

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Friday 9:30-12noon, Closed Wednesdays

*Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.*

## March 31, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Eucharist of the Lord's Day

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

#### **Weekday Eucharist**

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

#### **Holydays of Obligation**

As announced in the bulletin

#### **Reconciliation**

After the Sunday morning Masses,  
Thursday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

#### **Pastoral Care and Liturgy**

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Timothy J. Brady, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Mano Salla, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.  
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

#### **Christian Formation**

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

#### **Hispanic Ministry**

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of  
financial assistance, please call

**St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702**

### The Sacraments

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

Dear Parishioners,

A well-off young man is opening his BMW's car door, when a speeding car comes along and hits the door, ripping it off and knocking the man to the ground. A Police Officer nearby runs over to offer assistance to the man, who is lying on the ground bruised and bleeding. He looks up at the officer and says, "Look at what they did to my BMW. That's a \$60,000 car and its ruined. And, look, my \$500 pair of pants ripped when I hit the ground. And my \$600 pair of shoes are scuffed up." The officer says, "It's worse than that sir, maybe you're in shock and didn't notice -- but your left arm was ripped off in the accident." The man looks down to where his arm used to be, and he screams, and screams! He looks up at the officer still screaming and says, "This is terrible, now my Rolex is gone, too!"

**Of Money, Evil and Pessimists.** Some folks, like the man in the joke above, make themselves the sum of their possessions, and their wealth (or lack of it) defines them. In our faith, it is not what is in our wallet that defines us, but what is in our heart, and how we live our life. As a matter of fact, on the topic of money, scripture tells that "Love of money is the root of all evil." (1 Timothy 6:10). Good advice! (My advice on money is less idealistic, I commend people to always borrow from a pessimist, because he won't expect to have it paid back!)

**Avoid Possession Obsession.** For all of that, money is, nevertheless, a part of our everyday life: we earn it, we spend it, we invest it, we carry it in our wallets and purses, we deposit it, we withdraw it, etc. But scripture gives us an out: so long as we don't develop a "love of money" we should be okay. So, long as we don't become the sum of our possessions, we should be okay.

Those of you who are familiar with me, will know that the one thing that I detest doing as a Priest is asking for money. I fancy the Church as a spiritual home, not a financial one. But then I realize that in order to function, in order to continue to do Christ's good work, in order to keep our Church and parish maintained, money is needed. And as Pastor, that is part of the ministerial role which lands on my plate, and thus from time to time, I have to engage in discussing money. Well, today, is one of those times where I have to step up and make an appeal about, well, an Appeal.

**An Appeal.** The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal, themed as "As I have done for you, you should also do," will be conducted in parishes throughout the diocese next weekend. Funds generated by the Appeal provide pastoral, charitable, and educational ministries to tens of thousands of people in our 12-County diocese.

**A Body of Work.** As Catholics and as members of a Parish of the Diocese of Wilmington, it is important that we reach out in service to others by sharing our resources. Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with brothers and sisters in Christ in our other parishes in the Diocese. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us a chance to work in collaboration to aid our Diocese in doing its good work by sharing the gifts God has granted us.

**Goal Tending.** For this coming year, our Parish target for the Catholic Annual Appeal is \$24,000 (which in my mind is understood as the equivalent of 6,000 Big Macs). This goal amount is comparable to last year's goal which, we exceeded handily. Your financial support also provides funding for your parish since 50% of monies collected above our target will be returned for our own ministerial needs. So, I ask you to please give prayerful consideration to helping the Diocese in assisting the thousands of individuals and families who receive needed aid by way of the 37 ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you can, please decide

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You can learn more about the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal by picking up a copy of the campaign information handout located in the Gathering Space or by visiting the diocesan website at [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal).

On behalf of the Bishop, and myself, I want to thank you for your consideration in this important matter that is so vital to allow us to keep up the good works of our Church!

**A Passage to (and from) India.** Next week, Fr. Mano will return to our fold after spending some time with his family in India. We gladly welcome him back to his home here on the Delmarva Peninsula! At the same time, next week we will be sad to see Fr. Raja (cousin of Fr. Mano, who has been helping up out in Fr. Mano's absence) leaving us and returning home to India. I am sure I speak for the Parish, as we wish him a safe journey home, and are so grateful for his kind, and generous assistance to us.

And to all of you, it is my prayer that you are having a good and spiritually powerful Season of Lent.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini  
Pastor

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### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

#### **Sunday, March 31**

8:30 Larry Langham

11:00 Sachiko Saus

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

#### **Thursday, April 4**

7pm Misa For the People

#### **Sunday, April 7**

8:30 Charles Beck

11:00 Francis Messner

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

### **COLLECTION TOTALS:**

**Offertory: \$ 2652.38**

**Supplementary: \$ 997.00**

***Second Collection Today: Supplementary***

*Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed and appreciated*

***Join our Parish Family....Registration Forms are Available at the front vestibule or the Parish Office.***

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Altar Servers

April 7

8:30am Mass – Mikey Dixon, Anna Clancy

11am Mass – Joanna Santizo, Vincent Haass

Spanish Misa 1pm – Nelvin & Keli Macario Tomas

### Lectors

April 7

8:30am Mass – Catherine Beck

11am Mass – Jim Ward

Spanish Misa 1pm – Juan Díaz, Haydi Fuentes

### Eucharistic Ministers

April 7

8:30am Mass – Sarah Bell, Karen Durham

11am Mass – Bob VanVessen, Paul Lardizzone

Spanish Misa 1pm – Lucia Tomas, Hilario Macario,

Flora Pérez, Román Cuin, Salome Morales

### Collection Counters

Mar 31 Frank & Joyce Cristiano

Apr 7 Paul & Robin Engstenberg

Apr 14 Tom & Mary McGowan

### Church Cleaning Crew

Abril 5, 2019 Grupo # 3

Natalia Domingo, Victoriano Pérez, Américo García,  
María García, Julio Hernández, Hayde Fuentes

Abril 12, 2019 Grupo # 4

Marinda Escalante, Elías González, Alfonso Perez,  
Oscar Roblero, Edgar Velásquez, Rubelina Ortiz



St. Vincent DePaul is providing Easter Food Baskets for those in need again this year. If you are in need please call 302-670-6702



Fourth week of Lent:

### **ENCOUNTER KUMBA:**

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunity in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit [www.csricebowl.org](http://www.csricebowl.org) for more.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Mar 31 9:40am SRE Classes in Classroom

Sun, Mar 31 2:30pm – RICA in CC

Mon, Apr 1 6:00pm – St. Vincent DePaul office

Mon, Apr 1 7:00pm – “Catholicism” in Hall

Apr 1-Apr 6– Confirmation Interviews at Holy Cross

Tues, Apr 2 7pm Juan XXIII Computer Room

Tues, Apr 2 1pm Exercise class in hall

Wed, Apr 3 7pm Rehearsal Pilgrimage in Hall

Wed, Apr 3 7pm Consego Parroquial- beisement

Thur, Apr 4 1pm Exercise class in hall

Fri, Apr 5 7pm – Band Practice

Fri, Apr 5 7pm – Stations of the Cross

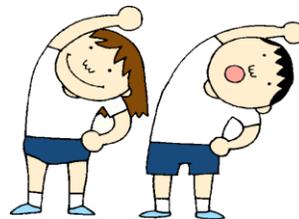
Fri, Apr 5 78pm – Vigilia

Sat, Apr 6 9am-12noon 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat-hall

Sat, Apr 6 4-6pm Charla Bautizo-hall

Sat, Apr 6 6:30pm Culto-hall

Sun, Apr 7 12noon-5pm -Confirmation Retreat-hall



Join Marilyn Dixon and others for exercise on

Tuesday and Thursday at 1pm in the Hall.

Classes begin Tuesday, April 2.



### **Knights of Columbus**

Next meeting Tues, April 9,  
7pm Meeting in the Knights Hall

All members are encouraged to

attend. Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or [kelley29@comcast.net](mailto:kelley29@comcast.net). Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

### **Marriage & Family Life Corner**

#### **Parenting Pointer –**

How has abstaining from something (meat, deserts, gossip, etc.) or doing something extra strengthened you? Has it made any difference yet? Ask your kids how their Lenten commitment is going? It's not too late to refresh, renew, and reboot.

#### **Marriage Moment –**

A grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die to produce much fruit. (Jn 12:24) What needs to die in you to bear fruit in your marriage? Pride? The desire to always be right? Wanting stuff your way? Avoiding decisions? Humble yourself today.

## FROM THE DRE'S DESK

**School of Religious Education**  
9:40am-10:50am



Registrations for the 2019-2020 school year are ready. Please register your children now to secure a spot for your children. We are taking registrations until April 1, 2019.



### Sacramental Prep:

1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat: Saturday, April 6, 9am-12noon in the hall.

Confirmation Retreat: Sunday, April 7, attending 11am Mass, followed by retreat in Hall, 12noon-5pm.



**NEEDED: TEACHERS! APPLY HERE FOR NEXT YEAR! Share your gifts and get the rewards in heaven.**

We will need teachers for religious education on Sunday mornings from September to May.

Please take the time during Lent this year in prayer and discernment on serving the young people and families of our Parish.

If you see this, and are wondering "is this me?", inquire.

### Vacation Bible School – August 5-9, 2019

Yes, the planning is underway! If you are interested in helping out this year, please inquire with Alicia Poppiti or Meg Haass. Thank you



### Adult Faith Formation:

Father Lentini will be offering a talk "33 Witnesses to the Passion, Death and Resurrection"

On Friday, April 12, @6pm in the Parish Hall. You may conclude your evening with Stations of the Cross to follow.

## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Theme:** God wants us to come back. Now is the time to reconcile.

**Question for Children:** Who is the one person you most need to say, "I'm sorry" to in your family?

**Question for Youth:** Is it difficult for you to say "I'm sorry" when you hurt another or get off track in your own life? Why or why not?

**Question for Adults:** How have you or your family welcomed a family member who has been distant and/or absent from you?

**4<sup>o</sup> domingo de Cuaresma**

**Tema:** Dios quiere que regresemos. Ahora es el momento de la reconciliación.

**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Cuál es la persona de su familia a quien más necesitan decirle: "Lo siento"?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** ¿Te resulta difícil decir "Me arrepiento" cuando lastimas a alguien o te desvías del camino correcto? ¿Por qué?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Cómo ustedes y sus familias han recibido a un familiar que se había distanciado y/o ausentado de ustedes?



### **Pilgrimage:**

Bishop Malooly invites youth, young adults, and families from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the tenth annual

Pilgrimage on **Saturday, April 13, 2019.**

**Pilgrims from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary.**

The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Ben Walther at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. **Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Alicia Poppiti, a bus will provide transportation for an additional \$10 per person, and you must be registered to attend and to ride bus.**

**Deadline for registration is April 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 31 DE MARZO, 2019.**

Queridos feligreses,

Un joven adinerado está abriendo la puerta del auto de su BMW, cuando un carro volando se acerca y golpea la puerta, y lo arranca y tira al chofer al suelo. Un policía que estaba cerca corre a socorrer al hombre, quien está tendido en el suelo golpeado y sangrando. Él mira al oficial y dice: "Mira lo que le hicieron a mi BMW. Eso es un auto de \$ 60,000 y está en ruinas. Y, mira, mis pantalones de \$ 500 se rompieron al caer al suelo. Y mi par de zapatos de \$ 600 están arruinados ". El oficial dice: " Es peor que eso, señor, tal vez esté en shock y no se haya dado cuenta, pero su brazo izquierdo fue arrancado en el accidente ". El hombre mira ¡Hasta donde solía estar su brazo, y él gritando y gritando! mira al oficial gritando y dice: "¡Esto es terrible, ahora también he perdido mi Rolex!"

**De Dinero, Maldad y Pesimismo.** Algunas personas, como el hombre del chiste anterior, se convierten en la suma de sus posesiones, y su riqueza (o la falta de ellas) las define. En nuestra fe, no es lo que está en nuestra billetera lo que nos define, sino lo que está en nuestro corazón y cómo vivimos nuestra vida. De hecho, en el tema del dinero, las escrituras dicen que "El amor al dinero es la raíz de todo mal" (1 Timoteo 6:10). ¡Buen consejo! (Mi consejo sobre el dinero es menos idealista, encomiendo a las personas que siempre pidan prestado a un pesimista, porque no espera que se lo devuelvan

**Evite la Posesión Obsesión.** Por todo eso, el dinero es, sin embargo, una parte de nuestra vida cotidiana: lo ganamos, lo gastamos, lo invertimos, lo cargamos en nuestras billeteras y carteras, lo depositamos, lo retiramos, etc. Pero las Escrituras nos da una salida: mientras no desarrollemos el "Amor al dinero" estaremos bien, Mientras no nos convertimos en la suma de nuestras posesiones estaremos bien.

Aquellos que están familiarizados conmigo, saben bien que la única cosa que detesto hacer como sacerdote es pedir dinero. Creo que la Iglesia es un hogar espiritual, no financiero. Pero luego me doy cuenta de que para funcionar, para continuar haciendo la buena obra de Cristo, para mantener a nuestra Iglesia y parroquia, se necesita dinero. Y como Párroco, eso es parte del papel ministerial que cae en mi plato y, por lo tanto, de vez en cuando, tengo que participar en la discusión del

dinero. Bueno, hoy es uno de esos momentos en los que tengo que intensificar y presentar una campaña sobre, bueno, una Campaña.

**Una Campaña.** La Campaña Católica Anual de 2019, cuyo tema es " Yo les he dado ejemplo, y ustedes deben hacer como he hecho yo", se llevará a cabo en las parroquias de toda la diócesis el próximo fin de semana. Los fondos generados por la Campaña proporcionan ministerios pastorales, caritativos y educativos a decenas de miles de personas en nuestra diócesis de 12 condados.

**Un Cuerpo de Trabajo.** Como católicos y como miembros de una parroquia de la Diócesis de Wilmington, es importante que nos comuniquemos con los demás compartiendo nuestros recursos. Así como somos uno en el Cuerpo de Cristo, debemos recordar que somos uno con los hermanos y hermanas en Cristo en nuestras otras parroquias en la Diócesis. La Campaña Católica Anual nos ofrece la oportunidad de trabajar en colaboración para ayudar a nuestra Diócesis a hacer su buen trabajo al compartir los dones que Dios nos ha otorgado.

**La Meta a Obtener.** Para el próximo año, nuestro objetivo parroquial para la Campaña Anual Católica es de \$ 24,000 (lo que en mi opinión se entiende como el equivalente a 6,000 Big Macs). Esta cantidad de la meta es comparable a la meta del año pasado, que superamos fácilmente. Su apoyo financiero también proporciona fondos para su parroquia, ya que el 50% del dinero recaudado por encima de nuestro objetivo será devuelto para nuestras propias necesidades ministeriales. Por lo tanto, les pido que en oración consideren ayudar a la Diócesis ayudar a las miles de personas y familias que reciben la ayuda necesaria a través de los 37 ministerios que son apoyados por la Campaña Católica Anual. Si puede, decida con anticipación la contribución que desea hacer este año y venga a la Iglesia el próximo fin de semana preparado para ofrecer su apoyo.

Puede obtener más información sobre la Campaña Católica Anual de 2019 recogiendo una copia del folleto de información de la campaña que se encuentra en el Vestíbulo de la parroquia o visitando el sitio web diocesano en [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal).

¡En nombre del Obispo, y de mí, quiero agradecerle por su consideración en esta importante campaña que es tan vital para permitirnos continuar con las buenas obras de nuestra Iglesia!

**Un Pasaje a (y desde) la India.** La próxima semana, el padre Mano regresará a nuestro redil después de pasar un tiempo con su familia en la India. ¡Con mucho gusto le damos la bienvenida de regreso a su hogar aquí en la península de Delmarva! Al mismo tiempo, la próxima semana estaremos nos entristece ver al Padre Raja (primo del Padre Mano, que ha estado ayudando en la ausencia del Padre Mano) dejándonos y volviendo a su casa a la India. Estoy seguro de que hablo por la parroquia, al desearle un viaje buen y seguro retorno a casa, y estamos muy agradecidos por su amable y generosa asistencia.

Y a todos ustedes, es mi oración que todos tengan un buen y poderoso crecimiento espiritual durante este Tiempo de Cuaresma.

Tuyo en Cristo,  
Padre James Lentini  
Párroco