Cross ladies normally meet every Tuesday at 10 am in the St. Luke Room, second floor of the Early Learning Center building to knit. At this time we are suspending the meetings until further notice due to the increase in COVID cases.

MLK HOLIDAY

On Monday, January 17, Holy Cross will offer a 9 am Mass only. The Parish Offices will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

READINGS FOR JANUARY 23

3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:2-6, 8-10

After their return to their homeland from exile, the people of Israel are moved to tears by the public reading of God's word.

SECOND READING : 1 CORINTHIANS 12:412-30

St. Paul teaches that we together are Christ's body, made up of many different parts.

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:1-1-4; 4:14-21

The beginning of Luke's Gospel: Jesus proclaims God's word and sets out his mission statement.



THE MINISTRY OF MEN TO MEN

MEN OF THE HOLY CROSS (NEW AND MORE CONVENIENT MEETINGS)

It is now easier than ever for you to join the Men of The Holy Cross! You are welcome to come in person or participate from the comfort of your home, sitting in your favorite chair with a cup of coffee. Thanks to our newest innovation (a state of the art "Meeting Owl" which makes you feel like you are there in person), all you need is your smartphone, tablet or computer. Just type in or click on the following link and it will automatically guide you through the Zoom Meeting set up and join our hybrid meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/30861480> Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM (time certain) for prayer, gospel reflections, Church teachings and timely discussions. Even for busy men who are constantly on the go, it has never been more convenient for you to give us a try; our meetings are as close as your phone!

MASS INTENTIONS

Last week the Mass Intentions for Holy Cross were not included in the bulletin. The Masses were said as scheduled but here are the names we were unable to put in last week:

- 10 Monday**
HC 8:00 am Albert Bullidis
- 11 Tuesday**
HC 8:00 am Mary Calabro
- 12 Wednesday**
HC 8:00 am Myra Baker-White
- 13 Thursday**
HC 8:00 am Thomas Murtha
- 14 Friday**
HC 8:00 am Bettina Coroniti
- 15 Saturday**
HC 8 am Maria A. Maddalena
HC 5 pm John Hanlin
- 16 Sunday**
HC 7:30 am Virginia Crews
HC 9:30 am Guido Ranieri
HC 11:30 am Josephine Nardone

MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY

- 17 MONDAY**
HC 9:00 am Helen Vgolik
- 18 TUESDAY**
HC 8:00 am Antonio Coroniti
- 19 WEDNESDAY**
HC 8:00 am Myra Baker-White
- 20 THURSDAY**
HC 8:00 am Robert Winn
ICC 6:30 pm For the People
- 21 FRIDAY**
HC 8:00 am Renata Kosior
- 22 SATURDAY**
HC 8 am Rev. John Ryan
HC 5 pm DM McKnig Family
- 23 SUNDAY**
HC 7:30 am Dm Gillin Family
ICC 8:30 am B. Folker
HC 9:30 am Richard C. Saladino
ICC 11 am C. Beck
HC 11:30 am DM Deighton Family
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

faith in action

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

HOLY CROSS JAN 22/23, 2022

EMHC SERVERS

5:00 PM J Bieker M. MacLeish N. Kosior
C.Bugglin D. Novack S. Murawski
C. Helwig

LECTORS

L. Christensen
D. Dixon

7:30 AM C. Brown J. Fischer B. Richardson
J. Chandler A. Wyllie L. Richardson
A. Fischer

LECTORS

J. Davis

9:30 AM V. Pepper G. Wessel M Milligan
G. Richards M. Wessel J. Novack
C. Robinson J Novack

LECTORS

C. Parks
H. Showell

11:30 AM R. Ramirez R. Richards K. Espinosa
B. Guzman E. Guzman C. Geronimo

LECTORS

A. Luna

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM M. Diixon T. Woodeshick

LECTORS

D. Smith

11:00 AM M. Soule

LECTORS

L. Soule

1:00 PM To be determined

LECTORS

R. Velasquez

Please Note: Thank you to all who contributed to the Samaritan Giving Tree during this past Christmas Season. To date, we collected \$14,079.00 for the Samaritans to use throughout the year to help our needy brothers and sisters. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE:

Mark your calendar! Designer Purse Bingo will be here on **Saturday evening, April 2.**



More information to follow soon - please come support our youth attending Catholic Heart Work Camp in Greensboro, NC this coming summer.

WANTED—PICKUP TRUCK (HC)

Looking for a place to donate your good condition used pick up truck. Holy Cross Parish is in need of a used pick up truck for our maintenance department. . If you have, or know of someone who would like to donate a used pickup that is in good condition to the parish, please contact the Parish Office, extension 113.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

The Adoration Chapel is open again each day from 5 am to 9 pm. If you would like to take a permanent time slot, it's not too late. We still have many openings on various days. See the openings listed below. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

SUNDAY 10 am, 12 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm,

8 pm

FRIDAY 7 pm

SATURDAY 5 am, 6 am, 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

We really need volunteers to take some time on Saturday and Sunday. Please consider taking one hour in the chapel to spend with Jesus.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences and prayers to the families of:

- Rev. Thomas E. Hanley, Maria Cebrero, Kurt Paul Richter, Miguel Guzman, Donald Dixon
May they rest in peace. Amen.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our newest registered members:

- Blake, Amanda and Veronica O'Connor; Blake, Rebecca, and Asher Scott; Rosie Rodriguez; Devon and Declan Scott and Micheline Senzamici

NUESTA FAMILIA HISPANA

- Este domingo 9 de enero, vamos a remover del templo todas las flores y las cosas navideñas después de la santa Misa. Si usted desea ayudar se le agradece.
- No habrá la celebración de la Candelaria en la parroquia, pero si usted va a tener una levantada en su hogar con mucho cuidado. Recuerde que todavía estamos con el contagio del virus.
- Sinodalidad el Papa Francisco ha invitado a toda la Iglesia a un Sínodo cuyo título es «Por una Iglesia sinodal: Una Iglesia sinodal es una Iglesia que escucha, recuerde que escuchar es más que oír. Donde todos tenemos algo que aportar y todos formamos la iglesia y en la cual cada uno tiene algo que aprender del otro. Una iglesia sinodal es una iglesia fraterna, en comunión, participación y misión. La palabra “sínodo” significa “caminar juntos” —laicos, inmigrantes, ricos, pobres, todas las razas y lenguas incluyendo los que están en la periferia, el clero, el magisterio todos somos hijos de Dios hecho a su imagen y semejanza — es un concepto fácil de expresar con palabras, pero qué difícil es ponerlo en práctica. Hay un gran trabajo que hacer para poder tener una iglesia sinodal, tenemos que aprender que todos tenemos algo que aportar, pero es necesario la participación, el escuchar y el caminar juntos. Pidamos al Espíritu Santo que nos guíe en este “Caminar juntos”. La Diócesis de Wilmington esta trabajando para formar un proceso de consulta donde se le invita a la participación en un futuro no muy lejano.

- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre-bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118
- Symbolon Explicación de la fe católica: Viviendo la fe católica. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más El costo es de \$ 25 para el libro del participante Parte 2.
- En español en la parroquia de la Santa Cruz. Con el padre Oscar y la Sra. Arline. Todos los viernes a las 6:00 – 8:00 PM de la tarde el ELC a partir de enero. Si está interesado hable con la Sra. Arline. En ingles en la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción con la Sra. Alicia. Todos los lunes a las 7:00P.M. La primera parte continuara hasta el 13 de diciembre y la segunda parte comenzara después del Año Nuevo.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA (ICC)

- Clases se resumen el domingo 9 de enero, 2022 maestro y estudiantes deben de usar mascarillas. Si su hijo no se siente bien que se quede en casa y cuidese.
- **1ra Reconciliación Prep-** próxima sesión es el Retiro sábado, 8 de enero, 2022 en el salón, 2022 @9am-12mediodia.
- **Sacramento 1ra Reconciliación:** sábado, 22 de enero, 2022 a las 11:00am at Holy Cross, Dover.
- **Prep candidatos a la Confirmación –** próximo domingo 16 de enero, 2022 a las 2:30-5pm en el salón.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next Class: January 23, 2022—**Class Cancelled – see email for homework**

- Children are to be dropped off at the double doors next to the Elementary office.
- 7th and 8th graders are in the Holy Cross Junior High building.
- No one except students and volunteers are allowed to enter either building.
- MASKS ARE MANDATORY.
- Hall monitors will assist getting children to their classes.

Dismissal from the ramp side will be as follows:

- Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 and Sacramental Prep – 5:15pm
- Grades K-1 -5:20pm
- Grades 2- 5:25pm
- Grades 3-4 5:30pm

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302)674-5787 X 122.

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

Next class **See email from Deacon Vince with instructions**

Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

Adult Eductaion (HC)

The Bible in a Year Podcast

“In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes. Using an exclusive reading plan rooted in The Bible Timeline (a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by Biblical scholar Jeff Cavins) you won’t just read the Bible ... you’ll finally understand how all the pieces fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!” Also available in Spanish led by Father Sergio

Serrano. See the links below:

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>



YOUTH AT HOLY CROSS

Next Class for Confirmation:

Sunday, January 23 and Wednesday, January 26. Please look for an email regarding ZOOM information.

Confirmation Retreats:

Reminder to please email your choice of dates for retreat to ldarling@holycrossdover.org

SRE (IC)

SRE next Classes: Classes will resume on Sunday, January 9th, 2022.

Masks are still required for students and teachers. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself.

Sacraments: (IC)

Youth confirmation prep- Next session will be Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 2:30-5pm in the hall

Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation: Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 11:00am at Holy Cross, Dover.

Symbolon (IC)

Part 2: Living the Faith, will begin on Monday, January 24th at 7 pm and run until 9 pm.

You are welcome to join, no need to have participated in Part 1: Knowing the Faith, you can catch up later. You just need to register, so we can order your book.

It's a simple truth learned in life. It's not a particularly easy lesson, but one that when learned at an age early on in life will serve us well throughout good days and bad days that come our way along the journey. *We can't DO it all.*

None of us can. It's one of the great benefits of friendship, of family, of faith in God; to know that there is a helping hand ready to reach out in support at a time of need.

At Holy Cross we have a wonderful group of dedicated professional men and women who have availed themselves time and time again during times of need. They have stopped what they are doing at the drop of a hat, rearranged pre-made plans, set aside a week at a time, just to be of some assistance at a time of need. These dedicated professionals form a small group, which at times has proven a challenge in and of itself, but nonetheless this small group has never let us down in the past. I refer to the men and women who are substitute teachers. They don't have the benefit of the classroom teacher who knows the plan for the day when the feet hit the floor in the morning. They might not know where the lunch tickets, the nurse referral forms, or the password to get into the computer are located. They have no access to the classroom or the building until they arrive, but they have to be ready to hit the ground running, familiarize themselves with the plan for the day, and be able to roll out the day by 8:00.

One thing, though, that you are bound to hear from every single one of these wonderful folks is that when they walk into the classroom, left by our teachers, everything they need is at their fingertips to run the day smoothly.

HCS is tremendously grateful to our small core of substitute teachers, many of whom have a long-time relationship with our school. I take great comfort in the knowledge that our students are in the best of hands when a substitute teacher is in the classroom, there are no concerns for classroom management, or for fulfilling the lesson for the day. They know the children by name. The children respect their authority, and all is well in our little corner of Dover when one of them is in the classroom.

These dedicated men and women have names. They have busy lives that they have chosen to share with us. We offer our humble word of thanksgiving to:

- **Mrs. Kathy Bason:** As many know, Mrs. Bason is a retired teacher having served the HCS community in the classroom as a teacher of ELA, par excellence. Mrs. Bason taught ELA in the elementary and junior high during her years at HC. Both of her children are HC graduates. We are grateful to Mrs. Bason for making herself available to us, especially on the days when she had other plans, but opted to spend her day in the classroom instead.
- **Mrs. Tammy Koresek:** Mrs. Koresek is the DRE for HC Parish. She has proven to be a huge asset in our group of substitutes at the most critical times of need. Mrs. Koresek always has a smile and gentle manner to bring to the classroom. We are grateful to Mrs. Koresek. We realize how busy she is and appreciate her help.
- **Deacon Vince Pisano:** Deacon Vince has been substituting for HC for approximately 14 years. A former resident of NJ, a retired Law Enforcement Officer, who began a second career in Education, Deacon Vince has become a renowned favorite of the school community. "Just tell me what you need." That's all he needs to know. And then he goes to work on fulfilling the need. It's a great relationship we have; the school and Deacon Vincewe love each other!!
- **Mrs. Shirley Smith:** Mrs. Smith is a retired para-professional in the public sector. Her specialization is in Reading. We originally asked Mrs. Smith to assist in the classroom to augment the efforts of the teacher, but countless are the times when the plan has had to change. Her constant flexibility and willingness to help at a moments notice are highly commended.
- **Mrs. Laura Hauss:** I'd venture to say 15-20 or so years marks Mrs. Hauss' affiliation with HCS. All four of her children are HC graduates and her dedication to the school is still strong. In her time, between raising a family and subbing at HC, she managed to find the time to earn a degree in Nursing, making her even more valuable to us. Right before the Christmas holiday, Mrs. Hauss was asked to substitute in Art. Below is an email I received from Mrs. Hauss during the Christmas holiday.

"...last week when I subbed for Mrs. Benini, she allowed the Jr high art students to work on making rosaries to be donated to a Catholic school in Mississippi. They made almost 100 rosaries! It was like Santa's workshop - they worked very diligently while we played Christmas music. They came up with some beautiful and unique color combinations and I think they enjoyed the fact that they were giving them away. I hope you will give Mrs. Benini and her students a shout out in one of your columns. I know the rosaries will be appreciated by the students who receive them!"

Following the Christmas holiday, I spoke with Mrs. Benini and told her I wanted more information about the rosary project. Silence..... I said that Mrs. Hauss had mentioned the Rosary project...and... Well! Mrs. Benini stopped me dead in my tracks! "Oh! That wasn't me. That was all Mrs. Hauss. She had mentioned it earlier in the year and we agreed that the week before Christmas would be the perfect time." "Mrs. Hauss purchased all of the materials; no, she continued, **that** was *all* Mrs. Hauss."

How's that for commitment and love for your school?

So, here's a shout out to all of our great, and dedicated substitutes. May God bless them for their selfless, good works.

give me a good spiritual sense of the Priesthood. So, the other day, being unable to find the book, I recalled some of the words of the text of what St. John Vianney wrote, specifically the phrase “always the priest.” I “googled” that phrase, and found this powerful text that Fr. Hanley had commended to me. Reading it again, I must say, that it is a beautiful text — too long reproduce here in its totality — but I will excerpt some pieces of it below.

Always the Priest. Let me preface these words by saying that Fr. Hanley loved being a priest. He was a priest’s priest, and ‘always, the priest.’ For Fr. Hanley being a priest — as is appropriate through the Sacrament of Holy Orders — it was who he was. He was ordained a Priest. He lived as Priest. He died as a Priest. And it was certainly his hope and prayer, that he would one day be a Priest of Christ in the Heavenly kingdom. That was his faith, and it is our faith with him. In this regard, here are the words of St. John Vianney about the Priesthood that Fr. Hanley shared with me all those years ago:

“Go,” said Our Lord to the priest; “as My Father sent Me, I send you. All power has been given Me in Heaven and on earth. Go then, teach all nations.... He who listens to you, listens to Me; he who despises you despises Me.” When the priest remits sins, he does not say, “God pardons you”; he says, “I absolve you.” At the Consecration, he does not say, “This is the Body of Our Lord;” he says, “This is My Body.”
...

If we had not the Sacrament of Orders, we should not have Our Lord. Who placed Him there, in that tabernacle? It was the priest. Who was it that received your soul, on its entrance into life? The priest. Who nourishes it, to give it strength to make its pilgrimage? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, by washing that soul, for the last time, in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest – always the priest. And if that soul comes to the point of death, who will raise it up, who will restore it to calmness and peace? Again the priest. You cannot recall one single blessing from God without finding, side by side with this recollection, the image of the priest. ...

At the sight of a church tower, you may say, “What is there in that place?” “The Body of Our Lord.” “Why is He there?” “Because a priest has been there, and has said holy Mass.” ...

The priest will not understand the greatness of his office till he is in Heaven. If he understood it on earth, he would die, not of fear, but of love.

Hope and Prayer. This description of the mission and life of a Priest, expressed in words from a different era, certainly shines a light on the works of a Priest, and call of a Priest. Fr. Hanley heeded that call and he did that work — he lived his Priesthood, whether as a Pastor at a huge parish, or from the bed in a nursing home. He lived it and loved it. It is my hope and prayer that Fr. Hanley will, today, live the reality of the words of St. John Vianney, and now understand fully powerful effect of his life as a Priest. As St. John Vianney said, once a Priest is aware of what God had chosen him for, that Priest “would not die of fear, but of love.” I can think of no better way to pass from this world than to die of love, God’s love.

Final Thoughts. I spoke to Fr. Hanley a few weeks before he passed away, and his first words to me were, “How are things at Holy Cross?” This parish, his Parish, was always at the forefront of his mind — and Holy Cross was likely among his final thoughts, as well. As he thought so often of us, let us think often of him, and pray for his sweet repose in heaven. Fr. Hanley will be missed.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor