



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

January 23, 2022

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 and Friday, 12:10 pm
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am—9 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

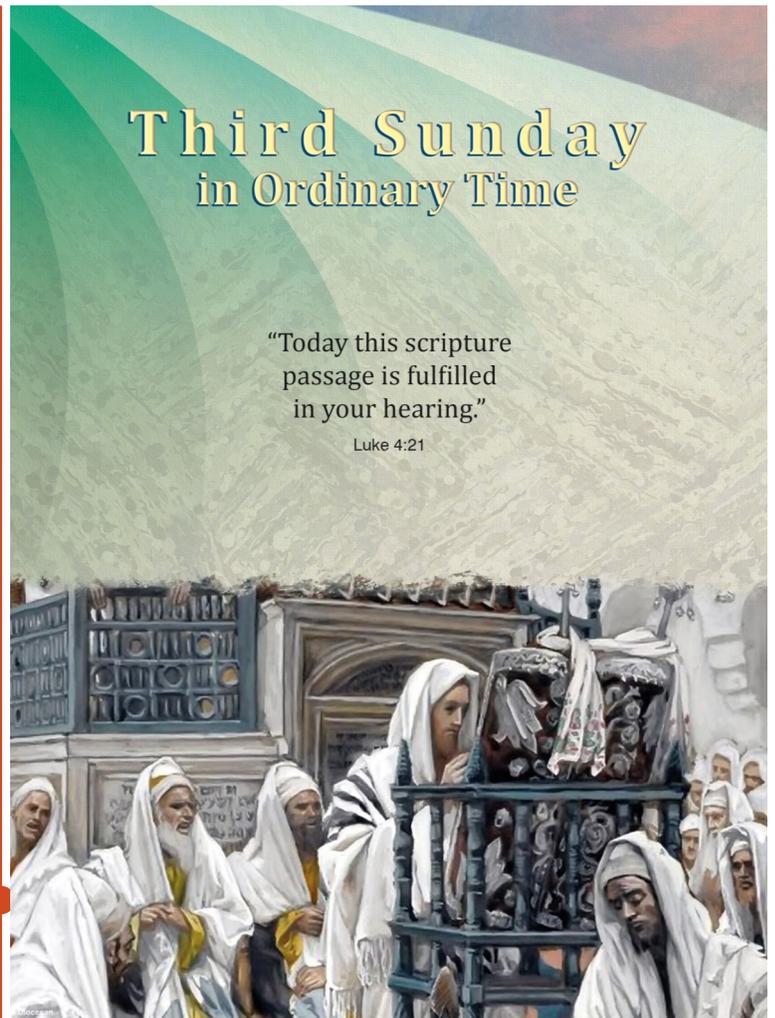
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Today this scripture
passage is fulfilled
in your hearing.”

Luke 4:21

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

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

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

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

January 9, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$25,230	\$26,000	(\$700)
YTD	\$739,273	\$728,200	\$11,073
Needs	\$1,894	\$1,480	\$414
Christmas	\$34,556	\$35,000	(\$444)

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending January 9, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,381
2nd collection	\$1,042

For tax statements for ICC, please contact the ICC Parish Office.

Tax Statements

The HC Parish Office is preparing tax letters for everyone who contributed during the 2021 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. Thank you.

Dear Parishioner,

In recent years, I have been asked by various folks in our parish communities at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception about the Church's proscription of "servile work" on the Sabbath (Sunday). Often these folks are concerned that they are doing servile work on the Lord's Day, and are placing themselves in sin, or they are causing someone else to do servile work on Sunday and are likewise sinning. There is at times a level of over-analysis and scrupulosity on this matter that is troubling, and a bit OCD for my taste. So, I want to use this column to talk about the meaning of avoiding servile labor on Sunday, its origins and what the Church teaches.

Sabbath: Its Genesis in Genesis. Where does this proscription against servile labor on the Sabbath find its origin? Like a centerfielder trying to catch a strongly hit home-run, it goes back... back... way back. It starts in the book of Genesis, where we find God creating everything. On the first day he creates night and day; on the second day, the sky and the seas; on the third day, the land and the vegetation; on the fourth day, the stars, the sun and the moon; on the fifth day, sea creatures, fish and bird; on the sixth day, animal life and man; and on the seventh day, he rested.

Meanwhile in Exodus. That seventh day — the day when God rested — became identified as the Sabbath. However, in Genesis, that day was never identified as the Sabbath, but by the time of the Book of Exodus, the term Sabbath is definitely in use and can be found in use by the Hebrews (the Jewish people) throughout that book. The Sabbath was observed from dusk on Friday to dusk on Saturday. This was set into concrete when the God gave Moses the Commandments. As a matter of fact, the Commandment concerning the Sabbath has the lengthiest description of any of the Commandments. In Exodus 20:8-11, in the midst of relating the Ten Commandments, God gives the commandment regarding the Sabbath in these words:

"Remember the sabbath day—keep it holy. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God. You shall not do any work, either you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your work animal, or the resident alien within your gates."

What is Work? You can't do any work? What do you do on the Sabbath? Well, in Leviticus 19:30, God says, "Keep my sabbaths, and reverence my

sanctuary." So, a day of rest and a day of worship is certainly commanded here. But, coming to the question which people have asked me about, "What constitutes work?" Is cooking a meal work? Is making your bed work? Is cleaning out your sock drawer work? Is looking for my McDonald's gift cards work? Is (gasp) driving to the McDonald's drive-thru work?

A 39-Step Program. Well, short answer, it's complicated. The Hebrew word for work was "melakha" — and it doesn't correspond to our concept of work today. It really dealt with element of "creation." Anyway, over time, Jewish scholars and Rabbis, define 39 things that constitute work, and one of which kind of qualifies all the rest. What are these 39 things? They "melakha" (work) dealing with items in four areas: bread-making (food), clothing, animal hides, and construction. Deep breath, and here are the 39 items: planting, plowing, reaping, gathering, threshing, winnowing, sorting, grinding, sifting, kneading, cooking, shearing, laundering, combing wool, dyeing, spinning, warping, threading needles, weaving, separating threads, tying, untying, sewing, tearing, trapping, killing, flaying/skinning, curing/preservation, smoothing, scoring, measured cutting, the order of construction, writing, erasing, construction, demolition, extinguishing a fire, ignition, final completion/fine-tuning/perfecting, and transferring between domains.

Thus Spoke Shaggy. To quote Shaggy from Scooby Doo, "Zoinks!" That's some list. But don't some of these things have to be done on the Sabbath? And Jewish law also commends God's call to, as it is stated in Hebrew, *oneg Shabbat*, that is: to enjoy the Sabbath. So with all of the prohibition, can anything be done to "enjoy the Sabbath." Yes. You see, that last item on the prohibition list qualifies everything else: "transferring between domains." In Judaism, there are three major domains: Private, Public and Semi-Public. On the Sabbath, many of those prohibition items can rightly be done in the private domain (the home or the extended community), not in the public or semi-public domain. What the heck does that mean? So, in traditional Judaic understanding, you can cook for your family, even for extended family and community, but not be put into labor to cook. On the Sabbath, you can build a baby's crib in the private domain (home), but can't go out buy a crib, and spend money to do so, in the public/semi-public domain and then lug it back home. That's cross-

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HC & ICC CLERGY

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

HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Because we are humans, we have eyes, ears, hands, feet. Ideally, they all work together. Is there any part of your body that sometimes gives you trouble? How might your beloved aid or comfort you? Ask.

PARENTING POINTERS

Envision a world where every human life is valued and protected. Help your children understand the importance of protecting life, no matter how small, by some act of solidarity with children younger than themselves today.

SVDP MEETING (IC)

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

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP (IC)

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

KNITTING CLUB (HC)

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

READINGS FOR JANUARY 30

4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 1:4-5, 17-19

We are all called by God from the moment of our creation in the womb for one purpose: life with God.

SECOND READING : 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12:31—13:13

The greatest spiritual gift is love. Love is not just a feeling; it is a way of life that includes a commitment to others.

GOSPEL: 4:21-30

Jesus is rejected by the people of Nazareth. They go in a short time from marveling at his words to turning into a mob threatening to kill him.



THE MINISTRY OF MEN TO MEN

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences and prayers to the families of:

- James Palmer
- Ramoncito Villegas

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newest member who was recently baptized:

- Greta James Temple

MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY

24 MONDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Byron Dorberger
25 TUESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Nancy Palumbo
26 WEDNESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Dominic Coroniti
27 THURSDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Mary Coyle
ICC 6:30 pm	For the People
28 FRIDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Joseph Delpercio
29 SATURDAY	
HC 8 am	Mario E. Beltran
HC 5 pm	June Clacher
30 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	Roderick Lavoie
ICC 8:30 am	Sharon Welsh
HC 9:30 am	LI Grace Kapys
ICC 11 am	Catherine Beck
HC 11:30 am	Rev. Thomas E. Hanley
ICC 1 pm	For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

faith in action

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

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

HOLY CROSS JAN 29/30, 2022

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM M. Casey L. Darling L. Curley
J. Clendaniel F. Ernst A. Zink
D. Darling E. Zink

LECTORS

F. Urick
V. Viccy

7:30 AM R. Fritzsche M. Thompson E. Bydlon
R. O'Neill A. Wyllie S. Shevock
P. Sheldon C. Wilk

LECTORS

R. Pritchett

9:30 AM T. Arndt R. Willey A. Torbert
K. Boyer J. Zajac B. Torbert
M. Sossich C. Torbert

LECTORS

M. Sherlock
C. Petka

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

LECTORS

A. Luna

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM M. Dixon

LECTORS

K. Cairns

11:00 AM M. Soule

LECTORS

A. Meyer

1:00 PM To be determined

LECTORS

B. Gonzalez

ATTENTION ALL EXTRA-ORDINARY
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Parishioners in need of our Homebound Ministry is growing by leaps and bounds, and we need more EM's who are willing to become part of our homebound ministry. We serve nursing homes, assisted living facilities, the hospital, and those at home.

Please consider joining this ministry. We will train you and have you shadow another EM to get you ready. Call the Parish Office so we can get you started. Please pray to discern if this ministry would be for you. We need your help!!

Call 302-674-5787,
ext. 110 or 113 to leave your name.

SAVE THE DATE:

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



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

VIRTUAL BASKET AUCTION FUNDRAISER

The Delaware State Columbiettes will be sponsoring a virtual Basket Auction on Sunday, February 27th at 1:00 P.M. There will be dozens of wonderful baskets to take a chance on. Tickets are \$25.00 for a single sheet (20 chances to win) or \$15.00 for a half sheet (10 chances to win)! They may be purchased by sending a check made payable to Delaware State Columbiettes with your name, email and phone number, to Arlene Brown, 87 Paige Place, Felton, DE 19943 (amb550@hotmail.com).

We will email you your ticket number and the Zoom information prior to the event if you would like to attend. If you cannot attend, we will contact to you if you win! TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY February 23rd! We look forward to having you join us for a fun filled afternoon.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

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

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

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

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

NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANIA

- Recordando un profundo sentido de agradecimiento a quien en vida era el padre Thomas Hanley. Quien acogió al forastero. Tuvo, la visión de crear el ministerio Hispano en la Parroquia de Holy Cross y nace la primera misa en español sábado, 29 de octubre, 1989 a las 5:00pm con una asistencia de 11 fieles, pero la comunidad fue creciendo domingo tras domingo, gracias a esa visión.
- El horario de la misa dominical fue cambiando 1995 se cambió a domingo a la 1:30 de la tarde con la edificación del nuevo templo en; 1997 se movió a la 1:00 pm y cuando se volvió a abrir las puertas del templo en la pandemia se cambió a las 11:30 am horario actual con una asistencia entre 300 a 450 feligreses.
- El padre Hanley nos abrió las puertas y nos dio el espacio para que pudiéramos integrarnos a la parroquia con nuestras tradiciones, devociones, culturas y de esta manera enriquecernos, formando parte integral de la vida parroquial; nos dio un sentido de pertenencia y corresponsabilidad. Recuerdo con afinidad que todos los domingos después de la Santa Misa nos reuníamos en la rectoría y compartíamos lo poco o mucho que teníamos, alimentos, risas, éxitos, penas y alegrías. El padre Hanley siempre nos recordaba que teníamos una fe y tradiciones católicas muy profunda y que no lo deberíamos de perder esas tradiciones, más bien de pasarla a nuestros hijos.
- Caminaba con su pueblo, formó el ministerio de visita al trabajador inmigrante; así todos los martes visitabas y oraba con los trabajadores migrantes en las fincas. Celebro matrimonios múltiples, Bautizos y Primeras Comuniones con los trabajadores migrantes, visitaba las familias y compartía con ellos. Tenía un gran cariño por los jóvenes. Jugaba deportes con ellos, siempre sembrando la semilla de la fe en ellos y la importancia de asistir a la santa misa y de los Sacramentos.
- Gracias, padre Thomas Hanley por abrir las puertas al forastero y por Caminar con el pueblo y la comunidad Hispana. Siempre tendrá un lugar especial en nuestros corazones. Descanse en Paz y que brille la luz perpetua sobre usted.
- Este domingo 9 de enero, vamos a remover del templo todas las flores y las cosas navideñas después de la santa Misa. Si usted desea ayudar se le agradece.
- No habrá la celebración de la Candelaria en la parroquia, pero si usted va a tener una levantada en su hogar con mucho cuidado. Recuerde que todavía estamos con el contagio del virus.
- Sinodalidad el Papa Francisco ha invitado a toda la Iglesia a un Sínodo cuyo título es «Por una Iglesia sinodal: Una Iglesia sinodal es una

Iglesia que escucha, recuerde que escuchar es más que oír. Donde todos tenemos algo que aportar y todos formamos la iglesia y en la cual cada uno tiene algo que aprender del otro. Una iglesia sinodal es una iglesia fraterna, en comunión, participación y misión. La palabra “sínodo” significa “caminar juntos” —laicos, inmigrantes, ricos, pobres, todas las razas y lenguas incluyendo los que están en la periferia, el clero, el magisterio todos somos hijos de Dios hecho a su imagen y semejanza — es un concepto fácil de expresar con palabras, pero qué difícil es ponerlo en práctica. Hay un gran trabajo que hacer para poder tener una iglesia sinodal, tenemos que aprender que todos tenemos algo que aportar, pero es necesario la participación, el escuchar y el caminar juntos. Pidamos al Espíritu Santo que nos guíe en este “Caminar juntos”. La Diócesis de Wilmington esta trabajando para formar un proceso de consulta donde se le invita a la participación en un futuro no muy lejano.

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

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

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

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

Dismissal from the ramp side will be as follows:

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

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

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

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

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

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

Adult Eductaion (HC)

The Bible in a Year Podcast

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

In English:

Father Mike Schmitz
<https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>



In Spanish:

Fray Sergio Serrano
<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration>



YOUTH AT HOLY CROSS

Next Class for Confirmation:

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

Confirmation Retreats:

February 5 or 12 - please email Mrs. Darling with your choice of date.
ldarling@holycrossdover.org

Youth Group:

Next Youth Group Meeting- please mark your calendar for March 26. Junior High - 3-4:30 High School 6-7:30

Catholic Heart Work Camp Meeting:

Tuesday, March 15 at 7 pm in the ELC Matthew/Mark room upstairs. Any 8th through 1st year college teens interested in attending Greensboro camp July 17 to 23 are asked to attend. Registration and fundraising will be discussed.

SRE (IC)

All classes are meeting from 9:40-10:50am every Sunday in classrooms. Please park, walk your children to hall, and pick up in front of the hall. Please be on time and pick up by 10:55am. Masks are still required for students and teachers. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself.

Sacraments: (IC)

1st Communion Prep: First Class begins on, Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:30-7:30pm in the hall. Please be on time.

Youth confirmation prep- Next session will be Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 2:30-5pm in the hall

Symbolon (IC)

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

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

I believe there is a lot to be said for allegiance. I believe it to be a commendable attribute. We teach our children the concept of allegiance. We teach our students the concept of allegiance to God, country, and family. We say the pledge of allegiance every morning as a part of our morning prayers. Allegiance, built early on, is allegiance that can last a lifetime.

In considering the current roster of faculty and staff members, twenty of them have had their children enrolled in Holy Cross, many of whom have joined the ranks after their children had started their educational career. Inspired by all that our school has always represented as far as values, beliefs, Catholic identity, and the educational foundation laid by our teachers, there are twenty current faculty members who have realized that the best investment they could possibly make in their child's future is to provide them with a Catholic education. Then, when the day comes when mom pulls into the parking lot with her kids all set for a new day, she parks the car, she gets out and starts pulling her bags out from the back of the family jitney because she has a classroom of her own, a group of students of her own to attend to; well, my friends that's just the icing on the cake; the cherry atop the sundae; it's a grand-slam homerun!!

Last week, you may recall I sent a much-deserved shout-out to our substitute teachers, A group small in number, however, their number has no bearing on the enormous number of times they have saved the day for us. It bears repeating, my gratitude to Mrs. Hauss, Mrs. Korosek, Mrs. Smith, Deacon Vince, and Mrs. Bason is immeasurable.

My number of years at Holy Cross is in excess of 30. I have had the pleasure of working alongside of many of our teachers who began their full-time teaching career as substitutes in our classrooms. Some of them I first met when they were students in my Math class, years before their personal epiphany which ultimately led them back to Holy Cross. Some of them I met as they substituted in classrooms, a few while working on their own degree in Education, with the sole intent of applying for a position at Holy Cross. This week's entry is to recognize and pay tribute to those who have heard and answered the call to teach in a Catholic school, using substitute teaching as their springboard into the full-time classroom.

Mrs. Alexandra Bydlon- I first met Mrs. Bydlon when she was in seventh grade, her dad, Mr. Seams was also a teacher at HCS, and I knew the family was rooted in the parish as well as the school. Mrs. Bydlon realized her calling after having completed her first degree. With the enrollment of her two girls, she applied to substitute in the classroom. She proved herself most adept given a classroom full of children, proving herself most valuable in the fact that she displayed a calm and easy way with students in all grade levels. Currently, Mrs. Bydlon teaches in our fifth grade.

Mrs. Susan Cutrona- I first met Susan Cutrona when she was in seventh grade, she was a quiet and diligent student. Some years later she graduated from the University of Delaware after completing degree work in Education. Shortly thereafter Mrs. Cutrona was hired to teach in the elementary school here at Holy Cross. I have fond memories of her working with the Middle States Committee while she served on the Hospitality Committee. I also have a pleasant recollection of traveling with her to San Francisco for a professional development. After a few years, Mrs. Cutrona responded by saying yes to God and Mr. Mark Cutrona beginning her second career as wife and mother. After several years, and three children later, Mrs. Cutrona agreed to return to the classroom as a substitute. As an administrator I have waited and waited and waited for Mrs. Cutrona to say yes to me. Understandably so, Mrs. Cutrona's allegiance was first to her family. With her youngest in school, Mrs. Cutrona finally said yes to substituting in the classroom. I tried to take full advantage of her free time by asking her to work with a few of our second graders who had shown great promise in Math. She began by working with them a couple of days a week before scrapping that whole idea and committed herself to a full five days. It has proven to be a successful venture, and the students have blossomed. She was flexible enough to work around her group and substitute for us when she could. I was beginning to think she dreaded the sight of my approach in her direction. In good spirit, she always helped when she could. Today you will find Mrs. Cutrona teaching in third grade.

Mrs. Suzanne McGowan- Having her two children at HC, Mrs. McGowan subbed for me in the classroom a couple of times. Always very thorough in her duties, she has often told the story of subbing for me. Not knowing a whole bunch about Math, she just walked up and down the rows praying her Rosary. Mrs. McGowan began her teaching career in the public sector. One of the first times I ever saw her she was literally skipping across the parking lot in the direction of the ELC, the home of her classroom. Her love for our school has been manifested time and again, but it's through her years of service on our Religion Committee that I will always hold dear. A real out-of-the box thinker, I always enjoyed serving on the committee with her and most of all enjoyed watching her formulate an idea, one idea leading to another, and to another. Always in great spirits, she brings great joy to the classroom and her students, past and present, adore her.

I have used up all my space and have only scratched the surface of paying tribute to those who have demonstrated a loving allegiance to HCS. Stay tuned...there's so much more to come.

ing domains, and that constitutes work. Back in the day, home-offices didn't exist, thus that would be a whole 'nother issue.

Important Distinction. Okay, everything I noted above is in the context of Judaism specifically, not in the context of Christianity nor in the context of Catholic teaching. Though, certainly, Christianity takes a strong cue and many principles from some these origins regarding the Sabbath.

Sunday Morning Comin' Down. So, for Christianity, with the resurrection our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday, the concept of the Sabbath remained, but its day of observance became Sunday (or Liturgically speaking, Saturday evening and Sunday). Fun fact: In our Romance languages, the connect between Sabbath and Saturday remain linguistically: Spanish (sabado) and Italian (sabato), both mean "Saturday." Sunday, the day we observe as the Sabbath is more common identified as "The Lord's Day" (hence in Spanish "Domingo" and in Italian "Domenica" — God's day).

Catholic Teaching. So, you may wonder in Christianity, in our Catholic faith — do we have 39 prohibitions, do we have private domain/public domain limitation? The answer is, basically, no. Our restrictions are there, but they are far more expansive in their scope and less defined in their application. What does the Church say about "work" on the Sabbath ("the Lord's day"). Well, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2184), states the following as an overarching principle:

"Just as God "rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done," human life has a rhythm of work and rest. The institution of the Lord's Day helps everyone enjoy adequate rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social, and religious lives."

Worship and Enjoyment. What are the specific limits of that broad statement? The Catechism says that "the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God" and that would hinder "the joy proper to the Lord's Day." So, you are called to set aside time to worship God (i.e., go to Mass) and to enjoy the day (e.g., be with friends, play/watch sport, partake in hobbies, etc.). Also, you are to enjoy "relaxation of mind and body." The Church also notes that refraining from work never includes refraining from "works of mercy."

Are there things that may precipitate a need for work on the Lord's Day? Yep! The Church teaching (CCC #2185), "Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse from the obligation of Sunday rest." So, if Baby Fauntleroy needs a diaper change, you can't say, "Eh, that can wait until Monday." If you did that, that would really stink — literally! More practically, you may need to go grocery shopping, or shop for needed items for the home. If you are a volunteer fireman ("important social service") you can certainly work. Likewise there are those who do work on Sunday "because of poverty and misery" (i.e., they need to work, or are in desperate straits).

What about Baseball and Food? Ah, baseball and food (for example) — now, this hits close to home. But the Church in its generous hearts says, "Traditional activities (sport, restaurants, etc.), and social necessities (public services, etc.), require some people to work on Sundays, but everyone should still take care to set aside sufficient time for leisure." Spiritually, the Church teaches, "Sunday is a time for reflection, silence, cultivation of the mind, and meditation which furthers the growth of the Christian interior life."

Holy Day vs. Holiday. And finally, the Church calls the faithful to bring the spirit of the Sabbath to all in society; in CCC #2188, the Church teaches, "In respecting religious liberty and the common good of all, Christians should seek recognition of Sundays and the Church's holy days as legal holidays. They [Christians] have to give everyone a public example of prayer, respect, and joy and defend their traditions as a precious contribution to the spiritual life of society."

So, that is, I know, a lot to digest. But for those who struggle for heeding the Commandment regarding the Sabbath, as a day of rest, in the context of the Church's teaching, I would commend you to —like Mary— take all of these things and ponder them in your heart. Perhaps this is a good topic to, dare I say, work on this Sunday. God bless you all!

Yours in Christ,
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