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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

May 8, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter

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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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
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 – 9 pm



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 9:30 am
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.



An Online Synod Listening Session is now available for everyone in the Diocese of Wilmington who has access to technology to participate in the 2021-2023 Synod convoked by Pope Francis. Please encourage those who have not participated in an in-person Listening Session to watch the video and then fill out the Online Synod Consultation Form found here: www.cdow.org/synod.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

April 24, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$31,468	\$26,500	\$4,968
YTD	\$1,141,233	\$1,119,200	\$22,033
Needs	\$1,730	\$1,480	\$250
Easter	\$16,703	\$18,500	(\$1,797)

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending April 24, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,716
2nd collection	\$354

Thank you to all advertisers in our bulletin. We appreciate your support!

If you know of someone who would like to advertise in the bulletin, please contact Diocesan Publications at 800-233-8200.

Dear Parishioners:

Annual Appeal.

Last weekend, our Parish (and the Diocese) kicks-off our Annual Catholic Appeal program. This appeal is vital to providing annual support for the function of our Diocesan ministries and the good work of our Holy Church. Additionally, if we surpass the goal set for us by Bishop Koenig, we share in the surplus, which directly benefits our parish and its need. I would commend you, that if you did not make a pledge to the annual appeal last weekend (or by earlier donation this year), that you do so in the days and weeks ahead, so that our parish can meet its goal, and provide support for our Diocese vis a vis our Parish. So, by all means, let us strive together to meet — and exceed — our Appeal goal.

Note: Annual Appeal pledge cards are available in our parish, or if you unable to come by to get one, you can call or email a request, and we will send one out to you. Also, you can make your pledge online by using PayPal or a credit card — you can do this at www.cdow.org/giving and click on “Faith and Charity Appeal.”

And now a continuation of by column on Names and Bywords that I started in last week’s column.

Abel (Able). Okay, the sources I use do not indicate a connection between “Able” and “Abel” (as in Cain’s brothers in the story of Cain and Abel). But, your etymologically investigating Pastor thinks there might be. It seems that the Hebrew word for the name Abel (Cain’s brother) is habel or hebel, the early French word for able (as in being able to do something) is h’abel, which is the origin of the English word “able” as we know it today. Coincidence? Methinks not. Thus one day, if I can uncover the connection, I will write a column about this — if I am, dare I say, able.

Beelzebub. You may remember in the Old Testament; several time reference was made

to the false god called Ba’al. There was a famous episode in which Elijah the prophet challenged the Ba’al worshippers to a sort of a spirit rumble. Elijah challenged them saying something like: “You prophets of Baal, pray to your god, and I will pray to the Lord. The god who answers by setting fire to his wood is the true God.” They agreed. Elijah won, as the true God showed his presence. But Ba’al didn’t go away, he took on other names... one was Ba’al Zebub — which later became Beelzebub or Beelzebul. Ba’al Zebub literally means “Lord of the Flies” (yes, like that book where in young kids start acting devilishly). Interestingly, Ba’al Zebub is called Lord of the Flies as a pejorative: The name is meant to imply that Ba’al a pile of dung and his followers are the flies buzzing around it.

Jeremiah. Jeremiah is one of the great prophets of the Old Testament; he ministered to the nation of Judah in its final years before the Babylonian conquest and the exile. He laments the infidelity of the people of Israel (and warns them to change their ways), he laments, later, the fall of Jerusalem, and he laments the destruction of the Temple. He laments much in his writings, and about many things. Jeremiah does have messages of hope, too, but he is remembered mostly for his lamentations. Thus, if one calls someone a Jeremiah, he is saying that that person is one who is pessimistic about the present and foresees a calamitous future. It is a kind of identifying the person a pessimist in their outlook on life.

Jezebel. Jezebel was a Princess in the Old Testament. We know that you if called a woman a “jezebel” it is by no means calling her “princess.” I don’t recommend anyone testing this theory; it

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mano Salla	Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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2022 FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL

– *“WALKING BY FAITH”*



In today’s Gospel
Jesus tell us, “My
sheep hear my

voice, I know them, and they follow me”. It is important to listen. When we listen to Jesus and follow Him, we are Walking By Faith.

Everyone is welcome to walk with Jesus and follow Him in faith. As followers of Christ, we must act faithfully to reach out to others as Jesus does. As Christ committed His life to being the “one shepherd”, we too must commit ourselves to providing service to all.

Thank you to everyone who “Walking By Faith”, made a pledge to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. 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 Gathering Space and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support.

To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org; click “Giving” then “Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal

READINGS FOR MAY 15 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: ACTS 14:21-27

The first Christians were badly treated, but Paul and Barnabas lifted their spirits. We all go through many hardships, they said, on our way to glory.

SECOND READING : REVELATIONS 21:1-5

There is to be no more suffering in God’s new creation. Heaven will no longer be remote when God comes to dwell among humankind.

GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

Jesus helped his disciples to understand the glory. Selfless love was to be their rule of life.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our prayers shawl ministry continues to meet each Tuesday morning from 10 am to 12 Noon in the St. Luke Room on the second floor of the Early Learning Center Building. Newcomers are welcome. If you know someone who could use a prayer shawl or if you would like one yourself, please call the parish office and we can pass along the message to the group.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

This year Mother's Day and Good Shepherd Sunday both fall on May 8. So, what do sheep and mothers have to do with marriage? Perhaps it's about taking care of another. Of course, neither of you are sheep or a child, but seek out a fun way to care for your beloved today.

PARENTING POINTERS

"These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress." (Rev. 7:14) During these past years of pandemic, you and your children have probably experienced significant changes and stress. Our whole world has. Share what has been hardest but also something positive you've learned from the experience.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. For more info: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

MASS INTENTIONS MAY

9 MONDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Mothers Day Novena
10 TUESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Mothers Day Novena
11 WEDNESDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Mothers Day Novena
12 THURSDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Mothers Day Novena
ICC 6:00 pm	For the People
13 FRIDAY	
HC 8:00 am	Mothers Day Novena
14 SATURDAY	
HC 8 am	Mothers Day Novena
HC 5 pm	Gregory and Brian Shouldis Debra Shouldis Petrovich
15 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	Karen LaBarbera
ICC 8:30 am	Veronica Kriss
HC 9:30 am	Dec. Mem. Pitts Family
ICC 11 am	Neal & Ann Thomas
HC 11:30 am	Mothers Day Novena
ICC 1 pm	For the People

*(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)*

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for an in-person or virtual experience getting closer to your spouse? Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! There will be an in-person weekend in Wildwood, NJ May 13-15, 2022. Many more options for virtual events can be found on our website www.wvme-delmar.org. For additional information please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

HOLY CROSS MAY 14/15, 2022

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM D. Darling C. Helwig G. Coyle
L. Darling F. Hettinger M. Coyle
P. Gerard L. Curley

LECTORS

D. Dixon
V. Viddy

7:30 AM C. Brown R. Fritsche B. Richardson
J. Chandler A. Wyllie L. Richardson
T. Dinan

LECTORS

D. Kilby

9:30 AM T. Arndt G. Wessel K. Fernandez
G. Richards M. Wessel B. Gyamfi
C. Robinson E. Gyamfi

LECTORS

M. Sherlock
H. Walker

11:30 AM R. Ramirez R. Richards K. Espinosa
B. Guzman E. Guzman C. Geronimo

LECTORS

A. Luna

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM E. Costello

LECTORS

D. Smith

11:00 AM B. Van-
vessan

LECTORS

L. Soule

1:00 PM To be deter-
mined

LECTORS

**ATTENTION ALL EXTRA-ORDINARY
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Parishioners in need of our Homebound Ministry is growing by leaps and bounds, and we need more EM's who are willing to become part of our homebound ministry. We serve nursing homes, assisted living facilities, the hospital, and those at home.

Please consider joining this ministry. We will train you and have you shadow another EM to get you ready. Call the Parish Office so we can get you started. Please pray to discern if this ministry would be for you. We need your help!!

Call 302-674-5787,
ext. 110 or 113 to leave your name.

K OF C BREAKFAST

The Knights will hold a breakfast on Sunday, May 8, after the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses for Mother's Day. Ladies will eat free!! Join us for a great meal!!

NEWLY REGISTERED

Welcome to our newly registered parishioners:

- Todd and Pada MacCallum and Ricardo and Gabriela Mediavilla
- Christopher and Regina Kuppinger
- Michael and Kara Canfield
- Barry and Mary Armstrong
- Joseph and Lydia Burns

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newly baptized member:

- Luca Joseph Salerni

RECENT DEATHS

Our sympathy and condolences to the family of

- Joseph Parlett who recently died.

May the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace, Amen.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

The Adoration Chapel is open again each day from 5 am to 9 pm. If you would like to take a permanent time slot, it's not too late. We still have many openings on various days. See the openings listed below. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

SUNDAY 10 am, 5 pm, 8 pm

TUESDAY 3 pm

SATURDAY 5 am, 6 am, 12 pm, 1 pm,
2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

God Bless
OUR MOTHERS

A mother defends herself with
a heart filled with love before
doing so with words.

- Pope Francis

NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANA

- ¡Feliz día de las Madres! Hoy es un día propicio para agradecer a mamá, para festejarla, decirle lo mucho que la quieres, sacarla a comer, llevarle flores y sobre todo orar por ella. No importa lo que ocurra, siempre madre es madre. Bendiciones a todas las madres de nuestra comunidad.
- Confirmación para adultos: Si usted es mayor de 18 años de edad y no se ha recibido su sacramento de la Confirmación las clases de preparación empezaran pronto. Habrá Confirmaciones de Adultos Hispano el domingo 10 de Julio. Para más información hable con el Sr. Antonio Luna o llame a la oficina de la parroquia al 302-674-5787 ext. 118.
- Todos son bienvenidos a la Santa Misa incluso los niños pequeños, pero le pedimos un favor, si usted es una familia con niños pequeños y su hijo se inquieta o llora por favor sáquelo por un momento hasta que se calme. Antes de venir a misa prepare a su niño y conversa sobre la misa y la iglesia que es un lugar sagrado y dale una responsabilidad en la misa de depositar la colecta en la canasta o enséñales los cantos. Venga a la iglesia con sus hijos." Los niños lloran, hacen ruido, por todos lados" "nunca hay que echar a los niños que lloran de la Iglesia» (Papa Francisco). Sea considerado con las otras personas que están orando y ayude a que su niño disfrute también de la Misa, y aprenda a amar a Dios desde una temprana edad.
- Empezamos nuevamente Foro Cristiano después del receso de la Pascua. Todos están invitados los viernes de 6-8 de la noche en el ELC. Venga y viva su Fe Católica.
- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre - bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118
- La virgen peregrina empezara visitando casas el próximo domingo, si usted desea tener la virgen en su casa por una semana por favor hable con la Sra. Marta Espinosa.
- Requisito para solicitar una misa para quinceañera: La participante debe estar bautizada, haber cumplido su penitencia y haber hecho su Primera Comunión y la Confirmación o estar preparándose para recibir estos sacramentos. Ser miembros inscritos en la parroquia de Holy Cross para celebrar los quince años o pedir el permiso del párroco

para prepararse en otra parroquia. Los padres de la quinceañera deben ir a la oficina parroquial con un año de anticipación para reservar la fecha. Estar dispuestos a participar en el proceso de preparación según lo requiere el sacerdote y la parroquia. Para la Música hay que coordinar directamente con el Ministerio de Música

- Si usted no está inscrito en la parroquia por favor hágalo es importante por si necesita una carta
- de recomendación de parte de la parroquia, para asuntos legales o de solicitud de documentos de inmigración tiene que estar registrado en la parroquia y ser un miembro activo de la comunidad parroquial, para poder escribirle la carta.

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

- La Inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 todavía se está aceptando aplicaciones, las inscripciones están disponibles a todas las familias. Tiene que inscribir a su hijo cada año Por favor desenvolver las aplicaciones a Alicia Poppiti lo antes posible eso es ahora para que podamos estar seguros de tener suficientes maestros y espacio en los salones.
- Necesitamos Catequistas, asistentes, substitutos, y ayudantes para el próximo año para la Educación Religiosa los domingos en la mañana desde septiembre 18 hasta Mayo, 9:40- 10:50. Contacte a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti@ 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmaryl.org para más información.
- **Sacramentos:**
- La Primera Comunión es el sábado 14 de mayo a las 10 de la mañana, Ensayo es el viernes 13 de mayo a las 7 pm en la iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción.
- La Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones en La Inmaculada Concepción es del 1 al 5 de agosto, de 6 a 8:30 p. m. en el Salón. Los niños deben estar inscritos para asistir. Más información sobre la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones en las próximas semanas.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Religious Education
Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education?

Registration forms available 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

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)
Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF?
Registration forms available at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation>

If you have any questions please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

Adult Education (HC)

The Bible in a Year Podcast

In English:

Father Mike Schmitz
<https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>



In Spanish:

Fray Sergio Serrano
<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration>



SAVE THE DATE



Vacation Bible School July 11-15th, 2022
Ages PK4-Grade 4
Registrations forms available on Holy Cross Website. Capacity is limited. Registration Forms due 6/30/2022.

Volunteers needed 5th grade – 99! Volunteer Registration forms available on Holy Cross Website. Volunteer forms due 6/10/2022.

You may also contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or (302) 674-5787 X 122 for forms.

YOUTH AT HOLY CROSS

Registration for Confirmation Preparation (HC - 2023)

Forms to register for Confirmation Preparation 2023 may be found on the parish website under Teaching the Faith, Sacramental Preparation.

Catholic Heart Work Camp - Greensboro, NC

We have two spots available for our trip to work camp this summer, July 17-22. Please consider spending a week in service to the residents of Greensboro. This is for those entering 8th grade and above. Please contact Mrs. Darling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org with any questions or to save a spot.

Work Camp in Dover (HC)

We have a large group of teens and adults who are traveling to Dover to help our residents. They will be working June 27 to June 30. If you have projects that they would be able to assist you with, please contact Linda Darling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org. Painting, yard work, organizing, small repairs, cleaning - whatever you have that you are not able to do on your own, they would love to help.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Registration for 2022-2023 school year is open, registrations are available to all families, and are still being accepted. You must register your children each year. Please return to Alicia Poppiti now, so that we can be sure to have enough teachers, books, and space in classrooms. We are in need of Catechists, Assistants, substitutes and helpers for next year for Religious Education on Sunday mornings, from September 18th until May 7th, 9:40-10:50am. Contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482-8939 or dre@iccmmarydel.org for more information.

Sacraments:

1st Communion Prep: The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is on Saturday, May 14th at 10am. **Rehearsal will be on Friday, May 13th at 7pm** in the Church at Immaculate Conception.

Vacation Bible School at Immaculate Conception

is from August 1-5, from 6-8:30pm in the Hall. Children must be registered to attend. Registrations are now available.

Volunteers needed for VBS, and next year for Religious Education classes. Contact Alicia Poppiti for more information 410-482-8939.



Not too very long after the school year began, Mrs. Knox purchased two very sweet young male hamsters as pets and companions on the journey for the first grade classroom. Brown, white and fuzzy, with beady eyes and teeny tiny ears, Puff and Puff Ball acclimated themselves very well to the classroom environment. Their home consisted of a rectangular glass encasement, their bedroom consisted of a mixture of soft cotton and aromatic cedar shavings. Their water supply was provided through an inverted specially designed bottle. Puff need only to approach the tip of the bottle and place his tongue at the tip to activate the waterflow. Meals were served on a daily basis, play-toys were provided and they were loved. Life was good for both Puff and Puff-Ball in the first grade classroom.

Truth be told, there really isn't a whole lot of excitement in the life of a hamster. In the eye of the observer, the two boys seemed to enjoy each other's company; most often seen side by side underneath their comfy haven of warm cotton and cedar. One might catch a glimpse of one skampering about the perimeter, or perhaps taking a whack at the merry-go-round, but other than that, Puff and Puff-Ball lived up to their nocturnal ways. And that they did....

Early one Monday morning I was in my office before the bell when I heard rapid footsteps heading my way. Someone seemed way too excited for a Monday morning. Around the corner peeped the head of Mrs. Knox to happily, and with great surprise, announce the birth of five baby hamsters....to her heretofore thought to be male hamsters. "They look like little jelly beans, so cute!!" She made the resolve that mom and dad would undergo a forced separation and made colleagues aware of adoption opportunities. Mrs. Knox didn't waste much time in setting up a new domicile for dad. His new digs were actually a lot nicer than that of his left behind family; one of those specially designed habitrails with all the fancy bells and whistles. Meanwhile, daily visitors cooed, oohed, and awwwed over the newest additions to the student roster. We all enjoyed observing the development of ears, the opening of eyes, the growth of their baby fine coat, and those adorable little legs!!!

New homes had been secured before long; dad seemed to be acclimating to life as a bachelor, and all seemed well and good.

There must be something about Mondays. There came the sound of those rapid footsteps heading in my direction. This was the first Monday back following the Easter break. Not the day for a crisis, or any other form of excitement. This time there was no peep around the corner....this time Mrs. Knox burst in with the news of the birth of five new baby hamsters! "I can't believe it, they were only together for TWO DAYS!!" Needless to say, with another addition of multiple siblings to the classroom family, the mommy hamster was very busy tending to everyone's needs. Dad, on the other hand seemed content living as the single next door neighbor in his enclosed, quite fancy, bachelor pad.

Realizing the pressing need to find homes for each of the babies so there would be no more fruitful multiplying, calls have gone out to the far and wide looking for suitable homes.

So when you think you've heard it all, let me assure you---you haven't.

Let's talk about lessons in New Life after the Resurrection?!

So, it was no more than a couple of hours later, following the discovery of the newest brood, I heard Mrs. Arndt call Mrs. Knox on the radio. Her message was simple.

"Mrs. Arndt to Mrs. Knox."

"This is Mrs. Knox."

"Mrs. Knox, your eggs are here....."

Oh yes... that's right! Ho--lee cow...eleven baby hamsters, two hamster homes, and twelve soon to be born baby chicks taking up residency in 1B. The multi-colored eggs were carefully placed in an incubator as the children wait with baited breath for the first sign a beak poking through the egg shell home and awkwardly, patiently, but with persistence free itself from the confinement of the egg. Welcome to a to a whole new world on this side of the egg.

You are invited to check in on this publication periodically in the days ahead for updates on all the happenings in 1B. It's a guarantee that I'll keep you in the loop with all the news on my own recently acquired companion. Yes sir! I am so excited and looking forward to sharing office space with my newly adopted furry friend.

I think I'll name him (?) Francis.

will end in a slap across the face. So, why does the name Jezebel carry the connotation of a woman of loose morals? Well, it is because Jezebel, who later became the wife of King Ahab, lured him away from the worship of Yahweh (the true God), and got him into the Ba'al worship. She also persecuted many followers of Yahweh. Ultimately, she was tossed out and window and eaten by dogs. From all of this, it developed a "Jezebel" is a woman who lures a man away from the righteous path.

Simony (Simon). Simon was called as an Apostle, Jesus named him Peter. St. Peter became the first Pope. In the medieval period, Church leaders were charged with buying and selling ecclesiastical (Church related) offices and titles. This practice became known as Simony. And many people assume it has to do with Simon (Peter) because he was the first Pope of the Church, and because the office of Pope was later tainted by allegations of "simony." If that it what you thought, then Simon says you're wrong. Simon does come from a Biblical "Simon" but not Simon-Peter nor the Simon of Ss. Simon and Jude fame. Here's the real story: In The Acts of the Apostle (8:9-25), St. Peter and St. John went to Samaria to pray for believers and converts there to receive the Holy Spirit. A sorcerer named Simon encountered the Apostles and did something tawdry. Simon offered them money to give him the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Peter (formerly named Simon) rebukes this Simon: " May your money perish with you, because you thought that you could buy the gift of God with money." Soon thereafter, in the Latin language of the Roman Empire, Simon's name, as simoniacus, meaning "the actions of Simon" became the name for the practice of buying and selling sacred things.

And one more, but not a person's name but a city's name that is mentioned many times in the Gospels:

Bethlehem (Bedlam). "O little town of Bethlehem, let nothing ye dismay." But a dismaying thing did happen to Bethlehem, and it happened in English. Once upon a time there was a hospital in London, England, called "St. Mary of Bethlehem." This hospital opened in 1247 began as place to help the sick and poor, but by the 15th century it came under direct royal control and was turned into an insane asylum. The noise and poor management of this institution gave rise to its name being shortened, in everyday language, from Bethlehem to bedlam, with bedlam becoming a synonym for a madhouse or any situation where pandemonium prevails.

And so, with all of this, we find the reason why we probably do not know anyone named: Nimrod, Judas, Cain, Beelzebub, or Jezebel. This is what happens when names become bywords: The names die out and the byword is what remains.

Yours in Christ,
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Happy Mother's
Day!!

Her children rise up and
call her blessed

Proverbs 31:28