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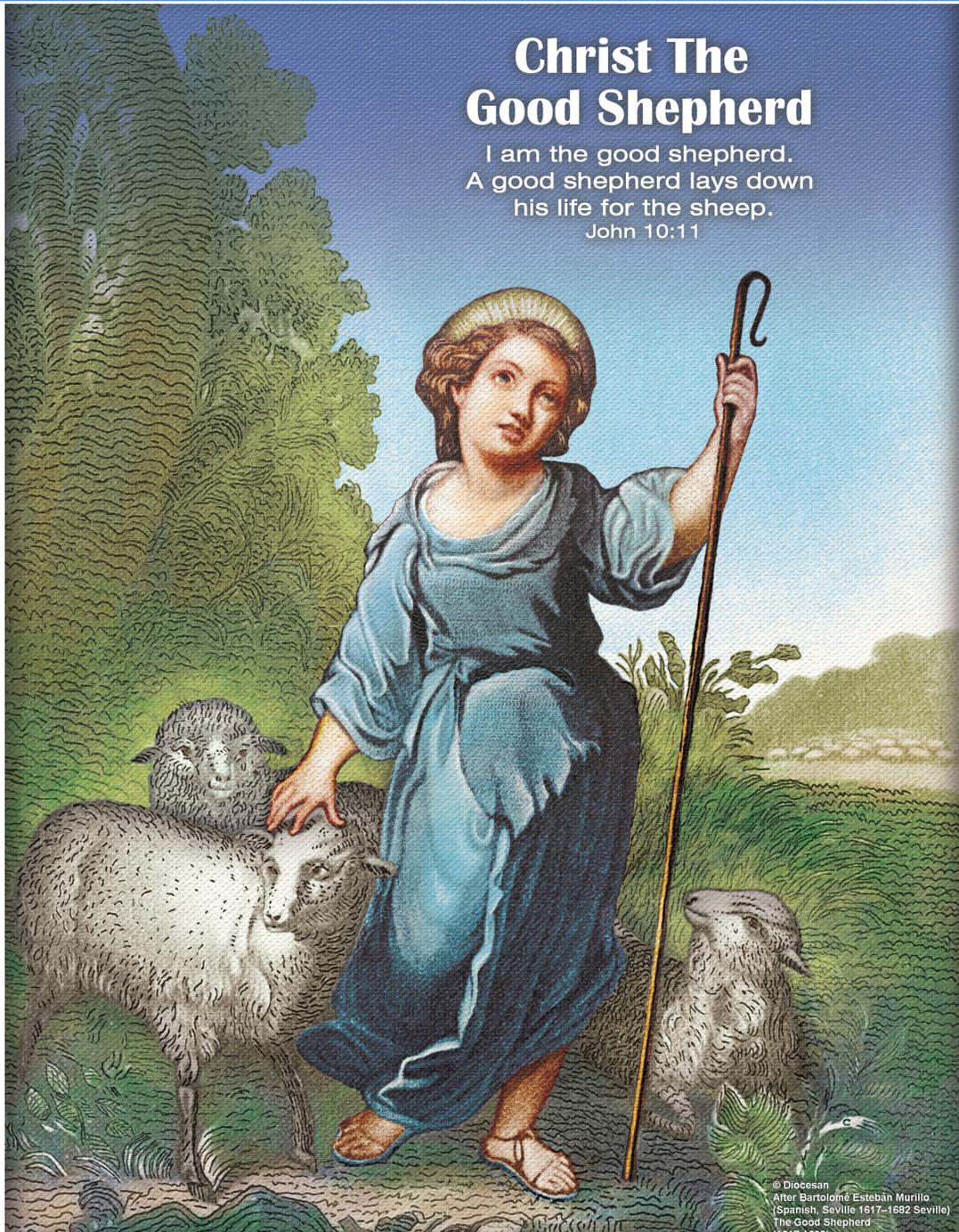
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

May 3, 2020

4th Sunday Ordinary Time

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Christ The Good Shepherd

I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep.
John 10:11

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After Bartolomé Estebán Murillo
(Spanish, Seville 1617-1682 Seville)
The Good Shepherd
(1617-1682)

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the parish 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.

Check out our websites

holycrossover.org
iccmarylodel.org

- *Read daily reflections by our clergy*
- *Watch Masses from various sources*
- *Find spiritual readings*
- *Read about our latest updates*

Watch the website for the weekend Masses being streamed live by the Diocese. You can also watch the taped Masse each weekend at Holy Cross and/or Immaculate Conception by one of our priests.

Keep praying.

While we are not allowing anyone into the parish offices, you can call and leave messages and we will get back to you.; or, you can email us.

Following the directives of our Bishop, the churches will remain locked until further notice. No Masses, no confessions, no baptisms, no gatherings of any type. Funerals will be graveside only and limited to 10 persons including clergy.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC) ending April 19

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$21,587	\$28,200	(\$6,613)
YTD	\$1,158,599	\$1,192,000	(\$33,401)
Needs	\$1,172	\$1,586	(\$414)
Easter	\$12,865	\$22,650	(\$9,785)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC) Ending April 19

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$1,430
Second	\$40

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs, and activities of Holy Cross and ICC are made possible.

"Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time that we cannot gather together at Mass. 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. We will call you back. Thank you for your continued support.

As we currently deal with and live through the current situation of lockdown, social distancing and the coronavirus, it is easy to get depressed, fatalistic, or despairing. But this situation — though new to us — is not something new in the life of the Church. The Church, our home of our faith, has been through this before with:

- the bubonic plague (which in the 14th century wiped out nearly half the population of Europe)
- the consumption (tuberculosis, which still kills 4,000 people a day, peaked in the late 19th century, with millions of annual death worldwide),
- malaria (in 2018, there were 405,000 deaths from malaria, and it is said, though somewhat hyperbolically, to have killed half of everyone who ever lived; it afflicted the world massively in the early and mid 20th century)

I read an article recently (which I will borrow from in this column) that noted that during the time of the plague, people turned strongly to their faith. And one specific devotional development that rose up was seeking the intercession of a group of saint called the 14 Holy Helpers, most of whom were saints that had been martyrs in the early Church. The group of 14 Holy Helpers was to the faith, what The Avengers and The Justice League are to Marvel and DC Comics: a super team devoted to doing good. These 14 Holy Helpers were turned to, in prayer, by Catholics of the era, and invoked against the plague, specifically, and other illnesses, generally.

The devotion to this team of 14 saints, grouped as the Holy Helpers, started in Germany at the time of the plague. In the German areas of Europe these 14 were called the “Nothelfer,” meaning “helpers in need.” As the plague spread, devotion to the Holy Helpers also spread — not just in Europe, but later, throughout the world. Ultimately, Pope Nicholas V affirmed this devotion and applied to it special indulgences. In a Missal used at Mass in the late 15th century it stated:

“The Mass of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, approved by Pope Nicholas...it is powerful on their behalf, however so much one is in great illness or anguish or sadness, or in whatsoever tribulation a man shall be. It is powerful also on behalf of the imprisoned and detained, on behalf of merchants and pilgrims, for those that have been sentenced to die, for those who are at war, for women who are struggling in childbirth, or with a miscarriage, and for (the forgiveness of) sins, and for the dead.”

The feast of the Holy Helpers (no longer on the Church calendar as a memorial or feast, is still celebrated in some places, usually on August 8). The opening prayer for the Mass on the feast of 14 Holy Helpers names each member of this deciquartet (I made that word up) of saintly intercessors::

“Almighty and merciful God, who didst adorn Thy Saints George, Blaise, Erasmus, Pantaleon, Vitus, Christopher, Denis, Cyriacus, Acacius, Eustace, Giles, Margaret, Barbara and Catherine with special privileges above all others, so that all who in their necessities

implore their help, according to the grace of Thy promise, may attain the salutary effect of their pleading, grant to us, we beseech Thee, forgiveness of our sins, and with their merits interceding, deliver us from all adversities, and kindly hear our prayers.”

So who are these 14 Holy Helpers whom I would commend that we should turn to in prayer during these trying times of the coronavirus. Well, some of them you may know already, and some are quite obscure. Here is the rundown of this deciquartet (I think I’m going to get a trademark on that term) of saintly helpers who intercede for us in times vast sickness:

Saint George: Martyred under Roman Emperor Diocletian, he was a soldier in the Roman army. However, St. George got into a kerfuffle with the powers that be, when he refused to arrest Christians and offer sacrifices to Roman gods. He was cajoled and bribed to do so, but resisted. Ultimately, he was tortured and then executed for his offenses. He is a saint who is invoked against skin diseases and palsy.

Saint Blaise: A side note, I love the way all word processors change this saint’s name from Blaise to Blasé. And trust me, this saint is anything but blasé. But to appease my word processor, I will spell this saint’s name the traditional way: Blaise. End of problem. Another 4th century martyr, St. Blaise was Bishop in Armenia during a time of Christian persecution, and was arrested for practicing his faith. While in prison, a mother with a son who had gotten a fishbone perilously stuck in his throat visited St. Blaise, who was her Bishop, and his blessing on her son. Upon blessing the boy, the bone dislodged and the boy was saved. The authorities continued to demand St. Blaise recant his faith in Christ; he refused. He was then tortured and beheaded for this offense. St. Blaise is invoked against diseases of the throat.

St. Erasmus: St. Erasmus (also known as St. Elmo, famously named in the title of the 80s brat-pack film “St. Elmo’s Fire”) was Bishop of Formia (half way between Rome and Naples). St. Erasmus was Bishop during the time of the Christian persecution led by the Roman Emperor Diocletian. For a while, he fled to Mount Lebanon for a time to escape persecution, where he was fed by a raven. He was found by the authorities and jailed, but he made multiple miraculous escapes with the help of an angel. He tortured in the most brutal manner, and yet his wounds healed, and went on to die of natural causes (though commonly deemed a martyr). St. Erasmus is invoked by those suffering from stomach pains and disorders, and by women in labor.

St. Pantaleon: Here we go again: St. Pantaleon is yet another 4th-century martyr persecuted under — you guessed it — Roman Emperor Diocletian. St. Pantaleon was the son of a rich pagan but was raised a Christian by his mother with the help of a local priest. He went on to work as a physician to Emperor Maximilianus. Some nefarious peers revealed to the Emperor that St. Pantaleon was a Christian. The Emperor told St. Pantaleon he would be spared if he worshipped the

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pagan gods of Rome; he refused and was tortured. He was attempted to be put to death many times, but each time, he was rescued from death by Christ, who appeared to him in the form of a priest. Ultimately, after he was better prepared for his death, he was beheaded. He is invoked as a patron saint of physicians and midwives.

St. Vitus: Another 4th-century martyr persecuted by you-know-who, St. Vitus was born into a pagan family but converted to Christianity by the assistance of a nurse. It is said that good St. Vitus inspired many conversions and performed many miracles. This went over bad with the anti-Christian crowd. So, St. Vitus, the Christian nurse who converted him, and the nurse's husband, were ordered to be put to death. They were sent to be killed by lions in the Colosseum, survived that ordeal. They were eventually put to death on the rack. St. Vitus is invoked against epilepsy, paralysis, and diseases of the nervous system.

St. Christopher: Something different: St. Christopher wasn't a 4th century martyr that was persecuted by Diocletian. Also different: His name wasn't actually Christopher. Here's the story: He was a 3rd century martyr originally called Reprobus. Not only was he a pagan, but he specifically pledged his service to a certain pagan king and to Satan. Yep, Satan. So, how did this guy get into the saint books? Well, Reprobus gave up his reprobate way (that's the origin of the word), and with the help of a Monk, converted to Christianity. Reprobus was called on to use his strength to help carry folks across a raging stream that had no bridge. Once he was carrying a child who revealed himself as Christ, and declared the Reprobus would be called "Christopher" (meaning Christ-bearer). Inspired, St. Christopher began to evangelize and converted thousands. The Emperor Decius, who fiercely hated Christians, had Christopher arrested, and later beheaded around the year 250. He is invoked against epilepsy and toothache, and is the patron of a holy death.

St. Denis: St. Denis was the Bishop of Paris in Gaul (modern day France) and a third century martyr. He was a missionary on fire with the Holy Spirit, and he eventually came to France, where he became Bishop. It was also where he was beheaded on Montmartre (Mount of Martyrs) — a site so-called because so very many early Christians were martyred there for their faith. It is said that St. Denis was seen walking the street of Paris carrying his own head in his hands, as a sign that he still lived, though in heaven with God. He is invoked against demonic attacks.

St. Cyriacus: St. Cyriacus, was a 4th century deacon who was actually well liked by that nefarious Roman Emperor Diocletian. Why? Because he cured the Emperor's daughter in the name of Jesus. So, in spite of Christianity, St. Cyriacus was spared. But, then after Diocletian died, his successor, emperor Maximin, who held no particular partiality for Cyriacus, imprisoned him. He was tortured on the rack and beheaded for refusing to renounce Christianity. He is the patron of those who suffer from eye diseases.

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St. Acacius: A fourth-century martyr under Roman Emperor Galerius, St. Acacius was a captain in the Roman army. One day the voice of God came to him, "Call on the help of the God of Christians." St. Acacius obeyed the voice, and then immediately sought and received Baptism. He then set out to convert his fellow soldiers Roman army, and denounced to the emperor. This went over like a darts tournament in a balloon factory. The Emperor tortured St. Acacius, who refused to denounce his faith. He was beheaded in the year 311. He is the patron saint of those who suffer from headaches.

St. Eustace: A second-century martyr, persecuted under Roman Emperor Trajan, According to tradition, St. Eustace was a general in the army who converted to Christianity after a vision of a Crucifix appeared to him in-between the antlers of a deer that he was hunting. His whole family then converted Christianity. When this was found out, he and his wife were burned at the stake after refusing to participate in a pagan ceremony, and renounce their Christian. St. Eustace is invoked against fires.

St. Giles: Not a martyr, St. Giles was a seventh-century monk near Athens. Seeking a more contemplative setting he eventually retreated to the wilderness. There he went on to found a monastery under the rule of St. Benedict. He was a holy man to whom many miracles were ascribed. Giles died peacefully around the year of 712 and is invoked against crippling diseases.

St. Margaret of Antioch: Another fourth-century martyr persecuted by Roman Emperor Diocletian, St. Margaret was a convert to Christianity. This angered her family and her father disowned her. Thereafter, committed to Christ, she lived the life of a consecrated virgin. One day when a Roman spotted her and sought to make her his wife; she refused, and brought before a court. The court ordered St. Margaret to denounce her faith or die. She refused. The court ordered that she be boiled alive. Miraculously she was spared from that fate, but eventually was beheaded. She is invoked as a patron of pregnant women and those suffering from kidney diseases.

St. Barbara: A third-century martyr, St. Barbara is said to have been the daughter of a wealthy, pagan man who sought to keep Barbara from the world. One day, she confessed to him that she had converted to Christianity. Her father denounced her and turned her into the local Roman authorities. It was then ordered that St. Barbara be beheaded. It is said that her own father did the beheading, after which he was struck by lightning. St. Barbara is invoked against fires and lightning storms.

St. Catherine of Alexandria: A fourth-century martyr and daughter of the Queen of Egypt, St. Catherine converted to Christianity following the experience of a vision of Jesus and Mary. Her mother, the Queen, inspired by her daughter also converted to Christianity. When Roman Emperor Maximinus started persecuting Christians in Egypt, St. Catherine openly opposed

MASS INTENTIONS

MAY

4 MONDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8 am	Dec Members Bruno Family
5 TUESDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8 am	Karen Bergman
6 WEDNESDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8:15 am	William Csajko
7 THURSDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8 am ICC 7 pm	Clores Kolakowski Dec Members Zullo Family For the People
8 FRIDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8 am	Rubina DeRosa (LI)
9 SATURDAY HC 8 am HC 5 pm	Carolyn Fitzgerald Nicholas & Anna Pedano
10 SUNDAY HC 7:30 am ICC 8:30 am HC 9:15 am ICC 11:00 am HC 11 am HC 1 pm ICC 1 pm HC 6 pm	Frances Harvey Delores & Ed McGowan Dec. Members Durk & Kerr Family Marge Messner Kitty & John Litrenta (LI) Mother's Day Novena For the People Jessie J. Fisher, Sr.

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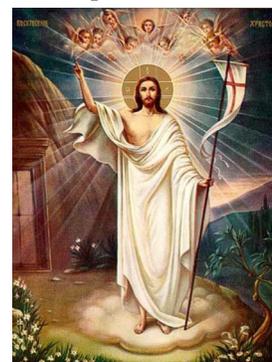
While there are no public Masses at this time, our priests will be saying private Masses each day. During their private Masses, the intentions of the day will be remembered. On the weekend, the priests will be saying several private Masses to cover all of the intentions that occur on the weekend. Your loved ones will still be remembered in prayer.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace

You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



the Emperor and set out to prove to him that the Roman gods were false. She debated the Emperor's best scholars — by the end of the debate many of those scholars actually converted to Christianity as a result of her arguments. This did not go over well with the Emperor. St. Catherine was arrested, scourged, imprisoned, and later, beheaded. She is the patron saint of philosophers and young students.

So, these are the Holy Helpers — 14 in all — whose we can turn to in the worst of times. They know our hearts, and they have likewise experienced pains and troubles in their own lives that moved them closer to the Lord. During these days of lockdown, and these times of difficulty, turn in prayers to these saints and seek their intercession before God. They will be praying for you and with you. Even though Governor Carney and Governor Hogan say we can't gather in groups of more than 10, I think they will make an exception for us to gather in prayer with the 14 Holy Helpers.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor



On behalf of the Priests, Deacons, and Parish Staff, we thank all of you who continue to send in your weekly contributions to the church. We long for the day when we can come together again to celebrate the Mass with all of us present.

Remember you can also put your donation on a credit card. Just call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number if no one answers, and we will call you back for your information.

Faith Direct is our online giving program that makes continual giving effortless. You can go to the website: holycrossdover.org, go to Giving, then click onto online giving. If you'd rather sign up via a paper copy, call the Parish Office and leave your name and number and we will call you back to get your address and send you a paper copy to sign up.

Again, thank you, thank you, thank you.

Stay safe !!

We are praying for you!!

PRO LIFE CORNER

- During this difficult time of Coronavirus Disease, abortion procedures continue throughout the U.S. and in Dover. Abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood are classified as ESSENTIAL SERVICES! You can save lives in Dover by praying with Holy Cross and other local church groups on Friday mornings from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover or by praying at home. If you pray at Planned Parenthood, please follow Governor Carney's Social Distancing Guidelines.
- Also, remember to pray for the most vulnerable and seniors who are most susceptible to the Coronavirus

RESOURCES IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC

- A new webpage has been created on the diocesan website: cdodw.org: **Resources in Times of Pandemic**. It is a clearinghouse for resources for:
 - Joining Masses On-line
 - Prayer Resources
 - Spiritual Formation
 - Resources for Young Adults
 - Resources for Young People
 - Resources for Children
 - Supporting Parents and Families
 - Recursos en Español
 - About COVID-19
 - Best Practices
 - Mental Health
 - Resources for Pastoral Ministers
- Check it out!



READINGS FOR MAY 10 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14, 36-41; 6:1-7

The focus is on building the Church and working together to build God's kingdom.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:4-9

Peter tells God's people they are living stones, chosen by God and precious to God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-12

Jesus gives his farewell address at his Last Supper with his disciples. He tells them that he will be with them only a little while longer and is going to prepare a place for them.

SAMARITAN FOOD NEEDS (HC)

The Samaritan Food Pantry is collecting items to help with the great demands being placed on them during this crisis.



Please leave perishable items in the freezer by the Samaritan pick up door and non perishable items can be left there also. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Samaritans also appreciate any monetary donations that have been sent in. Thank you for thinking of your needy brothers and sisters. V

VOCATIONS

Prayer is a moving force in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

“Lord, your Church is in need.

Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you.

Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders.

Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment.

May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world. Amen.”

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

DESDE LA OFICINA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE SANTA CRUZ-DOVER Y LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION- MARYDEL

UN MENSAJE DE OPTIMISMO Y ESPERANZA EN MEDIO DE LA PANDEMIA

Hola mis hermanos y hermanas,

Los extraño mucho y desde mi hogar, deseo enviarles un saludo lleno de alegría y esperanza en estos tiempos de incertidumbre en la que estamos viviendo, pero recordarles que a pesar de todo esta pesadilla que estamos viviendo, tenemos y debemos darle gracias a Dios porque estamos vivos, si es verdad que estamos aislados, muchos sin trabajo, muchos con ansiedad, pero no estamos en un hospital luchando por la vida, si es una realidad, estamos viviendo momentos sin precedentes en medio de una pandemia, que jamás nos hubiéramos imaginado, pero ánimo, no perdamos las esperanzas, ni permitir que el miedo invade nuestro ser, porque el Señor resucitado nos promete estar con nosotros todos los días de nuestras vidas hasta el final de los tiempos.

Pongamos nuestra esperanza en el Cristo resucitado, que el Señor nos de fuerza en medio de la tormenta y que en este tiempo de estar en casa, sea un tiempo de gracia para ayudarnos a forja hogares santos, para que este aislamiento sea un tiempo para ayudarnos a crecer en la fe, nos permita ser mejores personas, mejores esposos(as), mejores padres de familia y sobre todo a ser mejores cristianos.

Invitemos a Jesús a compartir con nosotros en nuestra Eucaristía doméstica y pidámosle que se quede con nosotros, en nuestros corazones, en nuestros hogares y que nos enseñe a descubrir su gracia en medio del aislamiento, de la zozobra en medio de la pandemia.

Que este Tiempo Pascual recordemos que la muerte fue vencida por Cristo y así poder mirar hacia un Pentecostés lleno de esperanza, con más ganas, con más ánimo, con más fe, y con más amor de llevar el Evangelio a los que no saben o no conocen la Buena Nueva

del Resucitado.

De una manera muy especial y porque los quiero ver pronto les pido varias cosas:

1. Sigamos las regulaciones gubernamentales de lavarse las manos con jabón por 20 segundos y frecuentemente, usando mascarillas y observar el distanciamiento social.
2. No abandonen a los más vulnerables de nuestra sociedad los ancianos, los que se encuentran en centro de detención migratoria a los que están solos y abandonados, una oración, una llamada telefónica, un mensaje de texto a los miembros de nuestra comunidad para darles ánimo y esperanza.
3. Oremos por todos los enfermos del coronavirus, a aquellos de luto por la muerte de uno o varios seres queridos y al personal médico y voluntarios que luchan contra el Covid-19.
4. Oremos por nuestros sacerdotes para que el Señor los mantenga sanos y fuera de peligro y puedan regresar nuevamente a las parroquias a guiar a su rebaño con la luz de la esperanza del Cristo resucitado.
5. Ayudémonos los unos a los otros sin perder la Fe, ni la esperanza.
6. Recordemos que el tiempo de Dios es perfecto y saldremos de estos momentos difíciles con más fuerza, con más fe, y con más humildad.
7. ¿Tomemos este tiempo de estar en casa para disfrutar nuestra iglesia doméstica, a redescubrir nuestro yo, a reflexionar sobre cuáles son los designios del Señor para nuestras vidas?

Los extraño mucho y tengo la esperanza de que pronto nos volveremos a reunir como pueblo de Dios, mientras tanto a seguir viviendo la iglesia doméstica con amor y esperanza.

Les prometo que seguiré orando por todos ustedes y espero que también oren por mí y por los míos. Los quiero mis hermanos y hermanas en Cristo.

Un abrazo desde la distancia

Arline Dosman

Directora del Ministerio Hispano

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC, ICC) REGULAR CCD/SRE CLASSES

- All Masses and classes are cancelled at this time. Please continue to check the website or the latest resources that are online.
 - www.holycrossdover.org
 - www.iccmarydel.org
- Parents are being sent, via email, resources for your children’s classes.
- If you have any questions, contact Alicia at ICC at dre@iccmarydel.org or her office at 410-482-8939; or contact Tammy at HC at her office 302-674-5787, ext 121, or her email at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org

SRE REGISTRATIONS (ICC)

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 school year are available on the website or you can email office for them to be sent to you.

Fees are as follows: \$40 per child, not to exceed \$150 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 solicitarlas en lo más pronto posible, con la cobra de \$40 por cada niño, y no más de \$150 cada familia.

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP IN DOVER (HC)

Catholic Heart has cancelled all camps for this summer. For those of you who requested help this June, please know we will be back to assist you in the Summer of 2021.

PEER LEADERS (HC)

If you are interested in helping next year with classes and retreats, please email Mrs. Darling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org. She will keep up with you via Flocknotes.

ICC FUNDRAISER (ICC)

While you are at home cleaning out closets, we ask you to hold onto you used, old shoes. Yes, SHOES! ICC is going to have a Shoe Drive Fundraiser. What is involved is you donate any gently worn, used and new shoes. We can collect all shoes types.....flip flops, crocs, boots, tennis shoes, high heels, slippers. We CANNOT collect rollerblades, roller skates, ski boots, or any other type of attachment as these.

Worn is okay, we’re going for no visible rips or tears, and light wear on the soles. Please keep this in your mind as you are looking for things to do in the stay at home order. Hang on to them and we will let you know when you can drop them off. Thanks and happy cleaning out!!

REGISTRATION FOR HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

At Holy Cross School, we believe a Catholic education is a unique and invaluable learning experience. We nurture the ongoing, daily influence of the Holy Spirit in the spiritual, intellectual, and physical growth of our students and families.

As our mission states we "provide an academically rich, faith-filled learning environment, thus ensuring a Catholic values-based education. At Holy Cross we strive to convey a sense of justice, peace, compassion, and respect for all God's creation". As a Catholic school, we instill in our students a life long commitment to learning as well as prepare them to be models of Christian values.

This faith is what has carried our school through the most difficult of times. When you enroll your child into Holy Cross School, you are becoming a member of a large faith-filled family. Academically, during this transition to online instruction our students continued to learn daily due to our systems in place from day one of the stay-at-home orders, including new content from the teachers.

Holy Cross School is accepting applications for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Please contact the school. Our website is holycrossdover.org/school. Download an application form and mail it into the parish office. You may also call 302-674-5787 x113; please leave your name and phone contact and we will call you back.

FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS...

Some daily Mass information for you to use during this time where we cannot attend Mass in the church:

- Bishop Robert Barron is posting his daily Mass online at <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>
- Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York is live streaming their daily Mass at <https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>
- EWTN lives streams their daily Mass each weekday at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. at <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>
- USCCB has some items that might be of interest at <http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/usccb-president-reflection-and-prayer-during-coronavirus.cfm> and <https://catholiccurrent.org/covid19/>

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." This phrase has been taken from the famous introductory paragraph of Charles Dickens' novel, A Tale of Two Cities. The novel is one Dickens' finest works relaying the story of the contrast between London and Paris during the French Revolution. It's just one of those phrases that have stood the test of time and can be applied to many different periods in history. I once had a philosophy professor in college who had a very interesting view of conflict, strife, and suffering. He challenged us to consider all of the nations worldwide that have suffered the ramifications of war, famine, and loss of life throughout history. In so doing we would also see that out of despair has arisen greatness. Being the scholars that we were, we were interested in listening to more of his perspective on the fruits of suffering. He made a point that has always resonated in me, even now. Consider all the great nations that have agonized through the worst of times and look at how they have reconstructed, restored, perhaps resurrected into empires of great architecture, authors of fine literature and composers of timeless music. Nodding our heads in agreement with a proposal we had never considered, we listened as he contrasted these accomplished nations with ...Switzerland. "Now Switzerland; the small republic that has always chosen neutrality over conflict with regard to matters of hostile warfare ; ponder, if you will, their overall contributions to the worldwide populace. cuckoo clocks and chocolate!

My point is this. While we may find ourselves in the very midst of what some might deem as the worst of times, my questions to you is this...how can we make the best of these times? What greatness will we encounter when the best of times returns? Perhaps this might be a point for reflection during the times of quarantine? What new habits have we formulated, what former hobbies, or practices have we returned to now that we have more time? Nicholas and Zachary's mom told me that she had pulled out all of her lovely pieces of stationery that had been packed away and had started to handwrite (with a writing instrument!) letters to friends and relatives. A little to my embarrassment, when I send a greeting card, I type the note and tuck it inside the card. I may use a fancy font, and add some color to the text, but nonetheless, it is still nothing more than a typed memo. Letter writing is one of the true lost arts. A colleague of mine told me that she was spending most of her time

in the kitchen. One day she baked 8 dozen cupcakes, hand-dipped pretzel rods in melted chocolate, baked who knows how many cookies, and filled small gift bags with other yummy gifts and treats. She was going to drop these items off on the doorsteps of friends and relatives the next morning. So sad, I don't live closer by. She was also taking the time for scrapbooking. When I asked the students in my Math group how they were spending their days, an impressive few said they had been gardening. Quality time spent at home is another by-product of the current times. Meals around the table as a family without the sports schedule that might otherwise be driving our lives is another novel opportunity presented by the mandate to stay home.

Making the best of the worst of times....

I am not a card-carrying member of the eternal optimist club. I never attend their meetings. Instead in life **I have come to believe that our faith will always see us through the worst of times. Our faith sustains us until the best of times returns our way.**

The best of times.....

My faith leads me to believe that our families who, due to the worst of times may not have turned in their re-registration forms. Please be aware that you may still do so. While the external appearance is such that we are closed to business, we are very much open. But our "open for business" has taken on a new look. Please make use of the US Postal Service, or drop your documents off at the mail area on the first floor of the ELC. Or call us! We'd love to hear from you. We miss you! Let us know that you will still be with us when the best of times rounds the bend and returns our way. Because, among the best of times in life will be those years your child spent in a Catholic school.

Blessings to All,

Mrs. Pollitt
Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This week, I'm passing off my column to our Dean of Academic Affairs and Counselor, Mr. Ben Wegemer. He has taken leadership for a very special event STMA has been happy to host annually, the "Out of The Darkness" 5K Run/ Walk to support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. In fact, STMA was the first high school in the state of Delaware to host such an event five years ago. The current health crisis has not deterred us from our goal to continue bringing awareness to this cause. This is not an event limited to current STMA students, so please read Mr. Wegemer's comments for information on how you, too, can get involved!

With the unexpected changes and constant uncertainty that has come to define our society in recent weeks, it is more important than ever for each of us to be attentive to not only our physical health, but also our mental health.

For the last five years, Saint Thomas More Academy students have worked to help reduce the stigma surrounding mental health concerns and raise awareness about suicide prevention by hosting an annual "Out of the Darkness" 5K Run/Walk. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among people aged 15-34 in the United States and nearly 50,000 Americans die by suicide each year. The best way to prevent suicide is through early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of depression and other mood disorders. It is okay to ask for help, and to offer it! We encourage you to consult afsp.com for more resources. Saint Thomas More Academy has always taken pride in our sense of community. We Ravens recognize the importance of suicide prevention and

awareness as it has certainly been an issue that has affected so many communities across the country. Although we are not able to walk together as one group this year, we will still be hosting the event remotely and we'd like to invite the parishioners of Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception to join us.

The official virtual 5K is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 pm! Participants are asked to walk around their neighborhoods or at a local park and share a picture of yourself with us afterwards. Please encourage family, friends, or other loved ones to participate as well! Unable to run or walk at 1:00 pm on May 17? No problem! Set aside anytime during the weekend of May 15 to contribute to our cause. Any donations you are able to make when you register will go directly to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, but all are welcome to participate even if you are unable to make a donation! To register, visit: <https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=6656>, or click "find a walk" the afsp.com homepage.

AFSP has a great way to show your support for the cause and communicate your reason for walking: honor beads. Losing someone to suicide or struggling with a mental health condition can sometimes feel as if no one understands what you are going through. Wearing honor beads the day of the walk is a way to show each other that we are all connected to the cause, and that no one is alone. There is an honor bead for everyone, whether you have lost a loved one, struggle personally, support a friend and/or family member, or all of the above. Though we can't distribute them as normal, we encourage you to wear clothing or accessories in the colors that apply to you.

God bless the Ravens as we run/ walk as a community of faith upholding the value of precious God's gift of life!

Ms. Casey



Suicide Prevention Resources
Be a lifesaver

+ Visit
Your Primary Care Provider
Mental Health Professional
Walk-in Clinic
Emergency Department
Urgent Care Center

911 Call 911 for Emergencies

🔍 Find a Mental Health Provider
findtreatment.samhsa.gov
mentalhealthamerica.net/finding-help

📞 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Veterans: Press 1

📱 Text TALK to 741741
Text with a trained crisis counselor from the Crisis Text Line for free, 24/7



afsp.org/resources

What's Your Color?

Losing someone to suicide or struggling with a mental illness can feel like no one understands what you are going through.

Each color shows our personal connection to the cause and helps us identify others who understand our experience.

- WHITE** Loss of a Child
- RED** Loss of a Spouse or Partner
- GOLD** Loss of a Parent
- ORANGE** Loss of a Sibling
- PURPLE** Loss of a Relative or Friend
- SILVER** Loss of a First Responder/ Military
- GREEN** A Personal Struggle or Attempt
- TEAL** Supporting Someone Who Struggles or has Attempted
- BLUE** Supporting Suicide Prevention