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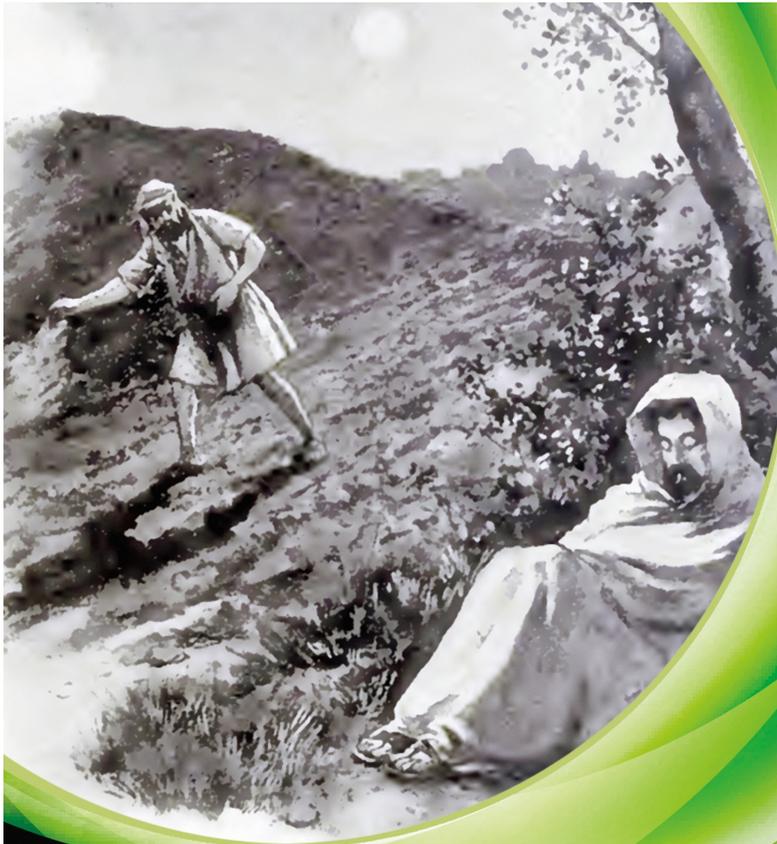
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

July 19, 2020

16th Sunday Ordinary Time

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.”

Matthew 13:29

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Check out our websites

holycrossdover.org
iccmarydel.org

- *Watch Masses from various sources*
- *Find spiritual readings*
- *Read about our latest updates*

Holy Cross Church is unlocked and available for private prayer. The doors will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

See the current Mass schedule on the last page for both churches.

We are limiting access to the parish offices, so you can buzz when you stop by, or call and leave messages and we will get back to you.; or, you can email us.

We are scheduling baptisms now. If you already took the preparation class, please call the office and we can get your baby's baptism scheduled.

We are also allowing funeral Mass to take place in the church.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC) ending July 12

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$24,383	\$27,600	(\$3,217)
YTD	\$54,487	\$55,200	(\$713)
Needs	\$1,403	\$1,550	(\$147)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC) Ending July 12

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,034
Second	\$90

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs, and activities of Holy Cross and ICC are made possible.

"Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time that we cannot gather together at Mass. You can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card. We will call you back. Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Parishioners,

So, I am still in recuperation mode, but doing incredibly better. I hope to be up and around and back in the groove shortly. I thank all of you for your prayers, cards, emails, etc. It is much appreciated. With that, and with our churches back opened again, let's take a look at the various parts of a Church – things we take for granted – but which have an important role in our worship.

Easy as ABC. My favorite game show of all time was the long-running "Pyramid." Now, when I was a kid the show started out as the "\$10,000 Pyramid" in the early 1970s, but by the late 1980s and early 1990s it had become the "\$100,000 Pyramid" (and now in 2020, it is still on the air). Ah, the ravages of inflation. As a kid growing up in New York City, I had the benefit of being able to see many episodes of the "Pyramid" filmed live at the ABC Theatre on 58th Street. It was a great experience – you got to see the behind the scenes preparations, watch an exciting big money game and meet celebrities.

A New York Minute. Now, all of the excitement on the New York City set of "Pyramid" came in its end game when a victorious celebrity and contestant would enter "The Winner's Circle" and face the big pyramid. On that big pyramid, "categories" would appear successively and – with a 60-second clock tick-tick-ticking away – one player would have to give a list of things that fit into that category to have the other person guess the category. If you got all six categories in 60-seconds you won the big money. Categories were items like "Names of state capitals," "Things that bounce," "Parts of a car," "Things you reconsider," etc. It was much harder than it sounds.

And now, in honor of my favorite game show, I will spend this column listing, in "Pyramid"-like fashion, "Parts of a Church." Now, as to whether a contestant would have won the prize with words like "Narthex," "Nave," "Sacristy," "Ambry," and "Clerestory," we will never know. But just in case you wind up in "The Winner's Circle" and these clues are given... I want you to have a chance at the \$100,000 (you can split the money with me... I mean, with the parish).

Sanctuary: Up Three Steps. The Sanctuary is the area of the Church reserved, most commonly, for the Priest, Deacons and altar servers. It is an area in the front of the Church, usually elevated by three-steps, in which the altar of sacrifice resides (and that altar is often also elevated by three additional steps, especially in older church-

es). The term "sanctuary" meaning "holy place," finds its origin in ancient Judaism when in the Temple in Jerusalem there was an area called "The Holy of Holies" into which only the high priest could set foot to offer Sacrifice. Often the term "altar" and "sanctuary" are used interchangeably, though incorrectly so. I can remember a mother telling me that her son, an altar server, was going to be "serving on the altar" on Sunday. Now that would be a sight! The sanctuary is properly home to an altar, a tabernacle, a sedilia (three chairs set up for the Priest and his Deacons), and an ambo (the stand from where scripture is read and preached, a.k.a. lectern or pulpit).

Nave: A Ship-meant. The Nave is the area of the Church where the faithful sit. It is main body of the Church. It comes from the Latin word *navis*, meaning "ship" – it is the same source from which we get the word "navy." In this sense, one might say that the Church is the ship that gets us through the wave-riddled waters of life. Likewise, the Church carries a term from antiquity that it is "the ark of salvation." Thus, in the nave of the Church are the passengers of that ship. Now, in "Love Boat" terms that would make me as the Priest, at Mass, Captain Steubing and the folks at church the all-star cast (though I haven't seen Charo or Jimmy Walker at Mass lately).

Narthex: Prometheus, Fennel and Fire. One of the words that has erupted into common churchy usage over the years is the term "gathering space." This is the bland-like-polenta term used by ecclesial milquetoast-types to describe the area outside the doors of the body of the Church. The term for that area should not be called the "gathering space" (or, God help us all, "the lobby"). Why? Because it already has a name with some antiquity to it: It is called "the Narthex." The word Narthex finds its origin tied to a Greek word meaning "fennel stalks" – the stalks of fennel plants. What's the connection here? Putting on our Greek mythology thinking caps, we learn that fennel stalks are what Prometheus used to carry fire from Heaven to earth. So, too, the narthex leads us from this world into the Church where the heavenly liturgy is celebrated. Similarly, it then provides us passage to carry that fire of the Spirit and light of Christ back out to the world. Narthex speaks to the connection of heaven and earth, a "gathering space" speaks to a holding pen. I'll stick with Narthex.

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Clerestory: A Pane to Clean! This is something seen, usually but not exclusively, in older church buildings. The clerestory is the upper part of a church wall which is replete with small windows in it above the roof over the side-aisles of a church. These way-up-high windows allowed for light and air to come into the church. The word derives from the French cler meaning “clear” or “lighted” and the word “story,” which refers to a level in a building. Thus, clerestory is a level of a building (a church) in which the light enters or more simply understood: if the windows in the Church are so out of reach as to not be able to be easily cleaned, your church probably has a clerestory. Marydel’s Immaculate Conception Church somewhat has a clerestory behind the Sanctuary, and behind the choir loft.

The Sacristy: Vest in Peace. The sacristy is the part of the Church in which sacred vessels and sacred vestments are kept. It is also, commonly, where the sacred ministers prepare for Mass. The Church commends that silence be observed in the sacristy before Mass, so that the Priest can properly prepare himself for the liturgical celebration. Some sacristies have a vesting room (sometimes dubbed “a vestry”) attached, in which the clergy get vested and in which vestments are housed.

Ambry: Oil Be Seeing You. Okay, ambry is a fancy name for a simple thing. An ambry is a cabinet or shelving space that holds the Sacred Oils used in the ministration of sacraments. It is by practice usually in proximity to the baptismal font in a church. There are three oils kept there in metal or glass containers. The containers usually are inscribed with the letters “OS,” “OI,” and “SC.” These letters describe what the oil in the containers are: OC is “*oleum sanctum*” which is the oil of catechumens used in the sacrament of infant baptism and anointing adults converts in preparation for their baptism; OI is “*oleum infirmorum*” which is the oil of the sick used in the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick; and SC is “*sanctum chrisma*” which is the Sacred Chrism, confected by the Bishop, and used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. So, if you are the squeaky wheel, the priest knows to go to the ambry to get just what you need!

Confessional: Sinners Anonymous. The Confessional is an iconic part of a Church that is seen in two different forms. Traditionally, one might see a confessional in the form of a pair of booths in a Church with a larger booth between them for the priest to sit in. A penitent kneels down on one side, behind a screen, the priest slides open a

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wooden panel so the person can speak to him anonymously through the screen, confess his sins and then receives absolution from the Priest. The Priest then slides the panel closed and opens the panels on the opposite side for the other penitent who has been waiting. In recent times “reconciliation rooms” (which are still properly called “confessionals”) have come into vogue. In this form, the Church instructs that there is to be a fixed grill separating the penitent from the priest (for anonymity) and place for the penitent to kneel. Also, in these reconciliation-room confessionals, it is allow that there may be an option for “face to face” confession to be heard. Regardless of which form is used, the seal of confession binds the Priest.

And the Rest... And yes, there are many, many, many other parts of a Church, but this is starting point -- and if you are ever on a game show and have to name “Things in a Church,” this article might just provide the key to a big win for you ... but that just may be a “\$100,000 Pyramid” scheme.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

An elderly man had just lost his wife, when a 4-year-old neighbor child saw him crying. The little boy went to the man's yard and just sat there. When the boy's mother asked him what he'd said to the neighbor, the boy answered, "Nothing, I just helped him cry." When was the last time one of you cried?

PARENTING POINTERS

Your kids probably have a notion of what heaven is like. Ask them to describe heaven in their own words.

MASS INTENTIONS

JULY

20 MONDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8 am Lucy Colon

21 TUESDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8 am Nathan Benton

22 WEDNESDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8 am Marcella & Lino Salamone

23 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8 am
ICC 6 pm Deceased members Sakach Family

24 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8 am Mary Mayan

25 SATURDAY

HC 8 am
HC 5 pm Vincenzo A. Maddalena
Guy Isenberg

26 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am
ICC 8:30 am
HC 9:30 am
ICC 11:00 am
HC 11:30 am
ICC 1 pm
HC 1 pm
HC 6 pm
Sylvia Crews
Sister Winifred Ann Tormey
Mary Ann Tyson
Peggy Poppiti
Mary Catherine Darcy
For the People
For the People
Joan Lynn

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

MASS INTENTIONS

Any intentions listed at a time where we do not have a public Mass, will be honored by the priests as they say their private Masses. On the weekend, the priests will be saying other private Masses to cover all of the intentions that occur on the weekend when we do not have a public Mass. Your loved ones will still be remembered in prayer.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, July 25th, tune in to learn how the Saint Francis Hospital LIFE Program is helping seniors to stay safely in their homes during the pandemic. After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdown.org/ CatholicForum, or search “Catholic Forum” on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories have been in the Parish Office for the past few months. Unfortunately we have not been able to distribute them due to the COVID situation. We will arrange for a weekend in the near future. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up. Please do not just show up to pick up your copy. We need to know ahead of time since we are limiting access to the office area. Sorry for this inconvenience.

RETURNING TO MASS

At present, we have the following guidelines to help keep everyone safe:

- Attendees are to **wear a face covering** when inside the Church (those under 13 do not have to wear a covering, and those 2-and-under are advised not to wear a covering).
- Pews have been marked off to accommodate social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church.
- **When receiving Holy Communion, please remember to stay socially distanced.** We encourage you to receive Holy Communion in your hand, but **if you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to be at the end of the Communion line.** There will be no Cup distributed at this time.
- As you leave the church, please **do not gather in the Gathering Space** or parking lot.

Since we are returning to Mass, we will no longer tape Mass at Holy Cross for viewing on youtube. If you still do not feel comfortable attending any of the Masses offered, you can still view the Diocesan Mass ([youtube.com/DiocesefofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DiocesefofWilm)) or other video Masses offered on youtube or the television.

RETROUVAILLE:

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 14 - 16 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.

PRO LIFE CORNER

- During this difficult time of Coronavirus Disease, abortion procedures continue throughout the U.S. and in Dover. Abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood are classified as ESSENTIAL SERVICES! You can save lives in Dover by praying with Holy Cross and other local church groups on Friday mornings from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover or by praying at home. If you pray at Planned Parenthood, please follow Governor Carney’s Social Distancing Guidelines.
- Also, remember to pray for the most vulnerable and seniors who are most susceptible to the Coronavirus

MEN OF HOLY CROSS (NEW HIGH TECH VIDEO-CONFERENCE MEETINGS)

Are you a male between the ages of 18 and 99? Do you wish to learn more about prayer, faith and your vocation? Do you want to become a stronger father, husband or son? Do you want to build lasting friendships with catholic faith minded men? Join the Men of Holy Cross for our weekly meetings: Since the Corona virus and social distancing we have been meeting on Zoom Teleconference and it has been working out great. Just type in or click on the following link and it will automatically guide you through the Zoom Meeting application, set up and joining the meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/930861480> Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM for prayer, gospel reflections, Church teachings and timely discussions. If you want more information please contact us at 302-313-6935 or email MenOfHolyCross@gmail.com.

READINGS FOR JULY 26 17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME FIRST READING: 1KINGS 3:5, 7-12

Solomon did not pray for riches or for a long and trouble-free life. Closest to his heart was this: to be a good king to his people.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:28-30

God our Father cherishes as his children all those who love him.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:44-52

The greatest treasure in life is God’s friendship. Those who realize this will go to any lengths to possess what they know to be most precious of all.

SAMARITAN FOOD NEEDS (HC)

The Samaritan Food Pantry is collecting items to help with the great demands being placed on them during this crisis.

Please leave perishable items in the freezer by the Samaritan pick up door and non perishable items can be left there also. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



The Samaritans also appreciate any monetary donations that have been sent in. Thank you for thinking of your needy brothers and sisters.

VOCATIONS

A misconception among some Catholics is that the priest has an ideal job: he works one day each week, Sunday. They forget that the other six days a week, the priest works long and hard behind the scenes: bringing communion to the sick and elderly, counseling troubled families, visiting school classes, preparing individuals for sacraments. Often the job is frustrating, exhausting and thankless, but always of vital importance. Take some time this week and express appreciation to your priests for the difficult work they do.

Serra for priestly and religious

- Reanudación de las Misas Dominical con un horario temporal de 11:30 de la mañana en la parroquia de Holy Cross y a la 1:00 de la tarde en la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción, donde también se ofrece misas en español los martes y jueves a las 6:00 de la tarde, confesiones los sábados de 9:00 a 11:00 de la mañana en español.
- Si desea bautizar a su hijo (a) por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para hacer una cita para las clases pre-bautismales. Si no hace la cita no podrá tomar las clases.
- Ya están disponibles las aplicaciones para la Educación Religiosa 2020-2021. En la página de la parroquia, entre y descargue una aplicación, o vaya a la oficina de Educación Religiosa y recoja una aplicación. Si su hijo está en edad escolar y no está asistiendo a la escuela católica, los padres tienen la responsabilidad de que su hijo se forme y conozca sobre su Fe que un día ustedes profesaron por él o ella.
- NUEVA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL 2020-2021: Las inscripciones para el año escolar está disponible en el sitio web o puede llamar o enviar un correo electrónico a la oficina para que se lo envíen. Por

favor inscríbese antes del 1 de agosto, para que podamos hacer los planes necesarios para el año y ordenar libros, materiales y suministros. A medida que trabajamos en el plan para el nuevo año escolar, estamos trabajando para garantizar la seguridad de todos los estudiantes y sus familias, y los actualizaremos a todos cuando tengamos nuestro plan.

- Un aviso sobre VBS Escuela Bíblica de Verano también estará disponible..
- Las reglas de la pandemia siguen en vigor y todos tenemos la responsabilidad de protegernos y proteger a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. Todos tenemos que poner de nuestra parte y seguir las regulaciones gubernamentales de usar mascarillas en lugares públicos, distanciamiento social, lavarnos las manos con frecuencia, si está enfermo quédese en casa y si respetamos estas reglas, juntos podremos salir adelante y superar como iglesia, como comunidad los grandes desafíos que nos presenta el Coronavirus, si muchos dicen que ya acabaron con el coronavirus, pero recuerda que el coronavirus no ha acabado con nosotros, está muy presente. Protegemos nuestra salud y la salud del hermano especialmente los más vulnerables.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 (HC)

Registration for the 2020-2021 Religious Education Program is now open. The registration forms are attached below. Please complete the forms and either email them back to tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or drop them off in the Parish Office. Please note that payment is NOT due at the time of registration. We would appreciate the forms back by July 31st so we may have adequate time to plan for the new year. Because of Covid, the class formats may change. We will update with any changes as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (HC)

Unfortunately due to Covid 19, we will be unable to hold our usual Vacation Bible School this summer. However, we are excited to offer an At-Home Vacation Bible School called "Discovering Our Family Treasures" for our Pre-K through 5th graders!

This is a creative opportunity for you and your child(ren) to discover together the hidden treasures that faith brings to your family. We will be presenting this program to you as a Vacation Bible School in a Bag!! We have 6 sessions that will be packaged with some "treasures" for your child(ren) to enjoy!

Each Session includes:: Opening Song and prayer, Bible Story, Enrichment Activity , Related Craft, Saint Witness, Snack Idea

We will have the the "VBS Bags" ready for pick up August 3rd. As we get closer to that date we will publish "drive through" times for pickup.

We will accept the first 100 registrants who register by July 24th. Just send an email to tkorosec@holycrossdover.org to register. Please include the age and name of each child and a contact phone number. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or (302) 674-5787 extension 122.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (HC)

Registration forms for Confirmation 2021 have been emailed to families. They are also available on the Parish website under Religious Education - Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation. Please return them to the office as soon as possible. It will help in our planning for this coming year.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK: (ICC)

NEW REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 school year are available on the website or you can Call/email office for them to be sent to you.

We will have a registration drive on Sunday, July 19th following Mass from 2:15-3:15 in the parking lot area, and we are asking that you please register by August 1, so we are able to make necessary plans for the year and order books, materials, and supplies.

As we work on the plan for the new school year, we are working to ensure the safety of all students and families, and will update you all when we have our plan in place.

Confirmation for 2020-2021 school year: forms are being mailed out to those youth that will be preparing this year.

Please fill out forms and mail back as soon as possible so that we can prepare our plan and materials for the year.

Peer Leaders at ICC : If you are interested in helping with classes on Sunday mornings please email or call Mrs. Alicia at dre@iccmmarydel.org or 410-482-8939.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

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We will have the "VBS Bags" ready for pick up August 2nd. As we get closer to that date we will publish "drive through" times for pickup.

We will accept the registrants who register by July 24th, so that we have time to prepare the bags. Just send an email

to dre@iccmmarydel.org or call 410-482-8939 to register. **Please include the age and name of each child and a contact phone number.**

You may also sign up at the religious education registration Sunday, July 19th. Please contact Alicia Poppiti at dre@iccmmarydel.org or 410-482-8939. with any questions.

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

Like many, I find the daily work routine pleasant and enjoyable on most days. I admire and respect my colleagues, I enjoy their company; our conversations are always congenial. At the end of a good and successful day I can detail accomplished goals, and I feel a sense of satisfaction. I look forward to the next day. So, on many of those routine work days there will be meetings. I facetiously classify these gatherings as an occupational hazard. Now, there are those who might be reading this and think, “hmmmm, I’ve been in meetings with Mrs. Pollitt, I didn’t know she felt that way about our meeting.” Now, don’t misunderstand, and please don’t be offended. For as long as I know that we are coming together with a shared objective, we don’t allow conversations to digress, and we have a plan to accomplish great things, I’m okay with it.

Throughout a typical summer, there are many meetings scheduled. There is so much to plan for. Generally, summer gatherings take on a more relaxed feel, and for that I am grateful. We had one such meeting just the other day. It was the annual summer meeting for our Religion Committee. For the past several summers we have gathered at Mrs. McGowan’s beach house. It has always very productive, and enjoyable. This summer our committee gathered for our annual get-together at the home of Mrs. White. Mrs. White proved herself a most gracious hostess and grill master! Miss Overstreet, Mrs. Rider, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. White and I came together for the purpose of discussing our upcoming school year, implementing our new diocesan theme, and planning events that celebrate our Catholicity, our Catholic identity, our faith. It was fun seeing everyone in person, having productive conversation, laughing together; sharing ideas.

Our new diocesan theme is Called to Serve. From September through May we will focus on a different Corporal Work of Mercy and a different correlating scripture reading. Our committee discussed ways of applying our theme to the HCS experience; making it real and authentic for our students. HC students are very familiar with providing service for others. This particular theme will be an easy one for us to implement. What might not be so easy will be planning for other events that are characteristic of our Catholic school experience. But, through discussion we have found a way.

We have a tradition at HC where we gather as a school community to celebrate the beginning of the school year. It is our Back-To-School prayer service. It was Mrs. White who contributed an idea of making it a virtual (of course!) event. She further suggested establishing a You-Tube channel, and that’s where Mrs. Williams and her expertise comes in! By the time it’s all said and done, the students will be able to watch and participate from their classroom.

Our annual procession held on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross will still take place with all the social distancing guidelines being followed. We have a plan, and I can’t wait for you to see it. In the event of rain, no worries; we have a rain date!

October is a busy month. We discussed activities and events that will focus on the Rosary as well as Respecting Life. And, we will do all these things working in conjunction with established guidelines for the safety of all in our school buildings.

We cannot and we will not, for as long as we are able sacrifice the quality of our Catholic education. We will do everything within our power to provide our children with the excellent education that has become synonymous with Holy Cross School. Due to prevailing conditions, this might not look the same, and it will be a challenge. With the combined efforts of the school and our parent community, we will put our best foot forward each and every day. It is for our children.

So, that means more meetings. But that’s okay. . For as long as I know that we are coming together with a shared objective, we don’t allow conversations to digress, and we have a plan to accomplish great things, I’m okay with it.

And, we will accomplish great things because with God all things are possible! Amen.

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REGISTRATION FOR HOLY CROSS SCHOOL - SIGN UP NOW!!

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A Catholic education is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child, your family. Join us for the 2020-2021 school year!! We are making plans to open in September and look forward to having the children back in the school. You will be glad you decided to attend Holy Cross.

**Sunday Mass is taking place at
Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception.**

We have a modified schedule in effect through the end of August.

Holy Cross Schedule

SUNDAY MASSES (Weekend)

- Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m. (note: no confessions before Mass)
 - Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m (Spanish)

WEEKDAYS

- Monday thru Saturday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

- Saturday morning 8:45-10:00 a.m.

Immaculate Conception Schedule

SUNDAY MASSES

- Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m (Spanish)

WEEKDAYS

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. (English)

Thursday 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Saturday 9:00 am (Spanish)

CONFESSIONS

- Saturday morning 9:30-11:00 a.m.



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