



# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

May 15, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

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

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

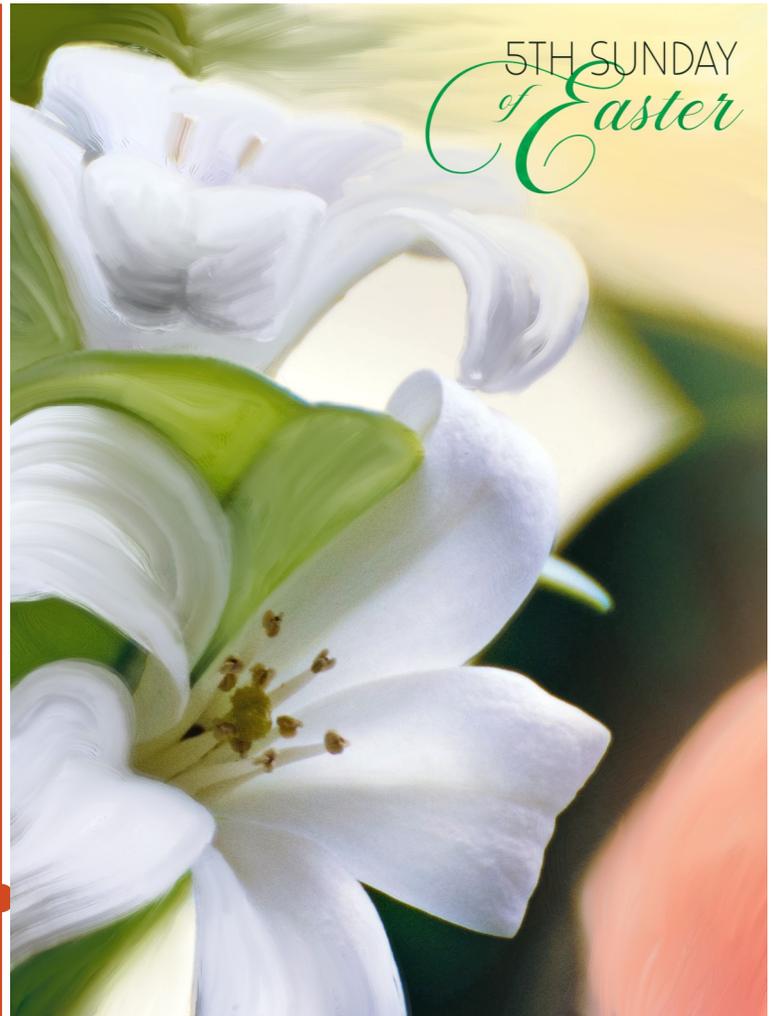
Monday-Saturday, 8 am  
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day,  
MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,  
Labor Day, Columbus Day)

### 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.



An Online Synod Listening Session is now available for everyone in the Diocese of Wilmington who has access to technology to participate in the 2021-2023 Synod convoked by Pope Francis. Please encourage those who have not participated in an in-person Listening Session to watch the video and then fill out the Online Synod Consultation Form found here: [www.cdow.org/synod](http://www.cdow.org/synod).

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

May 1, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$23,242	\$25,600	(\$2,358)
YTD	\$1,164,175	\$1,144,800	\$19,675
Needs	\$1,547	\$1,480	\$67

## WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending May 1, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,716
2nd collection	\$354

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Dear Parishioner,

I remember years ago, my eighth grade teacher reading a short story for us (or at least a portion of it), entitled "Mama's Bank Account." That story was regularly presented to school students from the 1950s-1980s. Written by Kathryn Forbes, it told the story of an immigrant Norwegian family living in turn-of-the-20th century San Francisco. The story exuded what might be called "old world charm." In the 1940s, that short story got adapted as a play and then made into a successful movie called "I Remember Mama." This was then adapted into a long-running TV series called "Mama," which – here's some useless trivia – was broadcast live from a studio above Grand Central Stations from 1949-1957.

The point of the book, the play, the movie and the TV series was singular: a child in the family, speaking in the first person, recounting stories – of all sorts – about her mother and her mother's importance to the family. The "Mama" in this show, Mama Hansen, could at times be quirky, old school (or "old country"), wise, eccentric, and secretly, unbeknownst to Papa, head of the household. The stories recounted about "Mama" ranged from funny to endearing, but unforgettable; hence that original title, "I Remember Mama."

**We Remember Mama.** In our Catholic faith, we remember Mama, too. We recall, our Blessed Mother Mary, in Scripture and Tradition, with great devotion. The Catholic Church calls us to remember our Blessed Mother with such great devotion, that it sets aside special times for us to do so: every Saturday is a day dedicated to Mary, October we focus on the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary and most especially, it is the month of May that is dedicated to honoring our Blessed Mother, and may rightly be called "the Month of Mary."

**Ben Venna Mayo.** Why is Mary so connected to the month of May in our Church's tradition? Let's step into the Wayback Machine and set the dial for the first century. In the first century, Roman and Greek tradition held May as the time of a rebirth of creation – new life springing forth. Moving forward, there developed a medieval tradition of May being the time of winter's expulsion from the world. Our understanding of Mary as bringing our savior into the world, and being identified as the "gate of dawn" (bringing a new

day into the world), tied in perfectly with these understandings of May. In a more direct way, honoring Mary in May emanated from 13th century Spain. King Alphonsus X (of Castille), who had a great devotion to Mary, wrote canticles about her connecting her to May (notably, "Ben venna Mayo" – "Come goodness of May"). This connection to May, building on earlier traditions, spread quickly, and Marian holy days and practices in May grew, and devotions to Mary bloomed. Just as spring makes the earth more beautiful, Mary, the fairest of creation, helped make our world more beautiful by her openness to God's will.

**May, Oui!** And so, here is the midst of the merry, merry month of May, let me suggest a prayerful way in which we can honor our Blessed Mother in a special way this year. This May, let's learn about Mary through different feast days that honor her. In May, there are 31 feast days or events that honor Mary (or that are connected to Mary) throughout the world. I would commend you to spend a little time reading or "Googling" about these Marian holy days. Or, perhaps, more simply, when you pray in May, make a prayer to Mary under the title related to her on that day. For example, one might pray to Mary under the title of "Our Lady of Tears" on May 17, "Our Lady of Consolation" on May 25, or the perplexing "Our Lady of Sweat" on May 21.

**Link to Mary.** If you would like to see some devotional reflections on our Blessed Mother, Mary – one for each title of Mary in the month of May – just go to our Immaculate Conception Parish's website at [www.iccmmarydel.org/marymay](http://www.iccmmarydel.org/marymay).

**Mary's Titles and the Big Four.** In Football, there is a collegiate athletic conference called the Big 10 which amazingly has 14 teams. In this month of May – the Month of Mary – I want to just write a little about the most significant titles of Mary which I will call "The Big Four" – and in keep with the football tradition of the Big 10 having 14 teams, by Big Four titles for Mary will include five titles. Mary; they are:

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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. Richard Kosior Deacon  
 Mr. Robert McMullen Deacon  
 Mr. Vincent Pisano Deacon

## ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell Deacon

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## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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[holycrossdover.org/school](http://holycrossdover.org/school)

Linda Pollitt Principal, ext. 111

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## 2022 FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL – “WALKING BY FAITH”



Thank you to all who have made a donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We appreciate your generosity to this important campaign. Participants in the 2022 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal can expect to receive their first payment reminder on or about May 31. Additional reminders will continue through December. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your mailing. Do not submit payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

If you have not had the opportunity to donate or make a pledge, there are envelopes in the Gathering Space. We have not met our goal yet this year and can use your help. Next weekend we hope to publish what we have collected so fare. Please consider donating this week if you have not done so yet. Thank you.

## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29

The leaders of the early Church allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit in their decisions.

SECOND READING : REVELATIONS 21:10-14, 22-23

John’s revelation is of the Church as the new Jerusalem, a walled and gated city, but these are not built to exclude sinners or those we consider unworthy or outsiders. The temple is the body of Christ himself.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29

At the Last Supper Jesus speaks words of inexpressible comfort. He promises that the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit, will find a home in us as individuals and as a community when we learn to keep his word.

## MEMORIAL DAY MASS

The annual Memorial Day Mass will be held in the church on Monday, May 30th at 9:00 a.m. As in the past, military veterans are invited to participate in the Mass. Two are needed for the presentation of the wreath, two are needed to present the gifts, one qualified lector is needed as are two qualified Eucharistic ministers. If interested, contact Len Dornberger at 674-5787 x135 and provide you name, daytime phone number and branch of service.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our prayers shawl ministry continues to meet each Tuesday morning from 10 am to 12 Noon in the St. Luke Room on the second floor of the Early Learning Center Building. Newcomers are welcome. If you know someone who could use a prayer shawl or if you would like one yourself, please call the parish office and we can pass along the message to the group.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Remember that Jesus' love for humanity brought him to the crucifixion. Ponder what each of you might sacrifice for the other this week.

## PARENTING POINTERS

Say a genuine, unexpected "I love you." Tell each one something they do that makes you proud. Recognize something that each one is good at.

## RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-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. For more info:

## MASS INTENTIONS MAY

<b>16 MONDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Mothers Day Novena
<b>17 TUESDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Ma Me Yeng
<b>18 WEDNESDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Antonio Granitto
<b>19 THURSDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Julie Ann Stuymp
ICC 6:00 pm	For the People
<b>20 FRIDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Joe Froscone
<b>21 SATURDAY</b>	
HC 8 am	Teng L. Yao
HC 5 pm	Dec. Members Durk Family
<b>22 SUNDAY</b>	
HC 7:30 am	Marguerite Fuski
ICC 8:30 am	James & Elizabeth Griffith
HC 9:30 am	Catherine & Frank Lutz
ICC 11 am	Veronica Kriss
HC 11:30 am	Ray Costa
ICC 1 pm	For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION  
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

[www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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

HOLY CROSS MAY 21/22, 2022

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM C. Bugglin D. Novack J. Novack  
D. MacLeish J. Salamone J. Novack  
M. MacLeish N. Kosior

LECTORS

H. Walker  
F. Urick

7:30 AM A. Fischer P. Shelon S. Shevock  
J. Fischer M. Thompson C. Wilk  
R. O'Neill

LECTORS

R. Pritchett

9:30 AM J. Bieker N. West A. Torbert  
K. Boyer R. Willey B. Torbert  
V. Pepper C. Torbert

LECTORS

T. Baurys  
M. Sossich

11:30 AM R. Ramirez R. Richards K. Espinosa  
B. Guzman E. Guzman C. Geronimo

LECTORS

A. Luna

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM K. Durham

LECTORS

T. Woodeshick

11:00 AM F. Cristiano

LECTORS

D. King

1:00 PM To be determined

LECTORS

ATTENTION ALL EXTRA-ORDINARY  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

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

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

would be for you. We need your help!!

Call 302-674-5787,

ext. 110 or 113 to leave your name.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS

It's a question every Catholic man needs to ask - and answer. God calls you to lead with faith in all you do. The Knights of Columbus is here to help. We offer the Catholic faith formation, financial protection, and family resources that can help you grow as a father, husband, and leader. With the Knights, you can become the man you want to be - and your family needs. Learn more at KofC.org and find out how you can make a difference and enjoy the benefits of becoming a Knight. At 7pm on Monday May 16th, join us at the Columbian Home, 219 Veeco Blvd in Camden, DE for more information. Lead, they'll follow.

NEWLY REGISTERED

Welcome to our newly registered parishioners:

- Todd and Pada MacCallum and Ricardo and Gabriela Mediavilla
- Joshua and Madison Tatnall

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newly baptized member:

- Christian Patrick Runsvold
- Elijah Giovanni Clifton

RECENT DEATHS

Our sympathy and condolences to the family of

- Carmen Campanicki
- Joseph Pedrotty
- Cecilia Doughty
- William Lehmann

who recently died.

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

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

The Adoration Chapel is open again each day from 5 am to 9 pm. If you would like to take a permanent time slot, it's not too late.

We still have many openings on various days. See the openings listed below. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

SUNDAY 10 am, 5 pm, 8 pm

TUESDAY 3 pm

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

## NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANA

- Confirmación para Adultos: Si usted es mayor de 18 años de edad y no se ha recibido su sacramento de la Confirmación las clases de preparación empezaran pronto. Habrá Confirmaciones de Adultos Hispano el domingo 10 de Julio. Para más información hable con el Sr. Antonio Luna o llame a la oficina de la parroquia al 302-674-5787 ext. 118.
- Todos son bienvenidos a la Santa Misa incluso los niños pequeños, pero le pedimos un favor, si usted es una familia con niños pequeños y su hijo se inquieta o llora por favor sáquelo por un momento hasta que se calme. Antes de venir a misa prepare a su niño y conversa sobre la misa y la iglesia que es un lugar sagrado y dale una responsabilidad en la misa de depositar la colecta en la canasta o enséñales los cantos. Sea considerado con las otras personas que están orando y ayude a que su niño disfrute también de la Misa, y aprenda a amar a Dios desde una temprana edad.
- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre - bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118
- La virgen peregrina empezara visitando casas el próximo domingo, si usted desea tener la virgen en su casa por una semana por favor hable con la Sra. Marta Espinosa.
- Educación Religiosa: ¡Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para el año 2022-2023! Los formularios de registro están disponibles en línea <https://holycrossover.org> haga clic donde dice Religious Education y baja una aplicación, también los puede solicitar en la oficina de Educación Religiosa. Reconocemos a los padres como los primeros maestros en la formación de la fe de su niño. Nuestra esperanza es trabajar y guiar a los padres según sea necesario a través de nuestro Programa de Educación Religiosa, pero necesitamos su ayuda en inscribir a su niño con tiempo para poder proporcionar el material y la formación adecuada a su hijo. Haga esto una prioridad de inscribirlos a tiempo.
- Quinceañeras: Para solicitar una misa la familia debe de ser miembros inscritos en la parroquia de Holy Cross para celebrar los quince años o pedir el permiso del párroco para prepararse en otra parroquia. Los padres de la quinceañera deben ir a la oficina

parroquial con un año de anticipación para reservar la fecha. Haber recibido todos los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana. (Bautismo, Comunión y Confirmación) Estar dispuestos a participar en el proceso de preparación según lo requiere el párroco y la parroquia.

- Para la Música hay que coordinar directamente con el Ministerio de Música
- Si usted no está inscrito en la parroquia por favor hágalo es importante por si necesita una carta de recomendación de parte de la parroquia, para asuntos legales o de solicitud de documentos de inmigración tiene que estar registrado en la parroquia y ser un miembro activo de la comunidad parroquial, para poder escribirle la carta.
- Felicitaciones a todos los niños que recibieron su Primera Comunión

## ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

- La Inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 todavía se está aceptando aplicaciones, las inscripciones están disponibles a todas las familias. Tiene que inscribir a su hijo cada año Por favor devolver las aplicaciones a Alicia Poppiti lo antes posible eso es ahora para que podamos estar seguros de tener suficientes maestros y espacio en los salones.
- Necesitamos Catequistas, asistentes, substitutos, y ayudantes para el próximo año para la Educación Religiosa los domingos en la mañana desde septiembre 18 hasta Mayo, 9:40- 10:50. Contacte a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti@ 410-482-8939 o [dre@iccmaryl.org](mailto:dre@iccmaryl.org) para más información.
- Sacramentos:
- La Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones en La Inmaculada Concepción es del 1 al 5 de agosto, de 6 a 8:30 p. m. en el Salón. Los niños deben estar inscritos para asistir. Más información sobre la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones en las próximas semanas.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Religious Education

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 or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either [tkorosec@holycrossdover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossdover.org) or call (302)674-5787 X 122

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LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF?

Registration forms available at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>

If you have any questions please contact Tammy Korosec at either [tkorosec@holycrossdover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossdover.org) or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

### Adult Education (HC)

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>



## SAVE THE DATE



Vacation Bible School July 11-15th, 2022  
9 am – 12 pm  
Ages PK4-Grade 4

Registrations forms available on Holy Cross Website. **Capacity is limited.** Registration Forms due 6/30/2022.

Volunteers needed 5th grade – 99! Volunteer Registration forms available on <https://holycrossdover.org/about-us/headlines/6436-vacation-bible-school-2022>

Volunteer forms due 6/10/2022.

You may also contact Tammy Korosec at [tkorosec@holycrossdover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossdover.org) or (302) 674-5787 X 122 for forms.

## YOUTH AT HOLY CROSS

### Registration for Confirmation Preparation (HC - 2023)

Forms to register for Confirmation Preparation 2023 may be found on the parish website under Teaching the Faith, Sacramental Preparation.

### Catholic Heart Work Camp - Greensboro, NC

We have two spots available for our trip to work camp this summer, July 17-22. Please consider spending a week in service to the residents of Greensboro. This is for those entering 8th grade and above. Please contact Mrs. Darling at [ldarling@holycrossdover.org](mailto:ldarling@holycrossdover.org) with any questions or to save a spot.

### Work Camp in Dover (HC)

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

## SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Registration for 2022-2023 school year is open, registrations are available to all families, and are still being accepted. You must register your children each year. Please return to Alicia Poppiti now, so that we can be sure to have enough teachers, books, and space in classrooms.

We are in need of Catechists, Assistants, substitutes and helpers for next year for Religious Education on Sunday mornings, from September 18th until May 7th, 9:40-10:50am. Contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482-8939 or [dre@iccmmarydel.org](mailto:dre@iccmmarydel.org) for more information.

**1st Communion:** Congratulations to all the First Communicants, who received Jesus yesterday at Immaculate Conception.

Vacation Bible School at Immaculate Conception is from August 1-5, from 6-8:30pm in the Hall. Children must be registered to attend. Registrations are now available.

Volunteers needed for VBS, and next year for Religious Education classes. Contact Alicia Poppiti for more information 410-482-8939.



I had spotted them as they exited the JH Building on their way to the Music room. I met them at the door. "I'm so sorry boys and girls." There was a definite note of sadness as I held the door for the students as they passed me by one by one in single file, some having to turn awkwardly to make their way through. The quads. The snares. The big bass drum, and all the cymbals. In silence, the disheartened percussionists ascended the stairs to put their instruments away, for they would not be needed on the following day. It was never intended to be this way.

The eighth-grade members of our awesome (I don't use that term lightly) drum line have been waiting to lead our Marching Band in parade on Old Dover Days for three school years. Their last opportunity was dashed by the promise of high winds and torrential rains forcing the powers that be to cancel all festival events. The end result was a silenced drum line. A silenced marching band. I was so disappointed for them. Yes, there will be other opportunities for Mrs. S. to blow her whistle signaling that first drummer to strike up the band, but as enjoyable as it will be, I can't think it will replace the excitement of marching in parade before the citizens of Dover. Our band is fully prepared to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to our country in our mini Memorial Day parade, and they will be showcased during our upcoming Spring concert. It will be the first in-person concert in three school years.

We are so excited to be able to schedule events that have been shelved for the past few years as we bowed in deference to the power of the pandemic. This is not to say that it's all in the past, or that we won't have to reckon with it once more, but for the here and now we revel in our ability to make merry in celebration of the restored opportunity to do so.

Sadly, it proved an exercise in futility for Mrs. White and a few students who chased tablecloths and centerpieces skittering about the asphalt in response to the wind who showed up as an uninvited guest for the eighth grade outdoor cookout festivities. Yes, once again, the atmospheric elements were proving uncooperative forcing a couple of last minute changes. But spirits would not be dampened. With the eighth graders dressed as tacky tourists, a festive feel was definitely in the air as moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, brothers and sisters gathered to kick-off the Eighth Grade Spirit Week. With an abundance of yummy food, and games; it proved to be a successful family event enjoyed by all.

It wasn't a party that we had all come together for, but there was still good cheer in the air as conversation veered towards the tough competition our soccer girls faced in their game that afternoon. Newark Charter has always proven a viable opponent on the field. Everyone has fond memories of the field hockey game back a few years ago when both teams took the field with undefeated records for the season. One of the teams was going to suffer loss number one before it was said and done. The defeated team boarded the bus bound for Newark that day. Once again, two undefeated teams thus far in the season took the field, this time a soccer ball would be the focus. We all watched and cheered our HC girls as they proved a strong opponent for NC. The score remained 0 to 0 for the entire game, the possibility of a tie existed. With one minute and forty two seconds left, Priya kicked from midfield. SCORE!! As the saying goes, there was nothing but net. NC boarded the bus with their first defeat. There's a rematch coming up...grit and determination will be all over that field...guaranteed.

There was a lot of fun to be had on the night of our JH dance, sponsored by the National Junior Honor Society. The theme for the night was a simple one; Spring. The boys and girls were dressed so nicely, the music was great, the space was decorated in a modest and tasteful manner and there was plenty of dancing going on! I marveled at the synchronicity of the dancers as they demonstrated their dexterity, pace, and tempo making all the right moves, keeping in lockstep with those to their left and those to their right. As one who has never displayed such talent, I was more than a little impressed. But the one thing I was most grateful for was the fun, the joy, the smiles, and the laughter shared among friends. I am also grateful to the parents and teachers who were more than willing to chaperone our evening event that was happening come rain or come shine!!

Changing gears slightly, and coming down a few rungs on the festivity ladder, we were most happy to welcome Mrs. Claudine Wiant as guest speaker for our fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. Mrs. Wiant, a former law enforcement officer in New Castle County, and a parent of three Catholic school educated children presented pertinent information to our students focusing on internet safety, the pitfalls of online gaming, and maintaining confidentiality with regard to personal identification in the use of technology. In preparing for the presentation, I shared with Mrs. Wiant my fears over our student's denial of the real and present danger in their rampant, excessive use and abuse of technology. The whole "it'll never happen to me" concept, the whole "I'll never get caught" thought, and the belief that long term ramifications don't exist is a big concern for parents and teachers. It helps, sometimes, to hear it from another source. The interactive presentation created a comfortable, candid conversation between the students and presenter. In the end, Mrs. Wiant was very kind in sharing follow-up information for teachers to access in the classroom. The worst thing that can happen is that the message is heard and then discounted as soon as they exit the room. I have invited Mrs. Wiant to present to our parents in the fall of 2022 as part of a Back-To-School event.

I encourage you to stay tuned for coming events in the 2022-2023 SY, and may God bless you for your prayers.

1. **Mother of God. This is the Queen Mother of all titles for our Queen and Blessed Mother.** The title “Mother of God” is especially significant as it says much more about Jesus than it does about Mary. This title identifies that the child born to Mary was God-incarnate. The Council of Ephesus confirmed this title in the year 431, following some heretical claims (by Nestorius and others) that Jesus was not God-incarnate, but later took on that identity. The Council condemned Nestorius and declared Mary the “theotokos” or “God bearer” – or expressed today, Mother of God. We celebrate Mary as Mother of God on January 1, which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

2. **Blessed Virgin Mary** The title “Blessed Virgin Mary” or sometimes put forth as simply “Virgin Mary” is -- like “Mother of God” -- a very commonly used title for Mary. Often in Catholic writing this title is frequently noted in abbreviated form as “BVM.” “Blessed Virgin Mary” demarcates in shorthand, the perpetual threefold virginity of Mary; namely that Mary was a virgin before, during and after the birth of Christ. From this we sometimes use the phrase “ever virgin” in describing Mary. The Lateran Council confirmed the doctrine of Mary’s perpetual virginity in the seventh century.

3. **Mary, Our Lady of the Assumption.** In his Apostolic Constitution document titled *Munificentissimus Deus* (now that’s a mouthful) issued on All Saints Day in 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the following, *“We pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. Hence if anyone, which God forbid, should dare willfully to deny or to call into doubt that which we have defined, let him know that he has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith”* This infallible teaching of the faith makes two spiritual points: (1) since it is held that the wages of sin is death, and Mary was without the taint of sin, she was therefore able to be assumed body and soul into heaven; (2) the understanding that gates of Heaven, closed due to the original sin of Adam and Eve, were now opened moves from the hypothetical to the actual, and Mary led the way (to Heaven) to show forth this truth. The Assumption of the BVM is observed on August 15.

4. **Mary, the Immaculate Conception.** This title bears out the doctrinal teaching that Mary, conceived in the womb of St. Ann, was conceived without the taint of original sin. In this way, Mary was in the world in the same way that Eve was at the outset – free from sin. Thus, Mary is oft dubbed as “The New Eve” (which is another title to of Mary to note). In this regard, Mary’s Immaculate Conception began creation anew, and marked a key turning point in salvation history. This dogma of the faith was infallibly declared on June 12, 1854, by Pope Pius IX. The Immaculate Conception is observed on December 8.

5. **Our Lady.** Okay, if the Big Ten can have 14 teams, then my Big Four can have five titles for Mary. “Our Lady” is probably the most common title given to Mary. The title of “Our Lady” demarcates and reminds of the honor her holy name. In Italian this title is expressed as “Madonna” (never to be confused with singer) and in French “Notre Dame” (never to be confused with the Big 10 Football Team, although the full name of Notre Dame University is actually Notre Dame du Lac – “Our Lady of the Lake,” which is another title of Mary).

**The Merry Month of May.** May is a special month for the Catholic Church, it is the month, when we, like the title of that old movie that I mentioned at the outset, say “I remember Mama.” And let’s remember Mary by praying frequently the prayer called “The Memorare” which reminds us of what we should, above all, remember about Mary, to wit: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor