

# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

January 29, 2023

4th 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

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am  
Wednesday – 8:15 am  
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

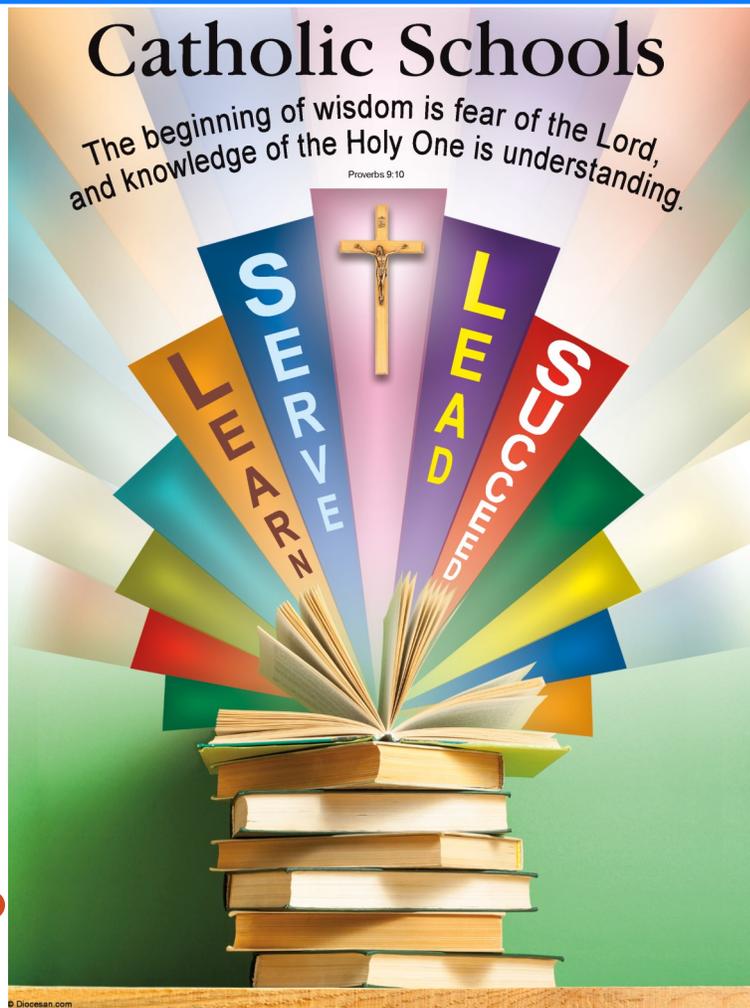
Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

## Catholic Schools

The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord,  
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.  
Proverbs 9:10



### 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.

## TAX STATEMENTS

The **HC Parish Office** is preparing tax letters for everyone who contributed during the 2022 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@holycrossdover.org](mailto:mdornberger@holycrossdover.org). Thank you.

For ICC please contact the ICC parish office to pick one up or have it mailed to you.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

Ending January 15, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$29,296	\$27,760	\$1,536
YTD	\$761,743	\$796,580	(\$34,837)
Needs	\$1,116	\$1,604	(\$488)

## WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending January 15, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$3,167
Second Collection	\$195

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Dear Parishioners,

We pride ourselves, especially in this country, on being individuals. Part of a community yes, but individual. And we enjoy various aspects of individuality — those things that make us unique. Yet amidst that enjoyment of our individuality we have the contrarian desire to be connected to one another in some form of community. When we come to Church, each of us attend individually, and yet we are here together. The question is: “Can individuality and the desire for community share a world together?”

**Bit by a Python.** In Monty Python’s movie, *The Life of Brian*, there is a funny bit, where this very question is put in a comical form. The main character, Brian, standing in front of a crowd of people says: “Repeat after me. We are all individuals.” And they repeat, in unison, “We are all individuals.” It’s a funny scene that expresses that basic conflict that we face between being individuals and being community.

**Conflicts of Interest.** And in truth, in our lives, we are often in life faced with conflicts of competing thoughts and values. Like the conflicted fellow who lamented, “I’d give my right hand to be ambidextrous.” Or the man who went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, “Where is the self-help section?” The saleswoman replied, “I could tell you, but that would defeat the purpose wouldn’t it?”

**Selective Service.** But back to that conflicting question of individualism vs. a desire for a community. The way we answer that question, in everyday life and faith, is expressed in what I call “selective conformity” — meaning: we choose to follow this, but not that. And yet most of us conform on enough things to allow us to share a community, while still being individuals.

**Something is Afoot.** The problem we face, however, as Catholics, and as Christians, today, is that there is a move afoot to push us to conform on everything. That is, to accept the dictates of the secular world, the current culture, and the latest politically correct viewpoints on everything. And if we don’t conform to those politically correct, but moral vacuous views of the modern world, then we are called bigots, we are called backwards, we are called uninformed, and a host of other nasty terms.

**We Belong to Christ.** But, nonetheless, the world wants us to be in conformity with the latest thoughts, the latest views and the latest trends. The society and the culture want us, Catholics, Christians, believers, to conform. Or maybe more simply put they want us to declare who we follow, and who we belong to. But for us that answer is simple: We belong to Christ. And because we belong to Christ, we are Christians.

**Common Denominators?** From January 18-25, the Christian world observed what is called “the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.” During that week, the Catholic Church and the many Christian denominations set aside time for prayer, reflection and action in a view towards

Christian unity. This shows the recognition of the need for unity among the followers of Christ, as our Lord and our Savior. This portends the hope for the re-establishment of Christendom, a singular Christian kingdom in the world.

**One to 41,000.** A group called The Center for the Study of Global Christianity says that today there exists some 41,000 different Christian denominations. And that figure keeps rising. How did this happen? When Christ died on the Cross the Church was born from the blood and water that flowed from his side, at Pentecost the Spirit filled the Church and enlivened it. And then, by and large, for the better part of 1,500 years, there was one church. Divisions here and there, yes, but a common faith. Then came the disagreements. Then came the dissension over doctrine and dogma. Then came the schisms, and then came the heresies. And all of these things, and more, created break away branches of Christianity.

**Church Talk.** In our religious parlance today, we commonly refer to these other Christian faiths as denominations. Some call them “other churches”. Before continuing, I want to pause for a moment and address some aspects of those two terms: “denominations” and “other churches.”

**Of Dollars and Denominations.** First, let me address the term “denomination.” Sometimes I hear Catholics refer to Catholicism as their “denomination.” That is not correct. Just as the Dollar is the currency of our country, and the 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100-dollar bills are denominations of that currency, so, too, Catholicism is not a denomination — we are, so to speak, the currency. Those other Christian denominations came from us, in one form or another — they trace themselves back to us. And that’s not bragging, that’s history.

**Just One.** Similarly, people tend to talk about “other churches” — the Lutheran, the Episcopalian, the Baptist, etc. That is another term being misused. Christ left one Church — the Church he gave to St. Peter. Yes, other groups have broken away over the centuries, and yes, those brothers and sisters are indeed our fellows Christians. However, we have to be careful when we call those groups “churches” — because we profess in our Creed that there one church.

**Coming to Terms.** And so, the Catholic Church when speaking of the different denominations does not call them churches, rather it calls them “ecclesial communities.” Meaning: Church-like Communities. Now, I know I personally tend to use the word “church” broadly, and often in speaking of these groups; and I don’t expect anyone start running around using the term “ecclesial community” when using common language. However, intellectually

## HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Brennan Ferris	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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## MAILING ADDRESS

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## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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

Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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*Holy Cross School*  
631 S. State St.  
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## RECENTLY DECEASED (HC)

Condolences to the families of those who have recently died:

- Tam Doan Vu

## THANK YOU

You can drop off donations to the Samaritan Pantry any day between 7 am and 6 pm. The white door by the carriage house is unlocked at those times. You can put canned good on the table in that room or meats in the freezer.

## 5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (FEB 5)

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:7-10**

If we are prepared to share even life's essentials with others and to act with justice, then we will be very close to God.

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5**

Our faith should not be placed in human wisdom, but in God's power.

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-16**

If we are truly the salt of the earth and the light of the world, people should be able to see Jesus alive and active in us.

## IS GOD CALLING YOU THIS NEW YEAR TO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM?

If you have a desire to develop a more intimate relationship with God through a deeper form of prayer, God may be calling you to the spirituality of Carmel: the spirituality of Saints Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross and Therese of Lisieux. You can explore this call with the Community of Mary of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. We meet the second Saturday of every month at 9:15 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Seaford, DE for Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and Lectio Divina, or sacred reading, of the Sunday Scripture. For further information, and to join us for prayer, please call Dawn Waehler, OCDS, 302-249-6904 or Diane Householder, OCDS, 302-855-1190.

## CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, February 4th, tune-in to learn about the new book, "How I Became a Man: A Life with Communists, Atheists, and Other Nice People," by Father Alexander Krylov. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640.

## SODALITY MTG.

Our next meeting in Sunday, February 12, at 12:30 pm. Come join us in the ELC building.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! Get away for an intimate weekend – no group sharing required. The next weekend is March 10-12, 2023 at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website <http://www.wvme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

## RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Ret-ro-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 10 - 12, 2023 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass being held on World Marriage Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 1 pm at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, Delaware. The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7 through 12.

The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 noon and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however reservations are required. Please make your reservations by January 30th.

This year, you can register by clicking on <https://cdow.coursestorm.com/category/family-life-events> or by calling the office at 302-295-0657. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or [OMFL@cdow.org](mailto:OMFL@cdow.org)

## SWITCH TO eGIVING (HC)

Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2023 that reflect the steadfast promise of God's love. The need is

## MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY/FEBRUARY

<b>30 MONDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	John Hanlin
<b>31 TUESDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	DM McKaig Family
<b>1 WEDNESDAY</b>	
HC 8:15 am	Kathleen Ann Ryzewski
<b>2 THURSDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	John Mullin
ICC 7:00 pm	For the People
<b>3 FRIDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	LI Fr. Tom Flowers
<b>4 SATURDAY</b>	
HC 8 am	Agnes M. Parkey
HC 5:00 pm	Gregory & Brian Shouldis & Debra Shouldis Petrovich
<b>5 SUNDAY</b>	
HC 7:30 am	Kenneth Sr. & Kenneth Jr. Erath
ICC 8:30 am	Deacon James Tormey
HC 9:30 am	Joseph Iplenski
ICC 11:00 am	Shirley Hood
HC 11:30 am	LI John Coury Family
ICC 1:00 pm	For the People

*(LI—LIVING INTENTION  
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)*

great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people all around us.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/DE251](http://faith.direct/DE251). Or go to the Holy Cross website ([holycrossdover.org](http://holycrossdover.org)) and click on the Online Giving button.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of April 21-23, 2023. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or [lucyminn929@gmail.com](mailto:lucyminn929@gmail.com) by April 7.

HOLY CROSS FEBRUARY 4/5

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	J. Salamone P. Sheldon	M. Sirolli N. Sirolli	G. Coyle M. Coyle S. Murawski
	<b>LECTORS</b>		
	J. Davis D. Dixon		
7:30 AM	J. Chandler J. Davis	T. Dinan M. Thompson	T. Catipay B. Gyamfi E. Gyamfi
	<b>LECTORS</b>		
	R. Pritchett		
9:30 AM	C. Robinson G. Wessel	M. Wessel B. Whitworth	A. Wilk C. Wilk R. Willemin
	<b>LECTORS</b>		
	H. Walker M. Sossich		
11:30 AM	T. Hernandez E. Patroiza	M. Richard	
	<b>LECTORS</b>		
	TBD		

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	S. Bell		
	<b>LECTORS</b>		
	J. Tormey, Jr.		
9:30 AM	B. Vanvessan		
	<b>LECTORS</b>		
	S. Tucker		
1:00 PM	TBD		

Thank you to all who help with our various ministries at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception. We are truly grateful for your service to your parishes.

We are always in need of more Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers.

Please call your parish offices if you would be interested in joining in with those who already serve.

REUPHOLSTERING THE PEWS

Beginning on Monday, February 6, the church will be closed for the week to allow for this work to start. **The church will remain closed from February 6 through Saturday morning, February 11.** If they do not complete the job in one week, then the church will reclose again on Monday, February 13, until the job is completed. We will have a better idea once they begin the work.

PRIEST STUDY WEEK

The priests are away on a Priest Study Week the week of Feb. 6 through Feb. 10. There will be Mass on Monday, Feb. 6, at Immaculate Conception at 8 am. The rest of the week, there will be no 8 am Mass or service. **On Saturday, February 11, Mass will be held at 8 am at ICC followed by confessions from 8:30 to 10 am.**

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Can you spare an hour to spend with Jesus? Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am to 9 pm Monday through Sunday. We have openings where you can spend quality time with Our Lord. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

**Please Note: The Chapel will also be closed the week of Feb 6 through Feb. 11 to redo the chairs in the chapel.**

SUNDAY	6 am, 4 pm, 5pm, 6 pm
MONDAY	5 am, 5 pm
TUESDAY	6 am, 5 pm, 8 pm
SATURDAY	8 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

ADULT EDUCATION

The Bible in a Year  
With Fr. Mike Schmitz

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>



- Terminaremos nuestra fiesta navideña el domingo 5 de febrero, con la celebración de la fiesta de la Candelaria. Pueden traer a sus niños dioses para la levantada y se les pide a los anfitriones que fueron bendecidos con el niño en la rosca, por favor de recordar traer los tamales. Si alguien quiera donar algo para compartir se le agradecería.
- La diócesis una vez más nos ha extendido la invitación de participar en la Peregrinación CYM que se llevará a cabo el sábado 1 de abril. Esperamos comenzar los ensayos el miércoles 15 de febrero, en el salón de nuestra parroquia gemela de la Inmaculada Concepción en Marydel. Los ensayos serán todos los miércoles a las 7 de la noche.
- Estamos buscando adolescente y jóvenes para formar parte del elenco para la dramatización de la pasión de nuestro Señor. Si usted desea participar por favor hable con la Sra. Arline Dosman.
- ¿Qué es la Peregrinación? Es llevar la cruz en procesión junto a nuestro obispo Koenig por las calles de la ciudad de Wilmington. La cruz es una réplica de la cruz que San Juan Pablo II les entregó a los jóvenes en la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud en 1984. Es un recorrido de aproximadamente de 3 millas, sale desde la parroquia de Santa Isabel ( St. Elizabeth), llega al hospital de St. Francis donde el obispo bendecirá a los pacientes, sigue y llega a la parroquia de San Antonio de Padua donde habrá un servicio de Reconciliación, habrán varios sacerdotes disponibles para escuchar confesiones en inglés y español, después continua la peregrinación hacia la Academia de Padua donde nuestro grupo dramatizará la Estaciones de la Cruz, inmediatamente después sale para iglesia de san Pablo donde el Santísimo estará expuesto terminada la hora Santa, sigue su recorrido y llega a la iglesia de Santa Eduvigis ( St. Hedwig Church) donde se bendecirán las Palmas del domingo de Ramos y después sigue la peregrinación con las palmas hasta la iglesia de Santa Isabel para la Santa Misa las 5:00 pm y clausura de la peregrinación. Hay que inscribirse. Más adelante se les dará información sobre las inscripciones. Se les invita a todos a participar de esta peregrinación y de testimonio de su fe católica en las calles de la ciudad de Wilmington.
- Estamos organizando una reunión de planeamiento el para el domingo, 5 de marzo en el salón parroquial de eventos. Esta reunión es de suma importancia para planear todas las actividades del próximo año litúrgico que será desde Julio 2023 a Junio 2024. Si usted está interesado en contribuir con ideas, trabajo por el bien común de nuestra comunidad y nuestra parroquia venga a esta reunión, que durara aproximadamente 2 horas. Es una reunión de trabajo y les pedimos encarecidamente de no traer niños, porque es una jornada larga y los niños se inquietan y hay que atenderlos y se hace más larga la reunión. Todos están invitados, todos somos iglesia.
- Si usted desea compartir su talento o quiera participar en alguno de los ministerios por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Arline Dosman o llame a la oficina parroquia al 302-674-5787 ext. 118

## ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

- El Retiro de Mount es del 3 al 5 de Febrero, se les dará un paquete con información en la próxima clase.
- Retiro para aquellos que NO van al Retiro de Mount 2000, es el sábado 28 de enero, de 8 am – 8 pm en Santa Cruz, Dover.

### CONFIRMACION DE JOVENES:

- Quinta Sesión es el Domingo, 12 de febrero, a las 2:30-5pm en el Salón Parroquial.

### Clases de Primera Comunión en ICC:

- Segunda Sesión es el martes 7 de febrero de 6:30 – 7:30 en el salón

**Formación de catequistas :** Martes, 31 de enero a las 7:00 PM en el Salón

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next Class 2/12/2023 3 to 5 pm

Next class 2/26/2023

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Registration forms available at [holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation](http://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation)

If you have any questions contact Tammy Korosec either 302-674-5787 x122 or [tkorosec@holycrossdover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossdover.org)

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### LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

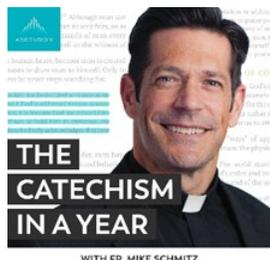
Next class February 12, 2023 at 10:30 am in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Early Learning Center. Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF? Contact Tammy Korosec.

### ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (HC)

"The Eucharist in Scripture" with Scott Hahn  
"In *The Eucharist in Scripture*, discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Mass. This six-lesson study, presented by Dr. Scott Hahn, will unlock the meaning of covenant, sacrifice, and sacrament as understood in the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation.

Built around three of Dr. Hahn's foundational talks: "The Lamb's Supper," "The Fourth Cup," and "Consuming the Word," *The Eucharist in Scripture* examines the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and explores the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the Bible."

Classes began January 10th at either 9AM or 7 PM in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Parish Office. This will be a free class. No workbooks will be provided. If you are interested contact Tammy Korosec at either [tkorosec@holycrossdover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossdover.org) or call (302) 674-5787 X 122



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### CONFIRMATION AT HOLY CROSS

#### Confirmation Classes

Next classes - Sunday, January 22 and January 25

#### Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, January 28 at Holy Cross. We will begin at 8 am in the Parish Hall. This retreat is for all those who were unable to attend the overnight retreat in November.

#### Jesus Night

Open to any teen 6th grade through 12th grade. Friday evening, February 3 from 7-9 pm at Holy Cross. Enjoy a night of fellowship, fun, witness and worship with Damascus Camp. Cost is \$10 per person, and teens must be accompanied by a parent. You must register on line <https://www.cdowcym.org/forms/jesus-night-registration/>

#### CHWC - Drexel Hill - June 25 to June 30, 2023

June 25 to June 30, 2023 in Drexel Hill, PA. We have a few spots open - please consider joining us for a week of service, faith, and fellowship. See Mrs. Darling for more details..

#### Purse Bingo:

Please join us Saturday evening, March 25 for a fun-filled evening, and a chance to win a great purse! Cost is \$30 for 10 games, door prizes and light refreshments served. 50/50 and basket auction tickets available for sale. Must be 18 to play. Please see Linda Darling for tickets - tables of 8 may be reserved. Proceeds go to help our high school teens attend Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer in Drexel Hill, PA. Thank you for your support.

### SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Youth Confirmation for Immaculate Conception: Mount 2000 Retreat is February 3-5th. Information packets will be given at class. Session Five is Sunday, February 12, at 2:30-5pm in the Parish hall.

First Communion classes Immaculate Conception:

Second Session is Tuesday, February 7, 6:30-7:30pm in the ICC hall.

Catechist Formation In-Service: Tuesday, January 31st at 7pm in Parish Hall.

It happens every single morning. I have an etched in stone morning routine this year. Being a creature of habit and routine, I am enjoying the new experience of letting nothing; (or almost nothing) interfere with my morning rounds. Immediately following my arrival, I tarry not in going upstairs to my classroom space. Once I have all in place for my first period class, I hurry downstairs to meet the Beach bus. I have a little friend in the Three Year Old Room who needs an escort to see to the safe arrival to his “school” (as he excitedly refers to it as we approach the building); I am his self-appointed companion. It is an enjoyable 10 or so minutes of each early morning as we meet friends along the way, sometimes taking little detours here or there. My little friend loves to make a pit stop in “Mr. Seams gym” where we find the basketballs and a soccer ball or two. Once we arrive in the ELC and receive the warm welcome from Miss Dornberger, Miss Belt, and Mrs. Kolakowski we make our way to our final destination. The TYO classroom where Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Smallwood cheerfully greet my friend and welcome him to the new day. Shortly thereafter I am off for the elementary building. Sometimes I make it before 8:00 prayers and sometimes I do not. Turning down my radio slightly so as not to interfere with those in the classrooms, I might decide to step in and join a class for prayers. But, it’s the times that I don’t that I enjoy most of all. I don’t suppose that makes a lot of sense, does it? Of course, I enjoy being in the rooms for prayers. But my greatest enjoyment in the daily practice of morning prayer is just the listening, being the invisible, silent observer in the hallway. As one of our teachers reads the scripture, prays the Act of Love, recites the HCS mission statement, and leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance, the best part of it all is listening to the sound of the children’s voices as they pray in unison. Standing in the hallway and listening to the sweet sound of children in prayer gives me a genuine sense of peace, and it is a true blessing. My next blessing in the early hour of the school day is just around the corner when my group of students enter our Math classroom. I have said in jest that this is the one and only hour of the day that I have complete control over!

It is Catholic Schools Week, and while we don’t entirely cast aside daily routine, discipline and structure; we have tried to incorporate some fun and different activities into the week when we celebrate our identity as a Catholic school. Follows is a glimpse into the week. Our fourth grade students have prepared the Mass for us as we open the week in prayer and worship. The first day of the week is showing appreciation for our volunteers. A volunteer is one who gives freely from the heart their time and talent for the benefit of others. Our school abounds in these wonderful people who literally, every day ask how they can help or be of service to our school community. All our sports teams are guided and instructed by volunteers, all of our OM coaches are volunteers, all of our extra-curricular leaders are volunteers, and our HSA representatives; our cafeteria moms, all serve with a smile. This year as a school we have decided to place a permanent Garden of Appreciation in place in honor and as a display of gratitude for all those who cheerfully show up without fail; just to help. You will find this garden on the exit driveway near the overhang of the Parish Hall entrance. The second day of the week is for the students. A few ways of demonstrating our appreciation for them will be in the offering of free ice cream sundaes, and a dress-down day, an afternoon movie and popcorn are also on the agenda. Wednesday marks the day when we honor our Nation. While in uniform, the students will fancy it up a little with patriotic bling, we are calling it Red, White, and Blue with Bling. As a school we will gather round our flag poles for our morning prayers and Pledge of Allegiance while our melodious choir leads us in the Star-Spangled Banner. Thursday is the day we set aside for showing our appreciation to our clergy. On behalf of the school community gift cards will be presented to our Pastor, Father Lentini and our Parochial Vicar, Father Ferris. Our eighth grade students worked very hard on group presentations centered on vocations. While we steadfastly believe that our first vocation in life is to live our lives as disciples of Christ, we also have the option to serve Him in different ways. The Four Main Vocations the Catholic Church recognizes are: Priesthood, Religious Life, Marriage, and Single Life. The presentations prepared last year by our eighth graders were very informative in the research that was presented. Presenters dressed in the role they represented, their visual aids were educational and the students appreciated the clear and grade-appropriate explanation presented on the definition of vocation in the church. This is also the day our students will be in their silliest of silly socks. But only if they bring a new pair of socks to donate as we collect for People’s Place. And then...the highlight of the day on Friday will be the Student-Faculty Volleyball game. It’s the first event of this nature in a few years....our spirits will run high. Hold your ears and scream your loudest for.....the winning team.

It is the right thing to do; to celebrate all that is good about a Catholic education, when now more than ever it’s the only way to educate a child where a lifetime of learning, and the inspiration to serve others as socially responsible citizens begins.

and spiritually we need to understand the difference or nuance in terms.

**Homecoming.** So, why am I emphasizing these distinctions of language during this Christian Unity Week? I am explaining these points because for there to be true unity, we must understand what it is we are uniting. As Catholics, when we speak of Christian Unity, we are not seeking to unite 41,000 churches. Rather, as the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, we are seeking to reconcile and welcome back the members of those 41,000 denominations into the one flock entrusted by Christ to St. Peter and his successors: the Catholic Church. We are seeking a homecoming.

**Still the One.** As Christ gave us one, holy, catholic and Apostolic Church, it is our ardent desire and prayer that when Jesus comes again, that one Church – made in unity from the diversity of God’s people – will be one again. The Prophet Isaiah famously wrote, *“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.”* That one “great light” is the one true God. And that one true God is at one with us; and we, his Church, his people, are called to be likewise at one with him. There should be one faith, one flock.

**Obstacle Course.** But there are obstacles to that one-ness. There are doctrinal, scriptural, ethical, and moral separations between the Catholic Church and those 41,000 Christian denominations. Some of those distinctions have lessened in some areas, some have become more pronounced. Nonetheless we still strive for the goal of having all the people of this world in the one-fold, the one flock, the one church.

**Right on the Money!** Thus, Christian Unity is not aimed at merely understanding what others believe – though of course that helps – the goal of Christianity Unity is to unite. The goal of Christian Unity week is best summed up by the words on the scroll held in the mouth of the eagle on the back of the one-dollar bill: *E pluribus unum* – from many, one. Our current state of affairs is that we have *E unus pluribus* – from one church given us, we made many.

**Meanwhile in Corinth.** St. Paul encountered this problem of division amongst the Corinthians, who found themselves divided by rivalries – with various factions following Paul, Peter and Apollos. An exasperated St. Paul finally declared to the Corinthians: *“Is Christ divided?”* (1 Corinthians 1:13). The question was, of course, rhetorical – Christ isn’t divided, nor should the Corinthians be... and nor should we be.

**One and Many.** Thus, within our faith, we can have distinctions, not divisions. That is to say, picking up on my earlier point, we can be individuals, in many things, but we must surrender to Christ in order to be a community. We must conform ourselves to Christ, each individually, in order to unite ourselves as community of faith. Put another way, God is a unity and a trinity – a one and a many. So, too, we are to imitate that: making a one from a many.

**A Musical Note.** Another way of putting is to use the analogy of how a choir works. For members of a choir to form that choir...

- they have to sing from the same song sheet,
- they have to keep time with one another
- they have to commit themselves to the same music
- they have to be at one with each other and the music,
- and above all, in their performance, they have to be faithful to creator’s work.
- It is then, that they serve the beauty of music best.

**A Modest Goal.** And for us, we pray for Christian unity, we pray that we can sing from the same song sheet and make music. We pray that those who broke-away – many times for sincere reasons – and that those who broke away from the breakaways – start to come back. That they their journey home to what Christ gave us, his one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. And then, maybe as just a start we can get from 41,000 groups, to 40,999 – and that would a beginning.

**Avoiding Splinters.** From the one Church that Christ entrusted to us, we have seen it devolve into 41,000 denominations. That splintering, that disunity is a scandal and is a result of mankind’s desire to make truth subjective rather than objective. And, if truth continues to be relegated as nothing more than a personal construct -- that is, that each of us gets to find our own truth and there is no universal truth -- and if that line of thinking does not abate, there will not be 41,000 denominations, but six billion.

There is but one Lord, one God, one Truth, one Church, one Church – and so let us commit ourselves to praying for that oneness of Christian unity, so that at the return of Christ, we may proudly wave a banner reading, *E Pluribus Unum*.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor