

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

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

November 18, 2018 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Weekday Eucharist
Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Holydays of Obligation
As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,
Thursday evening 6:30pm
And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Timothy J. Brady, Parochial Vicar
Father Mano Salla, 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,

Bishop Fulton Sheen used to say there that are two kinds of people in our world: Those who wake up and say, "Good morning, God!" and those who say, "Good God, morning." The distinction between these two folks is that one sees God and wants to give thanks for the new day to one who gave him the new day. The other guy – and isn't this like us some of the time – says "ugh, not another day for me to get through." That second person isn't thankful, he is thank-impaired as the politically-correct language folks might want to phrase it. And yet, regardless of our outlook, here comes Thanksgiving! Here comes that day when as a nation, we need to give thanks to God, with a full heart. But, sometimes when life is tough, thanks don't come easy. **Missal Command.** When I have those moments where thanks are not easy to come by and gratitude comes at a premium, I think about the words of Christ we hear in *The*

Roman Missal (or as some altar servers call it, "the big red book at Mass"). In the Missal, in the celebration of the Eucharist (which itself means 'thanksgiving'), during the Eucharistic Prayer, we hear about Jesus Christ giving thanks at the most difficult moments imaginable.

In the First Eucharistic Prayer (The Roman Canon) we hear these words: "*On the day before he was to suffer he took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples...*"

In the Second Eucharistic Prayer we hear: "*At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples...*"

In the Third Eucharistic Prayer we hear: “*For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and giving you thanks he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples...*”

In the Fourth Eucharist Prayer, written in poetic tones by St. Bede, we hear: “*For when the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, Father most holy, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end... he gave thanks, and gave the chalice to his disciples...*”

Thankful Cheers. Imagine, knowing you are about to be put to death – an ignominious death, at that – and the first thing you think to do is give thanks to God. Nonetheless, that is what we are called to do. We are to give thanks for God’s light in what oft seems a world of darkness. That might be tough to do at time, but that is our faith! As Carla Tortelli on the TV show “Cheers” once said about our Catholic faith, “It’s not a religion for wusses.” It challenges us. We are to be a people of thankfulness, hope, and joy.

Howdy Pilgrim. Think about the Pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving in 1621: There were no Catholics present there. Who was there? Pilgrims were there; they made a tough journey from Europe, to a new, unknown land. Along with the pilgrim were some American Indians, natives to the land. Those two groups, from different worlds, so to speak, gathered for three days and thanked God for an abundant harvest. Mind you this came after a horrendous first year, in which many Pilgrims died. And yet as Christians, they remembered their losses, they bore their crosses, but then paused to give thanks to God for their lives, for their family, for the food before them, and for their fellow men who they found in the Indian tribes of New England. We, too, are challenged to have that same faith: Yes, it is easy to give thanks when things are going our way. But, we need to be able to be thankful, to see God’s blessings, even when things are going sideways.

Of Grace and Wounds. Remember that Gospel story about the ten lepers? They came to Christ who healed them all. Only one came back to say thank you. Why? I recently read a reflection by a priest who answered that question of

why; he wrote this: “They weren’t able to give thanks because they hadn’t learned that grace comes through the wounds. Primarily through the wounds of Christ but even through our own wounds. Gratitude doesn’t arise magically if it isn’t already present when times are tough. That’s why St. Paul urges us to ‘give thanks in all circumstances.’” Well said, and so true.

Words from Lincoln’s Log. In this regard, in October 1863, in the midst of a terrible Civil War (which would claim 620,000 lives), Abraham Lincoln proclaimed that there be a Day of Thanksgiving to God each November. Lincoln issued that proclamation noting the tough circumstance our nation was in, but then went on to enumerate the many good things, the many blessings, that were also seen in the past year amidst the turmoil. Of these good things and their relation to God he wrote that they

“...should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States... to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in the Heavens.”

Bottom line. It is far better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. If we don’t bring light into this world, then we just add to the darkness. So, this Thanksgiving Day, be thankful – because there is much for which to thankful. In a world of darkness, giving thanks, being grateful, brings light – the light of God – to you and those around you. So, be grateful for the blessings you have had in this life; be grateful for the hope of heaven extended to you; and be grateful to God who so loved the world, that he sent his only Son as its Savior. A joyous and Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor



MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, November 18

8:30 Raymond Messner

11:00 Alexis DeFrancesco

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

Sunday, November 25

8:30 Dragotto Family

11:00 Mary Gehring

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

*The Mass book for 2019 is open.
Please call office to Schedule Masses*

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Offertory: \$ 3042.00

Supplementary: \$ 783.00

**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

Collection Counters

Nov 18 Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

Nov 25 Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

Dec 2 Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

****NEW Collection Counter schedule coming out.**
Please let office know of weekends you are not available. Thank you.**

Church Cleaning Crew

Noviembre 23, 2018 Grupo #15

Juan Díaz Reynoso, Marlene García, Leonel Juárez, Bernardo De Paz, Brendy Macario

Noviembre 30, 2018 Grupo #2

Hortencia Bamaca, Luz Morales, Lilian Díaz Bamaca Rosemery Bamaca, Froilán Berduo, Sheila Berduo

Altar Servers

November 25

8:30am Mass – Anna Clancy & Averi Locke

11am Mass – William Meyer & Savannah Strauss

Spanish Misa 1pm – Yareli & Jose Ortiz

Lectors

November 25

8:30am Mass – Marilyn Dixon

11am Mass – Donna King

Spanish Misa 1pm – Antonio Pérez, Geyde Méndez

Eucharistic Ministers

November 25

8:30am Mass – Gerry Godfrey & Brenda Lawson

11am Mass – Frank & Joyce Cristiano

Spanish Misa 1pm – Dolores Cuin, Carlos Miguel, Flora Pérez, Genaro Pérez, Antonio Pérez

LECTOR BOOKS are in the office.
Please pick up your copy today.



Are you being called to the priesthood or religious life?



Find out more about the priesthood at www.diocesanpriest.com

Find out more about the religious life: religiouslife.com. Let us help you to discover God's plan for your life.

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

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Nov 18 9:40am – SRE Classes in Classroom

Mon, Nov 19 7pm-9pm- rehearsal-hall

Tues, Nov 20 7pm-9pm- rehearsal-hall

Wed, Nov 21 7pm-9pm- rehearsal-hall

Thur, Nov 22 6am – NUTS- In Hall

Fri, Nov 23 7pm-9pm – rehearsal-hall

Fri, Nov 23 7pm – Band Practice-cc

Fri, Nov 23 7pm – RCIA-office

Sat, Nov 24 2pm- Quinceañera -Church/hall



Knights of Columbus

Next meeting

Tues, November 27

7pm Meeting

in the Knights Hall

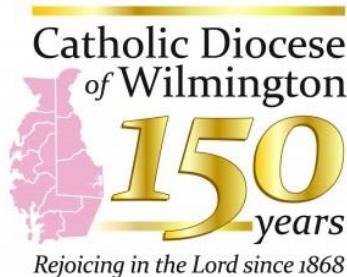
All members are encouraged to attend. Membership

is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand

Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or

kelley29@comcast.net. Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

Two Commemorative Books – Available Now



Two history books, "Rejoicing in the Lord," and "Family of Faith" have been published to help commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington.

For those that have already reserved copies, they are at the office.

Boy Scout Religious Awards

Any scout who is interested in earning their Catholic religious award should contact the Diocese of Wilmington's Catholic Committee on Scouting. Our committee can help get the process started and will supply the award, once earned. Each year the Bishop will present the awards to the scouts of our Diocese at our annual Scout Mass. For further information please contact either Bob Murray, Committee Chair at (302) 993-6290 or Deacon Tommy Watts, Boy Scout Chaplain (302) 218-1415.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

**School of Religious Education
9:40am-10:50am**

**No Classes next weekend, November 25th, for Thanksgiving break. Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.
God Bless.**

We are blessed to have many children in Religious Education and families here to learn and share their faith. We are thankful for all the wonderful adults that have stepped up and offered their time and talents to share their faith with our community. Thank you all.

We welcome parents to help and share their faith by helping during Religious Education. Please see Alicia Poppiti with questions and to register to help out.

Catechist in-service on Wednesday, November 28th, 6pm-7:30pm in the hall.



Sacramental Prep:

First Reconciliation Prep: Next session is on Tuesday, November 27th from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you missed the any session, please see Alicia Poppiti as soon as possible.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Parenting Pointer –

Find ways to celebrate family this Thanksgiving. Play games, take walks, have long talks, tell jokes. If you must shop, ask your child to "adopt" a needy child and share a gift with them.

Marriage Moment –

With Thanksgiving coming up review whose job it is to cook, to decorate, to entertain guests... Remember the Martha and Mary story (Luke 10:41). Want to try anything different this year?



Saint Thomas More Academy Open House

**Today, Sunday, Nov. 18th between
12pm-3pm**

Stop by to meet our faculty, staff and students and to learn more about the great things going on at our school.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The General Directory for Catechesis reminds us that faith is both a gift from God and an ongoing call to a process of continuing conversion. Sacred Scripture holds a pre-eminent position in catechesis that needs to include opportunities for reflection where the disciple can be shaped by the Word of God.

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?

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?

100th Anniversary Celebration:



Tickets are on sale now for the 100th Anniversary Banquet on December 8th at the Marydel Fire Hall. \$25 for adults, \$10 for children. There are a limited number of tickets so please get yours today.

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples who can help a couple re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille can help heal a marriage, as it has for tens of thousands of couples throughout the world. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 8-10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

COLUMNAS DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 18 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2018.

Queridos feligreses,

El obispo Fulton Sheen solía decir que hay dos tipos de personas en nuestro mundo: los que se despiertan y dicen: "¡Buen día, Dios mío!" Y los que dicen: "Dios mío, ya es de día". La distinción entre estas dos personas es que uno ve a Dios y quiere dar gracias por el nuevo día que le ha concedido. El otro tipo, y se parece a la mayoría de nosotros y que a veces, dice, "Otro día más para luchar". Esa segunda persona no es agradecida, tiene la deficiencia del agradecimiento como la gente del lenguaje políticamente correcto podría querer expresarlo. Y sin embargo, independientemente de nuestra perspectiva, ¡aquí viene el Día de Acción de Gracias! Aquí llega el día en que, como nación, debemos dar gracias a Dios con todo el corazón. Pero, a veces, cuando la vida es dura, agradecer no es tan fácil.

Comando de Misales. Cuando tengo esos momentos en los que dar las gracias no es fácil de hacer y la gratitud se hace a muy precio alto, pienso en las palabras de Cristo que escuchamos en El Misal Romano (o como lo llaman algunos servidores del altar, "el libro grande rojo en la misa"). En el Misal, en la celebración de la Eucaristía (que en sí misma significa "acción de gracias"), durante la Oración Eucarística, escuchamos que Jesucristo dio las gracias en los momentos más difíciles que se puedan imaginar.

• En la Primera Oración Eucarística (El canon romano) escuchamos estas palabras: "*El cual, la víspera de su Pasión, tomó pan en sus santas y venerables manos, y, elevando los ojos, hacia ti, Dios, Padre suyo todopoderoso, dando gracias te bendijo, lo partió, y lo dio a sus discípulos...*

• En la Segunda Oración Eucarística escuchamos: "*El cual, cuando iba a ser entregado a su Pasión, voluntariamente aceptada, tomó pan, dándote gracias lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos... ,*"
• En la Tercera oración eucarística escuchamos: "*Porque él mismo, la noche en que iba a ser entregado, tomó pan, y dando gracias te bendijo, lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos....*"

• En la Cuarta Oración Eucarística, escrita en tonos poéticos por San Bede, oímos: "*Porque él mismo, llegada la hora en que había de ser glorificado por ti, Padre santo, habiendo amado a los tuyos que estaban en el mundo, los amó hasta el extremo... tomó el cáliz te dio gracias, y lo pasó a sus discípulos...*"

Agradecimientos Sinceros. Imagínate, sabiendo que estás a punto de ser condenado a muerte (una muerte ignominiosa) y lo primero que piensas hacer es dar gracias a Dios. Sin embargo, eso es lo que estamos llamados a hacer. Debemos dar gracias por la luz de Dios en lo que a

menudo parece un mundo de oscuridad. Eso muchas veces puede ser difícil de hacer, ¡pero esa es nuestra fe! Como dijo una vez Carla Tortelli en el programa de televisión "Cheers" sobre nuestra fe católica, "No es una religión para las quejas". Nos desafía. Debemos ser un pueblo de agradecimiento, esperanza y alegría.

Hola Peregrinos. Piense en los peregrinos en el primer Día de Acción de Gracias en 1621: no había católicos presentes allí. ¿Quién estuvo ahí? Los peregrinos estaban allí; Hicieron un duro viaje desde Europa a una tierra nueva y desconocida. Junto con los peregrinos estaban algunos indios americanos, nativos de la tierra. Esos dos grupos, de mundos diferentes, por así decirlo, se reunieron durante tres días y agradecieron a Dios por la abundante cosecha. Tenga en cuenta que esto sucedió después de un horrible primer año, en el que murieron muchos peregrinos. Y, sin embargo, como cristianos recordaron sus pérdidas, cargaron sus cruces, pero luego se detuvieron para dar gracias a Dios por sus vidas, por sus familias, por la comida que tenían ante ellos y por sus semejantes que encontraron en las tribus indígenas de Nueva Inglaterra. Nosotros también tenemos el reto de tener esa misma fe: Sí, es fácil dar gracias cuando las cosas van en nuestro favor. Pero debemos ser capaces de estar agradecidos, de ver las bendiciones de Dios, incluso cuando las cosas van a la vereda.

De Gracia y Heridas. ¿Recuerdas esa historia del evangelio sobre los diez leprosos? Ellos vinieron a Cristo quien los sanó a todos. Sólo uno volvió a decir gracias. ¿Por qué? Recientemente leí una reflexión de un sacerdote que respondió a esa pregunta de por qué; él escribió esto: "*No pudieron dar gracias porque no habían aprendido que la gracia llega a través de las heridas.*" Principalmente a través de las heridas de Cristo, pero incluso a través de nuestras propias heridas. La gratitud no surge mágicamente si no está ya presente cuando los tiempos son difíciles. Es por eso que San Pablo nos urge a "dar gracias en todas las circunstancias". Bien dicho, y muy cierto.

Palabras del Diario de Lincoln. En este sentido, en octubre de 1863, en medio de una terrible Guerra Civil (que se cobraría 620,000 vidas), Abraham Lincoln proclamó que habrá un Día de Acción de Gracias a Dios cada noviembre. Lincoln emitió esa proclamación señalando las difíciles circunstancias en que se encontraba nuestra nación, pero luego pasó a enumerar las muchas cosas buenas, las muchas bendiciones, que también se vieron en el último año en medio del tumulto. De estas cosas buenas y de su relación con Dios, escribió que

"... debe ser reconocido solemnemente, con reverencia y gratitud como con un solo corazón y una sola voz por todo el pueblo estadounidense. Por lo tanto, invito a mis conciudadanos en todas partes de los Estados Unidos ... a apartar y observar el último jueves de noviembre próximo, como un día de Acción de Gracias y Alabanza a nuestro Padre benevolente que mora en los Cielos".

El Punto Es. Es mucho mejor encender una vela que maldecir la oscuridad. Si no traemos la luz a este mundo, simplemente sumamos a la oscuridad. Entonces, este Día de Acción de Gracias, agradece, porque hay mucho por lo cual hay que agradecer. En un mundo de oscuridad, dar gracias, ser agradecido, trae luz, la luz de Dios, a ti y a quienes te rodean. Entonces, sé agradecido por las bendiciones que has tenido en esta vida; Sé agradecido por la esperanza del cielo que se te ha extendido; y agradecer a Dios que tanto amó al mundo, que envió a su único Hijo como su Salvador.

¡Un gozoso y feliz Día de Acción de Gracias a todos!

Tuyo en Cristo,
Padre James Lentini
Párroco