



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

June 7, 2020

Most Holy Trinity

holy cross

Father

ONE GOD

and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:6

Son

THE WORD

became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Holy Spirit

THE ADVOCATE,

the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name ~ he will teach
you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

John 14:26

THE HOLY TRINITY

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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 parish office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

Check out our websites

holycrossdover.org
iccmaryl.org

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

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

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm, except on Saturday when it will close at Noon.

While we are not allowing anyone into the parish offices, you can call and leave messages and we will get back to you; or, you can email us.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC) ending May 24

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$23,304	\$28,200	(\$4,896)
YTD	\$1,266,011	\$1,333,000	(\$66,989)
Needs	\$1,299	\$1,586	(\$287)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC) Ending May 24

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$936
Second	\$60

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs, and activities of Holy Cross and ICC are made possible.

“Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold.”

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time that we cannot gather together at Mass. You can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card. We will call you back. Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Parishioners,

This week, as our faithful of Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception Parish begin making their way back to Mass, I want to spend this week's and next week's column, focusing on the source and summit of our faith: The Sacrament of the Eucharist. So, many have expressed their hunger for the Eucharist — Holy Communion — that I thought this would be a good moment to remember for what it is that we are hungering.

Brief Update. Before I begin regarding the Eucharist, a quick note that, as of this writing, the only regular parts of the Sacramental life that is back on are Confessions and Mass. As per the Bishop's office, Funeral Masses, services in the funeral homes are still proscribed; only Burial Rites are permitted. Likewise, Baptisms and Matrimony are not occurring at the moment. The Bishop's office likewise advises that Confirmation is still being delayed (I would imagine this will happen later in the summer or fall). The Anointing of the Sick remains only for Last Rites for the dying, and Communion to the Sick remains proscribed. Updates to all of this are expected in the coming week(s). Masses at Holy Cross (Noon, 6pm daily; 9am on Saturday) and Immaculate Conception (6pm daily, 9am on Saturday) are still operating under the guidance of the respective states along with the Bishop's guidance.

The Eucharist. Often called the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Eucharist is the Sacrament around which all of the other Sacrament circle, much like planets encircle a sun. Without a sun, planets -- their alignment and their placement -- become less certain, less clear; so too, it is in the Eucharist that our six other sacraments find their full meaning, and conversely, without the context of the Eucharist, the sacraments would lose that fullness of meaning.

Confection Reflection

So, what is the Eucharist? The Eucharist (which is commonly translated from the Greek as "thanksgiving") is the Sacrament confectioned when a priest takes bread and wine, invokes the Holy Spirit, and consecrates those elements using the words of Christ from the Last Supper; then, what was bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Let's be clear: this change I speak of is not symbolic, it is real; it is actual. Whatever it is that makes Christ, Christ, it is there in the Eucharist. And it is God — Jesus Christ — nourishing us with His Divine Life, when we receive the Eucharist in the form

of Holy Communion.

"Hokey smokes! That's quite a belief," you might say! Indeed, but it is a seminal belief of Catholics, and was a seminal belief of all Christians until some went rogue during the Protestant Revolt in the 16th century. Understanding this Sacrament is pivotal to understanding the Catholic faith.

So, how do we understand this Sacrament — the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ ministered to the faithful? Well, this could be the subject of many articles, but I am going to limit this article so it fills a few pages perhaps, but not so that it fills 20 Britannica Encyclopaedia volumes.

King of the Nile, King of Denial. Step 1: Let's step into the way back machine and head back to the 13th century B.C. This is the era when the Jewish people were living in Egypt — and they weren't on some kibbutz, they were enslaved by the Egyptians. God, a steadfast abolitionist, tried to change of the heart of the Pharaoh — who denied the Jews their freedom — by inflicting a series of ten plagues on Egypt. These plagues were visited on Egypt so that God's chosen people — the Jewish people — would be set free; they would also serve to show the Pharaoh that the so-called Egyptian gods were false and the God of the Jewish people was the big man in charge.

Angel of the Mourning. The tenth of the ten plagues, the most severe, would have unleashed the Angel of Death to take the lives every first born male in Egypt. To protect the Jews from this plague, God commanded them to slaughter a lamb, as a sacrifice, to consume the body (of the sacrifice) and mark the doorpost of their house with its blood. If they did these things, then the Angel of Death would "pass over" the Jewish homes and their first born males would be spared. They would be saved, by the Sacrifice of the lamb and through its blood. This would free them from slavery to the Egyptians because the Egyptians would realize that God's chosen people needed to be set free. The sacrifice would be "propitiatory" — that is it would spare them from the "wrath of God." And so it was: the Jews via the body and blood of the Sacrifice of the lamb, doing as God instructed, were spared death and set free to make their way to the Promised Land.

"Okay, stop!" you may be thinking. "What the heck does that have to do with the Eucharist? I don't see any lambs or blood at Mass — I see the

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priest using bread and wine.” Legitimate question; stay with me and I’ll clear it up.

Meanwhile 13th Centuries Later... Step 2: Let’s get into the way-back machine again and this time we’ll set the dial for 33AD. On the night before Christ was crucified he gathered with His Apostles in the Upper Room on the occasion of what we call “The Last Supper,” which occurred during the Jewish Passover. Instead of celebrating what would have looked like a Passover feast, Christ did something different. He took bread, broke it and gave it to His disciples, telling them that “this is my Body” and then took a chalice filled with wine and told His disciples, “this is the cup of my Blood.” He then shared this with them and gave them the admonition to continue to do this often, and do it “in memory of me.”

Christ has His “Last Supper,” and the next day he makes the ultimate sacrifice for us, His people for whom he has a Passion (a great love); on the cross, he freely sacrifices His Body and sheds His Blood for us. That Sacrifice is the perfect Sacrifice: Christ is Priest (the offerer of the Sacrifice), and the victim (the Sacrifice itself). God, in the person of Christ, offered himself for us that we might live. Thus, that breach in the relationship between God and man that started in the Garden of Eden by the disobedience of Adam and Eve, would be once – and for all – healed. That death would no longer be the final word and the gates of heaven – closed by man’s disobedience -- would be opened again.

That was Then, This is Now. Now, for the connection between what happened in Egypt with the Jews at Passover and Christ’s sacrifice which we re-present at Mass. The Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, which happened in connection to the time of Passover, parallels, fulfills and – as they would say today – puts context to what God did for Jews in ancient Egypt.

In the original Passover the Jews were freed from Slavery to the Egyptians; in the new and improved Passover, mankind is freed from slavery to sin (just as Adam condemned man’s relationship with God by his abject disobedience, Jesus Christ – sometimes called the New Adam – restored that relation to God and His Kingdom by His abject obedience, even unto death.

- In the original Passover a Lamb was slaughtered as the Sacrifice; in the new Passover, Christ is the Lamb who was slaughtered.
- In the original Passover the slaughtered Lamb was consumed by the family that was gath-

ered around the altar table on which it was slaughtered. In the new Passover, Christ gave His Apostles the foretaste of how this Paschal (lamb-type) meal would be shared – under the form of bread and wine.

- In the original Passover, the shed blood of the Lamb allowed the faithful people to be spared death; in the new Passover, the shed Blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, allows His faithful people to be spared death to sin.

A Re-Presentation not a Representation. And so, with Christ looking ahead to the cross on Good Friday, on Holy Thursday he commands His Apostles to share His Body and Blood and to do this often, and in memory of Him. To this end Church calls for the celebration of the Mass in every corner of the globe. In this way, just as the Jews shared in the Lamb of sacrifice, so too, we share in Christ own being – His Body, His Blood, His soul and His Divinity. Not symbolically, but in actuality. Just as the Jewish people celebrate the Seder meal and the fruits of the Passover, and that freedom given them by God is re-presented, so too, do Catholics celebrate the Mass. At Mass the fruits of Christ’s cross – our freedom from sin and death – are re-presented.

Mass-ive Presence! Thus, at Mass, the Priest (or Bishop) celebrates the Sacrament of the Eucharist – and in the course of that celebration Christ is present in several ways: in the proclamation of Scripture, in the person of the Priest, and in the prayerful voice of the assembly. Moreover, Christ is abidingly present in only one profound and specific way: He is truly and really present to us in the Eucharistic species (i.e., His Body and Blood, visible to our senses as bread and wine). Just as Christ was present to His Apostles and followers in His time on earth, he continues to be with us, present to us, wholly and fully in the Eucharist. This is why at the end of Matthew’s Gospel, he promises to be with us “until the end of the age” -- for indeed He is: the Eucharist is Christ’s abiding presence in the world to us and amongst us.

Next week’s column: I will continue to focus on The Eucharist, especially as regards terminology, the matter of form and matter, the question of our senses and much, much more! See you next week: Same bat-time, same bat-channel. I remain,

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE

8 MONDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8 am	
9 TUESDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8 am	
10 WEDNESDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8:15 am	Charles Looney
11 THURSDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8 am ICC 7 pm	Josephine Victoria Kowalczyk DM Pitts Family For the People
12 FRIDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8 am	Susan & Samuel Schutawie
13 SATURDAY HC 8 am HC 5 pm	Harry & Mary Louise McGoldrick Corinne Christiansen
14 SUNDAY HC 7:30 am ICC 8:30 am HC 9:15 am ICC 11:00 am HC 11 am HC 1 pm ICC 1 pm HC 6 pm	Joseph & Venturine DaVino Jan Shafron DM Wood Family Mary Jane Herrington Bernie & Bob Wittman (LI) For the People Gabrielle Maddalena

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

A week of Trinity. It has become popular to quote various "Rules of 3." So what's this got to do with marriage? There's YOU, ME, and US. The US is different than each of us individually. Perhaps you might call it the Spirit of our union. Identify 3 ways you are stronger together this week

PARENTING POINTERS

How many shoes does your child have? How many do you? How many can you wear at one time? We are in National Barefoot Week. Have fun going barefoot for a day or an hour this week-end, but remember that some kids don't have any shoes. Check out Soles4Souls to see how you can help.

MEN OF HOLY CROSS (NEW HIGH TECH VIDEO-CONFERENCE MEETINGS)

Are you a male between the ages of 18 and 99? Do you wish to learn more about prayer, faith and your vocation? Do you want to become a stronger father, husband or son? Do you want to build lasting friendships with catholic faith minded men? Join the Men of Holy Cross for our weekly meetings: Since the Corona virus and social distancing we have been meeting on Zoom Teleconference and it has been working out great. Just type in or click on the following link and it will automatically guide you through the Zoom Meeting application, set up and joining the meeting. <https://zoom.us/j/930861480> Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM for prayer, gospel reflections, Church teachings and timely discussions. If you want more information please contact us at 302-313-6935 or email MenOfHolyCross@gmail.com.

RESOURCES

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

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



PRO LIFE CORNER

- During this difficult time of Coronavirus Disease, abortion procedures continue throughout the U.S. and in Dover. Abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood are classified as ESSENTIAL SERVICES! You can save lives in Dover by praying with Holy Cross and other local church groups on Friday mornings from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover or by praying at home. If you pray at Planned Parenthood, please follow Governor Carney's Social Distancing Guidelines.
- Also, remember to pray for the most vulnerable and seniors who are most susceptible to the Coronavirus

WHEN THIS IS OVER

When this is over,
 may we never again take for granted
 a handshake with a stranger
 conversations with neighbors
 a crowded theater
 Friday night out
 the taste of Communion
 a routine checkup
 the school rush each morning
 coffee with a friend
 the stadium roaring
 each deep breath
 a boring Tuesday
 life itself.

When this ends,
 may we find that we have become
 more like the people we wanted to be,
 we were called to be,
 we hoped to be.
 And may we stay that way – better for each
 other because of the worst.

Laura Kelly Fanucci

READINGS FOR JUNE 14 BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 8:2-3, 14-16
 Remember the Lord led you out of slavery and fed you with manna in the desert.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17
 Through the cup and the one loaf we have communion with Christ.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58

If we eat Jesus' flesh and blood we will receive eternal life.

SAMARITAN FOOD NEEDS (HC)

The Samaritan Food Pantry is collecting items to help with the great demands being placed on them during this crisis.



Please leave perishable items in the freezer by the Samaritan pick up door and non perishable items can be left there also. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Samaritans also appreciate any monetary donations that have been sent in. Thank you for thinking of your needy brothers and sisters. V

VOCATIONS

Prayer is a moving force in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

“Lord, your Church is in need.

Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you.

Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders. Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment. May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world.

Amen.” *Serra for priestly and religious*

DESDE LA OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE SANTA CRUZ-DOVER Y LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION- MARYDEL

UN MENSAJE DE OPTIMISMO Y ESPERANZA EN MEDIO DE LA PANDEMIA

Hola mis hermanos y hermanas,

Los extraño mucho y desde mi hogar, deseo enviarles un saludo lleno de alegría y esperanza en estos tiempos de incertidumbre en la que estamos viviendo, pero recordarles que a pesar de todo esta pesadilla que estamos viviendo, tenemos y debemos darle gracias a Dios porque estamos vivos, si es verdad que estamos aislados, muchos sin trabajo, muchos con ansiedad, pero no estamos en un hospital luchando por la vida, si es una realidad, estamos viviendo momentos sin precedentes en medio de una pandemia, que jamás nos hubiéramos imaginado, pero ánimo, no perdamos las esperanzas, ni permitir que el miedo invade nuestro ser, porque el Señor resucitado nos promete estar con nosotros todos los días de nuestras vidas hasta el final de los tiempos.

Pongamos nuestra esperanza en el Cristo resucitado, que el Señor nos de fuerza en medio de la tormenta y que en este tiempo de estar en casa, sea un tiempo de gracia para ayudarnos a forja hogares santos, para que este aislamiento sea un tiempo para ayudarnos a crecer en la fe, nos permita ser mejores personas, mejores esposos(as), mejores padres de familia y sobre todo a ser mejores cristianos.

Invitemos a Jesús a compartir con nosotros en nuestra Eucaristía doméstica y pidámosle que se quede con nosotros, en nuestros corazones, en nuestros hogares y que nos enseñe a descubrir su gracia en medio del aislamiento, de la zozobra en medio de la pandemia.

Que este Tiempo Pascual recordemos que la muerte fue vencida por Cristo y así poder mirar hacia un Pentecostés lleno de esperanza, con más ganas, con más ánimo, con más fe, y con más amor de llevar el Evangelio a los que no saben o no conocen la Buena Nueva

del Resucitado.

De una manera muy especial y porque los quiero ver pronto les pido varias cosas:

1. Sigamos las regulaciones gubernamentales de lavarse las manos con jabón por 20 segundos y frecuentemente, usando mascarillas y observar el distanciamiento social.
2. No abandonen a los más vulnerables de nuestra sociedad los ancianos, los que se encuentran en centro de detención migratoria a los que están solos y abandonados, una oración, una llamada telefónica, un mensaje de texto a los miembros de nuestra comunidad para darles ánimo y esperanza.
3. Oremos por todos los enfermos del coronavirus, a aquellos de luto por la muerte de uno o varios seres queridos y al personal médico y voluntarios que luchan contra el Covid-19.
4. Oremos por nuestros sacerdotes para que el Señor los mantenga sanos y fuera de peligro y puedan regresar nuevamente a las parroquias a guiar a su rebaño con la luz de la esperanza del Cristo resucitado.
5. Ayudémonos los unos a los otros sin perder la Fe, ni la esperanza.
6. Recordemos que el tiempo de Dios es perfecto y saldremos de estos momentos difíciles con más fuerza, con más fe, y con más humildad.
7. ¿Tomemos este tiempo de estar en casa para disfrutar nuestra iglesia doméstica, a redescubrir nuestro yo, a reflexionar sobre cuáles son los designios del Señor para nuestras vidas?

Los extraño mucho y tengo la esperanza de que pronto nos volveremos a reunir como pueblo de Dios, mientras tanto a seguir viviendo la iglesia doméstica con amor y esperanza.

Les prometo que seguiré orando por todos ustedes y espero que también oren por mí y por los míos. Los quiero mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo.

Un abrazo desde la distancia

Arline Dosman

Directora del Ministerio Hispano

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

- All Masses and classes are cancelled at this time. Please continue to check the website or the latest resources that are online.
 - www.holycrossdover.org
 - www.iccmaryladel.org

FROM THE DRE'S DESK: (ICC)

School of Religious Education: If you have not received information for the completion of this school year or have questions, please email Mrs. Alicia at dre@iccmaryladel.org or call her office at 410-482-8939. I will get them to you for your child to have Sunday Religious Education at home.

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

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

A note from the DRE (ICC)

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

SRE REGISTRATIONS (ICC)

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 school year are available on the website or you can email office for them to be sent to you.

Fees are as follows: \$40 per child, not to exceed \$150 per family. This is to defray all costs of books, materials, and supplies.

LAS MATRICULAS: para nuestro programa de formación cristiana de niños en domingo están todavía disponibles en el despacho parroquial, en la entrada principal del templo, y en el internet. Favor de someterlas en lo más pronto posible, con la cobra de \$40 por cada niño, y no más de \$150 cada familia.

PEER LEADERS (HC)

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

REGISTRATION FOR HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Holy Cross School is accepting applications for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Please contact the school. Our website is holycrossdover.org/school. Download an application form and mail it into the parish office. You may also call 302-674-5787 x111 or x 113; please leave your name and phone contact and we will call you back.

A Catholic education is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child, your family. Join us for the 2020-2021 school year!!

EPHESIANS 4:25

Oh Lord, as we work together to build your empire, let us be the light that leads the world to you.

God, teach us to be good role models to the people around us, so that when they see you and your love within us, they would want to know you more and more.

God grant us the patience to work together, bring us all together as a family.

Let us work together with understanding and compassion in our hearts. Let us not be rude or arrogant towards one another, as we light the way to your heavenly kingdom.

- *Christianstt (Resource for prayers, faith, belief and spirituality.)*



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Besides riding my bike and roller skating...[attempting to keep myself perpendicular to the sidewalk], I had two other favorite games as a child. I loved, loved, loved, playing jacks and playing pick-up sticks. Forget the fact that all of these activities were terrific pastimes for improving gross and fine motor skills; I thought they were loads of fun!

I wonder if anyone even knows what the game of pick-up sticks is all about? It's an old game, and I know I've seen variations of it in classrooms from time to time. But I don't think it's called pick-up sticks anymore. We hear the term "pick-up" often, and it doesn't always mean the same thing. Take for example the pick-up truck. According to my research, it was once a humble work tool with few creature comforts. But in the 1950s US consumers began purchasing pickups for lifestyle reasons, and by the 1990s, less than 15% of owners reported use in work as the pickup truck's primary purpose. Today in North America, the pickup is mostly used as a passenger car and accounts for about 18% of total vehicles sold in the United States. Hmm...only 18%? I would have thought it was way more than that?! But, as usual, I digress.

And, how about that overnight sensation known as grocery pick-up? Life can't get much easier than that! A day's agenda has to be arranged around the time scheduled for the grocery pickup!

So while pick-up sticks and pick-up trucks have stood the test of time, and heaven knows grocery pick-up is here to stay, I'm hoping and praying our pick up day here at Holy Cross is a thing of the past. One and done. I know I am

not alone in my thoughts.

The day ran as smoothly as water off a ducks back all thanks to our fabulous faculty. Many thanks to our teachers who came in to clean out smelly lockers, tossing the moldy PBJ, finding the long lost textbook, unpacking the student desks, clearing out the cubbies, and packing it all neatly in bags for the drive-by pick-up. Teachers carried their student's bags to the parish hall for easy access as we prepared for our first-ever pick-up day.

Masked and gloved we greeted each family with a cheery hello. After they had placed their name sheet on the dashboard they were off to the exit drive to see their teacher waiting to greet them with their bag(s) of belongings. Waving the family vehicle on with a "have a nice summer," all agreed that it was more sad than happy.

A pick-up truck filled with thanks to our awesome families for following all the guidelines for the day and taking all the necessary precautions. Cooperation, patience, and support all helped to make the day as successful as it was.

It was nearing the end of the day, as we were awaiting the next family vehicle to round the bend that we reflected on how great it had been to see everyone, to have all the teachers on campus again, to be working together, seeing the kids, and feeling so much better in having a healthy dose of much needed Holy Cross therapy.

#crusader proud

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Please join me in celebrating a unique yet successful end to the academic year!

All students have officially completed coursework for inclusion in the final grading and transcripts; the final week of the year which lies ahead of us will be dedicated to celebrations and activities to send students off to their summer vacations and new schools with the support of their Ravens family.

Parishioners, this week I am happy to bring you an update on the STMA community of students in grades 9-11 and staff as we prepare to continue our learning and our work in a new community next year. Each STMA family has faced difficult decisions about next steps, especially as we all call STMA our second home which we did not choose to leave and which we know we will miss. No matter where each student finds him or herself next year, I remain extremely confident that they will SOAR like the Ravens that they are and always will be, taking their values, skills, and friendship with them.

Though not all students have reached a decision on which school community to call their home next year, many have. Eighteen students (of the 34 underclassmen) have so far chosen to continue in Catholic education or at a Christian school. I am happy to announce that, to date, STMA will be sending students to excel in the following school communities:

- 12 students will call Saint Mark's High School home

- 1 student will call Padua Academy home
- 1 student will call Saints Peter and Paul High School home
- 1 will call Delmarva Christian High School home
- 3 will call Calvary Christian School home
- 1 will call Early College High School at DSU home
- 1 will call Dover High School home
- 3 will call Caesar Rodney High School home
- 1 will call Cape Henlopen High School home

I trust and believe that what we have learned about our faith and the growth we have experienced in our relationships with God and each other at STMA will travel with us to our new school communities. I thank you for the blessings you have brought to our school, and charge you to do the same for your next school family! I will seek to do the same. I share with my parish family that I have happily accepted a new position as Dean of Academic Partnerships at Saint Mark's High School (hopefully that's good news to the 12 students who I'm following there!).

Parishioners, thank you for your support of our community. Please continue to pray for our students and staff as they continue the Christian mission we're all tasked with into the summer months and the new schools and workplaces they'll find themselves in next year.

Yours in Christ,
Rachael Casey
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS, RAVENS!

You are officially AWESOME!

You reached academic success in a time of distance learning requiring much adaptation.

You maintained connection to your community and supported friends through a challenging time.

You lived out the school's Honor Code, dedicating yourselves to lives of honor.

THANK YOU!

