



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

March 21, 2021

5th Sunday of 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
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday and Friday, 12:10 pm
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight (temporarily closed)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

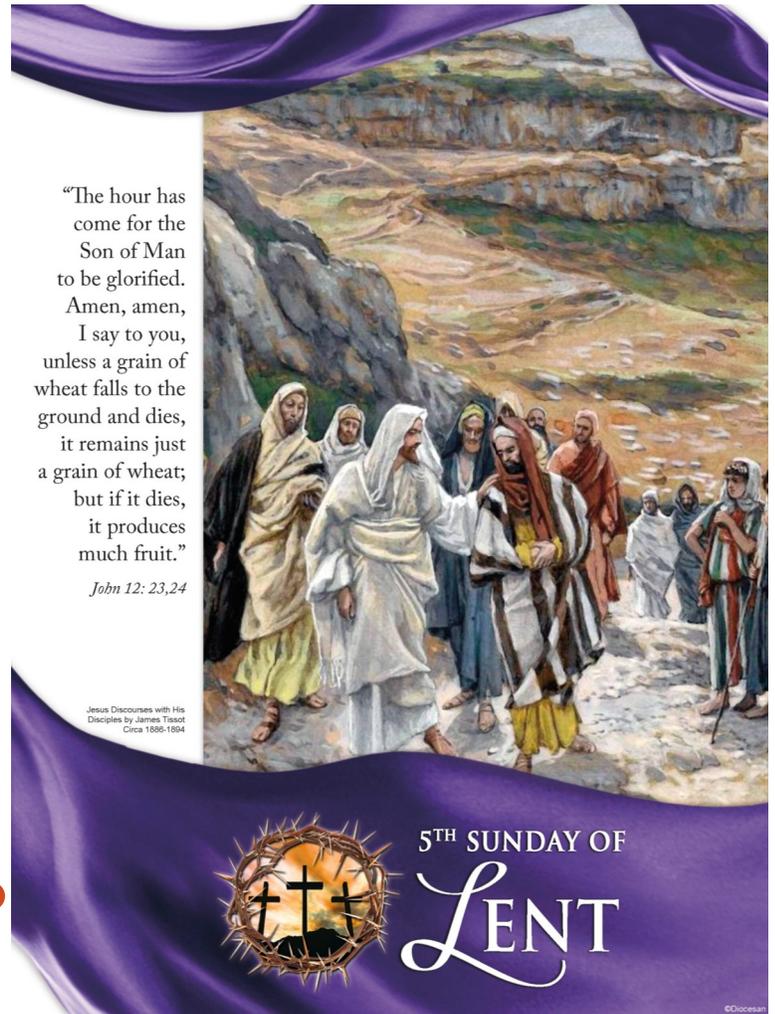
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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm



“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

John 12: 23,24

Jesus Discourses with His Disciples by James Tissot Circa 1890-1894

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.

THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

holycrossover.org
iccmarylodel.org

Holy Cross Church will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, parishes must continue to adhere to all health and safety regulations without exception. Policies including wearing face masks, maintaining proper six-foot social distancing and proper hand hygiene remain nonnegotiable and are fundamentally rooted in protecting all people in our parishes and maintaining the health and safety of our community. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses on holy days remains suspended at this time.

We are limiting access to the parish offices, so you can buzz when you stop by, or call and leave messages and we will get back to you; or, you can email us. Stay safe and stay healthy.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

March 7, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$34,184	\$27,625	\$6,559
YTD	\$889,315	\$1,002,225	(\$112,910)
Needs	\$1,466	\$1550	(\$84)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending March 7, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,463
2nd	\$241

Tax letters are ready at ICC. Please call the Parish Office at ICC and they will be mailed to you.

Tax Statement for Holy Cross

The HC Parish Office is preparing tax letters for everyone who contributed during the 2020 year. If we have your email in our records, this information was emailed to you at the end of January. If we do not have your email or you want a hard copy sent to you, please email mdornberger@holycrossover.org. Thank you.

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time. Many are still not attending Mass but we still need your support. You can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card.

Dear Parishioners,

There are several words in our language that we often confuse with other words. I can remember being at a dinner a few years ago 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 has 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, refer 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 days and weeks 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.

And now, another tide is washing up on our doorstep this weekend: It is the start of what is known as the 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”) – though called “Palm Sunday.”
- 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 the start of Passiontide). Those images by tradition remain veiled, usually with a purple cloth, until Holy Saturday. The veiling of these images may serve to focus us more on 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 (more than below).

- **History of the Purple Veiling of Statues and Images.** The traditions of veiling crosses, statues and images with a violet cloth is a tradition of the Church that stems from the medieval period (though it might have earlier origins). In the medieval era a tradition developed known as “the hunger cloth” – this was a violet cloth that was hung in the sanctuary of the Church in front of the altar; this kept the faithful members present from being able to view the altar. The use of this cloth late in the season of Lent, was to invoke a spirit hunger on the faithful – a fast of

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mano Salla	Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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HC STAFF

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Kenneth Trojan	Business Manager, ext. 119
Michele Dornberger	Records/Asst. Bus. Mgr., ext. 116
Arline Dosman	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. I18
Tammy Korosec	CRE Religious Ed, ext 122
Linda Darling	Youth Ministry, ext. 123
Justin Wurzel	Maintenance Director
Len Dornberger	Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135
Michael Perza	Dir. of Music Ministry, 302 698 9302

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Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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LEAVING ITEMS IN CHURCH

Please **do not** leave cards, religious items, clothing, or other such items in the lobby area of the Gathering Space. We cannot accept any of these items at this time.

NEWLY BAPTIZED (HC)

Congratulations to our newly baptized members:

- Arlo Joseph Schmidt
- Juliette Joana Coverdale
- Natalie Ruby Hernandez-Quezada
- Carter James Stryker

NEW PARISHIONERS (HC)

Welcome to our newly registered members:

- Peter, Hailey, and Colette Lyons
- Dolores Johnson
- Anna Lockwood
- Anthony, Sylvia, and Zechariah Valentin, Cornelius, Meredith, and Marilyn Pineda

RETROUVILLE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouville (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 April 16-18, 2021 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.

READINGS FOR MARCH 28

PALM SUNDAY

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

The Lord does not cover his face against insult and spittle.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

God raised him high, so that every tongue should proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 14:1—15:47

Mark tells the story of the passion and death of Jesus Christ.

RECONCILIATION

In order to prepare for Easter, we will offer some additional times for Reconciliation besides our normal Saturday morning time at 8:45 am and Friday evenings at 5:30 pm. Monday, March 29, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Tuesday, March 30, from 6 p to 8 pm.

K OF C FISH FRY

Every Friday in Lent from 4 pm to 7 pm the Knight will offer Lenten Dinners at the Columbian Hall. Proceeds will go to Holy Cross and Immaculate conception Churches at the discretion of Fr. Lentini.

All meals are take out and can be picked up at the Columbian Home, 219 Vepco Blvd, Camden.

Mar 26—Penne pasta with clam sauce or plain sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread \$10

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Even though we are not opening the Adoration Chapel at this time, anyone who was on the normal adoration schedule is encouraged to come into the church to pray during your assigned hour. The church is unlocked from 7 am to 7 pm and Our Lord is waiting for you to come spend time with Him. Our Lord is present in the tabernacle all day long and would love for you to spend time praying. It's a great way to get back into the routine of praying during your scheduled hour.

LENTEN IDEAS

Need a little help as you journey through Lent? Visit the Diocese of Wilmington's Lent web page at cdow.org/Lent for a calendar of Lenten activities, videos, resources, and more.

STAND UP FOR LIFE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021

Delaware will host FOUR different Life Chains on Good Friday, April 2, from 10-12 in each county. This Lenten action on one of the holiest days of the year reminds us of the sacrifices necessary in defending the innocent. Participants rally for the preborn children threatened by abortion by standing along busy thoroughfares. Like every year, we will hold pro-life signs which make a powerful impact to those driving by. Please join us for an hour or longer to be a voice for the voiceless innocent babies who need us to stand up for them.

New Castle County: In Wilmington along Route 202 across from Fairfax Shopping Center, 10-12 p.m. Contact Moira Sheridan, 302-494-3834

Kent County: Outside Planned Parenthood of Dover at 805 S. Governors Ave., 10-12 p.m. Contact Fran Urick, 302-233-4684

Sussex County: At Highway 1 & S. 9th St. in South Bethany, 10-12 p.m. Contact Carolyn Marcello, 302-539-8775.

In front of St. Jude's Church on Route 1 in Lewes, 10-12 p.m. Contact Rachel Leonardo, 302-644-1106.

MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH

22 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Raymond Cola
HC 12:10 pm Lucila Valerio Bueno

23 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Jack Joyce

24 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am DM Ben & Helene Wegemer Families

25 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Donald Peer
ICC 6 pm For the People

26 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Arnaldo Lacza
HC 12:10 pm Judith Arciaga-Raymundo

27 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Jane Jones
HC 5 pm DM Sponaugle Families

28 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am DM Kerr Family
ICC 8:30 am Barbara Thompson
HC 9:30 am Joseph & Venturine Davino
HC 11:30 am For the People
ICC 11 am Paul Douglas Clark
ICC 1 pm For the People

*(LI = LIVING INTENTION
DM = DECEASED MEMBERS)*

PRO LIFE CORNER

- Are you pro-life and searching for ways to make a positive impact? Get connected with others who are making a difference. Currently we are conducting a 40 Days for Life vigil through Palm Sunday in Dover at Planned Parenthood. We will train. Contact Donna Latteri 862-266-1099.
- Life begins at conception, not at birth!

"The 'right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness' begins with 'life', and 'life' begins at conception."

--A.E. Samaan

MASS MINISTERS

PLEASE COME FORWARD TO HELP DISTRIBUTE HOLY COMMUNION AT THE MASS YOU ATTEND. THE PRIEST WILL INDICATE HOW MANY EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED.

Lector Schedule for March 2021

At Holy Cross:

5 pm Mass

Mar 20 Donna Kilby
Mar 27 Hazel Showell

7:30 am Mass

Mar 21 Rose Pritchett
Mar 28 Rose Pritchett

9:30 am Mass

Mar 21 Judy Coffield
Mar 28 Mary Louise Sossich

At Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass

Mar 21 Gerry Godfrey
Mar 28 Diane Smith

11 am Mass

Mar 21 Laura Schlopitz
Mar 28 Donna King

If you wish to be considered to lector at Holy Cross, email Diane at dbelt@holycrossdover.org so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector.

At ICC, please get in touch with Marilyn Dixon at mdixon@iccmarylodel.org Thank you.

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories are in the Parish Office. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up. Please do not just show up without calling first.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

In marriage we may not be physically blind but we still need to look deeply to understand the other's hurts and fears in order to see the whole person.

PARENTING POINTERS

Have fun with your children by joking about frivolous unlucky things that have happened in your life. Then turn it around and talk about times when you were really lucky.

DOVER INTERFAITH MISSION FOR HOUSING

Anyone interested in providing a dinner for the DIMH Men's shelter can call 302-736-3600. The shelter is located across from the Salvation Army building.

The shelter will have to move to a new location at the end of the year. They are also asking for anyone interested in donating money to help build/redo a new building to house the shelter. They would like to have a permanent location in the future. If interested in donating, you can send your donation to DIMH Shelter, 684 Forrest Street, Dover, DE 19904.

LENT

- During Lent Holy Cross will offer the daily 8 am Mass, Monday thru Saturday. They will also offer a 12:10 pm Mass on Mondays and Fridays only.
- Confessions at Holy Cross will be at 5:30 pm on Fridays during Lent in addition to the normal Saturday morning time of 8:30-10 am.
- Stations of the Cross will take place at HC and ICC at 7 pm on Fridays during Lent.

PALM SUNDAY

Palms will be distributed on Palm Sunday. We will have them in the Gathering Space so you can select one or two pieces as you walk in.

Remember that masks must still be worn properly in the church by covering the nose and mouth. Thank you for your cooperation.

- **SER PADRINO O MADRINA EN LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA.** Le han pedido que sea padrino de Bautismo o de Confirmación es un privilegio y un honor; pero hay REQUISITOS PARA UN PADRINO. 1. Deberá haber sido elegido por el candidato o por sus padres, o por quienes ocupan su lugar; o, si faltan estos, por el párroco o ministro. Para ser un padrino o madrina de Bautismo o Confirmación: Deberá tener al menos 16 años. (El obispo puede establecer otra edad en su diócesis o el mismo párroco o ministro -por justa causa- puede considerar una excepción.) Lo Suficientemente maduro para asumir esta responsabilidad. 2. Católico bautizado que ha recibido los sacramentos de Confirmación y la Sagrada Comunión y ser practicante de la fe Católica. 3. Libre canónicamente para tomar esta responsabilidad. Si una persona es casada, debe ser por matrimonio Católico, NO puede ser padrino o madrina un matrimonio civil o que conviven en unión libre. 4. Alguien diferente del padre o de la madre, cónyuge o prometido(a) de quien va a recibir el sacramento. * Para ser un Padrino o Madrina, tiene que estar inscrito en la parroquia y ser miembro activo que va a misa y contribuye al sostenimiento de la iglesia. (Canon 872-874)
- **Plato de Arroz:** Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma Tus sacrificios Cuaresmal cambian vidas. Por favor de devolver a la parroquia tu cajita con tu ofrenda sacrificial de Cuaresma.
- Si hay algún adulto que no ha recibido su sacramento de la Confirmación y desea información sobre las clases por favor anótese con la Sra. Arline Dosman. adosman@holycrossdover.org Recuerde que para ser un padrino tiene que tener todos los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana.

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

¡Traiga sus mochilas Azul con libros a clase!

La Unidad 4 se estará estregando ahora. Por favor venga al salón después de la Misa para recoger el suyo. Si alguna familia no está asistiendo presencialmente a misa, por favor de avisarles que recojan los libros de sus hijos. Muchos todavía no han recogido la unidad 3.

Por favor asegúrese de entregar las tareas después de casa unidad. La Sra. Alicia deberá tener 4 de cada estudiante de los grados 1-8 cuando todos los trabajos estén completados.

Grupo 1- grados 3,6, en el salón, 7,8 en el sótano (basement), y RICA estará en el salón de computadoras - presencial el 21 de marzo. **Grupo 1-** Próximas Sesiones: 11 de abril y 25 de abril

Grupo 2- grados 1, 2, en el salón, 4,5 en los salones del Basement (sótano) y RICA en el salón de computadoras- presencial 28 de marzo.

Grupo 2- Próximas Sesiones: 18 de abril y 2 de Mayo

Si tiene alguna pregunta o prefiere que sus hijos continúen haciendo Educación Religiosa en casa, hágaselo saber a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o envíele un correo electrónico a dre@iccmmarydel.org

¡Cuaresma! Los libros con material de la Cuaresma para los niños, todavía se siguen entregando.

2021 CLASES DE PREPARACIÓN PARA LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN.

La próxima sesión: martes, 23 de marzo, a las 6:30 en el salón.

PREPARACIÓN PARA LA CONFIRMACIÓN 2020-2021-ICC

El Sacramento de la Confirmación para los adolescentes, tendrá lugar en Santa Cruz, Dover, el sábado 10 de abril a las 11:30 de la mañana.

El ensayo será el viernes 9 de abril a las 7:30pm en Santa Cruz, Dover. Por favor sea puntual.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Regular Class

April 11 3:30-5:30 pm

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.

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH)

April 11, 10:30-12:30 in the Matthew/Mark Room

Next session May 9

CONFIRMATION CLASSES (HC)

Our final class for Confirmation Preparation will take place on Sunday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 24.

Sunday classes at 2 pm and 4 pm will meet in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday class at 6 pm will meet in the Junior High classroom as normal.

YOUTH GROUP (HC)

We will meet on Saturday, March 27, to make candy and cookies for the Samaritan Easter Baskets.

Time slots for one hour service - 1 pm - 2 pm and 3 pm

You must sign up for a time slot - please email ldarling@holycrossdover.org with you time preference, parent cell phone and parent email. Numbers are limited - Please wear a mask - gloves and sanitizer will be provided. You MUST be pre-registered - no walkins.

KEY CHAINS (HC)

For our teens beginning to drive this year, or those from last year who were not able to receive a key chain, please let Mrs. Darling know you would like one. ldarling@holycrossdover.org

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

June 28 to July 1 we will be hosting teens from around the East Coast to assist the elderly and those who could use an extra pair of hands with yard work, painting, minor repairs, window washing, etc. We would prefer to do outside work if possible this year - please contact Linda Darling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org if we may be of assistance to you or someone you know.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

Bring your Blue Book Bags with books to class! Unit 4 is being handed out now. Please come to the hall after Masses and collect yours. If you know families that are not physically coming to Church, let them know to pick up books. Many still have not gotten Unit 3.

Group 1- grades 3, 6, in the hall, 7, 8 in the basement, and RCIA in the computer center -on site March 21st.

Group 1-Next sessions: April 11 & April 25

Group 2- grades 1, 2, in the hall, 4, 5 in the basement and RCIA in the computer center- on site March 28th.

Group 2- Next sessions: April 18 & May 2
Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmaryl.org

LENT: Lenten booklets for the children are still being given out.

2021 FIRST COMMUNION PREP-ICC

Next session: Tuesday, March 23, at 6:30pm in the Hall.

CONFIRMATION 2020-2021-ICC

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the Youth, will take place at Holy Cross in Dover on **Saturday, April 10th at 11:30am.**

Rehearsal is the evening before, Friday, April 9th at 7:30pm at Holy Cross, please be prompt.

Rice Bowls: Fifth Sunday of Lent

For our sisters and brothers who experience drought, floods and other natural disasters that impact their livelihoods and access to food, that they receive the help they need to recover and become more resilient to a changing climate. We pray to the Lord ...

LENT
PRAYER FASTING ALMS GIVING



To go forth willingly and blindly along life's path unafraid, firm in the knowledge that God keeps us in the very palm of his hand. This is my own personal definition for the word faith. I formulated my own definition many years ago and it has seen me through some trying times.

It is by faith that we opened our school back in September for daily in-person instruction. It's been our faith that has seen us through some of the most difficult days; putting one foot in front of the other firm in the knowledge that we will always make it through with God's help. Never having been one to count the days before the end of a school year, I admit to casting an eye to the calendar recently because it is high time we find ourselves in the thick of plan making for the 21-22 SY. The springtime of the year always finds us working doubly hard---closing out one year and looking to the next.

I go forth into that process by blind faith. There are more questions than viable answers. Will our current conditions exist in the fall? Will we still find ourselves distanced in the classroom? What impact is that going to have on our enrollment? How do we order supplies for the year without those answers? Will we be able to have volunteers in the building? This leads me to ask about after school activities. I want us to be able to have after school options for our children---but we need parent volunteers to assist us with that. So, I've made the decision to make plans. Even if we can't follow through in the fall, maybe we will be able to do so sometime later in the year, but at least we will go forth armed with a plan!

Past school years have offered more options than others. Some options have run their course, interest has waned, and the group has disbanded. It's perfectly natural. Given time and new blood, interest can be resurrected. I look to the future with hope for rekindling interest in some of our former after school club activities such as our **Chess Club**, and the **Knitting Club**. Both of these groups were wildly popular in their day and I'd love to see their return. But, I will need a *parent volunteer* for each.

I have been working to put together an after-school **Robotics Club** for our elementary school students. I am absolutely determined to get this off the ground in the 21-22 SY!! But, I will need a *parent volunteer*....

I'm also toying with the idea of a Book/Reading Club.....you know the kind where you choose a book to read and meet to discuss.... Maybe take a little trip to a really nice library.....which leads me to recall the awesome Literacy Nights we used to have....thoughts mulling around in my head.

I enthusiastically anticipate the return of our **Science Explorers**, where the motto is "if it's not fun, we're not doing it!" SE is a much-missed after school club intended for membership by elementary school-aged children. It is an innovative, hands-on science company dedicated to providing an opportunity for children to become engaged in the wonders of science.

Mrs. Monica Dottellis and Mrs. Lindsay Knox moderate this group of budding scientists which in the past have met twice weekly. I invite you to stay tuned for coming events.

Our **Fitness Club** boasted of big number membership. It was open to elementary school children and met weekly to learn about and perform physical exercise, as well as to participate in lessons on proper nutrition where *yummy and nutritious* can be said in the same sentence. I remember them hosting guest speakers, bringing down the house with Zumba dancing, and the mere enjoyment of the fellowship with friends. They had so much fun....I want that to happen here again.

Not a word need be spoken. No invitations need be sent. Our JH athletes have noses pressed against the glass because the gym is the place to be for volleyball in the fall with basketball sure to follow. You'll find the back field populated with our athletes in the fall and spring. We look forward to taking our athletes back out on the road as well as welcoming other school teams to Holy Cross. Our teams are always a huge success, and we are eternally grateful to our volunteer coaches, Mr. Clougherty, Mr. Pate, Mr. Ditchkus, Dr. Zink, and Dr. Rippert, as well as Mr. Seams our Athletic Director. Our coaches are truly passionate about the game and bring their infectious exuberance, along with their knowledge to the arena.

Well, let's just suppose that your club might not be meeting on a particular day, mom and dad are still working, and it ten minutes past three o'clock! What to do?? Where to go?? Wait, this is not a problem. There's always a good time to be had in After-Care! I have witnessed children NOT wanting to leave AC because they are so fully engaged in a fun-filled endeavor---and it 5:00 in the evening for heaven's sakes!! The day has been long, but given a choice they'd just as soon stay a little longer. This year has prohibited us from pulling out all the board games, puzzles, and crafts, but once the kids have their home assignments finished there's still plenty to keep them engaged. The LEGO corner is always full---everyone is distanced because they are seated in their hula-hoop. The little ones are always so proud of their creations. Miss Eleanor runs a tight ship and is ably assisted by Mr. Henry, Miss Taylor, Miss Adele and Mrs. Tindall.

Last week our Superintendent of Schools visited HCS. In his speaking with a group of students, Dr. DeAngelo proclaimed our faculty and staff members as heroes. I refer to them as super-heroes. With super-hero strength, confidence, and faith in God that we boldly go forth firm in our conviction that Student Life at HC will once again include extra-curricular opportunities to everyone's liking!

the eyes – as they were kept from seeing the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass occur. This hunger would be sated on Holy Thursday and Easter, as the cloth was removed at those times. Over time, the cloth became small and moved from the altar to the images of the Church.

- **Development of the Purple Veiling of Statues and Images.** As the veiling of images in purple during Passiontide became a universal practice over the centuries, a spiritual understanding became attached to it. The ideas of covering the images of the saints, for example, began to presage two devotional aspects in the minds and hearts of the faithful:

I. Apostles and Others Turning Away. The covering of the images represents the idea that many of the saints and apostles turned away (hid their eyes) from Jesus during his Passion (e.g., Peter denying Him; Judas betraying Him). We hear an echo of this in the scripture that reads, “Lord turned and looked at Peter ... [and Peter] went out and began to weep bitterly.” (Luke 22:61-62) – St. Peter denied Jesus three times, and when the Lord looked at Him, rather than going to his side, St. Peter “went out” (away) and wept.

II. A Sense of Abandonment. The covering of the images also speaks not just to the idea of his faithful follower turning away from Him, but more pointedly to Jesus feeling of abandonment and forsakenness by those around him – that is, how alone He felt during His passion and His time on the Cross. He felt abandoned by those friends and followers who had been around Him and were now scarce. Jesus felt that sense of abandonment so profoundly, that upon the Cross “[He] cried out in a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ which means, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’” (Matthew 27:46)

Reflection on this aspect of the Passion during the period of time helps us to draw closer to our Lord, and share in his Passion, as we contemplate the events that are the focus of this tail-end of the Season of Lent.

- **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: <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>. There you can see a calendar on that page, which can direct you to the daily and Sunday readings in their fullness.
- **14 Step Program.** And finally, in the tradition of the Church, the devotional practice of praying the Stations of the Cross, represents another powerful way to engage in and reflect upon our Lord’s Passion, especially during this Season of Passiontide. 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 devotional observance, the faithful make their way through the Fourteen 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. If you cannot attend Church to be present for the Stations of the Cross, you can pray and meditate on them privately – use our online station at www.icmarydel.org/stations.

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