



# CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

June 6, 2021

Corpus Christi

holy cross

### 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  
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am  
During Lent, Monday and Friday, 12:10 pm  
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-Midnight (temporarily closed)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm  
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

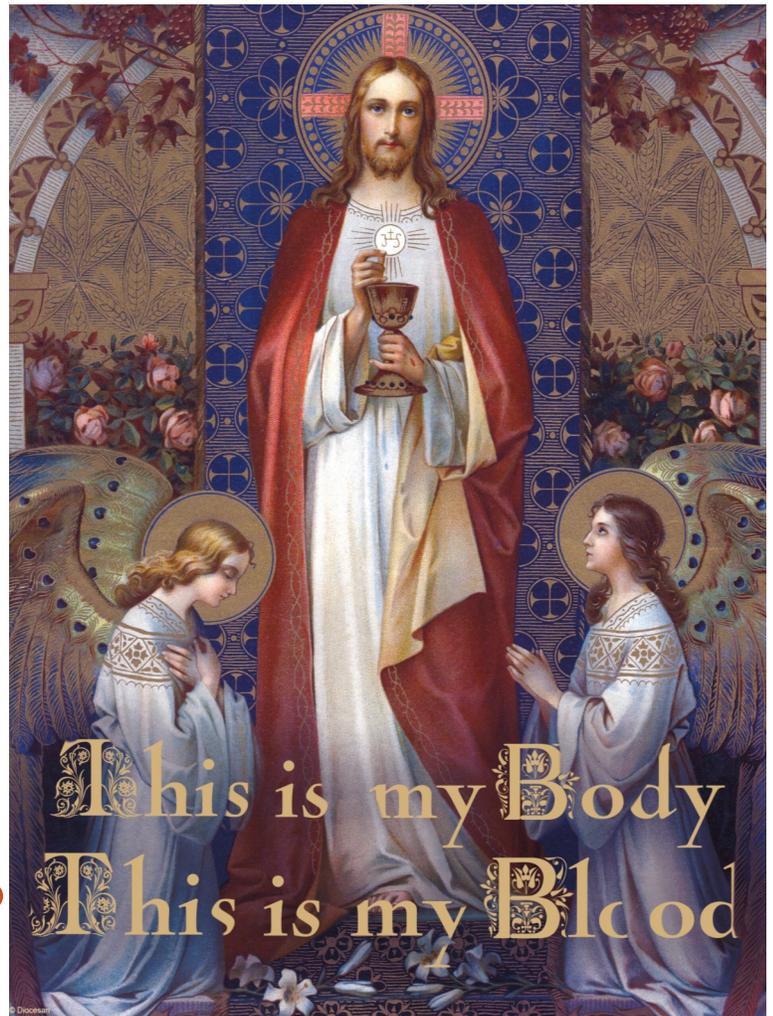
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am  
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish  
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass  
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*

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## 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.

## THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

[holycrossover.org](http://holycrossover.org)  
[iccmarylodel.org](http://iccmarylodel.org)

Holy Cross Church will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, parishes must continue to adhere to all health and safety regulations. All pews are now open but we ask you to socially distance yourselves. Use of the hand sanitizer is still requested.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses on holy days remains suspended at this time.

Face masks do not have to be worn if you are fully vaccinated. If not, it is recommended that you still wear your face-mask over your nose and mouth. Thank you for your cooperation.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

May 23, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$30,581	\$27,800	\$2,781
YTD	\$1,161,926	\$1,306,800	(\$144,874)
Needs	\$1,458	\$1,550	(\$92)

## WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending May 23, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,134
2nd	\$91

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time. Many are still not attending Mass but we still need your support. 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.

Dear Parishioners,

This is a tough column to write, as I like to use this column to share the Church's teachings, history, devotional life, and the Good News! This week's column is to share not so much "bad news" but "tough news."

**And then there were...** You will remember two years ago we had four priests assigned to Holy Cross, which allowed us to equitably share the duties of Holy Cross, Immaculate Conception (Marydel), the Hospital, the Nursing Homes, the school, and other sacramental and parish ministries. Then Fr. Brady was sent from us, to Georgetown to fill in a need there. And he was not replaced. Last year, Fr. Etim was sent to fill in a need at Salisbury. And he was not replaced. And then there were two: myself and Fr. Mano.

**Our Two Parishes.** To address this matter — during COVID but not strictly because of COVID— we had to make many changes to the schedule and to assigned duties. Two Priests cannot do what four Priests did. The side effect of this is that ideally neither of us can ever be away on a weekend, ever — as there are two Churches, in two states, with two sets of Mass and in two languages. Some people ask, "Isn't the diocese going to send another priest?" Here's the truth: There are no more extra priests to send. Our Diocese does not have enough priests to adequately staff the existing number of parishes (hence parishes are being twinned and tripled).

**The Visitations.** So, from the time to time, with the help of both Fr. Etim and Fr. Mano, I have been able to secure "visiting" priests. However, that is not a solution to the problem, but a succession of band-aids. The only priests assigned here are two: Fr. Mano and me. Msgr. McGlynn helps out when he can, and does so generously. And we occasionally have a visiting Priest. But at the end of the day, there are only two priests that are assigned here.

**Old Era/New Era.** The COVID-era gave us some cover during this reduction in the number of Priests, as hospital/sick calls were limited to Last Rites, and nursing home were by and large off-limits through most of this period. Mass attendance was lower. Parish events were not a thing. And so on and so forth. But, thankfully, we are coming quickly out of that era and things are coming back to life.

**A Passage to India.** Next week, Fr. Mano has to go back to India — for a minimum of three weeks, dealing with re-upping his visa, etc. Might be longer. That leaves me. Now, juggling things here with two priests is ridiculous, unhealthy, and bizarre at times. Sadly, some folks have an unrealistic expectation for what their priests does — we are not 24-hour-a-day manservants for anyone's needs at anytime. Some people seem put-off by that; they will have to be put-off by that.

**Ch-ch-changes.** So, with the one-assigned-priest model on the horizon, and the two-priest model maybe resuming in July (whereafter I hope to get away for a week), we are going to be tighter than we have been

during any period of my time here. And yes, some things are going to change. The Priest(s) will do what the Priest(s) do: We will celebrate Mass, hear confessions, anoint the seriously ill and dying, celebrate funeral Masses, meet for marriage preparation, and tend administrative duties as needed and required. Deacons will do what Deacons do: Baptisms, Burials, Wake Service, various Blessings, etc. The lay faithful will fulfill their role doing what they do: social outreach, communion to the sick/homebound, serving as a lector, musician, cantor, or server at Mass, catechists, etc. This list for priests, deacons and laity is certainly not exhaustive — but the era of "I want to receive communion and home and only from a priest" is over.

**Mass Transit.** To that end, let me be clear, the Mass schedule we have is the Mass schedule going forward. On weekdays, Mass is at 8 a.m. On the weekends, we have a Saturday 8 a.m. Mass. Then for Sunday celebrations, we have Masses at 5:00 p.m. (HC/Saturday evening), 7:30 a.m. (HC), 8:30 a.m. (ICC), 9:30 a.m. (HC), 11:00 a.m. (ICC), 11:30 a.m. (HC/Spanish), and 1:00 p.m. (ICC/Spanish). Of course, we will have additional Holy Days Masses, School Masses, and Funeral Masses, too. That being said, while there is one priest here (though we are working to secure a visiting priest to assist) there could be a Sunday, when one of the two parishes winds up with a Communion Service led by a Deacon, instead of Mass. I am going to do everything on earth to avoid that scenario, but being realistic that could happen. Additionally, Holy Cross Confessions on Saturday morning have been hugely successful, with a huge crowd for confessions every week! For those Confessions, we try to have two priests available from 8:30-10:00am (likewise at ICC we hope to keep Confessions on Saturday morning, too). The Funeral schedule remains Monday-Friday with funerals at 10am or noon. Saturday remains the day for Masses, Confessions, Baptisms, and Weddings.

**Hospital-ity.** Most parishes deal with the sick/dying who are from their Parish. Holy Cross is a different beast: We deal primarily with non-parishioners at the hospital, who find themselves at Kent General for their healthcare. When we get a call, we never ask "parishioner or non-parishioner?" Thus we are somewhat in the role of "Hospital Chaplains" rather than Parish priests. Thus, we get more anointing and Last Rites calls that all the other parishes in our region combined. But let me give you a little more background:

**Some Background.** Up north at Christiana Hospital there are two Catholic Chaplains that are assigned to that hospital (they share the daytime hospital duty and weekend overnight-duties), they are supplemented by about a dozen parishes (and about 20 priests) that share overnight Hospital duty on weekday evenings for a 10-hour period — they each get one night of duty per month. Here in HC/ICC, there are no Catholic Chaplains assigned to our ever-growing hospital, and there is only our parish (HC/ICC) that tends the hospital (in addition to all other sick calls) with

## 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. Robert McMullen Deacon  
 Mr. Vincent Pisano Deacon

## ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell Deacon

## HC STAFF

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 Kenneth Trojan Business Manager, ext. 119  
 Michele Dornberger Records/Asst. Bus. Mgr., ext. 116  
 Arline Dosman Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. 118  
 Tammy Korosec CRE Religious Ed, ext 122  
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 Justin Wurzel Maintenance Director  
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## ICC STAFF

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 Marilyn Dixon Office Manager  
 Alicia Poppiti DRE Religious Ed.  
 Susan Venezia Bookkeeper  
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## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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 302 674 5787  
[holycrossdover.org/school](http://holycrossdover.org/school)

Linda Pollitt Principal, ext. 111

## MAILING ADDRESS

*Holy Cross School*  
 631 S. State St.  
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## ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

We plan to reopen the Adoration Chapel soon. But, we need you to sign up to take an hour or more to spend with Our Lord in the Chapel. Please watch for details in the next few weeks on how you can commit to spending time with Jesus.

## CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, June 12th, local author, Dennis Skirvin will discuss his book, "The Treasure of Nonsense Woods." Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640, or listen online anytime at [www.cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://www.cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

## FATHER'S DAY DEVOTION

The Knight's of Columbus are hosting a Father's Day Devotion for the Parish on June 17 at 7:30 pm at Holy Cross Church. All are invited to attend.



## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What can a tree teach you about marriage? Some trees grow naturally. Some need pruning to become their best selves. Can you spend some time together today enjoying and learning from a tree?

## PARENTING POINTERS

What happens when your family eats together? Presumably, you start with a blessing of the food, but what happens during the meal? You may recount the day, there may be laughter, or complaining. Hopefully, there are no phones present. Let it be a time to be present to each other.

## READINGS FOR JUNE 13

### 11TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

#### FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

The Lord has spoken—God will carry out God's word.

#### SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10

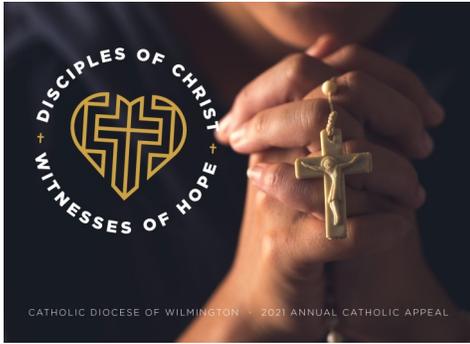
We walk by faith and not by sight.

#### GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34

This is what God's kingdom is like—and how it grows.

## 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL –

Many thanks to those who have responded to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal; your generosity is deeply appreciated. If you have not yet participated you can contribute to



the Appeal by using the pledge card and return envelope mailed to your home, by accessing the Appeal website at [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal) and clicking “How to Donate” or by completing a pledge card located on the tables in the church or Gathering Space or Parish Offices. It is never too late to help someone in need.

The goal for Holy Cross is \$215,000. The goal for Immaculate Conception is \$25,000. We need help from each and everyone of you in order to help us reach our goal for the Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully considering sending in your pledge or donation today.

## RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Ret-ro-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. The next program begins the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2021 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.

## VOCATIONS

Jesus told His Disciples, “I came to serve, not to be served.”

A vocation is a call to serve. It is a profession, an urge, a predisposition to undertake a certain kind of work. It is a choice for which you are particularly suited. The central question always is, “How

## MASS INTENTIONS

### JUNE

#### 7 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am William Csajko

#### 8 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Fr. Bruce Byrolly

#### 9 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am James Wentworth

#### 10 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Josephine V. Kowalczyk  
ICC 6 pm For the People

#### 11 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Elaine Malczon

#### 12 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Elio De Berardino  
HC 5 pm Donald & Amy Malony Family

#### 13 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Maurice Barnes  
ICC 8:30 am James Ward  
HC 9:30 am Anthony DeVigili  
ICC 11 am David E. Riley  
HC 11:30 am Patrick Byrd  
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION

DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

best can I serve my God and others?”

If you feel a calling to the married life, there are many Church ministries from which to choose. Many are in need of your service, as a deacon, a Eucharistic minister, a visitor to the sick and aged, or an usher. Whatever you choose, do something that serves others. When you do this, you are serving God.

If you feel a calling to priesthood or religious life, ask questions and talk to priests or religious. They know that surviving isn't enough. They can help you come to know your vocation or career, or even your own true self.

Above all, start with prayer. Whatever your vocation, if you are good at what you do, it is a gift from God. Only through prayer will you be able to recognize what vocation gift He wants to give to you.

*Serra for priestly and religious vocations*

## MASS MINISTERS

A SCHEDULE FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS WILL NOT BE PUT OUT AT THIS TIME. PLEASE STEP FORWARD TO ASSIST AT THE MASS YOU ATTEND.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO LET OTHERS HAVE A CHANCE TO COME FORWARD SO THEY, TOO, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST AT MASS. WE HAVE MANY WHO WANT TO ASSIST BUT NEVER GET THE CHANCE TO STEP FORWARD.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

### Lector Schedule for June 2021

#### At Holy Cross:

##### **5 pm Mass**

June 5 D. Kilby  
 June 12 K. Bassett  
 June 19 J. Coffield  
 June 26 F. Urick

##### **7:30 am Mass**

June 6 J. Davis  
 June 13 C. Cuffee  
 June 20 R. Pritchett  
 June 27 J. Davis

##### **9:30 am Mass**

June 6 C. Petka  
 June 13 S. Crossen  
 June 20 S. Ford  
 June 27 C. Parks

#### At Immaculate Conception

##### **8:30 am Mass**

June 6 D. Smith  
 June 13 T. Thompson  
 June 20 K. Cairns  
 June 27 B. Thompson

##### **11 am Mass**

June 6 A. Meyer  
 June 13 D. King  
 June 20 L. Schlaupitz  
 June 27 A. Meyer

If you wish to be considered to lector at Holy Cross, email Diane at [belt@holycrossdover.org](mailto:belt@holycrossdover.org) so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector.

At ICC, please get in touch with Marilyn Dixon at [mdixon@iccmmarydel.org](mailto:mdixon@iccmmarydel.org) Thank you.

## DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories are in the Parish Office. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

May 31 is Memorial Day in the USA. What does it mean to remember – to remember people who have died, to remember special events in our life together, etc. Perhaps pull out some old photos to remember the story of your life together so far.

## PARENTING POINTERS

Just as God gave us commandments, healthy families have rules that help keep order and keep the peace. What are some of your family rules? Do you need any new ones? Let go of outdated ones? Discuss together.

## HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

Pre-need planning. Still trying to decide on what to do with this year's income tax refunds or your COVID stimulus funds? During our lifetime we spend a lot of time planning and preparing for future events, such as weddings, vacations, college for the kids, retirement, etc. It's easy to put off planning for the day when the Lord will call you home. Planning for the inevitable and securing space in our cemetery is a wonderful gift for the whole family. When that day does come, with all its emotional trauma, sparing your spouse and children those difficult decisions is a blessing. Contact Len Dornberger at the parish office for a no obligation discussion.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Condolences to the families of our recently deceased members::

- Maureen Sealund  
 Pauline Wilberto Macalalad  
 Douglas Martin Entenman

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## NEWLY REGISTERED

Welcome to our newly registered parishioners:

- Salvatore and Judith Trancucci
- Kristen Giordano

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newest baptized member:

- Austin Michael Clough

- Feliz fiesta de Corpus Christi, que en latín significa ‘Cuerpo de Cristo’, es una fiesta de la Iglesia católica para celebrar la presencia de Cristo en la Eucaristía. es celebrado sesenta días después del Domingo de Resurrección, que tiene lugar el domingo posterior a Pentecostés. La celebración surgió durante la Edad Media, cuando la religiosa Juliana de Cornillon comenzó a promover la idea de celebrar una festividad que rindiera homenaje al Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesucristo presente en la Eucaristía. Así, la primera celebración de Corpus Christi tuvo lugar en 1246 en la ciudad de Lieja, en la actual Bélgica. También se cuenta que, en 1263, mientras un sacerdote celebraba la misa en la iglesia de la localidad de Bolsena, en Italia, ocurrió que, al pronunciar estas palabras de consagración, de la hostia comenzó a brotar sangre. Este suceso, conocido entre la comunidad católica como “el milagro de Bolsena”, fue percibido como un evento santo, y acabó por afianzar la celebración del Corpus Christi. En el año 1264 el papa Urbano IV finalmente instituye la fiesta del Corpus Christi en la bula Transitus hoc mundo del 11 de agosto. La festividad goza de gran relevancia en nuestros países de América Latina.
- Recomendaciones a los padres de familia para ayudar a su pequeño a tranquilizarse y a involucrarse en la misa. Primero la comunicación y la enseñanza : prepare y hablele a su hijo del lugar sagrado y de Jesús antes de ir a la santa misa y como cada niño se debe comportar y las expectativas que usted tiene como padres del comportamiento de su hijo.. Cuando llegue para la misa ocupe los asientos más cercanos al altar los pequeños se sienten más involucrados con la celebración si pueden apreciar lo que realmente está sucediendo. Si se inquieta o llora sáquelo al Nártex hasta que se tranquilice; darles una labor en las Misas puede crear en los pequeños una “sentido de responsabilidad y logro”, simples como “poner el dinero

en la canasta de la colecta”. Ayudar al sostenimiento de su iglesia, Explíquele que las veladoras que están en el Nártex no son para jugar son ofrecimientos por una intención de una persona y se deja un donativo por cada vela que se enciende. Nunca deje ir al baño o salir solo a sus hijos, es por su protección.

## ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

**\*\* Están abiertas las inscripciones para el próximo año, 2021-2022. Por favor devuelva las aplicaciones antes del 1 de julio,2021. Tenemos que ordenar libros de antemano para poder empezar el programa de Educación Religiosa y tomar decisiones de ubicación para el año escolar. \*\* Una mesa se pondrá para inscripciones en frente del salón después de las misas.**

Se están recopilando evaluaciones para las 4 unidades. Por favor, llévelos a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti para obtener su crédito para este año, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmaryl.org

**¡TE NECESITAMOS! NECESITAMOS CATEQUISTAS PARA EL PROXIMO AÑO.** Si está pensando esto pue ser su llamado. Comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmaryl.org

**La Escuela Bíblica de Verano empieza el 2 de agosto hasta el 6 de agosto 2021 de 6-8:30pm**

Inscribese antes del 18 de julio. Grados: Pre-K -Sexto grado

**¡Se necesitan voluntarios!** -Caballeros al Norte del Castillo, guía para el Castillo, Persona para las actividades, persona para las manualidades, persona para la Ciencia, Líder para el canto.

La próxima reunión será el domingo, 6 de junio a las 9:30 en el salón después de la Santa Misa. Si esta interesado llame a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

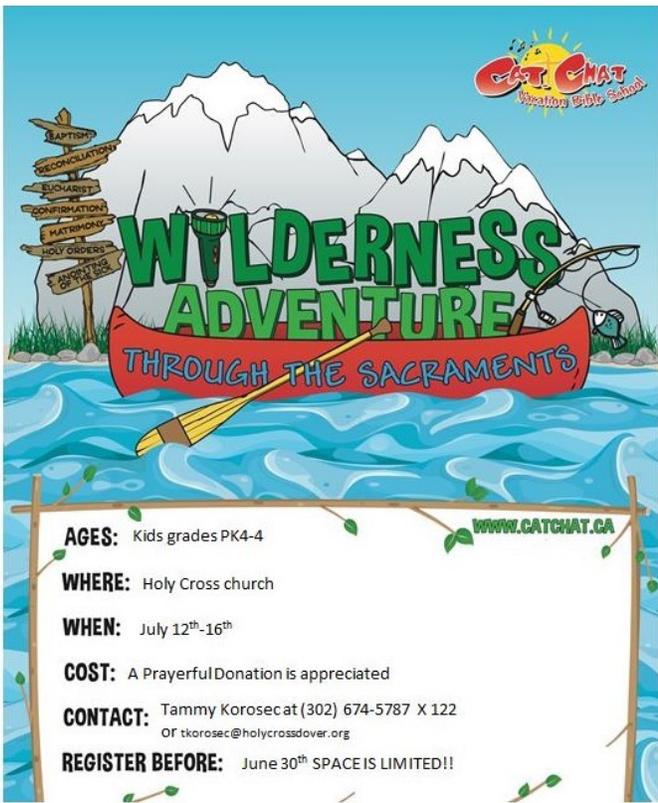
Thank you to all for a wonderful year under these different circumstances. We look forward to a more "normal" year when we start up in the Fall.

### REGISTRATION FOR 2021/22 REL ED (HC)

2021-2022 Religious Education Class registration forms now available on line at <https://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>.

Registration for Religious Education is due July 16, 2021.

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



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! (HC)

Adult and Teen volunteers needed for the "Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments" Vacation Bible School program. Anyone 18 or older must have a criminal background check completed. If interested please email Tammy Korosec at [tkorosec@holycrossover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossover.org) or call (302)674-5787 X 122.

### REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (HC)

Forms to register for Confirmation 2022 Preparation for all high school students not confirmed may be found on the parish website under Teaching the Faith, Sacramental Preparation, Confirmation. to help at the parish and is a huge asset to us.

Please register for Confirmation by July 15, so we can make plans and order the correct amount of materials. Thank you.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

\*\*\*Registration for next year, 2021-2022 has begun. Registrations are due by July 1, 2021. We must order books in advance to receive for start of RE. A table will be set up after Masses in front of the hall for registration, online and at office.

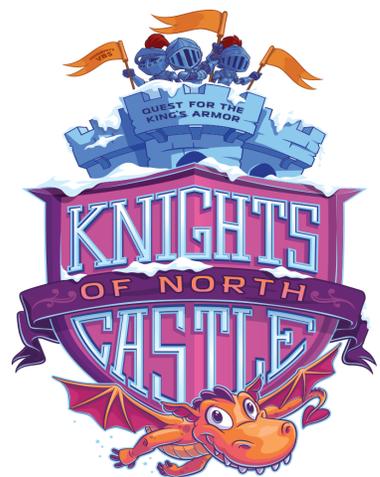
All student assessments that are in their unit packs, for all 4 units, are due to Mrs. Alicia Poppiti when unit is finished. Please hand in for credit for this year. Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-8939 or [dre@iccmaryl.org](mailto:dre@iccmaryl.org)

### WE NEED YOU (ICC)

Catechists needed for next year! Please inquire with Mrs. Poppiti as soon as possible. If you are wondering, then this may be your calling.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Helpers needed! Knights of the North Castle are in need of: Castle Guides, Activities person, crafts person, science person, song leader. Next Meeting is Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in hall following Mass.



If interested, please contact Mrs. Poppiti 410-482-8939

Vacation Bible school will run from August 2 - August 6, 2021 from 6-8:30 pm at ICC in Marydel.

“You sound like a broken record,” “No need in beating a dead horse.” There is no need to repeat the obvious. It has all been said. And, then it was said again. It has been a year. I’ll never forget the 2020-2021 SY.

But at least we had one! We have had each other, and with the support of everyone in the community we have reached the final days of the school year.

I’ll go on record and say how much we have enjoyed and appreciated this year’s class of eighth graders. All of our students have been an amazement on a daily basis. Their cooperation, flexibility, and kindness, understanding, and hard work have truly been inspirational. We were very fortunate not to have had too many virtual learners, and by the onset of the third trimester, there were none.

It has been said by one of the junior high teachers of the 2020-2021 eighth graders that “if we had to go through a year like this one, this is the best class to have gone through it with.” They have weathered all of the disappointments and remain cooperative, flexible, kind, understanding, and are still working hard. Well...maybe there’s just a *touch* of the typical end of year excitement with a sprinkle of spring fever thrown in. We have tried to make the end of their year as pleasant as we could as they accepted the fact that the traditional NYC trip was out of the question. We hope they will have a bunch of fun during Spirit Week at the outset of the month where they will wear apparel in the green and white, there will be a *Twin Day, a Flashback Tag Day*—choose a period between the 50’s and 90’s and come to school in the garb of that decade. I wonder if there will be any poodle skirts in the crowd... and then there’s my personal favorite; *The Next Chapter* where the soon to be graduates will dress in colors or apparel of their high school. I like the way we begin the week in Holy Cross colors and end the week in their high school colors. The week of June 06 will mark their last week here at HC, a school where many have attended since they were four years old. I’m sure they go into that week with mixed feelings, to say the least. Transition and change are never easy no matter the level of excitement or feelings of eager anticipation.

But, before another word is said or typed, I want to thank our Student Council for their generosity in purchasing beautiful congratulatory signage for our eighth grade. The signs pay a deserving tribute to our graduating class.

Let’s now take a quick look at some of the activities planned for our eighth graders as we wind down their final year and after they have crossed the last T and dotted the last I on their end of year exams. We will have our traditional *Eighth Grade Breakfast*. This is such a nice tradition started several years ago by Mrs. Jill Zink, and one that has been enjoyed with each year. Traditionally we held this event in the fall of the school year as a way of kicking things off in their last year. We couldn’t hold this event last fall. But it’s still a great event to bring the year to a close. Eighth grade parents will join the graduates for breakfast as we host our guest speaker, Mr. Dan Pin, Associate Director for Youth, Young Adult and Family Life in the Diocese of Wilmington. The obligatory practice sessions will be laced throughout the week. Practice makes perfect and our end of the year ceremonies have always been just that. Much admired by all in attendance, as well as clergy for the reverence and decorum of the proceedings.

An *Ice Cream Social* is on the agenda as well as a *Picnic Lunch with Games* will serve to round out some of the fun activities on the docket of our oldest Crusaders.

It’ll be a Puffs moment when we have our very first 8th Grade Walk of Fame. All of the underclassmen will line the hallways to heartily cheer on the soon to be high school freshmen as they walk down the hallways of the three classroom buildings decked out in their green graduation gowns. I look forward to this becoming another school tradition. (This kind of thing always makes me cry, I’m such a schmaltz!) I’ll try to be discrete, though.

It will be during our 2021 graduation that our eighth graders will sing our new Alma Mater. Much appreciation goes out to Mr. Michael Perza for lending his gift for music composition to our school. The lyrics of the new Alma Mater reflect our school mission statement as well as a love for Holy Cross. Mrs. S. has begun teaching the Alma Mater to all. We look forward to incorporating it into various ceremonies and events in the coming school year.

### ALMA MATER

Hail to you, dear Alma Mater: Rooted in God’s love of youth;  
Lamp of wisdom, peace, and justice; Cradle of respect and truth.  
May our spirit born in us live and not be lost.  
God preserve the Green and White; God bless you, Holy Cross!

Like ripples in the pond streaming in all directions, so go our graduates. But I know because I’ve been told, their days as a Crusader will remain a part of who they are. And then, as their sweet little prayer partners bid them farewell with the words “Always keep Holy Cross in your heart,” there I’ll be with my Puffs in hand.

only two priest. To put it into numbers: If I were a priest up north in the Diocese, I would have about one night of on-call hospital duty per month (i.e., 10 hours monthly, or 120 hours per year); here in Dover, Fr. Mano and I, if the current staffing stays in places, will have 4,300+ hours of on-call hospital duty a year. And yes, sometimes, let me be clear, we will be unavailable because this is not a reasonable or tenable situation. Your priests are human beings, not appliances, and we run down, too — the expectation of some folks that we are up 24-hours a day, all the time, is neither a healthy nor realistic one. I cannot tell a parish priest that four-nights-a-week, he can't go anywhere, as serfdom died in the middle ages.

**Four Three Two One.** So, at some point (certainly when there is just one of us here), “on call” hours are going to cease to be ‘round the clock. That cannot be sustained. With four priests, it was not a problem, with three priests it was tough but doable, with two priests it is really not doable, and with one priest, as they say in Brooklyn, “fuggedaboutit.” When there are two Priests (as there are right now as I write this), each week we currently have a period from Wednesday evening into Thursday morning that is not covered. We try to cover the rest as best we can.

**What to do?** What this means is that calls to the Parish need to be reasonable. For example, we are not going to people's houses to bless food, rosaries, statues or things like that — while that's nice, it is not a reasonable expectation. Again this goes to folks' expectation of the Priest doing everything, all the time, whenever you call. This is just not possible with our current staffing. Truth be told, when you call the parish, more likely than not, you won't be speaking to a priest (and saying “I demand it” doesn't make a Priest appear), but likely to a member of our lay staff or perhaps to a Deacon, sometimes.

**Looking Ahead.** As a Pastor here at HC/ICC, I am about to go where no man has gone before here... just one assigned Priest, at least for a bit. I am actively looking to get another Priest from overseas, perhaps one who can stay for awhile (though he'd still be a visitor). And, of course, I look forward to Fr. Mano's return. But some of these changes will remain in place even on his return... as I said two assigned priests cannot do what four assigned priests used to do.

**On the Positive side.** After a column like this, we need some good news, too! So here is what is good and great!

- Visits to bring Communion to the sick/homebound will finally be resuming as the Bishop's COVID-era prohibition of this is lifted!
- Our Adoration Chapel will be re-opening with our adorers praising and adoring the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, day in, day out.
- We are getting a seminarian to be with us at both parishes this summer: Eric Gianforcaro. Let us welcome him with open arms and encourage his vocation to the Priesthood.
- Let me also add my joy and thanks to our teachers, staff and Principal at Holy Cross School who kept our school open, and in-person, during this entire school year. These guys were and are absolutely amazing!
- Let me thank Kent General Hospital (especially Rev. Harris of the Hospital's Pastoral Care department) who allowed Fr. Mano and myself to enter the Hospital for Last Rites calls when it was closed to all other visitors. Other Hospitals were not so open to clergy visits, so I really do appreciate them giving us the ability to minister to the dying.
- Let me especially thanks Diane Belt (my Administrative Assistant), Marilyn Dixon (my Administrative Assistant at ICC), Ken Trojan (HC Business Manager), Susan Venezia (ICC Bookkeeper), Tammy Korosec (HC)/Alicia Popitti (ICC) (Religious Ed Directors), Linda Darling (Youth Ministry), Arline Dosman, Director of Hispanic Ministry HC/ICC), Len Dornberger (HC Cemetery Director), Michelle Dornberger (Assistant Business Manager), and our amazing maintenance team of Justin Wurzel (Director of Maintenance) and Earl Wilson (Maintenance Assistant) ... all of whom were here keeping our office opened continuously from last March onward, throughout some dark days! God bless you! And a special shout out and blessings to our Deacons who continued to minister to our people and to Mike Perza (our Music Director) who tinkled those ivories and pumped that organ from the moment our Church re-opened, as well as to Jane Green, Laura Belt, and Susan Cutrona, who stepped-in and stepped-up whenever needed during the past year!

**Prayers.** I ask you to keep our Parish and its priests and Deacons in your prayers during these coming months. And above all, I ask your patience as we traverse some challenging times! Pray, pray, pray, pray, pray for vocations!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini  
Pastor

