

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Friday 9:30-12noon, Closed Wednesdays

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

## May 26, 2019 – Sixth 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,

A lot people think shadows only extend before or after a person or object, with the light in front of or behind them. But I have learned that shadows also extend in front of places – places in the memory. I learned this first hand, when I moved to Dover in the early days of the 1990s. Back then, Dover was a smaller place. But, to me, as a new-comer, it was a brand-new world to learn about.

**Remembrance of Things Past.** Many times, in those early years of living in Dover, I would ask folks "where is this" or "how do I get to that." The one practice of Doverites that made me crazy in this regard, is that they would often give me directions based on landmarks that were no longer there. Case in point, I needed to buy an account ledger to keep track of my finances (this was back in those heady days before online banking when it was still fashionable to balance a check book). I was told that the only place to find that would be at Capitol Office Supply, downtown.

When I asked where it was located, a neighbor of mine said, "It's right down the street from where the old Sear's store used to be." Not helpful. (I must confess that over the years I have become guilty of doing this same thing; recently, a newbie to Dover asked me where the Redners was in Dover, and I answered, "It's on Route 8, where the old Super Fresh used to be.")

**Long Shadows.** Of course, the folks who gave me these dated directions were neither trying to be funny nor trying to get me lost. They were directing me from what they remembered. Those places they used as landmarks were so central, pivotal or universal to folks in Dover that they remained etched in memory, even after they were long gone. The shadows of those places extended long. The same is true with people. There are people in our lives that have been so important to us; people who remain etched in our memory. Even after they are gone, their shadow extends long; like a person walking away from us toward the light of the sun -- their shadow seems to stretch-out from the light before them, and it recedes

oh, so slowly.

**Shadows and Light.** One might rightly say that the members of our United States Armed Forces who are no longer with us, remain part of our collective memory as a nation. Much like those former landmarks people used in giving me directions, I think it would be fair to say that we use the memory of our fallen men and women of the Armed Forces as guideposts in directing our lives. We use them as role models, heroes, faithful citizens, and folks we aspire to be. Their shadows loom long, reminding that they were there and commending us they have served. As Douglas MacArthur said, "Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away." But they are not forgotten. They are giants, who leave large, long shadows as they depart from us. And paradoxically, their shadows enlighten us.

**Landmarks.** On Memorial Day, we remember those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our nation. We remember their bravery, commitment and love of God and country. While no longer with us, they are not forgotten. Rather, they collectively serve as a landmark to show us the way to serve others.

**Love.** In the Gospel of St. John (15:11-12) which we heard last weekend, Christ told his followers: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." On this Memorial Day, we remember those brave soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen, and others in our Armed Forces who showed that ultimate love of which there is none greater; we remember those who gave their lives so that we might enjoy the right to life. To play upon the words from our National Anthem, we are the home of the free because of the brave – and on Memorial Day we don't mourn these brave fallen heroes, we remember them, as we stand in the fluttering shadow of our nation's flag.

**Memories, May be Beautiful and Yet...** That being said, there are those for whom this day is a painful

reminder of a personal loss – perhaps, a son, a daughter, a mother, a father, a sister, a brother lost in the service of our nation. In our faith, we are called, indeed commended to pray for those who have gone before us, that they might find rest in Heaven and that we can find peace in that hope given us by Christ.

**Our Memory of Christ.** Aldous Huxley (who wrote "Brave New World") noted that, "Every man's memory is his private literature." This means that the memories you have – difficult or joyful – help to guide you in life. The most important memory we must always hold is that one imbued into us by faith: that Christ, suffered, died, and rose for us that we might have life to the full. That is the memory that will give us hope to get beyond any pain, any loss.

**The Shadow of the Cross.** Thus, as faithful Catholics, we are reminded that we are also called to be faithful and at the service of our fellow man. While we might not be called to lay down our lives in the same way as those we remember on Memorial Day, we are called, nonetheless, to lay down our lives in the service of God and neighbor, as we remember the sacrifice that Christ made for us. As Christians, every day is a sort of a "Memorial Day" – wherein, as St. Paul commends us, we are to live in "the shadow of the Cross." That is to say, that each day we are to remember what Christ did for us and what Christ called on us to do in his name. At every Mass, we remember these very things in a most profound way.

Scripture says, "The memory of the just serves as blessing." (Proverbs 10:7). The memories of our loved ones, and on this Memorial Day, the memories of our fallen heroes, bear this out. On this Memorial Day, we remember those who did so much for our nation, but even more so, we remember the One who did so much for their salvation and our, Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini

Pastor

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### MASS INTENTIONS:

#### **Sunday, May 26**

8:30am Jan Shafron

11:00am Francis Messner

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

#### **Thursday, May 30**

7pm Misa For the People

#### **Sunday, June 2**

8:30am Erma & Dalton Neudecker

11:00am Allan Brennan

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

### COLLECTION TOTALS:

**Offertory: \$ 4317.00**

**Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund: \$ 902.00**

**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

June 2

**8:30am Mass** – Mikey Dixon, Anna Clancy

**11am Mass** – Joanna Santizo, Isaac Meyer

**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Darly Ortega, Brittany Cuin

### Lectors

June 2

**8:30am Mass** – Diane Smith

**11am Mass** – Jim Ward

**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Lucia Tomas, Dani Ramírez

### Eucharistic Ministers

June 2

**8:30am Mass** – Mark Plucenik, Charlotte Tormey

**11am Mass** – Judy Carrow, Laura Schlaupitz

**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Guadalupe Morales, Genaro Pérez, Verónica Bravo, Carlos Miguel, Epifanio Morales

### Collection Counters

**May 26** Tom & Mary McGowan

**June 2** Elisa & Tom Costello

**June 9** Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

### Church Cleaning Crew

**Junio 7, 2019 Grupo #11**

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

**Junio 14, 2019 Grupo #12**

Anselmo Escalante, Adelaida Velásquez, Judith Ortiz, Cesario Escalante, Ada Escalante, Haylin Bartolón



*Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, tune in to meet Jacob Scally, founding member of the Christian rock band, 2 + One and sample some of their music. 2 + One will give a free concert*

*on June 8 at 7 p.m. in the Benedictine Performing Arts Center at St. Elizabeth School. After Catholic Forum airs, listen online anytime at*

*[www.cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://www.cdow.org/CatholicForum), or search “Catholic Forum” on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, “Like” Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum).*

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Mon, May 27** Office Closed-Memorial Day

**Tues, May 28** 1pm Exercise class in hall

**Thur, May 30** 1pm Exercise class in hall

**Fri, May 31 7pm** Band Practice

**Fri, May 31 8pm** Vigilia-Church

**Sat, June 1 6:30pm** Culto- hall

**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](http://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, June 11,**

**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](mailto:kelley29@comcast.net). Follow us

on Facebook @ **Knights of Columbus Council 12509**



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](http://www.cdow.org/VMG) or check out the 2019 Summer Weekend Mass Guide in The Dialog and TheDialog.org.



"CYM Fall Sports registration opens June 15th. We would love to welcome your son or daughter for Volleyball, Football, Soccer and Cross Country. There is a team for every young athlete, either at your parish or nearby. Don't delay, practices begin in August! For questions, visit [www.cdowcym.org/athletics](http://www.cdowcym.org/athletics),

## 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, June 25th @7pm in the Hall.**

**If you are interested in helping out this year you may contact Alicia Poppiti or Meg Haass**

**soon, so we can give you your information and order leader materials.** Helpers and team leaders are still needed. Registrations are available now, online and at the parish office. Come join the fun!!!

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."*

## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Theme:** The Holy Spirit instructs us in everything we do.

**Question for Children:** How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus told us to trust in the Holy Spirit to help guide our lives. How can you be open to what the Holy Spirit might say to you?

**Question for Adults:** How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?

### 6° domingo de Resurrección

**Tema:** El Espíritu Santo nos instruye en todo lo que hacemos.

**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Cómo experimentan la paz que Cristo nos ofrece?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Jesús nos dijo que confiáramos en el Espíritu Santo que nos ayuda a guiar nuestra vida. ¿Cómo puedes escuchar lo que el Espíritu Santo pueda decirte?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Cómo experimentan la paz que Cristo nos ofrece?

## Marriage & Family Life Corner

### Parenting Pointer –

We humans may be tempted to lie, or at least bend the truth, when we are afraid. Talk with your child about times when it might be hard to tell the truth. Perhaps share a time that was difficult for you.

### Marriage Moment –

Memorial Day is a day to remember - not only those fallen in military service but also your spouse to whom you've pledged mutual service. Serve your spouse something today - a cool drink, a meal, a favor, an errand.



**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 gradating. Call office at 410-482-8939 or email me at**

**[dre@iccmaryl.org](mailto:dre@iccmaryl.org) and Congratulations!**

# COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 26 DE MAYO, 2019.

Queridos feligreses,

Muchas personas piensan que las sombras solo se extienden antes o después de una persona u objeto, con la luz delante o detrás de ellos. Pero he aprendido que las sombras también se extienden frente a lugares, lugares en la memoria. Aprendí esto de primera mano, cuando me mudé a Dover en los primeros días de los años noventa. En aquel entonces, Dover era un lugar más pequeño. Pero, para mí, como recién llegado, era un mundo completamente nuevo por aprender.

**Recuerdos de Cosas Pasadas.** Muchas veces, en esos primeros años de vivir en Dover, les preguntaba a las personas "dónde está esto" o "cómo puedo llegar a este lugar". La única práctica de los Doverianos que me volvía loco en este respecto, es que a menudo me daban instrucciones basadas en puntos de referencia que ya no estaban allí. Por ejemplo, necesitaba comprar un libro de contabilidad para realizar un seguimiento de mis finanzas (esto fue en aquellos días antes de la banca en línea cuando todavía estaba de moda equilibrar un libro de cheques). Me dijeron que el único lugar para encontrar eso sería en Capitol Office Supply, en el centro de la ciudad. Cuando pregunté dónde estaba ubicado, un vecino mío dijo: "Está justo al final de la calle donde solía estar la antigua tienda de Sears". No sirve de ayuda. (Debo confesar que a lo largo de los años me he vuelto culpable de hacer lo mismo; recientemente, un novato a Dover me preguntó dónde estaba el Redner's en Dover, y respondí: "Es en la Ruta 8, donde solía estar el viejo Super Fresh".)

**Sombras Largas.** Por supuesto, las personas que me dieron estas instrucciones fechadas no estaban tratando de ser graciosos ni de perderme. Me estaban dirigiendo desde lo que recordaban. Esos lugares que usaban como puntos de referencia eran tan centrales, fundamentales o universales para las personas de Dover que permanecían grabados en la memoria, incluso después de que se habían ido. Las sombras de esos lugares se extendían por mucho más tiempo. Lo mismo ocurre con las personas. Hay personas en nuestras vidas que han sido tan importantes para nosotros; Personas que permanecen grabadas en nuestra memoria. Incluso después de que se han ido, su sombra se extiende por mucho más tiempo; como una persona que se aleja de nosotros hacia la luz del sol; su sombra

parece extenderse de la luz que se encuentra ante ellos, y se aleja, muy lentamente.

**Sombras y Luz.** Se podría decir con toda la razón que los miembros de nuestras Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos que ya no están con nosotros, siguen siendo parte de nuestra memoria colectiva como nación. Al igual que los antiguos puntos de referencias que la gente usaba para darme direcciones, creo que sería justo decir que usamos la memoria de nuestros hombres y mujeres caídos de las Fuerzas Armadas como guías para dirigir nuestras vidas. Los usamos como modelos a seguir, héroes, ciudadanos fieles y personas que aspiramos ser. Sus sombras se prolongan, recordando que estuvieron allí y que sirvieron. Como dijo Douglas MacArthur, "los viejos soldados nunca mueren, simplemente se desvanecen". Pero no los olvidamos. Son gigantes, que dejan grandes y largas sombras cuando se alejan de nosotros. Y paradójicamente, sus sombras nos iluminan.

**Señal.** En el Día de los Caídos, recordamos a aquellos hombres y mujeres que hicieron el máximo sacrificio al servicio de nuestra nación. Recordamos su valentía, su compromiso y su amor a Dios y al país. Si bien ya no están con nosotros, no se olvidan. Más bien, colectivamente sirven como un ícono para mostrarnos la manera de servir a los demás.

**Amor.** En el Evangelio de San Juan (15: 11-12) que escuchamos el fin de semana pasado, Cristo le dijo a sus seguidores: "Este es mi mandamiento: amarnos los unos a los otros como yo los amo. Nadie tiene un amor más grande que este: dejar la vida por sus amigos". En este Día de los Caídos, recordamos a aquellos valientes soldados, marineros, aviadores y otros en nuestras Fuerzas Armadas que demostraron ese amor supremo del cual no hay nadie más grande; Recordamos a los que dieron sus vidas para que podamos disfrutar del derecho a la vida. Para jugar con las palabras de nuestro Himno Nacional, somos el hogar de los libres debido a los valientes, y en el Día de los Caídos no lloramos a estos valientes héroes caídos, los recordamos, mientras estamos a la sombra de la bandera de nuestra nación.

**Los Recuerdos Pueden ser Hermosos y, Sin Embargo ...** Dicho esto, hay personas para quienes este día es un doloroso recordatorio de una pérdida personal: tal vez, un hijo, una hija, una madre, un padre, una hermana, un hermano perdido. Al servicio de nuestra nación. En nuestra fe, somos llamados, de hecho se nos recomienda orar por aquellos que nos han precedido, para que puedan encontrar descanso en el Cielo y para que podamos encontrar la paz en la esperanza que Cristo nos ha dado.

**Nuestra Memoria de Cristo.** Aldous Huxley (quien escribió "Brave New World") señaló que "la memoria de cada hombre es su literatura privada". Esto significa que los recuerdos que tienes, difíciles o alegres, te ayudan a guiarte en la vida. El recuerdo más importante que siempre debemos tener es ese que está imbuido en nosotros por fe: que Cristo, sufrió, murió y resucitó por nosotros para que podamos tener la vida en plenitud. Ese es el recuerdo que nos dará la esperanza de superar cualquier dolor, cualquier pérdida.

**La Sombra de la Cruz.** Así, como fieles católicos, se nos recuerda que también estamos llamados a ser fieles y al servicio de nuestro prójimo. Si bien no todos somos llamados a entregar nuestras vidas de la misma manera que aquellos que recordamos en el Día de los Caídos, estamos llamados, sin embargo, a entregar nuestras vidas al servicio de Dios y del prójimo, como recordamos el sacrificio que Cristo hizo por nosotros. Como cristianos, cada día es una especie de "Día de los Caídos", en el que, como San Pablo nos invita a que, debemos vivir en "la sombra de la cruz". Es decir, que cada día debemos recordar lo que Cristo hizo por nosotros y lo que Cristo nos invita a hacer en su nombre. En cada misa, recordamos estas cosas de una manera muy profunda.

La Escritura dice: "La memoria de los justos sirve como bendición" (Proverbios 10: 7). Los recuerdos de nuestros seres queridos, y en este Día de los Caídos, los recuerdos de nuestros héroes caídos, lo confirman. En este Día de los Caídos, recordamos a aquellos que hicieron mucho por nuestra nación, pero aún más, recordamos a Aquel que hizo tanto por su salvación a nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Tuyo en Cristo  
P. James Lentini  
Párroco