

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 6, 2016 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Dear Parishioners,

Back in 1969, I used to buy and read DC Comics. The home of Batman, Superman, Green Lantern, Aquaman, and Hawkman, I really enjoyed the stories and heroes of DC. For those who remember that era, you will recall that the price of a comic book at that time was a mere 12¢. Well, in mid-1969 something dramatic happened: DC Comics had to raise the price of comics from 12¢ to a shocking 15¢. Kids all over America, myself included, started re-allocating the use of their pennies to make sure they could still afford all of their favorite titles.

I was recently looking at a comic from this era, and saw something interesting. In an effort to make this 3¢ increase understandable, the editors of DC Comics put a letter in each July 1969 dated comic book, explaining the price-hike. In part, that 1969 letter said this:

"[W]e would like to thank you for having bought this DC Magazine, even though it cost you three cents more than usual... we think we owe you an explanation as to why it was necessary to raise our price. Over these past years, the cost of producing our magazines has steadily risen. You too, have to pay more for most of the things you buy. U.S. Post Cards, which used to cost only 1¢, are now 5¢. Sodas and telephone calls were a nickel, now they are double that, 10¢. Hot dogs also were a nickel, now they are 25¢. Everything costs more today than just a few years ago. We feel confident that you understand the necessity for this adjustment, and will remain loyal... [we] promise to redouble our efforts to maintain [our] high standard."

From DC to IC

Okay, enough about comic books. Now let's talk about our Parish: Immaculate Conception is a small, but growing parish in our Diocese; since 2013, Mass attendance has grown by 18% and parish registrations are similarly up. Currently, our parish is financially sound, allowing us to safely engage in necessary capital upgrades through reasonable financing.

When it comes to finances, I land on the conservative-side of the spectrum: tight budgeting and cautious spending guide my financial view of parish administration. The reason, however, for our current financial stability is the regular and steady support of a very faithful, generous, active and strong parish.

A common parish practice – indeed an annual practice in some parishes – is what is called “increased offertory.” This is the annual pitch made to parishioners to increase the amount they give in the weekly collection at Mass. As many of you already know, I loathe asking folks for money. I do it, when needed, but it's not something I like to do. Thus, I have not made an “increased offertory” request in my first three years here; I think it is now time. I need to ask you all to consider increasing your offertory support to our Parish.

Of Comics, Costs and Collections

Much like the explanation from that comic book publisher in 1969, I can say that while our collections here at Immaculate Conception are steady, our costs have gone up; in some areas those increases are out of our control. For instance, health care costs have risen, insurance rates have gone up, supply prices for everything from paperclips to printer toner have escalated. We have also been very proactive in maintenance over these past few years, thus making sure our facilities are kept up; and there is a cost for that. So, just as your experience of price increases in your life is upward, so too it is for us.

Reflections on Our Parish

Our parish is just over 100 years old, while our church building is just under 100 years old. In that expanse of years, Immaculate Conception has striven to serve the needs of God's people in this area of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and western Kent County, Delaware. Our parish offers programs for our youth, social activities, religious education, Hispanic ministry, Catholic fraternal life via our Knights of Columbus, adult faith formation, prayer and faith groups, outreach to the poor (most notably by our St. Vincent de Paul Society), an

emphasis on faithfully celebrated liturgy, and a conscientious administration of the Sacraments. Our Parish is a stronghold of Catholicism, showing the strong qualities of having a great faithfulness, being close-knit, and showing the face of Christ in its generosity. Through the generous financial support of our people, Immaculate Conception has accomplished, in faith, many great things. For all of this and more, we give thanks!

As a Pastor, while my primary concern is the spiritual health of our parish and its ministries, I also have the responsibility for our parish's material and financial health. For the most part, our Parish has done well in maintaining its buildings and meeting its budgetary needs. However, as noted above we face the increasing costs of the world around us – being a religious institution we are not immune from those challenges.

Our parish is blessed with many generous parishioners who offer their time, talents and financial resources for the good of the parish. The folks here at Immaculate Conception are loyal, joyful and benevolent; this is a Parish which is a joy for a Pastor to shepherd. Immaculate Conception, over the last three-plus years, has been a joy for me to serve. For all these wonderful qualities of Immaculate Conception, I give thanks.

Coming Next Week

In the coming week's bulletin, you will be provided with information about the many wonderful programs and groups in our parish, as well as the many good things our parish has done, is doing and will do. It is my hope that when you see the breadth of what our parish provides, and does, you may better recognize how truly blessed we are at Immaculate Conception.

Increasing our Offertory

In light of all this, I will ask you to reflect on all that Our Lord has given you and your family and consider in what measure and what amount you can give back to Him and His Church. In plain talk, I will ask to consider increasing your offertory to allow our parish to continue to thrive, grow and bring Christ to many people, young and old alike.

On behalf of Fr. Angeloni and myself, I thank you for your continued commitment to our wonderful parish and the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is my prayer that you will be able to continue to support our parish with generosity.

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Nov 6 **8:30am:** Tommy Smith
 11:00am: Prakashamma Kukatla
Misa en Español **7:00pm:** Maria Dominga Isaguirre
Thu., Nov. 10 **7pm:** For the People
Sun., Nov. 13 **8:30am:** Ann & Neal Thomas
 11:00am: Elsie Carrow
Misa en Español **7:00pm:** For the People

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory:	\$ 3463.00
Supplementary	\$ 384.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

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

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



STEWARSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Nov 6 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel
Nov 13 Margie Short & Laura Voshell
Nov 20 Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

Church Cleaning Crew

November 12, 2016 Grupo #19

Olegario Cuin, Enma Rojas, **Egidio Macario**,
Brendi Macario, Idalinda Pérez, Bersy Pérez

November 19, 2016 Grupo #20

Santos Juárez, Arturo Ramírez, Eva Bravo,
Herminda Bravo, Paulina Morales, Silvia Ramírez

Altar Servers

Nov 13

8:30am Mass – Anna Clancy & Michael Dixon
11:00am Mass – Carmine Poppiti & Joanne Santizo
Spanish Misa 7pm – Haylin Bartolon & Armando Macario

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 13

8:30am Mass – Catherine Beck
11:00am Mass – Alicia Poppiti
7pm Misa - Ángela Córdova, Ruvelio Velásquez

Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 13

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Chris & Joyce Ford
11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Judy Carrow, & Laura Schlaupitz
7pm Misa - Genaro Pérez, Carlos Miguel, Anselmo Escalante, Verónica Bravo, Adrián Miranda



NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES ARE OUT.
Please contact the office if you did not receive. Please check the Holiday schedules.

Lector books are in the office to be picked up.

St. Vincent DePaul Silent Auction and Soup

Sale: TODAY - Sunday, November 6th from 9am-12:30, sharp.



Auction will close on all items at 12:30sharp.

Carry out containers of homemade soup will be on sale: Split pea & ham, vegetable beef, Italian wedding, potato & ham, pea & dumpling and squash. Come have breakfast, shop and take home lunch, all in one place. Please come help us help others.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Nov 6 9am Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Sun, Nov 6 9am St Vincent DePaul Auction & Soup Sale
Sun, Nov 6 9:40am SRE Classes in Classrooms
Sun, Nov 6 1-3:30pm RICA
Mon, Nov 7 & Wed Nov 9 7pm ESL
Tue, Nov 8 7pm RCIA
Tue, Nov 8 7pm Juan XXIII
Wed, Nov 9 6:30pm Bible Study
Fri, Nov 11 10am Bible Study
Sat, Nov 12 2pm Wedding



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

Follow us on Facebook @

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JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST
TODAY in the Hall



Thanks to all who joined in the Annual ICC Trunk or Treat! Hope to see you next year!

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

At this time of year we are urged to remember those who have gone before us in death. As a couple, call to mind your deceased relatives. What have you learned from each of them? In prayer, ask them to watch over you and lead you to God.

Parenting Pointer –

It's nice periodically to remember family members who have died. This need not be a sad or gruesome task but rather a way to celebrate the goodness and lessons learned from relatives who have gone before us. Familiarize your children with their deceased relatives by creating a litany of their names and good qualities.

"You will find out that Charity is a heavy burden to carry, heavier than the kettle of soup and the full basket. But you will keep your gentleness and your smile. It is not enough to give soup and bread. This the rich can do. You are the servant of the poor, always smiling and good-humored. They are your masters, terribly sensitive and exacting master you will see. And the uglier and the dirtier they will be, the more unjust and insulting, the more love you must give them. It is only for your love alone that the poor will forgive you the bread you give to them."

St. Vincent DePaul

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education

Religious Education Classes for 2016-2017

9:40am-10:50am on Sundays

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Confirmation Preparation- Session #2, Sunday, November 13, 12:30-3:30pm in the hall

First Reconciliation Preparation – Session #4, Tuesday, November 15th, 6:30-7:30pm in the hall.

ADULT FORMATION:

- **Adult Bible study continues with Psalms: “An Invitation to Prayer”.** If you are interested in joining us, please contact Alicia Poppiti at the office.
- **Psalms II: “Praying with Jesus”** Will start up after the present series. 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.



This week in the Gospel reading Jesus gives us a glimpse of life after death. At that time all of our earthly needs will be eliminated, but our relationship with God will continue. Bring it Home this week by discussing as a family what it means to have a relationship with God. Do you talk to God? Spend time with Him? Receive Him in Holy Communion? Seek God's forgiveness in Reconciliation? As a family attend Mass together and offer it for those family members who have died.

National Vocation Awareness Week- November 6-12

Each year, the church in the United States invites us to observe a week dedicated to Vocations Awareness. It is a time to acknowledge our priests, deacons and those men and women in consecrated life. Please keep all vocations in your prayers, and especially this week. Thank all those that serve our Church and her ministries.



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: God strengthens us and we live with him forever.

Question for Children: God always stays with you, no matter what. What signs can you see to help you believe that?

Question for Youth: Death is a hard reality in our human life, but if we believe in the resurrection, we know it isn't the end of the journey. How does your belief in heaven affect the way you live?

Question for Adults: Having faith in difficult times is hard! What makes you believe in the promise that God will be your strength, as Paul says?

32º domingo en tiempo ordinario

Tema: Dios nos fortalece y vivimos en él por siempre.

Pregunta para los niños: Dios siempre permanece con ustedes, no importa qué pase. ¿Qué señales pueden ver que los ayuda a creer en eso?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Crecer está lleno de retos y decisiones, pero San Pablo te ofrece hoy la esperanza de que ¡Dios está contigo en todo! “Que el Señor gobierne sus corazones”, dice Pablo. ¿Cómo experimentas esta ayuda divina poderosa cuando enfrentas las decisiones en tu propia vida?

Pregunta para los adultos: Tener fe en momentos difíciles es duro. ¿Qué los hace creer en la promesa de que Dios será su fuerza como lo dijo Pablo?

Open Houses for Catholic High Schools

You are invited to our 2016 Open House at St. Thomas More Academy:

Sunday, November 13, 11am-2pm

133 Thomas More Drive,
Magnolia, DE 19962

If you should have any questions, please contact 302-697-8100

**DIOCESE OF
WILMINGTON HIGH
SCHOOL PLACEMENT
TEST:** offered at St.
Thomas More on December
3rd and 4th you must register
at

<http://wilmington.stsusers.com>



**COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES
LENTINI 6 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2016**

**UNA SOLICITUD ESPECIAL PARA NUESTROS
FELIGRESES**

Estimado Parroquiano,

En 1969, solía comprar y leer libros de Cómics. La casa de Batman, Superman, Linterna Verde, Aquaman y Flecha Verde, realmente disfruté de las historias y de los héroes de DC. Para aquellos que recuerden esa época, recordarán que el precio de una cómica en ese tiempo era de sólo 12 centavos. Bueno, a mediados de 1969 algo dramático sucedió: DC Cómics tuvo que aumentar el precio de los cómics de 12 ¢ a un sorprendente 15 ¢. Los niños de toda América, incluyéndome, comenzaron la redistribución de sus centavos para asegurarse de que todavía podían comprar todos sus cómics favoritos.

Recientemente estuve mirando un cómic de esta época, y vi algo interesante. En un esfuerzo por hacer comprensible este aumento de 3 ¢, los editores de DC Comics pusieron una carta en cada libro de cómics datado de julio de 1969, explicando el aumento de precio. En parte, esa carta de 1969 decía lo siguiente:

"Quisiera agradecerle por haber comprado esta revista DC, a pesar de que le costó tres centavos más de lo habitual... creemos que le debemos una explicación de por qué era necesario aumentar nuestro precio. En estos últimos años, el costo de producción de nuestras revistas ha aumentado constantemente. Tú también, tienes que pagar más por la mayoría de las cosas que compras. Las tarjetas postales de los Estados Unidos, que solían costar sólo 1 ahora son 5 ¢. Las sodas y las llamadas telefónicas eran 5¢, ahora son el doble, 10 ¢. Perros calientes también eran 5¢, ahora son 25 ¢. Todo cuesta más hoy que hace unos pocos años. Estamos seguros de que usted entiende la necesidad de este ajuste, y seguirá siendo fiel... [Nos] prometemos en redoblar nuestros esfuerzos para mantener [nuestro] alto nivel."

De DC a IC

Bueno, suficiente sobre los cómics. Ahora hablemos de nuestra Parroquia: La Inmaculada Concepción es una parroquia pequeña pero creciente en nuestra Diócesis; Desde 2013, la asistencia a Misa ha crecido un 18% y los registros en la parroquia son similares. En la actualidad, nuestra parroquia está financieramente sólida, lo que nos permite con seguridad renovaciones y actualizaciones necesarias de capital mediante un financiamiento razonable. Cuando se trata de finanzas, me ubico en el lado conservador del espectro: presupuestos ajustados y gastos cautelosos

guían mi visión financiera de la administración parroquial. La razón, sin embargo, por la que tenemos una estabilidad financiera actual es por el apoyo regular y constante de una parroquia muy fiel, generosa, activa y fuerte.

Una práctica parroquial común -es decir, una práctica anual es algunas parroquias- es lo que se llama "incremento en el ofertorio". Esta es la anotación anual que se le hace a los feligreses para aumentar la cantidad que dan en la coleta semanal en la Misa. Como muchos de ustedes ya saben, detesto pedir dinero a la gente. Lo hago, cuando es necesario, pero no es algo que me gusta hacer. Por lo tanto, no he hecho una solicitud de "incremento en el ofertorio" en mis primeros tres años aquí; Creo que ahora es el momento. Necesito pedirles a todos que consideren aumentar su apoyo de ofertorio a nuestra parroquia.

De Cómics, Costos y Colecciones

Al igual que la explicación de ese editor de cómics en 1969, puedo decir que mientras nuestras colectas en La Inmaculada Concepción son constantes, nuestros costos han aumentado; en algunas áreas esos aumentos están fuera de control. Por ejemplo, los costos de seguros han aumentado, los precios de suministro para todo, desde los clips de papel a la impresora de tóner han aumentado. También hemos sido muy proactivos en el mantenimiento durante estos últimos años, asegurando así que nuestras instalaciones se mantengan; Y hay un costo para eso. Por lo tanto, al igual que su experiencia de los aumentos de precios en su vida diaria, también lo es para nosotros.

Reflexiones sobre nuestra parroquia

Nuestra parroquia tiene poco más de 100 años, mientras que el edificio de nuestra iglesia tiene un poco menos de 100 años. En esa extensión de años, La Inmaculada Concepción se ha esforzado por servir a las necesidades del pueblo de Dios en esta área de la Costa Este de Maryland y el condado de Kent, en el oeste de Delaware. Nuestra parroquia ofrece programas para nuestros jóvenes, actividades sociales, Educación Religiosa, Ministerio Hispano, vida católica fraterna a través de nuestros Caballeros de Colón, Formación Adultos en la fe, grupos de oración, ayuda a los pobres (especialmente por medio de nuestra Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl), Un énfasis en la liturgia fielmente celebrada, y una administración concienzuda de los sacramentos. Nuestra parroquia es un baluarte del catolicismo, mostrando las fuertes cualidades de ser fieles, de estar unidos y mostrar el rostro de Cristo en su generosidad. A través del generoso apoyo financiero de nuestro pueblo, la Inmaculada Concepción ha logrado, en la fe, grandes cosas. ¡Por todo esto y más, damos gracias!

Como Párroco, aunque mi principal preocupación es la salud espiritual de nuestra parroquia y sus ministerios, también tengo la responsabilidad de la salud material y financiera de nuestra parroquia. En su mayor parte, nuestra parroquia ha hecho un buen trabajo en mantener sus edificios y satisfacer sus necesidades presupuestarias. Sin embargo, como se señaló anteriormente nos enfrentamos a las crecientes costos

del mundo a nuestro alrededor - siendo una institución religiosa no somos inmunes a esos desafíos.

Nuestra parroquia está bendecida con muchos feligreses generosos que ofrecen su tiempo, talento y recursos financieros para el bien de la parroquia. Las personas aquí en la Inmaculada Concepción son leales, alegres y benevolentes; Esta es una parroquia que es una alegría para un párroco. La Inmaculada Concepción, durante los últimos tres años un poco más, ha sido una alegría para mí servir. Por todas estas maravillosas cualidades de la Inmaculada Concepción, doy gracias.

Próxima Semana

En el boletín de la semana que viene, se le proporcionará información sobre los muchos programas y grupos maravillosos en nuestra parroquia, así como las muchas cosas buenas que nuestra parroquia ha hecho, y está haciendo y hará. Espero que cuando vean la magnitud de lo que nuestra parroquia proporciona y hace, puedan reconocer mejor verdaderamente que somos bendecidos en la Inmaculada Concepción.

Aumentar nuestro Ofertorio

A la luz de todo esto, les pido que reflexionen sobre todo lo que Nuestro Señor les ha dado a ustedes y a sus familias y consideren en qué medida y qué cantidad pueden devolverle a Él y a Su Iglesia. En palabras claras, pediré que consideren aumentar su ofertorio para permitir que nuestra parroquia continúe prosperando, creciendo y llevando a Cristo a muchas personas, tanto jóvenes como mayores.

En nombre del p. Angeloni y el mío propio, les agradezco su compromiso continuo con nuestra maravillosa parroquia y la misión de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Es mi oración que ustedes puedan seguir apoyando a nuestra parroquia con generosidad.

Suyo en Cristo, Fr. James Lentini, Párroco