



# CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

May 1, 2022

3rd 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

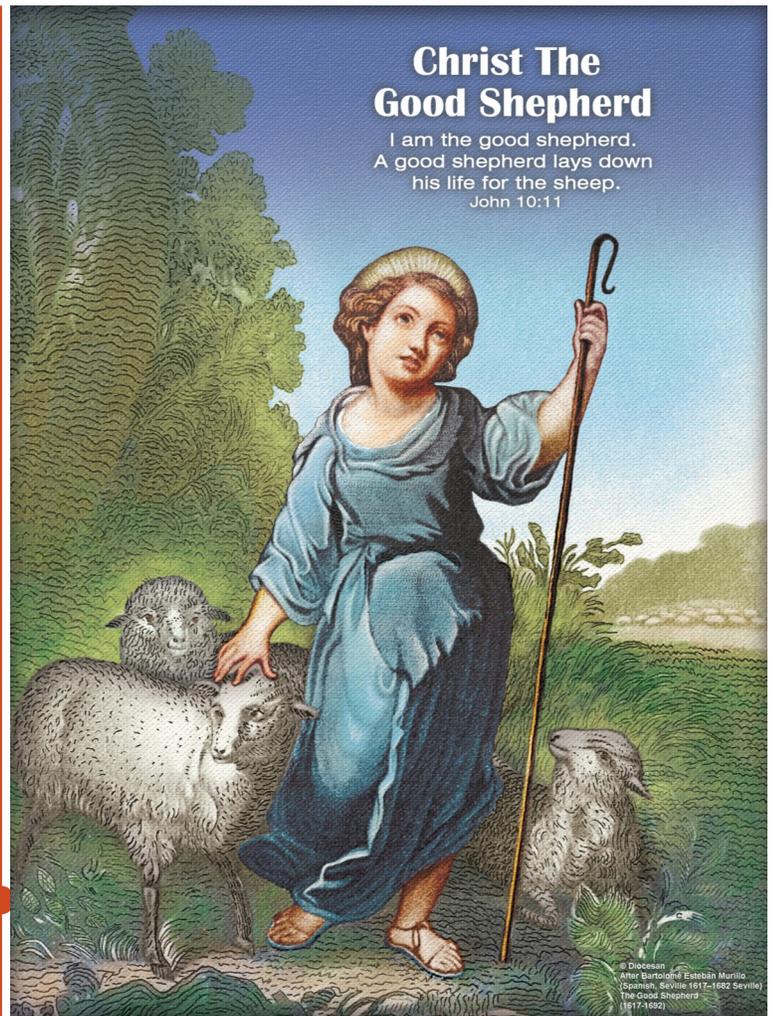
Monday-Saturday, 8 am  
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day,  
MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,  
Labor Day, Columbus Day)

### 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)

April 17, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$29,679	\$26,500	\$3,179
YTD	\$1,110,515	\$1,093,450	\$17,065
Needs	\$1,190	\$1,480	(\$290)
Easter	\$14,775	\$18,500	(\$3,725)

## WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending April 17, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$5,181
Easter	\$3,197
Holy Land	\$448

Thank you to all advertisers in our bulletin. We appreciate your support!

If you know of someone who would like to advertise in the bulletin, please contact Diocesan Publications at 800-233-8200.

Dear Parishioners,

### Annual Appeal.

This weekend, our Parish (and the Diocese) kicks-off our Annual Catholic Appeal program. This appeal is vital to providing annual support for the function of our Diocesan ministries and the good work of our Holy Church. Additionally, if we surpass the goal set for us by Bishop Koenig, we share in the surplus, which directly benefits our parish and its need. I would commend you, that if you did not make a pledge to the annual appeal this weekend (or by earlier donation this year), that you do so in the days and weeks ahead, so that our parish can meet its goal, and provide support for our Diocese vis a vis our Parish. So, by all means, let us strive together to meet – and exceed – our Appeal goal.

Note: Annual Appeal pledge cards are available in our parish, or if you unable to come by to get one, you can call or email a request, and we will send one out to you. Also, you can make your pledge online by using PayPal or a credit card – you can do this at [www.cdow.org/giving](http://www.cdow.org/giving) and click on “Faith and Charity Appeal.”

### Of Names and Bywords

I enjoy researching the etymology of words, and the origins of names. In this week column, I combine these two areas! You see, certain people’s names, over the years, have come to take on sometimes distinct and sometimes pejorative meanings; not just as names but as words. Or, as it might be stated more fancifully, their names have become words in our language. What do I mean by this? Well, let me give you two interesting Catholic-related examples:

**Tawdry.** This word, interestingly, comes from a contracted form of St. Audrey. St. Audrey was a saint in the middle ages who contracted bubonic plague, which caused red abrasions to appear on her neck. Her attempts to cover these marks were mimicked by others after her death. The practice of wearing gaudy and elaborate lace wraps around a woman’s neck became in vogue; these wraps were dubbed “St. Audrey Lace” – which later morphed in “tawdry lace.” Thus the word tawdry is descendent of the name St. Audrey, and it means gaudy.

**Dunce.** This word, usually denotes a person who is some form of an ignoramus. Ironically, it comes

from the name of one of the most brilliant men in history. Catholic theologian and scholar John Duns (known as Duns Scotus), who lived in the 13th century, was a brilliant academic. However, his followers later engaged in arguing and debating endlessly about academic minutiae, and nonsense. This brought Duns name into disrepute. And as result of his followers, within a few hundred years, the Duns named morphed into Dunce – an epithet to described an ignorant person.

Well, as it turns out, the Bible also gives us some names that have developed into other words that we use in our language, sometimes positive words, sometimes bywords – but part and parcel of our language. Here are some interesting ones to note:

**Magdalene/Maudlin.** The word maudlin imputes a weepy sentimentality, however that word owes its origin to a weeping Mary Magdalene in scripture. Long story: In the developing language of English, around the 14-15th centuries, the “g” in some words became suppressed. Mary Magdelene’s name was one of these words. Thus, in this era, English speakers began called Mary Magdalen Mary ‘Maudelayne’ (Maudlin) without the ‘g’ sound. As Mary Magdalene (Maudlin) was noted as the woman in St. Luke’s Gospel who washes Jesus’ feet with her tears, many representations of Mary Magdalene in art picture her weeping, and by the early 1600s, her name (spoken as Maudlin) became synonymous with “teary.” Hence the word *maudlin’s* current definition. Later, the, by the late 17th century, the English language put the ‘g’ sound back in, and Mary Magdelene again became Mary Magdalene, not Mary Maudlin. Note, in England Magdalen College at Oxford still pronounces its school name as Maudlin College, linguistically odd, but nothing to get maudlin about.

**Nimrod.** Fans of TV’s “Welcome Back Kotter” may remember some buffoonish characters in the show being dubbed derisively as “schmendrich” or “schlemiel.”

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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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Linda Pollitt Principal, ext. 111

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 631 S. State St.  
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## 2022 FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL – “WALKING BY FAITH”

In today’s gospel, we once again hear of the disciples encountering Jesus. And Jesus calls the disciples to “tend my sheep...feed my sheep...follow Me.”



The disciples show us time and time again, Walking By Faith, ordinary people accomplish extraordinary things.

As men and women of faith, we are like those disciples, living our lives in the real world, walking along with Jesus who is always there accompanying us.

Our Lord asks us: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and attend to the needs of our brothers and sisters not only in our parishes and diocese but throughout the world.

The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, with its theme, “Walking By Faith” challenges each of us to bear witness to our faith and open our minds and hearts to bring those less fortunate closer to God’s table. To know Christ is to know His message of salvation; to love Christ is to imitate His love for all people; and to serve Christ is to manifest His teachings through acts of Christian Stewardship.

This weekend you are invited to participate in the 2022 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this important campaign.

To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org); click “Giving” then “Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal”..

## READINGS FOR MAY 8 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER FIRST READING: ACTS 13:14, 43-52

Despite opposition, many of the people of Antioch respond to the preaching of Paul and Barnabas and become Christians.

**SECOND READING: REVELATIONS 7:9, 14-17**  
 St. John has a vision of the hosts of believers in heaven, too many to count, from every nation on earth.

## GOSPEL: JOHN 10:27-30

Jesus the good shepherd speaks to his sheep and leads us into eternal life.

## 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

Many religions have times of fasting (Christians-Lent, Jews-Yom Kippur, Hindus-Navratis). Perhaps less known is that May 2 is Eid al Fitre, the day that Muslims break their Ramadan fast. Whether or not you are religious, fasting can awaken your appreciation for food. To-day awaken your affection for your beloved. Maybe have a special “break-fast” together.

## PARENTING POINTERS

May 2-8 is Screen Free Week. (<https://www.screenfree.org/resources-for-families-individuals/>) It’s not too late to celebrate by taking a break from TV, video games, or phone apps. Check out these resources for families. Go outside. Make your own fun.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS APRIL/MAY

<b>2 MONDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Larry Napolitano
<b>3 TUESDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Paul Gallagher
<b>4 WEDNESDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Eileen Burnett
<b>5 THURSDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Nicole Trinkle
ICC 6:00 pm	For the People
<b>6 FRIDAY</b>	
HC 8:00 am	Rev. Thomas E. Hanley
<b>7 SATURDAY</b>	
HC 8 am	Gilda Hendrickson
HC 5 pm	DM Zullo and Rossi Families
<b>8 SUNDAY</b>	
HC 7:30 am	John J. Mahar
ICC 8:30 am	Veronica Kriss
HC 9:30 am	Terrence M. Milligan
ICC 11 am	Neal & Ann Thomas
HC 11:30 am	Jorge G. & Elena B. Rodriguez
ICC 1 pm	For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION  
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

## 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.wvme-delmar.org](http://www.wvme-delmar.org). For additional information please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

**HOLY CROSS MAY 7/8, 2022**

**EMHC**

**SERVERS**

**5:00 PM** J. Bieker J. Clendaniel A. Costa  
C. Bugglin F. Ernst E. Costa  
M. Casey M. Costa

**LECTORS**

R. Alderman  
J. Davis

**7:30 AM** C. Brown P. Sheldon B. Gyamfi  
T. Dinan M. Thompson E. Gyamfi  
R. O'Neill

**LECTORS**

J. Davis

**9:30 AM** K. Kelly L. Olmstead M. Milligan  
D. McGinnis V. Pepper J. Novack  
J. McIlvain J. Novack

**LECTORS**

S. Crossen  
C. Parks

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

**LECTORS**

A. Luna

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**8:30 AM** B. Lawson

**LECTORS**

G. Godfrey

**11:00 AM** M. Soule

**LECTORS**

A. Meyer

**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.

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY**

Thank you to all of the priests and all of the faithful who participated in the Reconciliation Monday that was held on April 11, 2022 in all of the parishes in the Diocese of Wilmington. As of this writing, the priests have reported hearing over 3,700 confessions during the hours of 3 and 8 pm on April 11th.

Praise be to God!!

**K OF C BREAKFAST**

The Knights will hold a breakfast on Sunday, May 8, after the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses. Moms will eat free!! Join us for a great meal!!

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Welcome to our newly baptized member:

- Luca Salerni

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Our sympathy and condolences to the family of:

- Patricia Meadowcroft
- Sandra Stump
- Ann Lansu
- Lois Abendroth
- Joseph Parlett
- Katie Fortier

May the soul 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

**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.
- Empezamos nuevamente Foro Cristiano después del receso de la Pascua. Todos están invitados los viernes de 6-8 de la noche en el ELC. Venga y viva su Fe Católica.
- 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.
- Requisito para solicitar una misa para quinceañera: La participante debe estar bautizada, haber cumplido su penitencia y haber hecho su Primera Comunión y la Confirmación o estar preparándose para recibir estos sacramentos. 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. Estar dispuestos a participar en el proceso de preparación según lo requiere el sacerdote y la parroquia. Para la Música hay que coordinar directamente con el Ministerio de Música
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- 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.

## ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

- ¡Bendiciones de Pascua para usted y su familia de parte de todos nosotros en Educación Religiosa!
- La Inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 está abierta, las inscripciones están disponibles a todas las familias. Tiene que inscribir a su hijo cada año Por favor devolver las aplicaciones a Alicia Poppiti antes del 1 de mayo para que podamos estar seguros de tener suficientes maestros y espacio en los salones. Ultimo día de clases para este año es el domingo 1 de mayo. El último día de clases para este año escolar es el 1 de mayo. Terminaremos nuestro año con nuestro tradicional Rosario Viviente.

- Más información sobre La Escuela Bíblica de Verano En las próximas semanas: 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. La Inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 está abierta, las inscripciones están disponibles a todas las familias. Tiene que inscribir a su hijo cada año Por favor devolver las aplicaciones a Alicia Poppiti antes del 1 de mayo para que podamos estar seguros de tener suficientes maestros y espacio en los salones. Ultimo día de clases para este año es el domingo 1 de mayo.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Thanks to all for a wonderful CCD year!!  
Contact Tammy Korosec at either  
tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302)674-5787 X 122 with questions or concerns  
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Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Please contact Tammy Korosec at either 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 for next year, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

### Adult Education (HC) The Bible in a Year Podcast 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**  
**Ages PK4-Grade 4**  
**Registrations accepted after June 1, 2022**  
**Capacity is limited**  
**Volunteers will be needed!**



### YOUTH AT HOLY CROSS

**Newly Confirmed** - Please continue to pray for our 65 teens from Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception parishes who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Emeritus W. Francis Malooly this past weekend.

A special thank you to Fr. Lentini, our deacons, volunteers and peer leaders who shared their faith with our teens this year. Thank you to the Columbiettes who assisted with our reception.

### 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 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. 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

Classes are today May 1st. **Registration for 2022-2023** school year is open, registrations are available to all families, and are stilling being accepted. You must register your children each year. Please return to Alicia Poppiti by May 1st so that we can be sure to have enough teachers, books, and space in classrooms. Last day of classes for this school year is May 1st. We will end our year with our traditional Living Rosary.

### Sacraments:

**1st Communion Prep:** the retreat will be on Saturday, April 30 from 9am-12noon in the Parish Hall. All first communicants need to attend. Only children.

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to our Confirmandi, who received the seal of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation at Holy Cross with Bishop Francis Malooly presiding.

### Vacation Bible School

at ICC 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



**Varia:** miscellaneous information. A term rooted in Latin signifying various and different sorts of thought or information. In my case, bits of information that come to mind during which time I happen to be composing the weekly submission. A million things are tossing about in my brain on this the last day of the Easter holiday break. It is widely known by most inhabiting the planet that the springtime of a school-year is off the charts demanding. I am grateful for the support of the faculty and staff, without their support the EOY, always bittersweet, would be so much more challenging.

And now, for those bits and pieces....

**ARK:** As a classroom teacher I was wont to telling my students that "Math is the reason we come to school! I did so frequently. It was, of course tongue in cheek humor, and Father Hanley realized that when he told me one day, "Mrs. Pollitt, you really are going to have to stop telling the kids that Math is the reason they come to school." We shared a bit of a chuckle, and over time I lessened my reminders. As an administrator it has become crystal clear the importance of Reading, and have come to know that no matter what the area of specialization, all teachers teach Reading. We are all teachers of Reading as we are all teachers of Religion. As a Catholic school our faith permeates every lesson taught, and every word spoken. Our program in grades 1-5 is based on the Loyola Press publication; Christ Our Life. Our Sunday Visitor publishes the Alleluia materials used in Pre-K and Kindergarten, while the three year old classroom program, Stories of God's Love is from RL Benziger. And so it is that from the age of three until graduation from eighth grade, the Catholic faith and doctrine is presented to our students on a daily basis, as a core subject. Before the end of the month all Diocesan schools will have completed what has come to be known as the ARK test. ARK = Assessment of Religious Knowledge. This is a first for our school as the ARK test is now a mandatory assessment for all students in a Diocesan school. I eagerly anticipate the results of our first-time endeavor.

**Calendar Change:** It has become apparent that not only are we, as educators accountable for the education of our students, but in the changing climate of the times, we realize the needs of the children exceed what they receive from the textbook. In addition to planting seeds of knowledge, we are also very sensitive to student needs on the emotional and social level. Yes, that has always been a piece of our methodology in the classroom, but now more than ever these needs are at the very forefront of how we approach the education process. Our concerns for the children given over to our care has grown exponentially.

We are fortunate in having an opportunity for a professional development session in May on the SEL Approach. In planning for this event, I have had to make a calendar change. **Please make note that Thursday, May 26, 2022 is now a full day off for students.**

**Tag Day Addition:** Last summer I received an email from one of our rising eighth graders in which he posed a valid question. Hunter C. asked me if I would consider a RWB tag day to honor the men and women who sacrificed their lives in battle for the good of our country and its citizens. My thanks to Hunter for calling this to my attention. Wednesday, May 25, 2022 will be a tag day where students, faculty, and staff will wear the RWB in recognition of Memorial Day. Proceeds will be donated. More news to follow.

**Social Studies:** One of the first orders of business upon our return to school will be to meet with our teachers of Social Studies and History. With the textbook review guide in hand, they have had the opportunity to peruse samples of textbooks and accompanying materials in our effort to replace our current series in the upcoming year. Our sample materials were sent to us by McGraw-Hill publishers. I am excited over my initial glimpse and am looking forward to receiving feedback from faculty.

**HSA News:** The HSA ladies and HCS are grateful to those who made a donation to our Textile Drive helping us in the accomplishment of the goal of a minimum of two hundred bags. In addition to textiles, there were very nice baby car seats, scooters and bicycles donated by our families looking to declutter a little while helping those in need. Hat and Mitten Drive: With even a few scarves thrown in, HC families were so very giving in their response to a call for winter wear accessories to benefit those with less than we. They collected 155 hats, 166 pairs of mittens, and 3 scarves. Be on the lookout for details of the upcoming Coin Drive and its connection to the sixty-eight years of providing Catholic education in the Dover community. A new and different approach to similar past events was suggested by Father Lentini, and the HSA is ready to roll with it!! No pun intended.

**Junior High News:** Congratulations to our Junior High students, Alex C, Massimo S. and Samuel S. who qualified for competition at the national level for **Math League**. We are grateful to Mrs. Crawford for making arrangements for us to participate in this program, one where HC has historically achieved great success.

Once more, a shout out to Alex C. Dylan H. Beth R, Massimo S. and Mary Y. for achievement in **Odyssey of the Mind** achieving World Level competition status. They are off to Iowa very soon, and we wish them all the very best.

**Solar Sprint competition** is soon---it's a bit of a disappointment that its going to be a virtual event again this year, but the teams have worked hard. It's been fun seeing them trying out the vehicles---say your prayers!! We need some sunshine!!

Junior High is very excited about the first dance in years---put on your dancing shoes everybody!

Don't forget to look for us in the **Dover Days parade!**

Get there early for a good seat at our **Spring Concert** coming soon.

Those are Yiddish words that may seem to imply that one is, well, a nimrod. The word Nimrod itself, is of Biblical origin, wrapped up in later tradition. Nimrod is said to be the grandson of Noah. Noah built the Ark that saved mankind and much of creation. Nimrod didn't do as well –he is said to be the man who decided to build the Tower of Babel that would reach to heaven (this had as much of a chance for success as a TV show called "CSI: Hartly"). Well, God trashed the project and punished mankind by divvying him up into different languages, so that he could never conspire to hatch such a plot again. Thus, for his ridiculous idea, the name Nimrod, is now synonymous with terms like dork, dufus, and fool.

**Judas.** Well, we know this story all too well. Judas was the Apostle who betrayed Christ for 30 pieces of silver. Thus today, if someone is a Judas, they are a betrayer, a fink, and -- too use one of my favorite cool vocabulary words -- a "supergrass" (meaning a traitor). People who betray their nation, like a Benedict Arnold or Vidkun Quisling, are commonly identified as being a Judas.

**Cain.** Cain, we know, killed his brother Abel, somewhere east of Eden. God called Cain on the carpet and asked Cain what happened to his brother. Cain famously replied "Am I my brother's keeper?" I guess God thought he should have been. And so, Cain was marked with the appropriately dubbed "mark of Cain," to make of him a visible sign to others to avoid following his ways. Hence, when one is "raising Cain," they draw attention to themselves by their words and deeds.

To be continued in next week's column.....

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini  
Pastor

Answers to last week's crossword puzzle are blow. I hope you had fun doing it.

