

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

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

## May 1, 2016 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Eucharist of the Lord's Day

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

#### Weekday Eucharist

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

#### Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

#### Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,  
Thursday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

#### Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. John Olson, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Anthony Giamello, Associate Pastor

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

#### Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

#### Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

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

**St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702**

### The Sacraments

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr., our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-697-2049.

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

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

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

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

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

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun., May 1** 8:30am: Tommy Smith  
11:00am: Dan Garvin  
Misa en Español 7:00pm: Tirs Barraza Barraza  
Thu., May 5 7:00pm: For the People  
**Sun., May 8** 8:30am: Dalton Neudecker  
11:00am: Ann & Neal Thomas  
Misa en Español 7:00pm: For the People

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** *If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please let Ms. Alicia know, and she will schedule you to shadow as Cross Bearer at the Mass you attend.*



### COLLECTION TOTALS:

**Regular Offertory:** \$4409.02  
**Supplementary Offertory:** \$ 408.25

**Second Collection Today:** Supplemental Offertory  
*Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed, and appreciated.*



**Knights of Columbus:** Meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues., in white building at 6:30pm. For more information contact Grand Knight, Clyde Hinebaugh 410-482-8699 or [clydehinebaugh@gmail.com](mailto:clydehinebaugh@gmail.com)

**Join us MOTHER'S DAY morning 9am for  
Breakfast next week in the Hall – Mothers  
Eat Free ☺**

Dear Parishioners,

## FIRST COMMUNION

Back in 1968, when I received my first Holy Communion, it was a big day. As was the practice in the Italian neighborhood I grew up, for First Communion all the girls wore decorative white dresses, and boys wore a black suit, black pants, a white shirt, a white Victorian bow-tie, and a big white bow on their right arm.

One of my fond memories of that day was one of my classmates not following Sr. Margaret Vincent's instruction: She told us, walk up-straight, and not to lean on the walls as we processed through the hallways of the parish hall up to the Church. My classmate, Frank, ignored this, and leaned up and scraped along the wall. While doing this, his white bow caught on a stray nail. As Frank walked along, unbeknownst to him, his gigantic white bow unraveled and unraveled and unraveled.

Sr. Margaret Vincent – who was not one to be trifled with – was not pleased. She ran over, and grabbed the ribbon strands to free them from the nail. This brought young Frank, to an abrupt stop (as the ribbon had by this point unraveled down to armband). With the same effect of pulling an emergency brake on a subway train, a little pile up of black-suited boys with bows ensued. Mother Herbert, the Mother Superior came over, like a kid lining up toy soldiers, got us all back into an acceptable line-up formation for Mass.

And for all of that to-do, our young minds soon forgot about that small faux pas. Because as we approached the altar later at mass and prepared to receive Jesus Christ, such little troubles as an unraveled bow evaporated from our minds. Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time– that was the important part of that day. No matter the journey to get there, we arrived at the foot of that altar and made our First Holy Communion.

And so, this week, at Holy Cross and two weeks ago at Immaculate Conception, over 100 young people made that same journey to the altar that I made all those years ago, to receive Christ. They may not have experienced the bow incident, but perhaps they have their own stories of that first Communion Day. But whatever their story is — the important element of that day is not any faux pas that may have happened or any problem with what they were wearing (bow or not), but rather that they made it to that altar, to that moment, to receive Jesus Christ. The moment they prepared for so many months, came to fruition. That is the ultimate memory and moment of a First Communion day, and it is one that will abide with them as they make their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 1000<sup>th</sup> Communion in the days, weeks and years ahead. That First Communion Day marked a profound and powerful encounter with Jesus Christ in their young lives. As we know in faith, it is an encounter that changes one's life forever.

## RELIGIOUS ISSUE

I want to take a little time to talk with you about a faith related problem of which I think you should all be aware. There is a religion of sorts called "Santeria" which has cropped up in practice in our region. This religion with Caribbean roots, most especially from Cuba, grew out of a mixing (or syncretizing)

of Catholicism and several pagan belief systems starting in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century.

Santeria includes animal sacrifices, ancestor worship, saint worship, and seeking to be possessed by the Orisha (spirits). But most troubling, practitioners of Santeria, oft try to acquire consecrated hosts (holy communion), which they then make use of in their sacrificial rituals (often done with animals). Needless to say this is a grave and serious desecration of the Blessed Sacrament. Often practitioners of Santeria, many of whom have a foot in Catholicism, will come to Catholic Mass, and try to smuggle a consecrated host out of Mass by receiving Holy Communion, but not consuming the host.

I bring this to your attention because Santeria at times looks very much like Catholicism in terms of external symbols. Images of the saints, rosary beads, candles, etc. are very commonly seen around the practice of Santeria. However, these images are not what we in the Catholic faith understand them to be. For instance, the images of many of our saints have been taken by practitioners of Santeria, to represent some of the pagan spirits they worship. For example, the Orisha (spirit) "Shango," who controls fire, is represented by an image of St. Barbara; the spirit "Eleggua" who controls roads is represented by an image of St. Anthony; the "Obatala" who controls creation is represented by an image of the Resurrected Christ or an image of Our Lady.

The problem of Santeria, and why I am bringing it to your attention, is that from the outside looking in, it can appear to be part of the Catholic faith. So, please beware that this religion has cropped up here and there in lower Delaware (as it has in the past). I would commend you to be wary. I write this not to scare anyone but to make the faithful aware of this Catholic-looking pagan cult which one may encounter. I would implore you to stay away from it, far, far, away.

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS;

First, let me thank all the folks who expressed enjoying the crossword puzzle. Some even asked that it be a regular feature. Well, that probably will not happen, but I certainly hope to provide a puzzle a few times each year for catechetical enjoyment. Here are the answers to last week's bulletin puzzle.

- **Across:** 2) Lord; 4) Pontifex; 5) Us Peace; 6) Pentecost; 9) John; 12) Grievous; 15) Wife; 17) Main; 21) Ascension; 22) Ad Limina; 24) May; 26) Glorify You; 27) In Vain; 29) Joseph; 31) Clare; 33) Hosts; 34) David; 35) Trinity; 37) Once; 38) Matthew
- **Down:** 1) Celestial; 3) Apostolic; 7) Ergo; 8) Going My Way; 10) Hell Town; 11) Jorge; 13) Seraphim; 14) Jesus; 15) Will; 16) In; 18) Bradford; 19) Virtues; 20) Carroll; 23) Nativity; 25) Dios; 28) Vatican; 29) Joy; 30) Steal; 32) Easter; 36) Roof.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini

Pastor

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Collection Counters

**May 1** Paul & Robin Engstenberg  
**May 8** Julia Moore & Paul McQuaide  
**May 15** Marianne Lemon & Diane Nagyiski

### Church Cleaning Crew

**May 5, 2016 Grupo #5 Rectoría-Oficina**  
Alberto Morales, Maurilio Gabriel, Carlos Gabriel,  
Carlos Miguel, Érica Miguel, Aurora Rivera  
**May 7, 2016 Grupo #6**  
Anselmo Escalante, Adelaida Velásquez, Judith Ortiz,  
Cesario Escalante, Ada Escalante, Haylen Bartolón  
**May 14, 2016 Grupo #7**  
Celia Berduo, Lidia Fernández, Adrián Matías, Agurinda  
Santizo, Maricela Santizo, Patricia López

### Altar Servers

**May 8**  
**8:30am Mass** – Hannah Nagyiski  
**11:00am Mass** – Meg, Vincent Haass & Sherlin Santizo  
**Spanish Misa 7pm** – Reynaldo Alvarez, Armando  
Macario

### Lectors

**May 8**  
**8:30am Mass** – Lani Small  
**11:00am Mass** – Jim Ward  
**Spanish Misa 7pm** – Clara Gonzales, Lucila Salinas

### Eucharistic Ministers

**May 8**  
**8:30am Mass** – Deacon Tormey, Julia Moore, Ann  
Lawson  
**11:00am Mass** – Deacon Mitchell, Nancy Mooney, Paul  
Lardizzone  
**Spanish Misa 7pm** – Simón De Jesús Quevedo, Antonio  
Pérez, Miguel López

### VBS will be here at ICC soon! August 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>



The next Vacation Bible School planning meeting is scheduled for Wed, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the parish office meeting room. Registration for VBS is open now.

Registration forms are available at Ms. Alicia's desk in the hall and online. Anyone that wants to help out, must attend this meeting, or call Ms. Alicia. Youth must attend youth training to help.



Wish list for Vacation Bible School needs to come soon 😊

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Sun, May 1** 9:40am SRE-Living Rosary & May Crowning  
**Sun, May 1** 1-3pm Adolecentes  
**Sun, May 1** 3:30pm Jovenes  
**Mon, May 2 & Wed May 4** 7pm ESL  
**Tues May 3** 7pm Juan XXIII  
**Sat, May 7** 5-9pm, Día de las Madres

Please Join US TODAY–

**Sun, May 1** 9:45 Living Rosary on the  
Parish Lawn

### Marriage & Family Life Corner

#### Marriage Moment –

**Trip down Memory Lane #14 - Remember your first long trip together - either for fun, to meet each other's family, or even a funeral. What did you like about making travel plans together? What was a stress because of your differences? What have you learned?**

**Parenting Pointer** – "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (John 14:15) **Just as God gave us commandments, healthy families have rules that help keep order and keep the peace. What are some of your family rules? Do you need any new ones? Let go of outdated ones? Discuss together.**

### 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal

*"Blessed are the Merciful for They Shall Obtain Mercy"*

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. The goal set for Immaculate Conception Parish is \$22,500. Our current pledges total \$18,800. If you have not yet made your pledge, please fill out your pledge card and drop it in the collection basket or take home an appeal envelope and return it next week. Last year we passed our goal and received money to our parish. **YOUR GENEROUSITY IS APPRECIATED.**

Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews [OR the appropriate designated location] and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit [www.cdown.org](http://www.cdown.org); click "Giving" then "Annual Catholic Appeal".



**RICE BOWLS:** May be returned at the front entrance to the Church, in the Rice Bowl bin. They are collected daily. You can also return to office.



**FROM THE DRE'S DESK**  
**School of Religious Education**

**SRE Classes Today, 9:40 – 10:50 LIVING ROSARY**

**Today is our final class for this school year. Be sure to get your children's progress notes from teacher, and any class materials. If you have not handed in your registration, please do so this weekend.**

**REGISTRATIONS!!** Registrations for 2016-2017 are now available at the office, SRE desk and online. Please get your registrations for school of Religious Education this weekend. We would like to have all registered for next year by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please return registrations to Alicia as soon as possible. Fees are as follows: \$25 per child, not to exceed \$100 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 \$25 por cada niño, y no más de \$100 cada familia.

**THANK YOU CATECHISTS** For sharing your faith with us ☺ Thank you~ Cindy, Gabby, Leslie, Jerry, Lani, Maggie, Donna, Meg, Brenda, Vincent, Christine, Katie, Kathy, Rose, Louise, Harry, Stephen, Haydi, Diane, Alan, Tom, Elisa, Stephen, Rosa, Isael, Gordin, Deacon Jim and Charlotte.



**Message from the Diocese Vocations Office**

In today's gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that the Father will send the Holy Spirit, who will remind them of all that He told them. Through that same Spirit, many are called to participate in Jesus' work in a variety of ways as priests, deacons, religious brothers and religious sisters. Sometimes the call can seem very clear and direct; at other times it can be more subtle. If you've ever thought that God might be prompting you to consider a religious vocation, please contact Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: [www.cdow.org/vocations](http://www.cdow.org/vocations)



Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat for post-abortion healing will be held in Wilmington on May 27-29, 2016. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. For more info contact Nan at 302-528-8313 or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

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

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

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

**Pregunta de la semana**

**6º domingo de Resurrección**

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

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

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

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

**Campaña Anual:** La meta para la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción es \$22,500. Nuestro actual recogido total es \$18,800. Por favor llene su tarjeta de compromiso y póngalo en la canasta de la colecta o llévalo a casa y devuélvalo la próxima semana. Por favor sea generoso, gracias

**Knights of Columbus - Desayuno especial**



Únase a nosotros para el desayuno el día de la madre. May 8<sup>th</sup> 9AM. \$6 por persona o \$25 por familia.

Las madres comen gratis ☺

**Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund:** The weekend of



May 14 & 15 we will hold a special collection for the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. This fund is becoming vital as more and more of our priests reach the age of retirement. Your donation will be used to support the many fine priests who have dedicated their lives to service of the faithful of Delaware and

Maryland's Eastern Shore. You can meet four of our retired priests; Fr. Raymond Forester, Msgr. Daniel McGlynn, Fr. Leonard Kempinski and Fr. Edward Stork, and learn about their ministry on a short video posted on the diocesan website, [cdow.org](http://cdow.org). Please be as generous as possible.