

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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May 22, 2016 – Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)

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**.

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

ABOUT TRINITY SUNDAY. Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. On this day we acknowledge the Divine Revelation that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit: three Divine Persons in one God. This is a great mystery of our faith that we hold in truth; it allows us to understand our God more fully. Some would say that three persons cannot be one God, because they would say that $1+1+1=3$ not 1. But, if we need to fall back on math for our understanding of the Trinity, I would say that the mathematical expression that best explains the Trinity is that $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$.

Math aside, on this Trinity Sunday, I would commend to all of you take some time out to reflect on this great mystery. Let me suggest the following passages for reflection on the Holy Trinity during the coming week: Genesis 18:1-2; Isaiah 63:8-14; Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 23; Luke 1:35; John 14:16-17; Gospel of John 14:26-27; Acts of the Apostles 1:1-5; 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Galatians 4:6; and 1 Peter

1:1-2.

TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT. Last week, in *The Dialog*, our Bishop unveiled a Pastoral Letter to his flock. The purpose of the letter was built around two primary, but inter-related, points: vocations and pastoral administration in light of the lessening number of priests in our Diocese. Since not everyone grabs up a copy of *The Dialog*, I thought I would use this Pastor's Column to provide a USA Today version of that Pastor Letter, focusing on the key portions of the Bishop's message:

On Priest Shortage in our Diocese. *The worldwide Catholic population continues to grow ... priestly ordinations in certain regions such as Africa and Asia, have exploded to unprecedented numbers. Even in some areas of the United States there is a boom in priestly vocations... However, in ... our own Diocese ... our population of active priests is reaching a critical level... I know that there is much anxiety over the diminishing number of priests.*

On Vocations. *I want to assure you that my Vocation Director and his assistants are engaged in efforts to invite many more young men to consider the possibility of answering a call to the Priesthood... [P]romoting priestly vocations is not simply the job of a few priests; it is the obligation of every Catholic... We must not be afraid to direct the young people in our lives to be open to God's call. A few simple words of encouragement and support can make a tremendous difference... We must plant the seed.*

On Priestly Staffing of Parishes. *Many of you my age or even younger can remember a time when almost every parish had multiple priests... [W]e were able to staff not only parishes with a full complement of priests, but also hospitals, schools, diocesan offices and various chaplaincies. One day, we may once again find ourselves with an abundance of vocations to the priesthood but the reality on the immediate horizon is that we do not have enough priests to serve the pastoral leadership needs of every parish individually.*

On Parish Models of Leadership. *[To address the Pastoral staffing issues, the Bishop noted three Canonical models that may be implemented in the years ahead]. We will be employing three approaches that will be the guiding model for pastoral leadership for the next five to ten years; the Resident Pastor model, the Parish Linkage(s) model, and the Parish Life Coordinator model.*

The Resident Pastor Model... *[T]he best possible scenario for any parish would be to always have a resident pastor who is responsible for only one parish and is assisted by professional and qualified lay staff, collaborating with lay leaders... [T]his will continue to be the dominant model of pastoral leadership... in our Diocese[.] This however does not mean business as usual. Even in parishes with a resident pastor, it is essential that there be a spirit of cooperation and a sharing of resources with neighboring parishes.*

The Linkage Model... *is where an individual pastor (with or without an associate pastor) is assigned to two or more parishes... The Church of the Holy Cross in Dover is linked to Immaculate Conception Parish in Marydel. [nice shout out from the Bishop for us]. [T]hese parishes are ministered to by one pastoral team while sharing some administrative resources.*

The Parish Life Coordinator Model. *In this model,*

there are three ministerial roles: The Parish Life Coordinator... a minister with professional training... leading a single parish community that lacks a resident pastor; The person in this role... may be a deacon, religious, or a layperson. The Sacramental Minister is a priest authorized by the Bishop to provide the liturgical and sacramental needs of the parish community. The Priest Moderator is a direct representative of the Bishop appointed with the faculties of pastor... I do not foresee us employing this model within the next three to five years.

Partnerships. *[W]e have been extremely blessed to have had an abundance of priests over the last one hundred years or so... With fewer priests, the need for partnerships between parishes becomes apparent. Going forward I expect that neighboring parishes will find creative ways to consolidate and collaborate on matters like Mass times, Confirmations, and Reconciliation services... Parishes can also share administrative and temporal resources... I will be directing each Deanery (region) of our Diocese to begin discussing the numerous possibilities in which parishes can cooperate and partner with one another.*

Conclusion. *Change can sometimes make us anxious and all of us resist it to some degree. Regardless of any changes in Mass times, Confession times, Confirmations, or parish leadership, the following will be true: you will still have access to Mass; you will still have access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; you will still be able to receive your sacraments; you will still have access to religious education; you will still have access to sacramental preparation; you will be able to have funerals and weddings. The difference is that you may not be able to have them at the time and place of your desire. The choices will diminish to some degree and this is something to which we all must begin to get accustomed*

This Pastoral Letter, "Together in the Spirit," presents scenarios that are new to many of our parishes in our Diocese. However, for us here at Holy Cross/Immaculate Conception, it actually reflects our current lived experience, as our two parishes share one pastoral team, and several staff members. If you wish to read the full-text of this Pastoral Letter, go to www.cdow.org and follow the relevant links. Blessings to you and your families on this Trinity Sunday!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., May 22 8:30am: James and Elizabeth Griffith
11:00am: Frank Gonzalez Jr.

Misa en Español 7:00pm: For the People

Thu., May 26 7:00pm: For the People

Sun., May 29 8:30am: Tom and Doris Costello

11:00am: John Joseph Albertelli

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: \$3594.75

Supplementary Offertory: \$ 402.75

Second Collection Today: Seminary & Priests' Education
Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed, and appreciated.

Knights of Columbus: Meet every 2nd & 4th Tues., at 6:30pm. For more information contact Grand Knight, Clyde Hinebaugh 410-482-8699 or clydehinebaugh@gmail.com



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

May 22 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel
May 29 Margie Short & Laura Voshell
June 5 Ann Lawson & Judy Carrow

Church Cleaning Crew

May 28 - Grupo #9
Hortencia Bamaca, Lucia Morales, Rosemary Bamaca,
Froilán Berduo, Sheila Berduo, Andy De León

June 4, 2016 Grupo #11
Genaro Pérez, **Elizabeth López**, Edelfo Tomas, Edgar
Ramos, Alfonso Chun

Altar Servers

May 29
8:30am Mass – Hannah Nagyiski
11:00am Mass – Carmine Poppiti & Joanna Santizo
Spanish Misa 7pm – Pavel Hernandez, Haylin Bartolon

Lectors

May 29
8:30am Mass – Diane Smith
11:00am Mass – Laura Schlaupitz
Spanish Misa 7pm – Marcos Díaz, Froilán Berduo

Eucharistic Ministers

May 29
8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Elisa & Tom Costello
11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Paul Lardizzone, Nancy
Mooney
Spanish Misa 7pm – Dolores Cuin, Carlos Miguel, Flora
Pérez



Looking for an opportunity to share your time & experience? **The Diocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life is looking for Catechists for Pre-Cana and Remarriage classes.** If you are interested in more information, please call Rita McDowell at 302-295-0667.

VBS will be here at ICC soon! August 1st – 5th

Registration for VBS is open now. Registration forms are available in church, office and online. Next meeting is scheduled for **Wed, May 25th at 7pm in the parish office meeting room.**



SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, May 22 3:30pm Jovenes
Mon May 23 & Wed May 25 7pm ESL
Wed May 25 7pm VBS Planning



"Spirit Wing", will bring its highly-acclaimed Native American music to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Bear, DE for a concert on Sat, July 9th at 7:00 p.m. "Spirit Wing's" music comes from strong folk/acoustic roots, along with traditional Native

songs that date back hundreds of years. Bring your lawn chairs for this exciting outdoor concert event. Come early for flute lessons at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (12 and under, free) and includes food, drink, and the concert. Native crafts will be on sale. Concert sponsored by the Journey with the Bear Kateri Circle of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and Diocese of Wilmington Native American Ministry. For tickets or more information, call Sharon Ward at 302-545-3383.

Remember our heroes at the annual Memorial Day Field Mass

Bishop Malooly will celebrate the 58th Annual Memorial Day Field Mass at All Saint's Cemetery, 6001 Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington on Monday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m. The annual Mass honors all the deceased of the Diocese of Wilmington, especially those who served in the military, heroes who died in the service of our country, and those first-responders who gave their lives in the name of public safety. A brief military tribute, including a three-volley salute, and the playing of "Taps," will be held immediately before the start of Mass.

The Memorial Day Field Mass is open to the public and will be held rain-or-shine. Limited seating will be available and attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

"Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:24) Jesus used these words when sharing bread and wine with the apostles at the Last Supper. When we consume food and drink it becomes part of our body and blood. Be mindful of Jesus presence in the next meal you eat together.

Parenting Pointer – The end of the school year can bring lots of banquets, and ceremonies. Inevitably some kids get more awards than others. Help your child recognize his/her internal worth that goes beyond trophies.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK
School of Religious Education

Classes will resume on Sunday, September 25th Please be sure your family and children are registered as soon as possible. **REGISTRATIONS!!** Registrations for 2016-2017 are now available at the office, and online. Please get your registrations for school of Religious Education now. We would like to have all registered for next year by June 1st. 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.

Do you think you may have a calling to the priesthood?

You're invited to socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests, and men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest.

CAS

On June 15, CAS will meet at St. John the Beloved Church on Milltown Rd in Wilmington at 6:30 p.m. Contact Fr. Chris Coffey at 302-239-7100 x 24 or ccoffey@yahoo.com

On June 16, at 6:30 p.m., CAS will be held at Ss. Peter & Paul in Easton at 6:30 p.m. For info, contact Fr. Glenn Evers at 410-882-3244.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Theme: God is love.

Question for Children: God fills us with love. How, this week, will you show your family - your mom, dad, brothers, sisters, grandparents, cousins - that you love them as God loves them?

Question for Youth: When Jesus left the world, He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us. Have you ever given something important to someone else as a sign of your love for them? Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit as a similar gift to you?

Question for Adults: Today we celebrate the relationship of love among the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In what similar community of love do you live?

Pregunta de la semana

La Santísima Trinidad/Domingo de la Santísima Trinidad

Tema: Dios es amor.

Pregunta para los niños: Dios nos llena de amor.

¿Cómo mostrarán esta semana a su familia (su mamá, papá, hermanos, hermanas, abuelos, primos) que ustedes los aman como Dios los ama a ellos?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Cuando Jesús dejó el mundo, nos envió al Espíritu Santo para que estuviera con nosotros. ¿Alguna vez han dado algo importante a alguien como símbolo de su amor por esa persona? ¿Alguna vez han sentido la presencia del Espíritu Santo como un regalo semejante que se les ha otorgado?

Pregunta para los adultos: Hoy celebramos la relación de amor entre el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo. En qué comunidad de amor parecida viven ustedes?

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO JAMES

LENTINI 22 DE MAYO, 2016.

Estimados feligreses,

Sobre del domingo de la Trinidad. Hoy, la Iglesia celebra la Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad. En este día reconocemos la Revelación Divina que Dios es Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo: tres Personas Divinas en un solo Dios. Esto es el misterio central de nuestra fe que guardamos como verdad; que nos permite entender nuestro Dios más profunda y plenamente. Algunos dirán que tres personas no pueden ser un Dios, porque dirían que $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$ No 1. Pero, si tenemos que recurrir a la matemática para la comprensión de la Trinidad, yo diría que la expresión matemática que mejor explica la Trinidad es que $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$. Matemáticas a un lado, en este domingo de la Santísima

Trinidad, quisiera recomendarles a todos ustedes tomarse un tiempo para reflexionar sobre este gran misterio. Permítame sugerirles los siguientes pasajes bíblicos para la reflexión sobre la Trinidad durante la próxima semana: Génesis 18, 1-2; Isaías 63, 8-14; Mateo 3, 16-17; Mateo 28, 19-20; Marcos 1, 9-11; 23; Lucas 1,35; Juan 14, 16-17; Evangelio de Juan 14, 26-27; Hechos de los Apóstoles 1, 1-5; 1 Corintios 2, 10-16; Gálatas 4, 6; y 1 Pedro 1,1-2

Juntos en el Espíritu. La semana pasada, en el diálogo, nuestro Obispo envió y dio a conocer una carta pastoral a su rebaño. El propósito de la carta fue elaborado alrededor de dos puntos primordiales, pero relacionados entre sí, señala: vocaciones y la administración pastoral en vista de la disminución del número de sacerdotes en nuestra diócesis. Dado que no todo el mundo toma una copia del diálogo, pensé que iba a utilizar esta columna del Pastor para proporcionar una versión estilo USA Today de esa

carta Pastoral, centrándose en las partes clave del mensaje del Obispo:

Escasez de Sacerdote en nuestra Diócesis. La población católica en todo el mundo sigue creciendo... ordenaciones sacerdotales en ciertas regiones, como África y Asia, han explotado a un número sin precedentes. Incluso en algunas áreas de los Estados Unidos hay un auge de las vocaciones sacerdotales... Sin embargo, en nuestra propia diócesis... nuestra población de sacerdotes activos está alcanzando un nivel alarmante... Sé que hay mucha ansiedad por la disminución del número de sacerdotes.

Sobre las Vocaciones. Quiero asegurarles que mi Director de Vocaciones y sus asistentes están poniendo todos sus esfuerzos para invitar a muchos más hombres jóvenes a considerar la posibilidad de responder al llamado al sacerdocio... [P] romoviendo vocaciones sacerdotales no es simplemente el trabajo de unos pocos sacerdotes; es la obligación de todo y cada católico... No debemos tener miedo de encaminar a los jóvenes en nuestras vidas para estar abiertos al llamado de Dios. Unas sencillas palabras de aliento y de apoyo pueden hacer una gran diferencia... Debemos sembrar la semilla.

Sobre el Equipo Sacerdotal de las Parroquias. Muchos de ustedes de mi edad o incluso más jóvenes que yo, pueden recordar un tiempo en que casi cada parroquia tenía varios sacerdotes...

Teníamos la facilidad de equipar con sacerdotes no solamente a las parroquias con un complemento de cura pastoral completo, sino también los hospitales, escuelas, oficinas diocesanas y diversas capellanías. Es posible que un día, una vez más nos encontremos con una abundancia de vocaciones al sacerdocio, pero la realidad en el horizonte inmediato es que no tenemos suficientes sacerdotes para servir individualmente a las necesidades del cura pastoral de cada parroquia.

Sobre los Modelos de Liderazgo de la Parroquia. Para hacer frente a los problemas de la cura Pastoral, el Obispo señaló tres modelos canónicos que pueden ser implementadas en los próximos años. Estaremos empleando tres enfoques que serán los modelos de guía para el liderazgo pastoral para los próximos cinco a diez años; el modelo Párroco Residente, el modelo de Parroquias de Vinculación, y el modelo Coordinador de Vida Parroquial.

El Modelo Párroco Residente... El mejor escenario posible para cualquiera parroquia sería tener siempre un párroco residente responsable de una sola parroquia y es asistido por un personal laico profesional y calificado, colaborando con los líderes laicos... Esta seguirá siendo el modelo dominante de liderazgo Cura Pastoral en nuestra Diócesis... [.] Sin embargo, esto no quiere decir lo normal o lo de siempre. Incluso en las parroquias con un párroco residente, es esencial que haya un espíritu de cooperación y el intercambio de recursos con las parroquias vecinas.

El Modelo de Vinculación... es donde se asigna un párroco individual (con o sin un vicario parroquial) a dos o

más parroquias... La Iglesia de la Santa Cruz en Dover está vinculada a la Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Marydel. [Buena publicidad del Obispo para nosotros]. Estas parroquias son ministradas por una sola cura pastoral mientras que comparten algunos recursos administrativos.

El Modelo Moderador de Vida Parroquial. En este modelo, hay tres funciones ministeriales: El Moderador de Vida Parroquial... un ministro con formación profesional... que lleva una sola comunidad parroquial que carece de un párroco residente; La persona en este papel... puede ser un diácono, religioso o un laico. El Ministro Sacramental es un sacerdote autorizado por el Obispo para proporcionar las necesidades litúrgicas y sacramentales de la comunidad parroquial. El Sacerdote Moderador es un representante directo del Obispo designado con las facultades de párroco... que no preveo el empleo de este modelo en los próximos tres a cinco años.

Asociaciones. Estamos extremadamente bendecidos de haber tenido una gran cantidad de sacerdotes en los últimos cien años más o menos... Con un menor número de sacerdotes, la necesidad de asociaciones entre las parroquias se hace evidente. En el futuro espero que las parroquias vecinas encuentren formas creativas para consolidar y colaborar en asuntos como horarios de las Misas, Confirmaciones, y servicios de Reconciliación... Las parroquias también pueden compartir los recursos administrativos y temporales... Yo estaré sugiriendo a cada Decanato (región) de nuestra Diócesis para que empiecen a dialogar sobre las numerosas posibilidades en las que las parroquias pueden compartir cooperar unas con otras.

Conclusión. Cambios a veces produce ansiedad y todos lo resistimos hasta cierto punto. Independientemente de los cambios en los horarios de las misas, los horarios de las confesiones, Confirmaciones, o cura pastoral de la parroquia, lo siguiente es cierto: usted todavía tendrá acceso a la Misa; todavía tendrá acceso al Sacramento de la Reconciliación; todavía podrás recibir sus Sacramentos; tendrás acceso a la educación religiosa; todavía tendrás acceso a la preparación sacramental; todavía habrá funerales y bodas. La diferencia es, que puede que no sea en el momento y en el lugar que usted desea. Las opciones se reducen en cierto grado y esto es algo a lo que todos tenemos que empezar a acostumbrarnos.

Esta carta pastoral, "Juntos en el Espíritu", presenta escenarios que son nuevas para muchas de nuestras parroquias de nuestra Diócesis. Sin embargo, para nosotros aquí en Santa Cruz / Inmaculada Concepción, es en realidad un reflejo de la experiencia de nuestra vida actual, ya que nuestras dos parroquias comparten una cura pastoral, y varios miembros de personal.

Si desea leer el texto completo de esta carta pastoral, ir a www.cdow.org y seguir los enlaces pertinentes.

Bendiciones a ustedes y sus familias en este Domingo de la Trinidad!

Suyo en Cristo, P. James Lentini, Pastor