



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

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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
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday and Friday, 12:10 pm
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-Midnight (temporarily closed)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

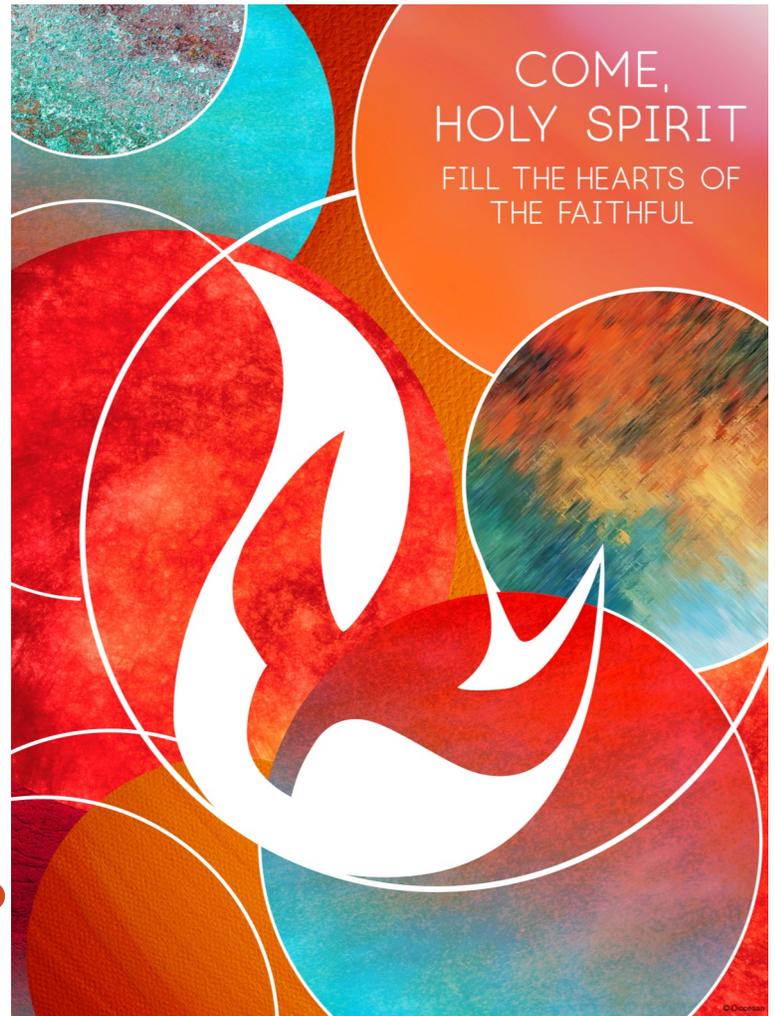
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass
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.

THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

holycrossover.org
iccmarylodel.org

Holy Cross Church will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, parishes must continue to adhere to all health and safety regulations without exception. Policies including wearing face masks, maintaining proper six-foot social distancing and proper hand hygiene remain nonnegotiable and are fundamentally rooted in protecting all people in our parishes and maintaining the health and safety of our community. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses on holy days remains suspended at this time.

Face masks are to be worn by all who are in the church. It is to be worn covering both the nose and mouth. Thank you for your cooperation.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

May 9, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$22,700	\$27,800	(\$5,100)
YTD	\$1,112,750	\$1,251,200	(\$138,450)
Needs	\$1,386	\$1,550	(\$164)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending May 9, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$6,036
2nd	\$450

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time. Many are still not attending Mass but we still need your support. 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.

Dear Parishioners,

As we hear about the Tower of Babel during the Saturday evening Mass the night before Pentecost, and we hear about speaking in tongues during the Sunday readings, I thought I would use this column to talk about the use of language in faith. But, I will start with a more generic example of the use of language having to do with that fluttering post-cocoon caterpillar -- the butterfly. (Which reminds me of my favorite butterfly joke: Why didn't the butterfly go the dance? Because it turned out to be a moth ball. Ouch.)

Commonality of Language. In any event, the Romance languages of Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Romanian and French have many words or forms of words in common. Like the word family: Italian is “famiglia;” Spanish is “familia;” Portuguese is “família;” Romanian is “familie” and French is “famille.” Though slightly different in each language, you can see these words come from a common origin (i.e., Latin).

Now, in truth, sometimes words might diverge a little in one language or another (e.g., a word for something might be similar in three or four of these languages, but vastly different in one or two others of these languages). That often has to do with history, imported-language influences, cross cultural influences and emphasis of a word’s focus.

But there is one word that finds no commonality in any of these five languages. That is, there is a word that is completely different in root, origin, and sound in all five languages mentioned. The word is “Butterfly.” Here’s the rendering of “butterfly” in the five Romance Languages:

- Italian: farfalla
- Spanish: mariposa
- Portuguese: borboleta
- Romanian: fluture
- French: papillon

What’s up with that? How could these five languages, all with a common root in Latin, come up with five abjectly different words for butterfly?

Well, primarily the reason for this is that these words, just like our English word butterfly, were coined — each with a different focus — to express the beauty of this creature; to wit:

Mariposa (Spanish) comes from a crunching of the phrase “Maria reposa,” meaning “Mary, rests” — drawn from the image of Mary gracefully resting after the birth of the Savior. An image of grace, this merited comparison to the way a butterfly would alight and gracefully rest on a branch.

Borboleta (Portuguese) comes from the Latin “bellus bellitus,” meaning “beautiful vapor,” which is a poetic description of this fluttering and graceful insect.

Papillon (French) reflects both a butterfly and a breed of dogs popular in France — the ears of this breed are shaped like... you guessed it, a butterfly. Google this dog breed — its head looks like a giant, albeit shaggy, butterfly. The origin of *papillon* is from the Latin, *papilio* — meaning butterfly!

Farfalla (Italian) come from the Italian word for the shape of a bowtie (thus, “bowtie pasta” is called “farfalle”). Etymologically the question is which word came from which, first.

Fluture (Romanian) comes from the Romanian word for flutter... that’s pretty self explanatory.

FYI: In English, our word “butterfly” comes from the old English “butorfleoge” from the English legend that ugly old witches disguised themselves as beautiful insects to consume butter and cream that was left uncovered.

Different words, different origins, different premises, yet all speak about the same thing — a butterfly.

Okay, I’ve been waiting to unleash that trivia for awhile. And it is appropriate for this column that lays out the origin of the various names for God that we occasionally hear, or read about. Same God, different words -- but some erroneously used or misused. We are all familiar with the names God, Jesus Christ, Lord, Master, Father, etc. But there are other terms for God used in various texts and writings (though not commonly in our English-language Bibles) which might confuse us “so that one will not understand what another says” (Genesis 11:17) when talking about God. So let’s talk about: Jehovah, Adonai, Kyrios, Yahweh, Elohim, El, and Eloï.

Jehovah. Let’s start off with the erroneous: Jehovah. Let me be clear, nowhere in proper scripture was God ever called Jehovah. It is an improper name given to God ultimately by way of a scriptural typo of sorts. Jehovah is a mistranslation of four Hebrew letters: YHWH (which we’d pronounce, and write, as Yahweh — the Hebrew name for God). In some cases the “Y” was replaced with “J” rendering is as JHWH.

The Jewish people held the name of God in sacred esteem and reverence. Because of this, around the 4th century B.C., they stopped speaking the name YHWH (Yahweh) — it was considered too Sacred to speak. As a protection to prevent the name YHWH from being spoken, the scribes who copied scripture began to insert the vowel positions of the term “Adonai” (Hebrew for Lord, and deemed proper as a name for God) above the consonants YHWH. The idea was that when people read the scripture aloud, the designated vowel points above the text would be a reminder to the reader to say “Adonai” instead of Yahweh. No problem, right? Wrong!

In late medieval times, scholars who translated the

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MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Veterans interred in our cemetery are being remembered and honored for their service to our country. On May 29th, members of the Cemetery Committee will place American flags on veterans graves marked with a veteran’s plaque or a veteran’s flag holder. If you would like to help offset the cost of the flags, a donation to Holy Cross Cemetery can be mailed to the Parish Office. A special thanks to the Cemetery Committee for all they do for Holy Cross Cemetery.

The annual Memorial Day Mass will be held in the church on Monday, May 31st at 9:00 a.m. As usual, the Mass will include patriotic music, the participation of military veterans and will conclude with the playing of “Taps”. Please join us.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

We hope to open the Adoration Chapel Soon. Please watch for details in the next few weeks.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/ podcast each week. Next Saturday, May 29th, tune in to hear highlights, including Bishop Malooly’s homily, from the priesthood ordination of Deacon Michael Preston. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640, or listen online anytime at www.cdown.org/CatholicForum, or by searching “Catholic Forum” on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

READINGS FOR MAY 30 HOLY TRINITY

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 4:32-34, 39-40

The God of Israel has spoken a powerful word of love deep into the hearts of God’s people.



SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:14-17

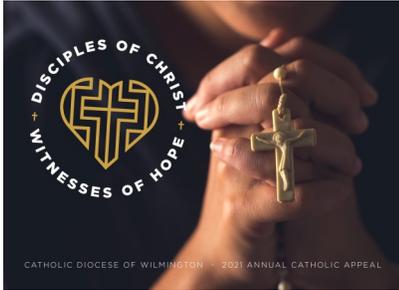
Through our baptism, the Holy spirit makes us God’s children, full of dignity and life.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

Jesus sends his apostles out to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit..

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, WITNESSES OF HOPE

Many thanks to those who have responded to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal; your generosity is deeply appreciated. If you have not yet participated you can contribute to the



Appeal by using the pledge card and return envelope mailed to your home, by accessing the Appeal website at www.cdw.org/annualcatholicappeal and clicking “How to Donate” or by completing a pledge card located on the tables in the church or Gathering Space or Parish Offices. It is never too late to help someone in need.

The goal for Holy Cross is \$215,000. The goal for Immaculate Conception is \$25,000. We need help from each and everyone of you in order to help us reach our goal for the Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider sending in your pledge or donation today.

LEAVING ITEMS IN CHURCH

Please **do not** leave cards, religious items, clothing, or other such items in the lobby area of the Gathering Space. We cannot accept any of these items at this time. Due to the COVID restrictions.

PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

- Are you pro-life and searching for ways to make a positive impact? Get connected with others who are making a difference. Currently we are conducting prayer vigils on Friday mornings from 9 AM to Noon in Dover at Planned Parenthood. We will train. Contact Donna Latteri 862-266-1099.
- Teach your children and grandchildren that all life is sacred and that the unborn and elderly should be cared for and loved under all circumstances.
- The Samaritans of Holy Cross provide assistance to those in need within the Do-

MASS INTENTIONS

MAY

24 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Lucy M. Brooks

25 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Juanita M. Maziuk

26 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Rosie Jones

27 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Mary Crough
ICC 6 pm For the People

28 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Barbara Malone

29 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Elizabeth and James Sinclair
HC 5 pm Frances Earl McDade

30 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Bill & Mary Childress
ICC 8:30 am Deacon James Tormey
HC 9:30 am John J. “Jack” Ballinger
ICC 11 am James Ward
HC 11:30 am Charles Walker
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION

DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

ver community and houses a food pantry that is open on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

VOCATIONS

A misconception among some Catholics is that the priest has an ideal job: he works one day each week, Sunday. They forget that the other six days a week, the priest works long and hard behind the scenes: bringing communion to the sick and elderly, counseling troubled families, visiting school classes, preparing individuals for sacraments. Often the job is frustrating, exhausting and thankless, but always of vital importance. Take some time this week and express appreciation to your priests for the difficult work they do.

faith in action

MASS MINISTERS

PLEASE COME FORWARD TO HELP DISTRIBUTE HOLY COMMUNION AT THE MASS YOU ATTEND. THE PRIEST WILL INDICATE HOW MANY EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED.

Lector Schedule for May 2021

At Holy Cross:

5 pm Mass

May 22 Donna Kilby
 May 29 Fran Urick

7:30 am Mass

May 23 Rose Pritchett
 May 29 John Davis

9:30 am Mass

May 23 Tamra Baurys
 May 30 Sher Crossen

At Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Mass

May 23 Bill Thompson
 May 30 Gerry Godfrey

11 am Mass

May 23 Donna King
 May 30 Laura Schlopitz

If you wish to be considered to lector at Holy Cross, email Diane at belt@holycrossdover.org so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector.

At ICC, please get in touch with Marilyn Dixon at mdixon@iccmarydel.org Thank you.

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories are in the Parish Office. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

In marriage we sometimes have to stretch to really understand what our beloved means by their words. Is your “native” language emotional words, acts of kindness, physical touch...? Listen, watch, and feel carefully as you communicate today.

PARENTING POINTERS

A good parent is like a good shepherd. We spend our time, money, and worries on our children. In essence, we lay down our lives for their good. Remember that you as a parent also have The Good Shepherd who cares for you in the same way.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

Pre-need planning. Still trying to decide on what to do with this year’s income tax refunds or your COVID stimulus funds? During our lifetime we spend a lot of time planning and preparing for future events, such as weddings, vacations, college for the kids, retirement, etc. It’s easy to put off planning for the day when the Lord will call you home. Planning for the inevitable and securing space in our cemetery is a wonderful gift for the whole family. When that day does come, with all its emotional trauma, sparing your spouse and children those difficult decisions is a blessing. Contact Len Dornberger at the parish office for a no obligation discussion.

HOLY CROSS MEN’S GOLF LEAGUE 2021

A sign up meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 26 at 5 PM at Jonathan’s Landing Golf Course club house. Nine-hole golf will be played on WEDNESDAYS, starting June 2 through August 25. Two man teams: individuals will be assigned a partner. For more information, call Phil Spampinato, 302-382-2979 or Dominic Venezia at 410-463-3211.

Registration: \$40 per person covers costs, league prizes, an end of season tournament and a donation to Holy Cross. Payment by cash or check is due at sign-up.

- ¡Estamos en Pentecostés! Feliz domingo de Pentecostés, La fiesta de Pentecostés es el segundo domingo más importante del año litúrgico; después del domingo de Pascua de Resurrección. Fiesta del descenso del Espíritu Santo. Día en que llega a su plenitud la promesa de Cristo a los apóstoles el Espíritu Santo desciende sobre ellos para guiarlos en la misión evangelizadora al igual que guía a su iglesia. Con ello también termina el Tiempo Pascual de 50 días. Pidamos al Espíritu Santo que ilumine nuestros corazones y enciende en ella el fuego del amor.
- Las inscripciones para las clases de Educación Religiosa del próximo año escolar 2021-2022 están abiertas
- Las aplicaciones para los que van a recibir los Sacramentos pueden ir a la página cibernética de la parroquia y bajar la aplicación completarlo a tiempo y entregarlo en la oficina de Educación Religiosa.
- PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL: Los Sacramentos de la Reconciliación y la Primera Comunión, generalmente se reciben cuando el niño está en el segundo grado. Es responsabilidad de los padres inscribir a sus hijos a la edad adecuada para la Educación Religiosa a menos que su hijo este asistiendo a una escuela católica.
- Canon 914: Es responsabilidad, en primer lugar, de los padres y de quienes ocupan el lugar de los padres, así como del párroco, velar por que los hijos que han alcanzado el uso de la razón estén correctamente preparados y alimentados por el alimento divino, lo antes posible, precedida de la confesión sacramental; Corresponde también al párroco vigilar que no vengan al Santo Banquete niños que no hayan alcanzado el uso de la razón o que juzgue no estén suficientemente preparados.
- Recuerde que todavía tenemos que seguir las medidas de precauciones de guardar la distancia, usar mascarillas, lavarnos las manos con frecuencia y no aglomerarnos.
- Si hay algún adulto que no ha recibido su sacramento de la Confirmación y desea información sobre las clases por favor anótese con la Sra. Arline Dosman.
adosman@holycrossdover.org Recuerde que para ser un padrino debe tener todos los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana.

- La Comunidad Hispana extiende sus condolencias a la familia Méndez en especial al presidente de nuestra Junta Directiva el Sr. Epitasio Méndez por la reciente pérdida de su madre La Sra. Celedonia Galicia que su alma y la de todos los fieles difuntos por la misericordia de dios descansen en paz.

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

** Están abiertas las inscripciones para el próximo año, 2021-2022. Por favor devuelva las aplicaciones lo antes posible para que podamos ordenar libros y tomar decisiones de ubicación para el año escolar. ** Una mesa se pondrá para inscripciones en frente del salón después de las misas.

Se están recopilando evaluaciones para las 4 unidades. Por favor, llévelos a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti para obtener su crédito para este año,, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmaryl.org

Queremos agradecer a nuestras catequistas por toda su ardua labor y determinación este año que el Señor les pague su esfuerzos de compartir la fe con nuestros niños , a los padres de familias y familiares por impartir la catequesis desde la casa. Sabemos que ha sido un reto. Que Dios los bendiga. A Donna, Meg, Brenda, Vincent, Kathy, Rose, Haydi, Sarah, Diane, Alan, Gordon, Hugo, Rosa, Sheyla, Oyuki y Horacio.

Reunión de voluntarios y ayudantes para la Escuela Bíblica de Verano será el martes, 18 de mayo, a las 7:00pm en el Salón. Si desea ayudar por favor venga a la reunión, invite a cualquiera persona que conozca que le gustaría ayudar.

La Escuela Bíblica de Verano empieza el 2 de agosto hasta el 6 de agosto 2021 de 6-8:30pm

¡TE NECESITAMOS! NECESITAMOS CATEQUISTAS PARA EL PROXIMO AÑO. Si está pensando esto pue ser su llamado. Comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti, Directora de Educación Religiosa al 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmaryl.org

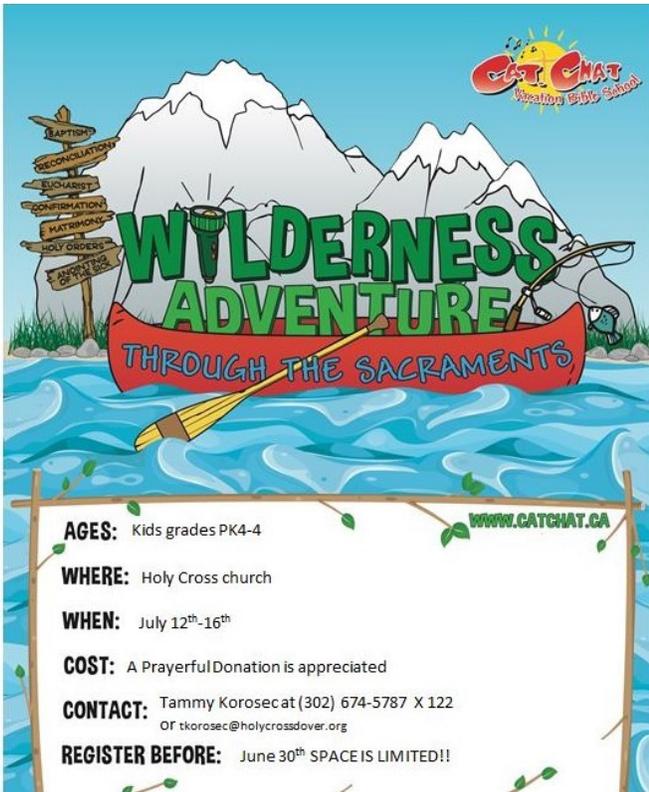
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Thank you to all for a wonderful year under these different circumstances. We look forward to a more “normal” year when we start up in the Fall.

REGISTRATION FOR 2021/22 REL ED

2021-2022 Religious Education Class registration forms now available on line at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.



CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP (HC)

June 28 to July 1 we will be hosting teens from around the East Coast to assist the elderly and those who could use an extra pair of hands with yard work, painting, minor repairs, window washing, etc. We would prefer to do outside work if possible this year - please contact Linda Darling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org if we may be of assistance to you or someone you know.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION (HC)

Forms to register for Confirmation 2022 Preparation for all high school students not confirmed may be found on the parish website under Teaching the Faith, Sacramental Preparation, Confirmation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

***Registration for next year, 2021-2022 has begun. Please return forms as soon as possible so that we are able to order books, and make placement decisions for the school year. A table will be set up after Masses in front of the hall for registration.

ASSESSMENTS ARE BEING COLLECTED:

All student assessments that are in their unit packs, for all 4 units, are due to Mrs. Alicia Poppiti when unit is finished.

Please hand in for credit for this year. Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-8939 or dre@iccmaryladel.org

THANK YOU

to our catechists for all their hard work and determination this year!! You shall be paid tenfold! And to our parents and families that have catechized at home this year! God Bless! Donna, Meg, Brenda, Vincent, Kathy, Rose, Haydi, Sarah, Diane, Alan, Gordin, Hugo, Rosa, Sheyla, Oyuki, and Horacio.

WE NEED YOU (ICC)

Catechists needed for next year! Please inquire with Mrs. Poppiti as soon as possible. If you are wondering, then this may be your calling.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Helpers needed! If interested, please contact Mrs. Poppiti 410-482-8939

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL RUN FROM AUGUST 2-AUGUST 6, 2021 FROM 6-8:30PM AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

10TH BISHOP OF WILMINGTON

Msgr. William E. Koenig named 10th bishop of Wilmington in announcement from Pope Francis Pope Francis .

The appointment was announced in Washington by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop-elect Koenig, 64, will be ordained a bishop July 13 and installed to succeed Bishop W. Francis Malooly, who more than two years ago turned 75, the age at which bishops are required to submit their resignation to the pope. Bishop Malooly has served as leader of the Catholic diocese in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore since 2008

It happens every now and again that someone will comment on the article submitted to the Parish bulletin or the Crusader Notes. I always appreciate their taking the time to share their thoughts and for actually reading the weekly submission.

This past week I have received favorable commentary on my latest soapbox speech on parking lot safety. While I am grateful to those who have shared their thoughts and agreement with my pleas for smarter driving practices, I have to say that *actions speak louder than words*. Thank you for taking it easy out there. You may have noticed a strategic placement of cones School safety has always been a focal point and hallmark of HCS. Going as far back as the attack on our Twin Towers; I recall that it was Mr. Farley who initiated the effort to establish the use of radios for faculty and staff. We were all intimidated by them. We were told to keep them with us at all times, and to use them if and when necessary. But no one really knew what those necessary times would look like, and if memory serves correctly, it was Mrs. Lloyd who was the first teacher voice to find a *necessary* use for the radio. We were in the dismissal portion of the day and all of a sudden, there was this voice.....emanating from this rectangular black box like thing sitting on my desk. Apparently, Mrs. Lloyd was looking for a student at the bus line who had apparently gone to after-care instead. I remember her saying afterwards, "I thought that was why we had it!" Not long after, we had morning radio calls, and everyone became more comfortable with the use of the contraption. Today; we would be lost without it. It has proven to be a critical means of communication and a tremendous assistance in our overall ability to provide security on our expansive campus.

And speaking of security, we will be eternally thankful for the HSA who worked so hard in finding fun and creative ways to fundraise to finance a school-wide security system. We have to be ever vigilant in our recognition of changing times. We don't turn a blind eye to the change in demographics, to the fact that there are those in need of parish office assistance and seek out the first available door--that would be the elementary building. Literally, with all entrances open to the public, we realized an acute need for change, because safety is at the forefront!

Many will recall a few years ago when we were monitoring our school absence while in the throes of a rash of flu related illnesses. Just below 100 students out for three days running, and then realizing our faculty had been impacted as well, we received permission from our Superintendent to close for a Friday, thus providing

us a three-day respite for healing, and disinfection of classrooms. Every school year brings with it seasonal maladies. Strep throat, bronchitis, pneumonia, vomiting, the common cold, and allergies serve to do us in. Mrs. Kolakowski can attest to having no room to spare, all beds full, with some sitting in chairs, all waiting for mom dad to come and take them home.

This year has brought on a different scenario in the nurse suite. Most times I meander in her direction there isn't a soul in sight, beyond the nurse. Most of her clients are either in for their regularly scheduled visit, or a minor boo-boo requiring no more than a band-aid and a dose of empathy. It doesn't take a degree in medicine to figure out the reason for the decrease in the number of school nurse visits. We attribute the drop in number to the wearing of the mask. Simply stated, the mask has made an impact on non-covid related absence.

And now, we are looking at the inevitability of the relaxation of the standard, a change in the protocol. I know that most are tired of pandemic related restrictions. It is a cause for concern for Mrs. Kolakowski and I. While standards in neighboring states may change, and with that Delaware may fall right in line, we will remain proponents of the mask wearing in school. We haven't that many days before June 16. Below you will find an email written by Mrs. Kolakowski and sent to teachers and staff on Friday, May 14.

Good afternoon Dear Faculty and Staff,

Despite the recent CDC guidelines stating that masks do not need to be worn outside; Holy Cross is still under the same mitigation strategies that we were following when school started. We are to continue wearing masks inside and outside, social distancing and hand sanitizing during the school day until we hear otherwise from the DPH, DOE and the Diocese of Wilmington. We are almost there and with the help of God we will be able to make changes in the new school year. I share your thoughts and feelings about covid, I really do! Please hang in there, I will let you know when we are able to make changes. Thank you.

In her email, Mrs. Kolakowski further directs us to a communication sent by an DOE official for additional information. I can only echo Mrs. Kolakowski's words and sentiment. It will not be until we receive an official directive from the Catholic Schools Office that we make any changes in the protocol that has seen us safely through some of the most trying days of our school year. But we remain resilient, we remain hopeful, and we pray for a full return to what has become a mere memory of all things normal.

Your children are **our** children. We have never taken that responsibility lightly. We never will.

Hebrew text into Latin (and other languages) accidentally created the name “Jehovah” by mistakenly inserting those Adonai vowels into – YHWH – yielding YaHoWaH, and in some cases (where Y was rendered as J), JaHoWaH. Over time this became pronounced as Jehovah. So, to be clear, Jehovah does not appear in the Bible. No place, nowhere, never. God is not Jehovah, and the term Jehovah itself is an erroneous transliteration of the name of God. Note: If you’re having coffee with a Jehovah’s Witness, I wouldn’t start off a conversation on this topic!

Adonai / Kyrios. You might see Adonai in some translations of the Bible. This term, when used for God, is translated into our Bible by its literal meaning: “Lord.” Similarly, the Greek used the word Kyrios, also meaning Lord. While we don’t use those terms in most English-language Bibles we do use the word “Lord” which expressed their meaning. (Sometimes, during Mass, we hear a taste of Kyrios when during the Penitential Rite we use, at times, the Greek text and say “Kyrie Eleison” which means “Lord have mercy”).

YAHWEH. People got all hyped up using Yahweh back in the 1970s, thanks to the then-new Jerusalem Bible translation, which inserted “Yahweh” in many points throughout that Bible, in place of “God.” Using Yahweh became cool... it made some feel smart, like they knew the secret name of God. It was cool, groovy, and hip. Hymns began to appear putting Yahweh in place of God. All very cool -- except it was somewhat erroneous, quite unnecessary, and even, in some sense, offensive. As they say at the beginning of the Brady Bunch: Here's the story.

As noted above, *Yahweh* is the Latin alphabet rendering of the Hebrew word, “YHWH” – a name traditionally not spoken by the faithful Jewish people, then and now, as it is considered blasphemous to dare to speak God’s name. According to Rabbinic tradition, this name was pronounced only by the high priest and only on the Day of Atonement – the one day a year when the Holy of Holies of the Temple would be entered. With the destruction of the Great Temple in 70 A.D., this practice vanished. Later, Scholars in Judaism and elsewhere began to call this name, “YHWH,” by the term “tetragrammaton” – a term from the Greek meaning “the four letters.”

Then came the revival of the term Yahweh in the Jerusalem Bible of the 1960s and the hymns of the 1970s. And far from respectfully refraining from speaking the name of God (YHWH), for a period of time it was placed into readings, texts, and hymns. To counter this development, in 2008, the Vatican issued a directive effectively banning the use of “Yahweh” in sacred music, Mass, Sacraments and public prayer. Two reasons were given:

- (1) In our faith as Catholics, and indeed for Christians from the very beginning, we have never had the practice of using the name YHWH for God in Mass, prayer or Sacraments.
- (2) The second reason has to do with the actual speaking of “Yahweh.” As noted above, this is considered offensive to many Jews – one does dare not speak the true name of God. It was thus held that Christians, by their own tradition over most of two millennia, should respect Judaism, as well as our own Christian roots and traditions and not speak the name of YHWH (other than for academic reasons). We don’t call God, Yahweh, we call Him God.

Pope Benedict XVI said it best: “The Divine Name (YHWH) as revealed in the Old Testament, has been held as unpronounceable as an expression of reverence for the greatness of God... [and] from the beginning... the sacred tetragrammaton was never pronounced in the Christian context.”

Elohim. God who is all-in-all, the alpha the omega, the beginning and the end, transcends any single name, as we understand “name.” The Bible expresses this essential truth by offering a variety of names and terms for God. But the most common used is God. But in truth, this is not a name but rather a generic term like “king” or “leader.” Similarly, in Hebrew the word God is often rendered as “Elohim,” which —like God— is not a personal name. Elohim is strictly a word meaning God. Literally it means “God, worthy of veneration.” Elohim is a variation of the terms...

EL / ELOI. Both of these common Hebrew terms refer to God. In Judaism, you will often hear of a synagogue or temple with the name “Beth El...” this means “House of God.” Relatedly, Christ used Eloi in scripture (Mark’s Gospel) when he said from the Cross, addressing God the Father: “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani”? which is interpreted as, “My God, My God why have You forsaken Me?” Neither of these terms should be confused with ELO (the Electric Light Orchestra), one of my favorite rock bands of the 70s and 80s.

Babbling about Babel. There are many other names that are used in the early Hebrew and Greek texts of Scripture, and other various translations of Scripture, to talk about God. While “Jehovah” is erroneous, “Yahweh” goes unspoken, and others are not that common to see or read about, nonetheless, these terms are worthy of knowing and understanding. By knowing and understanding these titles/names for God, one is able to prevent these different Godly terms from becoming a Tower of Babel for us, dumping up into confusion. I remain,

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor