

# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

March 5, 2023

2nd 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

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

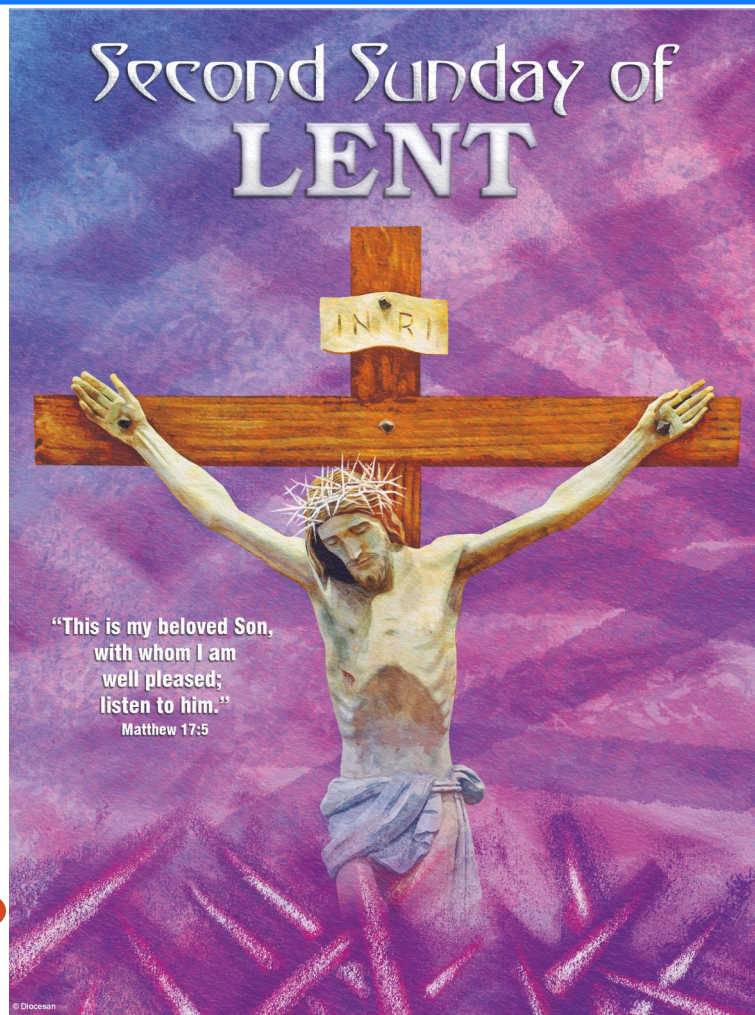
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am  
Wednesday – 8:15 am  
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

### ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am – 9 pm



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### 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

### CONFESSION 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.

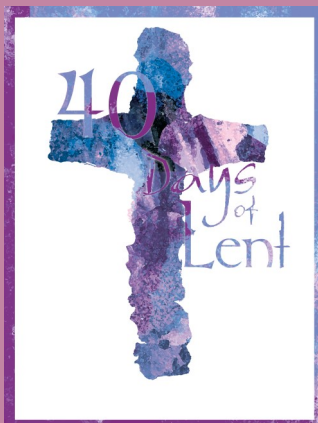
**Sacrament of Holy Orders.** If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

**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)

Ending February 19, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$34,049	\$27,225	\$6,824
YTD	\$909,061	\$933,775	(\$24,714)
Needs	\$2,100	\$1,604	\$496

## WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending February 19, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$5,072
Second Collection	\$348

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Dear Parishioners,  
 To remind you about the many aspects of the Season of Lent, I have prepared this Lenten crossword puzzle to take the place of my weekly Pastor's Column. If you would like to complete this puzzle online go to [www.iccmartydel.org/lentpuzzle](http://www.iccmartydel.org/lentpuzzle).  
 Yours in Christ,  
 Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

**ACROSS**

- 3 The final days of Christ are referred to as the \_\_\_\_ of the Lord.
- 7 This prayer of the Mass is not prayed during the Season of Lent.
- 10 One of the Oils blessed by the Bishop during Chrism Mass during Holy Week is the Oil of the Sick. It is labeled with the two- letter abbreviation \_\_\_\_, as one of the letters refers to the Latin word "infirmis" meaning sick.
- 11 The traditional name for the Fourth Sunday of Lent: "\_\_\_\_ Sunday."
- 13 In the Gospel on Palm Sunday we are told that when Jesus was on the Cross, he was given "wine to drink, mixed with \_\_\_\_"
- 14 The four best attended Mass days of the year are Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Easter and Palm Sunday. Ash Wednesday is the only day of these four that not ranked as a \_\_\_\_ on the Church calendar.
- 15 The most important thing to give up for Lent.
- 16 In most Romance languages the word used to described the period of Lent, is a word that means \_\_\_\_.
- 17 Giving up something.
- 20 The Devil gave these to Jesus during his time in the desert.
- 21 Latin word for "and" (often followed by "cetera")
- 22 Saint honored during Lent on March 19.
- 23 Traditional name given to the period from the 5th Sunday of Lent until Holy Thursday.
- 26 Special ceremonies for those preparing for Baptism, usually held during Masses on several Sundays during Lent.
- 28 This solemn holy day occurs exactly nine months before Christmas, and always lands in Lent.
- 30 In the Gospel on the Monday of Holy Week we are told that Jesus came to Bethany and "Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic \_\_\_\_ and anointed the feet of Jesus."
- 31 The deadly sin of wrath is deadly because it can ultimately lead one to \_\_\_\_ another person.
- 32 The name of the Mass traditionally held on Holy Thursday morning: The \_\_\_\_ Mass.

- 36 The Season of Lent is followed by the Season of \_\_\_\_.
- 38 The day before Lent begins is sometimes called "\_\_\_\_ Tuesday"
- 39 Question that Jesus asks the Blind Man in John Gospel from the 4th Sunday of Lent: "Do you believe in the \_\_\_\_ of Man?"
- 42 Traditional, Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services that helps raise money for the poor.
- 44 The color of the vestment worn on Holy Thursday.
- 45 Liturgical color for Palm Sunday
- 47 From the Gospel on Good Friday: "Now the other disciple ... entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood \_\_\_\_ the gate outside."
- 49 One who is preparing for Baptism at Easter
- 50 Sacrament that is very connected to the Season of Lent.
- 51 The Season of Lent finds Catholics repenting; in Judaism a similar theme of repentance occurs on \_\_\_\_ Kippur.
- 53 He appears in the Gospel on the Second Sunday of Lent
- 55 Variant spelling of the Hebrew word for "Father" (refers to God).
- 56 In the Passion of Christ read on Good Friday, we hear: "Jesus... said to them, 'Whom are you looking for?' They answered him, 'Jesus the Nazorean.' He said to them, '\_\_\_\_'" (2 words)
- 57 The Wednesday after Palm Sunday is traditionally called "\_\_\_\_ Wednesday"
- 58 The Spanish word for Lent.
- 59 What color vestments may be worn by Priests and Deacons on the Fourth Sunday of Lent?

**DOWN**

- 1 From the Gospel on Palm Sunday we are that shortly before he died Jesus said in a loud voice: "\_\_\_\_, le-ma sabachthani?"
- 2 The color that the Church uses for Lent.
- 3 One of the three pillars of Lent.
- 4 Devotional practice of Lent: The \_\_\_\_ of the Cross.
- 5 At the Last Supper, Jesus said to his Apostles: "\_\_\_\_, I say to you, one of you will betray me."
- 6 The special period of spiritual reflection that begins on Palm Sunday. (2 words)
- 7 From St John's Gospel (chapter 13) for the Tuesday of Holy Week: "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and

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## HC & ICC CLERGY

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

## HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	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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Catholic Education Pre-K3 to Grade 8  
302 674 5787  
holycrossdover.org/school

Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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## RECENTLY DECEASED (HC)

Condolences to the families of those who have recently died:

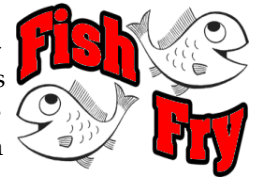
- Barbara Claire Zaragoza
- John F. Gregg

## HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

All winter and Christmas decorations will be removed on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. 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

## FISH FRYS

Fish Frys will take place each Friday during Lent in the Parish Hall hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Dinners will be served in the Parish Hall from 4 pm to 7 pm. Menus will be posted in the bulletin each week. On Friday, March 10, the menu will be shrimp subs, chips, and dessert. Cost is \$15 a plate.



## EXTRA RECONCILIATION TIME DURING LENT

During the Fridays in Lent, reconciliation will be available from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Holy Cross. One priest will be available each week during that time to hear confessions.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception will each offer the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7 pm.

## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (MAR 12)

### FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:3-7

The book of Exodus tells the story of God's un-failing desire to be in relationship with us. However unfaithful we may be, however many false idols we may turn to in our search for security, God will never fail us and always holds to the covenant promises.

### SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:2-3, 5-8

Paul writes to the Romans, reminding them that through God's grace they have a reliable hope that cannot be disappointed.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

The story of the woman of Samaria is rich with resonance. Jesus comes to meet this woman where she is. He invites her to change her perception of God and by doing so changes her experience of herself.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! Get away for an intimate weekend – no group sharing required. The next weekend is March 10-12, 2023 at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website <http://www.wwme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of April 21-23, 2023. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or [lucyminn929@gmail.com](mailto:lucyminn929@gmail.com) by April 7.

## IRISH DINNER DANCE

Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #4182

Music provided by: The Godfather of New England Doo Wop  
 Saturday, March 18th at 6pm  
 at the Columbian Hall  
 Cost \$40.00 per person  
 Contact Don Ryan  
 at [mairdon@verizon.net](mailto:mairdon@verizon.net) or go to our website [kofc4182.org](http://kofc4182.org) to pay online.

## FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

This Lent make your special sacrifice to come pray to save the lives of both mother and child! You can make an impact.  
 When: Each Thursday, March 24 through Good Friday  
 Where: Planned Parenthood  
 805 S. Governors Ave., Dover  
 Time: 9:30 am – 11:30 am  
 Any questions, please contact Donna Latteri at 862-266-1099

## MASS INTENTIONS MARCH

<b>6 MONDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Mary Dodd (LI)
<b>7 TUESDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Father John (LI)
<b>8 WEDNESDAY</b>	
HC 8:15 am	Marlan Schumann
<b>9 THURSDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	James B. Lynch
ICC 7:00 pm	For the People
<b>10 FRIDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	John and Alice McGlynn
<b>11 SATURDAY</b>	
HC 8 am	Keith DeFranciiso
HC 5:00 pm	El-Pi-Dio Lasano
<b>12 SUNDAY</b>	
HC 7:30 am	Michael Griner
ICC 8:30 am	Jerome Bevenour
HC 9:30 am	William Niebrzydowski
ICC 11:00 am	Vittorio Cristiano
HC 11:30 am	Clara Valdes
ICC 1:00 pm	For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION  
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

March 1 was "World Compliment Day." If you missed it, fine, your spouse may not connect the next compliment you give as a result of this prompt. Look for an authentic quality to compliment your spouse on this week.

## PARENTING POINTERS

March 2, was Dr. Seuss' birthday. You're never too old or too late to reread a favorite Dr. Seuss book. Try it. Share it with a child.

**HOLY CROSS MARCH 11/12**

	EMHC		SERVERS
5:00 PM	J. Bieker	M. Caccese	L. Curley
	C. Bugglin	W. Thomas	B. Richardson L. Richardson
<b>LECTORS</b>			
F. Urick V. Viddy			
7:30 AM	J. Denney	J. Fischer	E. Bydlon
	A. Fischer	R. Fritzsche	B. Shevock E. Wadhams
<b>LECTORS</b>			
D. Kilby			
9:30 AM	T. Arndt	K. Canfield	J. Beugre
	K. Boyer	R. Willey	C. Beugre M. Ford
<b>LECTORS</b>			
R. Adlerman T. Baurys			
11:30 AM	C. Garcia	A. Luna	
	B. Guzman		
<b>LECTORS</b>			
TBD			

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

8:30 AM	B. Casey		
	<b>LECTORS</b>		
T. Woodeshick			
11:00 AM	F. Cristians		
	<b>LECTORS</b>		
D. King			
1:00 PM	TBD		

Thank you to all who help with our various ministries at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception. We are truly grateful for your service to your parishes.

We are always in need of more Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers.

Please call your parish offices if you would be interested in joining in with those who already serve.

**REUPHOLSTERING THE PEWS**

The work on the church pews is almost complete. We will have daily Mass in the church. Thank you for your patience as we have this task completed.

**ADORATION CHAPEL (HO)**

Can you spare an hour to spend with Jesus? Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am to 9 pm Monday through Sunday. We have openings where you can spend quality time with Our Lord. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	6 am, 4 pm, 5pm
<b>MONDAY</b>	5 am, 5 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	5 am, 5 pm, 8 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	11 am
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5 am
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

**ADULT EDUCATION**

The Bible in a Year  
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>

**FROM THE DIALOG**

Get the latest Catholic news sent free to your inbox. Sign up today for The Dialog newsletter, The Angelus. You'll receive our newsletter, The Angelus, with the latest diocesan news, spiritual columns and feature stories of interest to people in our schools and parishes. You'll also get breaking news alerts from TheDialog.org and information from our Dialog partners. To sign up, visit thedialog.org and click the "Get Our Newsletter" link at the top of every page. Type in your email address and you're done.

- Foro Cristiano todos los viernes de 6:00 – 8:00 pm en ELC. Venga escuche, participe y aprenda de nuestra Fe y como vivirla Con el Padre Brennan Ferris
- Todos están invitados a la reunión de planeamiento el para este domingo, 5 de marzo en el salón parroquial de eventos. Esta reunión es de suma importancia para planear todas las actividades del próximo año litúrgico que será desde Julio 2023 a Junio 2024. Si usted está interesado en contribuir con ideas, trabajo por el bien común de nuestra comunidad y nuestra parroquia venga a esta reunión, que durara aproximadamente 2 horas. Es una reunión de trabajo y les pedimos encarecidamente de no traer niños, porque es una jornada larga y los niños se inquietan y hay que atenderlos y se hace más larga la reunión. Todos están invitados, todos somos iglesia. Si no puede venir a la reunión le pedimos que ore para que esta reunión sea un éxito y que hagamos la voluntad de Dios y para el bien común de nuestra comunidad.
- Si usted desea compartir su talento o quiera participar en alguno de los ministerios por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Arline Dosman o llame a la oficina parroquia al 302-674-5787 ext. 118
- Peregrinación 2023 con el Obispo Koenig: El obispo Koenig invita a jóvenes, adultos jóvenes y familias de todas las parroquias y escuelas a unirse a él para la duodécima peregrinación el sábado 1 de abril de 2023. Peregrinos de por toda la diócesis llevarán la cruz peregrina 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 en la parroquia de St. Elizabeth con la oración de apertura y un concierto de The Scally Brothers a las 10:00 am. Habrá confesiones y la Via crucis que los jóvenes de nuestras parroquias presentaran. Concluimos con la Misa de las 4pm en St. Elizabeth. El costo del día es de \$15 por persona o \$45 como máximo por familia (traiga su propio almuerzo). También hay una tarifa de \$ 10 por un autobús. Para registrarse en la parroquia de La Inmaculada Concepción, comuníquese con Alicia Poppi al 410-482-8939 para obtener más información. Puede registrar a su familia por separado o por su cuenta también.

## ICC- EDUCACIÓN CONFIRMACION DE JOVENES:

- Quinta Sesión es el Domingo, 12 de marzo, a las 2:30-5pm en el Salón Parroquial. Todas las tareas, y asignaciones hay que entregarlo
- Clases de Primera Comunión en ICC:  
Tercera Sesión es el martes 7 de marzo, 6:30 -7:30pm en el salón.
- Quinta Sesión es el martes 21 de febrero de 6:30 – 7:30 en el salón. Esta será la última sesión. Todas las tareas deben ser entregadas.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next Class 3/12/2023 3 to 5 pm  
Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Registration forms available at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>  
If you have any questions contact Tammy Korosec either 302-674-5787 x122 or [tkorosec@holycrossdover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossdover.org)

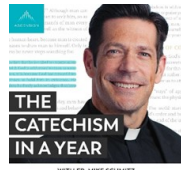
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### LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

Next class March 12, 2023 at 10:30 am in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Early Learning Center. Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF? Contact Tammy Korosec.

### ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (HC)

The Catechism  
In a Year



[www.ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear](http://www.ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear)

### YOUTH PROGRAMS AT HOLY CROSS

#### Confirmation Class:

Next class is 3/13/23 at 3:30 pm or 3/15/23 at 6:00 pm.

#### Parent Meeting:

For parents of candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation - our final parent meeting will be Sunday, March 5 or Monday, March 6 at 7 pm in the ELC Building Matthew Mark room.

Sign up for interviews as well as final instructions for Confirmation will be shared.

#### Purse Bingo:

Tickets are almost gone—just a few remain. Please join us for our annual Purse Bingo fundraiser on Saturday, March 25.



Doors open at 6 pm and Bingo begins promptly at 7 pm.

Email [ldarling@holycrossdover.org](mailto:ldarling@holycrossdover.org) to re-

serve your spot. Cost is \$30 per person - includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Cash Bar with beer and wine available.

### SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Rice Bowl:** FIRST WEEK OF LENT A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more .

**First Communion classes Immaculate Conception:** Third Session is Tuesday, March 7th, 6:30-7:30pm in the ICC hall.

**Youth Confirmation for Immaculate Conception:** Fifth Session is Sunday, March 12, at 2:30-5pm in the Parish hall. This will be final session for the Sacrament.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: (HC AND ICC)

Bishop Koenig invites youth, young adults, and families from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the twelfth Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Pilgrims from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring The Scally Brothers at 10:00 am. We conclude with the 4pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). There is a \$10 fee for the bus.

**For Holy Cross:** To register, please contact Linda Darling at [ldarling@holycrossdover.org](mailto:ldarling@holycrossdover.org). For more information, visit [www.cdowcym.org](http://www.cdowcym.org). Registration deadline is March 20, 2023.

**For Immaculate Conception:** To register, please contact Alicia Poppiti 410-482-8939 at Immaculate Conception for more information. You may register your family separately/on your own as well.



Emmy is my cat. She is tremendously overweight, a beautiful Calico with a classically cantankerous Calico personality. Most everyone who knows me well knows that Emmy is a needy pet due to her asthmatic condition. She is on a regular medication regimen which necessitates regular visits to Dr. Vet. Emmy, or any one of her feline housemates are the only reason for my occasional late morning arrival or an occasional pre-dismissal departure. My world goes on pause until their needs have been seen to, when they have a need. Thanks be to God, that is not too frequently necessitated.

The early dismissal on Ash Wednesday presented a golden opportunity for me to get Emmy to see Dr. Vet. Not an easy task loading up the crate and hoisting her poundage onto the back seat of my car. But once inside and we begin our thirty-minute drive north; Emmy becomes quite conversational. I make it a point not to encourage her attempt at initiating dialogue, so I remain silent. Ten minutes or so into her outing, she becomes less verbal and listens to the music playing over the stereo system in the car. The “music” is a recording of chirping birds, a babbling brook, or perhaps a peaceful rainfall. Emmy likes the birds.

On this particular Ash Wednesday, as the driver, I wasn’t in the mood for babbling brooks and chirping birds so I made the executive decision to change the CD. I am a fan of classical music, or any other instrumental renditions of favorite music. So, the CD I chose was one produced by an artist by the name of Jim Brickman. Brickman is a piano player and songwriter. I have found his musical offerings quite soothing and relaxing. I was hoping Emmy would feel the same.

The title of the CD is *Blessed*. As the title suggests the selections are spiritual in nature. The first selection is Mr. Brickman’s lovely rendering of How Great Thou Art followed by a wonderfully melodic performance of Were You There. Perfect. Driving along the back roads of Sussex County, Emmy and I were much enjoying the sweet sounds of Mr. Brickman’s piano. Lost in thought I recalled the first time I was introduced to the words of Were You There, and for a brief three minutes I was back in my first school setting singing the poignant lyrics along with my students. Unbelievable as it may sound, I had never heard this hymn before and I recall being moved beyond words. Known as an old plantation spiritual dating back to the very late nineteenth century, the lyrics still stir something inside me and sometimes I just stop singing.... and listen.

**Were You There**

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble, Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble, Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble, Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*Were you there when they rolled the stone away? Were you there when they rolled the stone away?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble, Were you there when they rolled the stone away?*

Holy Cross students will be participating in the Stations of the Cross during this season of Lent. We are in the process of preparing our “little Mary’s” for the Mary’s Way of the Cross. This most beautiful version of the Stations of the Cross as seen through the eyes of the Blessed Mother, the agony and pain she experienced watching her Son suffer the walk along the road to his crucifixion. Watching the piercing of His side, the nails driven through His hands, her heart breaking as He gave himself over to death, and the eventual laying of His body in a tomb will be reflected upon in this very special worship service. The Living Stations will be presented by the eighth graders weekly for our school community as well as for the Holy Cross parishioners one evening following a weekly Fish Fry dinner. We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus for allowing us the opportunity.

.....Reaching our destination, Emmy has a few words to say. It is so uncanny how she recognizes the sound of the turn signal and the tires crunching the small stones on the gravelly parking lot. She knows we have reached our destination. However, in ten minutes or so we will be back on our way, southbound, homebound. Save for the peaceful sounds of the piano, our drive will be in silence. Sweet silence.

Despite the busyness of all our days, silence and reflection can be as uplifting a renewal as an afternoon power nap. It is my hope that we can find some of that time, to find the silence, to simply just be as we meditate on the meaning and significance of this holy liturgical season. Even if it can only be found behind the steering wheel of your automobile.

\_\_\_ is glorified in him."

8 When one kisses the cross of Christ, this is an act of \_\_\_\_.

9 Saint commemorated during Lent on March 17.

12 One of the things we are called to give during Lent.

16 On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the faithful are required to \_\_\_\_.

18 During Lent we are called to \_\_\_\_.

19 Celebrated on the evening of Holy

Thursday: Mass of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(2 words)

21 He appears in the Gospel reading on the Second Sunday of Lent

23 What type of season is Lent?

24 How many Sundays are there within the Season of Lent.

25 Roman Governor referenced in the First Station of the Cross.

27 Imposed on foreheads at the start of Lent.

28 The practice of not eating meat on Fridays.

29 The call to generosity during Lent is referred to as \_\_\_\_.

33 The color of the vestment worn on Palm Sunday at Mass.

34 Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the \_\_\_\_.

35 How many Stations of the Cross are there?

37 1953 American film that tells the story of a Roman military tribune who commands the unit that is responsible for Jesus' crucifixion: The \_\_\_\_.

38 Traditionally, the meatless day of the week (especially during Lent)

40 In the Gospel on the Tuesday of Holy Week, Peter makes this gesture to John indicating he should go ahead and find out from Jesus who His betrayer will be.

41 This words is not uttered at Masses during the Season of Lent.

43 Christ raised him from the dead shortly before Palm Sunday.

46 Reminder on Ash Wednesday: "Remember you are \_\_\_\_"

48 Lazarus spent several days here 50 Sources of the ashes used on Ash Wednesday.

52 Doesn't have to do with Lent: If one went across the Dead Sea from Judah, they would wind up in the Old Testament Kingdom of \_\_\_\_.

54 Hebrew word for "son" -- as seen in the name Barabbas.

55 From Second Sunday of Lent Gospel: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I \_\_\_ well pleased; listen to him."

## Season of Lent Puzzle

As we observe the Season of Lent, try your hand at this crossword puzzle all about this special Church Season.

