

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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November 5, 2017 – 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. John T. Solomon, 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,

I do not usually note individual parishioners who pass away in my Pastor's Column. I hold back from that practice, as it can become a point of division (e.g., why did you write something about Mrs. Magillicuddy but not about this other person). I break from precedent here, on my prerogative, because our parish lost a member this past Saturday, who was for many years devoted to and supportive of the life of our parish, and who assisted successive Pastors and many, many parishioners.

I write to mourn the loss of Robert "Bob" Comollo. Bob was a soft-spoken but resolute man; a sound man, with a great heart for his family, his faith, and his parish. He was a great supporter and devoted parishioner of Holy Cross. When I heard of his passing, my mind drifted to the day he and I grabbed some coffee at Starbucks. That day he gave me much of his life story and his life-at-Holy-Cross story – and together during that cup of coffee, we address the problems of the parish and indeed the world. A long

time daily communicant, Bob served our parish in many ways. He was a longtime member of our Finance Council, where he was one of those pillars of institutional memory who provided to me, as a new Pastor, guidance, input, and thoughtful comments. He also served his fellow parishioners as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, both here in the church, at Mass, and out in the community, where brought Communion to the sick. He likewise served as Parish Council member and in many roles at our parish school.

Over these past few days, I have heard from many folks – in person, by phone or by text – who said to me, "Did you hear that Bob Comollo passed away?" Each person expressed great, often tearful, lament at the loss of Bob. This is a tribute to him, in that one who is missed by so many, had to have been loved by so many. A good man always leaves a void in many hearts when he departs. To Betsy, his wife, and his two children Matthew and Laura Lynn, I convey to you the condolence of our parish. Know that the husband

and father you miss at this moment is missed by many others here at Holy Cross. Be assured, buckets of prayers are coming your way from so many of us here at the parish. Requiescat in pace, Bob.

ALL SOULS DAY. On November 2nd, the Church celebrated "All Souls Day" – a day where we pray for the faithful departed men and women who went before us. We pray for their souls, that they may find peace and rest in the kingdom of Heaven. The Roman Martyrology, a thorough and official listing of over 7,000 saints, indicates that All Souls Day is the when we are called to offer our prayers for "all those who still groan in purgatory, so that they may join as soon as possible the inhabitants of the heavenly city."

Movin' on Up. To put this in context, let's remind ourselves about Purgatory. You may remember that the Church exists in three states, the Church in Heaven (the Church Triumphant), the Church on Earth (the Church Militant) and the Church in Purgatory (the Church Suffering). Wherever God's people are, there is the Church of God. Our aim, our call, our desire from the Church on Earth is to get to the Church in Heaven. Now, this is not like moving from one parish to another because of better air conditioning, better music or no second collections. No! This is the natural progression to which we are called.

Preparing for Company. However (and isn't there always a "however"), in order to make the move from this world to the Kingdom of God in Heaven and abide with and in the company of Saints, we have to be rightly prepared: We need to be in a state of grace, and we need to have no temporal punishments due for sin on our dance card. In this world, we cleanse ourselves of those problems by the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist and by the gaining of Indulgences, respectively. In this regard:

- Confession puts us in a state of grace by cleansing us from all of our sins (especially mortal sins which serve to break our relationship with God).
- The Eucharist nourishes us and cleanses us from venial (lesser) sins.
- The gaining of Indulgences (gifts of God's grace) by good deeds, prayers and actions, wipes away our Temporal Punishment due for the sins we have committed.

Purgatory and the Tonight Show. But what if we do, in fact, still have venial sins upon us (un-repented) or temporal punishment due for sin at the time of death? Purgatory cleanses us. It prepares us. It is like getting one's self all clean and prepped for a prom, a wedding, or a date with Angelina Jolie. I have often likened Purgatory to the famous "Green Room" back stage on The Tonight Show. It seems that back stage at the Tonight Show there is a room, dubbed the "Green Room," in which the guests for the evening remain-in-waiting until they are called to come on stage and go on air with Jimmy Fallon. In that room, that "Green Room," they wait, they prepare and look forward to that big moment when they are moved from the "Green Room" to the big room... to the set of the Tonight Show. This is much like what Purgatory is for us: it's a waiting place, a place where God preps you and purgates (purges, cleanses) you of anything that would keep you from enjoying the awe and wonder of Heaven.

High Hopes. And so, for our loved ones who have passed on, we hope – but do not know – they are in Heaven, and so we are called to pray that they make that journey. Our default setting when someone dies is one of charity: to pray for their soul; to pray that they get to their place in the Heavenly kingdom. We are a people of hope! Much like Frank Sinatra crooned in 1959, we've "got high hopes." And while we acknowledge the reality of Hell, we pray fervently that all of God's children – all of us – have that hope of Heaven and will be there gathered around the throne of God praising Him in awe, night and day. That is the Heaven of which we hope, and Purgatory – which is a gift of God's mercy – helps us to make that journey.

This All Souls Day, we prayed for our faithful departed and perhaps lit a candle, too. Remember a loved one, or more meritoriously, remember someone you may not have loved or liked, and pray also for them, that they may find rest. Let us pray: "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, Nov. 5

8:30: Tom & Doris Costello

11:00: Elsie Carrow

Misa en Español **1pm** For the People

Thu Nov. 9 Misa **7pm** For the People

Sunday, Nov. 12

8:30: Tommy Smith

11:00: Lois Chesack

Misa en Español **1pm** For the People

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$ 4659.25

Supplementary: \$ 574.00

All Saints: 644.25

All Souls: 147.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

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

New Mass book is now open. To request a Mass, please contact the Office.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Nov 5 Elisa & Tom Costello

Nov 12 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Nov 19 Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

Church Cleaning Crew

Noviembre 10, 2017 Grupo #6

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

Noviembre 17, 2017 Grupo #7

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

Altar Servers

November 12

8:30am Mass – Averil Locke & Anna Clancy

11:00am Mass – Sherlin Santizo & Savannah Strauss

Spanish Misa 1pm – Yareli & Jose Ortiz

Lectors

November 12

8:30am Mass – Karen Cairns

11:00am Mass – Alicia Poppiti

Spanish Misa 1pm – Ada Escalante, Juan Ramírez

Eucharistic Ministers

November 12

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Brenda Lawson, Mark
Plucenik

11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Judy Carrow, Joan
Steward

Spanish Misa 1pm – Alberto Morales, Carlos Miguel,
Flora Pérez, Miguel López, Antonio Pérez



Knights of Columbus

Our next meeting is

Tuesday, Nov 14th

in the Knights Hall

Rosary @ 6:30

Business Meeting @ 7pm

**All members are encouraged
to attend.**

Membership in The Knights of Columbus 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

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Nov 5 – 9am Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sun, Nov 5 – 9:30am St. Vincent DePaul Auction

Sun, Nov 5 - **9:40am SRE Classes in Classrooms**

Sun, Nov 5 - 2pm RICA

Mon, Nov 6 & Wed, Nov 8 7pm ESL

Tue, Nov 7 – 6:30pm 1st Reconciliation Prep

Thu, Nov 9 - 7pm Play Practice Read

Sun, Nov 12 – 2:30pm Confirmation Prep

Join us TODAY in the Church Hall



**Knights of
Columbus**

**Breakfast @
9am**



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

St. Vincent dePaul Soup Sale & Silent Auction

Take home some soup for supper and join in
the Auction Fun for a great cause!

TODAY - Bidding Ends at 12:30pm

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

You can watch a favorite program together, but
beware of TV or videos stealing time from being
together.

Parenting Pointer –

Honor those you know who have died. Perhaps try
a dinner prayer like, "Dear God, we thank you for
the life of _____ who taught us to _____. Include
pets if you wish.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education
September 24, 2017-May 6, 2018
9:40am-10:50am



1st Reconciliation Prep: Tuesday, November 7,
6:30-7:30pm in the hall.

Confirmation Prep for teens: Sunday, November
12, 2:30-4:30pm in the hall.



This week's gospel message is reminiscent of the saying, "Do as I say, not as I do." The Pharisees, at the time of Christ, were focused on their position in society and looked for the honor and privilege that their position provided. They focused on following the letter of the law, but struggled to allow the truth to be embedded in their hearts. The Lord has provided us with rules and guidelines to follow, but if one only focuses on following them externally, one misses out on the greater truth revealed to us through Christ. These rules, that direct our behavior, should also open our hearts. Take a moment this week to reflect on your faith. Ask God to open your heart to the meaning behind the guidelines, and pray they will bring you closer to God.

November 5 -11 is National Vocations Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Please pray for our seminarians:

Michael Preston, St. Teresa, Port Deposit
Craig Kursinsky, Holy Cross, Dover
Brennan Ferris, St. Elizabeth, Wilmington,
John Enemu, Our Lady of Fatima, New Castle
Adam Bauer, St. Polycarp, Smyrna
James Gebhart, St. Catherine of Sienna, Wilmington,

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: True leadership is based on conversion.

Question for Children: How can you make the light of Christ shine through your life?

Question for Youth: What does it mean to humble yourself?

Question for Adults: Do you practice what you preach?

31er domingo del tiempo ordinario

Tema: El verdadero liderazgo está basado en la conversión.

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Cómo pueden hacer brillar la luz de Cristo a través de sus vidas?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿Qué significa humillarse a sí mismo?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Practican lo que predicán?



Saint Thomas More Open House

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
12-3 p.m.

Saint Thomas More
Academy 133 Thomas
More Drive Magnolia,
Delaware

19962 www.saintmore.org

Are you being called to the Priesthood?

You're invited to socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests, and men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest. Find out about the *amazing* life of the Priesthood. You will meet young men like yourself who are asking the same question: is Jesus calling ME to be a Priest?

CAS – North will meet on November 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption rectory in Hockessin, Delaware. For more information, contact Father Chris Coffey at FrCoffey@sjbde.org or call 302-999-0211.

CAS – South will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Saint John the Apostle Church, 506 Seabury Drive, Milford, DE on November 20, 2017. Contact Father John Solomon at fatherjohnsolomon@gmail.com or 302-674-5787.



**COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE
JAMES LENTINI 5 DE NOVIEMBRE,
2017.**

Queridos feligreses,

Normalmente no menciono a los feligreses individuales que fallecen en mi Columna del Pastor. Me abstengo de esta práctica, ya que puede convertirse en un punto de división (por ejemplo, ¿por qué escribiste algo sobre la Sra. Filomena pero no sobre esta otra persona). Aquí rompo este precedente, en mi prerrogativa, porque nuestra parroquia perdió un miembro el pasado sábado, que durante muchos años apoyó y se dedicó a la vida de nuestra parroquia, y que ayudó a varios párrocos sucesivos y a muchos, muchos feligreses. Escribo para expresar el dolor de la pérdida de Robert "Bob" Comollo. Bob era un hombre de una voz suave pero resuelto; un hombre sensato, con un gran corazón para su familia, su fe y su parroquia. Fue un gran partidario y devoto feligrés de Holy Cross. Cuando me enteré de su muerte, mi mente se trasladó al día en que él y yo tomamos un café en Starbucks. Ese día me contó gran parte de la historia de su vida y de la historia de su vida en Holy Cross, y juntos durante esa taza de café, abordamos los problemas de la parroquia y, de hecho, del mundo. Un comunicador diario por mucho tiempo, Bob sirvió a nuestra parroquia de muchas maneras. Fue miembro durante mucho tiempo de nuestro Consejo de Finanzas, donde fue uno de esos pilares de la memoria institucional y que me brindó, como nuevo párroco, orientación, aportes y comentarios reflexivos. También sirvió a sus feligreses como un Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión, tanto aquí en la iglesia, en la Misa, y en la comunidad, donde llevaba la Comunión a los enfermos. Asimismo, se desempeñó como miembro del Consejo Parroquial y en muchos roles en nuestra escuela parroquial. En los últimos días, he oído de muchas personas, en persona, por teléfono o por mensaje de texto, que me dijeron: "¿Has oído que Bob Comollo falleció?". Cada persona expresó su pesar, a menudo con lágrimas, lamentando la pérdida de Bob. Esto es un tributo a él, a uno que será extrañado por muchos, tuvo que haber sido

amados por muchos. Un buen hombre siempre deja un vacío en muchos de nuestros corazones, cuando se departe de esta vida. Para Betsy, su esposa y sus dos hijos Matthew y Laura Lin, les extiendo las condolencias de nuestra parroquia. Sepan que su esposo y su padre que extrañan en este momento es extrañado por muchos otros aquí en Holy Cross. Tenga la certeza de que muchos de nosotros aquí en la parroquia le están llegando lluvias de oraciones. Requiescat in pace, Bob.

DÍA DE TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS. El 2 de noviembre, la Iglesia celebró el "Día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos", un día en el que oramos por los fieles difuntos, hombres y mujeres que nos precedieron. Oramos por sus almas, para que encuentren paz y descanso en el reino de los Cielos. El Martirologio Romano, una lista exhaustiva y oficial de más de 7,000 santos, señala que el Día de Todos los fieles Difuntos es el momento en que somos llamados a ofrecer nuestras oraciones por "todos los que todavía gimen en el purgatorio, para que puedan unirse lo antes posible a los habitantes" de la ciudad celestial".

Moviendo pa' Arriba. Para poner esto en contexto, recordemos un poco acerca del Purgatorio. Recordarás que la Iglesia existe en tres estados, la Iglesia en el Cielo (la Iglesia **Triunfante**), la Iglesia en la Tierra (la Iglesia **Militante**) y la Iglesia en el Purgatorio (La iglesia **Sufriente**). Donde quiera que esté el pueblo de Dios, está la Iglesia de Dios. Nuestro objetivo, nuestro llamado, nuestro deseo de la Iglesia en la Tierra es llegar a la Iglesia en el Cielo. Ahora, esto no es como mudarse de una parroquia a otra debido a un mejor aire acondicionado, mejor música o no existe una segunda colecta. ¡No! Esta es la progresión natural a la que todos somos llamados.

Preparando para Compañía. Sin embargo (y no siempre hay un "sin embargo"), para hacer el cambio de este mundo al Reino de Dios en el Cielo y permanecer con y en compañía de los Santos, tenemos que estar debidamente preparados: necesitamos estar en un estado de gracia, y no tenemos que tener castigos temporales debido al pecado en nuestra tarjeta

de baile. En este mundo, nos limpiamos de esos problemas por medio de los Sacramentos de la Confesión y de la Eucaristía y respectivamente obteniendo las Indulgencias. A este respecto:

- La confesión nos pone en estado de gracia al limpiarnos de todos nuestros pecados (especialmente los pecados mortales que solamente sirven para romper nuestra relación con Dios).
- La Eucaristía nos nutre y nos limpia de los pecados veniales (menores).
- La obtención de indulgencias (dones de la gracia de Dios) mediante buenas obras, oraciones y acciones, borra nuestro castigo temporal debido a los pecados que hemos cometido

El Purgatorio y el Show de la Noche. Pero, ¿qué pasa si, de hecho, todavía tenemos pecados veniales sobre nosotros (sin arrepentimiento) o castigos temporales debido al pecado en el momento de la muerte? El Purgatorio nos limpia. Nos prepara. Es como estar limpio y preparado para una fiesta de graduación, una boda o una cita con Sophia Vergara. A menudo comparo el Purgatorio con el famoso escenario de la "Sala Verde" en el Show de la noche. Parece que hay una sala, llamada la "Sala Verde", en la que los invitados de la noche permanecen en espera hasta que son llamados a subir al escenario y salir al aire con Jimmy Fallon. En esa sala, esa "Sala Verde", esperan, se preparan y esperan con ansias ese gran momento cuando son trasladados de la "Sala Verde" a la Gran Sala... al set del Show de la noche. Esto es muy parecido a lo que es el Purgatorio para nosotros: es un lugar de espera, un lugar

donde Dios te prepara y purga (purga, limpia) de cualquier cosa que te impida disfrutar la belleza y la maravilla del Cielo.

Grandes Esperanzas. Y así, para nuestros seres queridos que han fallecido, esperamos, pero no sabemos, si están en el Cielo, y por eso estamos llamados a orar para que hagan ese viaje. Nuestra configuración predeterminada cuando alguien muere es de caridad: rezar por su alma; rezar para que llegue a su lugar en el reino celestial. Somos un pueblo de esperanza! Como cantó Frank Sinatra en 1959, tenemos "grandes esperanzas". Y mientras reconocemos la realidad del Infierno, oremos fervientemente para que todos los hijos de Dios, todos nosotros, tengamos esa esperanza del Cielo y estemos allí reunidos, en el trono de Dios alabándolo sin cesar noche y día. Ese es el Cielo del que esperamos, y el Purgatorio, que es un regalo de la misericordia de Dios, nos ayuda a hacer esa jornada.

Este Día de Todas las Fieles Difuntos, oremos por nuestros difuntos y quizás encender una vela también. Recuerde a un ser querido, o más meritoriamente, recuerde a alguien que no has querido o que te haya hecho daño, oren también por ellos, para que puedan encontrar el descanso eterno. Oremos: "Dale Señor el descanso eterno y brille para ellos La luz perpetua, que sus almas y las almas de todos los fieles difuntos, por la misericordia de Dios, descansen en paz. Amén."

Suyo en Cristo,
P. James Lentini,
Párroco