

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., 9:30-12noon Fridays, Closed Wednesdays  
*Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.*

**November 20, 2016 – Solemnity of Christ the King**

## Eucharist of the Lord's Day

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

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

**Holydays of Obligation**  
As announced in the bulletin

### Reconciliation

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

### Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. Michael Angeloni, Associate Pastor

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**.

## Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Thanksgiving is on its way! Now, I have to tell you, as American holidays go, I really do like Thanksgiving – I like the food aspect, I like the family aspect and I like the food aspect (the food aspect gets mentioned twice, because I really like it). Coming from an Italian family, I can remember many Thanksgivings in my grandmother's apartment, with a feast of food. The centerpiece of the meal quite frequently was not a turkey, but rather a lasagna – a lasagna so big it was probably visible from space. We, of course, also did have turkey – it was likewise big, like something from the poultry section of Jurassic Park. As I have gotten older, what I really have come to appreciate is the very American nature and the very religious nature of this holiday.

It is the aforementioned religious overlay of Thanksgiving that I want to write about here (although this doesn't diminish my grand appreciation of the food of that day). There has been an attempt to mitigate, over the year, that pivotal religious element of the pilgrims and that first

Thanksgiving. In recent years, I have heard some of the silliest attempted workarounds to try to explain Thanksgiving without reference to God. For instance, I have heard that on Thanksgiving: we give thanks to one another, that we give thanks to our country and that we give thanks to our forefathers. But that is not quite true: We give thanks to God for our country, for our families, and for the blessings our forefathers, by the grace of God, left to us. The direction of our thanks is vertical – our thanks are given to God. This was the mindset of those at that first Thanksgiving; it was a time for a thanksgiving to be made to God for all he had done for them and for mankind.

Let's get an even greater perspective of that first Thanksgiving: Let's step into the Wayback Machine and set the dial for the year 1620. The pilgrims, or more properly the Puritans, came to this country following crackdowns by Queen Elizabeth I and James I on internal opposition to the Anglican religion. These Puritans opposed Anglicanism as being too Catholic, and they

sought a more "pure" faith (hence "puritans"). They initially fled to Holland for greater freedom, but ultimately wanted economic success for themselves and their families and the chance to spread the Gospel. So, off to the New World they went.

Their faith was strong, and Christian-based, but very different from Catholicism (which they definitely did not like.) While they practiced infant baptism, as Catholics did, much of the rest of their faith was influenced by puritanical overtones from Calvinism. They believed in predestination (you were destined for Heaven or not, before you were even born) and that those predestined would live proper Godly lives. They rejected man-made prayer and used only biblical prayer and verse. The only holy day they observed was Sunday (no Christmas, no Easter – if they were around today they'd probably reject Thanksgiving; file that under "I" for "irony").

Armed with their faith, and little else, their first year in America was tough. But, even without Facebook, they managed to make social connections, namely to some members of Indian tribes who helped them to fish and get food. With many members of the Indian tribal community present, in 1621 (late fall), the Puritans hosted a feast -- a huge meal and celebration. It was a Thanksgiving meal, because the Puritans thanked God for their successful survival. A man named Edward Winslow, a Puritan present at that first Thanksgiving wrote this about the celebration: "And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

And so, remembering that event, let us fast-forward ourselves to this year, to this Thanksgiving. We, as Catholics, certainly have a much different understanding of faith than did our Puritan founders. We, in fact, repudiate much of what they held dear in faith: predestination, shunning of most of the sacraments, rejection of "man-made" prayer, rejection of holy days, etc. But yet, the Church itself and certainly every Catholic American and Parish that I know, holds as valuable the idea of a national day of Thanksgiving. As a matter of fact, Thanksgiving is the one of the rare American holidays that the Roman Missal (the book from which the Priest celebrates Mass), has a special and specific Mass setting.

## **MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sun., Nov. 20** 8:30am: Tom & Doris Costello  
11:00am: Carmine Angotti

Misa en Español 7:00pm: Prakashamma Kukatla

**Thu., Nov. 24 NO MASS- Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Sun., Nov. 27** 8:30am: Messner Family  
11:00am: Mary Gehringer

**Misa en Español 7:00pm:** For the People

**The Mass book for the 2017 year  
is now open.**

Why is that? Because by way of natural law and living out one's foundational call to holiness, we have the ardent desire and need to thank God; this is hardwired into us. It is part of the stuff of who we are as God's creation, as God's people. This is so much the case, that in the realm of Catholicism, we hold that every Mass that is celebrated is a celebration of the Eucharist, a word that itself means "thanksgiving." So, our Thanksgiving is constant, daily, and worldwide. And that celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) is a foreshadowing of the Heavenly Banquet in which the saints and angels give praise and thanks to God unceasingly.

In our lives, St. Paul commends us to give thanks frequently for what God has given us: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18). And so, while our nation celebrates Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday, it is our call in our Catholic faith to thank God always – daily, and then some – for the blessings He has bestowed on us, for the salvation he wrought for us and for the love he shows us. I'll add this: as wonderful and important as the Thanksgiving celebration is for our nation, the Thanksgiving we give to God at Mass is even more important, as during Mass, Jesus Christ makes him really and substantially present, that we might have God in our midst and amidst our thanks.

Author G.K. Chesterton famously said: "When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude." In our faith, the expression of gratitude to the God who gave us life, and gave us one another, is central. And those thanks we give must be reflected in the life live. As President John F. Kennedy once wrote: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." And so on this Thanksgiving, and in the days before it, and in the days yet to come, let us give to thanks to God, and let us live our lives as a grateful people, thankful for God blessings to us and to our great nation. May God continue to bless and America!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini

Pastor

## **COLLECTION TOTALS:**

**Regular Offertory:** \$ 3507.00  
**Feast Day Celebration:** \$ 221.25

## **Second Collection Today: Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

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



## STEWARSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Collection Counters

**Nov 20** Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

**Nov 27** Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

**Dec 4** Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

### Church Cleaning Crew

**November 26, 2016 Grupo #1**

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

**Diciembre 3, 2016 Grupo #2 Rectoría-Oficina**

**Alfonso Perez**, Oscas Roblero, Orelia Berdugo, Carmen Gabriel, Susana Ortiz Morales

**Diciembre 3, 2016 Grupo #2**

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

### Altar Servers

**Nov 27**

8:30am Mass – Evan Nagyiski & Mike Dixon

11:00am Mass – Carmine Poppiti & Joanne Santizo

**Spanish Misa 7pm** – Yareli Ortiz & Pavel Rivera

*If you are interested in being an altar server, please let us know.  
You may talk to the Deacons or another Altar server for  
instructions for training.*

### Lectors

**Nov 27**

8:30am Mass – Theresa Thompson

11:00am Mass – Donna King

**7pm Misa** - Marcos Díaz, Froilán Berduo

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Nov 27**

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Karen Durham, Julia Moore

**11:00am Mass** – Deacon Mitchell, Paul Lardizzone, Bob Vanvessan

**7pm Misa** - Ovidio Roblero, Natalina Capistran, Dolores Cuin, Verónica Bravo, Carlos Gabriel

## **Wishes for a very Blessed & Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family**

### **Thanksgiving Day Prayer**

Lord, we thank you  
for the goodness of our people  
and for the spirit of justice  
that fills this nation.  
We thank you for the beauty and fullness of  
the land and the challenge of the cities.  
We thank you for our work and our rest,  
for one another, and for our homes.  
We thank you, Lord:  
accept our thanksgiving on this day.



We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Sun, Nov 20** 9:40am SRE Classes in Classrooms

**Sun, Nov 20** 1-3:30pm RICA

**Mon, Nov 21 & Wed Nov 23** 7pm ESL

**Tue, Nov 22** 7pm RCIA

**Thu, Nov 24** 6am NUTS Thanksgiving Prep – Hall

**Fri, Nov 25** Office Closed

**Fri, Nov 25** Vigilia

Sat, Nov 26 9am-9pm Ministerios - Salón

**Sun, Nov 27** NO SRE



### **Feast Day Celebration Dinner Dance:**

**Sat, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm** in the hall.

More details to come. Please come and join us for a wonderful evening of fun for all.



### **Knights of Columbus:**

Meet every 2nd & 4th Tues. at 6:30pm.  
For more info, contact Grand Knight,  
Harry Brown 302-233-8336 or  
[daddyofone12307@gmail.com](mailto:daddyofone12307@gmail.com)

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## **Marriage & Family Life Corner**

### **Marriage Moment –**

**Trip down Memory Lane:** In every human life eventually tragedy strikes. It may not be life threatening or frequent, but it causes us to pause and reflect. What has been a significant misfortune of your life together so far? How do you support each other.

### **Parenting Pointer –**

**November 20 is the feast of Christ the King, but Jesus rejected kingship and modeled "servant leadership."** Kings have armies and thus power to enforce what they want. Servants excel in listening and seek to serve others' needs. Good leaders inspire. Talk with your children about the difference between a King, a Servant, and a Leader.

## **FROM THE DRE'S DESK**

### **School of Religious Education**

Religious Education Classes for 2016-2017

9:40am-10:50am on Sundays

**NO SRE-** next weekend, Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Enjoy and be safe.

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:**

**First Reconciliation Preparation – Session #5, Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm in the hall.**

### **ADULT FORMATION:**

- **Psalms II: “Praying with Jesus”** Will start up after the first of the year. If you are interested, please contact the office.
- **ROSARY:** if you have an interest in joining in a Rosary group, please contact the office, be sure to leave your name and number and day best suited for you.



**St. Thomas More Academy**

**133 Thomas More Drive, Magnolia, DE 19962**

St. Thomas More Academy is a Catholic College Preparatory School located in Kent County. St. Thomas More is Faith Focused, Teacher Connected,

Arts Inspired, College Centered and Honor Guided.

### **STMA will be hosting the High School Placement Test**

- Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am or Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 12pm
- Must pre-register at: <http://wilmington.stsusers.com>
- Results will be used to:
  - Make Admissions Decisions
  - Award Merit Scholarships
  - Freshman Course Placement

If you are interested in spending a day at STMA or learning more about STMA, please call our Admissions office at 302-697-8100 ext 2 or email us at: [moreadmissions@saintmore.org](mailto:moreadmissions@saintmore.org)

## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

### **Solemnity of Christ the King**

**Theme:** In Christ, everything continues in being.

**Question for Children:** Jesus is always kind to those who love him. How do you show your love for Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** This week we celebrate Christ the King. In the best sense of the word, a King is someone who cares for the people under his care, and also has authority over them. When have you felt Jesus' care for you? How do you allow Jesus to have authority over you?

**Question for Adults:** As you think about Jesus on the cross, having compassion on the “good thief,” what lesson do you draw from it for your own life?

### **Cristo el Rey**

**Tema:** En Cristo, la vida continúa.

**Pregunta para los niños:** Jesús siempre es bueno con los que lo aman. ¿Cómo muestran su amor por Jesús?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Al final, como lo muestra el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nunca dejó de perdonar. En tu vida de joven, ¿qué papel juega el perdón? ¿Cómo has aprendido a perdonar?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** A medida que piensan en Jesús en la cruz, en la compasión que tuvo por el “buen malhechor”, ¿qué lección sacan de esto para sus propias vidas?

**Catholic Forum** is a half-hour program heard each Sunday morning at 10:05 on 101.7 FM and 1150 AM WDEL in Wilmington, Delaware and on [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). It has been on WDEL since 1939, making Catholic Forum the longest-running non-liturgical Catholic radio program in the United States – maybe even the world. Catholic Forum is also heard every Sunday morning at 9:05 on 100.9 FM WAAI in Hurlock/Cambridge, Maryland. Catholic Forum features a brief reflection on and introduction of the Sunday Gospel, a proclamation of the Gospel by one of our Diocesan Deacons, a selection or two of inspirational music and an interview segment.



### **Are you being called to the priesthood or religious life?**

- Find out more about the priesthood: [diocesanpriest.com](http://diocesanpriest.com)

- Find out more about the religious life: [religiouslife.com](http://religiouslife.com)
- Let us help you to discover God's plan for your life.
  - E-mail: [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org) or Call us: (302) 573-3113 today!

COLUMNÁ DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES  
LENTINI 20 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2016

Estimados feligreses,

La fiesta de Acción de Gracias está en encima! Ahora, tengo que decirles, como van las fiestas americanas estadounidenses, realmente me gusta el Día de Acción de Gracias - me gusta el aspecto de la comida, me gusta el aspecto familiar y me gusta el aspecto de la comida (el aspecto de la comida se menciona dos veces, porque me gusta) . Viniendo de una familia italiana, puedo recordar muchas Acciones de Gracias en el apartamento de mi abuela, con un banquete de comida. El plato central de la comida con frecuencia no era un pavo, sino más bien una lasaña - una lasaña tan grande que probablemente visible desde el espacio. Nosotros, por supuesto, también tuvimos pavo - era igualmente de grande, como algo de la sección de aves de corral del Parque Jurásico( Jurassic Park). A medida que he crecido, lo que realmente he llegado a apreciar es la naturaleza muy americana y la naturaleza muy religiosa de esta fiesta.

Es la supuesta superposición religiosa de Acción de Gracias que quiero escribir aquí (aunque esto no disminuye mi gran aprecio de la comida de este día). Ha habido un intento de mitigar, durante el año, ese elemento religioso fundamental de los peregrinos y ese primer Día de Acción de Gracias. En años recientes, he escuchado algunas de las explicaciones más absurdas intentando explicar el Día de Acción de Gracias sin referencia a Dios. Por ejemplo, he oído que el Día de Acción de Gracias: es para dar gracias el uno al otro, damos gracias a nuestro país y damos gracias a nuestros antepasados. Pero eso no es cierto: damos gracias a Dios por nuestro país, por nuestras familias y por las bendiciones que nos han dejado nuestros antepasados, por la gracia de Dios. La dirección de nuestro agradecimiento es vertical - nuestras gracias son dadas a Dios. Esta era la

mentalidad de aquellos en aquel primer Día de Acción de Gracias; Era un tiempo para que se hiciera una acción de gracias a Dios por todo lo que Él había hecho por ellos y por la humanidad

Vamos a obtener una perspectiva aún mayor de aquel primer Día de Acción de Gracias: Vamos a entrar en el Baúl de los Recuerdos y poner el dial en el año 1620. Los peregrinos, o más correctamente los puritanos, vinieron a este país después de las represalias por la reina Isabel I y James I en internas Oposición a la religión Anglicana. Estos puritanos se opusieron al anglicanismo por ser demasiado Católico, y buscaron una fe más "pura" (de ahí los "puritanos"). Inicialmente huyeron a Holanda para una mayor libertad, pero en última instancia, querían tener una estabilidad económica para sí mismos y sus familias y la oportunidad de difundir el Evangelio. Así que, se fueron al Mundo Nuevo.

Su fe era fuerte, y basada en el cristianismo, pero muy diferente del catolicismo (que definitivamente no les gustaba). Mientras practicaban el bautismo infantil, como lo hacían los Católicos, gran parte del resto de su fe estaba influenciada por los matices puritanos del calvinismo. Ellos creían en la predestinación (antes de que nacieran estaban destinados al Cielo o no,) y que los predestinados vivirían vidas piadosas. Rechazaron las oraciones hechas por el hombre y usaron sólo oraciones y versos bíblicos. El único día sagrado de precepto que observaron era el domingo (no hay Navidad, ni Pascua - si hoy existían, probablemente rechazarían el Día de Acción de Gracias, archive esto bajo "I" por "ironía").

Armados con su fe, y poco menos, su primer año en América fue duro. Pero, incluso sin Facebook, lograron hacer conexiones sociales, es decir, con algunos miembros de las tribus indígenas que les ayudaron a pescar y obtener comida. Con muchos miembros de la comunidad de las tribus indígenas presente, en 1621 (finales de otoño), Los Puritanos organizaron una

fiesta - una enorme comida y una gran celebración. Fue una comida de Acción de Gracias, porque los puritanos agradecieron a Dios por su exitosa supervivencia. Un hombre llamado Edward Winslow, un Puritano presente en la primera celebración del Día de Acción de Gracias, escribió esto sobre la celebración: "Y aunque con nosotros no siempre fue tan abundante como en este momento, sin embargo, por la bondad de Dios, estamos tan lejos de necesitar que a menudo deseamos que comparten de nuestra abundancia. "

Y así, recordando ese evento, vamos a avanzar rápidamente a este año, a este Día de Acción de Gracias. Nosotros, como católicos, ciertamente tenemos un conocimiento mucho más diferente de la fe que nuestros fundadores puritanos. De hecho, repudiamos gran parte de lo que ellos creían importante en la fe: la predestinación, el rechazo de la mayoría de los sacramentos, el rechazo de la oración "hecha por el hombre", el rechazo de los días santos de precepto, etc. Pero, sin embargo, todo americano y parroquiano que conozco, tiene como valiosa la idea del día nacional de Acción de Gracias. De hecho, el Día de Acción de Gracias es una de las raras fiestas americanas que se encuentra en el Misal Romano (el libro del cual el Sacerdote celebra la Misa), tiene oraciones especiales y específicas para la Misa.

¿Por qué es eso? Porque por medio de la ley natural y viviendo nuestro llamado fundamental para la santidad, tenemos el ardiente deseo y la necesidad de dar gracias a Dios; Esto está cableado en nosotros. Es parte de quienes somos como creación de Dios, como pueblo de Dios. Esto es tanto el caso, que en el reino del catolicismo, sostendemos que cada Misa que se celebra es una celebración de la Eucaristía, una palabra que significa "acción de gracias". Así que nuestro Día de Acción de Gracias es constante, diario y mundial. Y esa celebración de la Eucaristía (Misa) es un presagio del Banquete

Celestial en el que los santos y ángeles alaban y agradecen a Dios sin cesar.

En nuestras vidas, San Pablo nos encomienda dar gracias a Dios con frecuencia por todo lo que Dios nos ha dado: "Den gracias por todo; Porque esta es la voluntad de Dios en Cristo Jesús para ustedes "(1 Tesalonicenses 5:18). Y así, mientras nuestra nación celebra el Día de Acción de Gracias el cuarto jueves, es nuestro llamado en nuestra fe católica a agradecer a Dios siempre - diariamente, y luego a veces - por la bendiciones que Él nos ha dado, por la salvación que Él ha hecho por nosotros y por El amor que nos muestra. Añado esto: tan maravilloso e importante como es para nuestra nación la celebración de Acción de Gracias, la Acción de Gracias que damos a Dios en la Misa es aún más importante, porque durante la Misa, Jesucristo se hace realmente y sustancialmente presente, para que tengamos a Dios en medio de nosotros y en nuestro agradecimiento.

Autor G.K. Chesterton dijo: "Cuando se trata de la vida, lo crítico es si tomamos las cosas por hecho o las tomamos con gratitud." En nuestra fe, la expresión de gratitud al Dios que nos dio la vida y nos dio el uno al otro, es central. Y esas gracias que damos deben reflejarse en la vida que vivimos. Como dijo el presidente John F. Kennedy una vez: "Mientras expresamos nuestra gratitud, nunca debemos de olvidar que la más alta apreciación no es pronunciar palabras, sino vivir por ellas". Y así en este Día de Acción de Gracias y en los días anteriores, Y en los días por venideros, demos gracias a Dios, y vivamos nuestras vidas como un pueblo agradecido, agradecido por las bendiciones de Dios a nosotros ya nuestra gran nación. Que Dios siga bendiciendo a América!

Suyo en Cristo,  
Fr. James Lentini  
Párroco