



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

July 16, 2023

15th 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



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

He spoke to them at length in parables, saying:
"A sower went out to sow."

Matthew 13:3

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The Sower and the Sunset, by Vincent Van Gogh, 1888

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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

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.



Holy Cross Summer Office Hours for Parish Office and School Office:

Monday thru Thursday : 9 am to 1 pm
Friday: Closed

Immaculate Conception Summer Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9 am to 3 pm
Wednesday and Friday: Closed



ANNUAL APPEAL

Don't forget to contribute to the Catholic Annual Appeal if you have not already done so. We have not met our goal of \$220,000 for Holy Cross. To date \$200,166.47 pledged for Holy Cross.

Immaculate Conception's goal is \$25,000 and to date they have \$21,095.47 pledged.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

Ending July 2, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$24,266	\$26,376	(\$2110)
YTD	\$24,266	\$26,376	(\$2,110)
Needs	\$1,702	\$1,172	(\$10)

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending July 2, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$4,543
Second Collection	\$650

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Dear Parishioner,

Before I start this column, I want to give a welcome to Fr. John Hynes, a long-time pastor in the Diocese of Wilmington who retired this year. Fr. Hynes will join Msgr. McGlynn in spending the retirement period of his priesthood with us. To be clear, Fr. Hynes is not assigned here — only Fr. Ferris and I are (i.e., we are still a short-staffed two-priest parish) — but you are likely to see him helping out at different times. Of note, Fr. Hynes was succeeded at his previous parish (St. Catherine of Siena) by our former parochial vicar Fr. Etim, who began leading that parish on about a week ago. A heartfelt welcome to Fr. Hynes as he begins his time here, and heartfelt best wishes to Fr. Etim, as he starts his new ministerial role up at St. Catherine's in Wilmington.

With the summer of 2023 in full swing, and vacationers are once again queuing up to get into airports, and then queuing up again to get through security, and then queuing up again to board their plane, and then queuing up again to collect their luggage — it occurs to me that flyers tend to spend more time waiting on the ground, than flying in the air. Thank goodness I like to drive everywhere — the only queuing up I have to do when I travel is in the drive-thru line at a McDonald's for an extraordinary dinner!

The Birds, the Bees, and a Flying Rat. In any event, with flying on the agenda of many, I thought I offer up this column about flying. But, not about everyday flying — that is, this column is not about planes, blimps, balloons, zeppelins, flying saucers, drones or gliders, nor is it about bats, birds, bees, nor is it about anomalies (i.e., flying rats, check that out online), pterodactyls, or even Rocky, the Flying Squirrel. No, none of that. Instead, this column will start off with a very special nun, and lead into some very special saints, all of whom could fly. Does this pique your interest? Well, then, come fly with me!

Field Work. The year was 1967, and actress Sally Field (who would go on to be an academy award winning star in several major motion pictures), landed the lead role in a series called *"The Flying Nun."* Based on the 1965 book *"The Fifteenth Pelican,"* the show told the story of Sr. Bertrille (Sally Field) a novice sister in a community of religious sisters in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Creature of Habit. These sisters wore a cornette-styled habit, similar to those worn by the Daughters of Charity. That style of habit features large starched pieces of white cloth that jut out like a wing on either side of the head. When wearing her habit, Sr. Bertrille, who was

small and lightweight, found that when the strong winds around San Juan kicked up, she was able, with the help of that stiff-starched habit, to rise up and fly. The theme song (as sung by Field in the first episode of the show) sums up the premise: *"Who needs wings to fly? Certainly not I ... as long as there's a habit standing by, who needs things like wings to fly?"* Ok. Yes, a ridiculous premise; but a show that is fondly-remembered by many. This TV show was not a some fly-by-night enterprise (ouch), it actually lasted three seasons and 82 episodes on ABC.

Super Saints. One may snicker at the idea of a *"Flying Nun,"* but I tell you: snicker-no-more! There has been, in our Catholic tradition, an actual flying nun, some flying priests, and several other Saints who, dare I say, rose to the challenge — possessing the power to levitate or fly. Back in 1978, when *"Superman — the Movie"* was advertised, its tagline was *"You will believe a man can fly."* It is my hope that this column has that same effect on your belief!

Wi-Fly? Why would a saint fly, you may ask? Good question. The miraculous actions and deeds that are attributed, throughout history, to the Saints, are outward manifestations of God working through one of His servants. So, for example, when a saint is said to fly, it is God at work; the Lord is working through the saint to make known His presence and power in our world. Or more simply put: the transcendent reality of God exists outside of time and space, and when a human comes in contact with that reality, in even some small dose, that person may find themselves in a miraculous mode of being: having an ecstasy, flying, healing, etc. But no matter what the miraculous action: It is God working through that holy person.

Holy Wallendas! Meanwhile back on the tarmac of this Pastor's Column, the question may remain: Who are these Flying Wallendas of faith, these ascetic aspirants of the airways? Well, there are too many to cover in one column, so I will limit myself to a handful of our whisking wonderkinds. To wit:

St. Teresa of Avila. She was the original flying nun. St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) was a nun in the Carmelite Order. She wrote that during moments of spiritual rapture she would experience levitation. One of her fellow Carmelites, Sr. Anne

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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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CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, July 22nd, learn about Father Vincent Capodanno, a Navy chaplain who was killed during the Vietnam War, and how the Air Mobility Command Museum at Dover Air Force Base plan to honor him. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. You can see videos of select interviews at [YouTube.com/DioceesefWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceesefWilm).

SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY

This last Fiscal year, July 2022 through June 2023 the Samaritan food pantry was able to feed 1,022 families, 2,272 Adults and 2,885 children.

When shopping please consider donating a few containers of the following foods:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Ravioli / Chili / Beef Stew
- Canned Vegetables / Soups / Chunky Soups
- Spaghetti / Spaghetti Sauce
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Tuna/Hamburger, & Tuna/Hamburger Helper
- Ramen Noodles
- Dried Black Beans / White Rice and Massa for the Hispanics.

Please drop the food in the Pantry Food Drop Box in the building behind the Rectory. We have a new green sign near the drop box door.

16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (JULY 23)

FIRST READING: WISDOM 12:13, 16-19

God, who is all-powerful, shows strength in gentle judgement.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:26-27

God understands our weakness and the Spirit expresses our yearning.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-43

The world, God's field of wheat, is invaded with darnel weed. Let it grow till harvest time.

GOLF LEAGUE FUND RAISER

The Holy Cross Golf League is grateful to friends of the church for their support for the Catholic Heart Work Camp. Our Fund Raising Committee including Phil Spampinato, Dan Houghtaling, Wes Grau and Greg Coury have so far raised \$5600 for CHWC. We look Forward to additional fund raising through our Golf Tournament on August 30 at Jonathan's Landing Golf Course. For information about the tournament, contact Phil at 302-382-2979, Wes at 302-270-8111, or Greg at 302-883-4000.

RETROUVAILLE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Ret-ro-vy). Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023 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.

PRO LIFE NEWS

Great news!! The NEW "Her Care Clinic" pregnancy care center will be opening late summer! Located in Seafood, it provides another opportunity to serve women faced with crisis pregnancies and to save even more babies through the use of Ultrasound, counseling and material support. Counseling for Post Abortive Syndrome will be provided too. This is great news as we must step up efforts and be there for women if we want them to choose life!

ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, 2023 Shining the Light of Christ – Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal has raised \$4,865,541.15, 21% of our 62,000 registered households throughout the diocese have participated in the appeal to date.

Once a year, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of our Church by supporting the life-giving Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. As we contemplate the theme – Shining the Light of Christ, we are called to reflect on God's incredible generosity and respond with generous giving of our own. With your

MASS INTENTIONS JULY

17 MONDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Bernadette Mirello
18 TUESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Oscar Buensoseso
19 WEDNESDAY	
HC 8:15 am	Gabriele Maddelena
20 THURSDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Albert Baca
ICC 6:00 pm	For the People
21 FRIDAY	
HC 8:00 am	DM Grasso Family
22 SATURDAY	
HC 8 am	Jonathan Mendoza
HC 5:00 pm	Debbie Rolla
23 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	Regina Jones Brake
ICC 8:30 am	Calvin & Alma SMith
HC 9:30 am	Cecelia Doughty
ICC 11:00 am	Dave Schepens
HC 11:30 am	LI Skocik and Shaffner Families
ICC 1:00 pm	For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

participation in the appeal, we are Shining the Light of Christ every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; in the joy of new priestly vocations; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others. If you have already made a gift to the 2023 appeal, thank you!

Please consider your participation as we strive to collect our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal goal. Of our 3,811 households at Holy Cross parish, 123 have participated in the campaign to date. Our parish participation rate is 21%. Of our 275 households at Immaculate Conception, 52 have participated in the campaign to date. Our parish participation rate is 19%.

Every gift is valued and appreciated. Please consider participating, so we can increase our parish participation and meet our goal.

JULY 22/23, 2023

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM

D. Kaltenbaugh
M. MacLeishqM

M. Miller
P. Sheldon

G. Coyle
M. Coyle
L. Curley

LECTORS

L. Christiansen
V. Viddy

7:30 AM

C. Brown
J. Chandler

M. Jacob
M. Thompson

A. Costa
E. Costa
M. Costa

LECTORS

K. Meire

9:30 AM

L. Olmstead
V. Pepper

G. Rihards
C. Robinson

G. Mddalena
C. Imof
J. Seeney

LECTORS

T. Baurys
S. Winfrey

11:30 AM

T. Hernandez
E. Patoriza

M. Rihard

TBD

LECTORS

TBD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM

G. Godfrey

LECTORS

B. Thompson

11:00 AM

F. Cristiano

LECTORS

D. King

1:00 PM

TBD

Homebound Ministry at Holy Cross
Needs Your Help

Holy Cross is in need of more Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring the Eucharist to the shut ins and those in the nursing homes and hospital. We service so many assisted living places, rehabilitation places, nursing homes, the hospital, and the homebound and do not have enough ministers to lighten the load of those already doing this special ministry. Call the Parish Office if you would be interested in helping in this ministry. The next training will be in the Fall.

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 the Parish Office at 674-5787 to reserve a time for you.

- SUNDAY 7 am, 4 pm, 5pm, 8 pm
- MONDAY 5 pm
- TUESDAY 5 am, 6 am, 5 pm
- WEDNESDAY 7 am
- FRIDAY 6 am
- SATURDAY 5 am, 9 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm

We are looking for a new coordinator for the schedule for the Adoration Chapel. JoAnn and Dwight Pate have been holding this position since the chapel opened, but it is now time to pass on this duty to another volunteer. If you are one of our chapel regulars and would like to consider keeping the schedule for the church, please contact the Parish Office. JoAnn will be willing to show you how easy it is to keep the schedule current. Thanks for your consideration.

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 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 You need the ID #83606382292 and pass code 631, for prayer, gospel reflections. Email Steve Balogh with any questions: stephenb_01@yahoo.com.

- Trabajo Comunitario en Nuestra Parroquia. Cada año nuestra comunidad hispana tiene un día de trabajo comunitario en nuestra parroquia. El sábado, 19 de agosto, tendremos un día de Limpieza general en los predios de nuestra parroquia, Se podarán los árboles y arbustos, se pondrá Mulch alrededor de toda a propiedad. Se limpiará dentro y fuera del templo. Necesitamos voluntarios que se anotén y traigan sus herramientas de trabajo. Si quiere ayudar anótese con el presidente de nuestra Junta Directiva el Sr, José Cruz Pérez y su esposa Mireya Rodríguez.
- El domingo, 20 de agosto, después de la misa habrá un entrenamiento para monaguillos los que ya son y están sirviendo y los nuevos que desean servir como monaguillos. Si usted desea que su hijo o hija y si ellos desean servir como monaguillo beberán asistir al entrenamiento con el padre Ferris. Recuerda que es un privilegio y un compromiso que con llevar servir en cualquier ministerio de la iglesia. Por favor anotarse con la Sra. Arline Dosman.
- Conquistando las Naciones Para Cristo les invita a su retiro de Sanación Interior del 28-30 de Julio del 2023. Para hombres y mujeres mayores de 18 años. Inscríbese pronto. Lugar del Retiro parroquia de los Santos Ángeles, Newark, Delaware. Donación: \$125 por persona. Para más información hable con Epitacio Méndez, Martha Espinosa, José Cruz Pérez.
- AÑO DE AVIVAMIENTO PARROQUIAL 11 DE JUNIO 2023- 17 DE JULIO 2024. La segunda fase fomentará la devoción eucarística a nivel parroquial, fortaleciendo nuestra vida litúrgica a través de la celebración fiel de la misa, la adoración eucarística, las misiones, los recursos, la predicación y los movimientos orgánicos del Espíritu Santo. El hoy domingo 11 de junio con la Santa Misa y la Procesión con Jesús Sacramentado alrededor de los predios de nuestra parroquia. Se les pide a todos los ministros que por favor participen.
- La Virgen Peregrina esta visitado casas. Si desea que la imagen de la virgen visite su hogar por una semana por favor de anotarse con la Sra. Martha Espinosa.
- Educación Religiosa: Inscriba a su niño para la Educación Religiosa que ya están abiertas. Si su hijo(a) no está asistiendo a una escuela católica debe de inscribirse en Las aplicaciones están en línea y el 21 de mayo estarán llenando inscripciones después de la misa.

ICC

- Educación Religiosa: Las inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa para el año escolar 2023-2024 ya están abiertas. Inscriba a sus hijos ahora, para que podamos planificar en consecuencia. Las tarifas son de \$50 por 1 niño, \$100 por 2 niños, \$150 por 3 niños y \$180 por más de 4 niños. Después del 1 de julio habrá una tarifa adicional de \$10 por niño. Las clases comienzan el domingo 24 de septiembre de 2023.
- Se necesitan voluntarios. Si usted o alguien que conoce está interesado en ser voluntario, ser un líder de pares para la Educación Religiosa o la Preparación para la Confirmación, comuníquese con Alicia Poppiti @ dre@iccmaydel.org o 410-482-8939.
- Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones: ¡La EBV “Estelar” es para niños de 4 a 16 años! Por favor inscriba a sus hijos para asistir. 31 de julio al 4 de agosto, de 6 a 8:30 p. m. en el Salón Parroquial. Todavía se necesitan voluntarios. Póngase en contacto con Alicia Poppiti si está interesado en ayudar.
- La Inmaculada Concepción Invita a los niños a la EBV Estelar: ¡Brilla la Luz de Jesús! ¡Un evento de verano para niños llamado Stellar VBS donde los niños descubren cómo pueden hacer brillar el amor y la esperanza de Jesús en la vida cotidiana! Los niños participan en memorables actividades de aprendizaje de la Biblia, cantan canciones pegadizas, juegan juegos de trabajo en equipo, preparan y devoran deliciosos dulces. Cada día concluye con un Cierre Cósmico que involucra a todos en vivir lo aprendido. Se alienta a los familiares y amigos a unirse diariamente a este momento especial a las 8:15 p. m. para el Cierre Cósmico. Stellar y funcionará de 6:00 p. m. a 8:30 p. m. todos los días. Para obtener más información, llame a Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939. Los niños deben estar inscritos para asistir.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Have a child or children in grades K-8 who need faith formation? Please go to the following link to register for religious education classes. <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation> If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Korosec at either (302) 674-5787 X 122 or email tkorosec@holycrossdover.org

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis) LAFF, Living as a Family of Faith. How is your Faith growing; personally, and as a family? I was once told, "show me a Bible that has not been opened and I'll show you a family falling apart; show me a Bible falling apart, and I'll show you a family living in Faith." Put down the electronics and pick up the Bible and pray together as a family and learn to communicate with God and each other. Learn more about our Faith and the Catholic Church. Understand what "The Source and Summit" of our Catholic Faith is all about. Families gathering for prayer, communion with one another, sharing our Faith Life experiences. Bring your communications equipment with you: Basic Information Before Leaving Earth. BIBLE!

Interested in enrolling your family in the LAFF program for the 2023-24 school year? Please go to the following link to register for the LAFF program using the religious education form. <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Korosec.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT HOLY CROSS

Reminder - please return your Confirmation Preparation registration if your child will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation next spring.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Registration for Religious Education for the 2023-2024 school year are now open.

Please get your children registered now, so that we may plan accordingly. Fees are \$50 for 1 child, \$100 for 2 children, \$150 for 3 children and \$180 for more than 4 children. After July 1st there will be an additional \$10 fee.

Volunteers needed! If you or someone you

know is interested in volunteering, being a peer leader for Religious Education or Confirmation Preparation team member, please contact Alicia Poppiti @ dre@iccmarylodel.org or 410-482-8939.

Classes begin on Sunday, September 24th, 2023 and run thru May 3rd, 2024.

Vacation Bible School: "Stellar" VBS will be here before you know it! Please register your children to attend. **July 31-August 4th, 6-8:30pm** in the Parish Hall. Contact Alicia Poppiti if interested in assisting. **Volunteers still needed.**

Immaculate Conception Invites Children to Stellar VBS: Shine Jesus' Light!

A summer kids' event called Stellar VBS will be hosted at Immaculate Conception from Monday, **July 31st to Friday, August 4th**. At Stellar, kids discover how they



can shine Jesus' love and hope in

everyday life! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' light, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Cosmic Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8:15pm for Cosmic Closing. **Stellar** is for kids from 4 to 16 and will run from **6pm to 8:30pm** each evening. For more information, call **Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939. Children must be registered to attend.**

Donations needed for ICC VBS: Water-6oz, 8oz, 16oz., gallon jugs, empty peanut butter and mayonnaise jars with lids, pringles cans with lids, cotton balls, glue dots, napkins, spoons, small snack plates, snack puddings, tang, cheeseballs, snack size moon pies, cosmic brownies, star crunches, pretzel rings, snack apple slices, halo oranges, mini granola bars, granola bars, pretzel balls, star cereal, mini marshmallows.

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL
AFTER-CARE PROGRAM...
IS SEEKING QUALIFIED PERSONNEL:**

- To assist with school-age children during the after school hours: 2:30-5:30 pm.
 - Activities include....
 - ♦ Homework assistance
 - ♦ Indoor and supervised outdoor play
 - ♦ Indoor play:
 - ♦ Arts and crafts
 - ♦ Board games
 - ♦ Magna-Tile Building
 - ♦ Coloring pages
 - ♦ Approved use of electronic devices
- Interested parties **MUST** have previous experience working with children.
- A cleared background check is an additional requirement for this position.

This is an ideal opportunity for someone who LOVES KIDS, and has a few afternoon hours to share.

Please contact Mrs. Linda Pollitt @302-674-5787, ext. 137 if interested, and would like to learn more about this wonderful employment opportunity.

of the Incarnation, said that she saw St. Teresa levitate for some thirty minutes, staying airborne about a foot and a half off the ground. Sometimes these incidents took place during Mass, one time it occurred just after Communion at a Mass celebrated by the local Bishop.

St. Alphonsus Liguori. It is said that during the preaching of a homily at Foggia, St. Alphonsus (1696-1787) levitated several feet off the ground in front of all of the folks in the crowded Church. I guess it was a very uplifting homily. The story is told by one writer as follows:

On the day set apart for the sermon on the Blessed Virgin, Alphonsus was trying to excite his hearers to recommend themselves to her in all their wants, spiritual and temporal, when suddenly, as if inspired, he exclaimed: 'You have not sufficient confidence in your Mother. You do not know how to pray to her with all your heart; but I am going to pray for you.' Then while he was putting his whole soul into ardent supplications a ray of light from the picture of Mary on the right of the pulpit darted upon the preacher's face. We beheld him then with his countenance aflame, his eyes fixed in ecstasy, and his body raised almost two feet above where he stood, as if about to wing his flight for the skies! The rapture lasted more than five minutes, during which an indescribable emotion seized on the congregation, whose sobs were mingled with the exclamation, 'miracle!' 'miracle!' from all parts of the church"

St. Joseph of Cupertino. When it comes to the topic of flying Saints, St. Joseph of Cupertino (1603-63) is the most prolific in aeronautical activity. He experienced so many levitations, and flew so often, -- all witnessed by fellow Franciscans, and many others -- that he is noted as the Patron Saint of Airplane Passengers (perhaps he should also be the Patron Saint of Frequent Flyer programs). His superiors prohibited him from being in Processions or Choir, as his proclivity for levitation proved distracting to his brother Franciscans as well as to visitors. In his canonization process, the Church documented some 70 levitations and flights. One such incident found St. Joseph of Cupertino, processing to the main altar for Mass in mid-air down the length of the main aisle. Several of his levitations occurred during ecstasies (profound encounters with God), and lasted six to seven hours -- with many witnesses. There were some doubters of the airborne prowess of St. Joseph; among them were Pope Urban VIII, and the leaders of the Court of the Inquisition. During a visit to Rome with the Superior of the Franciscan Order, St. Joseph knelt before the Pope prayerfully, and suddenly rose airborne while still in kneeling posture. During a challenge by the Court of the Inquisition, St. Joseph was ordered to say Mass in their presence. While doing so, he flew to the altar, remaining standing in the air with his arms spread in the form of a cross. He then descended to the floor and began Mass. He was ordered to be kept in seclusion and was for most of the rest of his life. Of note, his holy status wasn't "up in the air," by 1767 he passed through the canonization process with flying colors!

St. Francis Xavier. St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552), a great saint, missionary and evangelist, would begin his day on his knees praying for guidance by God for what lay ahead for him that day. His time in prayer was followed by celebrating Mass at dawn with a small group of the faithful. During Mass, St. Francis Xavier was often ecstatically focused on the mystery of the bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of Christ. As one of those faithful in that small group at Mass once noted: "Frequently [St. Francis Xavier] seemed transfigured at his Mass. Especially at the elevation [of the host], when he himself was seen raised in the air, and a radiant light streamed about his head." Reference is made in many writings about St. Francis Xavier's frequent levitations at Mass. His is also said to have levitated, feet off the floor, during the distribution of Holy Communion.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina. Padre Pio (1887-1968) was another humble saint who was gifted in many supernatural ways. There are miracles attributed to him, he was known to have the power to bi-locate (being in two places at one time). However, regarding flying, the story is told that once, while waiting for St. Pio to hear their confessions, a group of penitents saw him walking in the air above their heads. One of the astonished parishioners asked him what it was like to walk on the air. St. Pio answered, "I can assure you, my child, it's just like walking on the floor." I would hope that his witty response didn't go over their heads.

To be continued... more flying saints will flying your way in next week's column.

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