

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

March 13, 2016 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
7:00 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. John Olson, Associate Pastor
Rev. Anthony Giamello, Associate Pastor

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 James M. Tormey, Sr., our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-697-2049.

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**.

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

There are several words in our language that we often confuse with other words. I can remember being at a dinner last year where the emcee commended the keynote speaker for his "elegant" words, when actually he meant to compliment his "eloquent" words. Similarly, we often confuse words like "affect" and "effect" – though my Fifth Grade Teacher Sr. Bernard Mary taught us to distinguish the difference between those two words this way: an effect is an end result (e.g., withered crops were the effect of the drought), while an affect is the way something acts upon something else (e.g., The Super Bowl had an affect on Sunday night Mass attendance; the bad business location of the store affected the likelihood of people shopping there). She also taught us the distinction between stationary and stationery: When something is stationary it stays in place; to use stationery you need a pen or pencil. To this day, I still remember and utilize those helpful hints that guide me to the correct word (and spelling) to use.

A Season Yule Remember. But then you have two words that are slightly different but actually mean the same thing. For example, the word "time" and "tide." We have all heard the expression that "Time and tide wait for no man." One might think that those two words in that phrase are talking about forward chronology (time) and the movement of ocean waters (tide). But in fact, that's only half correct. When we say "time and tide wait for no man," time does, as noted, refers to the passage of time; tide however doesn't refer to ocean tides, rather it refers to seasons of the year. Thus "Yuletide" refers to "the happening" or "occurrence" of Christmas, and by extension the around it. So, when one says that "Time and tide wait for no man," it means that time and seasons pass, regardless of us or our desires.

Well, another tide is at our doorstep this weekend: It is the start of Passiontide.

The Tide is High Nigh. On the topic of “tides,” this week in the Catholic Church, we begin the period of what used to be called “Passiontide.” Passiontide is that part of the Season of Lent that starts on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, leads us to Palm Sunday and continues through the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week. It is a time (or tide) when we are called to reflect on the Passion of Christ. Since 1970, a tide of change has come to the period of “Passiontide”

- Passiontide still begins on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, but back in the day that Sunday wasn’t called the Fifth Sunday of Lent, it was known as “Passion Sunday” (or “The First Sunday of Passiontide”).
- Palm Sunday, which is always the sixth Sunday of the season of Lent, used to be celebrated as the “Second Sunday of the Lord’s Passion” (or “Second Sunday in Passiontide”).
- These days, Passion Sunday (Fifth Sunday of Lent) and Palm Sunday (on the Sixth Sunday of Lent) are now conjoined and observed together, on what is called “Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion.” (which is next Sunday).

Passionate Observance. So, how is one to observe this period of Passiontide? Well, Pope St. John Paul II, said in 1995: “*With Passiontide almost upon us, let us continue to look to Him who freely laid down his life that He might take it up again.*” In other words, let us focus on Christ, along with the events in his life related to His Sacred Passion, made known to us in Scripture and Tradition.

How do we focus on this during this time of the Church year? Well there are several ways we observe or note this “Passiontide” period:

- **Cover Up.** Within the body of the Church there is the practice of veiling images. Veiling of Images traditionally, though by no means universally, takes place before the first Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent (which is start of Passiontide). Those images by tradition remain veiled, usually with a purple cloth, until Holy Saturday. The veiling of these images may serve focus us more the salvific works of Christ in our redemption. In another sense, it is oft asserted that the

statues of saints are veiled to connote Christ’s sense of being abandoned by his followers.

- **Passionate Readings.** During Passiontide, the readings in the Mass place special focus on Christ’s final days and weeks... the tide (time) of his Passion. Perhaps during these final weeks of Lent, we can look ahead in the Missal and take time to reflect on the words of Scripture to be read at Mass. If you would like to look at the readings, especially the Gospel readings, during this period of time, I commend you to go to the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Go to the web address <http://www.usccb.org> and you can see a calendar on that page, which can direct you to the daily and Sunday readings in their fullness.
- **14 Step Program.** If you have yet to attend the Stations of the Cross this year, by all means come and pray that devotion during this Passiontide. The Station of the Cross are devotedly prayed and observed each Friday night in Lent, and on Good Friday, at 7pm, at both Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception parishes. At this devotion observance, the faithful make their way through the 14 Stations of the Cross which allow us to journey with Christ through his Passion. Take that time to draw yourself into a time of prayerful reflection on the Passion of our Lord.

Let me, on a final note on Passiontide, commend to you an old hymn in our Catholic faith entitled, *Fulget Crucis mysterium*, (“the mystery of the Cross shines out”). The penultimate verse of that hymn is best reflected upon with eyes focused on the Cross of our Savior. That verse’s words shine forth the hope we are called share in faith amidst this period of Passiontide:

*O Cross, all hail! Sole hope, abide
With us now in this Passiontide:
New grace in loving hearts implant
And pardon to the guilty grant!*

Blessed Passiontide!
Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Mar. 13 8:30am: Ann & Neal Thomas
11:00am: Jack Carrow
 Misa en Español **7:00pm:** For the People
Thu., Mar. 17 7:00pm: **Penance Service**
Sun., Mar. 20 8:30am: Edward & Deloris McGowan
11:00am: Vittorio Cristiano
 Misa en Español **7:00pm:** For the People

*Our Mass book for 2016 year is open.
Please stop by office or call to have Masses scheduled.*

TAX letters are in the office ready for you to pick up. Please stop in to get yours today. Thank you.

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$2621.43
Supplementary Offertory: \$790.50

Second Collection Today: Supplementary Offertory

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



Knights of Columbus: Meet every 2nd & 4th Tues., in the hall at 6:30pm. For more information contact Grand Knight, Clyde Hinebaugh 410-482-8699 or

clydehinebaugh@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Mar 13 Julia Moore & Paul McQuaide
Mar 20 Marianne Lemon & Diane Nagyiski
Mar 27 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Church Cleaning Crew

March 19, 2016 Grupo #18
Marinda Escalante, Elías González, Roxana Cabrera
Servando Pérez, Edgar Velásquez, Rubelina Ortiz
March 26, 2016 Grupo #19
Olegario Cuin, Enma Rojas, **Egidio Macario**,
Brendi Macario, Idalinda Pérez, Bersy Pérez

April 2, 2016 Grupo #20
Santos Juárez, Arturo Ramírez, Eva Bravo,
Herminda Bravo, Paulina Morales, Silvia Ramírez

Altar Servers

Mar. 20
8:30am Mass – Evan Nagyiski
11:00am Mass –Carmine Poppiti & Joanna Santizo
Spanish Misa 7:00pm – Armando Macario, Haylin
Bartolon

Lectors

Mar. 20
8:30am Mass – Theresa Woodeshick
11:00am Mass – Sherry Tucker/ Alicia Poppiti
Spanish Misa 7:00pm – Fausto Ortiz, Lucila Salinas

Eucharistic Ministers

Mar. 20
8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Chris & Joyce Ford
11:00am Mass –Judy Carrow, Frank & Joyce Cristiano
7:00pm Misa – Carlos Miguel, Flora Perez, Natalina
Capistran

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR MASSES
DURING HOLY WEEK, PLEASE CALL OFFICE TO
FILL IN.**



FIFTH WEEK OF LENT HUNGERING TO LEARN This week's CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we were reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God's creation. As we prepare our meals throughout the week, let us reflect on where our food comes from—and what role we can play in caring for our environment. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

WEB SITE: Don't forget to check out our new Web Site today!! See our tweets and scripture of the day!!!
www.iccmaryladel.org

SCHEDULED EVENTS

SRE TODAY: Sun, Mar 13, 9:40am, classrooms
Confirmation Prep: Sun, Mar 13, 12:30-3pm, hall
Pilgrimage Cross Arrives: Sun, Mar. 13
RICA: Sun Mar 13, 1:30pm
JOVENES: Sun, Mar 13, 3:30pm, church basement
ESL: Mon. Mar 14 & Wed Mar 16, 7pm, cc and Basement
First Communion Prep: Tues, Mar 15, 6:30-7:30pm, hall
John XXIII: Tues, Mar 15, 7pm, computer center



Parish Penance Service: Thurs, Mar 17, 7pm, Church
Stations of the Cross: Fri., Mar 18, 7pm in Church
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: Sat, Mar 19, 10am Wil, DE
Boda/Wedding: Sat, Mar 19, Church

*please
join us*

Lenten Penance Services

Immaculate Conception: Thurs, March 17th
at 7pm. Holy Cross: Monday, March 14th at
7pm



Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Adultery is a tragic offense against one's marriage vow. Yet, Jesus says, "Has no one condemned you?...Neither do I condemn you." (Jn.8:11) It doesn't make an awful act right, but Jesus' response is mercy. Is there anything big or small that needs mercy in your marriage?

Parenting Pointer –

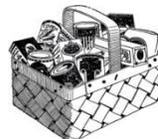
Everybody needs a little fun in their lives. Sports equipment and games can help us do this. Is there some amusement that your family no longer uses? Let your children help you pick out things to pass on to kids who don't have a basketball, skates, a puzzle, etc.



Do we 'throw stones' at people in our lives?

In this week's Gospel, Jesus encounters an accused woman whom others want to stone to death. But Jesus treats her with compassion and kindness challenging those who have not sinned to throw the first stone. Bring It Home this week by challenging your family to not "throw stones" at others but to be compassionate, tender, and non-judgmental toward all those they come in contact with this week.

The St Vincent DePaul Committee is currently planning for the distribution of food baskets for Easter. If you, or someone you know, are in need for Easter, please contact our group now so we can plan. **(302) 670-6702. Thank you!**



FROM THE DRE'S DESK
School of Religious Education

SRE TODAY, 9:40-10:50, classrooms
CONFIRMATION PREP: TODAY at 12:30 in hall.

PILGRIMAGE CROSS



The Diocesan Pilgrimage Cross will be in our parish this week, leading up to the Diocese Youth Pilgrimage. The cross will arrive here on Sunday, March 13th and will travel with us to the pilgrimage in Wilmington. This cross, a replica of the

World Youth Day Cross given to young people by Pope John Paul II in 1984, is traveling throughout the Diocese of Wilmington as a reminder to all, especially young people, of our dependence on the cross for our salvation. It is used during the annual CYM Pilgrimage on each Palm Saturday.

Our Youth have Answered Bishop Malooly's Invitation to put Mercy in Motion: They will walk with Bishop Malooly, for the seventh annual Pilgrimage next Saturday, March 19. 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 Noelle Garcia at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Please keep our Diocese in prayer as they wrap up their Lenten journey with hundreds of their peers. For more information, visit www.cdowcym.org.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Theme: Jesus' love and forgiveness offer true freedom.

Question for Children: How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God's forgiveness?

Question for Youth: Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness?

Question for Adults: Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

Columna del párroco padre James Lentini
13 de marzo, 2016

Estimados Feligreses,

Hay varias palabras en nuestro idioma que a menudo se confunden con otras palabras. Recuerdo estando en una cena el año pasado, donde el maestro de ceremonias elogió el orador principal por sus palabras "elegantes", cuando en realidad quería decir por sus palabras "elocuentes". Del mismo modo, confundimos a menudo palabras como "afecta" y "efecto" – recuerdo lo que mi maestro de Quinto Hno. Bernard

Message from the Diocese Vocations Office

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord says, "See, I am doing something new! Do you not perceive it?" What is the Lord doing with *you*? Where is He leading you? What have you done to try to find out? What a pity it would be to spend your whole life working on goals that weren't related to God's plans for you! Want to explore that further? Call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

Are you being called to the Priesthood?



You're invited to socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests, and men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest.

March 16, CAS will meet at St. John the Beloved Church on Milltown Road in Wilmington at 6:30 p.m. Contact Fr. Chris Coffey at 302-239-7100 x 24.



The Cathedral of St. Peter, 6th and West Streets in Wilmington, will mark its 200th Anniversary at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 10. Bishop Malooly will be the celebrant. All our invited to join in celebrating this milestone in the life of our Diocese and its Mother Church.

Pregunta de la semana

5º domingo de Cuaresma

Tema: El amor y el perdón de Jesús ofrecen una verdadera libertad.

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Cómo nos ayuda el sacramento de la Reconciliación a sentir el perdón de Dios?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿A quién de tu familia y tus amigos necesitas perdonar para que puedas enmendar una relación rota y experimentar la renovación?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Contra quién tienen prejuicios? ¿Quién creen que es un mayor pecador en comparación con ustedes?

María nos enseñó a distinguir la diferencia entre esas dos palabras de esta manera: *efecto* es el fin por lo que se hace algo (por ejemplo, los altos precios en los tomates son el **efecto** de la sequía), (por ejemplo, Súper Bol **afectó** la asistencia a misa del domingo en la noche); la mala ubicación de un tienda **afecta** la probabilidad de que la gente compre allí). Algo que produce una impresión generalmente negativa.

Un Tiempo Para Recordar. Hay dos palabras que son ligeramente diferentes, pero en realidad significan lo mismo. Por ejemplo, la palabra "tiempo" y "marea." Todos hemos oído

la expresión de que "El tiempo y la marea ni se paran ni se esperan." Se podría pensar que esas dos palabras en esa frase hablan de la cronología futura (tiempo) y el movimiento de las aguas oceánicas (mareas). Pero, en realidad sola una parte de esto es correcto. Cuando decimos "el tiempo y la marea no esperan a nadie," el tiempo no, como se ha señalado, se refiere al paso del tiempo; Sin embargo la marea no se refiere a las mareas oceánicas, sino que más bien se refiere a las estaciones del año. Por lo tanto el tiempo "navideño" se refiere a "el acontecimiento de la Navidad", y todo el tiempo a su alrededor. Por lo tanto, cuando se dice que "El tiempo y la marea ni se paran ni esperan a nadie", lo que significa es independientemente de nosotros o nuestros deseos el que tiempo y las estaciones pasan.

Bueno, otra marea está a nuestras puertas este fin de semana: Es el comienzo del tiempo de Pascua.

La Marea está Alta y muy Cerca. Sobre el tema de las "mareas", esta semana en la Iglesia Católica, comenzamos el período de lo que antes se llamaba "Passiontide." Passiontide es parte del tiempo de Cuaresma que comienza en el quinto domingo de Cuaresma, y nos lleva al Domingo de Ramos y continúa hasta el lunes, martes y miércoles de la Semana Santa. Es un tiempo (o una marea) cuando se nos llama a reflexionar sobre la Pasión de Cristo. Desde 1970, una ola de cambio ha llegado al período de "Passiontide"

- Passiontide todavía comienza en el quinto domingo de Cuaresma, en tiempos atrás no se llamaba el Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma, que era conocido como "Domingo de la Pasión Ramos" (o "El primer domingo de Passiontide").
- Domingo de Ramos, que siempre es el sexto domingo del tiempo de Cuaresma, que antes se celebra como el "Segundo Domingo de Passiontide" (o "Segundo Domingo de la Pasión").
- En estos días, Domingo de Ramos (Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma) y el Domingo de Ramos (en el Sexto Domingo de Cuaresma) ahora están unidos y se observaron juntos, en lo que se llama "Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor." (Que es el próximo domingo).

La Observancia Pasionada. Bueno, ¿cómo puede uno observar este período de Passiontide? Pues bien, el Papa San Juan Pablo II, dijo en 1995: "Con Passiontide casi encima, vamos a continuar con la mirada puesta en El que puso libremente su vida para que pudiera tomarla de nuevo." En otras palabras, vamos a centrarnos en Cristo, junto con los acontecimientos de su vida relacionada con su Pasión Sagrada, que se nos manifiesta en la Escritura y en la tradición.

¿Cómo nos centramos en esto durante este tiempo del año de la Iglesia? Bueno, hay varias maneras en que observamos este periodo "Passiontide":

• **Poner el Velo.** Dentro del cuerpo de la Iglesia es la práctica de cubrir o poner el velo a las imágenes. El velo de las imágenes tradicionalmente, aunque de ninguna manera universalmente, se hace antes de la primera Misa del Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma (que es inicio de Passiontide). Esas imágenes por tradición permanecen cubiertas, por lo general con un paño de color

morado o púrpura, hasta el Sábado Santo. El velo de estas imágenes nos puede servir para enfocarnos más en las obras salvíficas de Cristo en nuestra redención. En otro sentido, a menudo se afirma que las estatuas de santos son cubiertas para connotar la sensación de ser abandonado por sus seguidores de Cristo.

• **Las Lecturas Pasionadas.** Durante Passiontide, las lecturas de la misa se concentran especialmente en los días y semanas finales de Cristo... la marea (tiempo) de su Pasión. Tal vez durante estas últimas semanas de Cuaresma, podemos mirar hacia adelante en el Misal y tomarnos un tiempo para reflexionar sobre las palabras de la Escritura para ser leído en la Santa Misa. Si desea mirar las lecturas, especialmente las lecturas del Evangelio, durante este período de tiempo, recomiendo que se vaya a la página web de la Conferencia Estadounidense de Obispos católicos. Ir a la dirección web <http://www.usccb.org> .

Seleccione Español y se puede ver un calendario en esa página, puedes ir a las lecturas diarias y dominicales en su plenitud.

• **Programa de 14 Pasos.** Si todavía no has asistido a las Estaciones de la Cruz este año, por todos los medios vengan a orar esta devoción durante este tiempo de Passiontide. Las Estación de la Cruz se hacen cada viernes por la noche en la Cuaresma y el Viernes Santo, a la 1pm en el campo y a las 7 pm, y la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción en la parroquia de Santa Cruz la dramatización en vivo a las 9 de la noche. En esta devoción, los fieles acompañan a Cristo su camino a través de las 14 estaciones de la Cruz y nos permitan caminar con Cristo a través de su Pasión. Tome ese tiempo para reflexionar y vivir la Pasión de nuestro Señor.

Permítanme, en una nota final sobre Passiontide, recomiendo a un viejo himno en nuestra fe católica titulada, Fulget crucis mysterium, ("el misterio de la Cruz brilla "). El penúltimo verso del himno que mejor refleja los ojos enfocados en la Cruz de nuestro Salvador. Las palabras de este verso brillan con la esperanza que estamos llamados a compartir en la fe en medio de este Tiempo de Passiontide:

*¡Salve, oh cruz, única esperanza nuestra!
En este tiempo de Pasión
Aumenta en los corazones de los justos
La gracia y perdona los crímenes de los reos.*

Sean bendecidos por el Poder de la Cruz !

Suyo en Cristo ,
Padre. James Lentini
Párroco