

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 27, 2016 – Easter Sunday

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,

If you have ever had the flu or some similar sickness, you know how bad that feels. But, on that first day when you know what you had has passed, and you are back to health and feeling good again, you get a small taste of resurrection. The Season of Easter, which begins today on Easter Sunday, gives us a full taste and a full understanding of what a true, actual Resurrection – the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – means for us! This is Easter! This is the Holy Day and the Holy Season around which the Church year is built.

Easter: The Son Also Rises. Easter is the primary holy day and holy season of the year. Many folks look at Christmas as the primary feast of the Church year as it represents God becoming incarnate (coming in the flesh). Thinking that Christmas is the main feast of the Church year is understandable: you'd have to imagine that it would be a huge leap to believe that God would become man and come into our world, and conversely a lesser leap for God to rise from the

dead and decide to get the heck out of here, but that is not the case. Easter, in fact and indeed, is the day around which the entire Church world revolves.

East(er) of Eden. Easter's significance beckons us to the very beginning of our human story: back to Adam and Eve. They committed that original, prideful sin of disobedience. They ate the fruit of the one tree from which they were forbidden by God to eat; that original sin, put a gaping wound in the relationship between God and man. Thus, mankind lost paradise and its perfect relationship with God. Over time God tried to set things right by way of covenants, by the sacrificial system, etc. But all of those instituted agreements relied on fallible man also abiding by the agreements; mankind did not. The human side of the covenants always wound up unfulfilled. In the fullness of time, God sent his only Son into the world as its Messiah – a messiah both to the Jewish people and to the world. This Messiah, Jesus Christ, ultimately instituted a new and everlasting covenant in his blood. Christ was the incarnation of God in the world and He showed us how to live

and exist as God would want. He was faithful to his mission of salvation – even to the point of death.

Amidst this scenario, Christ made a Covenant in which he represented both the human and the Divine side of it. This Covenant would be sealed in his blood, thus his sacrifice was the perfect one in which he was the offerer (priest) and the offering (victim). His sacrifice was so perfect that all of man's past deeds and deeds yet-to-come could be forgiven, and his place in creation could be restored.

The Tijuana Brass and Resurrection. To jump forward in time for a minute: In 1980, band leader Herb Alpert (of Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass), who had been a superstar in the 1960s, but faded in the 1970s, came back to life on the music charts in the 1980s with the appropriately titled "Rise." This instrumental hit, "Rise," served to resurrect his career, and brought the same guy back to the music scene, but with his new rhythmic Latino-come-disco sound, he was also different than before. Bearing in mind this reference from my pop music Pez Dispenser, I want to correlate this "Rise" moment to the Resurrection moment. So, what was a sign that the new and everlasting covenant came into force with its desired effect? Simply put, it was Christ's Resurrection, his rising. Yes, Jesus Christ was risen from the dead, but this was not merely some resuscitation event. No! It was much more. After Christ's Resurrection, Jesus was the same person as he was before his Passion, but his body had now been glorified. He is the same Christ, but now back with us, and for us, in a different glorified manner.

Easter Presence. And praise God, the resurrected Christ continues to be present to his people even today, and until the end of time, in the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist. He is raised and present to us in that Sacrament just as he was to his disciples back in the first century. In the wake of His Resurrection, Christ showed himself to many of his followers, after which he would ascend to Heaven and sent forth his Spirit into the Church so that it might continue to preach His message of hope and redemption to the world.

And so it goes, that on Easter and in the Easter Season, we remind ourselves and the world that Christ has opened the gates of heaven to mankind once again and restored the ability of mankind to again have the hope of final rest in heaven. God's promise that he would abide with his people was lived out in Christ's death and Resurrection – and on that first Easter morning mankind became a new creation, a redeemed people. And that is reason to celebrate.

Octave of Easter: Eight Days a Week. In 1964, The Beatles made chart history when they held five of the top five slots on the American music charts. On one of those hits they sang: "I ain't got nothin' but love, babe, eight days a week." Eight days a week, some literalist might shrug, isn't possible. But with God, and with the Church Calendar, all things are possible! And so in our Church, during times we call "octaves," we praise God in manner that is likened to "Eight Days a Week." To wit, it is praiseworthy to note that Easter is not just celebrated in its fullness on Easter Sunday, but rather for a period of eight days beginning on Easter. This period of eight days is known as an "octave" (from the Latin "octo", meaning "eight" – hence an octagon has eight sides and an octopus has eight tentacles). The Church teaches that Easter is to be celebrated, as a solemnity, from Easter Sunday through the Second Sunday of Easter (aka Divine Mercy Sunday or from an earlier tradition, "Low Sunday"). This eight-day period is known as the Octave of Easter, and each day of that eight-day period is to be celebrated like Easter!

And so, on behalf of the Priests, Deacons and Staff of Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception Parishes, I wish you and your family a joyful and happy Easter: Easter Sunday, Easter Octave and Easter Season!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

PS: If you are not a regular here at our parishes, and you normally just make the Christmas and Easter visit, please make a point of coming to join us in worshipping our Lord every Sunday of the year. We would love to have you!

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Mar. 27 8:30am: For the People
10:00am: For the People
Misa en Español **12:00pm:** For the People
Thu., Mar. 31 7:00pm: For the People
Sun., Apr. 3 8:30am: Hampton & Messner Family
11:00am: Lillian Weaver
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: \$2746.09
Supplementary Offertory: \$ 685.00

Second Collection Today: Supplemental 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 27 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Apr 3 Margie Short & Laura Voshell

Apr 10 Judy Carrow & Ann Lawson

Church Cleaning Crew

April 2, 2016 Grupo #20

Santos Juárez, Arturo Ramírez, Eva Bravo, Herminda Bravo, Paulina Morales, Silvia Ramírez

April 7, 2016 Grupo #1 Rectoría-Oficina

Ovidio Roblero, **Natalina Capistran**, Fausto Ortiz, Everilda Pérez, Amanda Salas, Ashley Salas

April 16, 2016 Grupo #2

Rafael Morales, **Marcos González**, Osvaldo Miranda Eleazar Santizo, Reyna Morales

April 23, 2016 Grupo #3

Reynaldo Pérez, Maribel Ortiz, Juventino López, **Isenia Escalante**, Clemente Escalante

Altar Servers

April 3

8:30am Mass – Evan Nagyiski

10:00am Mass –Carmine Poppiti & Joanne Santizo

Spanish Misa 7pm – Yareli & Jose Ortiz & Pavel Rivera

Lectors

April 3

8:30am Mass – Paul McQuaide

10:00am Mass –Donna King

Spanish Misa 7pm – Javier Carreto, Román Cuin

Eucharistic Ministers

April 3

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Alan & Diane Smith

10:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Nancy Mooney & Jim Ward

Spanish Misa 7pm – Simón De Jesús Quevedo, Adrián Miranda, Guadalupe Morales



The St Vincent DePaul Committee prepares and distributes

Blessing Bags that meet the basic needs of people experiencing homelessness.

Everyone here in the ICC Community is invited to join in this outreach.



All it takes is keeping a Blessing Bag in your car in case you find someone in need while about your regular day. It takes very little to change the life of just one person. See Marilyn Dixon or Alan Smith to participate.

Thank you!

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Office Closed – Easter Monday.

Will reopen Tues, Mar 29, 9:30am

ESL: Mon. Mar 28 & Wed Mar 30, 7pm, cc and Basement

Formación de Lectores: Wed. Mar. 30, 7pm

Ensayo de Quinceañera: Thur. Mar. 31, 5pm Church

Quinceañera: Sat. April 2, 3pm, Church



Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Lent is over and now we are in the time of Easter - the time in Emmaus when the disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Be mindful tonight as you break bread (or rice, noodles, or potatoes) with your beloved that Jesus dwells in him or her. Pause.

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.



The sound of Alleluias fills the 50 days of Easter Sunday to Pentecost as we give thanks for the gift of our salvation. The Easter Triduum recalls the passion and resurrection of Christ in the sacred journey from Holy Thursday to Easter Vigil. "Dying he destroyed our death. Rising he restored our life."



HUNGERING FOR CELEBRATION

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Colombia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar and all over the world! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the collection boxes by the doors of the church next Sunday.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK
School of Religious Education

NO SRE Classes Today, Easter Sunday



Message from the Diocese Vocations Office

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

When Mary Magdalene returned from the empty tomb, she told Peter and John "they have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." In today's world, many people don't know where to look for the Lord. Priests, deacons, sisters and brothers spend their lives helping people to find Him. Can you see yourself serving in that great mission? 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.

On April 13, CAS will be held at Ss. Peter & Paul in Easton at 6:30 p.m..

For information, contact Fr. Glenn Evers at 410-882-3244.

On April 21, 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

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

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Easter Sunday

Theme: We are a resurrection people!

Question for Children: What is good and new in your life?

Question for Youth: Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?

Question for Adults: In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?

Pregunta de la semana

Domingo de Resurrección

Tema: ¡Somos un pueblo de resurrección!

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Qué es bueno y nuevo en sus vidas?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: La Resurrección nos recuerda que lo que parece malo puede conducir a algo bueno. ¿Qué ha resucitado o se ha transformado de malo en bueno en tu vida durante el último año?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿En qué manera han "resucitado de la "muerte" de sus vidas?

Join the Catholic Advocacy Network today

"Politics is one of the highest forms of charity because it seeks the common good." ~ Pope Francis

There are many issues facing us on a national and state wide level. Social concerns such as health care and immigration, life issues such as abortion and euthanasia, assistance for Catholic school families, poverty and so much more. The actions of our government have an enormous impact on the lives of you and your family.

Columna del párroco padre James Lentini
27 de marzo, 2016

Estimados Feligreses,

Si alguna vez has tenido gripe o alguna enfermedad similar, sabes lo mal que se siente. Pero, en ese primer día cuando te sientas mejor y sabes lo que habías pasado, y que está de vuelta la salud y de nuevo te sientes mejor, se obtiene como una pequeña muestra de la resurrección. El Tiempo de Pascua, que comienza

hoy el Domingo de Pascua de Resurrección, nos da un sabor y una comprensión plena de lo que es una verdadera y real Resurrección - la Resurrección de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo - y lo significa para nosotros! Esta es la Pascua! Este es el Día Santo y el Tiempo Santo en torno al cual se construyó el año de la Iglesia.

Pascua de Resurrección: El Hijo

también Sube. La Pascua de Resurrección es el día santo y es el Tiempo Santo primordial del año. Muchas personas ven la Navidad como la fiesta

principal del año de la Iglesia, ya que representa a Dios encarnarse (que viene en la carne). Se comprende por qué piensan algunos que la Navidad es la fiesta principal del año de la Iglesia: Tienes que imaginar que es más grande creer que Dios se convertiría en hombre y entrar en nuestro mundo, o que Dios se levantó de entre los muertos y decidió salir de aquí, pero eso no es el caso. Pascua, de hecho es el día más grande y, por lo tanto, los días en torno al cual gira.

Pascua al Este del Edén. La importancia de la Pascua nos hace un llamado desde el principio de nuestra historia humana: vamos de nuevo a Adán y Eva. Cometieron ese pecado original, orgulloso pecado de la desobediencia. Comieron el fruto del único árbol que Dios les prohibió comer; ese pecado original, puso una herida profunda en la relación entre Dios y el hombre. Por lo tanto, la humanidad perdió el paraíso y su relación perfecta con Dios. Con el tiempo, Dios trató de arreglar las cosas a través de convenios, por el sistema de sacrificios, etc. Pero todos esos acuerdos instituidos dependían del hombre falible también cumpliendo con los acuerdos; la humanidad no lo hizo, rompieron el acuerdo. El lado humano de los convenios siempre terminó en no cumplirse. En la plenitud del tiempo, Dios envió al mundo a su Unigénito Hijo como su Mesías - un Mesías tanto al pueblo judío y al resto del mundo. Este Mesías, Jesucristo, en última instancia, instituyó una nueva y eterna alianza en su sangre. Cristo era la encarnación de Dios en el mundo y nos mostró cómo vivir y existir como Dios quiere. Él fue fiel a su misión de salvación - incluso hasta el punto de la muerte.

En medio de este escenario, Cristo hizo un pacto en el que representaba ambos el lado humano y el lado divino. Este pacto sería sellado en su sangre, por lo que su sacrificio fue la más completa en la que se ofreció (el sacerdote) y la ofrenda (la víctima). Su sacrificio fue tan perfecto que todas las acciones del pasado del hombre los aún-por-venir podría ser perdonados, y su lugar en la creación podría ser restaurada.

Tijuana Brass y Resurrección. Para entrar en el baúl del en el tiempo por un minuto: En 1980, el líder de la banda Herb Alpert (de Herb Alpert y Tijuana Brass), que había sido una estrella en la década de 1960, pero se desvaneció en la década de 1970, volvió a la vida en las listas de música en la década de 1980 con la "subida". Apropiadamente titulado Este golpe instrumental, "Rise", Levántate que sirvieron para resucitar su carrera, y trajeron el mismo tipo de regreso a la escena musical, pero con su nuevo sonido rítmico latino-mariachi-disco, era también diferente que antes. Teniendo en cuenta esta referencia de mi música pop Pez dispensador, quiero hacer una relación de este momento "Rise" (levántate) hasta el momento en la Resurrección. Por lo tanto, lo que era una señal de que el nuevo y eterno convenio entró en vigor con su efecto deseado? En pocas palabras, era la Resurrección de Cristo, su Resurrección. Sí, Jesucristo ha resucitado de entre los muertos, pero esto no fue simplemente un acontecimiento de reanimación. ¡No! Era mucho más. Después de la Resurrección de Cristo, Jesús era la misma persona que era antes de su pasión, pero su cuerpo ya había sido glorificado. Él es el mismo Cristo, pero ahora de nuevo con nosotros y por nosotros, de

una manera diferente glorificado.

Presencia Pascual. Y alabado sea Dios, el Cristo resucitado sigue estando presente a su pueblo aún hoy, y hasta el final de los tiempos, en el Santísimo Sacramento, la Santa Eucaristía. Él se eleva y presente para nosotros en ese Sacramento al igual que cuando estaba con sus discípulos por allá en el primer siglo. A raíz de su resurrección, Cristo se manifestó a muchos de sus seguidores, después Él iba a ascender al cielo y envió a su Espíritu a la Iglesia para que pudiera continuar predicando su mensaje de esperanza y redención al mundo.

Y así sucesivamente, que en Pascua y en el tiempo de Pascual, recordamos a nosotros mismos y al mundo que Cristo ha abierto las puertas del cielo a la humanidad una vez más y restaurado la capacidad de la humanidad para tener de nuevo la esperanza de un descanso final en el cielo. La promesa de Dios que iba a cumplir con su pueblo se vivió en la muerte y resurrección de Cristo - y en esa primera mañana de Pascua la humanidad se convirtió en una nueva creación, un pueblo redimido. Y eso es un motivo de celebración.

Octava de Pascua: Ocho días a la semana. En 1964, Los Beatles hicieron historia cuando mantuvieron los cinco de los cinco primeros puestos en las listas de éxitos musicales de los Estados Unidos. En uno de esos éxitos cantaban: ". No tengo nada más que amor, baby, ocho días a la semana" Ocho días a la semana, algunos podrían encogerse los hombros, y decir no es posible. Pero con Dios, y con el Calendario de la Iglesia, todo es posible! Y así, en nuestra Iglesia, en los tiempos que llamamos "octavas", alabamos a Dios de una manera que se asemeja a "Ocho días a la semana." A saber, es meritorio señalar que la Pascua no se acaba de celebrar en su plenitud el Domingo de Pascua, sino hay más días a partir de la Pascua. Este período de ocho días se conoce como una "octava" (del latín "octo" que significa "ocho" - por lo tanto, un octágono tiene ocho lados y un pulpo tiene ocho tentáculos). La Iglesia enseña que la Pascua se debe celebrar, como una solemnidad, desde el domingo de Pascua hasta el segundo domingo de Pascua (también conocido como domingo de la Divina Misericordia o de una tradición anterior, "Domingo menor"). Este período de ocho días se conoce como la octava de Pascua, y cada día de ese período de ocho días debe ser celebrada como Domingo de Pascua!

Y así, en nombre de los sacerdotes, diáconos y personal que laboran en las parroquias de la Santa Cruz y de La Inmaculada Concepción, Les deseamos a usted y a su familia una Pascua de Resurrección alegre y feliz!

Suyo en Cristo ,
Padre James Lentini
Párroco