

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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**Summer Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Closed Wednesdays & Fridays

*Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.*

## July 16, 2017 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Eucharist of the Lord's Day

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

#### **Weekday Eucharist**

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

#### **Holydays of Obligation**

As announced in the bulletin

#### **Reconciliation**

After the Sunday morning Masses,  
Thursday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

#### **Pastoral Care and Liturgy**

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. John T. Solomon, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.  
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

#### **Christian Formation**

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

#### **Hispanic Ministry**

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of  
financial assistance, please call

**St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702**

### The Sacraments

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

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Dear Parishioners,

With the concurrence of the Diocese, effective as of July 1, 2017, Saint Thomas More Academy has changed from a school managed by the Diocese to a school managed by Holy Cross Parish. That makes STMA the fourth parish high school in the Diocese of Wilmington alongside St. Elizabeth School, Saints Peter and Paul School, and Padua Academy. Like these other parish high schools, STMA will remain a regional school in scope and it will serve the entirety of the southern and western reach of the Diocese. I can't think of a more fitting time for me to substitute for Father Lentini in this week's Pastor's Column!

#### **Our History**

Recognizing the value of Catholic secondary education in the southern region of the diocese following the closure of Holy Cross High School in the 1980s, a dedicated group of lay people formulated plans for a new,

independent Catholic high school in Kent County. A gift of land in Magnolia, fundraising campaigns, and eventual participation of the Most. Rev. Michael Saltarelli, Bishop, made Saint Thomas More Academy (STMA) a reality as a Diocesan high school. The first graduating Class of 2001 comprised 17 students. Begun by the laity and adopted by the diocese, STMA stands as a remarkable collaboration between a bishop and his flock. Most Rev. Francis Malooly never faltered in continuing this tradition, providing considerable financial and pastoral support since his installment as Bishop in 2008.

#### **Our Union**

Saint Thomas More Academy has been eager to grow closer to Holy Cross Parish in its mission, operations, and relationships. Holy Cross Elementary School, under the leadership of Mrs. Linda Pollitt, has proven a great partner in building bridges between our school communities.

The plan for this transition is financially sound and pastorally thoughtful. The high school will still have a separate budget, with no subsidy from the parish, and will maintain its own Principal. Administratively, however, that Principal will report to the pastor, just as the Holy Cross Principal does. The Bishop and Catholic Schools Office, the administrators of STMA, and the Pastor and administrators of Holy Cross School all agree that opportunities for cost savings via economies of scale, shared resources, and other manners of operation under the parish umbrella will enrich both the parish and the high school. We look forward to working as one team, rather than two independent entities. We are proud to belong to this thriving and faithful parish that offers an outstanding option for Catholic education from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

We have great hope that the alumni of Holy Cross High School will look forward to this change with fond memories and eager anticipation. We also look forward to great support from the parish community at-large, which has always demonstrated an interest in St. Thomas More Academy's success.

#### **Our Future**

The Class of 2018 will be the 18<sup>th</sup> graduating class in 20 years of operation at STMA. We are exceedingly proud of our 700+ graduates and the way they've lived our school motto, "Fides Quaerens Intellectum," or "Faith Seeking Understanding." Despite this growing community of STMA alumni and a lengthening history, it seems as though many still have questions about the stability of our school into the future. Some of these concerns stem from not-so-distant changes in administration and declining enrollment, and perhaps you're even thinking now, "Another change for STMA? This can't be good!" But I encourage you to have faith and to look more closely at the program we offer to our very successful students.

The graduates of the Class of 2017 have been recognized by a variety of prestigious academic institutions and scholarship organizations for their academic abilities and proven character. In total, the 47 graduates have been offered **\$ \$7,033,373.00** in scholarship and grant monies. I am happy to report that our 47 graduates have accepted just over **\$1.7 million** of these scholarship monies to apply to their college tuition, averaging just under **\$37,000** per graduate. Our program works, and our students are living proof! Additionally, we anticipate a larger incoming class of freshmen this year and in years future.

Please know that Bishop Malooly and Father Lentini are avid supporters of Catholic education, and each man has a big heart for STMA. Becoming a parish school should only provide confidence in our future. We have made wise budgetary decisions and planned for proper maintenance of the strengths of our school. I am pleased to say that for the first time in nearly five years, during the 2017-18 school year, STMA will operate without a budget deficit. We are able to do so even while continuing to prioritize financial assistance for our families because we understand the sacrifice tuition-based Catholic education requires.

I'm proud to announce that we are also welcoming two new faculty members to begin the school year. Miss Rebecca Gasperetti, an STMA alumnae and Holy Cross Parishioner, will be teaching English and Fine Arts classes. Mrs. Maureen Cannon, former Holy Cross Elementary teacher, will be stepping in to fill the shoes of our retiring band instructor into teach Instrumental Ensemble. Both women are exceedingly talented, trained, and ready to join the STMA community!

The future of our school is sound, as long as you, our own family, support the school by asking questions, sharing positive experiences, attending sporting and special events, and encouraging the middle school students you know and love to come and check us out!

#### **Your Prayers**

In everything we do, we seek to honor the commitment of founders, first students, and religious leadership by making faith the center of our school, and by emulating our patron saint, a dedicated statesman who always set service of God's people above himself. St. Thomas More once said, "Education is not the piling on of learning, information, data, facts, skills, or abilities, but is rather making visible what is hidden as a seed." As we seek to grow our school and build our program as a parish school, I ask you, our parishioners, to pray for us in our mission to form well-rounded and faith-filled young men and women.

Thank you for your warm welcome and continuing support!

Yours in Christ,

Rachael A. Casey  
Principal, Saint Thomas More Academy

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sunday, July 16**

**8:30:** Ann R. Sullivan

**11:00:** Alexis DeFrancesco

Misa en Español **1pm** For the People

**Thu July 20** Misa **7pm** For the People

**Sunday, July 23**

**8:30:** William F. Sullivan Sr.

**11:00:** Sandra Dean

Misa en Español **1pm** For the People

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Collection Counters

**July 16** Elisa & Tom Costello  
**July 23** Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel  
**July 30** Margie Short & Laura Voshell

### Church Cleaning Crew

**Julio 21, 2017 Grupo # 4**  
Olegario Cuin, Enma Rojas, **Egidio Macario**,  
Brendi Macario, Idalinda Pérez, Bersy Pérez

**Julio 28, 2017 Grupo #5**  
**Santos Juárez**, Arturo Ramírez, Eva Bravo,  
Herminda Bravo, Paulina Morales, Silvia Ramírez

### Altar Servers

**July 23**  
**8:30am Mass** – Anna Clancy & Mikey Dixon  
**11:00am Mass** – Joanne Santizo & Vince Haass  
**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Yareli & Jose Ortiz

### Lectors

**July 23**  
**8:30am Mass** – Marilyn Dixon  
**11:00am Mass** – Laura Schlaupitz  
**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Juan Diaz, Rubelio Velásquez

### Eucharistic Ministers

**July 23**  
**8:30am Mass** – Deacon Tormey, Brenda Lawson, Mark Plucenik  
**11:00am Mass** – Deacon Mitchell, Judy Carrow, Alicia Poppiti  
**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Ovidio Roblero, Natalina Capistran, Salome Morales, Anselmo Escalante, Verónica Bravo



## **VBS "HERO CENTRAL"**

**July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 4<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30pm**

### Wish List:

duct tape-various colors and patterns, paper towels, napkins, small plates, glue, glue sticks, markers, beads-red, gold, orange, blue, green, yellow, empty baby food/small jars, battery operated tea lights, red, yellow and orange tissue paper, baking soda, vinegar, cases of water, juice boxes, pretzel sticks or small pretzels, cheese balls, fresh fruit, carrots, celery, cucumbers, ranch dip, construction paper, spoons, water, silver or gray thin ribbon, toilet paper/paper towel rolls, ....not sure, just ask what we need☺ We thank you in advance. Bring supplies to the office.

## COLLECTION TOTALS:

**Regular Offertory:** \$2109.20  
**Vacation Bible School:** \$ 619.00  
**Second Collection Today: Supplementary**

*Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed, and appreciated.*

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Sun, July 16**, 11am Baptism  
**Sun, July 16**, 2pm-7pm Día de Desportes  
**Mon, July 17 & Wed July 19** 7pm ESL  
**Tue, July 18**, 7pm Estudios Biblicos  
**Sat, July 22**, 7pm EPAVE

**Sun, July 23, 2:15pm**  
**FAMILY MOVIE DAY**  
**in Hall**

**All are Welcome!**

**PLEASE Join us to watch**  
**"The Incredibles" to get**  
**in the SUPER HERO**  
**Spirit for Vacation Bible**  
**School!**



## **Knights of Columbus**

We meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month at 6:30pm. Come join us!  
Membership in The Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Harry Brown 302-233-8336. Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

## **Marriage & Family Life Corner**

### Marriage Moment –

Not everything married couples say to each other is kind and gentle. Sometimes it's thorny or boring. Carve out 5 minutes (or more) for deep sharing today. Perhaps something like, "A fear, need, or joy I have is..."

### Parenting Pointer –

"...all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now." (Romans 8:22) Indeed, we know that the natural world speaks to us of God's being and creative spirit. Choose one way to join with your child to respect creation this week - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

## **FROM THE DRE'S DESK**

School of Religious Education  
September 24, 2017-May 6, 2018  
9:40am-10:50am

**Registrations will be accepted today following all the Masses. Please look for the registration in front of church.**

**REGISTRATIONS!!** Registrations for 2016-2017 are open. Please get your registrations for school of Religious Education this weekend. Please return registrations to the parish now. **Fees are as follows: \$35 per child.** This is to defray all costs of books, materials, and supplies.

**LAS MATRICULAS:** para nuestro programa de formación cristiana de niños en domingo están todavía disponibles en el despacho parroquial, en la entrada principal del templo, y en el internet.  
**Favor de someterlas en lo más pronto posible/ahora, con la cobra de \$35 por cada niño.**



**150 Years a Diocese! The Diocese of Wilmington celebrates its 150 year Anniversary with a 360 page colored coffee table book for \$30.** A graphic novel for children will be \$11. **Pre-orders** are being taken now at the parish office. Please call and place your order today.



Retrouvaille may be the way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. **The next program begins the weekend of August 11-13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme:** Discipleship—opening our hearts to Jesus' word and acting upon it.

**Question for Children:** Who helps you to grow deeper in your faith?

**Question for Youth:** When the sower, in this week's Gospel, sowed his seed, not all of it fell in "good soil." What can you do in the coming week to make sure that you are open to God in your life? What is getting in the way of your being "good soil?"

**Question for Adults:** Using the parable of Jesus in this reading, describe how faith has been planted in your life? How long did it take for that seed to land "on good soil?"

### **15o domingo del tiempo ordinario**

**Tema:** Ser discípulos, abrir nuestros corazones a la palabra de Jesús y actuar de acuerdo con ella.

**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Quién te ayuda a crecer más profundamente en tu fe?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** ¿Qué estrategia estás usando en tu vida de joven para asegurarte que tu fe sigue creciendo y no se marchita o se muere?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Usando la parábola de Jesús en esta lectura, describa cómo la fe ha sido plantada en su vida. ¿Cuánto tiempo tomó para que la semilla cayera "en tierra fértil"?



**St. Academy Thomas More**

**133 Thomas More Drive,  
Magnolia, DE 19962**

**St. Thomas More Academy is a Catholic College Preparatory School located in Kent County.**

**St. Thomas More is Faith Focused, Teacher Connected,  
Arts Inspired, College Centered and Honor Guided.**

We encourage you to visit us in person or through our website [www.saintmore.org](http://www.saintmore.org) to learn why we were voted

**2017 Best Private School in Kent County**



My sincere appreciation for your kind words, support, generosity and gift. You have touched my heart and graced my life. I ask only for your continued prayers and be assured of mine.

*May the Lord bless and keep you!  
May the Lord let His face shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you!  
May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!*

*Fr. Michael Angeleri*