



# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

May 17, 2020

6th Sunday Ordinary Time

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*6th Sunday of Easter*

## RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

*The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.*

**Sacrament of Baptism.** Call the parish 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.

Check out our websites

[holycrossover.org](http://holycrossover.org)  
[iccmarylodel.org](http://iccmarylodel.org)

- *Read daily reflections by our clergy*
- *Watch Masses from various sources*
- *Find spiritual readings*
- *Read about our latest updates*

Watch the website for the weekend Masses being streamed live by the Diocese. You can also watch the taped Masse each weekend at Holy Cross and/or Immaculate Conception by one of our priests.

Keep praying.

While we are not allowing anyone into the parish offices, you can call and leave messages and we will get back to you.; or, you can email us.

Following the directives of our Bishop, the churches will remain locked until further notice. No Masses, no confessions, no baptisms, no gatherings of any type. Funerals will be graveside only and limited to 10 persons including clergy.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC) ending May 3

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$22,512	\$28,200	(\$5,688)
YTD	\$1,207,629	\$1,248,400	(\$40,771)
Needs	\$1,447	\$1,586	(\$139)

## WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC) Ending May 3

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,860
Second	\$40

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs, and activities of Holy Cross and ICC are made possible.

*"Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."*

**Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time that we cannot gather together at Mass. You can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card. We will call you back. Thank you for your continued support.**

Dear Parishioners,

Back in Brooklyn, around the corner from my family's house, was a bustling main street called 18th Avenue (now called Christopher Columbus Blvd.). Eighteenth Avenue was where you went to get anything you needed. There were "salumerias" (delicatessans), "trattorias" (small restaurants that also serve wine), "pescherias" (fish/seafood stores), butcher shops, cafes, pasta stores, clothing stores, a movie theatre, a supermarket... all in walking distance.

**Social Network - Retro.** One interesting place on 18th Avenue, just around the corner from us, was a store front that bore the name "The Santa Rosalia Society." It was what they used to call a men's social club; this is where the men in the neighborhood, mostly older, would kibitz, smoke cigars, play cards, and other activities (it's also where you want to "play the numbers," etc.). In the front window of that store front was a statue of saint — St. Rosalia. Her image was tall, standing, eyes looking heavenwards, hands in prayer, and surrounded by mountainous or perhaps desert like trappings (on the ground near her was a skull, there was sand, some rocks, but also some roses).

**Who's that Girl?** But I wondered, who the heck is Santa Rosalia? I knew St. Francis, St. Dominic, St. Anthony, St. Joseph, St. Peter, St. Catherine, St. Mary, St. Maria Goretti — but I never heard of Santa Rosalia. I remember asking my dad about the name of the social club; he said there are lots of saints we don't know about but that she was probably some Italian saint from way back. I walked by that social club regularly for years, but in that pre-internet era, I settled for my dad's answer, she's an Italian saint from way back.

**Of Saints and Parmesan Cheese.** Years later, I was reading a book of hagiographies (saint biographies) and lo and behold, there was an entry for Santa Rosalia. Immediately my mind shot back to 18th Avenue and the Santa Rosalia Society. And I decided it was time to end the mystery of Santa Rosalia and find out about her. My eyes were glued to her story like parmesan cheese melted on a veal cutlet.

**The Writing is on the Wall.** So, here's the story: St. Rosalia was a Sicilian saint. She was raised in a royal family in Sicily, but rejected the trappings of royalty and wealth. So she moved away from her family, and adopted the life of a hermit, living in a cave (to which to angels had led her) on Mount Pellegrino near the city of Palermo, Sicily.

In the cave, she wrote a message on the wall, "I, Rosalia, daughter of Sinibald, Lord of Roses, and Quisquina, have taken the resolution to live in this cave for the love of my Lord, Jesus Christ." This reminded her of where she came from, where she was, and why she was there. As the story goes, St. Rosalia lived a hermit-like life of prayer and penance, in and around her cave. She remained separated from the world until the end of her life. It is said she died alone buried in a cave in, at the age of 30 in 1160.

**Cave, Man.** In 1625, a local resident from Palermo stumbled upon St. Rosalia's cave. He dug down into it, and found her relics (remains) and her message on the cave wall. People in Sicily knew about history of St. Rosalia, but this finding spiritually electrified the nation. Sicily at the time was suffering from a period of terrible plague, with many people sick and dying. The man who found the relic announced his find, and the relics were taken as a sign of God's favor, and they were paraded through the streets of Palermo, Sicily, with people gathering in prayer. Three days later the plague abated, and St. Rosalia's intercession deemed the cause of the cure. Ultimately her feast day became a grand national day of celebration in Sicily and throughout portions of Italy. In 1927, the Pope (Pius XI) declared her feast day (September 4) to be a Holy Day of Obligation throughout Italy (though that is no longer the case)

**Go Tell It on the Mountainside.** Over the years, I've seen artwork of this little known saint of great importance, and it seems that the Santa Rosalia Society in Brooklyn in their window display of Santa Rosalia knew a lot about how she was depicted in Church art over the years: shown, usually, with a skull; sometimes holding a cross or Bible; hands in prayer; shown on a mountainside, etc. While that Santa Rosalia social club is now long gone, the memory of that image of Santa Rosalia has remained with me over the years. And I would guess that is how devotion or histories of the lives of the saints spread over the years: from images, from memories, and from stories repeated or written down. So, I guess, right here, in this column, I am continuing to spread the facts about the life a great saintly woman, and making her known to another generation of Catholics.

**Questions.** Of course, there are always questions, like, "If Santa Rosalia went off to the mountain and saw no one throughout her life, how do we know angels led her there? How do

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## HC & ICC CLERGY

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we know about her holding a cross and a Bible? How do we even know she died, let alone in what year." It reminded me in a horror movie once where one character tells another about the story of a haunted house, and then says that no one who learns about the secrets of this house lives to tell the tale. My question: Then how does anyone know the house has secrets, and how does the tale get known? But there I go, over-thinking things a little too much, rather than using the example of our Blessed Mother and just pondering.

**Answers.** However, not to leave you with the seeds of doubt, let me answer my questions about Santa Rosalia which help explain how we got to know about her. The truth about Santa Rosalia and other hermits of her era was this: Though hermits lived lives of seclusion, they still lived in the context of the world, and indeed as specific and unique part of society. People, back in the day, would visit hermits, who were deemed by their way of life to be extremely holy people because they spent so much time alone, in prayer, pondering the wonders of God. Hermits would be sought out for their wisdom and spiritual insight. Thus, while Santa Rosalia, lived the life of a hermit, she still encountered people; people likely brought her food and tended to some of her basic needs; and people knew exactly where she was living her hermit like life.

**Silver Lining.** These days, even with the lockdown looking to be in its wind-down period, we are still living a more hermit like existence than we normally would. We are more isolated than we normally are. We have time to ponder more, reflect more, pray more and rely on God more. If I were to craft a scripture quote about the past month and a half it might be: "Man does not live by socializing alone, but by every word that falls from the mouth of God." We are social beings, and we strive by nature to be with other people. But right now we are experiencing, in some ways, the sacrificial life of the hermit. And that may be tough going for many of us, but perhaps there is a silver lining, perhaps this period of lockdown will bear fruit for us, especially in our relationship with the Lord, and in our prayer life.

- This period of lockdown, and period where we emerge from it, could be the first moments of a spiritual revival among the people of God. This could be a period where we had time to contemplate things we busily brushed off in previous more hectic times.
- This period of lockdown, and period where we emerge from it, could be a time when we learn to appreciate friendships and personal

interactions more by having been deprived of them. As the saying goes, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

- This period of lockdown, and period where we emerge from it, could be the time when we come to appreciate the Sacramental Life of the Church, as we emerge from a desert experience of having been without the Eucharist and Confession, and as we experience the seedbed of the Church parched without the waters of Baptism having flowed, without the joy of Marriages having been celebrated, and without the sacred oil of Chrism anointing the heads those seeking Confirmation.

**"Privated" Property.** We have all experienced in different ways and on different levels, during the past two months of so, what scholastic philosophy might call "privation." St. Thomas Aquinas defined privation (being deprived of something) as the want of some property in a subject that ought naturally to possess that property. Indeed we are naturally social, we naturally seek out others, and we understand that "it is not good for man to be alone" (cf. Genesis 2:18). Over these two months, have been deprived (experienced privation) of many things which are natural for us to possess. And through this period of lockdown, perhaps not only did we come to truly feel a loss of things that we may have taken for granted, but perhaps we have come away with greater appreciation of these many things we have missed.

Santa Rosalia's holiness blossomed while in her own lockdown. Perhaps ours has, too. When we return to the Sacraments, when we worship together again, and when we are in each other's company again, let's be sure to thank God for that gift, and never take it for granted.

Praise God, always.  
Stay safe.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini  
Pastor



#### MASS INTENTIONS

MAY

<b>18 MONDAY</b> HC 6:30 am HC 8 am	Mother's Day Novena Myra Worley
<b>19 TUESDAY</b> HC 6:30 am HC 8 am	Julie Anne Stump Doris Wright
<b>20 WEDNESDAY</b> HC 6:30 am HC 8:15 am	HCS students and families (LI)
<b>21 THURSDAY</b> HC 6:30 am HC 8 am ICC 7 pm	Teng Lyao For the People
<b>22 FRIDAY</b> HC 6:30 am HC 8 am	Nathan Benton
<b>23 SATURDAY</b> HC 8 am HC 5 pm	Louis V. Jara Robert A. Bronk
<b>24 SUNDAY</b> HC 7:30 am ICC 8:30 am HC 9:15 am ICC 11:00 am HC 11 am HC 1 pm ICC 1 pm HC 6 pm	Teresa Leonard Elizabeth & James Griffith Ruth and Frank Hogan Robert Michael Probst Antonino Ranieri  For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

#### MASS INTENTIONS

While there are no public Masses at this time, our priests will be saying private Masses each day. During their private Masses, the intentions of the day will be remembered. On the weekend, the priests will be saying several private Masses to cover all of the intentions that occur on the weekend. Your loved ones will still be remembered in prayer.

#### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



## CEMETERY NEWS

Flags for Veterans. Since it is not possible to have our annual Memorial Day Mass and our American flag program in the Gathering Space, the Cemetery Committee will place a flag on all veterans' graves on May 23rd. Donations towards the flags can be made by mailing a check, made out to Holy Cross Cemetery, to the parish office. All donations are greatly appreciated as we honor our deceased military veterans.



The pre-summer clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd. All decorations and potted plants will be removed as well as any planted flowers and plants. Families are asked to remove items they wish to retain. As a reminder, seasonal artificial flowers are always permitted; however, plantings of any kind are not permitted. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Cemetery Rules & Regulations are available at the parish office and at [www.holycrossdover.org/introducing/cemetery](http://www.holycrossdover.org/introducing/cemetery).

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

The possibility of sickness or death can sober us up. Say or write something you appreciate about your spouse today.

## PARENTING POINTERS

Surprise someone with a compliment today. It can be someone in the family, a neighbor, or a stranger. Even if just one person in the family does it, maybe it'll catch on. It's the effort and thought that count.

## GO DEEPER

In what ways is the Holy Spirit working in my life right now? How can I prepare my heart to better receive the gifts that are offered to me?

While I am separate from the Sacraments, what sacrifices can I make to unite myself more to the Universal Church? How can I stay connected better to my faith?

Read more of the Acts of the Apostles; spend some time each day studying the early Church through Scripture.

## PRO LIFE CORNER

- During this difficult time of Coronavirus Disease, abortion procedures continue throughout the U.S. and in Dover. Abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood are classified as ESSENTIAL SERVICES! You can save lives in Dover by praying with Holy Cross and other local church groups on Friday mornings from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover or by praying at home. If you pray at Planned Parenthood, please follow Governor Carney's Social Distancing Guidelines.
- Also, remember to pray for the most vulnerable and seniors who are most susceptible to the Coronavirus

## RESOURCES IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC

- A new webpage has been created on the diocesan website: [cdodw.org](http://cdodw.org): **Resources in Times of Pandemic**. It is a clearinghouse for resources for:
    - Joining Masses On-line
    - Prayer Resources
    - Spiritual Formation
    - Resources for Young Adults
    - Resources for Young People
    - Resources for Children
    - Supporting Parents and Families
    - Recursos en Español
    - About COVID-19
    - Best Practices
    - Mental Health
    - Resources for Pastoral Ministers
- Check it out!



## READINGS FOR MAY 24 ASCENSION

### FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

Jesus ascends into heaven from where he will come to judge the living and the dead.

### SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

The Holy Spirit is poured into the hearts of the baptized that they may respond with joy and hope.

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

Jesus sends the apostles to the ends of the earth to preach the Gospel and baptize.

## SAMARITAN FOOD NEEDS (HC)

The Samaritan Food Pantry is collecting items to help with the great demands being placed on them during this crisis.



Please leave perishable items in the freezer by the Samaritan pick up door and non perishable items can be left there also. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Samaritans also appreciate any monetary donations that have been sent in. Thank you for thinking of your needy brothers and sisters. V

## VOCATIONS

Christ spoke of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Are you an active Christian in the parish, at your workplace, and in the home? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

*Serra for priestly and religious vocations*

DESDE LA OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE SANTA CRUZ-DOVER Y LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION- MARYDEL

UN MENSAJE DE OPTIMISMO Y ESPERANZA EN MEDIO DE LA PANDEMIA

Hola mis hermanos y hermanas,

Los extraño mucho y desde mi hogar, deseo enviarles un saludo lleno de alegría y esperanza en estos tiempos de incertidumbre en la que estamos viviendo, pero recordarles que a pesar de todo esta pesadilla que estamos viviendo, tenemos y debemos darle gracias a Dios porque estamos vivos, si es verdad que estamos aislados, muchos sin trabajo, muchos con ansiedad, pero no estamos en un hospital luchando por la vida, si es una realidad, estamos viviendo momentos sin precedentes en medio de una pandemia, que jamás nos hubiéramos imaginado, pero ánimo, no perdamos las esperanzas, ni permitir que el miedo invade nuestro ser, porque el Señor resucitado nos promete estar con nosotros todos los días de nuestras vidas hasta el final de los tiempos.

Pongamos nuestra esperanza en el Cristo resucitado, que el Señor nos de fuerza en medio de la tormenta y que en este tiempo de estar en casa, sea un tiempo de gracia para ayudarnos a forjar hogares santos, para que este aislamiento sea un tiempo para ayudarnos a crecer en la fe, nos permita ser mejores personas, mejores esposos(as), mejores padres de familia y sobre todo a ser mejores cristianos.

Invitemos a Jesús a compartir con nosotros en nuestra Eucaristía doméstica y pidámosle que se quede con nosotros, en nuestros corazones, en nuestros hogares y que nos enseñe a descubrir su gracia en medio del aislamiento, de la zozobra en medio de la pandemia.

Que este Tiempo Pascual recordemos que la muerte fue vencida por Cristo y así poder mirar hacia un Pentecostés lleno de esperanza, con más ganas, con más ánimo, con más fe, y con más amor de llevar el Evangelio a los que no saben o no conocen la Buena Nueva

del Resucitado.

De una manera muy especial y porque los quiero ver pronto les pido varias cosas:

1. Sigamos las regulaciones gubernamentales de lavarse las manos con jabón por 20 segundos y frecuentemente, usando mascarillas y observar el distanciamiento social.
2. No abandonen a los más vulnerables de nuestra sociedad los ancianos, los que se encuentran en centro de detención migratoria a los que están solos y abandonados, una oración, una llamada telefónica, un mensaje de texto a los miembros de nuestra comunidad para darles ánimo y esperanza.
3. Oremos por todos los enfermos del coronavirus, a aquellos de luto por la muerte de uno o varios seres queridos y al personal médico y voluntarios que luchan contra el Covid-19.
4. Oremos por nuestros sacerdotes para que el Señor los mantenga sanos y fuera de peligro y puedan regresar nuevamente a las parroquias a guiar a su rebaño con la luz de la esperanza del Cristo resucitado.
5. Ayudémonos los unos a los otros sin perder la Fe, ni la esperanza.
6. Recordemos que el tiempo de Dios es perfecto y saldremos de estos momentos difíciles con más fuerza, con más fe, y con más humildad.
7. ¿Tomemos este tiempo de estar en casa para disfrutar nuestra iglesia doméstica, a redescubrir nuestro yo, a reflexionar sobre cuáles son los designios del Señor para nuestras vidas?

Los extraño mucho y tengo la esperanza de que pronto nos volveremos a reunir como pueblo de Dios, mientras tanto a seguir viviendo la iglesia doméstica con amor y esperanza.

Les prometo que seguiré orando por todos ustedes y espero que también oren por mí y por los míos. Los quiero mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo.

Un abrazo desde la distancia

Arline Dosman

Directora del Ministerio Hispano

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC, ICC) REGULAR CCD/SRE CLASSES

- All Masses and classes are cancelled at this time. Please continue to check the website or the latest resources that are online.
  - [www.holycrossdover.org](http://www.holycrossdover.org)
  - [www.iccmarydel.org](http://www.iccmarydel.org)

## THANKS FROM ICC

A big shout out and thank you to our Catechists, and assistant Catechists. Our year was cut short, but you are still vital to our children and families here at Immaculate Conception and we Thank you for all you do!



Jasmin, Ayda, Emily, Ashly, Yorly, Donna, Meg, Brenda, Vincent, Cindy, Sheyla, Kathy, Rose, Haydi, Oliver, Diane, Alan, Gordin, Hugo, Rosa, Carmine, Oyuki, Horacio, Sarah, Angela, Karen, Neidy and Donna. Thank you all!

Also, a big thank you to Steve and the Coffee and Doughnut brigade for providing our nutritious morning offerings on Sundays. God Bless you all.

Parents have been sent, via email resources for your children's classes. If you are unsure about how to open web pages or need them sent to you at home, please email Mrs. Alicia at [dre@iccmarydel.org](mailto:dre@iccmarydel.org) or call her office at 410-482-8939. I will get them to you for your child to have Sunday Religious Education at home. Safe Environment lessons are also available to all families of school age children, by going to <https://www.cdow.org/giving/fsgc/keeping-our-promises-curriculum-religious-education-programs/> for your child's age appropriate lesson.

Here are this week's family catechesis education messages from Fr. Rich Jasper (English) and Father Carlos Ochoa (Spanish).  
<https://www.cdow.org/familyvideoserries/>

## SRE REGISTRATIONS (ICC)

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 school year are available on the website or you can email office for them to be sent to you. Fees are as follows: \$40 per child, not to exceed \$150 per family. This is to defray all costs of books, materials, and supplies.

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.

## CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP IN DOVER (HC)

Catholic Heart has cancelled all camps for this summer. For those of you who requested help this June, please know we will be back to assist you in the Summer of 2021.

## PEER LEADERS (HC)

If you are interested in helping next year with classes and retreats, please email Mrs. Darling at [ldarling@holycrossdover.org](mailto:ldarling@holycrossdover.org). She will keep up with you via Flocknotes.

## CONGRATULATIONS (HC)

The Office of Youth Ministry would like to congratulate Alexander Dewey and Brendan Coyle for receiving the St. Timothy Youth Award for their leadership and volunteerism in our parish and community.

Alexander Dewey has been a peer leader for the past three years, helping with Confirmation retreats and classes. He is a lector and usher at 6 pm Mass, and attended Catholic Heart Work Camp in Steubenville last year, as well as volunteering his time at camp in Dover last summer. He volunteered to speak to our 8th grade CCD classes this winter about CHWC with enthusiasm and heart-felt witness. Alex is a great example to our younger teens.

Brendan Coyle has been an usher at 6 pm Mass as well as an altar server for many years. He peer leads for Confirmation class and retreats, and is always willing to assist when needed. Brendan attended Catholic Heart Work Camp in Steubenville and Roanoke the past two years. Brendan has been present at work camp in Dover to help unload trucks and serve meals to campers attending our work camp. Brendan joyously speaks to teens about work camp and retreats encouraging them to attend. He is a wonderful example of living his faith in action to others.

Congratulations Alex and Brendan!

## REGISTRATION FOR HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Holy Cross School is accepting applications for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Please contact the school. Our website is [holycrossdover.org/school](http://holycrossdover.org/school). Download an application form and mail it into the parish office. You may also call 302-674-5787 x113; please leave your name and phone contact and we will call you back.

A Catholic education is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child, your family. Join us for the 2020-2021 school year!!



# Mrs. Pollitt's Ponderings

It was one of the coldest spring days I can remember. Teachers and staff were not just attired in what happily turned out to be a face warming mask, but winter coats, winter hats, gloves, scarves, and heavy duty socks. The date? May 9th!! Why were we looking so oddly assembled, talking loudly to overcome space between us as well as the howling wind? Why, oh why did we choose that day? Because it was SIGN SATURDAY!!!

We were forming a caravan (about 20 or more cars) to visit EACH home of EACH eighth grader and personally deliver a congratulatory sign bearing the message that this was the house of a Holy Cross graduate.

One of the best things about our school is that we are not just a neighborhood school. We're not even a regional school. We are graduating 43 eighth graders, and only a very few live in Dover. We thought we might be finished in a matter of a few hours. But then when I listened to Mrs. Riecks recite the itinerary, I began thinking about the reality of what we were about to embark upon. Undaunted, we set out from Mrs. Zink's house at 10:00 am on the dot. It was Dover, Camden, Marydel, Magnolia, Milford, Cheswold, Clayton, Middletown, Newark, Viola, Bridgeville OR BUST!! But wait a second here, that's just Delaware. We couldn't forget Madison from Church Hill Maryland, for Pete's sakes! Believe me when I say we made no apologies to anyone as our festively decorated motor cars pulled up in front of the houses slowly swerving in and out of neighborhood after neighborhood after neighborhood, and town after town after town LOUDLY blaring our horns announcing our arrival. We were a fun bunch having a bunch of fun while we put a grateful smile, (yes, there were some tears, too) on the faces of our eighth grade families. It was the best day we had had since March 13th.

Please keep our graduates in your prayers. Their graduation year was not as anyone had planned. But they go forth as Holy Cross graduates! A crucial ingredient in the recipe for a successful future.

"Be who you are and be that well, to give honor to the Master Craftsman whose handiwork you are." - St. Francis de Sales



## Adopt-A-Senior

Show the Class of 2020 some love and support by adopting a senior (or two...) to celebrate during an unusual Commencement year!

### Who:

We invite faculty & staff of Holy Cross Parish Schools; Holy Cross & Immaculate Conception parish-ioners; STMA founders, families, and friends; STMA Alumni; fami-ly, neighbors and loved ones of the Class of 2020 to adopt-a-senior!

### What:

Members of the Class of 2020 who'd like to participate in this project will supply their names and a short bio to give you a sense of who they are and what they're planning for the future.

Then, you prepare a card and/or small gift basket - think a small care package or graduation-themed package- to be mailed or delivered to their home. Cards and gifts can be mailed or person-ally delivered with advance notice to the senior families and in accord with social distancing protocol.

### When:

We ask that you contact STMA to indicate your adoption no later than May 28, 2020. We invite you

to send cards and care packages during the month of June.

### How:

Contact [office@saintmore.org](mailto:office@saintmore.org) and provide the following information:

- Your name and connection to STMA
- Your phone number and home address
  - ⇒ If you wish to remain anonymous to your adopted senior, STMA will keep this information private. We will still ask to collect this information to ensure the school has a full list of participants.
- The number of STMA seniors you'd like to adopt (or the name of a specific graduate you'd like to adopt)

You will receive an email with the contact information and biography for the students you chose, or who were assigned to you.

**STMA thanks you for your help in celebrating the Class of 2020!**

Yours in Christ,



Rachael Casey  
Principal

