

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Fridays 9:30-Noon, Closed Wednesdays.

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March 11, 2018 – 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. John T. Solomon, 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,

Today is *Laetare* Sunday. Every once in a while, the Church has a special Sunday on its calendar. The most famous would be, of course, Easter Sunday, but there is also Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter), Gaudete Sunday (two Sundays before Christmas), Trinity Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, and several others. What's my favorite Sunday? Well there are so many, but I would have to say that Friendly's Cookie Dough Ice Cream Sundae tops my list (with Friendly's Reese Pieces Sundae a close second).

Now, back to non-fattening Sundays: This Sunday our parish and the Universal Church observes the Fourth Sunday of the Season of Lent common called *Laetare* Sunday. We have now passed the half-way point of Lent that, while it leads to ignominy of Good Friday, more significantly points us to the glory of Easter. The term "Laetere" used to describe this Sunday, means "rejoice."

Where do we get this word? Well, the Latin word *Laetare*, as is used to describe this Sunday, is taken from the entrance antiphon that would be said at the beginning of this Sunday's Mass (though it would only be heard at a Mass without music). That antiphon in Latin begins: "*Laetare Jerusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam...*" In our Mass, in English, this translates to: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her..."

Why is this name used? Why are we "rejoicing" in the middle of Lent? Well, back-in-the-day, *Laetare* Sunday day marked a special reprieve from the disciplines of Lent; it marked a time to recognize that joyful day of Resurrection for which Lent prepares us. The French used to call this day *mi-careme*, meaning "mid-Lent" – kind of like a time for a pause, a breather, a Super Bowl half-time show. So, for example, years ago when it was common not to have weddings during Lent, on *Laetare* Sunday, you could have weddings. Likewise, back-in-

the-day in, servants would be allowed the day off to go visit their mothers and families. As a result of this practice, this Sunday became identified in some countries as “Mothering Sunday.” This custom was nuanced in 16th century England, when on this “Mothering Sunday” the servants (and others) began to go with their mothers to their “Mother Church” for Mass – usually to the Cathedral of the Diocese (which is deemed the Mother Church of any diocese). Of note, in the United Kingdom and Ireland, Laetare Sunday, as a result of this connection with Mothering Sunday, is now the day these nations celebrate Mother’s Day.

A Horse of Another Color. On *Laetare* Sunday, the Church shows its joyfulness by lifting the requirement for Priests and Deacons to wear Lenten violet-colored vestments. Instead, on this Sunday, they are given the option to wear rose-colored vestments. Rose is an interesting choice of color: It is not quite the white of Easter (which is not yet here) nor is it the violet of Lent (penitential color). Rather, it’s a little of both –to use an arcane Donny and Marie Osmond reference from the 70s, it’s a little bit country, it’s a little bit rock’n’roll. You see, rose, which is the color of joy in our tradition, is mixture of sorts of the Easter White and Lenten Violet.

Floral Arrangements. And in the category of “this is how traditions are born” – this Sunday also used to bear the informal name of “Rose Sunday.” That moniker was born of dual traditions: During first few weeks of Lent the Pope would send a golden rose to all of the Catholic monarchs of Europe, and the fourth Sunday of Lent, the local Bishop would bless that rose for the monarch, and

by no accident he would bless it while wearing rose colored vestments. That tradition has long faded, and so the Catholic Kings and Queen of Europe might lament in song to Pope Francis: “You don’t bring me flowers anymore!”

A Rose by Any Other Name... In this whole reflection on the observance of *Laetare* Sunday, and use of “rose” I want to make note of something quite interesting. I deem it a beautiful coincidence, that in English the word “rose” (the color or the flower) and the verb “rose” (as in the past tense of “rise”) are both connected to this day. We use rose (the color) to remind us of the coming glory of Easter (when Christ *rose* from the dead). However, that connection of words is mere linguistic coincidence. You see, the word for “rising” or “rose” in Latin and the romance language looks nothing like “rose” – in Latin, for example, the for rising is *resurgam*. While in French and Spanish it is *lever* and *levantar*, respectively. And it is from those last two words I mentioned that we get the word “*Levant*,” which refers to the area in and around Israel, it means the place of the rising (of Christ).

Rejoice! And so, on this *Laetare* Sunday, let’s take our eyes away from the rigors of the Season of Lent for a moment, and consider the salvation won for us. Let look across the desert experience of Lent, to the horizon, and in the distance we see the cross at Calvary, and just behind it the light of the joy of the Easter. On this day, I bid you all, rejoice!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, Mar 11

8:30: For the People

11:00: Vittorio Cristiano

Misa en Español **1pm** For the People

Thu Mar 15 7pm For the People

Sunday, Mar 18

8:30 William F. Sullivan Sr.

11:00 Sachiko Saus

Misa en Español **1pm** For the People

Thu Mar 22 7pm For the People

2018 Mass book is now open.

To schedule a Mass, please contact the office

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$ 5138.40

CRS and Latin America: \$ 746.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

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



Assistance is needed caring for the linens used in our Church. Please consider offering your time and talents to help. A little time would mean so much!

Contact Ann Marie Weer (410) 482-7237

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Mar 11 Julia Moore & Paul McQuaide

Mar 18 Elisa & Tom Costello

Mar 25 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Church Cleaning Crew

Marzo 16, 2018 Grupo #15

Genaro Pérez, Elizabeth López, Edelfo Tomas,
Alfonso Chun

Marzo 23, 2018 Grupo #2

Juan Díaz Reynoso, Marlene García, Leonel Juárez,
Ángela Córdova, Bernardo De Paz

Altar Servers

March 18

8:30am Mass – Averil Locke & Anna Clancy

11:00am Mass – Savannah Strauss & Sherlin Santizo

Spanish Misa 1pm – Yareli & Jose Ortiz

Lectors

March 18

8:30am Mass – Catherine Beck

11:00am Mass – Donna King

Spanish Misa 1pm – Oyuki Galan, Pavel Rivera

Eucharistic Ministers

March 18

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Tom & Elisa Costello

11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Judy Carrow, Jim Ward

Spanish Misa 1pm – Alberto Morales, Carlos Miguel,
Flora Pérez, Miguel López, Antonio Pérez

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

presents: The Shroud of Turin Exhibit- This exhibit includes a long linen cloth that bears a faint image of a bearded, crucified man with bloodstains that match the wounds of Jesus Christ. It has been preserved and revered for centuries as the Actual burial shroud that wrapped Jesus as recorded in the Bible.

March 1 to March 13, 2018

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church
800-801 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802

SHROUD EXHIBIT HOURS:

Monday through Friday 11:00am-5:00pm

Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm-5:00pm

For more information -Phone: 302-762-5511

<http://www.st-nicholas-church.org>

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Mar 11 - 9:40am SRE Classes

Sun, Mar 11 – 2pm RICA

Sun, Mar 11 – 2:30pm Confirmation Prep

Mon, Mar 12 – 7pm Penance Service – Holy Cross

Mon, Mar 12 & Wed Mar 14 - 7pm ESL

Tue, Mar 13 – 7pm Juan XXIII

Wed, Mar 14 – 7pm 100th Anniversary

Fri, Mar 16 – 7pm Stations of the Cross

Sat, Mar 17 – 1pm Happy Helpers

Sat, Mar 17 – 6:30pm Culto



ENCOUNTER ANDRISE~

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of

forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information.



Knights of Columbus

**Next meeting Tues, March 13th
in the Knights Hall**

Rosary @ 6:30pm

Meeting @ 7pm

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

Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

Catechetical Day (“Call to Missionary

Discipleship”) with Bishop W. Francis Malooly will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at St. Thomas More Academy. Bishop Malooly will individually recognize DREs and Catechists celebrating significant anniversary years. The day includes refreshments beginning at 8:30 am and lunch at 12 noon. Presenters are Father Matthew Guckin and Dr. Louis P. De Angelo. The day concludes at 2:00 pm. The registration fee will be \$15.00 per person. Registration deadline is March 16, 2018. Please go to www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay to find out more about the day and how to register.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education
September 24, 2017-May 6, 2018
9:40am-10:50am



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



We will need 3 or more 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. Please contact Alicia Poppiti with any questions, 410-482-8939 at parish office.

Answer Bishop Malooly's Invitation to Walk His Way.



Bishop Malooly invites youth and young adults from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the ninth annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Young people 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 Luke Spehar 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, Registration forms can be picked up at the desk in hall. For more information, visit www.cdowcym.org.

Registration deadline is March 11, 2018.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Theme: We believe.

Question for Children: Who is one person in your life who supports your faith and helps it to grow?

Question for Youth: The Gospel speaks of following God as coming toward the light. How can you move towards the light in your own life? What is the darkness that needs Jesus' healing in your life?

Question for Adults: When is it difficult for you to believe? What particular line in this reading helps your faith?

4to domingo de Cuaresma

Tema: Yo creo.

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Qué persona en tu vida te apoya en tu fe y la hace crecer?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: El Evangelio habla de seguir a Dios como un ir hacia la luz. ¿Cómo puedes acercarte a la luz en tu propia vida? ¿Qué zonas oscuras necesitan la sanación de Jesús en tu vida?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Cuándo le resulta difícil creer? ¿Qué frase de esta lectura en particular le ayuda en la fe?

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Do you ever get stuck in an argument? Of course we know that there are two sides to every argument but practicing this truism can be difficult. Next time you reach an impasse discipline yourselves to try to state each other's side as neutrally as you can.

Parenting Pointer –

Challenge yourself and your children to go 24 hours without media. Unplug your devices (TV, cell phones, computers, etc.). What will you do instead? What will you learn?

Are you being called to the Priesthood?

Come socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests, and men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest. Find out about the *amazing* life of the Priesthood.



CAS – North will meet on March 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption in Hockessin, Delaware. For more information, contact Father Chris Coffey at FrCoffey@sjbde.org or call 302-999-0211.

CAS – South will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Saint John the Apostle Church, 506 Seabury Drive, Milford, DE on March 19, 2018. Contact Father John Solomon at fatherjohnsolomon@gmail.com or 302-674-5787.

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE

JAMES LENTINI 11 DE MARZO, 2018.

Queridos feligreses,

Hoy es el domingo de Laetare. De vez en cuando, la Iglesia tiene un domingo especial en su calendario. El más famoso sería, por supuesto, el Domingo de Pascua, pero también está el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia (el domingo después de la Pascua), el Domingo Gaudete (dos domingos antes de la Navidad), el Domingo de la Santísima Trinidad, el Domingo de Pentecostés y muchos otros. ¿Cuál es mi domingo favorito? Bueno, hay tantos, pero tendría que decir que Friendly's Cookie Dough Ice Cream Sundae encabeza mi lista (con Friendly's Reese Pieces Sundae en segundo lugar).

Ahora, de vuelta a los domingos sin gordura: este domingo, nuestra parroquia y la Iglesia Universal observan el Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo de Cuaresma que se llama el domingo de "Laetare". Ya hemos pasado el punto medio de la Cuaresma que, aunque conduce a la ignominia del Viernes Santo, nos señala más significativamente la gloria de la Pascua. El término "Laetare" usado para describir este domingo, significa "regocijarse".

¿De dónde proviene esta palabra? Bueno, la palabra latina Laetare, se usa para describir este domingo, es tomada de la antifona de entrada que se dice al comienzo de la Misa de este domingo (aunque solo se escucharía en una Misa sin música). Esa antifona en latín comienza: "Laetare Jerusalén: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam ..." En nuestra Misa, en español, esto se traduce a: "Alégrense, Jerusalén, y todos ustedes los que la aman ..."

¿Por qué se usa este nombre? ¿Por qué nos estamos "regocijando" en medio de la Cuaresma? Bueno, en años de antaño, Laetare el día domingo marcó un respiro y alivio especial de las disciplinas propios de la Cuaresma; marcó un tiempo para reconocer la gloria de ese día alegre de la Resurrección por el cual la Cuaresma nos prepara. Los franceses solían llamar a este día mi-careme, que significa "media- Cuaresma", algo así como un momento para una pausa, un respiro, un show de medio tiempo del Super Bowl. Así pues, por ejemplo, hace años atrás, cuando era común no tener bodas durante la Cuaresma, en el domingo de Laetare, se podían celebrar bodas. Del mismo modo, tiempos atrás, a los sirvientes se les permitiría el día libre para ir a visitar a sus madres y a sus familias. Como resultado de esta práctica, este domingo se identificó en algunos países como "Domingo de las Madres". Esta costumbre se matizó en el siglo XVI en Inglaterra, en el llamado Domingo de la Madre la gente acudía a su Iglesia Madre, es decir la principal iglesia, el cuarto domingo de la Cuaresma. Usualmente acudían a la iglesia con sus madres y sus familiares ya que no había muchas oportunidades de reunirse con ellos y a los niños y adolescentes que

trabajaban al servicio de la nobleza les era dado ese día libre para que pudieran ir a su "madre" (iglesia).

Un Caballo de Otro Color. En el domingo de Laetare, la Iglesia muestra su alegría al levantar el requisito de que los Sacerdotes y Diáconos usen vestimentas cuaresmales de color violeta. En cambio, en este domingo, se les da la opción de usar vestimentas de color rosa. Rosa es una opción interesante de color: no es exactamente el blanco de la Pascua (que aún no está aquí) ni es el violeta de la Cuaresma (color penitencial). Por el contrario, es un poco de ambos: usar una referencia arcana de Donny y Marie Osmond de los años 70, es un poco country, es un poco rock'n'roll. Ves, rosa, que es el color de la alegría en nuestra tradición, es una mezcla de géneros de Blanco de Pascua y violeta cuaresmal.

Arreglos Florales. Y en la categoría de "así es como nacen las tradiciones", este domingo también solía llevar el nombre informal de "Domingo de Rosa". Ese apodo nació de una doble tradición: durante las primeras semanas de la Cuaresma, el Papa enviaba una rosa dorada a todos los monarcas católicos de Europa, y al cuarto domingo de Cuaresma, el obispo local bendecía esa rosa para el monarca, y no por ningún accidente la bendecía usando vestimentas de color rosa. Esa tradición se ha desvanecido hace mucho tiempo, por lo que los Reyes y Reinas Católicos de Europa podrían lamentarse en una canción al Papa Francisco: "¡Ya no me traes flores!"

Una Rosa con Cualquier Otro Nombre ... En esta reflexión completa sobre la observancia del domingo de Laetare, y el uso del color "Rosa" quiero tomar nota de algo bastante interesante. Considero que es una hermosa coincidencia, que en inglés la palabra "rose" (el color o la flor) y el verbo "rose" (como en el pasado de "rise") estén ambos conectados a este día. Usamos rose (el color) para recordarnos la gloria venidera de la Pascua (cuando Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos). Sin embargo, esa conexión de palabras es mera coincidencia lingüística. Ya ves, la palabra para "rise" o "rose en latín y en los idiomas romance no se parece en nada a "rose" - en latín, por ejemplo, para resurgam es para resurgir. Mientras que en francés y español es Lever y levantar, respectivamente. Y es de esas dos últimas palabras que mencioné que recibimos la palabra "Levante", que se refiere al área en Israel y sus alrededores, que significa el lugar del levantamiento (de Cristo).

¡Alégrate! Y así, en este domingo de Laetare, quitemos nuestros ojos de la austeridad y los rigores del Tiempo de la Cuaresma por un momento, y consideremos la salvación ganada para nosotros. Veamos la experiencia del desierto de la Cuaresma, hasta el horizonte, y en la distancia vemos la cruz en el Calvario, y justo detrás de ella, la luz de la alegría de la Pascua. En este día, los invito a todos, a que se ¡regocijen!

Tuyo en Cristo,
P. James Lentini
Párroco