

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Closed Wednesdays & Fridays

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

May 28, 2017 – The Ascension of the Lord (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. Michael Angeloni, Associate Pastor
Rev. Idongeset Etim, 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**.

Dear Parishioners,

Argentinian Poet, Antonio Porchia, once wrote that "One lives in the hope of becoming a memory." That is to say one lives his life not wanting to be forgotten, but rather being well remembered, and remembered well, by those who knew you.

When I first moved to Dover in the early days of the 1990s, Dover was a smaller place. But, to me, as a new comer, it was a brand-new world to learn about. Many times, in those early years I would have to ask folks "where is this" or "how do I get to that." The one practice of Doverites that made me crazy in this regard, is that they would often give me directions based on landmarks that were no longer there.

Case in point, I needed to buy an account ledger to keep track of my finances (this was back in those heady days

before online banking when it was still fashionable to balance a check book). I was told that the only place to find that would be at Capitol Office Supply, downtown. When I asked where it was located downtown, a neighbor of mine said, "It's right down the street from where the old Sear's store used to be." Not helpful. (I must confess that over the years I have become guilty of doing this same thing; recently, a newbie to Dover asked me where the Redners was in Dover, and I answered, "It's on Route 8, where the old Superfresh used to be.")

Now, of course these folks who gave me these dated directions were neither trying to be funny nor trying to get me lost. They were directing me from what they

remembered. Those places they used as landmarks were so central, pivotal or universal to folks in Dover that they remained etched in memory, even after they were long gone.

The same is true with people. There are people in our lives that have been so important to us, that they remain etched in memory, even after they are gone. On this Memorial Day weekend, this is certainly the case for the members of our United States Armed Forces who are no longer with us but remain part of our collective memory as a nation. Much like those former landmarks people used in giving me directions, I think it would be fair to say that we use the memory of our fallen men and women of the Armed Forces as guideposts in directing our lives. We use them as role models, heroes, faithful citizens, and folks we aspire to be.

On Memorial Day, we remember those men and women who 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.

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. To play upon the words from our National Anthem, we are the home of the free because of the brave – and on Memorial Day we don't mourn these brave fallen heroes, we praise them!

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, rose and made his Ascension to Heaven for us – which we celebrate this weekend – that we might have life to the full. That is the memory that will give us hope to get beyond any pain, any loss.

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 day – that is to say, that each day we remember what Christ did for us and we remember what Christ called on us to do in his name. At every Mass, we remember these very things in a most profound way.

Memory – it is an important part of us. 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 heroes, bear this out.

On this Memorial Day, we remember those who did so much for our nation, and the One who did so much for our salvation and theirs, Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, May 28

8:30: Ruth Gulrich

11:00: William E. Moore

Misa en Español **7pm** For the People

Thu June 1 Misa **7pm** For the People

Sunday, June 4

8:30: Michael Comegys

11:00: Jan Shafron

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COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$3158.76

Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund: \$688.27

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

May 28 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

June 4 Margie Short & Laura Voshell

June 11 Ann Lawson & Judy Carrow

Church Cleaning Crew

June 2, 2017 Grupo #4

Olegario Cuin, Enma Rojas, **Egidio Macario**,
Brendi Macario, Idalinda Pérez, Bersy Pérez

June 9, 2017 Grupo #5

Santos Juárez, Arturo Ramírez, Eva Bravo,
Herminda Bravo, Paulina Morales, Silvia Ramírez

Altar Servers

June 4

8:30am Mass – Averí Locke & Mike Dixon

11:00am Mass – Joanne & Sherlin Santizo

Spanish Misa 7pm – Emily & Yorly Escalante

Lectors

June 4

8:30am Mass – Catherine Beck

11:00am Mass – Sherry Tucker

Spanish Misa 7pm - Clara Bamaca, Román Cuin

Eucharistic Ministers

June 4

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Tom & Elisa Costello

11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Frank & Joyce
Cristiano

Spanish Misa 7pm – Alberto Morales, Carlos Miguel,
Flora Pérez, Miguel López, Antonio Pérez

VBS will be here at ICC soon!



HERO CENTRAL

July 31st - August 4th

**The next Vacation Bible
School planning meeting is
Sunday, July 9th at 9:30am in
the hall.**

Please consider helping out this year.

Registration for VBS is open now. Registration forms are available at Ms. Alicia's desk in the hall and online.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Mon, May 29 Memorial Day – Office Closed

Wed, May 31 7pm ESL

Thu, June 1 8pm Directiva

Sat, June 3 6:30pm Culto

Mon, June 5 6pm St Vincent dePaul

Knights of Columbus



We meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month at 6:30pm. Come join us!

Membership in The Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Harry Brown

302-233-8336. Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

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 –

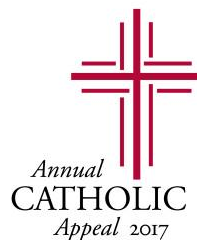
The end of the school year can bring lots of banquets, and ceremonies. Inevitably some kids get more awards than others. Help your child recognize his/her internal worth that goes beyond trophies.

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal –

“Their Eyes Were Opened and They Recognized Him”

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal.

We have pledged 15, 630.00 of our \$23,000.00 goal.



If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. 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 and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education

REGISTER By June 1st FOR 2017-2018 Year!

REGISTRATIONS!! Registrations for 2016-2017 are open. Please get your registrations for school of Religious Education this weekend. We would like to have all registered for next year by **June 1st**. Please return registrations to Alicia as soon as possible. **Fees are as follows: \$35 per child, not to exceed \$100 per family.** This is to defray all costs of books, materials, and supplies.

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WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

High School and College students are invited to join in Malvern, PA **Thur, July 27 to Sat, July 29.**

This event offers a time of prayer, fraternity, sports, and recreation focused on the life and ministry of the Priesthood. You will spend three days with other young men who have the same interest and aspiration in life. Is God calling me to be a Priest?

For more info and to register online:
cdow.org/vocations.

Registration deadline is July 9th.

E-mail: vocations@cdow.org or
Call us: **(302) 573-3113** today!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Theme: We remain at the heart of Jesus mission.

Question for Children: Jesus helps us be strong in our faith. When do you need to be really strong in faith?

Question for Youth: Prayer is essential to being a disciple, because it is the way we build our relationship with God—through talking and listening. What is one way you can take more time this week to listen to God in prayer?

Question for Adults: In these heartfelt instructions from a leader of the church, what are the ways in modern life that we sometimes suffer for our faith? Or are there no such ways?

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You are invited to the Memorial Day Field Mass

Rev Monsignor Steven P. Hurley, Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia of the Diocese of Wilmington, & Pastor of Saint Thomas the Apostle Church in Wilmington, will

celebrate the 58th Annual Memorial Day Field Mass at **All Saint's Cemetery, 6001 Kirkwood Hwy, Wilmington, DE, on Mon, May 29th 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. Newark VFW Post #475 will provide a brief military tribute immediately before the start of Mass. Liturgical music and other assistance is being provided by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

The Memorial Day Field Mass is open to the public and will be held rain-or-shine as protection from the elements will be provided. Limited seating will be available and attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs. We ask attendees to **bring a canned good or other nonperishable food item to be donated to the food pantry at Catholic Charities Thrift Center in Wilmington.**

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 28 DE MAYO, 2017.

Estimados feligreses,

El poeta argentino, Antonio Porchia, una vez escribió que " Se vive con la esperanza de llegar a ser un recuerdo". Es decir, uno vive su vida no queriendo ser olvidado, sino más bien recordado y recordado por aquellos que te conocían.

Cuando me mudé a Dover por primera vez en los años noventa, Dover era un lugar más pequeño. Pero, para mí, como un recién llegado, era un mundo nuevo por aprender. Muchas veces, en esos primeros años tenía que preguntar a las personas "¿dónde está esto" o "cómo puedo llegar a eso". La única práctica de Doverianos que me volvía loco en este sentido, es que a menudo me dan direcciones basadas en puntos de referencia que ya no existen.

El punto en este caso, era que necesitaba comprar un libro de contabilidad para mantener un registro de mis finanzas (en ese entonces, en esos días cuando todavía estaba de moda usarlo para balancear una chequera, antes de banca en línea.) Me dijeron que el único lugar que pudiera encontrarlo sería en la tienda Capitol Office Supply, en Downtown el centro de la ciudad. Cuando le pregunté a un vecino mío que dónde estaba ubicado en el centro de la ciudad, me dijo: "Está justo al final de la calle donde estaba la vieja tienda de Sears". No mucha ayuda. (Debo confesar que a lo largo de los años me he sido culpable de hacer lo mismo, recientemente, una persona nueva a Dover me preguntó dónde estaban Redners en Dover, y yo respondí: "Está en la Ruta 8, donde solía estar el viejo Superfresh .")

Ahora, por supuesto, estas personas que me dieron estas direcciones anticuadas no estaban tratando de ser agradables, ni tratando de que me perdiera. Me estaban dirigiendo de lo que recordaban. Aquellos lugares que usaban como puntos de referencia eran tan centrales, fundamentales o universales para la gente en Dover que permanecían grabados en la memoria, incluso después de haber desaparecido hace mucho tiempo.

Lo mismo ocurre con las personas. Hay personas en nuestras vidas que han sido tan importantes para nosotros, que permanecen grabadas en la memoria, incluso después de que se han ido. En este fin de semana del Día de los Caídos, esto es ciertamente el caso de los miembros de nuestras Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos que ya no están con nosotros, pero siguen formando parte colectiva de nuestra memoria como nación. Al igual que los antiguos puntos de referencias utilizados por las personas para darme direcciones, creo que sería justo decir que usamos el recuerdo de nuestros

hombres y mujeres caídos de las Fuerzas Armadas como guías para dirigir nuestras vidas. Los usamos como modelos a seguir, héroes, ciudadanos fieles y personas a la que aspiramos ser.

En este Día Memorial, recordamos aquellos hombres y mujeres que dieron su vida al servicio de nuestra nación. Recordamos su valentía, su compromiso y su amor por Dios y su país. Puede que ya no estén aquí con nosotros, pero no son olvidados. Puede que ya no estén aquí con nosotros, sino que colectivamente sirven como un hito para mostrarnos la manera de servir a los demás

En el Evangelio de San Juan (15,12-13), Cristo le dice a sus fieles seguidores: "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 los soldados valientes, Los Marineros, los de La Infantería de Marina, la Fuerza Aérea y otros miembros de las Fuerzas Armadas de nuestra nación que demostraron el amor más grande del cual no hay otro mayor. Recordamos a aquellos que dieron sus vidas para que pudiéramos disfrutar del derecho a la vida. Para jugar con las palabras de nuestro Himno Nacional, somos el hogar de los libres por los valientes - y en este Día Memorial no lloramos por estos valientes héroes caídos, celebremos!

Dicho esto, hay aquellos 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 fallecidos en el servicio por nuestra nación. En nuestra fe, somos llamados, de hecho, invitados a orar por aquellos que se han ido antes que nosotros, para que puedan encontrar descanso en el Cielo y que podamos encontrar la paz en la esperanza que nos ha dado Cristo.

El autor Aldous Huxley (quien 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 que alguien ha infundido en nosotros por la fe: que Cristo, sufrió, murió, y resucitó e hizo su Ascensión al Cielo por nosotros -que celebramos este fin de semana- para que tengamos vida y vida en abundancia. Ese es el recuerdo que nos dará la esperanza de superar cualquier dolor, cualquier pérdida.

Así, como católicos, somos recordados que también estamos llamados a ser fieles, y al servicio de nuestros hermanos. Aunque no seamos llamados a dar nuestras vidas de la misma manera como recordamos en el Día de Los Caídos, estamos llamados, sin embargo, a dar nuestras vidas al servicio de Dios y al prójimo, recordando el sacrificio que Cristo hizo para nosotros. Como cristianos, cada día es una especie de día memorial, es decir, que cada día recordamos lo que

Cristo hizo por nosotros y recordamos lo que Cristo nos pidió hacer en su nombre. En cada Misa, recordamos estas cosas profundamente.

La memoria - es una parte importante de nosotros. La Escritura nos dice: "La memoria del justo será bendecida" (Proverbios 10: 7). Los recuerdos de nuestros seres queridos, y en este Día Memorial, los recuerdos de nuestros héroes caídos, confirman esto.

En este Día de Los Caídos, Memorial Day, recordamos aquellos que hicieron tanto por nuestra nación, y Aquél que tanto hizo por nuestra salvación y las de ellos, Jesucristo.

Suyo en Cristo,
Fr. James Lentini
Párroco

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Escuela Veranal de Biblia

¡Bienvenido!

31 de Julio hasta 4 de Agosto, 2017

6:00pm- 8:30pm

(EN PUNTO)

**4 to 16 years Welcomed
PARA TODOS EDADES DE NIÑOS**

¡Registra Ahora!