



# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

January 17, 2021

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-Friday, 12:10 pm also  
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-Midnight (temporarily closed)

### 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, 6 pm, Spanish  
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass  
Thursday, 6:30 pm

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## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at him and said,  
"You are Simon the son of John;  
you will be called Cephas"  
—which is translated Peter.

Jn 1:42



## 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)

Check out our websites

[holycrossover.org](http://holycrossover.org)

[iccmaryl.org](http://iccmaryl.org)

Holy Cross Church is unlocked and available for private prayer. The doors will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Daily Mass at HC at 8 am Monday through Saturday. Weekend Masses at Holy Cross are Saturday evening 5 pm, Sunday at 7:30 and 9:30 am, 11:30 am Spanish.

Weekend Masses at ICC are Sunday at 8:30 and 11 am, and 1 pm Spanish. Also a 6 pm Mass Thursday and 9 am Mass on Saturday morning, both in Spanish

We are limiting access to the parish offices, so you can buzz when you stop by, or call and leave messages and we will get back to you; or, you can email us. Stay safe and stay healthy.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

January 3, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$35,825	\$27,800	\$8,025
YTD	\$671,189	\$752,200	(\$81,011)
Needs	\$1,679	\$1,550	\$129
Christmas	\$32,873	\$48,000	(\$15,127)

## WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending January 3, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,368
Jan 1	\$1,081

### Tax Statement

The HC Parish Office is preparing tax letters for everyone who contributed during the 2020 year. If we have your email in our records, this information will be emailed to you by the end of January. If we do not have your email or you want a hard copy sent to you, please email [mdornberger@holycrossover.org](mailto:mdornberger@holycrossover.org). Thank you.

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time. Many are still not attending Mass but we still need your support. 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.

Dear Parishioners,

Having passed the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord last Sunday, the Christmas season is liturgically at its end. That being said, the Christmas season — by tradition — runs until February 2, ending on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Nonetheless, here we are in early 2021, and many people are still living their lives much like they did at the end of 2020 — finding ways to engage in life to the full, amidst restrictions that seem to stymie those attempts.

**Pod People.** One of the things that many people have engaged in over the past year has been listening to “Podcasts” — that is digital audio files and broadcasts that can be accessed on your mobile device and are kind of like pre-recorded radio shows. Many of these Podcasts take the form of daily, weekly or regular series. I have to confess, I am not a fan of these, but do listen from time to time.

**Top 40.** So, on the Weekly Top 40 Podcast chart (yes, that’s a real thing), you have all kinds of popular shows and presenters. As I am writing this, the top ten Podcasts in our country include “Dateline NBC,” “Crime Junkie,” “Graham Allen’s Dear America,” “True Crime Podcast” and a host of other “hot” Podcasts with millions of listeners. But since January 2, the #1 Podcast in America has not been a political Podcast, a comedy Podcast, or true-crime Podcast. Nope. None of those.

**A Revelation.** The #1 Podcast has been “The Bible in a Year” Podcast (with Fr. Mike Schmitz). Yes, not only is it a Bible Podcast that is topping the charts, but it is a Catholic Bible Podcast! Now, there are many non-Catholic Bible Podcasts (the next most successful Bible Podcast ranks at #25), but this Catholic Bible study Podcasts ranks #1 in the United States. When I saw this, I did a double take. I thought maybe the chart that I was looking at was a “religious Podcast” chart — but it wasn’t. It was the Apple Podcast Chart — and on that chart, “The Bible in a Year” is #1. This would be like, on the old “American Top 40” radio show, having Casey Kasem announce that beating out Aerosmith for #1 was Pope Francis praying the Rosary. It would be a revelation that would make folks do a double take. But, this revelation — and how Divine it is — is real!

**What’s “The Bible in a Year”?** So, that spiritual thirst that is so often spoken of is still out there. And it is being met by Podcasts. What’s in this “Bible in a Year” Podcast? One site I read, had a writer that summed it up this way, after listening to a week or so of episodes: *“Each episode is about 25 minutes in length and features Fr. [Mike] Schmitz [Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota] — who refers to himself and is better known to his thousands of listeners as Fr. Mike — reading Scripture aloud and exploring its his-*

*torical context and theological meaning. During the first week of episodes, he has read through several chapters of the Book of Genesis, as well as a number of the Psalms and some chapters of the books of Job and Proverbs.”*

**Here’s the Way You Do It.** So, if you are interested in doing something as you are cooped-up at home, or if you just need something to listen to while driving, take a listen to the “Bible in a Year” Podcast. You can easily do this on any iPhone or iPad by using the Apple Podcast app. On a Macintosh computer just use the built in Podcast application, on a Windows machine, install the iTunes applications and access Podcasts from there. Or for simple access, go to this webpage, register and get a link to listen to the Podcast: [www.ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration](http://www.ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration).

**Book in Hand.** Are you old school? Do you prefer to use a book rather than sit in front a screen? Me, too! So, I have provided a resource on the matter. Just go to [www.iccmaryl.org/bible365](http://www.iccmaryl.org/bible365). This page contains links to three-different ways to read the Bible over a 365-day period. Two involve a chart of assigned daily readings throughout the year, the refers back to the “Bible in a Year” Podcast. Feel free to have at it! And if you don’t like those options, be aware that there are also several sites that provide Catholic Bible-in-a-Year programs. Just Google around and you’ll find them.

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**Ordinary Time.** This past week, liturgically, we switched from most commonly using the color white, to most commonly using the color green. So, why are we wearing green here in the Catholic Church? It has nothing to do with being a Philadelphia Eagles fan, nor honoring the Irish, nor being a member of the Kermit the Frog fan club. Nope!

**Here’s the story:** On the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (last Sunday), the Church entered the season commonly dubbed “Ordinary Time.” That term, “Ordinary Time” is an odd one. “Ordinary Time” sounds like a season that is bland as polenta (corn meal); dull, as a PBS documentary film with sub-titles; dreary as your TV being stuck on the Weather Channel; and as lifeless and slow, as a 45 -record playing at 33 (for those under 40, please consult your history books to understand this archaic reference).

But, the fact of the matter is that this period of time is not called “Ordinary Time” because it is ordinary or bland or dullish, but rather for a very different reason. Which leads to the question...

**Why is Ordinary Time called “Ordinary”?** Let’s take a step back into fifth grade math class: You may remember someone like Sr. Bernard Mary (the name of my 5th grade teacher) or some other teach-

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## HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynee	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mano Salla	Parochial Vicar

## HC CLERGY

Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

## ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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## HC STAFF

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

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## ICC STAFF

Parish Office	410 482 7687
Marilyn Dixon	Office Manager
Alicia Poppiti	DRE Religious Ed.
Susan Venezia	Bookkeeper
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## MAILING ADDRESS

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P. O. Box 399  
Marydel, MD 21649-0399

## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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

Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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## MAILING ADDRESS

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

## LEAVING ITEMS IN CHURCH

Please **do not** leave cards, religious items, clothing, or other such items in the lobby area of the Gathering Space. We cannot accept any of these items at this time. They will all be thrown out.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give your relationship the gift of quality time during the pandemic! Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight sessions presented on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from January 20 to February 14. Make Valentine's Day 2021 extra special as you learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! For more information visit our website at [www.wvmedelmar.org](http://www.wvmedelmar.org) or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

## RETROUVILLE: 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 and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 12 - 14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## READINGS FOR JANUARY 24 3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: JONAH 3: 1-5, 10

Jonah preaches to the people of Nineveh and they repent.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31  
How to live in a world that is rapidly passing away.

GOSPEL: MARK 1:14-20

Jesus calls his first apostles and they follow him.

## ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Even though we are not opening the Adoration Chapel at this time, anyone who was on the normal adoration schedule is encouraged to come into the church to pray during your assigned hour. The church is unlocked from 7 am to 7 pm and Our Lord is waiting for you to come spend time with Him. Our Lord is present in the tabernacle all day long and would love for you to spend time praying. It's a great way to get back into the routine of praying during your scheduled hour.

## RECENT DEATHS

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our recently departed:

- Irma Burwell, Graeme Doughty, Anna Swindell, Sergundo Nelson Baez, Dennis Committee, Anthony DeVigili, Philomena Matarese, Frank Divita, Barbara Marcolongo, Frances Bankes, James Canalichio, James Brown

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.

## POST ABORTION SUPPORT

If you or someone you know has struggled with feelings of guilt, pain, sorrow, or regret after an abortion, please know that you are not alone. Join us for our monthly support group! We will have a time of optional sharing, prayer, and a book or bible study. No registration needed...just show up!

2nd Tuesday of the Month  
630PM to 8PM

New Day Pregnancy Care Center  
811 South Governors Ave Dover, DE

## VOCATIONS

Holiness is a challenge for us all, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners — and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### JANUARY

#### 18 MONDAY

HC 9:00 am Thomas Turner

#### 19 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am James & Mary Virginia Schultz

#### 20 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Michael Ciccarelli

#### 21 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Renata Kosior  
ICC 6 pm For the People

#### 22 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Beverly Bresnahan

#### 23 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Frances Ives  
HC 5 pm DM Ernest Families

#### 24 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Elizabeth Graves  
ICC 8:30 am Deacon James Tormey  
HC 9:30 am Bob Bresnahan (LI)  
HC 11:30 am Anthony DeVigili  
ICC 11 am Gloria Edwards  
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION  
DM = DECEASED MEMBERS)

Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.  
*Serra for priestly and religious vocations*

JOIN BISHOP MALOOLY FOR

**HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE**  
DEBUTS FRIDAY  
JANUARY 29, 2021  
4:00 A.M.

**MASS FOR LIFE**  
LIVE-STREAMED FRIDAY  
JANUARY 29, 2021  
10:00 A.M.

*from Wilmington's beautiful and historic Cathedral of Saint Peter*

**WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/DIOCESEOFWILM**  
OR WATCH THE REPLAY ANYTIME

PRAY TO  
PROTECT  
HUMAN LIFE!

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
JANUARY 21 - 29, 2021

WWW.9DAYSFORLIFE.COM



9 Days for Life (January 21-29, 2021) is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Resources for leaders are available below, including novena printables, graphics, sample announcements, and more.

<https://www.respectlife.org/leaders-resources>

## MASS MINISTERS

PLEASE COME  
FORWARD TO HELP  
DISTRIBUTE  
HOLY COMMUNION AT THE MASS  
YOU ATTEND. THE PRIEST WILL INDICATE HOW MANY EXTRA-ORDINARY  
MINISTERS ARE NEEDED.

### Lector Schedule for January 2021

#### At Holy Cross:

##### 5 pm Mass (HC)

Jan 16 Hazel Showell  
Jan 23 Judi Coffield  
Jan 30 Fran Urick

##### 7:30 am Mass (HC)

Jan 17 Donna Kilby  
Jan 24 Rose Pritchett  
Jan 31 Christina Cuffe

##### 9:30 am Mass (HC)

Jan 17 Suzanne Ford  
Jan 24 Chris Petka  
Jan 31 Mary Sherlock

#### At Immaculate Conception:

##### 8:30 am Mass (ICC)

Jan 17 Diane Smith  
Jan 24 Theresa Thompson  
Jan 31 Karen Cairns

##### 11:00 am Mass (ICC)

Jan 17 Donna King  
Jan 24 Laura Schlopitz  
Jan 31 Donna King

If you wish to be considered to lector at Holy Cross, email Diane at [dbelt@holycrossdover.org](mailto:dbelt@holycrossdover.org) so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector. At ICC, please get in touch with Marilyn Dixon at [mdixon@iccmarylodel.org](mailto:mdixon@iccmarylodel.org) Thank you.

**Please Note: Mass on Monday, January 18, at Holy Cross is at 9 am due to the Martin Luther King holiday.**

## DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories are in the Parish Office. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up. Please do not just show up without calling first.

## RETURNING TO MASS

- Attendees must wear a face covering (mask)( when inside the Church ; masks are to be worn over the nose and mouth and must be kept on during the entire Mass.
- Pews have been marked off to accommodate social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church.
- When receiving Holy Communion, please remember to stay socially distanced.** We encourage you to receive Holy Communion in your hand, but **if you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to be at the end of the Communion line.** There will be no Cup distributed at this time.
- As you leave the church, please **do not gather in the Gathering Space** or parking lot.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Not all injustices are black or white. Often there's a lot of gray when trying to figure out who is right in an argument. Before digging in your heels and insisting on having your way, try to get in your spouse's skin and see how the problem looks through his/her eyes. Parenting Pointers

## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL AFTER-CARE PROGRAM HELP NEEDED

The After-Care Program at Holy Cross School provides a safe, nurturing environment, as well as organized activities for students in grades Pre-K thru 8. Activities include homework completion, indoor and outdoor play, arts and crafts, and games.

**Interested parties must have experience working with young children. Background check will be required.**

The hours for this position are from 2:30-5:30 pm each school day.

**\*\*Our After-Care space is fully aligned with all mandates and restrictions associated with Coronavirus protocol. \*\***

Please call 302-674-5787, ext. 111 if interested in obtaining additional information.

## CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday after-

noon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, January 23rd, learn about the new video series, "Jesus and the Dead Sea Scrolls," when Dr. John Bergsma from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, is the guest. Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at [www.cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://www.cdow.org/CatholicForum), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.



## PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Every year, Christian communities and churches join together to pray for the visible unity of the Church, accepting the will of Christ, who prayed "that all may be one" (John 17:21) during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In the

- Clases de Educación Religiosa se reanuda el 17 de enero de 3:30-5:30 de la tarde. Por favor de llegar a tiempo y dejar a sus hijos en la entrada de la puerta doble de la escuela elemental. No se admiten dentro del edificio ninguna otra persona más que el estudiante y los voluntarios. Clases de preparación para la Confirmación será también el 17 de enero y el miércoles 20 de enero. Para los adolescentes que no asistieron al retiro en diciembre el próximo retiro seta el 6 de febrero, marque su calendario,
  - **ICC** . Por favor de traer su mochila azul a clases. Grupo 2- grados 1,2 en el salón grados 4 y 5 en el basement clases de RICA en el salón de computadoras, presencial nuevamente el 3 de enero. Grupo 1- grados 3,6 en el salón, 7,8 en el basement y RICA en el salón de computadoras presencial el 10 de enero. Si desea que su hijo continúe las clases de Educación Religiosa en casa Notificar a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o envíale un email a [dre@iccmarydel.org](mailto:dre@iccmarydel.org) Unidad 3 está listo para recoger después del Año Nuevo. Gracias a todos los catequistas que han preparado y adaptado sus lesiones durante este tiempo de transición. Retiro de Formación de Fe está planeado para el sábado 9 de enero, 2021 de 9-12 mediodía en el salón de la parroquia de la Inmaculada concepción. El sacramento de la Primera Reconciliación está planeado para el sábado 23 de enero a las 10:30 de la mañana en Santa Cruz, Dover. Nuestra próxima sesión será el Domingo 17 de enero. 2:30 -5 pm en el salón de la parroquia. Esto es para octavo grado y HS que están inscrito para la preparación para la Confirmación. Solamente para los jóvenes, no para los padres ni para los padrinos.
  - Horarios de Misas
- Holy Cross:** Misas diarias en ingles a las 8 am de lunes a sábado. Misas dominicales –sábado vigilia a las 5:00PM, Domingo en ingles 7:30 y

U.S., this Week of Prayer is commemorated from January 18-25.

This commemoration is especially highlighted in the Diocese of Wilmington because the founder of the week, Servant of God, Father Paul Wattson, SA, was born in the Maryland portion of our diocese.

Information and resources regarding the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is available at [www.GEII.org](http://www.GEII.org).



9:30 am en español 11:30 am. Para visita al Santísimo en la iglesia las puertas del templo se abrirán de 7:00 am a 7:00pm.

**La Inmaculada Concepción:** Misas dominicales, en ingles 8:30 y 11:00 am en español 1:00 pm.

Habrá misa en español los jueves a las 6:00 de la tarde y los sábados a las 9:00 del mañana seguido por confesiones. Para visita al Santísimo y oraciones privadas en el templo se abrirá de 9:00 de la mañana hasta las 7:00 de la noche.

- Estamos limitando el acceso a las oficinas en ambas parroquias, por favor si tiene algo muy importante llame y haga una cita. Es por su seguridad y la seguridad de los que laboramos en nuestras parroquias.
- **La Santa Misa durante el COVID -19** Las reglas de la pandemia siguen en vigor y todos tenemos la responsabilidad de protegernos y proteger a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo.
- Usar mascarillas cuando entra al templo durante todo el tiempo que permanezca adentro la mascarilla debe cubrir la nariz y la boca.
- Desinfectante de manos está disponible al entrar a la iglesia.
- Distanciamiento social, los asientos están marcados para que guarde su distancia.
- Al recibir la Sagrada Comunión, recuerde mantenerse socialmente distanciado. Le recomendamos a recibir la Sagrada Comunión en su mano, pero si desea recibirla en la lengua, se le pide que esté al final de la línea de Comunión. No se distribuirá la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo en este momento.
- Al salir de la iglesia, no se reúna en el Nártex ni en el estacionamiento. Lavarnos las manos con frecuencia.
- Si está enfermo quédese en casa. Protegemos nuestra salud y la salud del hermano especialmente los más vulnerables.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

### Regular Class **January 17 3:30-5:30**

- Children are to be dropped off at the double doors next to the Elementary office. No one except students and volunteers are allowed to enter the building. Hall monitors will assist getting children to their classes.; Dismissal from the ramp side will be as follows: Upstairs Grades 6-8 and sacramental prep 5:15; Down stairs (a teacher or assistant will escort to the ramp):

Gr. K-1 5:20      Gr. 2-3 5:25  
Gr. 4-5 5:30

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

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## LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH)

January 17th 10:30-12:30 in the Matthew/Mark Room

Next Sessions February 14th

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES (HC)

Sunday class will take place January 17 and January 24

Wednesday class will be January 20 and January 27

Please turn in any work completed over break for missed classes.

## RETREAT: HC CONFIRMATION

Saturday, February 6 for those teens who were unable to attend retreat in December.

Please drop off by 8:45 am at the ramp into the school gathering space.

## MARCH FOR LIFE - VIRTUAL YOUTH RALLY AND MASS

### National Opportunity:

The annual March for Life Youth Rally and Mass may be viewed beginning at 8:30 am on January 29, 2021 Youtube @WashArchdiocese, Facebook Live, and the youthrallyandmassforlife.org website. This live event will feature Josh Brahm from the Equal Rights Institute, who will speak about ways to talk about pro-life issues in a way that is effective and appropriate. Josh will also talk about different apologetics arguments and the ways that we, as Christians, can best represent our values on human life and dignity. The virtual rally will also feature music from Sarah Kroger, Out of the Darkness, and Ivan Diaz. The Youth Rally will be followed by a Mass with Cardinal Gregory and local bishops, livestreamed from St. Matthew's Cathedral.

### Diocesan Opportunity:

Bishop Malooly will preside at a Holy Hour for Life and a Mass for Life, on Friday, January 29, 2021. Both online events are a part of the National Prayer Vigil for Life sponsored by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Holy Hour will debut at 4:00 a.m., and the Mass will be live-streamed at 10:00 a.m. Both events will be shown on the diocesan YouTube channel, YouTube.com/DioceesofWilm, and are from the beautiful and historic Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington, Delaware. Due to COVID concerns, these events are online only. More information can be found at cdown.org/respect-life.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

**Classes started up again: Bring your Blue Book Bags to class!**

**Group 1- grades 3, 6, in the hall, 7, 8 in the basement, and RCIA to be in the computer center - on site January 10th.**

**Group 2- grades 1, 2, in the hall, 4, 5 in the basement classes and RCIA to be in the computer center- on site January 17th**

If you would prefer to have your children continue to do Religious Education at home please let me know, Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-8939 or send me an email to dre@iccmaryl.org Education at 410-482-8939 or send me an email to dre@iccmaryl.org

**Unit 3 begins on January 17th and are ready for pick up!**

**Thank you!** to all the Catechists that have prepared and adapted their lessons during this transition.

## 2020/21 FIRST RECONCILIATION ICC)

Sacrament of First Reconciliation is planned for Saturday January 23rd at 10:30am at Holy Cross in Dover.

## CONFIRMATION 2020-2021 (ICC)

**Our next Prep session is today, Sunday, January 17th, 2:30-5pm in the Parish Hall.**

This is for 8th grade and HS youth that are registered to begin Confirmation Prep.

This is for the youth only, no parents or Sponsors at this session.

## 2021 FIRST COMMUNION PREP-ICC

Begins on Tuesday, January 26th at 6:30pm in the Hall.

If a tree falls in the forest and there is no one around to hear it, does it make a sound? An interesting question; yes? I suppose this has led to all sorts of philosophical discussions among those who delight in such stimulating debate. Permit me to pose yet another query for consideration. If a school is open; and all the teachers are there, but there are no students present in the buildings... is there learning? I say; no need for debate, no need for hesitation! The unequivocal, indisputable response is YES! Of course there is learning!

I believe it was President Abraham Lincoln who one said that you can make some of the people happy some of the time, but you can't make all of the people happy all of the time. That wisdom applies to the decision made to have all Catholic schools in the diocese to "return to school" by virtual means. The vast majority of the people I spoke to were in full and happy agreement with the decision. We were grateful for the week. We expected and were not surprised by the fallout following the Christmas holidays.

However, it does beg the question... what happens in a school when all of the teachers are there and none of the students show up? Well, the day begins just like any other day. Giving a five minute leeway to allow everyone to "log on" to the day; our students, faculty and staff begin the day with prayer at 8:05. We pray, we recite our mission statement, and we pledge our allegiance to country and flag. And then, it's off to the races! Each student is attired in the school uniform, attendance is taken, and conduct and effort are graded for each class. Each family had been provided with a schedule for the day. I loved seeing all of their sweet faces, no mask, all on the screen, raising their hands to speak, and generally making the best of the situation at hand. Most teachers had broken their classes into smaller groups for greater manageability. It also helped the students to better focus with a fewer number of faces on the screen. Some teachers of our younger ones also provided time to come together for a little socializing since the children had been away from each other for so long. Students were given time away from the screen to have lunch which was at the same time as it would have been if in school, and the students were given the time for their "recess." Classes and instruction occurred throughout the day with little to no glitches. Stopping into Mrs. White's room, it was a little before 2pm. I asked if she was finished for the day as she turned to her computer screen preparing for eighth grade Grammar. Mrs. Crawford was also

in the throes of a Math lesson walking her students through a problem solving exercise. I was walking down the hall at the end of the day on Thursday, and I peeked my head into the classroom of Miss Overstreet. She was the only person in the room standing in front of her computer with her hands folded leading her students in our end of the day prayer. Making the best of the situation at hand.....

Well then, how about the rest of us? The telephone doesn't stop; new families are calling to inquire into enrollment for their children. Many is the time I walk through the outer elementary office and Mrs. Stant is on the phone explaining the enrollment process to another prospective family. We rejoiced as two of our former students rejoined us during our virtual week. Also, we had two new students begin on the 11th in the elementary building, while another returned to Pre-K in the ELC. Additionally, we had another new student join us on the 13th. Our re-registration process is in full force. There are still meetings to attend, a couple of parent conferences, some virtual, some not. Much of the business goes on as usual, by God's grace and mercy.

Are you ready for some new news! Mrs. Kolakowski and I embarked upon a new piece of business during the Christmas break with the guidance of Mrs. Allison Shevock and Dr. Sandra Costa. We had learned by way of Dr. DeAngelo of a grant opportunity available to non-profit organizations during the time of the pandemic. This grant would afford the opportunity for non-profit agencies to recoup some of the monies allocated for materials and items deemed a necessity due conditions brought on by the pandemic. It was during our virtual week that I was able to find a little extra time to complete my portion of the application. I will be forever grateful to Mrs. Shevock for her leadership and guidance through the process. We hope to recover a fair amount of capital in the submission of our application. Stay tuned for further developments, and as always, we ask you for your prayers.

Mrs. Wicks shared the story of her kindergarten students counting the days before Monday when they would be back in school. On Thursday, Mark said, "Mrs. Wicks, just one more day and then we can come back to school."

And so it was, on January 11th, the doors once again opened at the sound of the bell; and there they were! Glory, alleluia, and amen! It was SO great to see them again!

