

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 4, 2018 – Thirty-first 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
Rev. 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,

Sevens. "When the clock rings five, six and seven / we'll be right in seventh heaven" thus sang Bill Haley (and his Comets) in the song that launched the rock era of music, "Rock Around the Clock." Invoking "seventh heaven" is to bring us to the topic of the number seven in the Catholic faith. Seven, by scriptural and church tradition, is the perfect number. Thus, there are seven sacraments, God rested on the seventh day, the seventy-week prophecy in Daniel, Revelation tells us of seven letters to the seven Churches as well as the seven spirits before God's throne, there are the seven sorrows of Mary, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, etc.

Threes. On the other hand, three is about superlative language. In English we'd say, "that's the greatest," in the languages of antiquity, we'd say "that's great, great, great."

It exemplifies the maximum (the superlative form of something); hence we say: "Holy, holy, holy" at Mass. Likewise at Mass we say "Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world" thrice.

When Seven Meets Three. So, the most holy wonderful thing you could imagine is three sevens (hence, at Dover Downs, 7-7-7 is the slot machine's sign of victory). Biblically, Noah's father lived for 777 years: the oldest survivor of the original creation. "777" according to *The Orthodox Study Bible* represents the threefold perfection of the Trinity. So, 777 is awesome! On the other hand, the most evil thing is falling short of that: numerically speaking, 666. This is the sign of the anti-Christ, the mark of the beast and connected to Satan, who was close to the 777 (God) as an angel of God but lost his grace.

Holy, Holy, Holy Ones! On October 14, seven met three as seven saints were canonized by Pope Francis (abiding in the perfection of heaven). These seven have achieved the earthly superlative of holiness to abide with the one God, who is, as per scripture, three-times holy (“holy, holy, holy”), in the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, who they followed in this life and who led them to the next life. Here’s are the stories of these Magnificent Seven:

Pope St. Paul VI. Born: 1897, Italy; +1978. Giovanni Montini was ordained a priest in 1920, he was elevated to Cardinal in 1958 by Pope John XXIII. In 1963, he was elected as Pope Paul VI; one of his first acts was to choose to continue the Second Vatican Council. Pope Paul VI wrote seminal Catholic document regarding artificial contraception: 1968's encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which prohibited the use of such means of contracepting life. He was beatified by Pope Francis in 2014 and canonized a saint on October 14, 2018.

St. Oscar Romero. Born: 1917, El Salvador; +1980. Romero, a priest became Archbishop of San Salvador, the nation's capital, in 1977. He was an outspoken leader on matter of human rights, and economic oppression in his nation. This pitted him squarely against the leader of his nation. He was assassinated by a gunman, while celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Chapel in Divine Providence Hospital. He was beatified by Pope Francis in 2015 and canonized a saint on October 14, 2018.

St. Vincent Romano. Born: 1751, Kingdom of Naples; +1831. Vincenzo Romano was ordained to the Priesthood in 1775 and was renowned for his sanctity, simple way of life, great devotion to Blessed Sacrament, and care for orphans. Following damage to his parish church by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 1794, he worked to rebuild his parish by hand. He was beatified by Paul VI in 1963. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1963 and canonized a saint on October 14, 2018.

St. Francesco Spinelli. Born: 1853, Milan; +1913. Francesco Spinelli was a priest who helped found the Institute of the Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament, in 1882. It was a community made up nuns who dedicated

themselves to perpetual Eucharistic adoration, which in turn guided their service to the poor and the ill. He was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1992 and canonized a saint on October 14, 2018.

St. Nunzio Sulprizio. Born: 1817, Italy; 1836. Sulprizio, as a child was put into hard labor by his uncle, as to earn him money. While doing this work, the boy developed gangrene and lost his leg. Uniting his sufferings to the Lord's Passion, he was heard to say, “Jesus suffered a lot for me. Why should I not suffer for Him? I would die in order to convert even one sinner.” He served God by helping other patients likewise suffering, leading them to Christ. He died at age 19. He was beatified by Paul VI in 1963. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1963 and canonized a saint on October 14, 2018.

St. Nazaria Ignacia of St. Teresa of Jesus. Born: 1889; +1943. Spain. Moving with her family to Mexico in 1904, there she met the Sisters of the Abandoned Elders. She took her vows with the order served in a hospice in Bolivia for 12 years. In 1920, she founded the Congregation of the Missionary Crusaders of the Church, which had the mission of catechizing children and adults and supporting the work of priests. She was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1992 and canonized a saint on October 14, 2018.

St. Maria Katharina Kasper. Born: 1820, Germany; +1898. Katherina Kasper felt the call to religious life but saw the need to remain home helping her family. After both of her parents had died, Katherina went on to found the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, serving the Lord and those in need. She was beatified by Paul VI in 1978 and canonized a saint on October 14, 2018.

Let us turn to these seven in prayer, and ask them to pray for us, that one day we may be with them, standing before the three-in-one, the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; thrice perfect, thrice holy, one God!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, November 4

8:30 Lawson & Heaman Deceased members

11:00 Elsie Carrow

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

Sunday, November 11

8:30 Tommy Smith

11:00 Bruce Schepens

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

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

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Offertory: \$ 3763.00

Supplementary: \$ 464.50

All Saints Day: \$ 387.00

All Souls Day: \$ 176.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Nov 4 Robin & Paul Engstenberg

Nov 11 Julia Moore & Ann Lawson

Nov 18 Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

Church Cleaning Crew

Noviembre 9, 2018 Grupo #13

Miguel López, Verónica López, Gregorio López,
Juan Ramírez, Federico Pérez.

Noviembre 16, 2018 Grupo #14

Genaro Pérez, Elizabeth López, Edelfo Tomas,
Alfonso Chun

Altar Servers

November 11

8:30am Mass – Mike Dixon & Averi Locke

11am Mass – Isaac Meyer & Sherlin Santizo

Spanish Misa 1pm – Emily & Yorly Escalante

Lectors

November 11

8:30am Mass – Gerry Godfrey

11am Mass – Alicia Poppiti

Spanish Misa 1pm – Fausto Ortiz, Haydi Fuentes

Eucharistic Ministers

November 11

8:30am Mass – Julia Moore & Marilyn Dixon

11am Mass – Bob Vanvessan & Paul Lardizzone

Spanish Misa 1pm – Ovidio Roblero, N.Capistran, ,
Salome Morales, Anselmo Escalante, Verónica Bravo

Knights of Columbus



Next meeting
Tues, November 13
6:30pm Rosary
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



Are you being called to the priesthood or religious life?

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

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Nov 4 9AM – SVDP Silent Auction & Soup Sale

Sun, Nov 4 9AM – Knights Breakfast

Sun, Nov 4 9:40am – SRE Classes in Classroom

Mon, Nov 5 6pm – St. Vincent DePaul

Tues, Nov 6 7pm – Play Practice

Thur, Nov 8 7pm – Play Practice

Fri, Nov 9 7pm – Band Practice

Fri, Nov 9 7pm – RCIA

Sat, Nov 10 9am – Jovenes Retiro



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



St. Vincent DePaul's Silent Auction and Soup Sale

Please Join Us - TODAY

We thank YOU for helping

to support our only Fundraiser for the year !!



KNIGHTS BREAKFAST

TODAY 9AM

In the Hall

Please JOIN US !!

Two Commemorative Books – Available Now

Catholic Diocese
of Wilmington
150
years
Rejoicing in the Lord since 1868

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 or the front desk in the hall following Masses.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

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

We are blessed to have many children in Religious Education and families here to learn and share their faith.

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.



Sacramental Prep:

Confirmation: Next session will be on Sunday, November 11th from 11am-1pm in the parish hall.

First Reconciliation Prep: Next session is on Tuesday, November 13th 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

Marriage Moment –

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." (Mark 12:31) Yes, this is true. In addition to wholehearted love of God, can you also say this about your beloved spouse since God lives in him or her also?.

Parenting Pointer –

How well do your children know their deceased relatives? Why not help them remember by praying for each by name today. Go back as far as you can remember and perhaps reminisce about their saintly qualities.

Saint Thomas More Academy's

4th Annual "BEEF 'N BEER"

Friday, Nov. 9th 6-10pm ~133 Thomas More Dr. Magnolia, De 19962

Adults: \$15.00 ~ Ages 6-19 \$5.00 ~ 5 & under FREE
Open Beer Bar \$10.00 Extra at Door Serving: Beef, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Soda, and Water.

All proceeds from this Beef and Beer Evening will benefit the STMA Student community.

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-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Live the First Commandment.

Question for Children: How often do you put God first in your life? Do you think you can love others as much as you love yourself?

Question for Youth: What do you think Jesus meant when he said to the scribe, "You are not far from the reign of God"?

Question for Adults: When you heard the Greatest and New Commandments, which one should you improve on in your own life?

31er domingo del tiempo ordinario

Tema: Vivan el primer mandamiento.

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Con cuánta frecuencia ponen a Dios primero en sus vidas? ¿Creen que pueden amar a los demás tanto como a ustedes mismos?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿Qué creen que Jesús quiso decir cuando le dijo al escriba: "No estás muy lejos del reino de Dios"?

Pregunta para los adultos: Cuando escucharon el Gran mandamiento y los nuevos mandamientos, ¿en cuál deben trabajar y mejorar en sus propias vidas?

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.



Dinner Theatre- November 17th-rehearsals have begun. More information in flyer in this week's bulletin.

Saint Thomas More Academy Open House

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. **2017 Best Private School in Kent County.**

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 4 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2018.

Queridos feligreses,

Siete. "Cuando suenan las cinco, seis y siete, estaremos en el séptimo cielo", cantó Bill Haley (y sus cometas) en la canción que lanzó la era de la música rock, "Rock Around the Clock". Es para llevarnos al tema del número siete en la fe católica. Siete, según las escrituras y la tradición de la iglesia, es el número perfecto. Por lo tanto, hay siete Sacramentos, Dios descansó en el séptimo día, en Daniel, la profecía de setenta semanas, Apocalipsis nos cuenta de siete cartas a las siete iglesias, así como a los siete espíritus que se encuentran ante el trono de Dios, están las siete dolores de María, Los siete dones del Espíritu Santo, etc.

Tres. Por otro lado, tres es sobre el lenguaje superlativo. En inglés diríamos, "eso es lo mejor", en los idiomas de la antigüedad, diríamos "eso es grande, grande, grande". Ejemplifica lo máximo (la forma superlativa de algo); por eso decimos: "Santo, santo, santo" en la misa. Del mismo modo, en la misa decimos "Cordero de Dios que quitas los pecados del mundo" tres veces.

Cuando Siete Encuentra Tres. Entonces, lo más sagrado que puedas imaginar es tres sietes (por lo tanto, en Dover Downs, 7-7-7 es el signo de la victoria de la máquina tragamonedas). Bíblicamente, el padre de Noé vivió durante 777 años: el sobreviviente más anciano de la creación original. "777" según Los estudio bíblicos ortodoxa representa la triple perfección de la Trinidad. Entonces, ¡777 es increíble! Por otro lado, numéricamente hablando, la cosa más malvada no está lejos de eso:, 666. Esta es la señal del anticristo, la marca de la bestia y conectada a Satanás, quien estaba cerca del 777 (Dios) como Un ángel de Dios pero perdió su gracia.

¡Santo, Santo, Santo! El 14 de octubre, siete se encuentra con tres y siete santos fueron canonizados por el Papa Francisco (que habitan en la perfección del cielo). Estos siete han logrado el superlativo terrenal de santidad para permanecer con el único Dios, que es, según las Escrituras, tres veces santo ("santo, santo, santo"), en el Reino de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, a quien siguieron en esta vida y quien los condujo a la siguiente vida. Aquí están las historias de estos Siete Magníficos:

Papa San Pablo VI. Nació: 1897, Italia; murió en 1978. Giovanni Montini fue ordenado sacerdote en 1920, fue elevado a cardenal en 1958 por el Papa Juan XXIII. En 1963, fue elegido como el Papa Pablo VI; Uno de sus primeros actos fue elegir continuar el Concilio Vaticano II. El Papa Pablo VI escribió un documento católico

seminal sobre la anticoncepción artificial: la encíclica *Humanae Vitae* de 1968, que prohibía el uso de tales medios de anticoncepción. Fue beatificado por el Papa Francisco en 2014 y canonizó a un santo el 14 de octubre de 2018.

San Oscar Romero. Nació en 1917, El Salvador; murió 1980. Romero, un sacerdote se convirtió en arzobispo de San Salvador, la capital de la nación, en 1977. Fue un líder abierto en materia de derechos humanos y opresión económica en su nación. Esto lo enfrentó de lleno al líder de su nación. Fue asesinado por un hombre armado mientras celebraba el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa en la Capilla del Hospital de la Divina Providencia. Fue beatificado por el Papa Francisco en 2015 y canonizó a un santo el 14 de octubre de 2018.

San Vicente Romano. Nació en 1751, Reino de Nápoles; murió 1831. Vincenzo Romano fue ordenado al sacerdocio en 1775 y fue famoso por su santidad, su forma de vida simple, su gran devoción al Santísimo Sacramento y el cuidado de los huérfanos. Tras el daño a su iglesia parroquial por la erupción del volcán Vesubio en 1794, trabajó a mano para reconstruir su parroquia. Fue beatificado por Pablo VI en 1963. Fue beatificado por el papa Pablo VI en 1963 y canonizado a un santo el 14 de octubre de 2018.

San Francesco Spinelli. Nació en 1853, Milán; murió 1913. Francesco Spinelli fue un sacerdote que ayudó a fundar el Instituto de los Adoradores del Santísimo Sacramento, en 1882. Fue una comunidad formada por monjas que se dedicaron a la Adoración Eucarística Perpetua, que a su vez canalizó su servicio a los pobres y los enfermos. Fue beatificado por el Papa San Juan Pablo II en 1992 y canonizado a un santo el 14 de octubre de 2018.

San Nunzio Sulprizio. Nació en 1817, Italia; murió 1836. Sulprizio, cuando era niño, fue sometido a trabajos forzados por su tío, para ganar dinero. Mientras hacía este trabajo, el niño desarrolló gangrena y perdió su pierna. Al unir sus sufrimientos a la Pasión del Señor, se le escuchó decir: "Jesús sufrió mucho por mí. ¿Por qué no debería sufrir por él? Moriría para convertir incluso a un solo pecador". Sirvió a Dios ayudando a otros pacientes que también sufrían, guiándolos a Cristo. Murió a los 19 años. Fue beatificado por Pablo VI en 1963. Fue beatificado por el papa Pablo VI en 1963 y canonizado como santo el 14 de octubre de 2018.

Santa Nazaria Ignacia de Santa Teresa de Jesús. Nació: 1889; murió 1943. España. Tras mudarse con su familia a México en 1904, allí conoció a las Hermanas de los Ancianos Abandonados. Ella hizo sus votos con la orden de servicio en un hospicio en Bolivia durante 12 años. En 1920, fundó la Congregación de *Las Misioneras Cruzadas de la Iglesia*, que tenía la misión

de catequizar a niños y adultos y apoyar el trabajo de los sacerdotes. Fue beatificada por el Papa San Juan Pablo II en 1992 y canonizó a un santo el 14 de octubre de 2018.

Santa María Caterina Kasper. Nacido: 1820, Alemania; +1898. Caterina Kasper sintió el llamado a la vida religiosa, pero vio la necesidad de quedarse en casa ayudando a su familia. Después de que ambos padres murieron, Caterina fundó Las Siervas Pobres de Jesucristo, sirviendo al Señor y a los necesitados. Fue beatificada por Pablo VI en 1978 y canonizó a un santo el 14 de octubre de 2018.

Volvamos a estos siete en oración, y pidámosles que oren por nosotros, para que algún día podamos estar con ellos, parados delante de los tres en uno, la Trinidad: Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. ¡Tres veces perfecto, tres veces santo, un solo Dios!

Tuyo en Cristo
P. James Lentini,
Párroco