

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Friday 9:30-12 noon, Closed Wednesdays

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

November 15, 2015 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Weekday Eucharist

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,
Wednesday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor
Rev. John Olson, Associate Pastor
Rev. Anthony Giamello, Associate Pastor

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 James M. Tormey, Sr., our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-697-2049.

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**.

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

In April of 1986, television investigative reporter turned media celebrity, Geraldo Rivera, made headlines as he hosted a very unique television special. It seems that during some construction work in Chicago at the Lexington Hotel, home of gangster Al Capone's operations, secret tunnels and passageways were found. At the end of one of those passageways was a room possessing Al Capone's vault. Rivera jumped on this story, and quickly arranged to open this vault on national television. It was an event; people were talking about this across the country.

The show was heavily hyped as, when this large walk-in vault would be opened, it would perhaps contain vast sums of money or perhaps disposed-of-bodies. To up the ante, Rivera even had a medical examiner on stand-by in case

bodies were found. There were also reps from the Treasury department there to collect any ill-gotten gain found.

Then came the moment of truth. An audience of 30,000,000 tuned in to see what was in the vault. As the vault door was broken-open, the world got a look at its contents: some dirt and a few beer bottles. Effectively speaking, there was nothing in the vault. Nothing, nada, zip, zero. It was an embarrassing moment that derailed Rivera's career (and his *amour propre*) for several years. All that hype and nothing!

I would posit to you that the world uses the same model of hype that was used to promote the opening of Al Capone's vault. It tells that this world – like that vault – holds treasures, and that this world is what we should focus; it tells us that the things of this world are the all'n'all of all there is.

In this regard, I remember a number of years ago, my niece saying, in response to “what would you like for Christmas?” that she wanted a certain kind of purse. So, I checked into it. The purse that she wanted cost \$400. This is not a misprint: \$400. She made it clear that she had to have this or she would “just die” (or similar words to that effect). But you know what? She didn’t get the purse – and amazingly, did not die. Her vital signs are still good. But peer pressure, advertising, and the vanity of glamor told her that she had to have this item that she certainly didn’t need.

And I think we all fall into this trap of believing we must have this or that, or that we have to keep up with the Joneses lest we fall behind on having all of the latest and greatest things. But, in fact – and in truth – we are merely being tempted, lured and misled into believing that we “need” things that we really don’t need. The tempting serpent for us is the same vile serpent that convinced Adam and Eve that paradise wasn’t enough and that he could get them a better deal. Their \$400 purse took the form of an apple, a forbidden fruit –which they thought was worth more than keeping their trust in God.

They were wrong. They fell prey to the Devil’s version of the Home Shopping Network – you know, when you see something on HSN that you absolutely don’t need, won’t use and can’t afford, and yet you just have to have it. Much like HSN, it is best to just turn off the Devil and turn to appreciating what God has given you.

During this month of All Souls, when we pray for the sweet repose of those gone before us, we need to remind ourselves that we are not praying for them to have a new car, a bigger TV, a larger house or scads of money. Because in the end, they don’t – and we won’t – need that. No! Those things, while nice, only have value here on this Third Rock from the Sun. But in the twinkling of an eye, those things can lose their meaning for us. What we pray for is that the poor soul finds rest, joy and repose with God.

The culture we live in today, tells us that this world offers it all – all we will ever want and need. But those who hold that value are placing their trust in the idea that this world is

all there is. But, like the folks that placed all their hopes and dreams on Al Capone’s vault – you are going to be disappointed. Because the Devil’s promises, like Capone’s vault, are empty. Because the things of this world – and yes, some of them are wonderful to have – are passing away ultimately. Even my sacred MacBook Pro (that’s the Apple I was tempted with), which I use frequently, is nice but not necessary – it can’t bring me eternal rest, it can’t bring me salvation.

It is nice to have nice things – and there is not a problem with that. But if you think the nice things are the best things there are, if you think this world’s goodies win the day, then at the end of day you will be disappointed.

For us as Catholics, the true value of Heaven, the true value of being with the Lord, is the greatest thing we can possess. And it doesn’t require a credit card, a purchase order or a lay-away plan. It requires you to use the gift of faith. And while you are certainly fine with using the things of this world, and owning the things of this world (heck, no one’s taking my MacBook Pro without a fight), do not let it distract from the eternal joy that we yearn for in hope. The shiny things of this world should not distract our eyes of faith from what God offers to each of us.

As Thanksgiving approaches, be sure to thank the Lord for what you have, for your blessings, for the things of this world that bring you comfort, for your friends, your family and your faith. Be appreciative, and don’t confuse what you “need” with those things you merely “want.”

And never forget the folly of Al Capone’s vault; all the hype and promise yielded nothing. The same applies to the Serpent’s temptation of Adam and Eve... and the temptations that come before us. Don’t buy the hype, buy the truth: Empty tomb always trumps the empty vault. And thank God for that.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Nov. 15 8:30am: Tommy Smith
11:00am: Alexis DeFrancesco
Misa en Español **7:00pm:** For the People
Wed, Nov. 18 7:00pm: For the People
Sun., Nov. 22 8:30am: Joseph Muckin
11:00am: Johnny McCloskey
Misa en Español **7:00pm:** For the People

Our Mass book for 2016 year is open. Please stop by office or call to have Masses scheduled. There are still a few available for this year, 2015

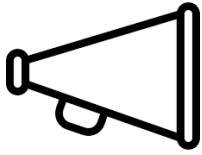
COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$3011.35
Supplementary Offertory: \$374.00

Second Collection Today:
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT



NOTE: New schedules being prepared now for Counters. Please email any upcoming dates you are not available. dreiccmaydel@comcast.net for counting.

Collection Counters

Nov. 15 - Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

Nov. 22 - Paul & Robin Engstenberg

Nov. 29 - Julia Moore & Sarah Bell

Church Cleaning Crew

November 21, 2015 Grupo #1

Ovidio Roblero, **Natalina Capistran**, Fausto Ortiz, Everilda Pérez, Amanda Salas, Ashley Salas

November 28, 2015, 2015 Grupo #2

Rafael Morales, **Marcos González**, Osvaldo Miranda
Eleazar Santizo, Reyna Morales

December 3, 2015 Grupo #3 Rectoría-Oficina

Reynaldo Pérez, Maribel Ortiz, Juventino López, **Ilenia Escalante**, Clemente Escalante

Altar Servers

Nov 22

8:30am Mass – Anna Clancy & Hannah Nagyiski

11:00am Mass – Meg & Vince Haass & Sherlin Santizo

Spanish Misa 7:00pm – Itzel Roblero, Alex & Jeffrey Gabriel

Lectors

Nov 22

8:30am Mass – Barbara Thompson

11:00am Mass – Henry Schaefer

Spanish 7:00pm Misa – Clara Gonzales, Lucila Salinas

Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 22

8:30am Mass

Deacon Tormey, Gerry Godfrey, Julia Moore

11:00am Mass

Deacon Sherman, Laura Schlaupitz, Bob Vanvessan

7:00pm Misa

Simón De Jesús Quevedo, Antonio Pérez, Miguel López

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

formation to the sick will be held Wednesday, December 2 at 7 pm at St. Mark High School. Registration is through the Office of Worship. Contact *Barbara Beatson* (302) 573-3137



NUTS: If you are in need of assistance for the holidays, please see flyer in bulletin. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, as is Christmas.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

SRE: Sun, Nov 15 9:40am in Classrooms

Confirmation Parent meeting Sun, Nov 15 10am in office

JOVENES: Sun, Nov 15, 3:30pm, church basement

Sacramental Prep: Tues. Nov. 17, 6:30-7:30pm, Hall

Estudios Biblicos: Tues, Nov 17, 7pm, Church basement

Country Line Dancing: Thurs., Nov 19, 10am, Hall

Bible Study: Thurs, Nov 19 7pm in Hall

STMA Sophomore Retreat: Fri, Nov. 20, 8am-8pm, Hall

Retiro de Adviento: Sat., Nov. 21, 8am-3pm, hall



Knights of Columbus: Meet every 2nd & 4th Tues., in the hall at 6:30pm. For more information contact Grand Knight, Clyde Hinebaugh 410-482-8699 or clydehinebaugh@gmail.com

Thank You

Thanks for all who joined our St Vincent DePaul fundraiser last Sunday!

12th Annual Avon Fundraiser

Orders are ready for pick up

TODAY after Mass or call Mary Jo

Clancy 410-822-8224, text @302-331-3246, email

dreambuilders.clancy73@gmail.com.



Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Trip down Memory Lane #13 -

With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, remember the first time you spent a holiday with your beloved's family. Our family of origin greatly influences our behavior - for good or for ill.

Honor the good in your beloved's family of origin and let go of harping on the bad.

Parenting Pointer –

"This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors..." (Mark 12:43) Our faith (and common decency) calls us to share our resources with those who have less. BUT, how much is a fair amount to give? A 10% tithe is easier for a person of wealth than a person who is poor. Review with your kids how your family donates money and time. Between now and Thanksgiving, how will you be generous?

Pray for Our National Catholic Youth Conference Participants- 35 youths & 21 adults are traveling this week to Indianapolis by bus and plane to participate in the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). They will be with thousands of other

Catholic youth to learn more about their faith, share in Masses celebrated with dozens of bishops, and hundreds of priests, and have a great time! Please pray for their safe journey to Indianapolis, a faith-filled and fun time while they are there, and a safe return home.

Pray

FROM THE DRE'S DESK
School of Religious Education

SRE Classes TODAY 9:40 am in Classrooms

Sacraments: TODAY Nov 15th 10am Meeting for all Confirmation Parents in the office meeting room. Please be on time. Thank you Alicia

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Jesus will come again.

Question for Children: If Jesus came to visit you today, what would you do? What would say? How would you act?

Question for Youth: If today was your last day, what would you be most thankful for? What would you regret?

Question for Adults: If today was your last, what would you do with it?

Pregunta de la semana

33er domingo del tiempo ordinario

Tema: Jesús volverá.

Pregunta para los niños: Si Jesús te visitara hoy, ¿qué harías? ¿Qué le dirías? ¿Cómo actuarías?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Si hoy fuera tu último día, ¿qué es lo que más agradecerías? ¿Qué lamentarías?

Pregunta para los adultos: Si hoy fuera su último día, ¿para qué lo usaría?

Catholic High School Placement Test:

Saturday, December 5, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. at Padua Academy, Saint Elizabeth High School, Saint Mark's High School, Saint Thomas More Academy, Saints Peter & Paul High School

Sunday, December 6, 2015 – 12:00 noon at Padua Academy, Saint Elizabeth High School, Saint Mark's High School, Saint Thomas More Academy

A Catholic high school education in the Diocese of Wilmington is a gift of faith & academic excellence. In addition to an academic program of highest quality, teaching & learning are infused with the Catholic faith. In the classroom, through extracurricular activities, on the playing field, and through service to others, Catholic high schools develop young men and women who are faith filled, competent, and confident as they prepare for college and careers.

The High School Placement Test is an important step in the process of successful admission and placement in a Catholic diocesan or parish high school. This test is used for admission, scholarship, and placement decisions. It will be offered on two dates and times at the locations noted.

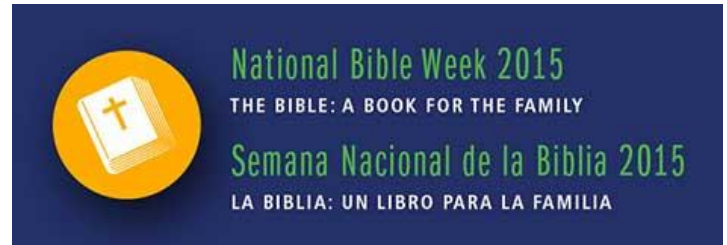
All students must register for the exam.

TRIVIA NIGHT at ST. THOMAS MORE ACADEMY: Saturday, November 21st



6:30-7:30 – socializing
7:30-10:30pm – game time
\$160 per team of 8 - Or \$20 per player
Bring your Trivia Smarts for a night of great fun.

Flyers are in the church, office and available online. Please turn into ICC office, Holy Cross office or STMA office.



From November 15–21, 2015, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites families, parishes, schools, & other Catholic groups to participate in National Bible Week in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum*. This year's theme, "The Bible: A Book for the Family," builds on this year's Synod of Bishops on the Family and Pope Francis's visit to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families. More ideas on how to celebrate are available at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/national-bible-week/index.cfm>

Join the Catholic Advocacy Network

Many issues face us on a national and state wide level. Social concerns such as health care and immigration, life issues such as abortion and euthanasia, assistance for Catholic school families, poverty and so much more.

You can make a big difference in just 5 minutes. That's all it will take to join Catholics in the Diocese of Wilmington as members of the Delaware or Maryland Catholic Advocacy Network. The actions of our government have an enormous impact on the lives of you and your family. Join the Catholic Advocacy Network today.

MD Residents - <http://www.mdccathcon.org/657> or

DE Residents <http://www.cdow.org/join-the-delaware-catholic-advocacy-network/>



COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 15 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2015

Queridos feligreses,

En abril de 1986, el reportero investigador de televisión Gerald Rivera se convirtió en una celebridad, cuando organizó un especial de televisión muy particular. Durante algunos trabajos de construcción en Chicago del Hotel Lexington, se encontraba el hogar de operaciones del gánster Al Capone, túneles y pasadizos secretos. Al final de uno de esos pasadizos estaba una habitación que tenía una bóveda o caja fuerte que era de Al Capone. Rivera brincó sobre esta noticia, y rápidamente hizo arreglos para abrir esta bóveda en vivo en televisión nacional. Fue todo un evento; en todo el país la gente solamente hablaba de esto.

El espectáculo fue muy publicitado y la expectativa de cuando se abriría esta gran bóveda, donde se podía caminar adentro. Se especulaba que tal vez podía contener grandes sumas de dinero o tal vez cadáveres. Para subir la apuesta, Rivera tenía incluso un médico forense en espera en caso de que hubiera cadáveres. También había representantes del departamento del Tesoro allí para recolectar cualquier ganancia del posible lavado de dinero que se hubiera encontrado.

Luego llegó el momento de la verdad. Una audiencia de más de 30 millones sintonizaron para ver lo que había dentro de la caja fuerte o la bóveda. A medida que se iba rompiendo la puerta de la bóveda, para que el mundo tuviera un vistazo de su contenido: Y para la sorpresa de todos, solo contenía un poco de tierra y unas cuantas botellas de cerveza. Efectivamente hablando, no había nada en la bóveda. Nada, nada, Zip, Zero. Fue un momento embarazoso que descarriló la carrera de Rivera (y su amor propio) durante varios años. Todo esta publicidad para nada!

Me gustaría plantearle que el mundo utiliza el mismo modelo de propaganda que se utilizó para promover la apertura de la caja fuerte de Al Capone. Se dice que este mundo - como la bóveda - posee tesoros, y que en este mundo es lo que debemos centrarnos; nos dice que las cosas de este mundo son en el final todo lo que hay.

A este respecto, recuerdo que en años atrás, mi sobrina diciéndome, en respuesta a "¿qué te gustaría para la Navidad?" ella respondió que quería un cierto tipo de cartera o bolso. Por lo tanto, averigüé sobre la cartera o bolso que ella quería y tenía un costo de \$ 400. Esto no es un error de imprenta: \$ 400. Ella dejó claro que tenía que tener este bolso o ella "simplemente se moría" (o palabras similares a tal efecto). ¿Pero sabes qué? Ella no consiguió el bolso - y sorprendentemente, no murió. Sus signos vitales están en buenas condiciones. Pero la presión de los amigos, la publicidad, y la vanidad del glamour le dijo que tenía que tener este bolso que en realidad ella no necesitaba.

Y creo que todos caemos en esta trampa de creer que debemos tener esto o aquello, o que hay que mantenerse al día con los vecinos para que no quedarnos atrás en tener todo los últimos y las mejores cosas. Pero, de hecho - y en verdad - nos limitamos a ser tentados, atraídos y engañados en creer que tenemos que tener cosas "necesidad" que realmente no necesitamos. La serpiente tentadora para nosotros es la misma serpiente vil que convenció a Adán y Eva que el paraíso no era suficiente y que podía conseguir un mejor trato. Su bolso de \$ 400 tomó la forma de una manzana, una fruta prohibida -que pensaba valía más que mantener su confianza en Dios.

Estaban equivocados. Ellos cayeron presos de la versión del Diablo de los comerciales de la televisión y de los canales de compras - ya sabes, cuando ves algo en los comerciales que absolutamente tienes que tener y que no es necesario, y que no lo vas a usar y no puedes pagarlo, y sin embargo, sólo hay que tenerlo. Lo mejor es simplemente apagar la TV, apagar al diablo y empiece a apreciar lo que Dios te ha dado.

Durante este mes de Todos los Difuntos, cuando oramos por el eterno reposo de los que nos precedieron, tenemos que recordar que no estamos orando para que ellos tengan un coche nuevo, un televisor más grande, una casa más grande o que tengan mucho dinero. Porque al final, no lo tendrán - y no van - a necesitarlo. ¡No! Esas cosas, aunque buenas, sólo tienen valor aquí en esta tercera roca desde el Sol. Pero en un abrir y cerrar de ojos, esas cosas pueden perder su significado para nosotros. Lo que pedimos por ellos es que su pobre alma encuentra descanso, la alegría y el reposo con Dios.

La cultura de hoy en el mundo en que vivimos, nos dice que este mundo ofrece todo - todo lo que alguna vez queremos y necesitamos. Pero los que piensan solo en las cosas materiales están poniendo su confianza en la idea de que este mundo es todo lo que hay. Pero, al igual que la gente que pusieron todas sus esperanzas y sueños en la bóveda de Al Capone - vas a estar decepcionado. Debido a que las promesas del Diablo, como la bóveda de Al Capone, están vacías. Las cosas de este mundo - y sí, algunos de ellos son cosas maravillosas para tener - en última instancia son pasajeras. Incluso mi sagrada MacBook Pro (que es mi manzana de la tentación), que utilizo con frecuencia, es bueno, pero no es necesario - no puede traerme el descanso eterno, no puede traer la salvación.

Es bueno tener cosas buenas - y no hay problema con eso. Pero si crees que las cosas buenas son las mejores cosas que hay, si piensas que las cosas de este mundo ganan el día, luego al final del día te sentirás decepcionado.

Para nosotros, como católicos, lo que tiene verdadero valor son las cosas del Cielo, el verdadero valor de estar con el Señor, es lo más grande que podemos anhelar poseer. Y que no requiere de una tarjeta de crédito, una orden de compra o un plan de pago a plazos. Se requiere el uso del don de la fe. Y mientras que estas perfectamente bien usando las cosas de este mundo, y ser dueño de las cosas de este mundo (de hecho, nadie me va quitar de mi MacBook Pro sin una lucha), no dejes que las cosas de este mundo te distraiga de la alegría eterna que anhelamos con esperanza. Las cosas luminosas de este mundo no deben distraer nuestros ojos de la fe de lo que Dios ofrece a cada uno de nosotros.

Como se acerca la fiesta de Acción de Gracias, asegúrese de agradecerle al Señor por todo lo que tienes, por sus bendiciones, por las cosas de este mundo que te traen consuelo, por tus amigos, por tu familia y por tu fe. Sea agradecido, y no confundir lo que "necesitas" con los que simplemente "quieres".

Y no te olvides de la locura de la bóveda de Al Capone; toda esa publicidad y promesa produjeron nada. Lo mismo se aplica a la tentación de la serpiente de Adán y Eva... y las tentaciones que se presentan ante nosotros. No compre toda esa publicidad, compre la verdad: la tumba vacía siempre triunfa sobre la bóveda vacía. Y gracias a Dios por eso.

Suyo en Cristo,
Padre James Lentini
Párroco