



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

June 8, 2025

Pentecost

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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, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am

Wednesday – 8:15 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



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.

THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND.

This weekend, the second collection is for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund. Please help the retired priests of the Diocese of Wilmington by your prayers and by your generous contribution. Find out more and see a new video featuring interviews with Father Melnick, Father Dillingham and Bishop Malooly, at www.cdow.org/PriestRetirementFund Thank you.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES CATECHISM IN A YEAR:

Catechism in a Year:
<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechism-in-a-year>

Bible in a Year: 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>

FREE MULCH

There are two piles of wood mulch on the front of the property of Holy Cross Church from two trees we had to take down. The mulch is free to anyone who wishes to come take it. Please help yourselves. Your taking it helps us so we don't have to move it elsewhere. Thanks for your help.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

Ending May 25, 2025

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$226,677	\$27,000	(\$323)
YTD	\$1,252,904	\$1,269,956	(\$17,052)
Needs	\$1,997	\$1,775	\$222

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending May 25, 2025

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$3,626
Second	\$527

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Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost, a solemnity that marks the End of the Easter season. Some quick background: 50 days after Christ's resurrection, the Apostles, who were Jewish, gathered together in the upper room to celebrate Pentecost — that is, the Jewish feast of Pentecost. What did the Jewish people of the first century celebrate on the feast that they called Pentecost? On Pentecost (also called Shavuot), the Jewish people commemorate God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses at Mount Sinai. On that Pentecost day, in 33 A.D., the Apostles who were gathered in the upper room experienced the promise of Christ fulfilled. The promise of the Holy Spirit coming into the Church occurred. Thus, for us, Pentecost is a celebration of the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire in the upper room and filled them, enlightened them, and enlivened them. It is when the Holy Spirit came into the Church.

Fifty. Pentecost is the Greek word meaning 50, and this is the 50th day after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Today is a feast with a rich history. In some Protestant churches, this day is called Whitsunday, in addition to being called Pentecost, because it was a day back in the day when many people would take their babies to be baptized and dress them in a white gown – hence “White-Sunday,” which became shortened over time to Whitsunday. Now, some even talk about Pentecost as being the birthday of the Church – that is commonly put forth, but this is not exactly true. The Catechism teaches that the Church was born from the blood and water that flowed from the side of Christ on the Cross.

Chicago, Chicago! So, exactly what did happen on Pentecost in relation to the Church? To set the tone of what happened at Pentecost, I am reminded of a 1979 song by the band Chicago (named after the city from whence comes our current Pope). The song was called “Alive Again.” And if you want to understand what happened to the Church and the Apostles on Pentecost, just listen to these lyrics:

*“Yesterday I would not have believed /
that tomorrow the sun would shine.
Then today you came into my life /
And, I am alive again, yes, I am alive again.
All the empty yesterdays have disappeared /
now that you have filled my life with love
No one else could ever mean so much to me
Every day my high lasts longer /
as our love grows ever stronger”*

Today, to use the words of the song I referenced, the Church is “alive again.” Those empty yesteryears after Christ left this world are gone. He has filled us, his Church, with grace, power, and love. The Holy

Spirit, the Spirit of Christ, is back, and that Spirit brings our early Church from despair to delight, from doubtfulness to faithfulness, and from faltering to certainty.

Alive Again. The Church is alive again! Today, we mark the beginning of the Church in terms of being the day when the zeal of the Church came alive. It is the day when the mission of Christ given to the Apostle got out of the “planning” stages and into the “doing” stages. And, yes, on Pentecost all of this happened, as Scripture tells us, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. Following that event, the Apostles were able to hear the many different languages of the world and speak to that same world in a single and understood voice – and since then, the Church has reversed the effects of the Tower of Babel. It continues, by the guidance of the Spirit, to speak to the world in one voice.

Changes. Now, what is important to note in all of this is the fact that on the great feast of Pentecost, the Apostles were changed. They were enlivened, filled with zeal, given the gifts of the Spirit, and strengthened. Think about the Apostles before Pentecost: St. Peter had denied Christ, many abandoned Christ during his Passion, St. Thomas doubted Christ's promised resurrection, many of them seemed confused about Christ's teachings, and so on. The Apostles, the men chosen by Christ to lead the Church, seemed a rag-tag bunch, like the bad-news-bears of Christianity; they were an unlikely cast of characters. But on Pentecost, all that changed; the Apostles following Pentecost were practically unrecognizable from their former selves. An interior and exterior change came to them; they became zealous (which is not a bad word) leaders of the Church. These Apostles, most of whom had never left Israel before, now alive with the Holy Spirit, set out to spread the Good news to the whole world.

In this column, I want to write about what the Apostles did and where they went after Pentecost to spread the Good News of Christ. Whether 2000 years ago or today, I want to show what can be achieved in the life of a person when they are open to God's Holy Spirit. Let's start with St. Peter:

1. **St. Peter** worked among the Jews before he eventually reached Rome, where he was its first bishop. He was executed between 64- 67 AD during the persecutions of Emperor Nero, crucified upside-down. He was crucified this way at his own request, as he said he was not worthy to be crucified in the same manner as the Lord. St. Peter's Basilica in Rome is built over the grave of St. Peter.

2. **St. Andrew** moved on from Israel, preached in Achaia (southern Greece), and later in what is today

HC & ICC CLERGY

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MOST HOLY TRINITY

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 8:22-31

Wisdom is an expression of God, working on God's behalf. In this ancient text, we see the beginnings of an understanding of the Holy Trinity.

SECOND READING: :1-55

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

GOSPEL: JOHN 16:12-15

The Spirit of Truth guides us so that in every age we can encounter the truth in Christ Jesus.

SAMARITAN'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for providing food to 1688 Families (3863 Adults, 3859 Children) during the previous 12 months (June 2024 - May 2025).

The pantry is still in need of the following items: Cereal, oatmeal, one pound bags of white rice, peanut butter and jelly, Brownie mix, hamburger helper, Manwich, and Progresso or Campbell's chunky soups. Meat donations can be left in the freezer drop off behind the rectory along with the Dry-good items. Dry-good items can also be left in the drop box in the church.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. This week, tune in to get a Catholic perspective on near-death experiences when author and theologian, Scott L. Smith, Jr. is interviewed. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoon at 1:30. More information is available at cdow.org/CatholicForum and [Facebook.com/CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

SEVEN SISTERS' APOSTOLATE AT HOLY CROSS

In strengthening the priest, you strengthen the whole church... (Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, SP **Join the Seven Sisters Apostolate at Holy Cross in offering: One Holy Hour; One Priest; Each Week, One Heart of Prayer**

Mission of the Seen Sisters Apostolates is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a “holy wasting” or a lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ. We will be recommitting and recruiting for the continuing of this ministry in the next weeks. **PICK UP A PAMPHLET IN THE GATHERING SPACE:** Contact Delizabeth Diaz-Martinez -- email: 7sistersapostolate2023@gmail.com

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 and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 1 - 3 and October 3 - 5 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

JOIN US AT THE 2025 HOLY CROSS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

"The Great Journey with Jesus Through the Church Year"!

This program is designed to help kids discover the life and teachings of Christ and draw closer to Him through the cycle of the church year. Kids will have fun learning and celebrating the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent and Easter.

The program will run June 23rd-June 27th 9:00am-12:00pm. Pk4-4 Grade will be in the Early Learning Center and the "Saints in Training" Grades 5 & 6th will be in the Parish Hall.

We need adult and teen volunteers! Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time to help spread the Good News of Jesus to our young students! Please contact Mrs. Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org for

MASS INTENTION JUNE

- 9 MONDAY**
HC 9:00 am James Ford
- 10 TUESDAY**
HC 8:00 am The Pitts Family
- 11 WEDNESDAY**
HC 8:15 am .Josephine V. Kowalczyk
- 12 THURSDAY**
HC 8:00 am Susan and Samuel Shutawie
ICC 6:00 pm For the People
- 13 FRIDAY**
HC 8:00 am James and Hilda Conrad
- 14 SATURDAY**
HC 8:00 pm Lucia Searles
HC 5:00 pm Sean Mullen
- 15 SUNDAY**
HC 7:30 am Joseph and Venturine Davino
ICC 8:30 am Monica Brusca
HC 9:30 am DM Wood Family
ICC 11:00 am LI Edwin Frank
HC 11:30 am Father’s Day Novena
ICC 1:00 pm For the People

*June 8—June 14 Sanctuary Candle in Church is for the intention of Art and Camille Bett.
June 8-June 14 Sanctuary Candle in the Adoration Chapel is for Marianne Sokol..*

any questions or more information

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

Bishop Koenig will be celebrating Mass to award religious emblems to scouts who have earned the Ad Altare Dei and Parvuli Dei Awards. There are eight recipients this year but all scouts throughout the diocese are encouraged to attend in a show of support. The Mass will be at St. Margaret of Scotland on Saturday, June 14, at 5:30 PM.

RACHELL’S VINEYARD

Rachel’s Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of October 24-26, 2025. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion or miscarriage. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by October 11.

JUNE 14/15, 2025

EMHC SERVERS

5:00 PM	D. Darling	B. Richards	N. Klaus
	L. Darling	G.. Richards	Z. Klayus

LECTORS

H. Showell

7:30 AM	J. Denney	J. Fischer	B. Gyamfi
	A. Fischer	S. Lascano	E. Gyamfi

LECTORS

A. Wyllie

9:30 AM	J. Lausten	D. McGinnis	B. Torbert
	M. Lausten	L. Olmsted	C. Torbert

LECTORS

L. Lewandowski
J. Piece

11:30 AM	A. Cisneros	B. Guzman	TBD
	C. Garcia		

LECTORS

TBD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	B. Casey		
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LECTORS

D. SMithj

11:00 AM	F. Cristiano		
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LECTORS

Lausten Family

HELP WANTED – WE NEED YOU



We are looking for more volunteers to help us bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound of our parish.

Training will be provided.

Flexible schedule to meet your needs.

Current extraordinary minister will be manning a table in the Gathering Space after Masses on the weekend of June 14 and 15. They would LOVE to talk to you to explain what they do to help those in our parish who can't come to receive Our Lord. We bring HIM to them. Stop by to chat. You'll be glad you did!!

ADORATION CHAPEL

"Let us never forget: the Mass is the Memorial that heals memory, the memory of the heart. The Mass is the treasure that should be foremost both in the Church and in our lives. And let us also rediscover Eucharistic Adoration, which continues the work of the Mass within us. This will do us much good, for it heals us within. Especially now, when our need is so great." Adoration Chapel is open from 7AM to 9PM daily. Stop by any time. There are hours available if you would like to commit to an hour in adoration. Currently, Sunday 7-8am and 5-6pm.

If you are a current Adorer and can no longer make your hour, please make contact with Adoration Coordinator. Contact John Murphy for more information. Phone or text at 302-233-1779 or email jkm@verizon.net.

ATTEND A VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

To learn about Salesian spirituality and the St. Francis de Sales Association, you are cordially invited to join us at a virtual open house on Zoom across any device. All meetings are held on Sundays, from 7 – 8:00 p.m. CT. You can request meeting details by visiting our website: <https://sfdsassociation.org/>

2025 Open House Dates: July 27, September 28, November 23.

Interested women are also welcome to contact Marie Caccese, Holy Cross parishioner and Consecrated Daughter of St. Francis de Sales at MCaccese@comcast.net

2025 FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL – "TOGETHER IN HOPE"

If you have not committed to the Appeal as of yet, please return your envelope this week. Blank envelopes are available in the Gathering Space on the tables. May God guide you in your decision of your sacrifice to this important campaign. We need your support to help reach our goal.

- **Estamos en Pentecostés:** Pentecostés es una gran solemnidad que conmemora la venida del Espíritu Santo sobre los apóstoles y, por lo tanto, el nacimiento de la Iglesia Católica. La fiesta se celebra el 50 y último día del tiempo de Pascua. La palabra griega "pentekoste" significa "quincuagésimo". Después de nueve días de oración, el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre los discípulos. Oyeron un sonido como un "viento poderoso", y "lenguas como de fuego" descansaban sobre sus cabezas. Los 11 apóstoles restantes regresaron a Jerusalén después de la Ascensión de Jesús al Cielo. Hechos 1:14 dice: "Todos ellos perseveraban unánimes en la oración, junto con algunas mujeres y con María, la madre de Jesús, y sus hermanos". Durante este tiempo, los Apóstoles eligieron un reemplazo para Judas Iscariote. Echaron suertes entre dos hombres, y la suerte cayó sobre Matías.
- **Retiro de Sanación** Interior para hombres y mujeres mayores de 18 años. Junio 13-15 2025. En la parroquia de Los Santos Ángeles, 82 Possum Park Rd. Newark, Delaware. Donativo es de \$125. Entrada el viernes 6:30pm. Por favor de llevar artículos personales y cobijas.
- **Procesión con Jesús Sacramentado:** El domingo 22 de junio, es la solemnidad de Corpus Christi Corpus Christi, conocida como Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo, Tendremos nuestra tradicional procesión con Jesús Sacramentado, después de la misa en español. Se les pide a los niños que recibieron su Primera Comunión este año que por favor de poner sus vestido que usaron para tan grandioso día de recibir por primera vez la presencia real de Jesús en la Eucaristía, Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad.
- **Solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo:** Esta fiesta honra a Jesucristo, verdadera y realmente presente substancialmente bajo las apariencias del pan y del vino. Esa Presencia ocurre gracias a un cambio que la Iglesia llama transubstanciación (cambio de sustancia), en el momento en que el sacerdote, durante la Consagración en la Misa, dice las palabras que el mismo Cristo pronunció sobre el pan y el vino: "Este es Mi Cuerpo", "Esta es Mi Sangre", "Hagan esto en memoria Mía". Tendremos nuestra tradicional procesión con Jesús Sacramentado, después de la misa en español. Se les pide a los niños que recibieron su Primera Comunión este año que por favor de poner sus vestido que usaron para tan grandioso día de recibir la presencia real de Jesús en la Eucaristía, Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad.
- **Educación Religiosa 2025-26** Las inscripciones para las clases de Educación Religiosa 2025-26 K-8 "YA ESTAN ABIERTAS" Opción 1: Kínder a 4.º grado y preparación sacramental/OCIA: martes por la tarde, de 6:00 a 7:30. 5.º a 8.º grado: miércoles por la tarde, de 6:00 a 7:30. Opción 2: LAFF (Catequesis Familiar Viviendo en Familia de Fe); Reunión de adultos y niños, el primer y tercer domingo de mes. La familia trabaja en actividades entre ambos. Para situaciones familiares especiales en las que su hijo no pueda asistir a ninguno de los horarios mencionados, comuníquese con nuestra oficina para programar una cita y trabajaremos con usted. Por favor, no deje que la educación religiosa de su hijo se vea interrumpida. Para familias con niños con necesidades especiales, ofrecemos formación en la fe individualmente. Para más detalles, comuníquese con la Oficina de Educación Religiosa. La preparación para la Primera Reconciliación y la Primera Comunión generalmente se realiza en nuestro programa de Nivel 2. Está dirigido a niños que han completado el Nivel 1 (generalmente corresponde a 1.er grado) y que tienen al menos 7 años de edad. Además de la asistencia del niño a las clases regulares, se espera que las familias asistan a las siguientes actividades: Reuniones de Preparación para Padres, Día de Reflexión para Padres/Candidatos de Primera Reconciliación; Día de Retiro para Padres/Candidatos de Primera Comunión. La Primera Reconciliación tendrá lugar en marzo. La Primera Comunión tendrá lugar en mayo. Costo: 1 niño—\$150 2 niños—\$260 3 niños o mas—\$340. \$75.- adicional para la preparación sacramental de la Reconciliación y la Primera Comunión. Para más información comuníquese con: Tammy Korosec. Coordinadora d E.R. tkorosec@holycrossdover.org .302.674.5787 ext 122
- **La Virgen Peregrina:** La Virgen Peregrina comenzará a visitar los hogares, si usted desea que la imagen de la virgen peregrina visite su casa por una semana, hable con nuestra hermana Marta Espinosa.

Educación Religiosa del ICC:

¡Gracias a nuestra catequista, llena de fe y fiel, por otro año maravilloso! ¡Que Dios los bendiga y nos vemos el próximo año! Ayda, Shari, Janet, Meg, Katie, Brenda, Itzel, Vincent, Bricenia, Kathy, Glendy, Yuki, Horacio, Diane, Alan, Gordin, Yimmy, Rosa, Alejandra, Luis y Terry.

Las inscripciones para el año escolar 2025-2026 ya están disponibles en la oficina y en línea. Primera Comunión: ¡Felicitaciones a todos los niños que recibieron a Cristo en la Eucaristía por primera vez el 3 de mayo! Edson, Anthony, Janessa, Jenny, Christian, Carmen, Noelia, Dylan, Keisy, Ulises, Miranda Zoe, Celines, Daniella, Eliana, Amilcar, Katherine, Aitana, Katerin, Jonathan, Ivan, Joan, Alondra, Larry Angel, Rodolfo, Dayenny, Adriana, Eymi, Yaneli, Anabela, Kilmer, Jeffrey, James, Emily.

Los invitamos a unirse a la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones: "Norte Verdadero", del 4 al 8 de agosto, de 6 p. m. a 8:30 p. m. todos los días. Estén atentos a los anuncios de las reuniones. Si les interesa ayudar este año, por favor, contacten a Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-26 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-8 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN!

Go to Holycrossdover.org for more information and forms.

Parents, Jesus said, "let the children come to me." In God's love, bring your child to life, and accept our invitation to assist you in the faith formation of your child. Our religious education programs can communicate information and provide experiences for celebrating the sacraments, but the practice and example of your living out the faith as a family is of equal importance.

Children need to see a connection between what they learn in class and what they experience at home. Be assured that we are available to assist you in whatever way we can. We only ask in return for your active participation in the formation process by living your faith daily by good example, and by joining the parish community each Sunday for the celebration of Mass and the other sacraments. This is absolutely essential to make that connection.

Please Contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122 for further information or assistance.

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If you feel you have a calling to become a catechist for either our K-8 program or our confirmation program, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122 for further information. Volunteers are required to complete a criminal background check.

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LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)
Is your family interested in either starting or continuing their life-long faith journey together? Would you as parents like to be active participants in the faith formation of your children? Deacon Vince Pisano has the perfect Religious Education program for you and your family!

This program engages the family, whether it be parents with K-8 children, or a family who wants to enter the Catholic church and receive the sacraments of initiation together hand in hand. Come out and join us; families gathering for prayer, communion with one another, and sharing our Faith Life experiences.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Ed Class with Deacon Bob is taking the summer off! Stay tuned for class offerings beginning in September! If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302)674-5787 X 122.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Registration for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of 2026 may be found on the parish website. Copies were emailed home to parents as well. Please return to the Religious Education Office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you to everyone who helped, donated and attended our fundraisers to assist sending our teens to Catholic Heart Work Camp. We leave in a week - excited, nervous and thankful for everyone's help and prayer

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ICC

Registrations are available at the office and online for 2025-2026 SRE year are being accepted now. Please register as soon as possible to guarantee you child's place in a class.

Please join us for Vacation Bible School: "True North" August 4th - August 8th 6pm-8:30pm daily. Look for announcements for meeting. If you are interested in helping this year, please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939. If you have not met with Ms. Alicia for training session, please get up with her now.

True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. At True North, kids discover what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love, and test out science-fun experiments they'll never forget. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Compass Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8:15pm closing.

Dear Parishioners,

As we welcomed the month of June, we were blessed with a week full of joy, celebration, and reflection as we marked several milestone moments in our school community.

We began the week with a spirited Field Day for our 5th through 7th grade students. A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Seams for organizing this fun event to close out the year.

On Tuesday, we celebrated our 31 eighth grade students as they completed their final day at Holy Cross. The day included a class picnic in town shared with teachers and friends, followed by a campus wide walk where students from every grade lined the hallways and sidewalks to cheer on our graduates. It was a bittersweet moment, filled with pride, joy, and emotion, as we watched these outstanding students who are true examples of faith, character, and leadership parade through our school one last time.

Thursday brought even more reason to celebrate as we honored our 8th grade students during their awards ceremony, recognizing their many accomplishments throughout the year. We also gathered for a special end of year prayer service with our Pre-K students, encouraging them as they prepare to take their next big step into kindergarten.

Friday was a day full of celebrations and new beginnings. Our 3rd grade students showcased their creativity and hard work during their much anticipated Market Day. We thank Mrs. Dotellis and Ms. Overstreet for their guidance and dedication to this project-based learning experience. We also said “see you soon” to our early childhood students and marked their last day of the school year with smiles and sweet goodbyes. Our kindergarten students participated in a closing prayer service, and we couldn’t be more proud of the growth they’ve shown throughout the year. We will miss them all so much throughout the summer!

Friday evening was the culmination of it all! It was a beautiful and reverent 8th grade Graduation Mass. It was a special opportunity to come together in faith and gratitude to celebrate this exceptional class. We are so thankful for the time, dedication, and spirit they brought to our school and know that God has great plans for each of them. As they move on to high school, we hope they always remember that Holy Cross is their home, and we will always be here to support and pray for them.

Thank you, as always, for your unwavering support of our school community. We look forward to our final week of the 2024–2025 school year and all the blessings it will bring.

God bless you and your families,

Mrs. O’Mara



Ukraine and southern Russia – this is why he is the patron saint of Russia. Andrew was crucified in Greece on an “x” shaped cross, we see this Cross shape on the flags of Scotland and Florida, to name a few. This is called the St. Andrew’s Cross.

3. **St. James the Greater**, one of the two Jameses, preached in Jerusalem and Judea and is said to have traveled as far as Spain in spreading the Good News. His grave is in Compostela, Spain. He was put to death by beheading in 44 AD.

4. **St. John the Apostle** had taken Mary into his home at the command of Christ on the Cross. He lived to be nearly 100 years old. During his long life, he preached in Jerusalem, and later, as bishop of Ephesus, he worked among the churches of what is modern-day Turkey. He was no friend of the Roman Emperors and found himself exiled from his Diocese to the nearby island of Patmos, near Greece. He was eventually freed and was the only Apostle to die a natural death at Ephesus in 100 AD. He wrote the Gospel of John, the three Epistles of St. John, and the Book of Revelation.

5. **St. Philip** left Israel and went on to preach the Gospel in west central Turkey before being martyred there at Hieropolis.

6. **St. Bartholomew** left Israel to conduct his missionary work in the areas of Armenia, eastern Turkey, northern Iraq, northwestern Iran, and India. He also traveled to Egypt, Arabia, and Ethiopia. Bartholomew met his death by being skinned alive, and then beheaded in the town of Baku on the Caspian Sea, in what would be modern-day Russia.

7. **St. Thomas** probably traveled further than all the other Apostles, as he preached the Gospel in southern India. Even today, the Indians of Kerala, on the west coast of India, have a great devotion to St. Thomas, their patron. St. Thomas was speared to death as he went on to preach on India’s eastern coast. Marking the location near the site of his martyrdom in Madras, India, today is Mount St. Thomas.

8. **St. Matthew**, the writer of the first of the Bible’s four Gospels, had been a tax collector. He gave up collecting taxes and began collecting souls for Christ. St. Matthew, after preaching in and around Judea, is claimed to have done his missionary duty first in Ethiopia and then in Persia, where he was martyred.

9. **St. James the Less**, so named because of his youth, first preached close to home in Israel. He authored the Epistle of St. James. Refusing to recant his faith in Christ, his countrymen tossed him from the pinnacle of the temple. As he rose from the fall, he prayed for those who did this deed. His assailants then beat him to death with clubs and stones.

10 and 11. **Ss. Simon and Jude**, usually spoken of collectively, started out in different places. Simon traveled to Egypt, where he evangelized successfully, while Jude traveled from Israel to preach in Assyria (modern-day eastern Iraq). These two Apostles joined their evangelical forces, traveling nearly 1,000 miles, to preach in Persia. St. Jude met a martyr’s death, being clubbed to death, while St. Simon was martyred by being cut in half with a saw.

Twelve Minus One. And so, in the eleven Apostles of Christ’s original twelve, with Judas excluded (for good reason), we see brave men inspired by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Inspired to do what Christ asked of them before he ascended to heaven. He told them: “Go teach all nations.” And by the power of the Spirit sent to them on Pentecost, they did. They taught all nations, they preached, they taught, they served, they led, and they lived and died for Christ.

What a Difference. There is an old standard, a beautiful song, called “*What a Difference a Day Makes*” --- and it goes like this: “*What a difference a day makes, / twenty-four little hours / brought the sun and the flowers / where there used to be rain.*” That sentiment about how one day can change everything is especially true on this day of the great feast of Pentecost, when Jesus Christ sent his Holy Spirit to quicken and enliven his holy people, the Church. And so, as a people of faith, let us live our lives showing that team spirit of unity, by allowing the Holy Spirit of God to go to work in us.

Happy Pentecost!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor