

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

May 19, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Weekday Eucharist
Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Holydays of Obligation
As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,
Thursday evening 6:30pm
And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Timothy J. Brady, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mano Salla, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of financial assistance, please call

St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702

The Sacraments

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

Dear Parishioners,

I, like most priests, receive a monthly newsletter from the Catholic League for Civil and Religious Rights. I also (evidently) have been signed up to get online news updates from them. And I get a bunch of them. Sometimes I find some Catholic League's stuff to be hyperbolic, or polemical (though none the less, always interesting). So, I read it with a critical eye, and then check out on my own, the details of what they report.

Bully for You! Recently, I received one of those email updates from the Catholic League, and the headline was "PA Lawmaker Bullies Elderly Woman." Now, I could not imagine what that article was about; I mean, the idea that a lawmaker would "bully" some old lady seemed coo-coo for Cocoa Puffs crazy. The email stated: "*She [the old lady] was praying, with a rosary in hand, in front of a Planned Parenthood clinic. For eight uninterrupted minutes, [Rep. Brian] Sims badgered her, telling her to go pray at home. When she asked him to stop, he*

followed her around and threatened to make her home address public so that others could harass her."

Let's go to the Videotape. I thought for sure: This is just some hyperbolic and exaggerated moment of conflict between a lawmaker and a constituent. But I was wrong. After looking into the matter from other sources, I believe that the article headline was too reserved; perhaps "intensely haranguing" or "browbeating" would have been more accurate than "bullying." State Rep. Brian Sims of Pennsylvania, not only harassed, harangued and browbeat this old lady for praying in front of a Planned Parenthood Clinic, he actually brazenly took a video of the encounter and proudly posted it. I watched the video -- and let me say, it was painful to watch. He followed this lady as she walked and prayed her rosary. He berated her. He mocked her. He said things like:

"Have you fed any children today or have you just stood out in front of a Planned Parenthood shaming people for something they have a Constitutional right to do?"

"Actually, let's keep walking down the block. We can talk about this. We can talk about your Christian faith, about how your Christian faith believes in shaming people."

"Today's protester, now she is an old white lady who is going to try to avoid showing you her face," adding that pro-life protestors, "They're racist, classist, bigots[.]"

"There's no faith that tells you-you are right and everybody else is wrong. Don't convince yourself that what you are doing isn't extremely racist."

A Loon Again, Naturally. Later he tried a similar tactic on some teenage girls and their mom. Representative Sims played the scare card, the race card, the faith card, the class card, the shame card, and many other cards from the deck of loony far-left fringe, where hate seems to be a sacrament and *faux* outrage seems to be a strategy. Now, there are always folks like this in the world, but the problem is that this particular anti-Christian, pro-abortion man holds state office, and holds political power. Big problem!

Take a Look. But, don't take my word. I suggest you view this video, to get the full impact of what was said and done to this woman by this cad. You can see the video at <https://youtu.be/LQRS09ckJQo> or go to www.catholicleague.org/pa-lawmaker-bullies-elderly-woman/ (click link in 4th paragraph) -- or Google the words "video Brian Sims planned parenthood" (no quotes).

Tough Talk. This has been a really troubling time in terms of political leaders and their treatment of the abortion issue. A few months ago, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam stirred a maelstrom of controversy when, while defending a proposed law that would allow third-trimester abortion, he commented on what would happen if a child survived an attempted abortion, just before birth. His response: *"[I]f a mother is in labor, I can tell you exactly what would happen, the infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother."* So, in other words, a child effectively brought to term would be put aside, kept comfortable, and allowed to die unless the mother and the doctor agreed otherwise. Holy Hannah! Effectively killing a child who has been born – what the heck is going on here?

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, May 19

8:30am James & Elizabeth Griffith
11:00am John Goffredo
Misa en Español 1pm For the People

Thursday, May 23

7pm Misa For the People

Sunday, May 26

8:30am Jan Shafron
11:00am Francis Messner
Misa en Español 1pm For the People

More Tough Talk. And then there was Rep. Allen Rogers of Alabama, who in the course of a debating a bill that would give further protection to the unborn, said this: *"I'm not about to be a male telling a woman what to do with her body... Some kids are unwanted, so you kill them now or you kill them later. You bring them into the world unwanted, unloved, you send them to the electric chair. So, you kill them now or kill them later."* Short form: Because a kid may be born in less than an ideal circumstance, you kill that child because he might become a criminal later. I repeat my previous exclamation: What the heck is going on here?

Good News. So, over the past few weeks I received a few emails advising me that I shouldn't support Catholic Relief Services (CRS) (which, for example, is supported by the annual Rice Bowl campaign) because they support abortion and contraceptive services. I found the assertion patently beyond the pale, as these are areas from which CRS, like any Catholic or Catholic group, steer clear and oppose. But, as I am not oblivious to the ravages of secular humanism, the culture of death and the societal permissiveness on the world in which the Church functions, I decided to check the matter out myself.

I found that most of the allegations are from 2011-2013; they were raised by the *Lepanto Institute for the Restoration of All Things in Christ* and the *Population Research Institute*. CRS, in a statement, responded saying it is fully aware of the allegations, and that those allegations are false. The statement goes on to make it clear that CRS does not partake in abortion, contraceptive services, or practices contrary to the Faith. This statement was detailed and specific, and, at least in my book, it lays the matter to rest. Check out the CRS Statement on this matter at: www.crs.org/stories/crs-responds-false-allegations-about-kenya-program.

So, I implore you all to pray for an end to abortion, and for the conversion of heart of leaders who have bought the big lie, that they might come to embrace God's truth: He, not we, is the Lord and giver of life.

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Offertory: \$ 3553.00

St. Vincent DePaul: \$ 960.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed and appreciated

Join our Parish Family...Registration Forms are Available at the front vestibule or the Parish Office

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Altar Servers

May 26

8:30am Mass –Averi Locke, Anna Clancy
11am Mass –Sherlin Santizo, William Meyer
Spanish Misa 1pm – Sofia Ramirez, Jessica Perez Ortiz

Lectors

May 26

8:30am Mass – Karen Cairns
11am Mass – Donna King
Spanish Misa 1pm – Pavel Hernández, Yorli Escalante

Eucharistic Ministers

May 26

8:30am Mass – Gerry Godfrey, Mark Plucenik
11am Mass – Frank & Joyce Cristiano
Spanish Misa 1pm – Anselmo Escalante, Adelaida Velásquez, Miguel López, Flora Pérez, Antonio Pérez

Collection Counters

May 19 Paul & Robin Engstenberg

May 26 Tom & Mary McGowan

June 2 Elisa & Tom Costello

Church Cleaning Crew

Mayo 24, 2019 Grupo #10

Marcos Domingo, Orelia Berdugo, Carmen Gabriel,
Susana Ortiz Morales, Alberto Morales.

Junio 7, 2019 Grupo #11

Maurilio Gabriel, **Carlos Miguel**, Aurora Rivera,
Bernarda Miguel., Dario Ortega.

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

"As I have done for you, you should also do."

If you have not yet participated, please fill out an envelope and let us know if you can or not. Our Goal of \$24,000.00 has been met. Thank you for your generosity.



Graduates from High School!



Please let Ms. Alicia in the office know if you

are a graduating Senior from High School this year, and from where you are graduating. Call office at 410-482-8939 or email me at dre@iccmarydel.org and Congratulations!

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tues, May 21 1pm Exercise class in hall

Tues, May 21 7pm – VBS Meeting-office

Tues, May 21 7pm – Estudios Biblicos

Thur, May 23 1pm Exercise class in hall

Fri, May 24 7pm Band Practice

Delaware Right to Life is pleased to invite you to our first Victorian Tea for Life on Sat, June 22

from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Holy Angels Parish Hall. Ladies! Bring your mum, your auntie, your daughter, or a friend for a delightful outing to benefit Delaware Right to Life. Experience an authentic British Tea with tea sandwiches, scones, and dainties, as well as heaps of lovely teas. Gift baskets will be raffled off and we will tour the Memorial Garden of the Unborn. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available through our website, www.derighttolife.org, or by mailing a check to DRTL Education Fund, P.O. Box 1222, Wilmington, DE 19899. Seating is limited, so please purchase tickets in advance!

Knights of Columbus

Next meeting Tues, May 28,



7pm Meeting in the Knights Hall All members are encouraged to attend. Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or kelley29@comcast.net. Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Parenting Pointer –

Does your child worry a lot? Even if they don't, spending some time being quiet, reading, listening to calm music, taking a walk alone or with you, can revive their spirit. Good for parents too.

Marriage Moment –

Spend 5 minutes today sharing how Jesus loved his followers (healing, feeding, teaching, dying...) and how it translates to your marriage.

"Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him."

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

SRE will start again on September 22, 2019.

Registrations are now due. \$40 per child, and \$150 max for a family. Please get in to the office.

Please get registrations in as soon as possible for next year SRE, so we can plan for classroom space and teachers.



LAS MATRICULAS: para nuestro programa de formación cristiana de niños en domingo están todavía disponibles en el despacho parroquial, en la entrada principal del templo, y en el internet. Favor de someterlas en lo más pronto posible, con la cobra de \$40 por cada niño, y no más de \$150 cada familia.



NEEDED: TEACHERS! APPLY HERE FOR NEXT YEAR! Share your gifts and get the rewards in heaven.

We will need teachers for religious education on Sunday mornings from September to May.

If you see this, and are wondering "is this me?", inquire.



Vacation Bible School

August 5-9th

Our next meeting is on Tues, May 21 @7pm. If you are interested in helping out this year and can't make the meeting, please inquire with Alicia Poppiti or Meg Haass. Registrations are available now, online and at the parish office.

Congratulations to Vincent Haass!

Vincent received the St. Timothy Award for Immaculate Conception from the Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry Recognition Dinner this past week in Dover.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Theme: Jesus commands us to love one another!

Question for Children: How do you make obvious that you love your family and friends?

Question for Youth: The world is full of examples of people who don't love others. What are the results of hate that you see in the world? How would the world be different if we followed Jesus' commandment?

Question for Adults: Jesus' commandment to love another is a challenge. What will you do this week to deepen the love you have for those around you in life?

5º domingo de Resurrección

Tema: Jesús nos manda a amarnos los unos a los otros.

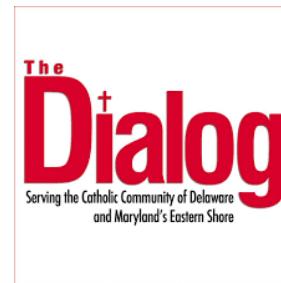
Pregunta para los niños: ¿Cómo hacen que sea obvio el amor que sienten por sus familiares y amigos?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: El mundo está lleno de ejemplos de personas que no aman a los demás. ¿Cuáles son los resultados del odio que vez en el mundo? ¿Por qué sería distinto el mundo si obedeciéramos el mandamiento de Jesús?

Pregunta para los adultos: El mandamiento de Jesús de amar al prójimo es un reto. ¿Qué harán esta semana para profundizar el amor que tienen por las personas presentes en sus vidas?



Before you head to the beach, check out the Diocese of Wilmington's Vacation Mass Guide for Mass times for Delaware and Maryland beach resort areas, and the Chesapeake Bay region. Go to www.cdow.org/VMG or check out the 2019 Summer Weekend Mass Guide in The Dialog and TheDialog.org.



COLUMNÁ DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 19 DE MAYO, 2019.

Queridos feligreses,

Yo, como la mayoría de los sacerdotes, recibo un boletín mensual de la Liga Católica de Derechos Civiles y Religiosos. También (evidentemente) me he registrado para recibir actualizaciones de noticias en línea de ellos. Y me salen un montón de ellos. A veces me parece que algunas cosas de la Liga Católica son hiperbólicas o polémicas (aunque, sin embargo, siempre interesantes). Entonces, lo leo con ojo crítico y luego verifico por mi cuenta los detalles de lo que informan.

Bully Para Ti! Recientemente, recibí una de esas actualizaciones por correo electrónico de la Liga Católica, y el titular fue "Un Congresista de Pensilvania insulta y Acosa a una Anciana". Ahora, no podía imaginar de qué se trataba ese artículo; Quiero decir, la idea de que un congresista "intimidara" a una anciana pareciera ser una idea loca. El correo electrónico decía: "Ella [la anciana] estaba orando, con un rosario en la mano, frente a una clínica de Planned Parenthood. Durante ocho minutos ininterrumpidos, [Rep. Brian] Sims la acosó y le dijo que fuera a rezar en casa. Cuando ella le pidió que para el acoso, él siguió y amenazó con hacer pública la dirección de su casa para que otros pudieran acosarla".

Vayamos a la Cinta de Video. Pensé con certeza: este es solo un momento de conflicto hiperbólico y exagerado entre un legislador y un constituyente. Pero estaba equivocado. Después de analizar el asunto de otras fuentes, creo que el título del artículo era demasiado reservado; tal vez "intensamente agresivo" o "repugnante" hubiera sido más preciso que la palabra "acoso". El representante estatal Brian Sims de Pensilvania, no solo hostigó, avergonzó y maltrató a esta anciana por orar frente a una clínica de Planned Parenthood, en realidad descaradamente tomó un video del encuentro y con orgullo lo subió y lo publicó. Vi el video, y permítanme decir que fue doloroso verlo. Siguió a esta dama mientras caminaba y rezaba su rosario. Él la reprendió. Él se burló de ella. Dijo cosas como: « ¿A cuántos niños has vestido hoy? ¿A cuántos niños has puesto zapatos en sus pies hoy? ¿Ha alimentado a algún niño mientras que estaba fuera (de la clínica) de planificación familiar avergonzando a la gente por algo que tiene el derecho constitucional de hacer?».

"En realidad, sigamos caminando por la cuadra. Podemos hablar de esto. Podemos hablar sobre su fe cristiana, sobre cómo su fe cristiana cree en avergonzar a las personas ". "La manifestante de hoy, ahora es una anciana blanca que intentará evitar mostrarte su rostro", y agregó que los manifestantes pro-vida "son racistas, clasistas, intolerantes [.]"

"No hay fe que te lo diga: tienes razón y todos los demás están equivocados. No te convences de que lo que estás haciendo no es extremadamente racista ".

Naturalmente, Un chiflado Nuevamente. Más tarde, intentó una táctica similar con algunas adolescentes y sus madres. El representante Sims jugó la carta de miedo, la carta de carrera, la carta de fe, la carta de clase, la carta de vergüenza y muchas otras cartas de baraja de la franja de extrema izquierda de chiflados, donde el odio parece ser un sacramento y una falsa indignación, una estrategia. Ahora, siempre hay personas como este en el mundo, pero el problema es que este hombre anti-cristiano, a favor del aborto, ocupa un cargo estatal y tiene el poder político. ¡Gran problema!

Tome un Vistazo. Pero, no tomes mi palabra. Le sugiero que vea este video para obtener el impacto total de lo que fue dicho y lo que le hizo a esta mujer este representante. Puede ver el video en <https://youtu.be/LQRSo9ckJQo> o ir a [www. http://www.infocatolica.com](http://www.infocatolica.com) un congresista de Pensilvania haga clic en el enlace en el cuarto párrafo) - o busque en Google las palabras "video Brian" Sims congresista de Pensilvania insulta y acosa a una anciana. Palabras Duras. Este ha sido un momento realmente preocupante para los líderes políticos y su manejo del problema del aborto. Hace unos meses, el gobernador de Virginia Ralph Northam provocó una vorágine de controversia cuando, mientras defendía una propuesta de ley que permitiría el aborto en el tercer trimestre, comentó qué sucedería si un niño sobreviviera a un intento de aborto, justo antes del nacimiento. Su respuesta: "[Si] una madre está en parto para dar a luz, puedo decirle exactamente lo que sucedería, el bebé nacería. El infante se mantendría cómodo. El bebé sería resucitado si eso es lo que deseaban la madre y la familia, y luego se produciría una discusión entre los médicos y la madre". Así que, en otras palabras, un niño efectivamente llevado a término se dejaría a un lado, se mantendría cómodo y se permitiría morir a menos que la madre y el médico acuerden lo contrario. Santa Hannah! Matar efectivamente a un niño que ha nacido, ¿qué diablos está pasando aquí?

Más Palabras Duras. Y luego estaba el Representante Allen Rogers de Alabama, quien en el curso de un debate sobre un proyecto de ley que brindaría mayor protección a los no nacidos, dijo esto: "No voy a ser un hombre diciéndole a una mujer qué hacer con su cuerpo..." Algunos niños no son deseados, así que los matas ahora o los matas más tarde. Los traes al mundo no deseado, no amado, los envías a la silla eléctrica. Así que, los matas ahora o los matas más tarde ". Forma corta: como un niño puede nacer en menos de una circunstancia ideal, matas a ese niño porque podría convertirse en un criminal más adelante. Repito mi exclamación anterior: ¿Qué diablos está pasando aquí?

Buenas Noticias. Por lo tanto, durante las últimas semanas recibí algunos correos electrónicos que me informaron que no debería apoyar a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) (que, por ejemplo, recibe el apoyo de la campaña anual "Plato de

Arroz") porque apoyan los servicios de aborto y anticoncepción. Encontré la afirmación claramente más allá de la bala, ya que estas son áreas desde las cuales CRS, como cualquier grupo católico o católico, se aleja y se opone. Pero, como no ignoro los estragos del humanismo secular, la cultura de la muerte y la permisividad de la sociedad en el mundo en que funciona la Iglesia, decidí investigar el asunto por mí mismo. Encontré que la mayoría de las acusaciones son de 2011-2013; fueron criados por el Instituto Lepanto para la Restauración de Todas las Cosas en Cristo y el Instituto de Investigación de la Población. CRS, en una declaración, respondió que es plenamente consciente de las acusaciones y que esas acusaciones son falsas. La declaración deja en claro que CRS no participa en abortos, servicios anticonceptivos o prácticas contrarias a la fe. Esta declaración fue detallada y específica, y, al menos en mi libro, establece el asunto para poner a descansar. Consulte la Declaración de CRS sobre este asunto en: www.crs.org/stories/crs-responds-false-allegations-about-kenya-program.

Entonces, les ruego a todos que recen por el fin del aborto y por la conversión del corazón de los líderes que han comprado la gran mentira, para que puedan abrazar la verdad de Dios: Él, y no nosotros, es el Señor y dueño de la vida. .

Tuyo en Cristo
P. James Lentini
Párroco