

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

November 29, 2015 – First Sunday of Advent

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 "Please Mr. Postman," a 1960s hit by The Marvelettes (and later by The Carpenters), we hear "I've been standin' here waitin' Mister Postman / So patiently / For just a card, or just a letter / Sayin' he's returnin' home to me." And now quicker than you can say doo-wop doo-wop, the season of waiting for Christ's birth and his return in the second coming is upon us. Yes, the Season of Advent has arrived, and for the Church this is a very special season that prepares us spiritually, eschatologically and logistically for Christ. It is a time we are called to wait, like the singer of "Please Mr. Postman," so patiently. Spiritually, it focuses us on God coming into world in the flesh (incarnate) at Christmas in the person of Jesus Christ. Eschatologically (meaning looking towards the end-times), it prepares us for the Second Coming of Christ, when he will come not as Savior of mankind, but as its judge. Logistically, it revs up the engine of the new Church year during which we worship and celebrate our

Savior, Jesus Christ – the first Sunday of Advent is our New Year's Day.

Come again?

But what is Advent specifically? Let's start with some basic background: The word Advent is from the *Latin adventus* for "coming" and is the name of the four week period of preparation leading up to the birth of the Lord on Christmas. Advent always begins on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30) and it continues through four consecutive Sundays until the start of the first Mass of Christmas celebrated in the evening on December 24th. And as this season starts, our time of waiting unfolds.

The Waiting

In 1979, singer Tom Petty crooned that "The waiting is the hardest part / every day you see one more card / you take it on faith, you take it to the heart / but the waiting is the hardest part." Not to be Petty, but for us, in our

world today, waiting does seem to be the hardest part – we don't like to wait for things. We use ATMs rather than waiting at a teller's window, we use high-speed internet, we use FedEx, we use everything and anything that makes life move faster, etc. And yet, the Church tells us that waiting is good and valuable. And so we have Advent: a time of spiritual preparation which is needed to ready ourselves for the Birth of our Lord. The Catechism (CCC 524) teaches us: *"When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: 'He must increase, but I must decrease.'"*

You Better Watch Out!

The Season of Advent, which is marked distinct by the use of the color purple, by tradition, is both penitential and preparatory. It blends together a penitential spirit, very similar to Lent, and a joyful spirit of preparation for the birth of Christ on December 25th. The penitential aspect, which is primarily noted during the first two weeks of Advent, calls us to reflect on our relationship with God as we look toward judgment at the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. This part of the season might invoke in us a little taste of "you better watch out, you better not cry, you better be good, I'm telling you why" – and the one coming back to town isn't Santa, it is the Lord, as our judge. This type of reflection must be part of way getting ready for Christ. Advent gives you time for doing that!

Of Preparation and Chiapets

Like the Boy Scouts who are always called to be prepared, as Catholics, in Advent, we are likewise called to be spiritually ready for Jesus Christ. That preparatory aspect kicks in very directly in the last two weeks of the season; the readings and prayers at Mass and in the Church's Liturgy of the Hours focus our eyes on the impending birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is during this time we are called to identify how we can get our hearts and homes ready to welcome our Savior – Jesus Christ –

as God becomes man on that Christmas night. Thus, if your idea of getting ready for Christmas is nothing more than dusting off an old plastic Christmas tree and buying Aunt Estelle a Chiapet for a gift, then you may want to pause to reflect on the meaning of Christ's coming into this world to bring salvation to us. And FYI – the Chiapet will not likely give Aunt Estelle much Christmas joy.

We Need a Little Advent!

A few weeks ago, I noticed that "all-Christmas radio stations" started popping up. It was still October for goodness sakes. Yes, October! Charlie Brown's Great Pumpkin hadn't even made an appearance and these radio stations were already celebrating Christmas. During this time of year, I am sure you hear the tune "We need a little Christmas / right this very minute." But looking at this rush into Christmas, I would say that it might be more appropriate to sing "we need a little Advent / right this very minute." We need to be able to pause and to reflect. We do, we really do. It is spiritually healthy to do so; it keeps things in proper perspective. And when done right, and used well, Advent will serve to make your Christmas, and your family's Christmas, all the more fulfilling.

And so, I commend you, this Advent Season, do what Catholics have done for centuries and centuries: *Prepare ye the way of the Lord*. Examine your conscience, and your faith life, and prepare yourself to be ready for the coming of the Lord. Use the Season of Advent well; don't celebrate Christmas before Christmas – but rather prayerfully anticipate the Birth of Christ! And consider this: The wonderful aspect of Advent's time preparations is that as Catholics our celebration of Christmas begins December 25th and then continues for three more weeks. For the secular world, Christmas ends on December 25th. The Season of Advent allows us to prepare for Christ thoughtfully, prayerfully, and reflectively. What a wonderful gift of the Holy Church Advent is to us all!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Nov. 29 8:30am: Deceased Members of Messner Family
11:00am: Carmine Angotti
 Misa en Español **7:00pm:** For the People
Wed, Dec. 2 7:00pm: Anna Weber
Sun., Dec. 6 8:30am: Louis & Anna Adams
11:00am: Alan Meek
 Misa en Español **7:00pm:** Lambert Weber

Weekday evening Mass in Spanish will begin on Thursday, December 10th. Wednesday night Mass will no longer take place beginning on the 9th of December.

Our Mass book for 2016 year is open. Please stop by office or call to have Masses scheduled.

ADVENT MAGNIFICAT COMPANION: please take one per family for Advent, for prayer and daily reflection.

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory \$2846.00
Feast Day Celebration \$425.35

Second Collection Today:

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

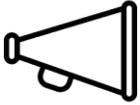
To all who donated, bid, or purchased soup, or a raffle ticket for the St. Vincent de Paul Fundraiser.

Thank You

We made a total of \$2800 that will help those in need.

Avon numbers should be in next week. If you have not picked up your order from Mary Jo, please do so. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT



Lectors please pick up your new Lector book this weekend in the office. Your name is on your book. If there is not one with your name, let Alicia know.

New Ministries Schedules have been mailed. **The Schedules that went out have a few changes due to rescheduling. If you need a revised copy, please pick it up at office. Thank you!** We still need coverage for the holidays, please call the office and let us know if you can serve at a holiday Masses. Thank you.

Collection Counters

Nov. 29 - Julia Moore & counter needed
Dec. 6 – Paul & Robin Engstenberg
Dec. 13- Vickie Strauss & Karen Cabaud

Church Cleaning Crew

December 3, 2015 Grupo #3 Rectoría-Oficina
Reynaldo Pérez, Maribel Ortiz, Juventino López, Isenia Escalante, Clemente Escalante
December 5, 2015 Grupo #4
Hortencia Bamaca, Mainor Bamaca, Lucia Morales, Rosemery Bamaca, Froilán Berduo
December 12, 2015 Grupo #5
Alberto Morales, Maurilio Gabriel, Carlos Gabriel, Carlos Miguel, Érica Miguel, Aurora Rivera
December 19, 2015 Grupo #6
Anselmo Escalante, **Adelaida Velásquez**, Judith Ortiz, Cesario Escalante, Ada Escalante, Haylin Bartolón

Altar Servers

Dec. 6
8:30am Mass – Hannah Nagyiski & Anna Clancy
11:00am Mass – Vincent & Meg Haass, Sherlin Santizo
Spanish Misa 7:00pm –
Emily & Yorly Escalante & Jennifer Morales

Lectors

Dec. 6
8:30am Mass – Theresa Woodeshick
11:00am Mass – Alicia Poppiti
Spanish 7:00pm Misa – Javier Carreto, Román Cuin

Eucharistic Ministers

Dec. 6
8:30am Mass
Deacon Tormey, Diane Smith, Alan Smith
11:00am Mass
Deacon Sherman, Bob VanVessen, Paul Lardizzone
7:00pm Misa
Verónica Bravo, Carlos Gabriel, Adrián Miranda

SCHEDULED EVENTS

NO SRE: Sun, Nov 29
Jovenes: Sun, Nov 29, 3:30pm, church basement
RICA: Sun. Nov. 29, 1pm, Computer center
Sacramental Prep: Tues, Dec. 1, 6:30pm, Hall basement
Juan XXIII: Tues. Dec. 1, 7pm, Computer Center
Estudios Biblicos: Tues. Dec. 1, 7pm, Basement
Feast Day Dinner Dance: Sat. Dec. 5, 6pm, Hall
Advent Parish Penance service: Thur, Dec 17th at 7pm.



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

Feast Day Celebration Dinner Dance: Sat, Dec 5th 6pm in the hall. Bring your dancing shoes & a covered dish to share. DJ Carmine Poppiti of Pop Muzik will be on hand, along with a performance by our own Guatemalan Community dancers. Please come and join us for a wonderful evening of fun for all.



Upcoming Events – Save The Date

Christmas Presentation -Adult Education: Fr. Lentini will be presenting an evening of “The Christmas Story in Words and Art”, Monday, December 14th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please call the office to register, so we can have all the materials needed. Come share a wonderful evening.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

As we enter the holy season of Advent, the rest of the world often knows this as the holiday and party season. Who does most of the decorating, buying, cooking, and cleaning up around your home? Is it shared? Is it hectic? Is it too much? Simplify.

Parenting Pointer –

As we get ready to start a new liturgical year with Advent, discuss with your family one new habit each of you would like to develop between now and Christmas. Let lighting a candle on your Advent wreath be time to remind you of your resolve to begin again to be a better person.

In today's gospel, Jesus exhorts us to be vigilant always. Part of being vigilant means trying to discern God's will for our lives. Could the Lord be calling you to priesthood or to the religious life? If you think so, call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.CalledByTheLord.com!

FROM THE DRE'S DESK
School of Religious Education

SRE NO CLASSES TODAY

There will be **No Religious Education on Sun, November 29**, due to the Thanksgiving break. **Classes will resume on December 6th.**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

First Sunday in Advent

Theme: Be on guard!

Question for Children: What helps you to grow in your faith? Who helps you?

Question for Youth: Advent is the Church season when we prepare for Christ's birth at Christmas. What is one thing you can do to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas?

Question for Adults: Paul exhorts us to "make greater progress" in our spiritual lives. What one step could you take to make greater progress in your own life?

Pregunta de la semana

1er domingo de Adviento

Tema: ¡Estén vigilantes!

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Qué los ayuda a crecer en su fe? ¿Quién los ayuda?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: El tiempo de Adviento es la época en que nos preparamos para el nacimiento de Jesucristo en la Navidad. Menciona una cosa que puedes hacer para prepararte espiritualmente para la Navidad.

Pregunta para los adultos: Pablo nos insta a "mejorar más" nuestra vida espiritual. ¿Qué medida podrían tomar para mejorar más sus propias vidas?

Catholic High School Placement Test:

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. Call the Diocesan office or the school of choice to register today!



HAPPY HELPERS:
Saturday, Dec. 19,
1-3pm, hall



Are you called to be a Deacon?



The Diocese of Wilmington welcomes applicants for a new class of Permanent Deacons that will begin formation in June 2016. The five-year preparation program consists of human, spiritual, academic, and pastoral formation. Spiritual formation programs are held one Saturday a month during the initial year of discernment. Academic formation, beginning with the second year, takes place one weekend a month from September to June. Applicants must be 60 or younger when the program begins. Minimum ordination age is 35. Applicants must demonstrate a zeal for service to God's people; experience in some volunteer parish or diocesan ministry is preferred. Information nights are scheduled from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the following locations:

Tues, January 12, 2016

Church of the Holy Child, 2500 Naamans Rd., Wilm, DE 19810

Parish Activities Center (Education Wing)

Thursday, January 14, 2016

Holy Cross, 631 S. State St., Dover, DE 19901

Early Learning Center (2nd floor)

Thursday, January 21, 2016

St. Francis de Sales, 535 Riverside Drive, Salisbury, MD 21801

Mercy Hall

Wives of interested married men are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. The sessions will discuss the role of the permanent deacon, qualifications for admission, and the formation process.

For further information and registration, please contact the Office for Deacons at 302-573-2390.

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.mdcathcon.org/657> or

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

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI
29 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2015

Queridos Feligreses,

La canción en inglés un hit de la década de los 60 "Por favor Sr. Cartero," de grupo The Marvelettes (y más tarde por otro grupo los Carpenters), dice "estoy aquí parado pacientemente esperando Señor Cartero /por solamente una tarjeta o una carta / diciendo ' que él volverá a mí' que volverá a casa." Y ahora más rápido que un relámpago, el tiempo del nacimiento de Cristo y su regreso en la segunda venida está sobre nosotros. Sí, ha llegado el Tiempo de Adviento, y para la Iglesia es un Tiempo muy especial que nos prepara espiritualmente, escatológicamente y logísticamente para Cristo. Es un momento que estamos llamado a esperar, como el cantante de "Por favor Sr. cartero," que tan pacientemente espera su tarjeta. Espiritualmente, nos enfocamos en Dios que viene al mundo en carne (encarnación) llega en Navidad en la persona de Jesucristo. Escatológicamente (significa mirando hacia el final de los tiempos), y nos prepara para la segunda venida de Cristo, cuando él vendrá no como Salvador de la humanidad, sino como el Justo Juez. Logísticamente, cambia el motor hacia el nuevo año de la Iglesia donde adoramos y celebramos a nuestro Salvador Jesucristo – el primer domingo de Adviento es nuestro año nuevo.

¿Segunda Venida?

Pero ¿qué es Adviento específicamente? Vamos a comenzar con algunos antecedentes básicos: la palabra adviento viene del latín adventus que significa "venida" y es el período de cuatro semanas de preparación antes del nacimiento del Señor en la Navidad. Adviento comienza siempre el domingo más cercano a la fiesta de San Andrés Apóstol (30 de noviembre) y continúa a través de cuatro domingos consecutivos hasta el comienzo de la primera Misa de Navidad celebrada en la Nochebuena, el 24 de diciembre. Y como ya empezamos el Tiempo, se desarrolla nuestro tiempo de espera.

La Espera

En 1979, el cantante Tom Petty menciona en su canción "La espera es la parte más difícil / cada día vez una tarjeta más / lo tomas con fe, y lo tomas de corazón / pero la espera es la parte más difícil." No quiero ser pesimista, pero para nosotros, en nuestro mundo de hoy, esperar parece ser la parte más difícil: no nos gusta esperar para las cosas. Utilizamos los cajeros automáticos en lugar de esperar por una cajera de ventanilla, utilizamos internet de alta velocidad, utilizamos FedEx, utilizamos todo lo que hace que la vida se mueva más rápido, etc.. Y sin embargo, la iglesia nos dice que la espera es buena y valiosa. Y así tenemos el Adviento: un tiempo necesario de preparación

espiritual donde nos preparamos para el nacimiento de nuestro Señor. Nos enseña el Catecismo (524 CCC): " que «al celebrar anualmente la liturgia del Adviento, la Iglesia actualiza esta espera del Mesías: participando en la larga preparación de la primera venida del Salvador, los fieles renuevan el ardiente deseo de su segunda Venida». Celebrando el nacimiento del precursor y el martirio, la iglesia se une a su deseo: "Él debe aumentar, pero yo debo disminuir". "

¡Velen y Estén Preparados!

El Tiempo de Adviento, que está marcado por el uso del color púrpura, por tradición, es penitencial y preparatorio. Mezcla juntos un espíritu penitencial, muy similar a la Cuaresma y un espíritu alegre de preparación para el nacimiento de Cristo, el 25 de diciembre. El aspecto penitencial, que se observa principalmente durante las primeras dos semanas de Adviento, nos llama a reflexionar sobre nuestra relación con Dios y como miramos hacia el juicio en la segunda venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos. Esta parte del Tiempo, podría producir en nosotros una probadita de "Velen y ten cuidado, mejor que no llores, mejor que te portes bien, por qué te digo por qué " – y el que va a volver a la ciudad no es Santa, es el Señor, como nuestro juez. Este tipo de reflexión debe ser parte de estar preparándonos para Cristo. Adviento te da el tiempo para hacer eso!

De preparación y Mascotas de Chía

Como los Boy Scouts siempre llamados a estar preparados, como Católicos, en el Adviento, estamos llamados a prepararnos espiritualmente para Jesucristo. Ese aspecto preparatorio es directamente en las últimas dos semanas del Tiempo de Adviento; las lecturas y las oraciones en la Misa y en La Liturgia de las Horas de la Iglesia centran nuestra mirada en el inminente nacimiento de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Es durante este tiempo que estamos llamados a identificar cómo podemos conseguir nuestros corazones y hogares listos para recibir a nuestro Salvador – Jesucristo – como Dios se convierte en hombre en esa Nochebuena de Navidad. Por lo tanto, si tu idea de prepararse para la Navidad no es nada más que desempolvando un viejo árbol plástico de Navidad y comprarle a tía Estela una mascota Chía como regalo, entonces deberías de hacer una pausa para reflexionar sobre el significado de la Venida de Cristo a este mundo para traer la salvación a todos nosotros. Y Ojo – La mascota Chía probablemente no le dará a tía Estela mucha alegría navideña.

Necesitamos un poco de Adviento!

Hace unas semanas me di cuenta que "las estaciones de radio ya se escuchaba canciones de Navidad". Aún era octubre por amor de Dios. Sí, octubre.

La gran calabaza de Charlie Brown aún no hizo su aparición y las estaciones de radio ya estaban celebrando la Navidad. Durante esta época del año, seguro que has oído la melodía "Necesito un regalito de Navidad, justo en este instante". Pero mirando esta fiebre de Navidad, yo diría que podría ser más apropiado cantar "necesito un poco de Adviento / justo en este instante". Necesitamos tiempo para poder hacer una pausa y reflexionar. Hagamos, lo hagamos en realidad. Espiritualmente es saludable hacerlo; mantiene las cosas en la perspectiva apropiada. Y cuando bien hecho y bien utilizado, Adviento servirá para hacer tu Navidad y la Navidad de tu familia, más completa.

Y así, te invito, en este Tiempo de Adviento, para que hagas lo que los Católicos han hecho durante siglos y siglos: Preparar el camino del Señor. Examinar tu conciencia y tu vida de fe y prepárate para estar listo para

la venida del Señor. Utilice el Tiempo de Adviento bien; no celebres la Navidad antes de la Navidad – pero muy devotamente y anticipando el nacimiento de Cristo. Y considere esto: el aspecto maravilloso de preparación del Tiempo de Adviento es que como Católicos nuestra celebración de Navidad comienza el 25 de diciembre y luego continúa por tres semanas más. Para el mundo secular, Navidad termina el 25 de diciembre. El tiempo de Adviento nos permite prepararnos cuidadosamente para Cristo, con oraciones y reflexivamente. Qué es un regalo maravilloso de la Santa Iglesia que nos da a todos nosotros!

Suyo en Cristo,
El padre James Lentini,
Párroco

Parish Business Manager

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Georgetown, Delaware is seeking an experienced Business Manager to direct the management of the parish office and staff and manage the financial affairs of the parish.

The successful candidate will possess a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and at least three years of experience including staff supervision and financial management or the equivalent combination of education and experience. This role requires the ability to work well with the public and staff in a busy office environment; multi-task with accuracy and professionalism; knowledge of state and federal regulatory requirements; excellent written/oral communication and interpersonal skills; detail oriented with a strong aptitude for numbers and the ability to maintain confidentiality of sensitive information. Strong working knowledge of computer systems required.

To apply, send resume and letter of interest with salary requirements to jobs@cdow.org. EOE

Eight Year of Mercy Holy Doors to be opened in the Diocese on December 13, 2015.

The Diocese of Wilmington will mark the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy with the opening of eight Holy Doors located throughout Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. On Sunday, December 13, Bishop Malooly will open the Holy Door and celebrate Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Easton at 10:30 a.m. That day, Holy Door will also be opened at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington, Delaware; St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church in Greenville, Delaware; Holy Spirit Church in New Castle, Delaware; St. Elizabeth Church in Wilmington; St. Margaret of Scotland near Newark, Delaware; St. Ann Church in Bethany Beach, Delaware; and Holy Cross Church in Dover, Delaware. Information about the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy is available at a special Vatican website – www.im.va. Diocese of Wilmington events that are tied into the Jubilee of Mercy will be announced on the diocesan website – www.cdow.org/mercy.

Catholic Charities Needs Your Help to Warm Up Winter

As temperatures start to decline, Catholic Charities is preparing to *Warm Up Winter* for its most vulnerable neighbors by collecting new and "gently used" blankets and other bedding, coats, hats, and gloves at each of its office locations now through the end of January 2016. Catholic Charities will freely distribute donated goods through its various programs. Donors can bring their coats and blankets to any of the following Catholic Charities locations and receive a tax deduction receipt:

- Main Office, 2601 W 4th Street, Wilmington 19805, 302-655-9624
- Bayard House, 300 Bayard Avenue, Wilmington 19805, 302-654-1184
- Thrift Store, 1320 E. 23rd Street, Wilmington 19802, 302-764-2717
- Marydale Retirement Village, 135 Jeandell Drive, Newark 19713, 302-368-2784
- Kent County Office, 2099 S DuPont Highway, Dover 19901, 302-674-1600
- Sussex County Office, 406 S. Bedford Avenue, Suite 9, Georgetown 19947, 302-856-9578
- Casa San Francisco, 127 Broad Street, Milford 19968, 302-684-8694
- Seton Center, 30632 Hampden Avenue, Princess Anne 21853, 410-651-9608

Staff at all locations will accept donations between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, the Wilmington Thrift Center accepts donations on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

All donated blankets and bedding, coats, and other clothing items should be clean, in good condition, and ready to use. Keep in mind that Catholic Charities staff cannot clean, mend, or repair items, and merchandise not fit for distribution must be discarded at Catholic Charities expense.