



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

March 13, 2022

2nd Sunday Lent

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day,
MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,
Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFSSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am—9 pm

ICC

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

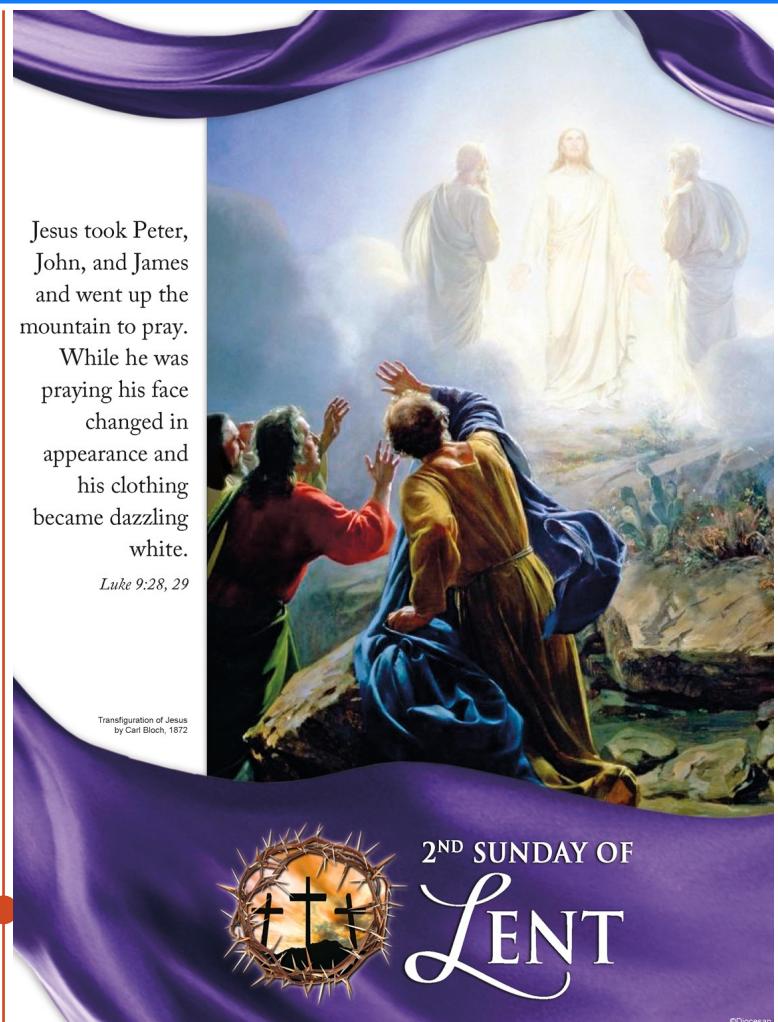
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

CONFSSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 9:30 am
Thursday, 6:30 pm



HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1

Assumption, August 15

All Saints' Day, November 1

Immaculate Conception, December 8

Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

*The seven Sacraments of the Church
were instituted by Christ to confer grace.*

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

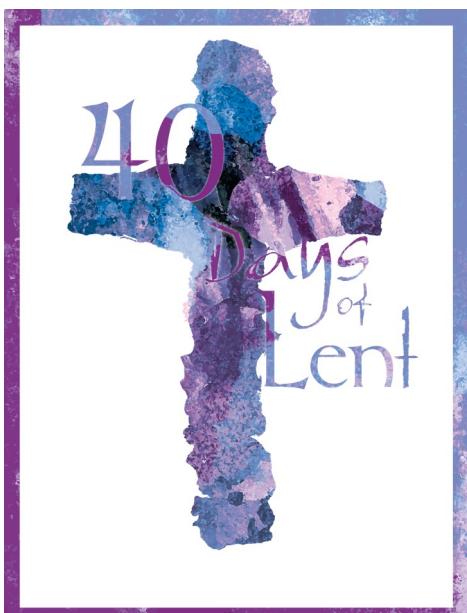
Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

LENT

The rules for fasting and abstinence for Lent are as follows:

- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.
- Every person between the age of 18 and 60 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on all other Fridays of the year, unless he or she substitutes some other form of penance for abstinence.



WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

February 27, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$32,340	\$26,000	\$6,340
YTD	\$921,571	\$910,200	\$11,371
Needs	\$1,791	\$1,480	\$311

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending February 27, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,036
2nd collection	\$413

For tax statements for ICC, please contact the ICC Parish Office.

Tax Statements

The HC Parish Office is preparing tax letters for everyone who contributed during the 2021 year. If we have your email in our records, this information will be emailed to you by the end of January. If we do not have your email or you want a hard copy sent to you, please email mdornberger@holycrossdover.org. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners,

When I was kid, I was a big fan of comic books (DC Comic, of course). And for a mere 12¢ an issue I got to read the adventures of Superman, Batman, the Flash, the Green Lantern, the Green Arrow, Hawkman, the Atom and many, many others. But distinct as they each were, each of these super-heroes had one thing in common: they each maintained another identity – an identity that was secret to the world. And so,

- Millionaire Bruce Wayne was Batman;
- Newspaper reporter Clark Kent was Superman;
- Scientist Barry Allen was the Flash;
- Pilot Hal Jordan was the Green Lantern;
- Archeologist Carter Hall was Hawkman, etc.

In their alter egos, these men lived and worked with many folks who didn't think they were anything too special. Yet, when they donned their super-hero costumes they were icons, they were idols and they were super-heroes.

Now inevitably there would be a story, with each one of these heroes, in which some nefarious supervillain would trap our hero and say something like this: "And now I'm going to take off your mask and find out who you really are, and I'll expose you to the world." This was usually followed by a to-be-continued-in-next-issue notice... so we'd have to wait a month and spend another 12¢ for the conclusion.

But, you know what – In my heart I always knew that the superhero would never really be unmasked because then they'd have to either cancel the comic or kill the villain – and those things didn't happen in 1960s comics. Life was simple, life was good, comics were 12¢ and heroes were heroes, and it was all super. (Then in 1969, the price went to 15¢ per issue, and my world crumbled).

Today in the Gospel we hear a sort of an unmasking. Today we hear about something greater than an unmasking: we hear about a transfiguration... or a changing of appearance... of the Lord.

Today Jesus takes three of his Apostle up a mountain and gives them a glimpse of who he really is. He lets them see as theologians would say, his God-head. On this day, his Apostle didn't see his "Clark Kent," they saw his "Superman" – same person, different view. They saw his divinity not merely his humanity.

Now why is Christ doing this... why is Christ doing what Batman, Superman, and Green Lantern never did – why is he revealing his identity? There is good reason; and the good reason deals with truth. You see in those old comic books, super-heroes generally lived a double life, they had one identity as common person, and then they'd take on the role of a superhero. Jesus never did this: Jesus whether walking with his Apostles down a road or standing on the side of mountain showing his glory and power, is nonetheless one-in-the-same person, one-in-the-same identity. He was not Jesus by day and Super-God by night. Nope. He is, one might say, a super hero whether transfigured or not.

And in truth, on that mountain, on that day, he didn't reveal that he was God to his Apostles; rather he affirmed their belief. He made explicit what was implicit. He didn't change who he was – he was still the Son of Mary and he was still the Son of God. These are not two identities – this is one and the same person, fully divine and fully human. And at every moment of Jesus' life he was one and the same person.

So, what was Jesus affirming on that mountain that day? Well, by transfiguring before the eyes of three of his Apostles, he made their faith in him tangible. You may remember that earlier in the year, one of the Gospel readings found the Apostles asking Jesus to "strengthen their faith." They believed Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God, but they were walking with Jesus by faith and not by sight.

Now, in this way, on this day, he has answered their request for strengthened faith. He strengthened their faith by allowing these first leaders, these first followers, these first Apostles to walk by faith and walk by sight. Their minds and their hearts were piqued at what they saw; and yet we know as we approach Jesus' passion, that piqued-faith would again falter...but that is for another day.

And let it be said, these Apostles saw more than just the transfigured Jesus. They saw two Biblical special-guest super-heroes, so to speak, appear with Jesus – namely, Moses and Elijah. Why Moses and Elijah? Because Jesus not only want to show himself as he truly is, but also wanted to show who he truly is in

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn
Rev. Mano Salla

Pastor
Pastor Emeritus
Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt
Mr. John Harvey
Mr. Richard Kosior
Mr. Robert McMullen
Mr. Vincent Pisano

Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell

Deacon

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE EN-COUNTER

Looking for an in-person or virtual experience getting closer to your spouse? Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! There will be an in-person weekend in Wildwood, NJ May 13-15, 2022. Many more options for virtual events can be found on our website www.wwme-delmar.org. For additional information please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

IRISH NIGHT FROM K OF C

Irish Night Irish Night at the Columbian Home on 19 March, 6 to 9PM. Cost will be \$15.00. Menu consists of: corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and Sheppard pie. The bar will have Irish beer. For more information on Irish Night contact Brother Don Ryan (302)233-5251.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

We welcome the newest baptized member of our Parish: *Westen Ray Lester and Jameson Anthony Shahan*.

NEW PARISHONERS

We welcome the following who recently registered with the parish.

- *Bernadette Tierney*
- *Charles, Jennifer and Jude Santo*

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences to the families of:

- *Audrey Sherill*
- *Teresa Ann Crenshaw*

May the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

READINGS FOR MARCH 20**3RD SUNDAY LENT****FIRST READING: EXODUS 3:1-8, 13-15**

The Lord hears the cry of his people's suffering and send Moses to lead them to the promised land.

SECOND READING : 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6, 10-12

Be vigilant in living the life of faith.

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:1-9

Jesus calls us to repent and patiently waits for our response.

LENTEN SERVICES

During Lent Holy Cross will offer the daily 8 am Mass, . At this time we will not offer the 12:10 Mass.



Stations of the Cross will take place at HC and ICC at 7 pm on Fridays during Lent.

KOF C FISH FRY (HC)

Our Knights of Columbus will host a Fish Fry every Friday in Lent at Holy Cross. It will be held from 4 pm to 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Take out is also available. The menu is:

18 March: Clam fritters, mixed vegetables, Cole Slaw, bread, dessert.

25 March: Fish & Chips, Cole Slaw, dessert.

1 April: Baked or fried fish, Mac & Cheese, stewed tomatoes, Cole Slaw, dessert.

8 April: To be determined based on availability.

Cost is \$10.00 per person, children under 8 free, and families \$25.00. At each dinner tickets for a Lladro figurine of "Pan de Vida" will sell for \$10.00 each or two for \$15.00. Drawing to be held on 8 April at the last Lenten dinner.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

All winter and Christmas decorations will be removed on Monday, March 7th. If you wish to reclaim your decorations for reuse please do so before then. Your assistance in disposing of decorations at home will help reduce our clean up time and costs. As always, thank you for your understanding and cooperation in maintaining our sacred grounds.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What holiday customs do you bring from your family of origin? Which ones are similar and you want to retain? Which ones clash? How do you resolve the differences? What new tradition would you like to start?

PARENTING POINTERS

Perhaps you bring your child(ren) to Church to pray. Perhaps your family prays before meals or at bedtime. Good. But try taking a hike this week in the woods/hills. Watch for God's presence in nature. Stop and pray.

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH

14 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Alex Siegel

15 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Rafael Zaragoza

16 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Charles M. Stump

17 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Jack Kelly
ICC 6:30 pm For the People

18 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Margaret Grinstead
HC,ICC 7 pm Stations of the Cross

19 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Thomas Roslewicz
HC 5 pm Ward Hitch

20 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Norman Robert
ICC 8:30 am Ed & Delores McGowan
HC 9:30 am Kaltenbaugh Family (LI)
ICC 11 am Joan Schwartz (LI)
HC 11:30 am For the People
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

9 GRADES OF PRAYER

Our Spiritual Support Group will resume again beginning Monday 3/7/22 at 9:00 a.m. We will meet in the St. Luke's room at the ELC watching and discussing The 9 Grades of Prayer. All are welcome!

RETRouveille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Ret-ro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

HOLY CROSS MAR 19/20, 2022					
	EMHC		SERVERS		
5:00 PM	J. Bieker M. Casey J. Clendaniel	M. MacLeish J. Salamone	A. Torbert B. Torbert C. Tobert		
LECTORS					
		L. Christiansen D. Dixon			
7:30 AM	C. Brown J. Chandler A. Fischer	J. Fischer A. Wyllie	B. Gyamfi E. Gyamfi E. Wadham		
LECTORS					
		J. Davis			
9:30 AM	V. Pepper G. Richards C. Robinson	G. Wessel M. Wessel	F. Madukwe J. Novack J. Novack		
LECTORS					
		M. Sossich V. Pepper			
11:30 AM	R. Ramirez B. Guzman	R. Richards E. Guzman	K. Espinosa C. Geronimo		
LECTORS					
		A. Luna			
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION					
8:30 AM	J. Tormey, Jr.				
LECTORS					
		B. Thompson			
11:00 AM	G. Taraila				
LECTORS					
		L. Schlaupitz			
1:00 PM	To be determined				
LECTORS					

ATTENTION ALL EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Parishioners in need of our Homebound Ministry is growing by leaps and bounds, and we need more EM's who are willing to become part of our homebound ministry. We serve nursing homes, assisted living facilities, the hospital, and those at home.

Please consider joining this ministry. We will train you and have you shadow another EM to get you ready. Call the Parish Office so we can get you started. Please pray to discern if this ministry would be for you. We need your help!!

Call 302-674-5787,

ext. 110 or 113 to leave your name.

PURSE BINGO

Purse Bingo: Tickets are going fast...reserve yours now!!



Join us Saturday evening, April 2 for a fun-filled evening, and a chance to win a great purse! Cost is \$25 for 10 games, door prizes and light refreshments served. 50/50 and Chinese Auction chances for sale. Must be 18 to play. Please see Linda Darling for tickets - tables of 8 may be reserved.

ldarling@holycrossdover.org

Proceeds will go to help our high school teens attend Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer in Greensboro, NC. Thank you for your support.

HOLY CROSS GOLF LEAGUE 2022

A sign up meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 6 at 5 PM at Jonathan's Landing Golf Course club house. Nine-hole golf will be played on WEDNESDAYS, starting April 20 through August 31. Two person teams: individuals will be assigned a partner. For more information, call Phil Spampinato, 302-382-2979 or Wes Grau at 302-270-8111.

Registration: \$40 per person covers costs, league prizes, an end of season tournament and a donation to Holy Cross Youth Group. Payment by cash or check is due at sign-up.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

The Adoration Chapel is open again each day from 5 am to 9 pm. If you would like to take a permanent time slot, it's not too late. We still have many openings on various days. See the openings listed below. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you. **We really need volunteers to take some time on Saturday and Sunday. Please consider taking one hour in the chapel to spend with Jesus.**

SUNDAY 10 am, 12 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm

SATURDAY 5 am, 6 am, 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm,
1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

Lent is a wonderful time to spend more time with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel. Stop by for an hour each day....sign up to take one of the open hours.....grow closer to Our Lord during this Lenten time.....you'll be glad you did!!

NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANA

- Ensayo para la Vía Crucis como parte de uno de los eventos de la peregrinación con nuestro obispo Koenig el sábado, 9 de abril, 2022 en Wilmington. Sera los miércoles a las 7:00 pm en la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Marydel. 522 Main St. Marydel, MD 21649. Se les pide llegar a tiempo.
- Cuaresma: El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días obligatorios de ayuno y abstinencia para los católicos. Además, los viernes durante la Cuaresma son días obligatorios de abstinencia. Las normas son obligatorias desde la edad de 18 años hasta los 59.
Ayuno. Cuando se ayuna, se le permite a la persona comer una comida completa, así como dos comidas más pequeñas que juntas no equivalgan a una comida completa. Abstinencia. Las normas sobre la abstinencia de carne son vinculantes para los miembros de la iglesia católica desde los 14 años en adelante.
- Foro Cristiano Todos los viernes de 6-8 de la noche en el ELC. Venga y viva su Fe Católica.
- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre-bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA ICC

Todas las clases se reúnen de 9:40 a 10:50 los domingos en las aulas. Estacione, lleve a sus hijos al pasillo y recójalos frente al pasillo. Padres, por favor mantengan a sus hijos en casa si están enfermos, tienen fiebre o no se sienten bien.

La Inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 está abierta el 1 de marzo de 2022. Las inscripciones se han entregado a todas las fa-

milias. Por favor entregar a Alicia Poppiti antes del 1 de mayo para que podamos estar seguros de tener suficientes maestros y espacio en las aulas.

Preparación para la Primera Comunión: próxima sesión, martes 22 de marzo de 2022 de 6:30 p. m. a 7:30 p. m. en el salón. Por favor, se puntual.

Preparación para la Confirmación de Jóvenes: la próxima sesión es hoy, domingo 13 de marzo de 2022 a las 2:30 p. m. a 5 p. m. en el salón. Asegúrese de programar los horarios de las entrevistas.

Peregrinación diocesana: el obispo Koenig invita a jóvenes, adultos jóvenes y familias de todas las parroquias y escuelas a unirse a él nos reunimos para la undécima peregrinación anual el sábado 9 de abril de 2022.

Peregrinos de toda la diócesis llevarán la cruz de peregrinación diocesana por las calles de Wilmington con el Obispo como representación de la entrada de Jesús a Jerusalén y su camino el viernes Santo hacia el Calvario.

El día comienza a las 10 am en la parroquia St. Elizabeth con la oración de apertura y un concierto de The Scally Brothers a las 10:30 am. Concluimos con Misa a las 5pm en St. Elizabeth. No se pierda esta gran oportunidad de concluir su camino de Cuaresma con cientos de compañeros. El costo del día es de \$15 por persona o \$45 como máximo por familia (familia inmediata). Para registrarse, comuníquese con Alicia Poppiti al 410-482-8939. El transporte en autobús está disponible por orden de llegada por \$ 10, la inscripción de la peregrinación debe llenarse y entregarse. Lleve su almuerzo, bebidas ni refrigerios, y debe traerlos con usted. La inscripción está disponible a través de la Sra. Poppiti y la fecha límite es el 1 de abril de 2022. Inscripciones

faith formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Regular Class: March 13 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Next Class: March 27

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302)674-5787 X 122.

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

Next class March 13

Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

Adult Education (HC)

The Bible in a Year Podcast

"In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes. Using an exclusive reading plan rooted in The Bible Timeline (a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by Biblical scholar Jeff Cavins) you won't just read the Bible ... you'll finally understand how all the pieces fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!" Also available in Spanish led by Father Sergio Serrano. See the links below:

In English:

Father Mike Schmitz

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>

In Spanish:

Fray Sergio Serrano

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration>



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St. Teresa of Avila's
NINE GRADES
of PRAYER



YOUTH AT HOLY CROSS

Confirmation Classes:

Next classes are March 13 for Sunday class and March 16 for Wednesday class.

Parent Meeting :

For those parents unable to attend last week's meet-

ing, please stop in to see Mrs. Darling to get revised information on Confirmation and to sign up for your child's interview.

Youth Group:

Next Youth Group Meeting- please mark your calendar for March 26. Junior High - 3-4:30

Catholic Heart Work Camp Meeting:

Tuesday, March 15 at 7 pm in the ELC Matthew/ Mark room upstairs. Any 8th through 1st year college teens interested in attending Greensboro camp July 17 to 23 are asked to attend. Registration and fundraising will be discussed.

Work Camp in Dover

We have a large group of teens and adults who are traveling to Dover to help our residents. They will be working June 27 to June 30. If you have projects that they would be able to assist you with, please contact Linda Darling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org. Painting, yard work, organizing, small repairs, cleaning - whatever you have that you are not able to do on your own, they would love to help.

SRE (IC)

All classes are meeting from 9:40-10:50am every Sunday in classrooms. Please park, walk your children to hall, and pick up in front of the hall.

Please be on time and pick up no later than 10:55am, our Catechist need to attend Mass at 11am. Masks are still required for students and teachers. Parents, please keep your children home if they have a fever, or they are not feeling well.

Registration for 2022-2023 school year is open.

Registrations have been handed to all families. Please return to Alicia Poppiti by May 1st so that we can be sure to have enough teachers and space in classrooms.

Sacraments: 1st Communion Prep: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6:30-7:30pm in the hall. Please be on time.

Youth confirmation prep- Sunday, March 13 at 2:30-5pm in the hall. Be sure to schedule interview times.

Diocesan Pilgrimage: Bishop Koenig invites youth, young adults, and families from all parishes to join him as we come together for the eleventh annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Pilgrims from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington. The day begins at 10 am at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring The Scally Brothers at 10:30 am. We conclude with Mass at 5pm at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (immediate family). To register, please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939. Bus transportation is available on first come basis for \$10, and registration is due with Pilgrimage. Lunch, drinks and snacks are not provided, and you need to bring with you. Registration is available through Mrs. Poppiti and deadline is April 1, 2022.

Not feeling quite like himself, Mrs. Kolakowski offered her friend a small can of pineapple juice, and some soda crackers. His response to the offer of the pineapple juice was that he had given up sugary drinks for Lent. With her assurance that the juice only contained natural sugars, he accepted her offer and ate his crackers. It was the day following Ash Wednesday and this young man was, even though not feeling well, willing to forego the juice because of his commitment to his decision to avoid sugary drinks during Lent. I admired him for that. As a young person taking the notion of Lenten sacrifice seriously, it is our hope that he carries that conviction through life.

I find it amusing sometimes when the young ones voluntarily share their sacrifice. "Guess what I gave up for Lent, Mrs. Pollitt." "Oh, I'm not sure....did you give up spinach, and brussel sprouts or did you sacrifice playing Prodigy on your computer?" With a giggle, they will readily inform all within earshot that they gave up chocolate; the most popular sacrifice among the young. Others give up their daily bag of potato chips at lunch, or ice cream. To "give up" a food item helps to make the concept of sacrifice more concrete for the young mind. The deeper meaning and knowledge that sacrificing chocolate doesn't necessarily make for a better world comes with increased chronological age and maturity.

As teachers, we are tolerant of quiet, controlled chit-chat among the students during homeroom, between arrival and morning prayer. As a classroom teacher, I always imposed a silent homeroom during Lent. I would give them fair warning that they should be prepared to occupy themselves for that brief period of time so as not to be tempted to break the silence. I never minded the friendly camaraderie in homeroom, and the students certainly enjoyed it. But, as a class we offered our sacrifice, it was something we did as community. Did it make the world a better place? No. But it did give me an assurance that everyone had at least made one small concession during Lent.

If I had to hazard a guess, I believe the cell phone burst onto the school scene after the horrific events of 9/11. I clearly recall that day when parents were coming to school to dismiss their children early, to keep them safe at home. Parents possess a nearly desperate need to know their children safe. And so, as it happened more and more children were coming to school with cell phones. We didn't make a big deal at first, not every student had one. Those who did were to keep it in their backpack, turned off. If there was an infraction of the rule, the phone was confiscated, only to be returned to the parent. Little did we know at the time what would lie ahead in the next twenty or so years in the cellular phone market, and its global influence on society; more importantly in my estimation, the veritable choke-hold it has on youth as they have learned to use it for more reasons than just calling mom if she's a tad late at dismissal time. Finding ways to send a message to a friend in another class, texting test content, and the surreptitious and "private" listening to one's favorite tunes long ago led us to impose a mandatory collection of all phones in the JH. We aren't naïve. We know we don't get them all. But; you better pray for God's grace and mercy if you are caught with your handy dandy electronic device during school hours.

So, how about the consideration of giving up the phone for 40 days? Or, at the very least, consider modifying its use? No texting/messaging/calling friends during after-school hours, for forty days. The cruel, harsh, downright hurtful words messaged to peers in the late hours of the night, and through the night is a true source of sadness for me. For forty days, consider turning the phone over to mom and dad until the next morning. Or how about making the decision to try to live life without social media? Would the supreme sacrifice of laying aside this confounded mechanism be too great, too much to ask? Hmm, how heavy was Jesus' cross? How pleasurable were the forty days of fasting in the desert?

Shifting gears, just a little bit, our Lenten focus doesn't always have to be "giving something up." That said, one of my biggest concerns lies in the fact that so many of our children come to school without the benefit of breakfast. The term itself implies the breaking of the fast between the evening meal and the first meal of the next day. I like the analogy Mrs. Kolakowski uses when she asks if mom's car can run on an empty gas tank. She goes on to explain the body's need for fuel to renew one's energy for the tasks set before us. The grocery stores offer a wide variety of quick and easy breakfast choices; some more healthy than others, I grant you. Nonetheless, a piece of cheese and a couple apple slices sure beats a growling tummy while trying to focus on solving that word problem. Mrs. Kolakowski likes to recommend what she calls a monkey burrito. The recipe is simple. One banana, and a few smears of peanut butter wrapped in a tortilla round. Grab the backpack and off you go! Forty days of starting the day off with nourishment can be a life changer when you realize the benefit.

One more thing. Often, I will notice a family allowing the youngest, the toddler even, to place the offering in the basket during Mass. Putting the cute factor aside, I would hope that as these toddlers grow older they see the need for the weekly collection basket, the good works it helps to support. Each HCS family received a Rice Bowl. As a Lenten practice and as a family, can you demonstrate the act of almsgiving by placing a few coins in each night before the Grace Before Meals? If established as a family routine, this too, like eating a simple breakfast every day can be a life changer.

terms of salvation history, in terms that a faithful Jew would connect with. And so...

- Moses being at Jesus' side, represents the Old Covenant and the Mosaic law of the Torah.
- Elijah represents the prophets and their prophecy of God's sending a Messiah.

Thus, all that had gone before was now being fulfilled in this Messiah. And the Apostles, Peter, James and John, saw all of this. And in this moment of abject revelation; this moment of truth; this moment of seeing Christ as he is in his glory, the Apostle's, too, were transfigured – they were changed.

They saw their teacher.

They saw their rabbi.

They saw their friend.

And yes, they saw their Messiah – in a new way.

Yet still the same Jesus.

No secret identity. No double life. No alter ego.

So, while Batman goes off as Bruce Wayne to his mansion at night, and while Superman become Clark Kent to report the news at the Daily Planet, Jesus remains Jesus – all the time. Whether in his glory or in his deepest humanity: he is one and the same, the same Jesus, the same Lord forever.

And this is a lesson for us all in our lives as Christians. God calls us to never stop being who we are. Just as Jesus is always Jesus, we too are called not to be just a Christian in Church on Sunday and then for the next six days live a very different life. Absolutely not! No matter what face people see of us, no matter how we reveal ourselves to others – be it in our life at home, or as an employee, or as a boss at work, or as a person in the neighborhood – we are to be who we are... Christians.

One of the great foibles of modern times is the trouble of what the Church calls compartmentalization of life. That is to say: some people see time in Church and in related activities as when they are to be Christians; then when they go home or go to work, they begin living a different life. And so, for these folks the different faces that they reveal to people are bound up in different lives...in secret identities.

The person that does this shows their faith one way at church; hides it at work; shows it in a different way at their kid's school; lives opposed to their faith in certain social settings, and so on. This person has compartmentalized his faith.

This is what Jesus specifically did not do at the transfiguration: he did not say, "Now see me as God, I am a different Jesus now." No, he wanted to make it clear that the Son of God and the Son of Mary were the same.

And so, in our lives as we live and grow in faith let us follow the example of Christ in being faithful to who we are and who we are called to be:

- No secret identities.
- No double lives.
- And no alter egos.

If we can do this, if we can live a consistent Christian life -- we will become the greatest super-heroes imaginable. A blessed Lent to all of you.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

