

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 6, 2016 – Fourth 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,

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 commonly called *Laetare Sunday*. We have now passed the half-way point of Lent that, while it leads to ignominy of Good Friday, it more significantly points us to the glory of Easter. The term "Laetere" used to describe this Sunday, means "rejoice."

Where does this Latin word come from and why is it used for this Sunday? These are two very interesting questions and here are two answers:

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 states: "*Laetare Jerusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam: gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis: ut exsultetis, et satiemini ab uberibus consolationis vestrae.*" In our Mass, in English, this translates to: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

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 monicker was born of dual traditions: During the 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*,” that is so frequently in the news today due to the Islamic terrorist group, ISIL – the Islamic State in the Levant. The Levant refers to the area in and around Israel; it means the place of the rising (of Christ); thus Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, western Iraq and northeastern Egypt would be included in that area that surround the place of the Resurrection.

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 us 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:

Sun., Mar 6 8:30am: Thompson & Harter Families
11:00am: Dorothy Sumesiski
Misa en Español **7:00pm:** For the People
Thu., Mar. 10 7:00pm: For the People
Sun., Mar. 13 8:30am: Ann & Neal Thomas
11:00am: Jack Carrow
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.

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

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$2792.00
Black and Indian and Home Missions: \$1225.00

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

**JOIN us for Breakfast this morning
9am in the Hall**

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Mar. 6 - Tom & Mary McGowan

Mar. 13 - Julia Moore & Paul McQuaide

Mar. 20 - Marianne Lemon & Diane Nagyiski

Church Cleaning Crew

March 12, 2016, 2015 Grupo #17

Marcos Domingo, Juan Díaz Reynoso, Marlene García, Leonel Juárez, **Angela Córdova**, Bernardo De Paz

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

Altar Servers

Mar. 13

8:30am Mass – Hannah Nagyiski

11:00am Mass –Meg & Vince Haass & Sherlin Santizo

Spanish Misa 7:00pm – Yorly & Emily Escalante & Jennifer Morales

Lectors

Mar. 13

8:30am Mass – Bill Thompson

11:00am Mass – Laura Schlaupitz

Spanish Misa 7:00pm – Erminio Ramírez, Antonio Pérez

Eucharistic Ministers

Mar. 13

8:30am Mass – Deacon & Charlotte Tormey, Mark Plucenik

11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Gerri Garvin, Joan Stewart

Spanish Misa 7:00pm – Epifanio Morales, Simón de Jesús Quevedo, Anselmo Escalante



Answer Bishop Malooly's Invitation to put Mercy in Motion:

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

on Saturday, March 19, 2016. 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. Registration opens at 10 am at St. Elizabeth parish and the day begins with opening prayer and a concert featuring Noelle Garcia at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. All pilgrims are asked to bring a baby item (baby wipes, desitin, bottles, diapers, formula, clothing) to support the Catholic Charities' Bayard House which serves homeless and pregnant teens and their families. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Alicia Poppiti. For more information, visit www.cdowcym.org. **Registration deadline is TODAY**

SCHEDULED EVENTS

K of C Breakfast TODAY – 9am in Hall

SRE TODAY: Sun, Mar 6, 9:40am, classrooms

RICA: Sun Mar 6, 1:30pm

JOVENES: Sun, Mar 6, 3:30pm, church basement

St Vincent dePaul: Mon, Mar 7, 6pm in Office

Fr Lentini-Lent Formation: Mon, Mar 7, 7pm in Hall

Estudios Biblicos: Tues, Mar 1, 7pm

ESL: Mon. Mar 7 & Wed Mar 9, 7pm, cc and Basement

John XXIII: Tues, Mar 8, 7pm

Stations of the Cross: Fri., Mar 11, 7pm in Church



*please
join us*

Fr James Lentini requests your presence
**TOMORROW Mon, March 7th at
7pm in the Parish Hall for a Lenten
Adult Catechesis/Formation Presentation.
"The Final Week of the Life of Christ"**

No children please.



Lenten Penance Services

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

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

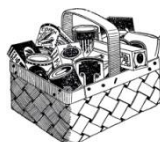
"Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Ephesians 5:21) The mutual love, respect, and servanthood that this scripture refers to goes both ways. Look for a way to yield to your spouse today. Not all days, just today.

Parenting Pointer –

During Lent remember to keep your sense of humor. Consider the minister who prayed, "Dear Lord, without you, we are but dust." He would have continued but at that moment a child piped up, "Mom, what is butt dust?" Share a joke with your family today.

Who do you need to welcome back?

The Gospel from Luke this week is the story of the Prodigal Son. The father celebrates and rejoices on the return of his lost son. Is someone you know lost, struggling, or marginalized? Bring It Home by rejoicing with that person. Can your family provide a meal, pray with him, invite him to Mass with you, or simply visit and listen?



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

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?

Pregunta de la semana

4º 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?



**Join the Maryland
March for Life Monday
March 7th in Annapolis.
Schedule,**

**transportation, & other information is
available their website:**

www.marylandmarchforlife.org/schedule.html

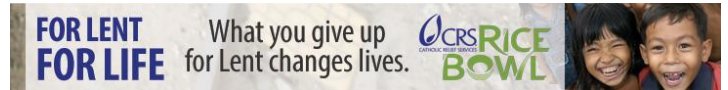
Message from the Diocese Vocations Office

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"We are ambassadors for Christ," St. Paul tells the Corinthians in today's second reading, "as if God were appealing through us." In every generation, God calls some men to serve in a formal way as His ambassadors, preaching the good news, celebrating the Sacraments, leading His holy people as they strive to grow closer to their Lord. If you are a man between the ages of 18 and 49 and believe that God might be calling you to serve as a priest, 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!**

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT HUNGERING TO LEARN

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



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 9, CAS will be held at Ss. Peter & Paul in Easton at 6:30 p.m.. For info, contact Fr. Glenn Evers at 410-882-3244.

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.

**Columna del párroco padre James Lentini
6 de marzo, 2016**

Domingo de Laetare

De vez en cuando la Iglesia tiene un domingo especial en su calendario. El más famoso es, por supuesto, Domingo de Pascua, pero también hay Domingo de la Divina Misericordia (el domingo después de Pascua), Domingo de Gaudete (dos domingos antes de la Navidad), Domingo de la Santísima Trinidad, domingo de Pentecostés, y varios otros. ¿Cuál es mi domingo favorito? Bueno, hay muchos, pero yo tendría que decir que el Sunday de Friendly's con helado (nieve/mantecado) con la base de galletas y es el primero en mi lista el Friendly's Sunday con pedacitos de chocolate Reese está en un muy cercano segundo lugar.

Ahora, volvamos a los domingos que no-engordan: Este domingo nuestra parroquia y la Iglesia Universal observa el Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo de Cuaresma comúnmente llamado Domingo Laetare. Hemos pasado el punto medio de la Cuaresma estamos a mitad de camino, que nos lleva a la ignominia del Viernes Santo, es más importante que miremos hacia la gloria de la Pascua. El término "Laetere" se usa para describir este domingo, que significa "alegrarse".

¿De dónde proviene esta palabra? viene del latín y ¿por qué se usa para este domingo? Estas son dos preguntas muy interesantes y aquí hay dos respuestas:

1. ¿De dónde sacamos esta palabra? Bueno, la palabra proviene del latín Laetare, que se usa para describir este domingo, se toma de la antifona de entrada que se dice al comienzo de la Misa de este domingo (aunque sólo se oíría en una Misa sin música). Esta antifona en latín sería: "Laetare Jerusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis EAM: gaudete cum laetitia, qui en fuistis tristitia: Exsultetis ut, et satiemini ab uberibus consolationis vestrae" En nuestra Misa, en Español, esto se traduce: " ¡Alégrense con Jerusalén y regocíjense a causa de ella, todos los que la aman! ¡Compartan su mismo gozo los que estaban de duelo por ella, para ser amamantados y saciarse en sus pechos consoladores, para gustar las delicias de sus senos gloriosos! ".

2. ¿Por qué se usa este nombre? ¿Por qué nos regocijamos en el medio de la Cuaresma? Bueno, en-tiempos-atrás, el día domingo Laetare marcaba una suspensión especial para las disciplinas de la Cuaresma; marcaba un tiempo para reconocer ese día alegre de la Resurrección para la cual la Cuaresma nos prepara. El francés llamaba este día mi-careme, que significa " mitad de la Cuaresma" - como una especie de tiempo para una pausa, un respiro, un espectáculo de medio tiempo del Súper Bol. Así, por ejemplo, hace años, cuando no era común tener bodas durante la Cuaresma, pero en el Domingo de Laetare, si se podía celebrar bodas. Del mismo modo, en-tiempos-atrás -en-ese-día, a los sirvientes se les daba el día libre para ir a visitar a sus madres y familiares. Como resultado de esta práctica, este domingo se identificó en algunos países como "Domingo para las Madres." Esta costumbre fue matizada en Inglaterra por el siglo XVI, cuando en este "Domingo para las Madres" los sirvientes (y otros) empezaron a ir con sus madres a sus " Iglesias " para la misa - por lo general a la Catedral de la diócesis (que se considera la Iglesia Madre de cualquier diócesis). Es de destacar que, en el Reino Unido e Irlanda, domingo Laetare, como resultado de esta conexión con el domingo para las Madres, actualmente en este días celebran el Día de las Madres.

Un Caballo de Otro Color. Domingo de Laetare, la Iglesia muestra su alegría mediante e La suspensión de la necesidad de que los sacerdotes y diáconos lleven vestimentas de color violeta durante la Cuaresma. En cambio, en este domingo, se les da la opción de usar vestimentas de color de rosa. Rosa es una interesante elección de color: No es el blanco de Pascua (que aún no está aquí) y tampoco es el violeta de Cuaresma (color penitencial). Más bien, es un poco de ambos -para usar una referencia Donny y Marie Osmond de los años 70, que es un poco de música regional y un poco de rock and roll. Vez, el color rosa, que es el color de la alegría en nuestra tradición, es una mezcla de géneros Blanco de la Pascua y violeta de la Cuaresma.

Arreglos Florales. Y en la categoría de "así es como nacen las tradiciones" - este domingo también se usa para llevar el nombre informal de Domingo de Rosa. Así nacieron los apodos y las tradiciones duales: Durante las primeras semanas de la Cuaresma el Papa enviaría una rosa de oro a todos los monarcas católicos de Europa, y el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma, el Obispo local bendeciría esa rosa para el monarca, y no por coincidencia que bendeciría la rosa mientras usaban vestimentas de color de rosa. Esa tradición se ha desvanecido hace mucho tiempo, y por lo que los Reyes y Reinas Católicos de Europa podrían lamentarse en el canto al Papa Francisco: "Usted ya no me trae flores"

Una Rosa por Cualquier Otro Nombre ... En toda esta reflexión sobre la observancia del domingo Laetare, y el uso de "Rosa" quiero hacer nota de algo muy interesante. Considero que es una hermosa coincidencia, que en Inglés la palabra "rose" (el color o la flor) y el verbo "rose" (en el tiempo pasado de "rise") están conectadas a este día. Utilizamos rose (el color) para recordarnos del día venidero de la Pascua gloriosa (cuando Cristo se levantó de entre los muertos). Sin embargo, esa conexión de las palabras es mera coincidencia lingüística. Vez, la palabra "rising" o "rose" en latín y la lengua romance no se parecen en nada "rose" - en latín, por ejemplo, rising es resurgam. Si bien en francés y español es lever y levante, respectivamente. Y es a partir de estas dos últimas palabras que he mencionado que obtenemos la palabra "Levante", que es tan frecuente en las noticias de hoy debido al grupo terrorista islámico, ISIL - Estado Islámico en el Levante. El Levante se refiere al área en y alrededor de Israel; esto significa el lugar del "Cristo" Resucitado; por tanto, Israel, Jordania, Líbano, Siria, Irak occidental y el noreste de Egipto se incluirían en esa zona que rodea el lugar de la Resurrección.

Y así, en este Domingo de Laetare, quitemos por un momento nuestra vista de los rigores del Tiempo de Cuaresma, y considere la salvación ganada por nosotros. Mirando hacia el horizonte, y en la distancia vemos la cruz del calvario, y justo detrás de él la luz de la alegría de la Pascua. Alégrense

Suyo en Cristo,
P. James Lentini, Párroco