

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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**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 1, 2018 – Thirteenth 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. Timothy J. Brady, 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**.

Dear Parishioners,

(Last bulletin, I wrote about the importance and power of conversion in our faith; this week I'll continue by highlighting some more famous conversions in Catholic history.)

In football, a conversion – actually a two-point conversion -- is a play, that occurs immediately after a touchdown, in which a team can earn two points by running or passing the ball into the end zone on one play starting from the opponent's two-yard line. A recent addition to the NFL rules, the first two-point conversion occurred in 1994 by way of Tom Tupa of the Cleveland Browns. While that conversion was history-making for the NFL, it only helped aid in winning a football game. A conversion of heart, and a conversion to the Faith, however, is of inestimably more value... and it helps one win the crown of victory and salvation! Moreover, it helps others by the witnessing of the faith of the one who has achieved conversion.

**Take Five.** Five key conversion to the faith that had vast implications to our Church, or the world, or both, were that of Constantine; Clovis; St. Francis; St. Kateri Tekakwitha; and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. To paraphrase from the opening words of TV's *Law and Order*, "... and there are their stories:"

**The Conversion of Constantine.** Roman Emperor Constantine, who in the religion of ancient Rome was deemed to be a god, one day had a conversion experience that not only brought him to Christianity but made him cast aside any illusion that he was a god. Shortly before a battle had a vision, recounted by early Christian writer, Lactantius: "Constantine was directed in a dream to cause the heavenly sign to be delineated on the shields of his soldiers, and so to proceed to battle. He did as he had been commanded, and he marked on their shields the letter X, with a perpendicular line drawn through it and turned round thus at the top (P), being the cipher [that is, initials] of CHRISTOS. Having this sign, his troops stood to arms." And Constantine won that battle using the sign from his vision. Constantine's conversion marked the

end of pagan Rome and the rise of Christianity. In 313 AD, Constantine legalized Christianity throughout the Empire. While not a saint in the Western Church, in the Eastern Church and amongst the Orthodox Churches, he is dubbed "St. Constantine, Equal of the Apostles" as he, like the Apostles, spread the faith throughout the known world.

**The Conversion of Clovis.** It was 496 A.D., and Clovis was King of the Franks (although, I always thought Sinatra should have that title). The King was down on his luck; the Germanic tribes were beating his troops like a rented mule. Clovis was an idol-worshipping pagan, but His wife was a Christian. She urged him to pray to God; he did, praying: "Most mighty God, whom my Queen worships and adores with heart and soul, I pledge you my perpetual service unto your faith, if only you give me now the victory over my enemies." And his prayer was answered: His troops began winning. Clovis ultimately conquered much of the Germanic area of Europe. He then made his profession of faith, was baptized and then convinced the chieftains within his kingdom to do likewise. And from that one key conversion, Europe was on its way to becoming a fully Christian continent.

**The Conversion of St. Francis.** St. Francis started out a young man seeking glory and knighthood in battle. He had a conversion made up several life-changing experiences. While earlier experiences moved him seeking the glories of this world, a key moment of conversion occurred one day when St. Francis came upon a leper. His first impulse was of revulsion; to look away and move on. Instead Francis was moved by love of God to embrace the leper. On his deathbed, St. Francis cited this as a key moment of conversion saying, "What seemed bitter to me was changed into sweetness of soul and body." By the power of this moment of conversion, and by God's later call to him to "rebuild my Church," St. Francis started the Franciscan order, which to this day serves the Church and the world with the inspiration that drove his conversion.

**The Conversion of St. Kateri Tekakwitha.** A member of the Mohawk Indian tribe, St. Kateri was a young girl whose ill health in early years left her sickly. Listening to the preaching of Jesuit Missionaries, St. Kateri moved away from the religious practices of her people, and became a convert to Catholicism as a teenager; she was baptized at age 20. As a result of her conversion, her family and her people shunned her. But she remained firm in faith. By her example, other Indian tribesmen converted and joined her in a Christian Indian colony. St. Kateri had a deep devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist and to Christ crucified. Inspiring many, she died at age 24, in 1680.

**The Conversion of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.** Following the death of her husband, Elizabeth Ann Seton, an Episcopalian widow with five children, found solace in the Catholic faith. She had a belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and in the truth that the Catholic Church was the one true Church. She converted to Catholicism, which alienated her family who cut her off from any assistance she may have needed. To help care for her kids she opened a school in Boston which was a great success. She was soon approached by the Archbishop of Baltimore to open a Catholic school for girls. She accepted the request, giving us the start of our nation's parochial school system. She then went on to found the Sisters of Charity, who staffed the schools. A school system and a religious order all came to be because of the conversion of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

During this Fourth of July week, we recall how our country converted from a colonial holding to an independent nation, how our people converted from being subjects of the British Monarch to citizens of our great nation, and how our flag converted from being the Union Jack to being Old Glory. Converting and conversion are powerful things in human life. Let us also reflect on the great conversion in faith history that I noted above and remind ourselves to always be prepared to answer God's continuing call to conversion.

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

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### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

#### **Sunday, July 1**

**8:30** Thompson & Harter Family

**11:00** Michael Poppiti

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

#### **Thursday June 5 Misa en Español**

**7pm** For the People

#### **Sunday, July 8**

**8:30** Louis Adam

**11:00** John Carrow

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

### **COLLECTION TOTALS:**

**Offertory:** \$ 2358.05

**Peter's Pence:** \$ 396.00

**Second Collection Today:** Supplementary

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



Before you head to the beach or bay, check out the Vacation Mass Guide [www.cdow.org/vmg/](http://www.cdow.org/vmg/)

*2018 Mass book is now open. To schedule a Mass, please contact the office*

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Collection Counters

**July 1** Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel  
**July 8** Frank & Joyce Cristiano  
**July 15** Ann Lawson & Assistant

### Church Cleaning Crew

#### **Julio 6, 2018 Grupo # 9**

Reynaldo Pérez, Maribel Ortiz, Juventino López,  
Isenia Escalante, Clemente Escalante

#### **Julio 13, 2018 Grupo #10**

Marcos Domingo, Orelia Berdugo, Carmen Gabriel,  
Susana Ortiz Morales, Alberto Morales.

### Altar Servers

#### **July 8**

**8:30am Mass** –Averi Locke & Anna Clancy  
**11am Mass** – Vince Haass & Joanna Santizo  
**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Reynaldo Alvarez & Sofia Ramirez

### Lectors

#### **July 8**

**8:30am Mass** – Diane Smith  
**11am Mass** – Jim Ward  
**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Clara Bámaca, Oyuki Galan

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### **July 8**

**8:30am Mass** – Alan Smith & Marilyn Dixon  
**11am Mass** – Judy Carrow & Bob Vanvessan  
**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Alberto Morales, Carlos Miguel, Flora Pérez, Miguel López, Antonio Pérez

## Marriage & Family Life Corner

### Marriage Moment –

Independence is an important step on the journey to adulthood, but marriage also requires dependence. I depend on you to keep your word, to be there when I'm feeling hurt, to watch the kids so I can have a break. How do you depend on one another?

### Parenting Pointer –

We inherit both physical and personality traits from our parents. It can be a source of parental pride, but also consternation. Talk with your child about what strengths and weaknesses they might have received from you.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Wed, Jul 4 Office Closed Holiday**

**Thur, Jul 5 Office Closed Holiday**  
**7pm Misa**

**Fri, Jul 6 7pm Band Practice**

**Sat, Jul 7 6:30pm Culto**

**Sun, Jul 8 2pm Soccer Tournament**



## **Knights of Columbus**

**Next meeting Tues, July 10th**

**6:30pm Rosary**

**7pm Meeting**

**in the Knights Hall**

**All members are encouraged to**

**attend.** Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or [kelley29@comcast.net](mailto:kelley29@comcast.net). Follow us on Facebook @ **Knights of Columbus Council 12509**



**"WHERE ARE YOU GOING?"**

**Prayer + Fraternity + Sports**

The *Quo Vadis* 2018 program is a three day event for high school and college age men to learn more about the priesthood; deepen their catholic faith; and have fun. **Registration is free. Register on line and find more information at [cdow.org/vocations](http://cdow.org/vocations)**

**Thursday, July 26 to Sunday, July 29** at the **Malvern Retreat Center** in Malvern, PA.

## FROM THE DRE'S DESK



### **VBS will be here at ICC soon!**

**July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

We will be having our next VBS meeting on **Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> between the Masses at 9:45 in the hall.**

Please let us know if you are interested in helping out this year. Youth need to contact Alicia Poppiti to assist. Training is required. Registration forms are available in parish office.

### **Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July from St. Thomas More!**



We would like to wish you a sparkling 4<sup>th</sup> of July filled with pride, honor, and lots of fun!

Contact the Admissions Office to learn how your child can Get MORE @STMA! 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.

Registration for Religious Education starting in September is needed now.



Please stop in the office and register your children and reserve their spot now. Do not wait for September! Supplies need to be ordered. Register today.

**REGISTRATIONS!! Registrations for 2018-2019 are now available at the office, and online. Please get your registrations for school of Religious Education this weekend. We would like to have all registered for next year by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please return registrations to Alicia as soon as possible. Fees are as follows: \$35 per child, not to exceed \$150 per family. 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, con la cobra de \$35 por cada niño, y no más de \$150 cada familia.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme:** We are made rich.

**Question for Children:** What does sharing with others bring happiness to you?

**Question for Youth:** What are some of the miraculous moments in your own life? Do you ever pray for miracles?

**Question for Adults:** What is your personal response?

### **13er domingo del tiempo ordinario**

**Tema:** Hemos sido enriquecidos.

**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Qué te da felicidad al compartir con otros?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Menciona algunos momentos milagrosos en tu propia vida. ¿Alguna vez oras por milagros?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Cuál es su respuesta personal a las instrucciones de San Pablo a los Corintios en la lectura de hoy? ¿Cómo cambiará esto sus hábitos personales con respecto al dinero y las posesiones?

## **Are you being called to the priesthood or religious life?**



Find out more about the priesthood at [www.diocesanpriest.com](http://www.diocesanpriest.com)

Find out more about the religious life: [religiouslife.com](http://religiouslife.com)

## **Let us help you to discover God's plan for your life.**

E-mail: [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org) or  
Call us: (302) 573-3113 today!



**A note of thanks to all parishioners who made donations toward the purchase two new chalices which were desperately needed. Both chalices were consecrated and used for the first time at all Masses this past Sunday, 17 June 2018. Please note that we are continuing to accept donations which will be applied toward refinishing our older chalices. I would also like to thank our very generous parish community for their many prayers for speedy recovery from hip replacement surgery. You all remain in my daily thoughts and prayers. Deacon Sherman Mitchell III**

## COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 1 DE JULIO, 2018.

Queridos feligreses,

(El boletín de la semana pasada, escribí sobre la importancia y el poder de la conversión en nuestra fe; esta semana continuaré destacando algunas conversiones más famosas en la historia católica).

En el fútbol, una conversión de dos puntos, es una jugada que ocurre inmediatamente después de un touchdown, en la que un equipo puede ganar dos puntos al correr o pasar la pelota a la zona de anotación en una jugada comenzando desde línea de dos yardas del oponente. Una reciente adición a las reglas de la NFL, la primera conversión de dos puntos ocurrió en 1994 por medio de Tom Tupa de los Cleveland Browns. Si bien esa conversión fue historia para la NFL, solo ayudó a ganar un partido de fútbol. Sin embargo, una conversión de corazón y una conversión a la fe tienen un valor inestimable... ¡y ayuda a uno a ganar la corona de la victoria y la salvación! Además, ayuda a otros mediante el testimonio de la fe de quien ha logrado la conversión.

**Tome Cinco.** Cinco conversiones claves a la fe que tuvo grandes repercusiones para nuestra Iglesia, o el mundo, o ambas, fue la de Constantino; Clovis; San Francisco; St. Kateri Tekakwitha; y St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Parafraseando las palabras del programa de TV "Ley y Orden, "... y aquí están sus historias:"

**La Conversión de Constantino.** El emperador romano Constantino, que en la religión de la antigua Roma se consideraba un dios, un día tuvo una experiencia de conversión que no solo lo llevó al cristianismo, sino que lo hizo desechar cualquier ilusión de que fuera un dios. Poco antes de una batalla tuvo una visión, relatada por el escritor cristiano primitivo, Lactancio: "Constantino fue ordenado en un sueño a cambiar el símbolo y hacer que el símbolo celestial se delineara en los escudos de sus soldados, y así proceder a la batalla. Hizo lo que se le había ordenado, y marcó en sus escudos la letra X, con una línea perpendicular dibujada a través de ella y se volvió así en la parte superior (P), siendo el cifrado [es decir, las iniciales] de CRISTOS. Teniendo este signo, sus tropas se levantaron en armas. "Y Constantino ganó esa batalla usando el símbolo de su visión. La conversión de Constantino marcó el final de la Roma pagana y el surgimiento del cristianismo. En 313, Constantino legalizó el cristianismo en todo el Imperio. Aunque no es un santo en la Iglesia occidental, en la Iglesia oriental y entre las Iglesias ortodoxas, es apodado "San Constantino, Igual de los Apóstoles" como él, como los Apóstoles, esparcieron la fe por todo el mundo conocido.

**La Conversión de Clodoveo.** En el año 496 Clodoveo era el Rey de los Francos (aunque, siempre pensé que Sinatra debería tener ese título). El rey no tenía mucha suerte; las tribus germánicas golpeaban a sus tropas como una mula

alquilada. Clodoveo era un pagano que adoraba a los ídolos, pero su esposa Clotilde era Católica. Ella constantemente le pedía que rezara a Dios; lo hizo, rezando: "Dios todopoderoso, a quien mi Reina adora y adora con el corazón y el alma, te prometo mi servicio perpetuo a tu fe, si tan solo me das ahora la victoria sobre mis invasores". Y su oración fue escuchada: Sus tropas comenzaron a ganar. Clodoveo finalmente conquistó gran parte del área germánica de Europa. Luego hizo su profesión de fe, se bautizó y luego convenció a los jefes de su reino para que hicieran lo mismo. Y a partir de esa conversión clave, Europa estaba en camino de convertirse en un continente completamente cristiano.

**La Conversión de San Francisco.** San Francisco comenzó como un joven que buscaba la gloria y la caballería en la batalla. Él tuvo una conversión compuesta de varias experiencias que cambiaron su vida. Mientras que las experiencias anteriores lo movían a buscar las glorias de este mundo, un momento clave de conversión ocurrió un día cuando San Francisco se encontró con un leproso. Su primer impulso fue de repugnancia; para mirar hacia otro lado y seguir. Se conmovió por el amor de Dios para abrazar al leproso. En su lecho de muerte, San Francisco citó esto como un momento clave de su conversión diciendo: " El mismo Señor me llevó entre ellos y usó de mi la misericordia con ellos. Y al apartarme de ellos, lo que antes me parecía amargo me fue convertido en dulcedumbre del alma y del cuerpo. "Por el poder de este momento de conversión, y por la llamada posterior de Dios a él a "repara mi Iglesia", San Francisco comenzó la orden franciscana, que hasta el día de hoy sirve a la Iglesia y al mundo con la inspiración que impulsó su conversión.

**La Conversión de Santa Kateri Tekakwitha.** Miembro de la tribu indígena Mohawk, Santa Kateri era una niña salud muy frágil en los primeros años la dejó enferma. Al escuchar la predicación de los Misioneros Jesuitas, Santa Kateri se alejó de las prácticas religiosas de su pueblo y se convirtió al catolicismo cuando era adolescente; ella fue bautizada a los 20 años. Como resultado de su conversión, su familia y su gente la rechazaron. Pero ella se mantuvo firme en la fe. Por su ejemplo, otros miembros de tribus indias se convirtieron y se unieron a ella en una colonia india cristiana. Santa Kateri tenía una profunda devoción al Santísimo Sacramento de la Eucaristía y a Cristo crucificado. Inspirando a muchos, ella murió a los 24 años, en 1680.

**La Conversión de Santa Isabel Ann Seton.** Tras la muerte de su esposo, Elizabeth Ann Seton, viuda episcopal con cinco hijos, encontró consuelo en la fe católica. Ella tenía una creencia en la Presencia Real de Cristo en la Eucaristía y en la verdad de que la Iglesia Católica era la única y verdadera Iglesia. Se convirtió al catolicismo, lo que la alejó de su familia que la excluía de cualquier ayuda que pudiera necesitar. Para ayudar a cuidar a sus hijos, abrió una escuela en Boston, que fue un gran éxito. Pronto a petición del Arzobispo de Baltimore que le pidió que

abriera una escuela católica para niñas. Ella aceptó la solicitud y nos dio el inicio del sistema escolar parroquial de nuestra nación. Luego fundó las Hermanas de la Caridad, que trabajaban en las escuelas. Un sistema escolar y una orden religiosa vinieron a ser debido a la conversión de Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Durante esta semana del Cuatro de Julio, recordamos cómo nuestro país se convirtió de una posesión colonial a una nación independiente, cómo nuestra gente se convirtió de súbditos del Imperio británico a ciudadanos de nuestra gran nación, y cómo nuestra bandera se convirtió de la Unión Británica a la gloriosa bandera de nuestra Nación.

Convirtiéndose y conversión son cosas poderosas en la vida humana. Reflexionemos también sobre la gran conversión en la historia de la fe que anoté anteriormente y recuerden que siempre debemos estar preparados para responder al continuo llamado de Dios a la conversión.

Tuyo en Cristo, P. James Lentini, Pastor



## **WHAT'S YOUR STORY??**

### **100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE**

**The committee for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in the process of collecting your stories of parish life at Immaculate Conception Church. We will be creating a book of the stories to publish. Please share yours. We need all of them by Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>. You can bring them to church or to the office. Terry Thompson will be compiling them. You can also meet Marge Messner if you would like to be interviewed.**

**We have had 3 successful events thus far, The Car Show in April, and Breakfast for Supper in May and Family Movie Night in June. If you missed them, don't worry there are more to come.**

**September 29-30 – Soccer Tournament**

**October 13 – Saint night**

**December 8 -100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**9am – 1pm Bazaar type event in the hall, reminiscent of old days with food, funnel cakes, crafts and more.**

**5pm- Mass at Immaculate Conception with Bishop Malooly**

**6:30pm- Dinner Dance at the Marydel Fire Hall – ticket sales in advance**

**Also, be on the lookout for your chance to get the ICC 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary T-Shirt, Christmas Ornament and Cat's Meow collector piece.**

**The goal of the committee is to bring people together to build up the community of faith. We hope you will join us and get to know your brothers and sisters in faith as we grow in the love of Christ.**



## **CELEBRACIÓN DEL 100º ANIVERSARIO DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA**

**El comité para el Centenario está en proceso de recopilar sus historias de la vida parroquial en la Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción. Estamos haciendo un libro de historias para publicar. Por favor comparte Tu historia.**

**Entregarlo lo más tardar el domingo 15 de julio. Puedes llevarlo a la iglesia o a la oficina. La Sra. Terri Woodeschek los recopilará. También puedes hablar con la Sra. Marge Messner si desea ser entrevistado.**

**Hemos tenido 3 eventos exitosos hasta el momento, El Show de Carros en abril, y Desayuno para Cena en mayo y Noche familiar de Película en junio. Si los perdiste, no te preocupes, hay más por venir.**

**29-30 de septiembre - Torneo de fútbol**

**13 de octubre - noche de Santos**

**8 de diciembre Celebración del Centenario**

**De 9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. evento tipo bazar en el vestíbulo, para recordar los viejos tiempos con comida, postres de embudo, artesanías y más.**

**5 pm- Misa en la Inmaculada Concepción con el Obispo Malooly**

**6:30 pm - Cena Baile en el Salón de Bomberos de Marydel Fire Hall – Hay que comprar los boletos de entrada por adelantado**

**También muy pronto podrá obtener la camiseta (playera) del 100 aniversario de la ICC, el adorno de Navidad y la pieza coleccionista Cat's Meow.**

**El objetivo del comité es unir a las personas para construir comunidad de fe. Esperamos que se una a nosotros y conozca a sus hermanos y hermanas en la fe a medida que crecemos en el amor de Cristo.**