



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

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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

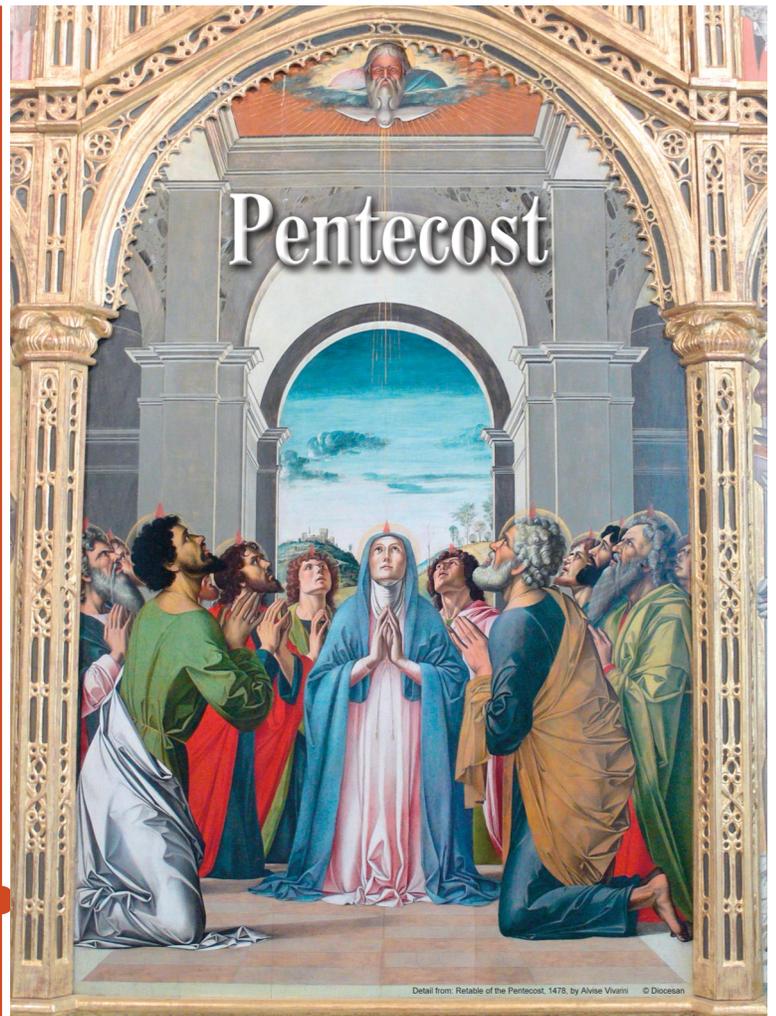
Monday-Saturday, 8 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day,
MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,
Labor Day, Columbus Day)

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

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.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, June 11th, learn about the Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Wilmington when Father Glenn Evers and Ms. Colleen Lindsey are interviewed. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [@CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

May 22, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$27,389	\$25,600	\$1,789
YTD	\$1,236,043	\$1,221,600	\$14,443
Needs	\$1, 306	\$1,480	(\$174)

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending May 22, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,350
2nd collection	\$214

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Dear Parishioners,

On Friday, June 3, 2022, Holy Cross graduated its Eighth Grade Class, who now move on to their high school studies. We are immensely proud of our graduates, and what they accomplished here, and we wish them well in the years ahead. In a special way, I ask your prayers for our graduates as they go out into the world in the next phase of their educational life, they may take the faith imbued in them during their time at Holy Cross and grow it, live it and spread it, as is our Christian call!

Pentecost and The Police. I want to spend this week's column writing about the high holy day known as the Solemnity of Pentecost. Pentecost is that great feast day of the Church which, among many other things, marks the end of the Easter Season. It occurs each year on the 50th Day of Easter. It is on the Solemnity of Pentecost that we celebrate God sending his Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and empowering his Church – the Church militant, that is, the Church here on earth, us. Or as the rock group The Police might have sung in the mid-80s, in what is certainly an obscure musical reference, *"the Spirit's in the material world!"* For a less obscure reference, one might say, Elvis may have left the building, but the Spirit is here and going strong!

That Old Time Spirit. Musical references aside, you might wonder: why is this Sunday called "Pentecost"? I mean, why on earth isn't this day called "Feast of the Holy Spirit" or "Spiritmas" or "Hey, that's the Spirit! Sunday"? Interestingly, "Pentecost" (which comes from the Greek word *pentekoste* meaning "50th") was originally a feast day in ancient Judaism. Let's step into the Way-back Machine and set the controls for the early first century Jerusalem. Back then, and throughout the era of ancient Judaism, the feast of Pentecost connoted two things: (1) It celebrated God's giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses at Mt. Sinai and (2) It was the day when the first fruits of the new harvest were offered as a fiery sacrifice to thank God for the bounty of the season.

Sam Hill, Occam and the Holy Spirit. So, one may rightly ask, "How in Sam Hill (now there's a phrase from yesteryear) did Christianity glom onto the name of Pentecost for our feast celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit?" Great question! Let me put forth three premises that may answer that question:

- It could be well asserted that Pentecost is God imbuing us, his Church, with the Holy Spirit as a profound sign of the New Covenant, just as the Ten Commandments being handed down signified the Old Covenant.
- Just as Moses received the Ten Commandments

(an event dubbed in Judaism as Pentecost), so too, the Apostles and the Church received the Holy Spirit (thus, seeing it as our Pentecost).

- In the old Pentecost the first fruits of the harvest were offered in a fiery sacrifice, while in our Pentecost the Apostles of Christ were offered to God as the "first fruits" of the Incarnation, also with flames of fire present.

Of course, using the premise of Occam's razor (i.e., all things being equal, the simplest answer is the correct one), Pentecost is primarily called Pentecost as comes from the Greek word for "50th" and Pentecost is the 50th day after Easter – it is the Day of Pentecost or the Day 50.

Alive and Kicking! Many people will say that Pentecost is the "birthday of the Church". That is not correct, for as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches (CCC 766) "the Church was born from the pierced heart of Christ hanging dead on the cross." The Church found birth on Good Friday, not on Pentecost. However, certainly the prayers at Mass on Pentecost as well as the "spirit" of the day (pun absolutely intended) certainly make it feel like something new happened on that day. And it did, on Pentecost the Church was not born, but rather it was enlivened – or to use a phrase from antiquity, it was quickened. So, it can be said that the day of Pentecost saw the Church brought to life, empowered – something that my beloved Philadelphia Phillies could desperately use about now (as I write this, thus far this season the Phillies have lost this past weeks three-game series to the New York Mets – the ultimate indignity – racking up more "L's" than Laverne DiFazio's sweater collection).

Light My Fire! Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit descended like "tongues of fire" on the Apostles; I imagine it might have looked like pyrotechnics at a 1970s Kiss concert! And with that fire of the Holy Spirit, ka-blam, suddenly this ragtag band of Christ's followers went from cowering in fear to going out into the world proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. And nearly 2,000 years later successors to those Apostles (our Bishops) are still doing that very same work, alive with the Holy Spirit. It might be said that that day of Pentecost changed the Church in a way that allowed the Church to change the world.

Red Alert. At Mass on Pentecost, is the one time during the Easter Season when the Church's ministers wear red symbolizing the fire of the

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mano Salla	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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MEN OF HOLY CROSS

Thanks to our newest innovation (a state of the art "Meeting Owl" which makes you feel



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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".

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, June 13, 2022, at 5 pm.

MOST HOLY TRINITY (JUNE 12)

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 8:22-31

The figure of Wisdom is God's companion in creation and in communicating with human beings.

SECOND READING : ROMANS 5:1-5

It is our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ that puts us at peace with God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 16:12-15

The Spirit will help us understand more fully the teachings of Jesus.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

The pre-summer clean-up is scheduled for Thursday, June 9th. All decorations and potted plants will be removed as well as any planted flowers and plants. Families are asked to remove items they wish to retain. As a reminder, seasonal artificial flowers are always permitted; however, plantings of any kind are not permitted. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Cemetery Rules & Regulations are available at the parish office and at www.holycrossdover.org/introducing/cemetery.

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

Spouses often say to each other – “If you love me, you would...” Don’t turn your love into a bargain. Give it freely to each other and keep your word.

PARENTING POINTERS

Church is a holy place but so are our homes and the people we live with. Consider how Jesus may come, stand, sit, and play with us as we spend time together today. Peace & love often sound like clichés. Help it to come alive with your children this weekend.

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. For more info: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

MASS INTENTIONS JUNE

6 MONDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Antonio Granito
7 TUESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Barbara Siers
8 WEDNESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Karen Bergmann
9 THURSDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Naomi Schramm
ICC 6:00 pm	For the People
10 FRIDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Marguerite Casey (LI)
11 SATURDAY	
HC 8 am	Josephine V. Kowalczyk
HC 5 pm	Joseph Tanusiatis
12 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	Bill and Mary Childress
ICC 8:30 am	Veronica Kriss
HC 9:30 am	DM Ranieri-DiSandro Family
ICC 11 am	Teresa Crenshaw
HC 11:30 am	Rosemarie Natali
ICC 1 pm	For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

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!! There will be an in-person weekend in Wildwood, NJ May 13-15, 2022. Many more options for virtual events can be found on our website www.wwme-delmar.org. For additional information please call Tony and Linda Masino at 302-648-2228.

HOLY CROSS JUNE 11/12, 2022

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM D. Darling C. Helwig G. Coyle
L. Darling F. Hettinger M. Coyle
P. Gerard L. Curley

LECTORS

J. Davis
F. Urick

7:30 AM T. Dinan P. Sheldon B. Gyamfi
R. Fritzsche M. Thompson E. Gyamfi
R. O'Neill

LECTORS

C. Brown

9:30 AM K Kelly L. Olmstead K. Fernandez
D. McGinnis V. Pepper G. Maddalena
J. McIlvain F. Madukwe

LECTORS

S. Crossen
C. Parks

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

LECTORS

A. Luna

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM A. Smith

LECTORS

J. Tormey, Jr.

11:00 AM J. Carrow

LECTORS

P. Meyer

1:00 PM To be determined

LECTORS

**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:

- Andres, Maria, Arismely and Anderson Garcia
- Dan and Nancy Somma
- Lili Hemphill

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newest baptized members:

- Darren Anthony Czech
- Keily Dalila Ortiz Morales
- Rony Roberto Lopez, Jr.
- Avery Mae Scott
- Asher Gray Scott
- Moses James McNatt
- Lloyd Rayne McNatt

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.

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

NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANA

- El domingo 19 de junio de 2022 marca la fiesta del Corpus Christi, en la que los católicos celebran y honran el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesucristo en el Sacramento de la Sagrada Eucaristía. La Fiesta del Corpus Christi de este año también inicia el comienzo del Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional de tres años para todos los católicos en los Estados Unidos.
- Para celebrar esta trascendental ocasión, el domingo 19 de junio después de nuestra Santa Misa tendremos una procesión con el Santísimo se les invita a los padres de los niños que hicieron su Primera Comunión de vestir a sus hijos con la ropa de con que recibieron por primera vez el Cuerpo de Cristo. Esto se hará en varias parroquias a nivel Nacional. El obispo Koenig celebrará una Misa especial en la Catedral de San Pedro (500 N West Street, Wilmington, DE) seguida de una procesión con la Sagrada Eucaristía por las calles de Wilmington a partir de las 3:00 p.m. Todos están invitados por el Obispo Koenig a unirse a la Misa de Corpus Christi y la Procesión Eucarística para este día especial de devoción y oración en la Ciudad de Wilmington. Como esto marca el comienzo del Año Diocesano del Avivamiento Eucarístico en la Diócesis de Wilmington, todas las parroquias están invitadas a enviar al menos cinco representantes para participar en esta Misa y Procesión especiales. Se compartirán más detalles en las próximas semanas.
- Los Obispos de los Estados Unidos están llamando a un avivamiento de tres años de la devoción y la creencia en la Presencia Real de Jesús en la Eucaristía. Creen que Dios quiere ver un movimiento de católicos en todo Estados Unidos, curados, convertidos, formados y unificados por un encuentro con Jesús en la Eucaristía, y enviados en misión “para la vida del mundo”. Estos tres años culminarán con el primer Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en Estados Unidos en casi cincuenta años. Casi cien mil católicos se reunirán en Indianápolis en una peregrinación única hacia la “fuente y cumbre” de nuestra fe católica. Que culminara con un Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en Indianápolis, Indiana del 17-21 del 2024.
- Nuestras felicitaciones y oraciones para nuestro Recién ordenado sacerdote Brennan Hill Ferris ordenado el pasado 21 de mayo por el obispo William Koenig y al diacono en transición John Enemuó que fue ordenado el pasado 14 de mayo también por el obispo Koenig. Oremos por nuestros sacerdotes.
- 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 empezara visitando casas el próximo domingo, si usted desea tener la virgen en su casa por una semana por favor hable con la Sra. Marta Espinosa.
- Educación Religiosa: ¡Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para el año 2022-2023! Los formularios de registro están disponibles en línea <https://holycrossover.org> haga clic donde dice Religious Education y baja una aplicación, también los puede solicitar en la oficina de Educación Religiosa. Reconocemos a los padres como los primeros maestros en la formación de la fe de su niño. Nuestra esperanza es trabajar y guiar a los padres según sea necesario a través de nuestro Programa de Educación Religiosa, pero necesitamos su ayuda en inscribir a su niño con tiempo para poder proporcionar el material y la formación adecuada a su hijo. Haga esto una prioridad de inscribirlos a tiempo.

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

- La Inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 todavía se está aceptando aplicaciones, las inscripciones están disponibles a todas las familias. Tiene que inscribir a su hijo cada año Por favor devolver las aplicaciones a Alicia Poppiti lo antes posible eso es ahora para que podamos estar seguros de tener suficientes maestros y espacio en los salones.
- Necesitamos Catequistas, asistentes, substitutes, y ayudantes para el próximo año para la Educación Religiosa los domingos en la mañana desde septiembre 18 hasta Mayo, 9:40- 10:50. Contacte a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti@410-482-8939 o dre@iccmaryl.org para más información.
- La Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones 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.

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. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossover.org or call (302)674-5787 X 122

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 or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

Adult Education (HC)

In English: Father Mike Schmitz
<https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>



In Spanish: Fray Sergio Serrano
<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration>



SAVE THE DATE

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>

Volunteer forms due 6/10/2022.

You may also contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossover.org or (302) 674-5787 X 122 for forms.

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.

Meeting for those Attending Work Camp in Greensboro:

For those youth and adults attending work camp in Greensboro in July, we will have our final meeting on June 20th at 7 pm in the Matthew Mark room of the ELC building. Please make sure you keep this date open and are present at the meeting.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Religious Education registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open, registrations 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, so that we can be sure to have enough teachers, books, and space in classrooms. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482-8939 or dre@iccmaryl.org for more information.

There will be a raise in Tuition after June 1st of an additional \$10 per child.

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 for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

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

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

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!



Perhaps you will recall that HCS students enjoyed a brief visit to Emerald city and the wonderful land of Oz, as they followed the yellow brick road with friends, Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion, Tin Man, Dorothy and Toto. The Children's Theater superb production actually made us feel like the wizard was among us as the fluorescent green lights flashed and the monstrous voice of the Wizard made our eardrums shimmy and shake. Just six days later, following my return from Oz, I entered yet another enchanted land. Had I fallen through the rabbit hole??

Would you like an adventure now, or shall we have tea first? Alice in Wonderland

I had hurried down the hallway to see if I could be of any assistance in last minute preparations for our Mother-Daughter Afternoon Tea. I had looked forward to this ever since the suggestion was made by one of our moms. All things considered, I saw no reason why we couldn't have a little bit of what we once enjoyed added to the schedule before the final days of the school year. So, as I scampered down to the Parish Hall, I came to an abrupt stop as I came upon a lovely designed chalkboard inviting all to Tea Time. "Oh my, that's simply lovely," I said out loud. Making a quick right, I skipped up the three steps entering the Parish Hall, and once again came to an abrupt stop. Looking around.... What a silly notion I had in thinking I could be of any help here.

Everything was well in hand as I entered Wonderland. I walked toward the kitchen to find Dr. Ford and Mrs. Granitto still hard at work.

She fell asleep and got lost in Wonderland. Alice in Wonderland

The linen table cloths, some white, some black were draped over round tables. The color arrangement was in alternating diagonal lines to resemble a checkerboard. Beautiful fresh flower arrangements abounded, while the room was perimetered (I just coined that word) by rectangular tables, again lovely and draped in linen. I can't even begin to describe the field of delectable delights that had been prepared by loving hands and exquisitely placed on the serving tables for all to enjoy. Hundreds of mini tea sandwiches, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, all beautifully placed on serving towers and platters. There were candelabras draped in strands of white pearls, tiny tinkling white lights on trees created the perfect backdrop for a photo op, the stage was adorned with a gorgeous arch beautiful seafoam green, shades of pink; and cream colored balloons accented with a cluster of smaller black inflatables; again for the picture taking. And then there were the tea pots! Oh, my stars! Expertly placed on tables; some filled with fresh flowers, others just sat on tables in all their loveliness. There were sweetly designed tea cups on display, along with an adorable arrangement of wonderland rabbits. And look at that candy table!! The multi-colored candies in serving containers of all sizes and shapes couldn't have been more appealing to the eye.

Now, I'm not known for carrying my phone. And the only pictures I have are those of my cats. But this time I said to myself, "I've just got to get some pictures of this."

As moms and their daughters began to filter in, I could tell that no one expected this! The room quickly filled. We were all convinced we had fallen through the rabbit hole. Ambling throughout, inspecting all there was to see, staking out seating, little girls finding their BFF's, moms joined moms and the tables quickly filled. Soon enough, Makenzie F. led us in a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessing of our moms and we were invited to partake. Conversations were lively, the girls were dressed in their finest frillies with many mom and daughter twin sets in the crowd.

It was truly the loveliest of afternoons. Dr. Ford and Mrs. Granitto had a helpful crew of dads, and grandparents, along with the hidden surprise; Mrs. Linnea Madera. Mrs. Madera was so very generous in sharing not only her expertise in table-scaping, but she was, apparently, the chief designer, owner and decorator of most of the lovely accoutrement that adorned the tables, and floor displays. Mrs. Madera is a mom of three, all of whom graduated from Holy Cross many years ago. Her allegiance to our school and love for Catholic education is still strong. It was almost comedic, and truthfully, she was the last person I would have expected to appear through the swinging doors with a candelabra in one hand and a brightly colored boa or two falling gently across the other; with a small band of helpers in tow. Within minutes she had slipped on her apron and was ready to serve.

In good time, once the first course was had, the mouthwatering chocolate fountain was ceremoniously carried to its place of honor by Mrs. Madera while Mrs. Granitto began rolling the dessert cart from table to table. Dessert anyone? Mini-cakes, petit fours, and yummy cookies go perfectly with a nice cup of tea, don't you think? Who could resist?

No one expected the enthusiastic response received when at first the beautiful themed Alice in Wonderland invitations went out. Ninety-six girls and their moms said to count them in for an afternoon of tea. I have always said and firmly believe that a cup of hot tea is the drink of the civilized. It certainly appeared to me that on that particular Sunday afternoon in Dover, all of the the sophisticated and cultured had collected for an afternoon of high sociability at Holy Cross.

Well, as you can see, we're still having tea... The Mad Hatter, Alice in Wonderland

Holy Spirit. It is also one of but a handful of days during the Church when, after the second reading and before the Alleluia, something called a “sequence” is said or sung. That sequence is a poetic piece that reminds of meaning of this feast day, as regards what the Holy Spirit brings to us his Church, his faithful; in one verse we are told:

*On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
— In your sevenfold gift descend;
Give them virtue’s sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
— Give them joys that never end.*

A Battle of “Whits.” While red is the primary color of Pentecost, in some countries, notably England and Ireland, Pentecost still carries the secondary moniker of Whitsunday – this is because “back in the day” it was a common day for children to be baptized and be dressed in their spiffy white Baptismal garments (and over time, through the battle of language development, what had been known as White Sunday became known as Whitsunday).

Mass-ive Change. It should be noted that while Pentecost doesn’t carry the cachet of Solemnities like Christmas or Easter, it can certainly be stated that Pentecost used to have a much more visible place in the life of the Church. Prior to 1969, Pentecost used to have an “Octave” (a special eight day period of special observance just like Christmas and Easter have), with the Church and Mass celebrants festooned in red. That Pentecost Octave stretched from Pentecost Sunday to Trinity Sunday; on each day of that Octave, Mass was celebrated as though it was the day of Pentecost. More significantly, the Church calendar used to demarcate the period between Pentecost Sunday and the first Sunday of Advent on the basis of Pentecost. That is to say, there were no “Sundays in Ordinary Time” as we have today; rather there was “The First Sunday after Pentecost”, “The Second Sunday after Pentecost”, etc. So, in the same way that Easter Sunday norms the dates for Lent and Easter Season, and Christmas Day norms the events of Advent and Christmas season, Pentecost used to norm the entire remainder of the Church year. Following the liturgical reforms after the Second Vatican Council, the Octave of Pentecost and the calendar’s “Sundays after Pentecost” were laid to rest.

A New Development. With the Church enlivened at Pentecost, it seemed proper that the day after Pentecost should reflect the life of the Church through the image of the first and best disciple of Christ: Mary. Building on Marian developments within the Church laid in place by previous Pope, in 2018, Pope Francis added the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church to the Church’s Liturgical Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost. The title of Mary, Mother of the Church (Mater Ecclesiae) dates back to St. Ambrose in the fourth century. The placement of this holy day and its connection to Pentecost are most appropriate: Mary mothered, cared for, the emerging Church; this role was most keenly seen in the Upper Room, where she prayed and waited with the Apostles as the twelve awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit promised by Christ. As the Spirit descended on them in tongues of fire, no doubt Mary rejoiced as the Church became enlivened on that first Pentecost!

That’s the Spirit! And so filled with Pentecost’s spiritual truth, its history, and all kinds of Pentecost Trivia, I commend you to stay especially focused this Pentecost on the great gift blessing heaped upon our Church by Christ’s largesse in sending us His Holy Spirit, and allowing it to descend on his Apostles and empowering them. Our Church is filled by, strengthened by, and driven by the power of the Holy Spirit – the same spirit that each of us received in Baptism and Confirmation. Thus in our lives when we act on the graces put forth to us, and live our lives in the manner to which Christ calls, the Holy Spirit is at work. More grandly, as the Church does its work teaching, governing and sanctifying – imbued with the authority of God – we can safely say, “That’s the Spirit.”? And so on this Pentecost let us pray fervently, “Come, Holy Spirit, Come!”

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

