

# CHURCH HOLY

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June 26, 2022

13th 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

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“No one who sets a hand to the plow  
and looks to what was left behind  
is fit for the  
Kingdom of God.”

Luke 9:62



## 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 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".

## 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.

Helping us to reach this goal is simple: visit HC website and go to Online Giving. Any questions, call the Parish Office.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

June 12, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$22,789	\$25,700	(\$2,911)
YTD	\$1,315,843	\$1,298,600	\$7,243
Needs	\$988	\$1,480	(\$492)

## WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending June 12, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,121
2nd collection	\$254

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Dear Parishioners,

*Last week's column, written the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi), was part one of this two part column dwelling on the meaning and importance of communion in our lives of faith. I noted the distinction between communion (being in agreement, being as one) vs. consensus (making an agreement). This week, I conclude this topic.*

**Turn Off the Limelight.** What then, is the difference between communion and consensus? I'd say that it is simply an issue of humility. To paraphrase G.K. Chesterton on the issue of humility, "we have turn off the limelight we shine on ourselves or else we will never see the stars." Humility. One has to surrender their disbelief and their vanity in order to be in communion. You see there is, again, that distinction between communion and consensus. Consensus means that you have input into what is decided, communion, which require humility, means you assent, freely and without condition, to what is taught and to what it true. And so, to be in communion we have to imitate Mary, our Most Blessed Mother who was profoundly in communion. She surrendered to God by her faithful "Yes" to becoming the Mother of God. Humility is the key.

**Chronological Snobbery.** Occasionally one may hear a person say, "The Church has to change its teachings to keep up with the times." C.S. Lewis would reference this as "chronological snobbery" – meaning that everything that came before was wrong, and only what I know today, right now, is true, good and right. That is an arrogant view when one is talking about the doctrine and dogma of the Church. Why? Well, if one is talking about keeping up with the times in terms of the Church having a website, the Pope having a Twitter account, then yes. It is a new and modern form of outreach. But that same concept cannot be applied to doctrine. This is because we believe that the doctrinal teachings of the Church stem from Divine Law. Yes, medical science, intellectual concepts, and advancing knowledge may give us better insight and information in technical areas, truth is immune from that. The way we express truth, the way we express doctrine may change, but the underlying premise or concept, doesn't.

**5,000 Years vs. 6,000,000,000 Doctrines.** When one says that a doctrinal teaching should change, what they are saying is that they know better than God what is good. Or that they know better than 5,000 years of Judaeo-Christian tradition, what is good, and right. In short, they want God to consult with them, personally, and get their opinion. Divine law by focus group! That person, who thinks that way, isn't seeking Communion with God, they are seeking consensus. On my bad days, I sometimes think that way. It is weak part of our nature to strive to out-God God. But if we went down

that bad road, there would 6,000,000,000 dogmas and doctrines and the unity of faith dies. Belief, truth and faith, are never up for changing by popular opinion – because when we let popular opinion rule on Divine matters, Barrabas always goes free.

**In Belief.** And so, this is not the way it is or the way it should ever be with God. When we come to Mass, we come up to the altar to receive Holy Communion, not Holy Consensus. The Eucharist is not the Body of Christ because we think it is. It is the body of Christ, because that is what it is. It is not a question of opinion – it is a matter belief. A Hindu man, or a Muslim woman, or a Shinto child, may look at the Sacred Host and say it is nothing but bread, I may look at it and say it is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ – well, one of us is wrong. This is not a matter of opinion. Either it is the Body of Christ, or it isn't. And in faith, we believe, and hold fast to our belief, that it is what it is. And what is it? It is the Lord, with us, among us, in us. In our Catholic faith, we humbly accept that truth. And because we accept that truth, we carry ourselves differently. For instance, when we enter a Catholic Church we genuflect toward the tabernacle... because the King – Jesus Christ -- is present, really, truly and physically with us under the veil of a Sacrament. It is also why, during adoration, we kneel... because though our eyes see bread, our faith, our heart and our mind see Christ.

**The Kneelless.** There is an ancient story given to us by Church Father Abba Apollo who lived about 1,700 years ago. Abba Apollo said that after his many years of contemplation, and wrestling with Devil, God decided to force the Devil to reveal to himself. As the Devil appeared to Abba Apollo, it was a shocking sight. A darkened, lifeless skin covered the Devil's body. But what really struck Abba Apollo were the legs of the Devil – as he examined them he realized that the Devil had no knees. He understood this: the Devil – a fallen angel – turned from God and would never kneel before Him again. Indeed, the Devil will not kneel; he will not adore; he will not pray; the best he can muster is to look down his nose in contempt. The Devil body reflects his soul.

**A Kneeling Note.** Please note, that being unwilling to kneel, is different than being unable to kneel. One can grow old and frail and be unable to kneel, but it is a lack of humility that makes one choose not to kneel. It is said that 'Not to desire to bend the knee at the name of Jesus is

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## 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
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## HC STAFF

Parish Office	302 674 5787
Jane Green	Receptionist, ext. 110
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Justin Wurzel	Maintenance Director
Len Dornberger	Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135
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## MAILING ADDRESS

*Church of the Holy Cross*  
631 S. State St.  
Dover, DE 19901

## ICC STAFF

Parish Office	410 482 7687
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## MAILING ADDRESS

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P. O. Box 399  
Marydel, MD 21649-0399

## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Catholic Education Pre-K3 to Grade 8  
302 674 5787  
holycrossover.org/school

Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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*Holy Cross School*  
631 S. State St.  
Dover, DE 19901

## R C 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 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.

## 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.

## 14 SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (JULY 3)

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 66:10-14

The human city is only at peace when it also the city of God

SECOND READING : GALATIANS 6:14-18

The Christian way of transformation is through the cross. This is how we are to be reborn.

GOSPEL: LUKE 10:1-12, 17-20

The mission of Christians is never a case of going where we want to go, but of going where we are called to go.

## 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

Sometimes the strife in our world can feel heavy and burdensome. May the love that you carry for each other prompt you to find one act you can do to relieve someone else's suffering this week.

## PARENTING POINTERS

What clutters your home? Maybe you have many mementos of happy trips together. Maybe you have some tools, toys, clothes that are not being used. This week, ask your family to take a half day or hour to identify some clutter in a room or a drawer? Do something positive with it.

## 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. 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. For more information, or 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 web-

## MASS INTENTIONS JUNE/JULY

<b>27 MONDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Father's Day Novena
<b>28 TUESDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Eileen Burnett
<b>29 WEDNESDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	John Dyba
<b>30 THURSDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Sister Shirley Ann Boucher
ICC 6:00 pm	For the People
<b>1 FRIDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Jonathan Roumie (LI)
<b>2 SATURDAY</b>	
HC 8 am	DM McLaughlin Family
HC 5 pm	Mark Howie
<b>3 SUNDAY</b>	
HC 7:30 am	Franklin, Larry, & Michael Dearse
ICC 8:30 am	Bernard & Eileen Thompson Fam.
HC 9:30 am	Ariah Mbianda
ICC 11 am	Teresa Crenshaw
HC 11:30 am	Bob Burke
ICC 1 pm	For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION  
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

site [www.wwme-delmar.org](http://www.wwme-delmar.org). For additional information please call Tony and Linda Mas-sino at 302-648-2228.

## HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

We continue to receive very positive comments on the care, maintenance and overall condition of our cemetery. Credit goes to Danny Waite and his staff at Cemetery Care Services, to our very active Cemetery Committee for the ongoing enforcement of our Rules & Regulations, and to the families and friends of loved ones interred in our cemetery.

As a reminder, the Rules & Regulations are strictly enforced and apply not only to in-ground graves but to the mausoleum and columbariums as well, with the purpose of ensuring the sacred character and good order of our cemetery. Copies of our Rules & Regulations are available at the parish office.

**HOLY CROSS JULY 2/3, 2022**

**EMHC**

**SERVERS**

**5:00 PM** J. Bieker J. Salamone A. Costa  
J. Clendaniel E. Costa  
M. Coast

**LECTORS**

J. Davis  
D. Dixon

**7:30 AM** J. Chandler T. Dinan B. Guyamfi  
J. Davis R. Fritzche E. Gyamfi  
C. Wilk

**LECTORS**

R. Pritchett

**9:30 AM** T. Arndt D. Martinez K. Fernandez  
K. Boyer N. West F. Madukwe  
E. Seelig

**LECTORS**

T. Baurys  
J. Coffield

**11:30 AM** R. Ramirez R. Richards K. Espinosa  
B. Guzman E. Guzman C. Geronimo

**LECTORS**

A. Luna

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**8:30 AM** M. Dixon

**LECTORS**

**11:00 AM** B. Vavessan

**LECTORS**

T. Woodshick

**1:00 PM** To be determined

**LECTORS**

L. Schlaupitz

**ATTENTION ALL EXTRA-ORDINARY  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Parishioners in need of our Homebound Ministry is growing by leaps and bounds, and we need more EM's who are willing to become part of our homebound ministry. We serve nursing homes, assisted living facilities, the hospital, and those at home.

Please consider joining this ministry. We will train you and have you shadow another EM to get you ready. Call the Parish Office so we can get you started. Please pray to discern if this ministry would be for you. We need your help!!

Call 302-674-5787,  
ext. 110 or 113 to leave your name.

**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 and find out how you can make a difference and enjoy the benefits of becoming a Knight. Lead, they'll follow.

**NEWLY REGISTERED**

Welcome to our newly registered families at Holy Cross:

- Roger and Virginia McClean
- Edward and Virginia Talbot
- Harry, Jessica, Vivian and Alice Lehman
- Chang, Sung, Daniel, Brian, and Angela Song

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Our condolences to the families of those recently deceased:

- Kiyo Belanger
- William F. Riecker
- Joan McDonough

May the Souls of the Faithful Departed, rest in peace. Amen.

**ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)**

The Adoration Chapel is open again each day from 5 am to 9 pm. If you would like to take a permanent time slot, it's not too late. We still have many openings on various days. See the openings listed below. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	6 am, 10 am, 5 pm, 8 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	3 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8 am
<b>THURSDAY</b>	12 pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

## NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANA

- 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. Crean 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.
- Viene a Delaware Conquistando las NACIONES para CRISTO – Retiro DE Sanación Interior. Solamente para adultos mayores de 18 años. Del 8-10 de julio. En la parroquia de Los Santos Ángeles en Newark. Donación es de \$125. Para más información llame al 302-442-5887 – 410-212-8467 o hable con Epitacio Méndez, Marta Espinosa, Tayde Hernández, Manuel Espinoza, José Cruz Pérez, Mireya Rodríguez o Laura Méndez.
- Confirmación para Adultos: Si usted es mayor de 18 años de edad y no se ha recibido su sacramento de la Confirmación las clases de preparación empezaran pronto. Habrá Confirmaciones de Adultos Hispano el domingo 10 de Julio. Para más información hable con el Sr. Antonio Luna o llame a la oficina de la parroquia al 302-674-5787 ext. 118.
- 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- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

- 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@iccmmarydel.org](mailto:dre@iccmmarydel.org) para obtener más información.
- Las inscripciones ya están disponibles.
- Nuevos Inscribiéndose: [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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- Forma A en Ingles: [https://www.iccmmarydel.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/form\\_a\\_-\\_new.pdf](https://www.iccmmarydel.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 inscribese con Alicia Poppiti [dre@iccmmarydel.org](mailto:dre@iccmmarydel.org) o llame al 410-482-8939.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Registration forms available at [holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation](http://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation). If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at [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? Registration forms available at <https://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation> If you have any questions please contact Tammy Korosec at either [tkorosec@holycrossover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossover.org) or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

## SAVE THE DATE (HC)

Vacation Bible School July 11-15th, 2022  
9 am – 12 pm  
Ages PK4-Grade 4



Registrations forms available on Holy Cross Website. **Capacity is limited.** Registration Forms due 6/30/2022. Volunteers needed 5th grade – 99! Volunteer Registration forms available on <https://holycrossover.org/about-us/headlines/6436-vacation-bible-school-2022>

## YOUTH AT HOLY CROSS

### Registration for Confirmation Preparation (HC - 2023)

Forms to register for Confirmation Preparation 2023 may be found on the parish website under Teaching the Faith, Sacramental Preparation.

## WELCOME TO CWHC YOUTH

This week we welcome 140 teens and adults to our community. Please continue to pray for them and those they are assisting this week.

## SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Religious Education registration for the 2022-2023 school year are available to all families registered in the parish, and are stilling 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 here:

New Registrants [https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/new\\_sre\\_registration\\_form\\_2021.pdf](https://www.iccmaryl.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/new_sre_registration_form_2021.pdf)  
Renewal Registrants [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)  
And Form A English [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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If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482-8939 or [dre@iccmaryl.org](mailto:dre@iccmaryl.org) for more information. If you have any difficulty with affording RE, please call Alicia Poppiti, and the office can assist you.

**Your Assistance is requested for School Year Religious Education:** ICC wants your assistance, as we are in need of Catechists, Assistants, substitutes and helpers for next year for Religious Education on Sunday mornings, from September 18th until May 7th, 9:40-10:50am. Contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482- 8939 or [dre@iccmaryl.org](mailto:dre@iccmaryl.org) for more information.

## VBS AT ICC

Registrations are now available. Children must be registered to attend.



**Team Members Needed for Food Truck Party VBS!** We need you to join us on our way to Food Truck Party VBS! Contact Alicia Poppiti for more information 410-482-8939  
Vacation Bible School at Immaculate Conception is from August 1-5, from 6-8:30pm in the Hall. 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!

As we come to the inevitability of the closure of another school year, as a school community we all have mixed feelings. Long before day 180 some find hope, solace, and excitement in counting down the days. In one classroom I saw a table in front of the teacher's desk on which rested a decorative piece on which the countdown of the days could be changed with each new calendar day. It is exciting. As we stood outside bidding everyone a happy summer on the last day, smiling faces abounded, backpacks joyfully tossed in the trunk for the last time, (for a while) with one mom showing up in the dismissal line with balloons and "Welcome to 5th grade" drawn along the side of the family car.

The first few days of summer allow me to play the game I have perfected. I don't like the game, but I am an expert. I am a little embarrassed to admit that I am oh-so thankful for a few days of quiet to play the game of catch-up. To have the opportunity to address all of the things that go unattended to during the whirlwind of busyness during the regular school day is a welcomed and cherished time for me. That time is short-lived because, soon, and very soon, the empty classrooms, the hallway bells that ring for no reason, the deserted playgrounds, the empty parking lot, and the absence of the holy innocent and sweet children will bring on another inevitability...summer sadness. Soon, and very soon, I will begin my own personal countdown. How many days before Day One?? How many days before I will, once again, see all my friends?

It is with gratitude that we go forth to celebrate all the gifts of the summer season. I have had a couple of days to reflect upon my gratitude, which lead me to thoughts on what gratitude is, in general. We have many treasures, and the only words we have to offer is thank you. It was while performing one of the mundane tasks of the day that I thought about googling the whole concept of how gratitude is shown in other cultures. So, I did. I typed in "social mores for showing gratitude" Believe it or not, there it was. An entire article on just that. I read the whole thing. There were others, as well. Many, actually.

It is my hope that in placing my words of appreciation in print that those who read will know the sincerity of my thankfulness. Please know that it comes from my heart, and I only wish I could respond in kind.

- **Thank you**, wonderful parishioners of Holy Cross Church! **Thank you** for your prayers. **Thank you** for the well wishes and kind words for the school always received whenever our paths happen to cross on any given day. **Thank you** to those who have shared gifts from their own treasure. And once more, thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the lovely gift given to all members of our faculty and staff.
- **Thank you** to our parent community! **Thank you** for entrusting your precious children to our care. The statement you have made by that very overture speaks volumes about the confidence in the knowledge that during those hairy, scary days of the pandemic you could find peace in the assurance that your children were loved and cared for every day. **Thank you** for the depth of faith you placed in our school knowing that during a time when the quality of an education was in question elsewhere, there was never any doubt that at HCS the level of instruction provided by daily in-person instruction was never compromised.
- **Thank you** to our deeply rooted, dedicated and giving faculty and staff members! It is my sincere pleasure to work by their side every day. Without their loving support, and their teamwork within the ranks, the administration and management of our school would have been made more difficult by a hundredfold. There are good days and there are bad days, it doesn't matter who we are or what we do for a living. It's just a fact. **Thank you** for your resiliency in greeting each new day with a beautiful smile and a determination to make the new day a great one!
- **Thank you** to our HSA ladies, Mrs. Granitto, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Klaus, Mrs. Speed, Mrs. Tam, and Mrs. Woodall. **Thank you** for your loyal efforts on behalf of our school students, for the attractive seasonal embellishments of their little half acre by the ramp and at the front door of the elementary office, and **thank you** most of all for the determination to seeing through all of the efforts during the time when it was so hard to work without actually coming into the school.
- **Thank you**, Mr. Justin, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Clarence! Thank you for the unbelievable measure of cooperation, support, and invaluable assistance afforded all of us through the year. The last-minute request for a set-up (I am so guilty of this.), the seemingly endless work requests, the seemingly endless calls for a clean-up in a classroom, the seemingly endless requests for yet another set-up (sometimes multiple requests in one day!!) all the heavy lifting from point A to point B...the list is absolutely endless. But; they take it all in stride and never one time ever complained or asked us to do anything differently. Truly, **thank you** doesn't even begin to express my gratitude to these fine men.
- **Thank you** to the HC Parish Office staff. Diane Belt works in cooperation with the elementary office in admissions and tuition, while Mr. Ken Trojan oversees the finance portion of our operation. These are not easy tasks. Mrs. Green is always a comforting voice over the phone lines when I have a new family waiting for me upstairs. The combined efforts between the PO and the school gives real meaning to "it takes a village."
- **Thank you** to our Pastor, Father James Lentini for his support of our school. I appreciate his willingness to listen, discuss, and to offer ideas for the school. I am grateful for our consistency in meeting to have meaningful conversation regarding the good of HCS.

God bless all of our summer days.

the essence of evil.'

**Driving a Fiat.** But when we kneel at the glorious name of Jesus, when drop down to our knees in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament that is the essence of goodness and humility. When we kneel down, we recognize those words of St. Paul famously said: That "God has blessed us in Christ" – with "every spiritual blessing in the heavens." That everything that God could ever give us, he gave us in Christ. And thus, the greatest act of faith we can make in response is:

- to say "Yes" to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament,
- to say "Yes" to Jesus in the teachings of the Church,
- to say "Yes" to Jesus in our life in the midst of the Communion of Saints.

Mary's great "Yes" – sometimes called her fiat – and that doesn't mean her brand of car. It refers to her free will acceptance of God's will – and thus Mary is our model. In faith, and in humility, we bow before Christ and accept his truths.

**In Good Company.** And so, when at Jesus' name, we bow down in service of others, and when we bend our knee in adoration – we follow a great lineage of those in living a life in Holy Communion: we are following in the footsteps of the Magi, we are imitating St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and all the saints and angels in heaven. It is good company to be in and a magnificent Communion to be part of.

**Love Will Keep Us Together.** In 1973, the group the Bee Gees sang of "Lonely Day and Lonely Nights," while Gilbert O'Sullivan crooned of being "Alone Again, Naturally" – the blessing in our faith is that being with and among the communion of saint, we may have good day, bad days, tough days and rough days, but we should never, never be lonely. Why? Because the saints abound around us day and night. We are part of that holy communion of saints. And the only time we may be lost from it is when we separate ourselves and break that communion. Our communion of faith binds us to them, in our love of God. Dare I say, in homage to the Captain and Tennille, in that sense, "Love will keep us together" and loneliness, the type that Lucifer experiences every day for eternity, will have no power over us. Communion keeps us strong and in a communion with God, and his angels and saints.

**Surrendering to God.** And so, as we receive Holy Communion in the days ahead, let not forget the one who gave us this Holy Communion. The one who made a marriage between man and God, the one who taught us to kneel and pray, the one healed the wounds of original sin by his death on the Cross – he is the one who is with us today. He is in the tabernacle, enthroned and listening. He is the one who is resplendent on the altar in our Adoration Chapel. In humility let us never forget our call to kneel before him, to pray to him, to seek his mercy and to strive always to be in Communion with him and with the Church – the beautiful Church – he gave us. Today, surrender yourself to God, and his holy Church – and live a life in Communion with both.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

**Greetings,**

**My name is Father Brennan Ferris, and I am the new Parochial Vicar here at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception. I was ordained a priest this past May 21, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Wilmington which would make this my first assignment as a priest.**

**I was born and raised in Wilmington with my home parish and my school being St. Elizabeth in Wilmington. It was there that I first received the call to become a priest as a senior in high school. From there I went to Mount St. Mary's University for my freshman year of college until I transferred to the College Seminary of St. Andrew's at Seton Hall University. I graduated in 2017 and went to St. Mary's Seminary and University for my theology.**

**I am very excited to be the new Parochial Vicar here. Please keep me in your prayers and be assured of mine.**

**Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Brennan Ferris**