



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

July 5, 2020

14th Sunday Ordinary Time

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14th Sunday *in* Ordinary Time

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

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

holycrossover.org
iccmaryl.org

- Read daily reflections by our clergy
- 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, except on Saturday when it will close at Noon.

While we are not allowing anyone into the parish offices, you can call and leave messages and we will get back to you.; or, you can email us.

We are beginning to schedule baptisms now. We are also allowing funeral Mass to take place in the church.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC) ending June 30 year ending

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$30,015	\$27,450	\$2,565
YTD	\$1,374,371	\$1,471,000	(\$96,629)
Needs	\$1,424	\$1,586	(\$162)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC) Ending June 30

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$1,447
Second	\$110

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,

I'm writing to you from my hospital bed. Things are good and getting better, and I look forward to being released soon. In this situation I have decided to go into summer reruns of my pastor columns and so this week I'll honor my Two parishes' Deacons (Deacons Belt, Mitchell, Pisano, McMullen, Tormey, Peterson, and Harvey) with a column on Deacons who were saints. Enjoy. See y'all soon.

In 1978, the two-man rock band, of sorts, named Steely Dan put out what I think was one of the most stunningly produced albums of that era, "Aja" (pronounced "Asia"). One of my favorite songs on that album was a song called "Deacon Blues." The song, clocking in at just under seven minutes, wound up being a top 20 hit. "They call Alabama the Crimson Tide / call me Deacon blues" goes the chorus of the song – this contrast refers to the superb and almost-always-winning University of Alabama's football team of the mid-70s (aka the Crimson Tide), and its fellow southern school Wake Forest University, whose team, the Demon Deacons, was always losing (they only won a handful of games through much of the 70s). The song is about winners and losers, and thus the song noted there were "winners in the world" but there were also "Deacon Blues."

While those Demon Deacons back in Wake Forest may have had their blues, it was during this period in time that the Catholic Church began to revive its long-dormant "Permanent Diaconate." In the early days of the Church, there were Bishops, Priests and Deacons. Many of these Deacons were Deacons throughout their lives – serving the Bishop and his local Parishes. However, by the mid-first millennium, the role of Deacon became, with few exceptions, strictly a step made toward priesthood.

In the late 60s and into the 70s, the Church began laying the groundwork for restoring the Diaconate (the state of being a Deacon) to include a so-called "Permanent Diaconate," wherein a man could be ordained to serve the Church as a Deacon for life. He could be single or married at the time of his ordination as he entered the clerical state as an ordained minister of the Church.

Now, since 33 A.D. many men have become Deacons, but, I wondered, as I often do, how many Deacons have become saints. And so, like an over-caffeinated cemetery worker, I started doing some digging. And from what I can tell, there have been 209 Deacons that have become Saints of the Church.

I wanted to take this article to highlight some famous – and some not so famous – saintly Deacons who now abound in the glories of heavens. And so, like a Whitman sampler, here is a nice assortment of some of our saintly Deacons.

St. Stephen. He is called the "Proto-Martyr," that is the first martyr of the Church. He was a Deacon in the early Church, and soon after the death of Christ, this holy man was stoned to death for being a follower of Christ. He was martyred in 34 A.D. Along with St. Lawrence, he is the Patron Saint of Deacons. (Feast Day: December 26)

St. Nicanor. Tradition tells us that he was chosen by the Apostles to be a "minister of charity" in and around Jerusalem; this meant he ministered to those in special need. He later went to Cyprus, where he was likely martyred, in 76 A.D., during the persecution of Christians by Roman Emperor Vespasian. (Feast Day: January 10)

Ss. Augurius and Eulogius. During the third century, these two Deacons – along with their Bishop, St. Fructuosus, of the Diocese of Tarragona in Spain – were arrested for practicing Christianity. When asked if he would recant his faith and instead worship the Roman gods, Bishop Fructuosus replied, "I worship the one God who made heaven and earth." The Deacons each concurred saying, "I worship the One whom he worships." All three were sentenced to be burned to death. They were offered drugged wine to ease the pain that was to come, but refused it, as it was a day of fasting for Christian. As they were set aflame, they knelt down, and spread their arms in memory of the Crucifixion and in hope of the resurrection. Their fellow Christians interred their ashen remains. (Feast Day: February 21)

St. Lawrence of Rome. St. Lawrence was the Archdeacon of Rome in the mid-third century. He was left as highest-ranking Church official, following the execution of Pope St. Sixtus II and his six other Deacons. Like an 8-Track Tape Player repairman, St. Lawrence knew his days were numbered, and so, he took much of the wealth of the local Church and gave it away so as to keep it out of the hands of the Roman authorities. When he was beckoned to the authorities, they advised him to show up and bring with him "the treasures of the Church." He famously showed up with various homeless, poor, sick and lame members of the faithful, and said, "These are the treasures of the Church." The Roman authorities

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Rev. Mano Salla	Parochial Vicar

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Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Scott Peterson	Deacon
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were angrier than a dragon trying to blow out his birthday candles! They arrested St. Lawrence and burned him to death on a gridiron over a flame. (Feast Day: August 10).

St. Marinus. How cool would it be to have a nation named after you? Well, St. Marinus does. He was a stonemason who worked in a quarry. As a Deacon of the Church, he was assigned to minister to the many miners that worked in the quarry as a punishment by the Romans for practicing the then -illegal Christian faith. Later in life, he spent his time as a hermit at Mount Titano; that mountain where St. Marinus resided is today located in the small nation (88 sq. miles) of San Marino – named for this great saint and holy Deacon. (Feast Day: September 3)

St. Arsenio of Scetis. St. Arsenio was Deacon of the Church and had a unique assignment: He was to be the tutor of the son of Roman Emperor Theodosius the Great, in Constantinople. He did that and wound up being the imperial tutor for some 11 years. In this role, he lived in great splendor amidst the trappings of wealth. After praying over whether he should live in this lifestyle, he heard a voice speak to him: “Flee the company of men, and thou shall be saved.” And so he did. He headed for the desert of Scetis, in the Natron Valley of north Egypt. He joined a group of fellow monastics and became a spiritual student of St. John the Dwarf. He spent the remainder of his life in quiet prayer and deep devotion to the Lord, until his death some 55 years later. This teacher of royalty, who went from riches to rags, should certainly have a school named after him; perhaps it could be called, dare I say it, Arsenio Hall. (Feast Day: May 8)

Bl. Agnellus of Pisa. Born into a wealthy family in Pisa, Italy, Blessed Agnellus was taken into the Franciscan Order by Saint Francis himself. Like St. Francis, he was ordained a Deacon and chose to not go onto the Priesthood (something quite rare). He was sent to live in a Franciscan friary in Paris. Later, Agnellus was chosen to go and introduce the Franciscan Order into England. Under his guidance, the Franciscan established monasteries in Canterbury and London and a seminary in Oxford. (Feast Day: March 13)

St. Barhadbesciabas. The longest name for a city is Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrob-wlllantysiliogogoch located in Wales. The longest song title of a single #1 song: “Hey Won’t You Play Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song” by B.J. Thomas in 1974. The longest movie title for a hit movie: “Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines, or How I Flew from Lon-

don to Paris in 25 Hours 11 Minutes” from 1965. In this same regard, a Deacon wins the contest for longest single saint name: St. Barhad-besciabas. St. B. (as he shall be known hereforth) was a Deacon in the fourth century; he lived in the city of Arbela (today called Arbil, located in northern Iraq). By the order of the local Governor Sapor Tamsapor, St. B. was arrested for not honoring the Persian gods and put on the rack. His torturers chided him, “Worship water and fire, and eat the blood of beasts, and you shall be immediately set at liberty.” With a smile on his face, amidst his pain, he replied, “Neither you nor your king, nor any manner of torments shall ever be able to separate me from the love of Jesus: Him alone have I served from my infancy to this old age.” At the Governor’s command, he was removed from the rack and was sentenced to be beheaded. Evidently St. B. had a good head on his shoulder: His executioner struck seven blows to his neck but to no avail. Ultimately, he was run through with a sword. He died and was buried in 354 A.D. (Feast Day: July 21)

So, there are nine stories of nine saintly Deacons. If you have time, find out about some of the 200 others who have done so much to serve our Church throughout its history, allowing our faith to never suffer any sort of Deacon blues.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

ADORATION CHAPEL

At this time the Adoration Chapel still remains closed. We will get word out as soon as we plan to open it again.

Happy Fourth of July



One Nation
Under God



MASS INTENTIONS

JULY

6 MONDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8 am Rev Idongesit Etim (LI)

7 TUESDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8 am Gabriele Maddalena

8 WEDNESDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8 am Patricia Martinelli

9 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am Jack Joyce
HC 8 am John Deighton
ICC 6 pm For the People

10 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am Janis Beiser
HC 8 am Thomas E. Dodd

11 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Karen Bergmann
HC 5 pm Mary Judge

12 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Joseph Arlotta
ICC 8:30 am Robin Parker
HC 9:30am Ann and Joe Chikotas
ICC 11:00 am John Carrow
HC 11:30 am Ray Costa (LI)
ICC 1 pm For the People
HC 6 pm Gabriele Maddalena
(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

MASS INTENTIONS

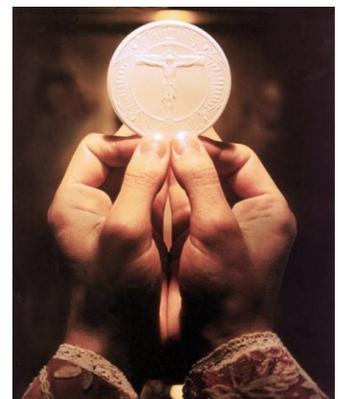
Any intentions listed at a time where we do not have a public Mass, will be honored by the priests as they say their private Masses. On the weekend, the priests will be saying other private Masses to cover all of the intentions that occur on the weekend when we do not have a public Mass. Your loved ones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

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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/DioceseofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofWilm)) 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 12 15 SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-11

God’s word is powerful and comes to us as both challenge and gift.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:18-23

Paul speaks of the fruits of the resurrection for the human race and the whole of creation.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-23

The parable of the sower illustrates the mystery of faith as it works in the heart of each individual. If we give God an inch, God gives us a mile.

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. V

VOCATIONS

Christ spoke of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Are you an active Christian in the parish, at your workplace, and in the home? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

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.
- Gracias padre Etim por caminar con nosotros como Vicario parroquial en Holy Cross y la Inmaculada Concepción, su amor y devoción al ministerio sacerdotal y la ayuda que le ha brindado a nuestras comunidades serán siempre agradecidas. Su partida dejará un gran vacío en nuestra vida parroquial. Le deseamos suerte en su nueva asignación y estará siempre en nuestras oraciones. Que Dios lo bendiga y la Virgen de Guadalupe lo proteja con su santo manto.
- Quiero tomar un espacio para agradecer a las parroquias, en particular nuestras parroquias de Holy Cross y la Inmaculada Concepción por haber estado transmitiendo las misas dominicales y diarias durante esa era del COVID-19 y a los hermanos que tomaron el tiempo para compartir mensajes de Fe y esperanza, dar testimonios y experiencias de sus vidas en cuarentena con sus familias desde sus casas a todos sus amigos y seguidores en las Redes Sociales, ya sea por medio de WhatsApp, ZOOM, Facebook, YouTube, que nos han ayudado a estar conectados y sobre llevar el aislamiento. Los videos que se han subido algunos muy creativos, informativos, chistosos, musicales y relatos contándonos cómo son sus vidas en medio de esta pandemia. Gracias por este valioso material, este espacio interactivo, cuyo objetivo era conec-

tarse con sus familiares y amigos a la distancia y dar ánimo y esperanza.

- Ahora, quiero hablar sobre cómo cada uno puede ayudar; la responsabilidad es de cada uno de nosotros, todos tenemos la responsabilidad de 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.
- Ya estamos reanudando con precauciones las clases pre-bautismales y los Bautizos por favor llame a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano para hacer una cita para las clases. Deje un mensaje al 302- 674-5787 extensión 118.
- 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.

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)

School of Religious Education: If you have not received information for the completion of this school year or have questions about the work you have received, please email Mrs. Alicia at dre@iccmarylodel.org or call her office at 410-482-8939. A time may be set up to pick up materials or have them mailed to you to be completed during summer months.

REGISTRATION FOR 2020/21 (ICC)

Registrations for the school year are available on the website or you can Call/email office for them to be sent to you.

Fees are as follows: \$40 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 \$40 por cada niño, y no más de \$150 cada familia.

PEER LEADERS AT ICC

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS IN THE WORKS! (ICC)

Families/Parents: If you are interested please email or call Ms. Alicia and let her know, so our team can prepare your VBS just for you!



REGISTRATION FOR HOLY CROSS SCHOOL - SIGN UP NOW!!

Holy Cross School is accepting applications for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Please contact the school. Our website is holycrossdover.org/school. Download an application form and mail it into the parish office. You may also call 302-674-5787 x111 or x 113; please leave your name and phone contact and we will call you back.

A Catholic education is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child, your family. Join us for the 2020-2021 school year!! You will be glad you decided to attend Holy Cross.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Was it the same? No, but it was darn close! I know the old saying close only counts when playing horseshoes (does anyone play that anymore?), but last Tuesday close was good enough for me!

I have always taken great pride in our eighth grade graduation Masses. The whole event is filled with grace, dignity, and reverence. It's a culmination, and it's a celebration.

We had to schedule ours a little bit later this year for obvious reasons, we had to work within some restrictions for obvious reasons, and we had to make some concessions, for obvious reasons. But we didn't make any sacrifices. Thanks to the forty three graduates, the evening was filled with grace, dignity, and reverence; just as it always has been.

We listened to the words of Scripture, but we couldn't have a student lector, we listened to lovely music (heartfelt thanks to Mr. Michael Perza and Mrs. Swartzentruber), but we had no choir, sadly, there was no exchange of peace between the graduates prior to going their separate ways. But, by God's goodness and mercy, the graduates were able to receive the Eucharist as a class and as friends one last time. There was creative seating, and there were masks.

Despite it all, there was grace, dignity, and reverence.

Bittersweet was the word I used to describe the evening's events. Bittersweet moments are often on the heavy side with the "bitter" part. Bitter for some in that they leave behind a school where they have found a home, and where they have achieved much. The sweetness often comes later when we have the chance to recall and harken back to the goodness and richness of our experience.

We had to combine our Awards Ceremony with the Conferral of Diplomas. It was different, but it worked. The achievements of our graduates are too numerous to list on this page; and what a happy problem that is! I would like, however, to highlight the students on who were bestowed higher awards of distinction.

THE HOLY CROSS AWARD:

Holy Cross School educates the whole person: academically; physically; socially; morally; and

spiritually. THE HOLY CROSS AWARD is given to three students who have modelled exemplary behavior as a Christian student and have been a witness of God's love for others.

THE HOLY CROSS AWARD is presented to:

Miss Julia Novack

Mr. Jake Moyer

Mr. Brendan Knox

THE REVEREND FATHER THOMAS HANLEY AWARD:

What is perseverance? It is persistent determination. Perseverance is the foundation of great achievers. The greatest achievers do not simply sit back and wait for success to come to them, rather they keep moving forward because they are determined. When we persevere there is nothing that can stop us.

THE REVEREND FATHER THOMAS HANLEY AWARD is presented to the student

who has shown great perseverance, determination and growth in their academics and socially during their time at Holy Cross.

THE REVEREND FATHER THOMAS HANLEY AWARD is presented to:

Mr. Christopher Jamison

THE A. REBECCA TATMAN AWARD:

The A. REBECCA TATMAN AWARD is given to students who exemplify the true meaning of a Christian athlete. They participate and give their best while also showing sportsmanship and compassion to their fellow teammates and coach as well as to the opposing team's players and coaches.

The A. REBECCA TATMAN AWARD is presented to:

Miss Ashtyn Torbert

Mr. Alexander Szell

OVERALL EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC:

OVERALL EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC is awarded to a student who has achieved excellence in both instrumental and choral music through self-discipline, leadership, focus and dedication.

The OVERALL EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC award is presented to:

Miss Julia Novack

Congratulations to all of our wonderful students!

The bittersweetness of the evening prevailed as we bid farewell to two long time and highly respected educators. Mr. Daniel Jones and Mrs. Patricia McDermott are leaving behind a school where they have found a home, and where they have achieved much. The sweetness often comes later when we have the chance to recall and harken back to the goodness and richness of our experience. Mr. Jones and Mrs. McDermott have faithfully shared God's love, not only with their words, but also with their lives. They have made an impact on young minds and a difference in countless lives because they allowed God's light to shine through them. We are all better people because we were blessed to have called them *colleagues*. May God bless both in their much deserved retirement.

Saying farewell to a friend is never easy. Heavy hearts and tears of sadness mark the departure of one who we have grown to love because he has loved us. Father Etim has become such a great friend to our school. His frequent presence in the classroom is truly a highlight of the day. Students of all grades and ages love him. He knows them each by name, and he could be found *everywhere*. The cafeteria, the recess field kicking around the soccer ball, coaching soccer after school, he was the celebrant for every single one of our Wednesday masses, he brought such light to our Pick-Up Day; (which could have been a pretty melancholy event) and we were all so grateful for his enthusiasm and spirit on "Sign Saturday." And, oh my gosh; we won't ever forget his infectious laugh!

We have always been so thankful for his tender understanding of the students who needed a shoulder or a sounding board, and the generous gift of his time. Father Etim's compassion for the members of his flock is indeed remarkable. He teaches, he counsels, and his friendship comes from his heart. Sadly, as he leaves this flock behind, he takes a piece of our heart with him. Holy Cross School will indeed miss Father Etim. We bid him a fond and heartfelt farewell because it's way too hard to say good-bye to our good friend.



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St Edmond Church, Rehoboth Beach, DE is seeking a Part-time Administrative Assistant for Religious Education/Parish Office who will be responsible for providing a full range of clerical and administrative functions for the Religious Education Office and the main office. This position will be responsible for greeting and referring visitors, scheduling facilities and database management. Will be responsible for maintaining all sacramental records associated with children in the program.

Holy Family Catholic Church in Newark, DE is seeking a part-time (25 hours per week; benefits available) Director of Religious Education to develop, implement and evaluate all formal Religious Education in the Parish: K-9 (250 students) through Adult Faith Formation.

Cathedral of St. Peter, Wilmington, DE is seeking a Part-time Office Administrator to facilitate the efficient operation of the Downtown Catholic parishes of the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, and Saint Patrick by performing a variety of clerical and administrative tasks.

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