# 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 11, 2018 – Thirty-second 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.**

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Dear Parishioners,

Each year our Parishes compile what is called "the October Count." It is the official count of Mass attendance for weekends during October. This is done in all parishes through the Diocese of Wilmington.

**Mass Influx.** I am pleased to say that this year "October Count" shows Holy Cross with an increase in Mass attendance of 18% over last year – this is a very, very healthy increase. During the course of the month, the Parish experienced a 1,416 increase over last year in total monthly attendance (which moves our total monthly Mass attendance on a heading towards 10,000). Our 1pm Sunday Spanish Mass showed the strongest growth, while our 11am Sunday Mass is our consistently best attended Mass (followed by the 5pm, 9:15am and 6pm respectively). The only decline in attendance was at our 7:30am Mass, which took a very small 2% dip.

**Meanwhile in Marydel.** Immaculate Conception Parish shows equally good news. The Mass attendance report that for the Parish is simply incredible! Mass attendance at Immaculate Conception has increased 28.4% over last year, with all of our three Sunday Masses growing; the 8:30am Mass grew by 9%, the 11am by 18.7% and the 1pm Spanish Mass by a whopping 44.9%. In my first year here, only two of eight English language Mass in a month topped the 100 attendance mark – this year, that 100 mark was surpassed by seven of eight of those Masses. Regarding Spanish Mass at 1 pm, it yielded a cumulative attendance of over 1,000 (average of 252 per Mass each week).

**Good News.** It is good, and indeed heartening, to

see our two Parishes grow even in these turbulent times for our Church. While numbers are never the whole story, they do mean something, and do they carry some weight. Our two parishes are both booming in Mass attendance, and it is my hope and prayer that that growth will continue in the year ahead. We are certainly doing something right at both Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception, as we are bucking the trend of decline found in other areas.

**44 Shopping Days Until Christmas.** I remember a number of years ago, my niece wanted a certain kind of purse for Christmas. My brother had indicated that it was ridiculously expensive. I thought to myself, "How expensive could a purse be?" So, I checked into it. Well, clutch the pearls, the purse that she wanted cost $400. This is not a misprint: $400. I wondered, what would make someone think she needs a $400 purse; I would submit it is the toxic cocktail mixture of peer pressure, advertising, and the vanity of glamor. And that's not an isolated event. At different times and in different ways we can find ourselves falling prey to Devil's version of the Home Shopping Network – you know, when you see something on HSN that you absolutely don't need, won't use and can't afford, and yet you just have to have it. Much like HSN, it is best to just turn off the Devil, and turn to appreciating what God has given you.

**Soul Survivors.** During this month of All Souls, when we pray for the sweet repose of those gone before us, we need to remind ourselves that we are not praying for them to have a new car, a bigger TV, a larger house or scads of money. Because in the end, they don't – and we won't – need that. No! Those things, while nice, only have value here on this Third Rock from the Sun. But in the twinkling of an eye, those things can lose their meaning for us. What we pray for is that the poor soul finds rest, joy and repose with God.

**Batman and Salvation.** The culture we live in today, tells us that this world offers it all – all we will ever want, and all we will ever need. But those who hold that as a value are placing their trust in the idea that this world is all there is – and they are going to be disappointed because the Devil's promises are empty. Because the things of this world – and yes, some of them are wonderful to have – are passing away ultimately. Even my sacred laptop and smartphone and DVD collection of the 1966 Batman TV series, each of which I enjoy, are nice but not necessary. They can't bring me eternal rest, it can't bring me salvation. It is nice to have nice things – and there is not a problem with that. But if you think the nice things are the best things there are, if you think this world's goodies win the day, then at the end of day you will be disappointed.

**Credit Card Not Required.** For us as Catholics, the true value of Heaven, the true value of being with the Lord, is the greatest thing we can possess. And it doesn't require a credit card, a purchase order or a lay-away plan. It requires you to use the gift of faith. And while you are certainly fine with using the things of this world, and owning the things of this world (heck, no one's getting my Batman DVDs), do not let it distract from the eternal joy that we yearn for in hope. The shiny things of this world should not distract our eyes of faith from what God offers to each of us.

**A Time for Thanks.** As Thanksgiving approaches, be sure to thank the Lord for what you have...for your blessings, for the things of this world that bring you comfort, for your friends, for your family and for your faith. Be appreciative, and don't confuse what you "need" with those things you merely "want."

**Bottom line:** When temptation visits us and the Devil wants our attention: don't buy the hype, don't buy the false promises. Buy the truth: The treasures of Heaven outshine any glittery things this world has to offer. And, thank God for that.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini

Pastor

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## MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sunday, November 11**
**8:30** Tommy Smith
**11:00** Bruce Schepens
**Misa en Español 1pm** For the People

**Sunday, November 18**
**8:30** Raymond Messner
**11:00** Alexis DeFrancesco
**Misa en Español 1pm** For the People

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

## COLLECTION TOTALS:

**Offertory: $ 3933.66**
**Supplementary: $ 440.01**

***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 11** Julia Moore & Ann Lawson
**Nov 18** Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud
**Nov 25** Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

**New schedule is coming out soon, please let office know of any changes or dates you cannot help.**

### Church Cleaning Crew

**Noviembre 16, 2018 Grupo #14**
Genaro Pérez, **Elizabeth López**, Edelfo Tomas, Alfonso Chun

**Noviembre 23, 2018 Grupo #15**

### Altar Servers

**November 18**
**8:30am Mass –** Mike Dixon & Anna Clancy
**11am Mass –** Vincent Haass & Joanna Santizo
**Spanish Misa 1pm –** Itzel Roblero & Justin Godinez

### Lectors

**November 18**
**8:30am Mass –** Lani Small
**11am Mass –** Sherry Tucker
**Spanish Misa 1pm –** Froilán Berduo, Ada Escalante

### Eucharistic Ministers

**November 18**
**8:30am Mass –** Charlotte Tormey & Mark Plucenik
**11am Mass –** Joan Stewart & Alicia Poppiti
**Spanish Misa 1pm –** Alberto Morales, Carlos Miguel, Flora Perez, Miguel Lopez, Antonio Perez

**Ministers: Please let the office know if you are available to serve for the Holiday Masses. Thank you.**

## 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**

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Sun, Nov 11 9:40am** – SRE Classes in Classroom
**Sun, Nov 11 11am-1pm**– Confirmation Prep-hall
**Mon, Nov 12 7pm –** Play Practice-hall
**Tues, Nov 13 6:30-7:30pm** – 1st Reconciliation Prep-hall
**Wed, Nov 14 7pm** – Play Practice-hall
**Thur, Nov 15 7pm** – Play Dress rehearsal-hall
**Fri, Nov 16 10am-10pm** – STMA Soph Retreat-hall/kitch.
**Fri, Nov 16 7pm** – RCIA-office
**Sat, Nov 17 6pm** – Dinner Theatre-hall

## Two Commemorative Books – Available Now

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.**

**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- "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" Saturday, November 17th- Tickets on sale now.**
**$15 for Adults $8 for Children**

**We would like to say *"THANK YOU"* to our wonderful parishioners.**

**You have once again supported our fundraising effort to continue our journey to help those in a time of need.**

**We were able to make a deposit of $5023, with the soup, raffle, auction and generous donations given on Nov. 4.**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Immaculate Conception Church
Marydel, MD

## 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 are thankful for all the wonderful adults that have stepped up and offered their time and talents to share their faith with our community. Thank you all.**

**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 today, 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 –

**Think of creative acts of love to surprise each other. For example: Leave a little note where your spouse will easily see it. Or, think up your own ideas.**

### Parenting Pointer –

**Does your family know anyone who is adopted? Be a friend to them. Especially hold in your heart children in foster care who might be awaiting adoption.**

### 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.**

## 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.**

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Theme:** We must give to God until we have given enough.
**Question for Children:** What part of your own possessions are you called on to share?
**Question for Youth:** When you think of your own life, do you consider yourself to be rich or poor? How do you spend your money? Is there anything you should be doing differently?
**Question for Adults:** When do you know that you have given away enough?

### 32do domingo del tiempo ordinario

**Tema:** Debemos darle a Dios hasta que hayamos dado lo suficiente.
**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Qué parte de tus posesiones se te pide que compartas?
**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Cuando piensas en tu propia vida, ¿te consideras rico o pobre? ¿Cómo gastas tu dinero? ¿Hay algo que deberías cambiar?
**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Cuándo sabe que ha dado lo suficiente?

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

Find out more about the priesthood at **www.diocesanpriest.com**
Find out more about the religious life: **religiouslife.com. Let us help you to discover God's plan for your life.**
E-mail: **vocations@cdow.org** or Call us: **(302) 573-3113** today!

## Boy Scout Religious Awards

Any scout who is interested in earning their Catholic religious award should contact the Diocese of Wilmington's Catholic Committee on Scouting. Our committee can help get the process started and will supply the award, once earned. Each year the Bishop will present the awards to the scouts of our Diocese at our annual Scout Mass. For further information please contact either Bob Murray, Committee Chair at (302) 993-6290 or Deacon Tommy Watts, Boy Scout Chaplain (302) 218-1415.

# COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 11 DE NOVEMBRE, 2018.

Queridos feligreses,

Cada año, nuestras parroquias recopilan lo que se llama " El Conteo de Octubre". Es el conteo oficial de la asistencia a misa para los fines de semana de octubre. Esto se hace en todas las parroquias a través de la Diócesis de Wilmington.

**Flujo de Misas**. Me complace decir que este año el "conteo de octubre" muestra a Holy Cross con un aumento en la asistencia a la misa del 18% comparado con al año pasado; este es un aumento muy, muy saludable. Durante el transcurso del mes, la parroquia experimentó un aumento mensual total en la asistencia a misa de 1,416 con respecto al año pasado (lo que mueve nuestra asistencia total mensual a la misa en un rumbo a 10,000). Nuestra misa dominical a la 1p.m. en Español mostró el mayor crecimiento, mientras que nuestra misa dominical de las 11 a.m. es nuestra misa con mejor asistencia (seguida de las 5pm, 9:15 am y 6pm, respectivamente). La única disminución en la asistencia fue en nuestra Misa de las 7:30 am, que tuvo una caída muy pequeña del 2%.

**Mientras tanto en Marydel.** Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción muestra igualmente buenas noticias. ¡El informe de asistencia a la misa que para la parroquia es simplemente increíble! La asistencia a misa en la Inmaculada Concepción aumentó 28.4% con respecto al año pasado, con el aumento de nuestras tres misas dominicales; la misa de las 8:30 a.m. creció un 9%, las 11 a.m. del 18.7% y la misa en español a la 1:00 pm un 44.9%. En mi primer año aquí, solo dos de las ocho Misa en inglés en un mes superaron la marca de asistencia de 100. Este año, esa calificación de 100 fue superada por siete de las ocho Misas. Con respecto a la misa en español a la 1 pm, se obtuvo una asistencia acumulada de más de 1,000 (promedio de 252 por misa cada semana).

**Buenas Noticias**. Es bueno, y realmente alentador, ver cómo nuestras dos parroquias están creciendo, incluso en estos tiempos turbulentos para nuestra Iglesia. Si bien los números nunca son la historia completa, sí significan algo y tienen algo de peso. Nuestras dos parroquias están en auge en la asistencia a la misa, y es mi esperanza y oración que ese crecimiento continúe en el próximo año. Ciertamente, estamos haciendo algo bien tanto en Santa Cruz como en La Inmaculada Concepción, ya que estamos en la contraria de la tendencia de disminución que se encuentra en otras áreas.

**44 Días de Compras hasta Navidad.** Recuerdo que hace unos años, mi sobrina quería un tipo de bolsa (cartera) para la Navidad. Mi hermano había indicado que era ridículamente caro. Pensé: "¿Qué tan caro podría ser un bolsa?" Entonces, investigué el precio. Bueno, agarre las perlas, el bolso que ella quería costaba $ 400. Esto no es un error de imprenta: $ 400. Me pregunté qué haría que alguien pensara que necesita un bolso de $ 400; Yo diría que es la mezcla tóxica de cóctel de la presión social, la publicidad y la vanidad del glamour. Y eso no es un evento aislado. En diferentes momentos y en diferentes formas, podemos encontrarnos presos de la versión del Demonio de Comprar en Línea por Internet: cuando ves algo en el Internet que no necesitas, no puedes usar y no puedes pagar, y sin embargo, solo tienes que tenerlo. Al igual que Comprar en Línea, lo mejor es simplemente apagar al Diablo y volverse a apreciar lo que Dios te ha dado.

**Sobrevivientes del Alma**. Durante este mes de Todas las Almas de los Fieles Difuntos, es cuando oramos por el dulce reposo de los que nos han precedido, debemos recordar que no estamos orando para que tengan un auto nuevo, un televisor más grande, una casa más grande o un montón de dinero. Porque al final, ellos no (y nosotros tampoco) necesitamos eso. ¡No! Esas cosas, aunque agradables, solo tienen valor aquí en esta Tercera Roca del Sol. Pero en un abrir y cerrar de ojos, esas cosas pueden perder su significado para nosotros. Lo que oramos es que las pobres almas encuentren descanso, gozo y reposo con Dios.

**Batman y la Salvación**. La cultura en que vivimos hoy nos dice que este mundo lo ofrece todo, todo lo que siempre desearemos y todo lo que siempre necesitaremos. Pero quienes sostienen eso como un valor, depositan su confianza en la idea de que este mundo es todo lo que hay, y se sentirán decepcionados porque las promesas del diablo están vacías. Porque las cosas de este mundo, y sí, algunas de ellas son maravillosas de tener, en última instancia, están desapareciendo. Incluso mi colección sagrada de computadoras portátiles y teléfonos inteligentes y DVD de la serie de televisión de Batman de 1966, cada una de las cuales disfruto, son agradables pero no necesarias. No pueden traerme el descanso eterno, no puede traerme la salvación. Es bueno tener cosas bonitas, y no hay problema con eso. Pero si crees que las cosas buenas son las mejores que existen, si crees que las cosas de este mundo ganan el día, al final del día te sentirás decepcionado.

**No se Requiere Tarjeta de Crédito.** Para nosotros como católicos, el verdadero valor del cielo, el verdadero valor de estar con el Señor, es lo más grande que podemos poseer. Y no requiere una tarjeta de crédito, una orden de compra o un plan de depósito. Requiere que uses el don de la fe. Y aunque ciertamente estás de acuerdo con usar las cosas de este mundo y ser dueño de las cosas de este mundo (¡Diablos!, nadie está recibiendo mis DVD de Batman), no dejes que esto distraiga la alegría eterna que anhelamos con esperanza. Las cosas brillantes de este mundo no deben distraer nuestros ojos de fe de lo que Dios ofrece a cada uno de nosotros.

**Un Tiempo Para Dar Gracias.** Al acercarse el Día de Acción de Gracias, asegúrese de agradecer al Señor por lo que tienes ... por sus bendiciones, por las cosas de este mundo que te brindan consuelo, por tus amigos, tu familia y por tu fe. Seas agradecido y no confunda lo que "necesitas" con las cosas que simplemente "quieres".

**AL Final:** cuando la tentación nos visita y el diablo nos llama la atención: no compres el brillante, no compres las falsas promesas. Compre la verdad: los tesoros del cielo que eclipsan cualquier cosa, cualquier brillante que este mundo pueda ofrecer. Y, gracias a Dios por eso.

Tuyo en Cristo
Padre James Lentini
Párroco