

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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## May 27, 2018 – The Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)

### Eucharist of the Lord's Day

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
1:00 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. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. John T. Solomon, Parochial Vicar

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 Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

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**.

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Dear Parishioners,

Singer Billy Ray Cyrus, a country singer with pop ambitions, topped the music charts for over a month in 1994 with the painful but memorable song, "Achy Breaky Heart." Even those who loathed that song (and there are likely many), nonetheless still have it echoing somewhere in the recesses of their brain. Though that song was that one hit wonder's one hit, on this Memorial Day, I want to invoke a lesser known song by Billy Ray Cyrus. A song which was a relative flop (peaking at #52 on the country chart), but possessing a powerful message, entitled, "Some Gave All."

**Remembering.** "Some Gave All" always pops into my head whenever Memorial Day comes on the horizon, as it reminds us of exactly what it is that we are "memorializing" on this special national holiday. The songs lyrics tell of a conversation between the singer and a veteran named Sandy Cane, who spoke about the value of

remembering those who gave their life in the service of their fellow man. The chorus of the song goes as follows:

*All gave some, some gave All.  
Some stood through for the red, white and blue,  
and some had to fall.  
And if you ever think of me,  
think of all your liberties -- and recall:  
Some gave all.*

**Those Who Gave All.** On Memorial Day, we remember those men and women who "gave all" and made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our nation. We remember their bravery, their commitment and their love of God and country. They may no longer be here with us, but they are not forgotten. They may no longer be here with us, but they collectively serve as a landmark to show us the way to serve others.

**No Greater Love.** In the Gospel of St. John (15:11-12), Christ tells his faithful followers: *“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”* On this Memorial Day, we remember those brave soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen, and others in the Armed Forces of our nation who showed that ultimate love of which there is none greater; we remember those who gave their lives so that we might enjoy the right to life.

**They Laid Down their Lives.** That being said, there are those for whom this day is a painful reminder of a personal loss – perhaps, a son, a daughter, a mother, a father, a sister, a brother lost in the service of our nation. In our faith, we are called, indeed commended to pray for those who have gone before us, that they might find rest in Heaven and that we can find peace in that hope given us by Christ. Author Aldous Huxley (who wrote “Brave New World”) noted that, “Every man’s memory is his private literature.” This means that the memories you have – difficult or joyful – help to guide you in life. The most important memory we must always hold is that one imbued into us by faith: that Christ, suffered, died and rose for us that we might have life to the full. That is the memory that will give us hope to get beyond any pain, any loss.

**In Imitation of Christ.** Thus, as faithful Catholics, we are reminded that we are also called to be faithful, and at the service of our fellow man. While we might not be called to lay down our lives in the same way as those we remember on Memorial Day, we are called, nonetheless, to lay down our lives in the service of God and neighbor, as we remember the sacrifice that Christ made for us. As Christians, every day is a sort of a memorial – we remember what Christ did for us and we remember what Christ called on us to do in his name, in imitation of Him. At every Mass, we remember these very things in a most profound way. Likewise, in every moment of our own daily lives we are called to be watchful and dutiful in heeding Christ’s call to serve God and neighbor. We are to seek His protection in the battles, not only on the battlefields of

wars, but in the battles of daily life as we strive to bring God’s kingdom into this world.

**Memorializing.** On Memorial Day, though, we focus on those who gave all serving not just God and neighbor, but also God and country, and often on the field of battle; thus, on Memorial Day we memorialize (remember) them. Historically, memorializing those who went before is an important part of our Christian values, and in our Catholic faith. It is our way of remembering our brothers and sisters in Christ, and all of the children of God, and honoring their memory. Scripture tells us “The memory of the just serves as blessing.” (Proverbs 10:7). The memories of our loved ones, and on this Memorial Day, the memories of our fallen, bear this out.

**Admonitions.** In “Some Gave All,” the song concludes with an admonition: “Love your country and live with pride / but don’t forget those who died.” A beautiful consideration for all of us on this Memorial Day weekend. Even more profound to recall is the Sacrifice of Christ, who died, that we all might live and have the hope of eternal life and be freed from the slavery to sin. In this regard, the patriotic song, “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” speaks well to the Christian call for sacrifice and appreciation of the value of sacrifice, with this admonition:

*In the beauty of the lilies  
Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom  
that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy  
let us die to make men free  
while God is marching on.*

With this in mind, this Memorial Day let us remember, in a special way, those who died to make us free and who did so much for our nation. But above all, on this Memorial Day, and indeed every day, when thinking about those who died to make us free, let us give praise and thanks to the One who did so much for our salvation and theirs, Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

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### MASS INTENTIONS:

**\*Sunday, May 27**

**8:30** James & Elizabeth Griffith

**11:00** Bruce Shepens

**Misa en Español 1pm** For the People

**Thursday May 31** Misa en Español

**7pm** For the People

**Sunday, June 3**

**8:30** Ed & Elvira Lemp

**11:00** Tom Gavin

**Misa en Español 1pm** For the People

*2018 Mass book is now open. To schedule a Mass, please contact the office*

### COLLECTION TOTALS:

**Offertory:** \$ 3386.51

**Diocesan Priests Retirement fund:** \$ 821.00

**Second Collection Today:** Supplementary

*Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed, and appreciated.*



**2018 Annual Catholic Appeal**

**We have pledged \$16,663.00 of our \$24,000.00 goal.**

**Thank you All! If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today.**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Collection Counters

**May 27** Frank & Joyce Cristiano  
**June 3** Paul & Robin Engstenberg  
**June 10** Tom & Mary McGowan

### Church Cleaning Crew

**Junio 1, 2018 Grupo # 4**  
Marinda Escalante, Elías González, Alfonso, Perez,  
Oscas Roblero, Edgar Velásquez, Rubelina Ortiz

**Junio 8, 2018 Grupo #5**  
Olegario Cuin, Enma Rojas, **Egidio Macario**,  
Brendi Macario, Idalinda Pérez, Bersy Pérez

### Altar Servers

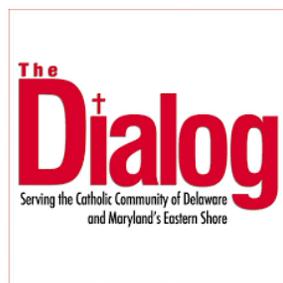
**June 3**  
**8:30am Mass** –Averi Locke & Mike Dixon  
**11am Mass** – Sherlin Santizo & Savannah Strauss  
**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Jeffrey Gabriel & Sofia Ramirez

### Lectors

**June 3**  
**8:30am Mass** – Diane Smith  
**11am Mass** – Laura Schlaupitz  
**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Ema Miguel, Rubelio Velásquez

### Eucharistic Ministers

**June 3**  
**8:30am Mass** – Chris & Joyce Ford  
**11am Mass** – Frank & Joyce Cristiano  
**Spanish Misa 1pm** – O. Roblero, N. Capistran, Salome Morales, Anselmo Escalante, Verónica Bravo



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## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Mon, May 28** – Memorial Day  
**Wed, May 30** – 7pm ESL  
**Fri, Jun 1 7pm** - Band Practice  
**Sat, Jun 2 6:30pm** - Culto



### **Knights of Columbus**

Next meeting **Tues, June 12th**  
**6:30pm Rosary**  
**7pm Meeting**  
in the Knights Hall

All members are encouraged to attend. Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or [kelley29@comcast.net](mailto:kelley29@comcast.net). Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

### **Saturday** **June 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

**Bring your Family to see the movie, WONDER**



Based on the New York Times bestseller, WONDER tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.

**Doors open at 6pm. Movie begins at 6:30.**  
**Popcorn, Soft pretzels, Hotdogs and Beverages.**  
**Other movies available for the youngest audience.**

### **Trinity Sunday**

*The trinity helps us understand why Community is so important.*



## FROM THE DRE'S DESK



**VBS will be here at ICC soon!**

**July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The next meeting will be announced in next week.

Please let us know if you are interested in helping out this year. Registration for VBS is open now. Registration forms are available at Ms. Alicia's desk in the hall.

Registration for Religious Education starting in September is open.



Please stop in the office and register your children and reserve their spot now. Do not wait for September! Do it today.

**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 \$35 por cada niño, y no más de \$150 cada familia.

## Marriage & Family Life Corner

### Marriage Moment –

Favor your beloved. Call to mind a recent favor your spouse has done for you. Think of a treat you can offer your beloved today.

### Parenting Pointer –

Does your child know what the Trinity means? How can God be 3 in 1? Each of us is one person but we have different personalities, gifts, and jobs to do. Which person of the Trinity do you relate to most?



If you have not handed in your Rice Bowl, you still can. Just place in collection basket at back

church and it Will be collected. Thank you to al those who have donated.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

**Theme:** The Trinity

**Question for Children:** Why do you think Catholics make “The Sign of the Cross” when we pray?

**Question for Youth:** How often do you think about God as Trinity? How do you relate to each member of the Trinity?

**Question for Adults:** As each of us is called and sent by Christ, how have you incorporated this into your own life, whether married, single, in religious life, or ordained?

### **La Santísima Trinidad/Domingo de la Trinidad**

**Tema:** La Trinidad

**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Por qué piensas que los católicos hacen “la señal de la cruz” cuando oran?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** ¿Con qué frecuencia piensas en Dios como la Trinidad? ¿Cómo te relacionas con cada miembro de la Trinidad?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Como cada uno de nosotros es llamado y enviado por Cristo, ¿cómo ha incorporado esto a su vida diaria, sea casado, soltero, de vida religiosa u ordenado?

### **Are you being called to the Priesthood?**

Come socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests, and men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest. Find out about the *amazing* life of the Priesthood.



CAS – North will meet on June 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption in Hockessin, Delaware. For more information, contact Father Chris Coffiey at [FrCoffiey@sjbde.org](mailto:FrCoffiey@sjbde.org) or call 302-999-0211.

CAS – South will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Saint John the Apostle Church, 506 Seabury Drive, Milford, DE on June 18, 2018. Contact Father John Solomon at [fatherjohnsolomon@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjohnsolomon@gmail.com) or 302-674-5787.

# COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 27 DE MAYO, 2018

Queridos feligreses,

El cantante Billy Ray Cyrus, un cantante de música regional y con ambiciones pop, en el año 1994, encabezó las listas de música durante más de un mes con la canción dolorosa pero memorable, "*Achy Breaky Heart- Duele Rompe Corazon*". Incluso aquellos que odiaban esa canción (y hay muchos), sin embargo todavía tienen eco en algún lugar en los recovecos de su cerebro. Aunque esa canción fue el hit de uno de los éxitos, en este Memorial Day – Día de los Caídos, quiero invocar una canción menos conocida de Billy Ray Cyrus. Una canción que fue relativamente un fracaso (que alcanzó el lugar # 52 en la lista de canciones regionales), pero que posee un poderoso mensaje, titulado, "*Some Gave All - Algunos Lo Dieron Todo*".

**Recordando.** "*Some Gave All - Algunos Lo Dieron Todo*" siempre se me viene a la mente cada vez que se acerca el Memorial Day Día de Los Caídos, ya que nos recuerda exactamente qué es lo que "conmemoramos" de especial en esta fiesta nacional. Las letras de las canciones hablan de una conversación entre el cantante y un veterano llamado Sandy Cane, quien habló sobre el valor de recordar a aquellos que dieron su vida al servicio de sus semejantes. El estribillo de la canción es el siguiente:

*Todos dieron algo, algunos dieron todo.  
Algunos se pararon por el rojo, blanco y azul,  
y algunos tuvieron que caer.  
Y si alguna vez piensas en mí,  
piensa en todas tus libertades, y recuerda:  
Algunos dieron todo.*

**Aquellos Que Dieron Todo.** En el Día de los Caídos, recordamos a aquellos hombres y mujeres que "dieron todo" e hicieron el máximo sacrificio al servicio de nuestra nación. Recordamos su valentía, su compromiso y su amor por Dios y por la patria. Puede que ya no estén aquí con nosotros, pero no se les ha olvidado. Puede que ya no estén aquí con nosotros, pero colectivamente sirven como un punto de referencia para mostrarnos la manera de servir a los demás.

**No Hay Mayor Amor.** En el Evangelio de San Juan (15: 11-12), Cristo les dice a sus fieles seguidores: "Este es mi mandamiento: "Este es mi mandamiento: que se amen unos a otros como yo los he amado" "No hay amor más grande que dar la vida por sus amigos." En este Día de Los Caídos, recordamos a esos valientes soldados, marineros, infantería de marina, aviadores y otros en las Fuerzas Armadas de nuestra nación que demostraron que el amor máximo de que no hay ninguno mayor; recordamos a aquellos que dieron sus vidas para que podamos disfrutar el derecho a la vida.

**Ellos Dieron sus Vidas.** Dicho esto, hay personas para quienes este día es un doloroso recuerdo de una pérdida personal: tal vez, un hijo, una hija, una madre, un padre, una hermana, un hermano perdido en el servicio de nuestra nación. En nuestra fe, somos llamados, de hecho, invitados a orar por aquellos que nos han precedido, para que puedan encontrar descanso en el Cielo y para que podamos encontrar la paz en esa esperanza que nos ha dado Cristo. El autor Aldous Huxley (que escribió "Un Mundo Feliz - Brave New World") señaló que "la memoria de cada hombre es su literatura privada". Esto significa que los recuerdos que tienes, difíciles o alegres, ayudan a guiarte en la vida. El recuerdo

más importante que debemos tener siempre es aquel que nos ha sido imbuído por la fe: que Cristo, sufrió, murió y resucitó por nosotros para que podamos tener vida en plenitud. Ese es el recuerdo que nos dará la esperanza de superar cualquier dolor o pérdida.

**En Imitación de Cristo.** Por lo tanto, como fieles católicos, se nos recuerda que también estamos llamados a ser fieles, y al servicio de nuestro prójimo. Si bien es posible que no nos llamen a dar nuestras vidas de la misma manera que recordamos en el Día de los Caídos, no obstante, estamos llamados a dar nuestras vidas al servicio de Dios y del prójimo, al recordar el sacrificio que hizo Cristo por nosotros. Como cristianos, cada día es una especie de memorial: recordamos lo que Cristo hizo por nosotros y recordamos lo que Cristo nos pidió que hiciéramos en su nombre, a imitación de Él. En cada Misa, recordamos estas mismas cosas de una manera muy profunda. Del mismo modo, en cada momento de nuestra vida cotidiana estamos llamados a ser vigilantes y obedientes al prestar atención al llamado de Cristo a servir a Dios y al prójimo. Debemos buscar su protección en las batallas, no solo en los campos de batalla de las guerras, sino también en las batallas de la vida diaria mientras luchamos para traer el reino de Dios a este mundo.

**Conmemorando** Sin embargo, en el Día de los Caídos nos enfocamos en aquellos que dieron todo lo que sirven no solo a Dios y al prójimo, sino también a Dios y al país, y con frecuencia en el campo de batalla; por lo tanto, en el Día de los Caídos conmemoramos (los recordamos). Históricamente, la conmemoración de aquellos que fueron antes es una parte importante de nuestros valores cristianos, y en nuestra fe católica. Es nuestra manera de recordar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, y a todos los hijos de Dios, y honrar su memoria. La Escritura nos dice que "la memoria del justo sirve como una bendición" (Proverbios 10: 7). Los recuerdos de nuestros seres queridos, y en este Día de Los Caídos, los recuerdos de nuestros caídos, confirman esto.

**Admoniciones.** En "*Some Gave All Algunos Lo Dieron Todo*", la canción concluye con una advertencia: "Ama a tu país y vive con orgullo / pero no olvides a los que murieron". Una consideración hermosa para todos nosotros en este fin de semana del Día de los Caídos. Aún más profundo para recordar es el Sacrificio de Cristo, que murió, para que todos podamos vivir y tener la esperanza de la vida eterna y ser liberados de la esclavitud del pecado. En este sentido, la canción patriótica, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic- Himno de la Batalla de la República", habla bien del llamado cristiano al sacrificio y la apreciación del valor del sacrificio, con esta advertencia:

*En la belleza de los lirios  
Cristo nació al otro lado del mar,  
Con una gloria en su seno  
eso te transfigura a ti y a mí.  
Cuando murió para hacer santos a los hombres  
vamos a morir para hacer hombres libres  
mientras Dios avanza.*

Con esto en mente, este Memorial Day- Día de los Caídos recordamos, de una manera especial, aquellos que murieron para hacernos libres y que hicieron tanto por nuestra nación. Pero sobre todo, en este Día de Los Caídos, y de hecho todos los días, cuando pensamos en los que murieron para hacernos libres, démosle alabanza y agradecimiento a Aquel que hizo tanto por nuestras salvación y la del mundo entero, Jesucristo.

Tuyo en Cristo, P. James Lentini, Párroco