



# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

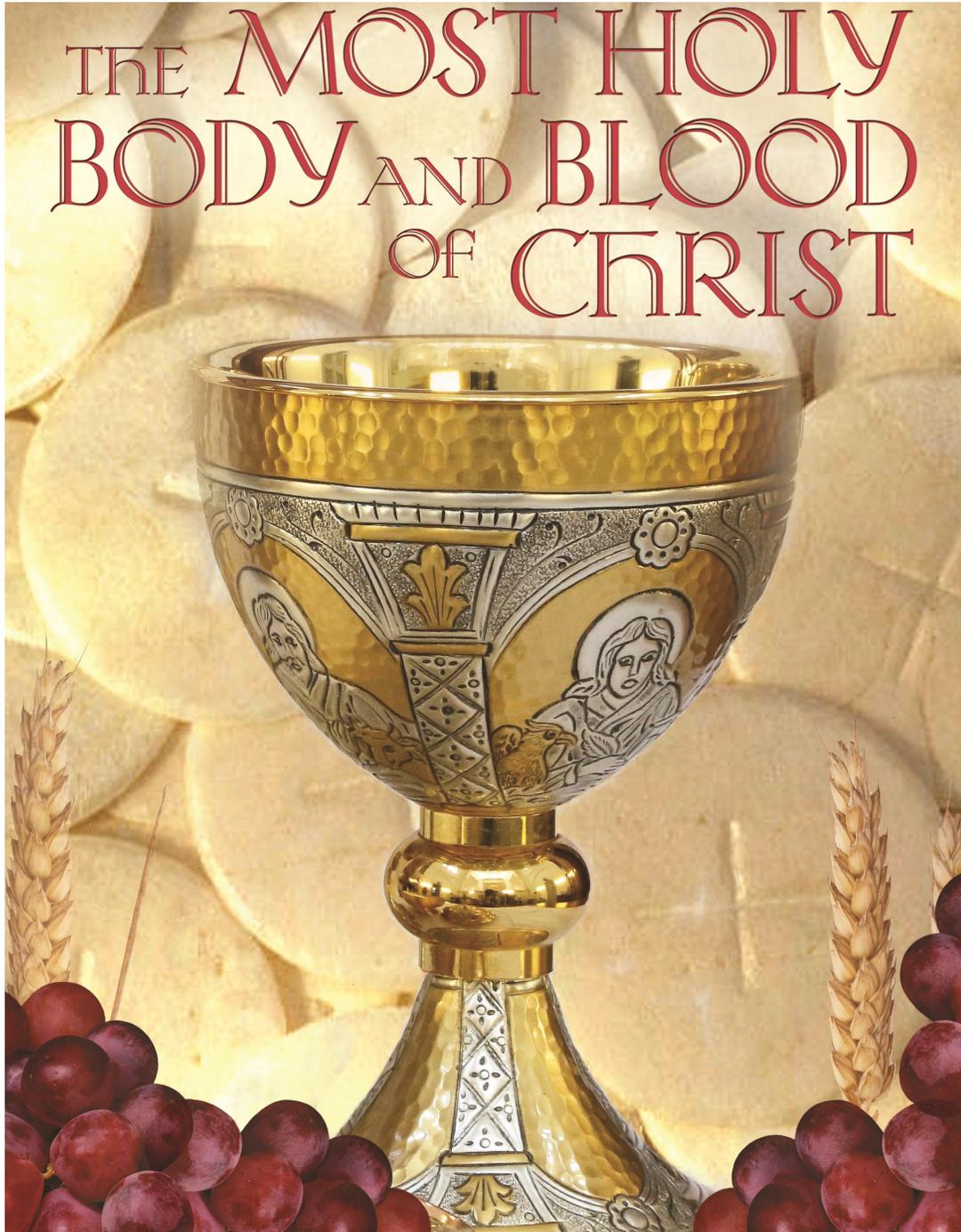
June 14, 2020

Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ)

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# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



## 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](http://holycrossover.org)  
[iccmaryl.org](http://iccmaryl.org)

- *Read daily reflections by our clergy*
- *Watch Masses from various sources*
- *Find spiritual readings*
- *Read about our latest updates*

Holy Cross Church will be unlocked and available for private prayer beginning Monday, June 1. The doors will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday, 7 am to Noon on Saturdays, and 9 am to 7 pm on Sundays.

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.

At this time, there are no baptisms or gatherings of any type. Funerals will be graveside only and limited to 10 persons including clergy.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC) ending May 31

| OFFERTORY TYPE | RECEIVED    | BUDGETED/ NEEDED | DIFFERENCE |
|----------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| Offertory      | \$22,324    | \$28,200         | (\$5,876)  |
| YTD            | \$1,288,335 | \$1,361,200      | (\$72,865) |
| Needs          | \$1,222     | \$1,586          | (\$364)    |

## WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC) Ending May 31

| OFFERTORY TYPE | RECEIVED |
|----------------|----------|
| Offertory      | \$2,085  |
| Second         | \$75     |

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,

Last week's Pastor's Column gave an overview of the general understanding and background on the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. In this issue, I will focus on the essential components of confecting the Sacrament and on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

**Do You Validate?** In the Sacramental theology of the Faith, for any Sacrament to be validly confected, the proper "form" and "matter" must be present. Without the presence of those validating elements, there is no Sacrament – there is no encounter with Christ. In addition to the form and matter, the proper minister (a Priest or Bishop) with the proper intention (the intention of the Church) must likewise be present. Each of these essential elements: form, matter, proper minister, and proper intention will be examined below.

**Heart of the Matter.** The matter of the Sacrament of the Eucharist is bread and wine. And the church is very clear, in Canon Law, in defining the two elements: "The bread must be made of wheat alone .... The wine must be natural wine of the grape and not corrupt" (Canon 924). Moreover, the Church adds that a "quantity of any other substance than wheat" in the bread, renders it invalid for use (meaning the Sacrament of the Eucharist cannot be confected with such bread). In a similar way, the Church says that "wine... cannot be regarded as valid matter, [if] extracted from apples or other fruits, or which is made chemically." Additionally, if there is more water than wine in the mixture, it is equally invalid.

**More than a Form-ality.** Now, that we have cleared up the matter of the matter – which is no trifling matter -- let's move onto the proper form of the Sacrament. The form of the Sacrament is the proper minister speaking the "words of institution" over the valid matter; both bread and wine must be present (having only one or the other invalidates the Sacrament). The "words of institution," sometimes called the "words of consecration," are as follows:

- As the priest holds the bread, he says, "Take this all of you and eat of it for this is my body which will be given up for you."

- As the priest holds the chalice filled with wine, he says, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it: for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me."

These beautiful words are not just some Hallmark Card type, nice-sounding prose. The Church holds that these are the words that Christ spoke at the Last Supper, (i.e., the first Mass). The Church, following the command of Christ to "do this in memory of me," continues to re-present that event which is inextricably connected to His death and resurrection. Following the recitation of these words over the elements (and the Holy Spirit having been invoked previously in the Ritual), the bread and wine that the eye still sees (sometimes called the Sacred Species), are, in reality, no more. What is substantially, truly and actually present are the Body, Blood, soul and Divinity of Christ.

**Prim and Proper.** So, with all of the above in mind, one might wonder, "Can't I just get bread and wine and say the word and have the Eucharist in my home?" No! In order for the Eucharist to be confected, the proper minister, a Priest (or Bishop) – one who is ordained to offer Sacrifice – must make the Sacrificial offering. The ordained Priest stands in the person of Christ (in persona Christe). Thus when Fr. O'Reilly says, "Take this all of you... this is my body" it is Christ speaking, it is Christ re-presenting the offering of his Body and Blood.

**Magic, Man?** And finally, after having the proper form, proper matter and proper minister, there is one other essential element: The proper minister must also have the proper intention, namely, the intention of the Church. What does that mean? Well, let me tell you about an urban legend from a few years ago – completely untrue, but repeated endlessly. The legend said that some priest in the Midwest went wiggy, and said words of consecration inside a bakery truck and consecrated tons of bread which became the Body of Christ. Further, the urban legend stated, the Church then had to take the truck and reserve it as sort of giant tabernacle until all of the

## HC & ICC CLERGY

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini, V. F. | Pastor          |
| Rev. Idongesit Etim              | Parochial Vicar |
| Rev. Mano Salla                  | Parochial Vicar |

## HC CLERGY

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Msgr. Daniel McGlynn | Pastor Emeritus |
| Mr. Philip Belt      | Deacon          |
| Mr. John Harvey      | Deacon          |
| Mr. Robert McMullen  | Deacon          |
| Mr. Scott Peterson   | Deacon          |
| Mr. Vincent Pisano   | Deacon          |

## ICC CLERGY

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Mr. Sherman Mitchell | Deacon |
| Mr. James Tormey     | Deacon |

## HC STAFF

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| Michele Dornberger       | Records/Asst. Bus. Mgr., ext. 116    |
| Arline Dosman            | Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. 118  |
| Tammy Korosec            | CRE Religious Ed, ext 122            |
| Linda Darling            | Youth Ministry, ext. 123             |
| Justin Wurzel            | Maintenance Director                 |
| Len Dornberger           | Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135     |
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## ICC STAFF

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“Eucharist” could be consumed. Oh, where to begin? Let’s start with the key point: This never happened. And even if this did happen, no valid consecration would have occurred because the proper minister did not have the intention of the Church.

What do I mean by that? The priest is not to be seen as a variant of Mandrake the Magician or the Great Amazo. He doesn’t twitch his nose or give an “I Dream of Jeannie” blink-of-his-eyes and do a trick. That is not the intention of the Church at Mass. The intention of the Church is that priests consecrate bread and wine to represent, in an un-bloody manner, the Sacrifice of Christ at Calvary making Christ present in our world to nourish us and to be adored. It isn’t an act of magic, it is an act of faith.

**Sense and Sense Ability.** “Okay, so, Christ is present: Body, Blood, soul and Divinity. Why then,” you may ask, “Do I still see what looks like bread and wine?” A great question! The common simple reply is that Christ is present to us “under the veil” of the Sacrament. He is there, and if you could pull that veil away, you would see the second person of the Blessed Trinity, the Son of God, in his glorified form as he was seen after the resurrection.

**Thomas’ Promises.** St. Thomas Aquinas in his hymn “*Pange Lingua*,” addresses this issue writing: “*Praestet fides supplementum / Sensuum defectui.*” That Latin phrase, roughly translated to English, states, “Faith provides a supplement / (to compensate for) the defect of our senses.” What this means is that in faith we understand the reality of the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, even though our eyes and our taste buds would tell us it is bread and wine. Aquinas would describe the sight of bread and wine after consecration (aka, the Sacred Species), as an “accident” of appearance. That is, just because it looks like bread and wine, doesn’t change what is substantially, actually and truly there: The Real (and abiding) presence of Christ.

**Candy is Dandy.** To put this in clearer terms, I will make an analogy I used in the past with young children making their first communion. It deals with Fred Flintstone. You have probably all seen what are called “Flintstone Vitamins”? These vitamins were developed by a  
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smart pharmaceutical company – they decided that children don’t like to take vitamins because, even though they are good for them, they look like medicine. So, that company decided to make their Vitamins in the shape of the cartoon character Fred Flintstone and added a pinch of sugar to the formula. The Vitamin now looked like and tasted like candy. To the eyes and the taste buds, it had all of the properties of candy. And yabba-dabba-doo, the kids liked it and began taking their vitamins without tears, screaming or a big to-do.

What’s the point of this tale from Vitamin history? Simply this: As much as a Flintstone Vitamin looks and tastes like candy -- to use New York grammar – it ain’t candy. It is in fact: Potassium Iodide, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Vitamin A Acetate, Vitamin B12, Vitamin D3, Vitamin E Acetate, Zinc Sulfate and much, much more. What the eyes see and the senses taste in a Flintstone Vitamin –namely, candy -- are what St. Thomas Aquinas would call “accidental qualities.” The look and the taste are not what that Flintstone Vitamin truly is; it isn’t candy. What is really there – the good stuff – is hidden to the senses to make the Vitamin more likely to be consumed and understood.

While all analogies break down, and this one is no exception, I think this helps to make the point: Christ makes himself present to us, Body and Blood, soul and Divinity, in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, under the Sacred Species of bread and wine. While our limited senses can only see the appearance bread and wine, it is not bread and wine that is there at all – it is Jesus Christ. Under the appearance of bread and wine we are able receive Christ and be nourished by him spiritually and physically in a way that our human nature can comprehend.

Thus, in the Eucharist is the real and abiding present of Jesus Christ, whole and entire, made present to us. And frankly, that is something which should all be willing to yabba-dabba-doo about. God bless!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

*Next Pastor’s Column: Part III of this series on the Eucharist — Mass, Holy Communion and the Eucharist, related to another, but not the same thing.*

MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE

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| <b>15 MONDAY</b><br>HC 6:30 am<br>HC 8 am   | Robert A. Bronk<br>Karen Bergmann  |
| <b>16 TUESDAY</b><br>HC 6:30 am<br>HC 8 am  | Salvatore Aiello   |
| <b>17 WEDNESDAY</b><br>HC 6:30 am<br>HC 8:15 am   | Albert Baker   |
| <b>18 THURSDAY</b><br>HC 6:30 am<br>HC 8 am<br>ICC 7 pm   | Bernadette Miriello<br>Hugh Tate<br>For the People   |
| <b>19 FRIDAY</b><br>HC 6:30 am<br>HC 8 am   | Chrissy Baker  |
| <b>20 SATURDAY</b><br>HC 8 am<br>HC 5 pm  | Joe McGarrity<br>Robert Bronk  |
| <b>21 SUNDAY</b><br>HC 7:30 am<br>ICC 8:30 am<br>HC 9:15 am<br>ICC 11:00 am<br>HC 11 am<br>HC 1 pm<br>ICC 1 pm<br>HC 6 pm | Brian Altieri<br>Marge Messner<br>DM Durk & Kerr Family<br>Nina Frank (LI)<br>Father’s Day Novena<br>Mayla E. Felio<br>For the People<br>Paul Rose |

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

MASS INTENTIONS

While there are no public Masses at this time, our priests will be saying private Masses each day. During their private Masses, the intentions of the day will be remembered. On the weekend, the priests will be saying several private Masses to cover all of the intentions that occur on the weekend. 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.



## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Married love is both physical and emotional. Attraction often starts with the physical and then grows as we develop emotional bonds. This week, however, why not reflect on the body of your beloved. Whether young or old, share one physical feature that is endearing to you.

## PARENTING POINTERS

June 14 is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. It may seem gross to a young child to think about how they came from the bodily love of their parents, but honoring one's body - flesh and blood - is an important reality to grow into. Acknowledge a physical trait of your child today.

## 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](mailto:MenOfHolyCross@gmail.com).

## RESOURCES

A new webpage has been created on the diocesan website: [cdodw.org](http://cdodw.org): Resources in Times of Pandemic. It is a clearinghouse for resources for:

- Joining Masses On-line
- Prayer Resources
- Spiritual Formation
- Resources for Young Adults
- Resources for Young People
- Resources for Children
- Supporting Parents and Families
- Recursos en Español
- About COVID-19 Best Practices
- Mental Health
- Resources for Pastoral Ministers



## 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

## MASS SCHEDULE

The following Mass schedule will stay in place for the week of June 15 – June 20.

### Holy Cross as follows:

- Monday - 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday - 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday - 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Friday - 12:00 p.m. (English) and 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
- Saturday Morning - 9:00 a.m.

### Immaculate Conception as follows:

- Monday - 6:00 p.m. (English)
- Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
- Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. (English)
- Thursday - 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
- Friday - 6:00 p.m. (English)
- Saturday - 9:00 a.m. (Spanish)

*Sunday Mass will be taped and put on Youtube for both churches.*

## READINGS FOR JUNE 21 12TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

**FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:10-13**  
Jeremiah begs God to grant him peace from the enemies who are whispering against him.  
**SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:12-15**  
As through one person, Adam, sin entered the world, so through one person, Jesus, grace has abounded even more.  
**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:26-33**  
Jesus urges us not to fear: in the Father's sight, the very hairs of our heads are numbered.

## 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

The loving environment of a family draws forth an individual's greatest talents and gifts. We've come to realize that creating an atmosphere in which children can hear the Lord's call is one of the most significant responsibilities resting on our shoulders as parents. Our own lives must reflect the presence of God, His Word, and the love He offers His people.

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Parents, do you encourage your children to develop their talents and gifts? Do you encourage your children to think of Church ministry as a possible life choice?

*Serra for priestly and religious*

Hola Una gran Alegría de que ya las puertas de nuestras iglesias están abiertas y que podemos volver a reunirnos para celebrar el eje de nuestra Fe, La Santa Misa. El tiempo de Dios es perfecto y nos ha dado ese tiempo de cuarentena, para hacer un alto e ir menos aprisa, un tiempo para reflexionar, ver que es verdaderamente importante en nuestras vidas; estoy seguro que lo material no era lo más importante para la mayoría, sino Dios, el bienestar personal y de los seres queridos, la iglesia, la oración, la familia y la comunidad parroquial. Hemos aprendido a estar mas en familia a descubrir los talentos de cada uno de los de la casa, para algunos descansar un poco más, para otros alimentarse espiritualmente, otros un encuentro con si mismo... donde estoy, hacia donde voy, que me falta para ser un buen cristiano (a), una mejor persona, esposo (a), padre, madre, hijo (a), amigo (a). Reconciliar-me con el Señor, agradecer todas las bendiciones recibidas al largo de la vida. Pero quiero enfocarme en una fiesta es esta muy cerca de nuestro corazón. La Solemnidad del Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo que se celebra el domingo 14 de junio.

Este domingo no tendremos misa en una fiesta que es tan importante para nosotros, La Solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, la fiesta del Corpus Christi donde por lo general incluimos una procesión donde sacamos al Santísimo en procesión con mucha reverencia, y gozo por el regalo de su presencia Real en la Sagrada Eucaristía.

En algunas de nuestras parroquias se celebra con altares, Hora Santa, es una fiesta culturalmente muy especial para nosotros, pero este año 2020 tendremos que hacer un alto porque no podremos celebrar como tradicionalmente lo hacíamos, porque todavía no estamos en esa fase. Quizás el próximo año si el Señor nos da licencia.

Celebrar El "Corpus Christi" que es la fiesta publica de la Iglesia católica destinada a celebrar la Eucaristía para ensalzar públicamente la institución de la Santa Eucaristía. Tal y como hizo Jesús en la Última Cena, cuando convirtió el pan en su Cuerpo y vino en su Sangre.

Que la Solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, nuestra fiesta del Corpus Christi no pase desapercibido, las puertas del Templo en Holy Cross y la Inmaculada Concepción están abiertas, les invito a que vayan y visiten al Señor con su familia, y si no puede, dale gloria y honor en casa, en familia, vista su casa de rojo para celebrar, flores, ponga una mantilla roja y escuche la Santa Misa con su familia con todo honor y gloria, recordamos y glorifiquemos la presencia real de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo en el Santísimo Sacramento.

¿Cuándo la iglesia empezó a celebrar esta fiesta de Corpus Christi? El origen de la celebración del Corpus Christi viene del papa Urbano IV, que instituyó esta fiesta en 1264. Y El término "Corpus Christi" es latín y significa «Cuerpo de Cristo», antiguamente era denominado como "Corpus Domini" (Cuerpo del Señor).

- Las procesiones relacionadas con el Corpus fueron populares a partir del siglo XIV. Y continúan siendo populares en casi todo Latinoamérica.
- En México el Día del Corpus es conocido como "Día de los Manueles" o "Día de las Mulitas". Manuel significa en hebreo "Dios con nosotros" y antiguamente eran numerosas la cantidad de mulas en las que los indios bajaban a la ciudad para vender sus mercancías en esta fecha. La fecha del Corpus tradicionalmente es el jueves después del Domingo de la Santísima Trinidad y viene de contar justo 60 días después del Domingo de Pascua. Se ha transferido en los Estados Unidos y en muchos países al domingo.

Feliz domingo de la Solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC, ICC) REGULAR CCD/SRE CLASSES

- All Masses and classes are cancelled at this time. Please continue to check the website or the latest resources that are online.
  - [www.holycrossdover.org](http://www.holycrossdover.org)
  - [www.iccmaryladel.org](http://www.iccmaryladel.org)

### 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, please email Mrs. Alicia at [dre@iccmaryladel.org](mailto:dre@iccmaryladel.org) or call her office at 410-482-8939. I will get them to you for your child to have Sunday Religious Education at home.

Here are this week's family catechesis education messages from Fr. Rich Jasper (English) and Father Carlos Ochoa (Spanish).

<https://www.cdow.org/familyvideoserries/>

### A note from the DRE (ICC)

If families have not yet gotten their students books from SRE, they may call or email to set up times to pick up, to be completed during summer months.

## SRE REGISTRATIONS (ICC)

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 school year are available on the website or you can 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 (HC)

If you are interested in helping next year with classes and retreats, please email Mrs. Darling at [ldarling@holycrossdover.org](mailto:ldarling@holycrossdover.org). She will keep up with you via Flocknotes.

## REGISTRATION FOR HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Holy Cross School is accepting applications for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Please contact the school. Our website is [holycrossdover.org/school](http://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!!

## CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Corpus Christi is a festival that has been celebrated by many Christians, particularly the Catholic Church, in honor of the Eucharist since 1246. The name "Corpus Christi" is a Latin phrase that refers to the body of Christ. This event commemorates the Last Supper on the day before Jesus' crucifixion, as described in the Bible. Corpus Christi is primarily celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church but it is also included in the calendar of some Anglican churches.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

In the sense of global society, it's known as a Rite of Passage. At the tender age of eleven, many of our rising sixth graders have experienced at least two of these rites, Baptism and First Holy Communion.

It is always the experience of a Holy Cross fifth grader to dedicate their efforts to being the best they can be. Changing classes begins in fourth grade so as to plant seeds for growing some sense of the independence they will need when in middle and high school. They are skillfully and patiently guided and advised by their teachers along the way. Organizational skills such as use of the planner are exhaustively repeated daily, having the necessary tools for each class, completing assignments on time. There's a whole litany of pieces of advice given over time so as to prepare the fifth graders for the all important and anxiously anticipated rite of passage, promotion to sixth grade.

For Holy Cross sixth graders it means butterflies in the tummy on that first day. Even though it is great to see old friends and scout out the new kids, there's a sense of quiet reverence for the new building and For the new teachers, all five of them! But then, finally; that which has probably been the source of the biggest butterflies rears it's ugly head. That dreaded lock. How many times will it take before the mystery behind the combination is revealed? But no worries, before long everyone will be putting all their new locker finery, mirrors, book racks, photographs, and sports logos, Before long it'll be like having all the comforts of home inside a dark green metal locker.



Once all is organized, the first day of orientation into middle school continues

and with a little luck one comes to realize that it's not so bad after all.

Every year, our fifth graders visit the middle school for move-up day. A mini orientation. This year Mrs. Guido and Mrs. Peek devised a way to do the day on a virtual basis, all inside of 45 minutes. The virtual move-up day began with prayer and an opportunity for each fifth grader to "meet" Mrs. Guido and Mrs. Peek. Following was a Jeopardy type game where each fifth grade contestant was permitted to choose a category and question based on the middle school experience. It was really so much fun. During the intermission piece, the teachers introduced a slide show that contained slides of each rising seventh grader giving advice to the rising sixth grader. I was so impressed by their composure and articulation. More importantly though were their words of wisdom and advice. Far and away, almost every student told the newest kids in the building that it was most important to be ORGANIZED! The binders, the lockers, and using the PLANNER! Falling a close second to organization was GETTING WORK IN ON TIME! I loved Andrey's advice when he said "do the work the day you get it." In middle school, it's so easy to fall behind until you get the hang of the A day, B day routine. I also loved Sylvia's piece when she touted the awesomeness of the teachers. "They are the best, and they will always help you when you need it."

Our virtual move-up day also included a Q/A session. There were some great questions on the part of the rising sixth graders. Naturally, there were the inevitable questions about the lock, the locker, the Chromebook, and the schedule.

Our virtual move-up day was a super success and we are all so grateful to Mrs. Guido and Mrs. Peek for the idea and bringing it to life. Virtual life, that is. ....

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

As we bring our year, and indeed our school, to a close, I bring you the sentiments of some people who know and love Saint Thomas More Academy best - our alumni faculty and staff. They have experienced the school from all sides: as students first, and as those who have worked to bring the mission to others. I thank them for believing in STMA and sharing it with so many. Here are a few words they'd like to share.

When Saint Thomas More Academy opened its doors in 1998 there was no question in my mind that I would be a student there upon my completion of junior high at Holy Cross. Once arriving as a freshman in 2002, STMA immediately felt like home. The opportunities that were afforded to me academically, athletically, musically, and spiritually could not be matched by any other school. Furthermore, its family-like atmosphere gave it a unique characteristic that I came to truly love and value.

I have countless fond memories of my time at Saint Thomas More as a student but the one that stands out the most was our class retreats that we took every year. The overnight trips were filled with fun activities, small group discussions, prayer, faith witnesses, and bonding among classmates. It was an opportunity for us as students to see our teachers and retreat leaders in a different light and gave us all the opportunity to grow in our faith and grow closer as a class. It was these moments that turned our school into a family, something I continued to witness when I came back to STMA after college as a teacher and campus minister.

With Saint Thomas More Academy closing at the end of this school year, there are a few groups of people I would like to thank. Firstly, thank you to the founders of STMA for seeing a need for Catholic education in central and southern Delaware. Your commitment has allowed countless students to grow in ways not possible in other academic institutions. I'd also like to thank the faculty at STMA for being such a friendly, dedicated, loving, and supportive group of people. It will be hard to find another group of colleagues that can match the special connection we have as a faculty. And lastly, I'd like to give a message to our current students moving on from STMA, our last graduating class of 2020, and all alumni. Despite the fact our doors are closing, we will forever be Ravens and we always have a home with each other. It is my hope and prayer that all of you will continue to "soar as Ravens soar," as our Alma Mater states, in all your future endeavors.

God Bless,  
Ashley McMullen Solecki  
Class of 2006  
Faculty 2011-2020

It is a tremendous struggle to find the appropriate words to adequately express the level of gratitude and appreciation I feel for the support I've received from our entire parish community. As a student at STMA and Holy Cross I was blessed to have so many wonderful teachers, coaches, and community members supporting me along the way.

Returning after having spent 10 years studying and working at universities across the country, I have been humbled by the way I've been welcomed back with open arms. So many of you have tirelessly supported our school, and me, personally, both in recent years and in the very first years of our school's founding. You have reminded me there is real value and strength in a true community.

To our current students, staff, and families; I commend and admire the faith, commitment, and courage you have shown by fully investing yourselves in our school despite the uncertainties and challenges we've faced. I hope the disappointment of our closure does not take away from the positive and meaningful experiences you've had at STMA. Pouring your heart and soul into any endeavor carries with it the risk of making yourself vulnerable to difficult moments like this. I encourage you to find comfort in knowing that the satisfaction of having given yourself entirely to something you believe in is always - always- worth the heartache it may bring.

I do not know what the future holds and I do not know why this chapter of life has ended the way that it has but I do know that my time as a member of this community has unquestionably been a blessing and has made me a better person. For all of these things I will be forever grateful.

Respectfully,  
Ben Wegemer  
Class of 2004  
Administrator 2015-2020

*Hail to you, dear Alma Mater:  
Cradle of respect and truth,  
Lamp of wisdom, font of rev'rence,  
Dowered with eternal youth.  
Let your spirit born in us  
Soar as Ravens soar.  
God preserve your hallowed halls;  
Long live Saint Thomas More.*

Music and Text by Michael Perza

Yours in Christ,  
Rachael Casey  
Principal