

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

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

July 9, 2017 – Fourteenth 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. Idongeset Etim, Parochial Vicar
Rev. John Solomon, Parochial Vicar

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

Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

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

St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702

The Sacraments

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dear Parishioners,

One of the questions that people often ask me is "How many saints are there?" Now, truly, no one can answer that question fully, because there are saints (man and women who have gotten to heaven) known to God alone. If one is talking about canonized or recognized saints, then that number is, these days, now over 20,000. However, during the Church's liturgical only, a tiny fraction of those 20,000-plus saints is observed with holy days set aside in their honor. So, what about these other saints? Don't they have feast days?

The answer to that question is "yes" – all saints have a feast day. But because there are 10,000-plus saints and only 365 days in the year, not all of them can be observed at Mass. It is true: Most of these holy men and women do not have a day set aside for them on the Church's liturgical calendar. But on any given day, there

are a ton of saints to remember, to pray to, and to reflect upon.

Just to give you a taste of the richness of the many saints that are out there, I want to use this Sunday's date: July 9, to highlight the number of saint days on any typical day of the year. Today, July 9, the church observes the feasts of 38 saints or groups of saints. Who are they? There are too many to detail them all in this column, so I will note eight of them in this column.

As Jerry Seinfeld might ask, "Who are these people?" Well, let me tell you:

Blessed Adrian Fortesque: Born to the English nobility in 1476, back when the Blue Hen Mall was still a thriving operation. He was a knight in the court of King Henry VIII. For resisting the will of King Henry VIII who separate his Kingdom from the Catholic faith, and

established himself as head of the Church of England, he was arrested July 9, 1539, and condemned to death for “refusing allegiance,” by aligning himself with the Pope. He was beheaded.

St. Joachim Ho: Born in China in 1782, he converted to Catholicism at the age of 20. He taught the faith to this in his community, and gave generously to the poor. He was arrested for his faith during a government-led persecution in 1814 and was banished to Outer Mongolia. While there he built Churches, and helped battle Muslim rebels in the area. In 1832, he was allowed to return from exile, but was soon arrested again, and ordered to renounce his faith. He suffered torture for resisting and was ultimately strangled to death for his faith.

St. Patermutius of Egypt: Living his young life as a criminal, Patermutius converted to Christianity later in life. He spent the rest of his life as desert hermit. At 75, he was arrested in the persecutions of Emperor Julian the Apostate – who was trying to revive the old Roman gods and banish Christianity. Patermutius’ crime? He refused renounce his faith and make sacrifices to the pagan god of Rome. As punishment, he was thrown into a flaming furnace, but abided there unharmed by the fire, praying throughout. This demonstration of faith and strength others at that scene, including Saint Alexander of Egypt, to convert. Patermutius was then removed from the furnace and beheaded for his faith.

St. Everild of Everingham: Born in the mid-seventh century to English nobility, Everild converted to Christianity as a young woman. She became a nun, who was noted for her holiness, and was later assigned to lead a large convent of nuns, many of whom she served as spiritual director. The site of the convent was later renamed Everingham in her honor. She died in 700 A.D. of natural causes.

Blessed Luigi Caburlotto: With perhaps the most Italian name I’ve ever heard, St. Luigi was a Parish Priest in Venice. He worked with homeless youth and orphans. In 1850, he established a school abandoned girls, and

went on to form the religious community called the Daughters of Saint Joseph (which still exists today in the Italy, Kenya, Brazil and the Philippines). He went on to found other schools for the poor, a trade school for men, and revitalized impoverished or failing school. He lived out his later years in a hermit like manner of prayer and penance. He was beatified in 2015 by Pope Francis.

The Martyrs of the Baths: This is the largest collective of saints I am familiar with; the Martyrs of the Baths were 10,204 Christians who were enslaved by Diocletian to build for him the imperial baths of Rome. In 304 A.D., after completing the Baths for the Emperor, Diocletian showed his venom by then persecuting, torturing and executing all 10,204 for their faith in Christ. The only member of this group of over 10,000 that we know by name is St. Zeno.

St. Veronica Giuliani. Born into wealth, it is handed down by tradition that her first words were “do justice, God sees you.” She went on to become a Poor Clare nun. She famously, received the stigmata on hands and feet, and a visible wound from the crown of thorns. She had many visions which she documented, and went on to become an Abbess. She died in 1727, and her body lies incorrupt, even today.

The Four Holy Polish Brothers: Smaller in number than the Osmond brothers (for those under 40 years of age consult someone over 40 for an explanation), these four young Polish men, Andrew, Barnabas, Justus and Benedict, discerned God’s call together, and went on to be ordained for the Benedictine Order. They lived as hermits, and they died proximate to each other in and around the year 1008, of natural causes.

So, on any given day saints about ... in the Church, and all around us. Pray to them to pray for you to Lord, our God!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, July 9

8:30: Louis Adam

11:00: Arthur Shephard

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

Thu July 13 Misa **7pm** For the People

Sunday, July 16

8:30: Ann R. Sullivan

11:00: Alexis DeFrancesco

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COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$ 3754.64

Supplementary Offertory: \$ 514.00

Second Collection Today: Vacation Bible School

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

July 9 Julia Moore & Paul McQuaide
July 16 Elisa & Tom Costello
July 23 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Church Cleaning Crew

Julio 14, 2017 Grupo # 3
Marinda Escalante, Elías González, Alfonso, Perez,
Oscas Roblero, Edgar Velásquez, Rubelina Ortiz

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

Altar Servers

July 16
8:30am Mass – Averí Locke & Mikey Dixon
11:00am Mass – Sherlin Santizo & Savannah Strauss
Spanish Misa 1pm – Itzel Roblero & Reynaldo Alvarez

Lectors

July 16
8:30am Mass – Paul McQuaide
11:00am Mass – Donna King
Spanish Misa 1pm – Levin Ramírez, Antonio Pérez

Eucharistic Ministers

July 16
8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Lani Small, Karen Cairns
11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Paul Lardizzone, Jim Ward
Spanish Misa 1pm –

VBS HERO CENTRAL



July 31st - August 4th 6-8:30pm

Vacation Bible School planning meeting today Sunday, July 9th at 9:30am in the hall.

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

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, July 9, 9:30am VBS meeting in hall
Mon, July 10, 7-9pm ESL
Tues, July 11, 7pm Juan XXIII
Wed, July 12, 7pm ESL
Thur, July 13, 7pm Misa
Sat, July 15, 6:30pm Culto
Sun, July 16, 11am Baptism
Sun, July 16, 2pm-7pm Día de Deportes



Knights of Columbus

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

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened..." (Mt.11:29) One grace of marriage is having a partner who is there for us when one of us feels burdened or discouraged. We may not always respond perfectly, but the opportunity is there. Is there anything burdening your beloved these days?

Parenting Pointer –

"...although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to little ones." (Mt 11:25) What have you recently learned from your child?

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal –
"Their Eyes Were Opened and They Recognized Him"



Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. We have met our goal as

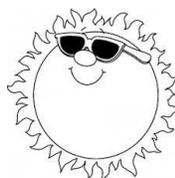
\$23,690.00 has been pledged.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Headed on Vacation?

Don't forget Mass!!

Visit www.masstimes.org to find Mass locations/times near you, wherever you are.



FROM THE DRE'S DESK

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

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

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

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



High School and College students are invited to join in Malvern, PA **Thur, July 27 to Sat, July 29.**

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? This event offers a time of prayer, fraternity, sports, and recreation focused on the life and ministry of the Priesthood. You will spend three days with other young men who have the same interest and aspiration in life. Is God calling me to be a Priest?

For more info and to register online:
cdow.org/vocations.

Registration deadline is TODAY July 9th.

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



150 Years a Diocese! The Diocese of Wilmington celebrates its 150 year Anniversary with a 360 page colored coffee table book for

\$30. A graphic novel for children will be \$11. **Pre-orders** are being taken now at the parish office. Please call and place your order today.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Jesus refreshes and strengthens us for ministry.
Question for Children: When you are generous, honest, and loving, how do you know it is Jesus who helps you do that?

Question for Youth: Jesus invites us to bring him our burdens and promises us that he will give us rest. How do you rely on Jesus during times of trouble? When has Jesus helped you?

Question for Adults: As you go about your daily life, dying in love for others, how do you experience Christ giving you consolation and peace?

14o domingo del tiempo ordinario

Tema: Jesús nos refresca y fortalece para el ministerio.

Pregunta para los niños: Cuando eres generoso, honesto y amoroso, ¿cómo sabes que es Jesús quien te ayuda a hacer eso?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Al enfrentar el crecimiento en tu habilidad para amar y hacer sacrificios por otros, ¿cómo encuentras confort y paz al conocer a Jesucristo?

Pregunta para los adultos: Al ir por la vida diaria, muriendo en el amor por otros, ¿cómo experimenta el consuelo y la paz que le brinda Cristo?



St. Academy Thomas More

133 Thomas More Drive, Magnolia, DE 19962

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

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

Join us in congratulating the following STMA students who were

Selected for Governor's School:

Emily Marthaler - Governor's School of Visual Arts Excellence

Jessica Zhang - Governor's School of Choral Excellence

Jessica Simmons - Governor's School of Academic Excellence.

The Governor's School is a summer enrichment program for rising juniors who have shown excellence in academic study and/or fine arts. Every High School in Delaware is eligible to nominate one student for each program but only a few are selected through academic criteria, auditions and an application processes.

We encourage you to visit us in person or through our website www.saintmore.org to learn why we were voted

2017 Best Private School in Kent County