



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

January 24, 2021

3rd 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

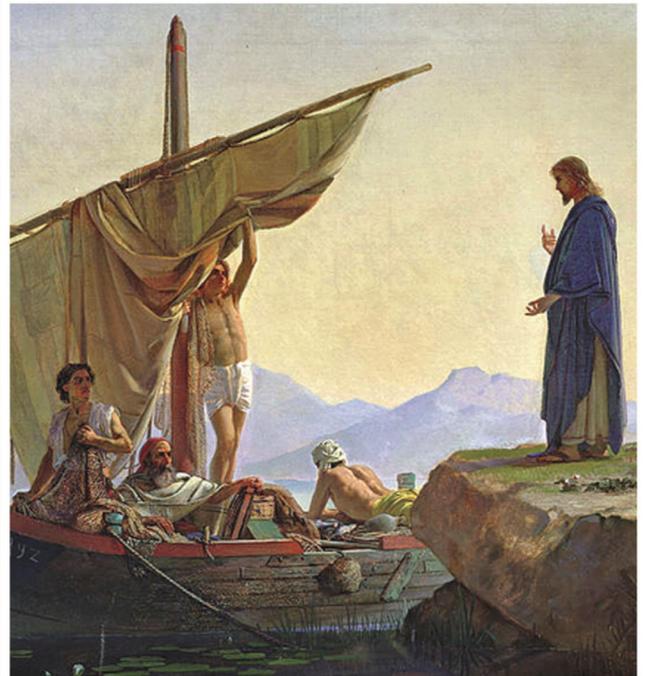
Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James,
the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.
They too were in a boat mending their nets.
Then he called them.

MTK 1:19-20



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

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 10, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$21,101	\$27,800	(\$6,699)
YTD	\$692,290	\$780,000	(\$87,710)
Needs	\$1,298	\$1,550	(\$252)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending January 10, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,856
2nd	\$382

Tax letters are ready at ICC. Please call the Parish Office at ICC and they will be mailed to you.

Tax Statement for Holy Cross

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. 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,

Thank You! Before I begin my Pastor's column, I want to take a moment to thank the many parishioners who sent cards and gifts to myself and other priests this Christmas season. Please know that your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated. Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you, so much, for those gifts and cards. For those who gave cakes, cookies, candy, more cookies, and many boxes of "Moon Pies" (one of my favorite snacks) as gifts, you'll notice I'm wearing them now! Joy and thanks to you and your families. God bless you!

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It is commonly put forth that it is a small world. This phrase means to impute the understanding that we are not merely careering haplessly through this life, but that there are connections – sometime surprising ones – that bind us as God's children. Well, these same connections exist in many aspects of our language – there are everyday words and phrases that we use that find their origin in the scriptures. So, as much as we commonly use this phrase or that idiom and think they are just conventions of language, they actually have the Bible, in common, as their home.

Let's strap ourselves into the Way-back Machine for this multiple-millennia journey back in time to see the origin of some of the idioms of our language:

1. It's a drop in the bucket. This idiom, meaning a very small part of a larger needs, finds its origin in Isaiah 40-15, "... the nations count as a drop in the bucket, as a wisp of cloud on the scales." Be sure to include that scripture reading on your "bucket list."

2. There's a fly in the ointment. This saying, meaning there is a problem in the plan, goes back to Ecclesiastes 10:1, "Dead flies corrupt and spoil the perfumer's oil." Ladies let me say to you that finding flies in one's perfume is not a nice thing to ponder – so don't let it cause you to worry about your perfume, lest it become Obsession.

3. Bites the dust. This alternate way saying that someone died finds its origin in the Psalm 27, albeit in a different form: "May his foes kneel before him, his enemies lick the dust." The words are different; the meaning is the same. Although, I don't how many records Queen would have sold, if they had a song called, "Another One Licks the Dust."

4. A Little Bird Told Me. Okay, this doesn't exactly have a verbatim origin in the Bible, but a little bird told me that Ecclesiastes 10:20 comes darn close: "For the birds of the air may carry your voice, a winged creature may tell what you say." This is probably precursor to posting, dare I say, "Tweets."

5. Going the Extra Mile. This comes from Matthew 5:41, "Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles." It means to go beyond what is asked of you. In a fast food scenario, this idiom might reference a scenario when someone asks you for a hamburger, and you give 'em a Big Mac!

6. The blind leading the blind. This also comes from Matthew (15:14); as Christ comments about those darn recalcitrant Pharisees he says that: "they are blind guides of the blind. If a blind person leads a blind person, both will fall into a pit." This refers to an uninformed person guiding another uninformed person. It would be like Kim Kardashian directing a movie starring Snooki.

7. I'm pulling my hair out. This comes from Ezra 9:3, "When I had heard this, I tore my cloak and my mantle, plucked hair from my head and beard, and sat there devastated." Ouch. This saying refers to a person being very anxious about something. And if one is too anxious, it could be a case of hair today, gone tomorrow.

8. The writing is on the wall. This idiom comes from the famous scene from the book of Daniel (5:5), when a disembodied hand scrawls a message on the palace wall: "Suddenly, opposite the lamp-stand, the fingers of a human hand appeared, writing on the plaster of the wall in the king's palace." The king does not understand the message, so Daniel helps the king to grasp its meaning. Interestingly, this saying has morphed. It no longer means a cryptic message, but rather, an obvious one. Hence, when the boss writes on your pay stub, "We'll miss you!" -- the writing is on the wall for you!

9. His knees were knocking together. Okay, remember the King in Daniel who saw the writing the wall inscribed by the disembodied hand? Well, he was so scared at the sight that his knees knocked together: "When the king saw the hand that wrote, his face became pale; his thoughts terrified him, his hip joints shook, and his knees knocked." (Daniel 5:6). This idiom has to do with fearing – when one fears something, his knees knock together. Interestingly, on "The Addams

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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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Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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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 or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

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 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 or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

READINGS FOR JANUARY 31

4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

God's words will be placed on the lips of a Moses-like prophet who is raised up from among his kinsfolk.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35

Paul sees the unmarried person as single-mindedly committed to the Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 1:21-28

Jesus speaks with an authority that leaves the people spellbound, and with a similar authority he drives out evil spirits.

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.

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

A study of Catholic young people in the United States and Canada showed that 75% feel they were never encouraged to pursue the religious life.

There are many young people out there wondering what vocation path to follow. Some of them may be waiting for a suggestion or two from their peers, family or acquaintances. You could ask, "What are your plans for the future? Have you thought about pursuing law, medicine, religion?"

Those whom you ask may feel that you see something about them that prompted your inquiry.

Encourage them to think and talk seriously about their future and then pursue it.

Perhaps you could start or become part of a Parish Vocation Committee, one that can generate an atmosphere that is positively directed toward ministry and church vocations. Pray for vocations. *Serra for priestly and religious vocations*

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY

25 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Kitty and John Litrenta (LI)

26 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Margie Galli

27 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Rita Kropiewnicki

28 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am DM Pearson & Godfrey Family
ICC 6 pm For the People

29 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am June Clacher

30 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Mario Beltran
HC 5 pm Helda L. Conrad

31 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Mary E. Coyle
ICC 8:30 am William F. & Ann R. Sullivan
HC 9:30 am Rita Kropiewnicki
HC 11:30 am Rev. Joseph Etim
ICC 11 am Peter H. Brelia, Sr.
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION
DM = DECEASED MEMBERS)

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>

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/dioceesofwilm
OR WATCH THE REPLAY ANYTIME

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE! **DAYS FOR LIFE** www.9daysforlife.com

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 23 Judi Coffield
Jan 30 Fran Urick

7:30 am Mass (HC)

Jan 24 Rose Pritchett
Jan 31 Christina Cuffe

9:30 am Mass (HC)

Jan 24 Chris Petka
Jan 31 Mary Sherlock

At Immaculate Conception:

8:30 am Mass (ICC)

Jan 24 Theresa Thompson
Jan 31 Karen Cairns

11:00 am Mass (ICC)

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 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@iccmaryl.org Thank you.

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

"For the world in its present form is passing away." (1 Cor. 7:31) Covid-19 has changed much about how our lives work. Ponder together what you have learned over the past 12 months. What positive changes do you want to continue?

PARENTING POINTERS

Jan. 22 is the anniversary of Roe v Wade abortion choice decision. What can your family do to prevent abortion? Have you ever supported an unwed mother by providing clothes and baby needs? Can you provide childcare for a single mom who needs a break? If possible, let your children help.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, January 30th, tune in to learn how Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated this year when Dr. Lou De Angelo, Superintendent of Schools for the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, will be interviewed, Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

Refrescamos nuestras prácticas de Posturas y Gestos durante la Santa Misa con la ayuda de la Conferencia de los Obispos de Estados Unidos, trataremos de explicar algunas de las posturas y gestos de la Misa, para que los llevemos a cabo y participemos plenamente en el Sacramento de la Eucaristía. Esto será presentado en varias partes, cada semana tendremos algo que decir al respecto.

1.Preparación previa a la celebración- Lo primero que debes hacer antes de llegar a la celebración es prepararte personalmente, llegar con tiempo, prepara tu mente y corazón para la fiesta del Señor, darte un espacio de silencio en el templo e invocando al Señor en la oración, al Espíritu Santo para que te ayude a comprender todo lo que vas a vivir en la celebración.

2. Apaga tu Celular- pues eso distrae y hace perder el contacto con Dios. En este momento de preparación y durante toda la celebración que vayas a vivir, el importante es el Señor, no las creaturas. Es muy conveniente, si te es posible, que leas previamente tus lecturas de la Misa o de la celebración para que tu corazón se prepare y que sea Dios quien lo nutra, y te llene más con sus maravillas que te manifestará en la celebración litúrgica, ya que en la celebración litúrgica es Dios quien actúa, es Dios quien habla, es Dios quien te invita a entrar en su Misterio.

3.Preste Atención-Trata de no distraerte mientras llega el momento vivo y celebrativo, disponte con todo tu ser para alabar a tu Dios y Señor. Tu atención y tu espera es: para entrar al santuario del Señor a alabarlo, como dice el salmista. (Cf. salmo 96,6).

Las Posturas y Gestos Corporales durante La Eucaristía.

Cada postura corporal que asumimos en la Misa enfatiza y refuerza el significado de la acción en la que estamos participando en ese momento de nuestro culto.

Ponernos de Pie es un signo de respeto y honor y por ello nos ponemos de pie cuando el celebrante, quien representa a Cristo, entra y sale de la asamblea. Desde los inicios de la Iglesia, esta postura corporal ha sido interpretada como la postura de quienes han sido elevados con Cristo y que “están en la búsqueda de cosas superiores” Cuando nos ponemos de pie para la oración, asumimos la plenitud de nuestra estatura ante Dios, no con orgullo, sino con una humilde gratitud por las cosas maravillosas que Dios ha hecho al crearnos y redimirnos. Por medio del Bautismo, se nos ha dado el poder compartir la vida de Dios y el ponernos de pie es un reconocimiento de este don maravilloso. Nos ponemos de pie para escuchar el Evangelio, el culmen de la revelación, las palabras y los hechos del Señor y los Obispos de los Estados Unidos han elegido el permanecer de pie como la postura que se debe observar en este país para la recepción de la Comunión, el sacramento que nos une a Cristo de un modo más profundo porque Él está ahora gloriosamente resucitado de entre los muertos y es la causa de nuestra salvación. Continúa la próxima semana.

cación Religiosa se reanudaron el 17 de enero de 3:30-5:30 de la tarde. Por favor de ver su calendario de clases, 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- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Las clases presenciales se reanudaron: ¡Traiga sus mochilas Azul con libros a clase!

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Las clases comenzaron de nuevo: ¡Traiga sus mochilas Azul con libros a clase!

Grupo 1- grados 3, 6, en el pasillo, 7, 8 en el sótano, y RCIA estará en el centro de computación - en el sitio el 24 de enero.

Grupo 2- grados 1, 2, en el pasillo, 4, 5 en las clases del sótano y RCIA para estar en el centro de computación- en el sitio el 31 de enero. Si prefiere que sus hijos continúen haciendo Educación Religiosa en casa, comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Pop-piti, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o envíale un correo electrónico a dre@iccmaryl.org ¡Gracias! a todos los Catequistas que han preparado y adaptado sus lecciones durante este tiempo de transición.

Primera Reconciliación-Felicitaciones a los niños que recibieron el Sacramento de la Primera Reconciliación el sábado 23 de enero.

Preparación para la Primera Comunión 2021-ICC Comienza el martes 26 de enero a las 6:30 pm en el salón.

Preparación para la Confirmación 2020-2021-ICC Nuestra próxima sesión de preparación es hoy, domingo 14 de febrero, 2: 30-5pm en el Salón Parroquial. Esto es para los jóvenes de octavo grado y de secundaria que están inscritos para comenzar la preparación de confirmación. No es para los padres o 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 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Regular Class February 7 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.

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH)

February 14 10:30-12:30 in the Matthew/Mark Room; Next Sessions March 14th

CONFIRMATION CLASSES (HC)

Sunday class will take place January 24

Wednesday class will be January 27

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

RETREAT: HC CONFIRMATION

For those teens unable to attend retreat in December, we will be having retreat on February 6 at Holy Cross. Please have your parent drop you off at the ramp into the school gathering space by 8:45 am.

PARENT MEETING FOR CANDIDATES:

Please mark your calendar - Sunday, February 28 or Monday, March 1, at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

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/DiocesefWilm, 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 cdow.org/respect-life.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

Unit 3 began on January 17th and ready for pick up!

Bring your Blue Book Bags with books 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 24th.

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 31st

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@iccmaryladel.org

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION-ICC

Congratulations to the children that received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation Saturday January 23rd.

2021 FIRST COMMUNION PREP-ICC

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

CONFIRMATION PREP 2020-2021-ICC

Our next Prep session is today, Sunday, February 14th, 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.

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 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.

I don't profess to be a Miss Manners, and there are certain areas in the world of etiquette where I am lacking. As an example, when someone presents me with a gift, my profuse and sincere verbal expression of gratitude is all the gift bearer is liable to receive. I am woefully dreadful when it comes to writing thank you notes. In my haste, I misspell words, my lines are crooked. It's likely that I start out my message in cursive but then have reverted to manuscript; or it's the other way around. Unsatisfied with the result, I have thrown away more cards than I have ever sent. A definite character flaw, if there ever was one.

I am not an altogether ill-mannered, uncultured individual, though. Let's take another instance. I remember many times when shopping at a retail establishment and offering the patron with fewer items than I had the opportunity to go before me. The reason I extend this offer is often due to the lack of available assistance in the register lines, not everyone is comfortable with the new-fangled self-check-out options.

Three lemons and a pound of cole-slaw! These four items represented my sole reason for stopping in an area grocery store on my way home on a Friday evening. Waiting considerably longer than I anticipated for the cole-slaw due to a lack of personnel, I scamped across the store to pick up my lemons and noted the skeleton crew manning the registers. I soon found myself halfway down the diaper aisle holding my three lemons and container of cole-slaw, waiting for the one and only cashier to tend to each shopper with baskets filled with merchandise. Another apparent deficit in personnel. The do-it yourself option was available. I chose to stand in line. In many retail establishments, (of those remaining), customer service is no longer a priority.

Customer service. At Holy Cross we have always tried to make our visitors and guests feel welcome. We are all precious in God's eyes, and to meet and greet as if we are welcoming Jesus into our school is the Christian way. In the use of the pronoun "we" I am not only referring to our three wonderful ladies in the building offices; but also to those who are providing the utmost in stellar customer service but are hidden beyond the secured hallway doors. I refer to the members of our faculty. I refer to those who have never once aired a word of discontent or displeasure given the impact of the virus on our school year. I refer to those who can turn on a dime, demonstrating flexibility with a smile, to those who put the student first, to those who have demonstrated their allegiance and commitment to HCS because this is where they are rooted in their faith and service, where they can incorporate and announce the Good News of the Gospel in their lessons and interpersonal contacts with colleagues. I refer to those who have said time and time again "I can't see myself teaching anywhere else." "Is there anything else I can do?" I refer to those who consider weekends as work days away from school.

Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner. In anticipation of our celebration; albeit somewhat subdued from years past, I would like to begin our observance by paying tribute to the faculty and staff of Holy Cross School.

PRE-K: Mrs. Suzanne McGowan

PRE-K: Miss June Pennewill

PRE-K Classroom Assistant: Miss Molly Thompson

PRE-K: Mrs. Patricia Wegemer

KINDERGARTEN: Mrs. Benita Wicks

KINDERGARTEN: Mrs. Ann Rider

KINDERGARTEN: Miss Amanda Hauss

SCHOOL NURSE: Mrs. Bernadette Kolakowski, RN

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Mr. Wallace Seams

PHYSICAL EDUCATION Classroom Aide, Miss Laura Belt

FIRST GRADE: Mrs. Lindsay Knox

FIRST GRADE: Mrs. Deborah Borden

SECOND GRADE: Miss Madison Christiansen

SECOND GRADE: Mrs. Rosanna Zappulo

THIRD GRADE: Miss Grace Overstreet;

THIRD GRADE: Mrs. Monica Dottellis

MUSIC: Mrs. Heather Swartzentruber

FOURTH GRADE: Mrs. Stephanie Seeney

FOURTH GRADE: Mrs. Cathy Bolton

FIFTH GRADE: Mrs. Kimberly Speed

SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADE ELA, RELIGION

AND SOCIAL STUDIES: Mrs. Alexandra Bydlon

SIXTH GRADE ELA, AND SOCIAL STUDIES: Mrs.

Toya Peek

VISUAL ARTS: Mrs. Sharon Benini

SIXTH, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE SCI-

ENCE AND RELIGION: Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Beth)

Riecks

TECHNOLOGY AND LIBRARIAN: Mrs. Kathryn

Williams

SIXTH, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE

MATH: Mrs. Susan Crawford

EIGHTH GRADE ELA AND SOCIAL STUDIES:

Mrs. Catherine White

JUNIOR HIGH OFFICE COORDNATOR: Mrs. Angela Bifferato

ELEMENTARY OFFICE COORDINATOR: Mrs. Karlyn Stant

ELC OFFICE COORDINATOR, PUBLICATION

DESIGN, SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR: Mrs.

Jill Zink

CAFETERIA MANAGER: Mrs. Marian Stant

FACILITY MANAGER/MAINTENANCE: Mr. Justin

Wurzel

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT: Mr. Earl Wilson

I refer to those who provide the ultimate in customer service. I refer to those with whom it is my singular blessing and pleasure to work alongside. Holy Cross School; where the do-it yourself option will never be an option!

Please see the last page of the bulletin about our upcoming Open House for our three, four, and five year olds in our Early Learning Center Building.

Family” no one seems too scared of “Thing” (a disembodied hand), but Lurch always gave one the heebie-jeebies!

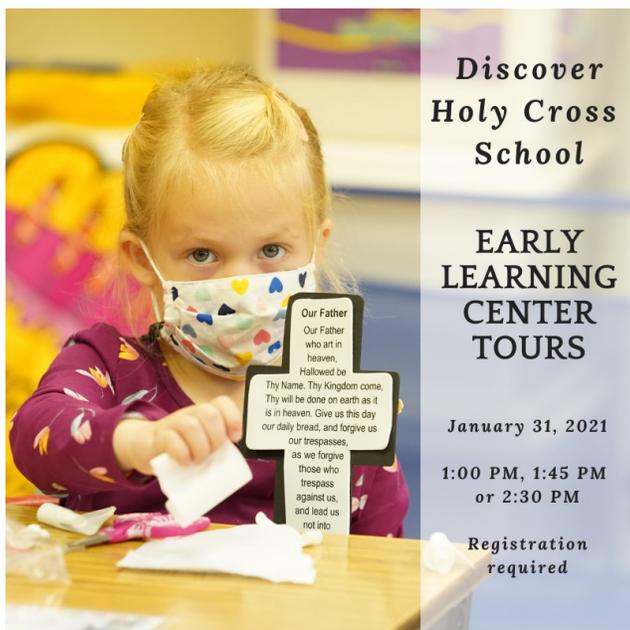
10. **Nothing new under the sun.** Ecclesiastes 1:9 says that “What has been, that will be; what has been done, that will be done. Nothing is new under the sun.” King Solomon puts forth this gem, and it means that life (though it may seem exciting) offers little without God. And for those who watch TV, movies and listen to music, this line will indeed echo well with them: amidst the re-makes, retreads, re-releases, re-launchings and re-imaginings, there is, indeed, nothing new under the sun. Thus we have experienced eight “The Fast and the Furious” movies, and are about to get the ninth!

11. **You don’t know the half of it.** This saying speaks to the idea that one doesn’t know the full picture of what is going on. This saying comes from the Old Testament, when the Queen of Sheba said to King Solomon: “I did not believe the report until I came and saw with my own eyes that not even the half had been told me. Your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report I heard.” (1 Kings 10:7). Basically, she was telling him that she didn’t know the half of it. Kind of like when someone says that on the day after Thanksgiving some stores have crowds... well, you don’t half of it, until you’ve seen the Bulls-at-Pamplona type of madness at the Mall that day!

12. **I’ll Nail Him to the Wall.** This phrase that speaks of catching and punishing someone finds its roots in the 1 Samuel 18:10-11, “The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raged in his house. David was in attendance, playing the harp as at other times, while Saul was holding his spear. Saul poised the spear, thinking, ‘I will nail David to the wall!’ But twice David escaped him.” Another translation of this passage reads, “I will pin David to the wall.” While wrestling fans of WWE, WCW and ECW will appreciate the “pin” comment, “nail” really conveys the anger of the comment. That tone expands the franchise of this idiom: Thus, when you “nail” the person, the berating you give them is sometimes called a “hammering” of them or even referenced as “beating them down” – both are things that do with nails.

There are hundreds of other idioms with their roots in the Sacred Scriptures; this column just gives a smattering of them. So, when you are reading your Bible, keep an eye and an ear out to see how many of these idioms you can find that have made the transition from the Word of God to the words of our everyday language.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini,
Pastor



**Holy Cross Early Learning Center Tours
Sunday, January 31st
1:00pm, 1:45pm or 2:30pm**

If you have ever wondered about our three, four, or five year old programs at Holy Cross School...now is the time to learn more. All visitors to Holy Cross School will be required to wear a mask while on campus, and tours will be socially distanced with staggered start times to allow families to move through our school in personal groups. Tours are being offered every 30 minutes to allow families to be spread around our building. Please sign up for the time frame that you desire, and include a contact email as well as the grade you are interested in for the 2021 school year. Only one ticket per family is needed and due to covid-19 restrictions, we can only allow three people per ticket to enter. Register on our school website at holycrossdover.org/school. Any questions can be directed to Jill Zink at elc@holycrossdover.org. We can't wait to meet our prospective families!