



# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

July 31, 2022

18th 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-Saturday, 8 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

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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

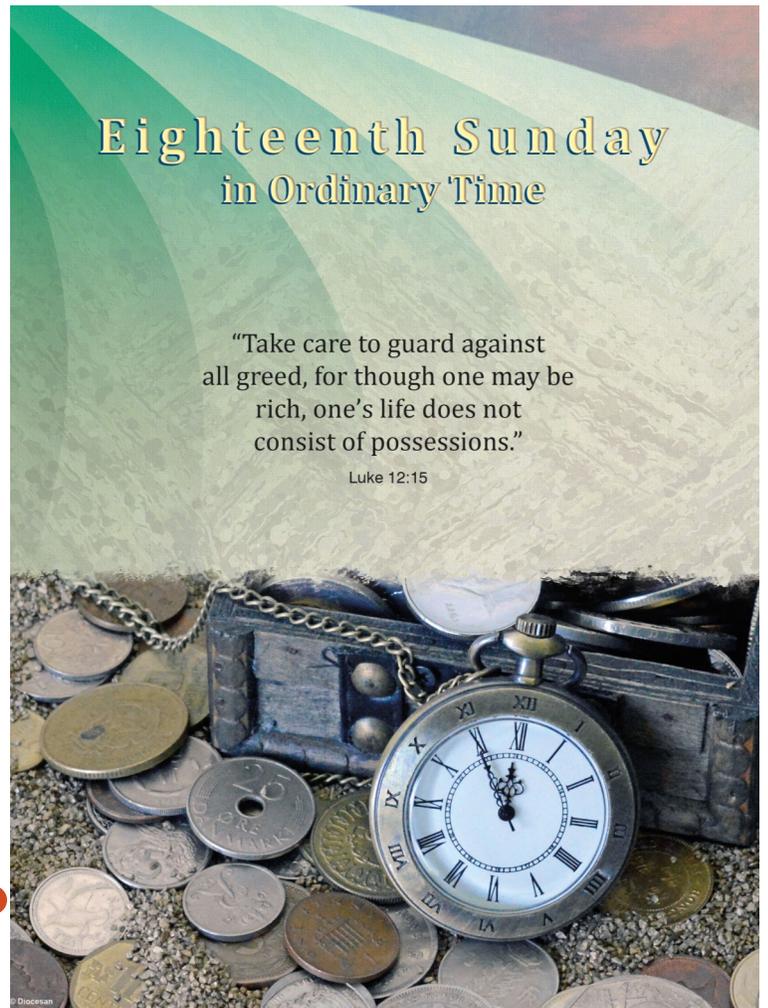
### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Take care to guard against  
all greed, for though one may be  
rich, one’s life does not  
consist of possessions.”

Luke 12:15



### 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.

## MEN OF THE HOLY CROSS

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 to join our meetings. Just type in on a web browser the below link or click on the following link and it will automatically guide you through the Zoom Meeting set up and join our (Hybrid in person or via zoom) (We also meet in person 2nd floor of the ELC building) meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/83606382292> pass code 631 Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM (time certain) . We are currently viewing episodes from Knights of Columbus " titled "Into the Breach".

## CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, August 6, the rector of St. Peter’s Cathedral, Father Joseph McQuaide, will tell us about the history of our cathedral and what’s new and at this beautiful and historic church. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by searching “Catholic Forum” on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

July 17, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$23,545	\$26,500	(\$2,955)
YTD	\$72,933	\$79,500	(\$6,567)
Needs	\$1,723	\$1,604	\$119

## WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending July 17, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$4,194
Second Collection	\$401

## SWITCH TO EGIVING THIS SUMMER (HC)

Online donations through Faith Direct help sustain our parish ministries and keep our offertory consistent during the busy summer vacation months. If you make the switch today, you’ll be giving steady, consistent support to the parish ministries you care about most in the months ahead – even if you’re out of town during summer weekends.

Dear Parishioners,

Back in May, I gave a homily in which I invoke references to the movie “The Quiet Place.” In the time since then, several people have asked for copies of that homily. For those who know me well, you know that I don’t give out copies of my homilies, as I say, “They are meant to be heard in Church, not read.” However, to make the exception that proves the rule, I am going to print that homily from back in May, albeit slightly modified (and typos cleaned up), as this week’s Pastor’s Column. To wit:

There was a movie a few years back called “The Quiet Place,” a kind of science-fiction suspense drama. It was very well made, very well reviewed, and earned, I believe, a few technical Oscar nominations.

**Alien Invasion.** Most of the story takes place in the present day, in one small Midwestern town. One day, the people of this town see objects streaking through the sky which, we find out later, are alien spacecraft. They land outside this town and within hours, the folks of the town find out two things: (1) the creatures are not friendly, and (2) this was a world-wide phenomena.

**Sound Advice.** Following their landing, the aliens start to show themselves and they start attacking and killing people left and right — but questions lurk as to why they kill, for example, why this person but not that person? It is found out that the creatures track their prey by sound. Like bees to honey, these creatures are drawn to sound. Thus anyone making noise or speaking aloud will draw the creatures to them, and they will be brutally killed.

**No Peace, Just Quiet.** With seemingly no way to fight back, the people of this town, of our country, and of the world — become quiet. The earth becomes the quiet place. And this town where the story takes place likewise has become a quiet place. The people in this town use written words, gestures, symbols, or simply mouthed-words to communicate — they live in fear of the creatures hearing them and killing them. On occasion, people go deep underground — in sub basements and the like — where they can speak ever so softly, but ever-so-warily, for fear of being heard by the creatures. The people know that if they are heard, the creatures will descend upon them and kill them.

**Family Life.** The movie places its focus not just on this one town, but even more so on this one family living through the terrible crisis of fear and quietness. Early in the movie, their youngest child is outside quietly playing when suddenly he starts making noise with a toy he is holding — as a little child would. The father,

in panic, runs towards his son to quiet him, but it is too late; the monsters swoop in and the boy is destroyed by these creatures. The reality of not being quiet enough to be kept safe from the monsters is made clear to this now traumatized family, and the movie then goes on to document what life is like for this family in a world that has become a quiet place.

**Our Quiet Place?** “The Quiet Place” is a brilliantly made film. And it seems to me, intentional or not, that it gives one an insight into our own world today in the year 2022. My brothers and sisters, I would submit to you that our world — the world you and I live in — has become for many of us the quiet place. It has become a place where people fear speaking their thoughts aloud for fear of being attacked and destroyed.

**Monsters.** Our world has become a place where people of faith dare not speak about their faith or their moral beliefs out loud. Where they dare not speak any aspect of their faith that goes against today’s ascribed societal taboos and politically correct views — for if we do speak, if we leave the quiet place, we may be attacked, or fired, or the Twitter mob may descend upon us, or the cancellers may cancel us (as current lingo goes), or we may find ourselves and our lives destroyed by the twenty-first-century censors who hold us in contempt. And in this regard, the world has — at least for many people of faith — become the quiet place. The monsters are waiting to pounce, waiting for the first impolitic or disagreeable view to be spoken by us. And when we are in the quiet place, it might seem that those who want us silenced have won.

**The Quiet Christian.** A recent Siena College poll found that 84% of Americans are afraid to exercise their freedom of speech, that is, to express their opinion with others, especially those outside of their immediate family. Over 50% specifically say they have held their tongue about their beliefs — not because people might merely disagree with them — but because of a fear of retaliation, attack, and personal destruction. I would imagine this number is even higher among Christians today. We have been relegated to the quiet place. A place where we may be able to speak to family and friends — so long as we are not heard. So long as we speak softly or inaudibly. In a society that claims to want to be open to all views, Christianity is oddly excluded. So, we

## 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

## HC STAFF

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 Tammy Korosec CRE Religious Ed, ext 122  
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 Len Dornberger Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135  
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## MAILING ADDRESS

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 Marydel, MD 21649-0399

## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Catholic Education Pre-K3 to Grade 8  
 302 674 5787  
[holycrossdover.org/school](http://holycrossdover.org/school)

Linda Pollitt Principal, ext. 111

## MAILING ADDRESS

*Holy Cross School*  
 631 S. State St.  
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## RC I A ...

When Jesus was approached by those who wished to become disciples, he invited them to "...come and see," that is to come and be with me and my disciples for a while. Walk with us – learn who we are. Then make your decision to become a disciple.

Pope St. John Paul II said, "It is not enough to discover Christ – you must bring him to others!" The words of our Holy Father should encourage us to reach out to a neighbor, friend, relative and co-worker. If they do not have a church home, invite them to consider Holy Cross.

We are already making contact and responding to those who are interested in journeying with us to discover more about the Catholic Christian experience. Even if you have asked someone before they have passed up the opportunity, today may be the time that the Holy Spirit has chosen for them. Invite them to discover at no obligation what the Catholic Church is really all about. For more information, contact the Parish Office, 674-5787 extension 110 or 113.

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to the families of our newest members:

- Veronica Kate O'Connor, Alice Donabell Lehman, Vivian Larson Lehman, Miles Nnajiye Awomokorie

## RECENT DEATHS

Our condolences to the families of those who recently passed:

- Gilbert T. Gonzales, Helena Serwach, and Deacon William Murrian

## SAMARITANS

Last Fiscal Year, the Samaritan Food Pantry provided food to 1,009 families (2208 Adults and 3576 Children) .

We are asking for the following foods to continue providing balanced meals to families needing assistance:

(small packs of ground beef, tray pack or whole chicken, small beef or pork roasts)

We have a freezer and drop box inside the left door in the building behind the Rectory.

(unlocked 6 AM to 6 PM)

Thank you for your donations.

## 19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (AUG 7)

FIRST READING: WISDOM 18:6-9

The dark night of the Passover became light for God's children through faith and hope.

SECOND READING : HEBREWS 11:1-2, 8-19

Faith is the foundation of a life lived in hope, even for people who never live to see their ultimate hopes fulfilled.

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:32-48

Jesus teaches us that what we cherish most is the sign of where our heart lies.

## YOUNG AT HEART

We will resume our meetings on September 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the ELC Matthew/Mark room. Dr. Joe O'Donnell will be the speaker. The topic "Oliver Wendell Homes". Lunch is \$5.00.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our prayers shawl ministry continues to meet each Tuesday morning from 10 am to 12 noon in the St. Luke Room on the second floor of the Early Learning Center Building. Newcomers are welcome. If you know someone who could use a prayer shawl or if you would like one yourself, please call the parish office and we can pass along the message to the group.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Complaining can be a release for negative emotions, but it can wear down the listener - usually your spouse. Can you go one day without complaining? Let your beloved check you and hold you accountable.

## PARENTING POINTERS

Children might have snatches of time when they recognize the value of parental love and commitment, but they still like toys. Challenge your family to a day without toys or tech stuff and create your own fun. Can you do it?

## RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Ret-ro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming weekend programs will be held August 19 - 21 and October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. To register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for an in-person or virtual experience getting closer to your spouse? Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! Many options for virtual events can be found on our website [www.wwme-delmar.org](http://www.wwme-delmar.org). For additional information please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

## MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST

<b>1 MONDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Lois Abendroth
<b>2 TUESDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Ralph Naturale
<b>3 WEDNESDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Joseph & Elizabeth D'Aguillo
<b>4 THURSDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Harry Antonick
ICC 6:00 pm	For the People
<b>5 FRIDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Helen Bugglin
<b>6 SATURDAY</b>	
HC 8 am	Emma Zapanta Donato
HC 5 pm	Giovanni DiSandro
<b>7 SUNDAY</b>	
HC 7:30 am	Thomas Combs
ICC 8:30 am	Richard C. Saladino
HC 9:30 am	Charles Schmidt
ICC 11 am	Frank Colonna
HC 1:00 pm	Gloria Martinez
ICC 1 pm	For the People

*(LI—LIVING INTENTION  
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)*

## BUSINESS MANAGER

St. Polycarp Church in Smyrna, DE is seeking a full time Business Manager. Interested candidates should have Business Management, Accounting and Bookkeeping experience with the appropriate educational credentials. Facilities management, or a willingness to learn, is also a necessary component of the position. Above all, the person must be willing to work collaboratively with our team of Professional ministries to build God's Kingdom.

Inquiries should be sent to [office@saintpolycarp.org](mailto:office@saintpolycarp.org)

## SVDP MEETING AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

St. Vincent de Paul meeting the 2nd Mon. of the month at 5 pm, in the office meeting room.

Next meeting is Monday, September 12, 2022, at 5 pm.

HOLY CROSS AUG 6/7, 2022

EMHC		SERVERS	
5:00 PM	J. Bieker D. Darling	L. Darling J. Salamone	A. Costa E. Costa M. Costa
<b>LECTORS</b>			
J. Davis D. Dixon			
7:30 AM	J. Chandler J. Davis	T. Dinan R. Fritzsche	B. Gyamfi E. Gyamfi C. Wilk
<b>LECTORS</b>			
R. Pritchett			
9:30 AM	T. Arndt K. Boyer	F. Hanlin D. Martinez	K. Fernandez G. Maddalena J. Seeney
<b>LECTORS</b>			
S. Ford C. Petka			
11:30 AM	TBD		K. Espinosa C. Geronimo
<b>LECTORS</b>			
A. Luna			

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	B. Casey		
<b>LECTORS</b>			
D. Smith			
11:00 AM	M. Soule		
<b>LECTORS</b>			
L. Schlaupitz			
1:00 PM	To be determined		
<b>LECTORS</b>			
TBD			

The Cathedral of Saint Peter, in the historic Quaker Hill section of the City of Wilmington, is the Bishop's own parish and the center of Catholicism in our diocese. It was built over 200 years ago – 50 years before the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington - and continues with a small but dedicated parish community and school. At the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, the diocese began live-streaming Sunday Mass from our Cathedral. That effort continues today. In 2015, Bishop Malooly, with the support of the priests of the diocese, instituted an annual special collection to support the maintenance and ministry of our Cathedral. This year, the collection will be held on August 13 & 14. More information is available at [www.cathedralofstpeter.com](http://www.cathedralofstpeter.com) and at [www.cdow.org/cathedral](http://www.cdow.org/cathedral). We thank you for your generosity.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL RE-UNION, YEARS 1963 - 1990

Open to all HC graduates and guest

**Friday, August 26**

**6:30 – 10 pm**

at HC Gymnasium,  
Live entertainment,  
snacks and beverages

Pay at door: \$10 per person



**Saturday, August 27**

**4:00 – 11:00 pm**

at Dover Elks Lodge, Saulsbury Rd

Dinner, beverages, dj -music (cash bar for some beverages)

Advance registration and payment required.

\$35 per person,

REGISTER/PAY at

[HOLYCROSSDOVER.COM](http://HOLYCROSSDOVER.COM)

Website has more details and hotel information

Also visit Holy Cross Dover on Facebook

Inquiries to [bwinters@mitten-winters.com](mailto:bwinters@mitten-winters.com) or

[cpedrotty@mitten-winters.com](mailto:cpedrotty@mitten-winters.com)

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

It's a question every Catholic man needs to ask - and answer. God calls you to lead with faith in all you do. The Knights of Columbus is here to help. We offer the Catholic faith formation, financial protection, and family resources that can help you grow as a father, husband, and leader. With the Knights, you can become the man you want to be - and your family needs. Learn more at [KofC.org](http://KofC.org) and find out how you can make a difference and enjoy the benefits of becoming a Knight. Lead, they'll follow.

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 Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

**SUNDAY** 6 am, 10 am, 5 pm, 8 pm

**TUESDAY** 6 am, 3 pm

**WEDNESDAY** 11 am

**THURSDAY** 12 pm

**SATURDAY** 12 pm, 1 pm,  
2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

## ICC- EDUCATION RELIGIOSA

- Es muy importante inscribir a sus hijos a tiempo para la Educación Religiosa. Las Inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa y Preparación para la Confirmación (HC - 2023) Las aplicaciones para inscribirse para la Preparación para la Confirmación 2023 se pueden encontrar en el sitio web de la parroquia en [holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christianformation/k-8-formation](http://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christianformation/k-8-formation).
- Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en comunicarse con Tammy Korosec en [tkorosec@holycrossover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossover.org) o llame al (302) 674-5787 X 122
- Los Obispos de los Estados Unidos están llamando a un avivamiento de tres años de la devoción y la creencia en la Presencia Real de Jesús en la Eucaristía. Creen que Dios quiere ver un movimiento de católicos en todo Estados Unidos, curados, convertidos, formados y unificados por un encuentro con Jesús en la Eucaristía, y enviados en misión “para la vida del mundo”. Estos tres años culminarán con el primer Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en Estados Unidos en casi cincuenta años. Casi cien mil católicos se reunirán en Indianápolis en una peregrinación única hacia la “fuente y cumbre” de nuestra fe católica. Que culminara con un Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en Indianápolis, Indiana del 17-21 de julio del 2024.
- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre - bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118
- La virgen peregrina está visitando casas, si usted desea tener la virgen en su casa por una semana por favor hable con la Sra. Marta Espinosa.
- ICC- Un agradecimiento muy especial a todos los que trabajaron incansablemente en el evento del fin de semana del Torneo de Fútbol. Fue un evento para la recaudación de fondos para nuestra parroquia y fue todo un éxito. Gracias a la iniciativa de la Junta Directiva, el comité de cocina, los vendedores, jugadores y patrocinadores. Gracias y que el Señor los bendiga y les de la fuerza para poder trabajar para el bienestar de Su Reino y Su iglesia.
- La inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 está abierta, las inscripciones están disponibles para todas las familias y aún se aceptan. Debe inscribir a sus hijos cada año. Vuelva a Alicia Poppiti ahora, para que podamos estar seguros de tener suficientes maestros, libros y espacio en las aulas.
- Necesitamos Catequistas, Asistentes, sustitutos y ayudantes para el próximo año para la Educación Religiosa los domingos por la mañana, desde el 18 de septiembre hasta el 7 de mayo, de 9:40 a 10:50 a.m. Póngase en contacto con Alicia Poppiti @ 410-482-8939 o [dre@iccmaryl.org](mailto:dre@iccmaryl.org) para obtener más información.
- Las inscripciones ya están disponibles.
- Nuevos Inscribiéndose: [tinyurl.com/2p978jem](https://tinyurl.com/2p978jem)
- Retornando Inscribiéndose: [https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/sre\\_registration\\_form\\_2021.pdf](https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/sre_registration_form_2021.pdf)
- Forma A en Ingles: [https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/form\\_a\\_-\\_new.pdf](https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/form_a_-_new.pdf)
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- La Escuela Bíblica de Verano en La Inmaculada Concepción es del 1 al 5 de agosto, de 6 a 8:30 p. m. en el Salón. Los niños deben estar inscritos para asistir. Más información sobre la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones en las próximas semanas. Los niños deben estar registrados para asistir. ¡Se necesitan voluntarios para ser miembros del equipo para la VBS de Food Truck Party! Si estas interesado inscribase con Alicia Poppiti [dre@iccmaryl.org](mailto:dre@iccmaryl.org) o llame al 410-482-8939.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education?

Registration forms available at <https://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>

If you have any questions contact Tammy Korosec at either [tkorosec@holycrossover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossover.org) or call (302)674-5787 X 122

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LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith) Catechesis  
Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF?

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### ADULT FORMATION

In English:

Father Mike Schmitz  
[tinyurl.com/yknnjyc7](http://tinyurl.com/yknnjyc7)



In Spanish:

Fray Sergio Serrano  
[tinyurl.com/3dfwydt7](http://tinyurl.com/3dfwydt7)



## CONFIRMATION AT HOLY CROSS

**REMINDER** - Registration for Confirmation Preparation may be found on the Parish Website under Teaching the Faith. Any teen entering 9th Grade to 12th Grade is invited to join us for Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring.

**Parent Meeting** - for teens beginning Confirmation Preparation Sunday, August 28 at 5 pm OR Monday, August 29 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Please mark your calendar.

### High School Peer Leaders -

Training for next year teens who would like to join the peer leader group will be held on Thursday evening, August 18 at 7 pm.

Reminder - deadline to let Mrs. Darling know you would like to be a peer was July 1! Please email her to let her know your plan to participate this year.

## SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Religious Education registration for the 2022-2023 school year are available to all families registered in the parish, and are still being accepted.

Religious Education classes run Sunday mornings from September 25th thru May 7th, 9:40am-10:50am.

Please return to Alicia Poppiti at the ICC Religious Education office. You can also download and print from our website at:

New Registrants [https://www.iccmmarydel.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/new\\_sre\\_registration\\_form\\_2021.pdf](https://www.iccmmarydel.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/new_sre_registration_form_2021.pdf)

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### Your Assistance is requested for our School Year Religious Education:

Wanted, to share faith and knowledge, as we are in need of Catechists, Assistants, substitutes and helpers for next year for Religious Education on Sunday mornings, from September 25th until May 7th, 9:40-10:50am. Contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482-8939 or [dre@iccmmarydel.org](mailto:dre@iccmmarydel.org) for more information. We offer wonderful and faith filled formation days for you as well.

## VBS AT ICC

Only 1 week away!!! VACATION BIBLE

SCHOOL: Registrations are now available, and need to be returned by July 25th.

Vacation Bible School at Immaculate Conception is from August 1-5 6-8:30pm in the Hall.

Registrations are available to print or fill out online: <https://www.iccmmarydel.org/vbs.html>  
Team Members Needed for Food Truck Party VBS, please join us on our way to Food Truck Party VBS!

Volunteers can register with Alicia Poppiti at [dre@iccmmarydel.org](mailto:dre@iccmmarydel.org) or 410-482-8939, to sign up for opportunities to serve, lead, and most of all, HAVE FUN at Food Truck Party! Join us as we get On a Roll with God!



It has been said that meetings are a practical alternative to work. I would respectfully disagree. I'm not a particular fan of meetings, but I do insist that when a meeting is scheduled that an agenda be adhered to and that when we walk away from the table where goals and objectives have been created, and everyone knows the role they will play in their accomplishment. Here in the month of August, it seems that with the passage of each twenty four hour day, there surfaces another need for a meeting of some sort. There are many benefits to meeting, and none of them provide an alternative to work.

This past week our HSA gathered for our summer planning meeting. The meeting was successful in many ways. Everyone who was expected was in attendance. We were able to address each item on the agenda, we made plans for events in the coming school year, we all expressed joy over being able to plan for events that have been on the back burner for too long, and we have a date for subsequent meetings. We welcome our returning HSA members; Mrs. Granitto, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Klaus, Mrs. Speed, Mrs. Woodall, and new to the HSA is Mrs. Corey Thomas. All of these ladies have full-time jobs and for them to make time for just one more thing is more than appreciated and highly commendable. I am so grateful.

So, hey! How about some of those events?? Keep your eyes and ears open for news about such good times as a Back-To-School Night, Family Movie Night on the Field (yayyyy!) Everybody's favorite--- Trunk-or-Treat and also First Responders Day, both in October, and then we are so excited about plans to resurrect the Parent-Child evenings---remember the Father-Daughter and Mother-Son dances? We also spent some time discussing all the logistics of a spring time Walk-A-Thon (it's pretty complicated...but don't let that scare you away)

While this all might look and sound great and wonderful on paper, the fact of the matter is we need some help! Which one of these fun events sounds like it might be something you can lend your time and talent to? Call me. I will be more than happy to sign you right up! An even better idea would be to stop one of the HSA ladies when you see them. Tell any one of them about your deep desire to help bring to life the Father-Daughter dance, or the Father-Son camping trip or maybe your gift is in logistics and you'd like to lend a hand with the Spring Walk-A-Thon. Well, don't you fret over it, because our moms and dads will have a chance real soon to sign up for any one (or two) of these fun-packed events that are planned for the coming months. We had a sweet taste of what "used to be" last spring when moms and their daughters shared a delightful afternoon of tea and delectable morsels at the Mother-Daughter Tea. That taste left us wanting so much more.....

It sounds like there are a few more meetings on the horizon.

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How would you like a part-time position where everyone you work with loves you? How would you like a job where everyone you work with listens to what you say? How would you like a job where hugs



given unconditionally? How would you like a job where everyone plays nice in the sandbox? How would you like a job where the hours are great and the reward is greater? How would you like a job where you can wear your Halloween costume, your PJ's or your Christmas reindeer antlers to work??

How would you like a job where you can openly and freely speak of Jesus and teach the children to pray?

We are looking for just the right person to serve as a Classroom Assistant in the Three-Year Old Room. Are you that person? If so, Mrs. Pollitt would like to speak to you about this great opportunity. Call 302-674-5787, ext. 111. It's the dream job for just that right and certain someone.

must hide away in that quiet place. And if we don't, well, then, prepare for trouble.

**Across the Pond.** I remember several years ago in Britain, the leader of a political party was pushed to resign his post because it was deemed that his Christian faith was incompatible with public life. Anytime he espoused a Christian value that went against the values of the day, ad hominem attacks, threats, and online character assassination would erupt— and, ultimately, his opponents won, and poof, he was gone. This leader dared to bravely step out of the quiet place, and, much like in the movie I referenced, the monsters got him and silenced him. But this is our world today: as it used to say on ancient explorers' maps, "Here there be monsters!"

**Debate vs Destruction.** In proper debating, one is always taught to debate issues, and to avoid ad hominem attacks, that is, avoid attacking the debater. Or to use a sports metaphor, in debate one is to play the ball, not the man. Well, today, the model has flipped: today folks don't debate the issue; no, they destroy the person who disagrees with them, and then in that manner they consider themselves to have won the debate.

**We Are Subjects of God.** And because of this strange new world we find ourselves in, so often, we find ourselves cowering in the quiet place. A place where Christians should shut up and accept whatever is the latest flavor of morality that the world scoops out. But that's not us, and that can't be us. As Christians, we are not to be residents of the quiet place. God sent us his Word, not his silence. We are not called to hide our light under a bushel basket. The quiet place, frankly, is not a place fit for any man, and certainly not for any Christian. So, let the angels sing aloud, let the trumpets blare, and let the voice of Christ be heard. We are subjects of God, not citizens of the quiet place.

**On the Mark.** What did Christ commend to his Apostles, his faithful? That his teachings "would be preached in his name, to all the nations... you are witnesses of these things." (cf. Luke 47-48). In the Acts of the Apostles (1:8), He tells his Apostles, "You will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth." In St. Mark's Gospel (16:15), Jesus famously tells his followers, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel." When he said these things, Our Lord certainly wasn't calling his followers then, nor us today, to abide in the quiet place. Quite the opposite.

- We are called to make known the saving power of Jesus Christ;
- We are called to move people from sinful ways to newness of life;
- We are called to move people from world's darkness to God's glorious light; and
- We are called to speak the name, words, and the truth of Jesus Christ.

**Be Not Afraid.** In Matthew's Gospel (10:26-27), Christ famously tells his followers who are worried and fearful about how society and the powers-that-be would react to them preaching the faith, "Do not be afraid of them... What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops." In Matthew 10:16, he says to his followers, "Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves." With those words he is telling his faithful that there is always a danger stepping outside of the quiet place and preaching the truth — that there are those who will seek to destroy you.

**The Devil and the Quiet Place.** Christ gave us this one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church to continue His good works. Thus he calls us to works of charity, care, love, graciousness, and the greatest work of all: winning souls to Christ. In doing this, there may be those who wish to destroy us, or silence us, or send us packing on a trip to the quiet place. And the Devil would like nothing more than to relegate us to the quiet place in this world. Why? Because the Devil's realm is the ultimate quiet place — a place of isolation from God. But, that place is not — praise God — our place. For Jesus Christ has made it clear that he has other plans for us.

**Heartfelt Truth.** Jesus is called the Word of God, this is because he speaks truth, and speaks it to our hearts. And he wants us to do the same to the hearts of our brothers and sisters, so that we — and they — one day, may all be gathered in our heavenly homeland with Christ.

There is a place for quiet in this life. Quiet time in prayer, in meditation, in relaxation, in slumber, in reading. But when it comes to proclaiming the Good News, ignore the monsters, shun the serpent, fear not, and make known the message of Christ to all. Forget the quiet place! Come to the Holy place, and do the work of Christ!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor