



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 1, 2020

All Saints

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
During Lent, Monday-Friday, 12:10 pm also
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight (temporarily closed)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

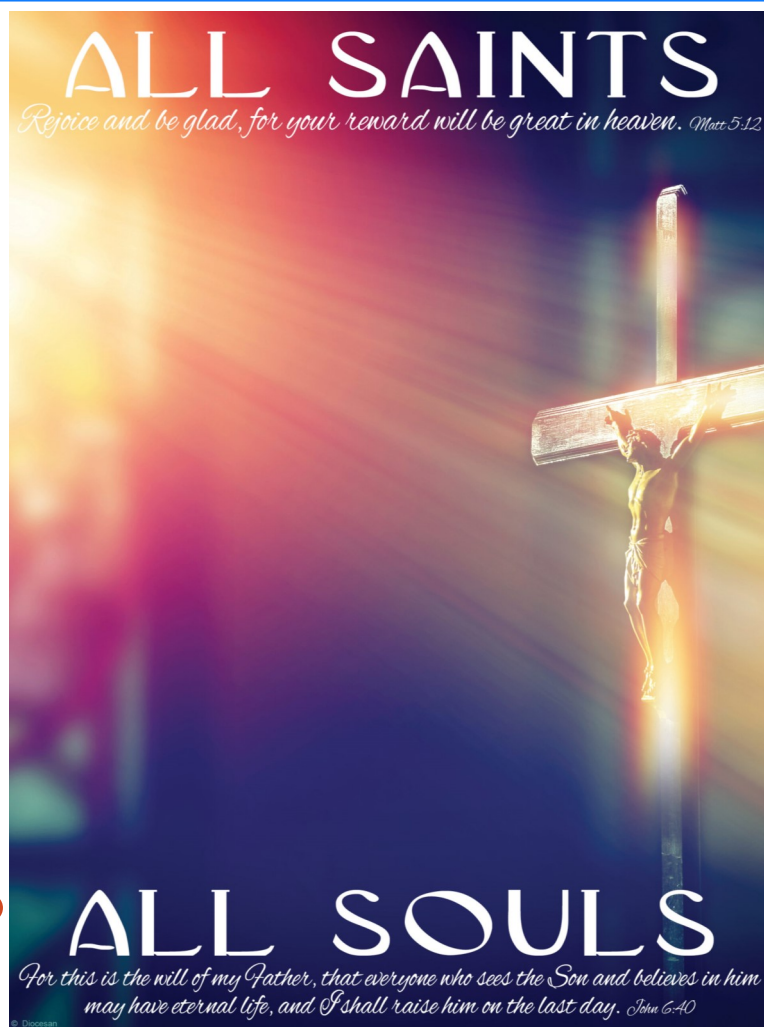
DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm

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HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the parish office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

holycrossdover.org

iccmarylodel.org

Holy Cross Church is unlocked and available for private prayer. The doors will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Daily Mass at HC at 8 am Monday through Saturday. Weekend Masses at Holy Cross are Saturday evening 5 pm, Sunday at 7:30 and 9:30 am, 11:30 am Spanish.

Weekend Masses at ICC are Sunday at 8:30 and 11 am, and 1 pm Spanish. Also a 6 pm Mass Thursday and 9 am Mass on Saturday morning, both in Spanish

We are limiting access to the parish offices, so you can buzz when you stop by, or call and leave messages and we will get back to you; or, you can email us.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

October 18, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$22,585	\$28,000	(\$5,415)
YTD	\$383,042	\$442,400	(\$59,358)
Needs	\$1,128	\$1,550	(\$422)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending October 18, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,482
Second	\$436

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs, and activities of Holy Cross and ICC are made possible.

"Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time. May are still not attending Mass but we still need your support. You can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card.

We will call you back. Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Parishioners,

States! We have 50 of them in the United States. And each one of them has something to boast about. Hawaii is the state with the greatest life expectancy. Pennsylvania is the state with the most hunters. Mississippi has the most churches per capita. Maryland has the highest income. California has the highest income tax. Florida has the most retirees. Wyoming has the cleanest air. North Dakota has the most persons per capita over 100 years of age. Delaware has the most incorporations; 66% of all of the Fortune 500 companies. Missouri is bordered by more other states than any other state; it is bordered by eight states (dare I say that fact may serve to prove that "Missouri" loves company).

Moving Stories. So, going from state to state, there are certainly differences to be found, and yet all are still American soil. Visiting different states allows one to see the differences up close – that's probably why TV's Laverne and Shirley packed up and moves from Wisconsin to California in season six, and why Lucy and Ricky made the jump from New York to Connecticut in the final season of "I Love Lucy." In each state there are difference and similarity – the latter being what binds us as Americans.

What Gives You Gas? In science, there are also "states" – ways of being – as distinct and similar as our US states. For example, I am sure we all learned in elementary school science water exists in three states: solid (ice), liquid (Perrier or Aquafina) and gas (steam). It exists in three different manners or "states" – and yet it is still H₂O.

Holy Places. Similarly, the Catholic Church exists in three "states" – it exists as the Church here on earth, as the Church in heaven and as the Church in purgatory. Wherever God's people are, there is the Church. While there are similarities between each state, there are also distinctions. In that regard, here is a brief overview regarding the three states in which the Church exists:

- **The Church Triumphant (The Church in Heaven).** When talking about the communion of saints we most often think of the saints in heaven. These are those souls that rest in peace before the face of God, gathered around the Lamb, Jesus Christ. This is the Catholic Church in heaven is

called Triumphant because its members have won the battle of earthly life, they are now in Heaven able to stand before the Beatific Vision of God. They are freed of all taint of sin, being fully holy, fully knowing God, fully loving God and seeing Christ, no longer under the veil of a Sacrament, but face-to-face. Any doubt experienced in earthly faith is washed away.

- **The Church Suffering (The Church in Purgatory).** When talking about the communion of saints we probably least often think of those suffering souls in purgatory. The Catholic Church in purgatory is made up of those members of the Church Militant who died with temporal punishment due for sin. The way they are made purified for the Kingdom of Heaven is by abiding in purgatory and facing those aspects of their life and their soul that keep them "not yet ready" for Heaven. In purgatory, the members of the Communion of Saints are purged of any obstacles preventing them from seeing clearly, God, as he is.
- **The Church Militant (The Church on Earth).** This is the Church that is the people of God on earth; it known as the Church Militant, as we on earth as still fighting the battle of daily life to win the victorious crown given saints in Heaven. In this Church, we strive for holiness; to come to know, love and serve God. Here we receive Christ, but under the veil of a Sacrament.

Three in One. Let me be clear, the Church in Heaven, on Earth and in Purgatory are one- in-the-same the Catholic Church. Much as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three persons in one God, so the Church, though existing in three states is nonetheless one Church. The essence of the Church is the same "on earth as it is in heaven." There is only one Church – the Catholic Church: it is one, holy, Catholic and apostolic. The key element of the Church when speaking in terms of it being a communion is word "one."

Relating Heaven, Earth and Purgatory. In 1985, singer Belinda Carlisle of the rock band The Go-Go's, topped the charts with a song called "Heaven is a Place on Earth." Now, as heretical as that title might sound in doctrinaire terms, there is a touch of truth in it. At

HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini, V. F.
Rev. Mano Salla

Pastor
Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Msgr. Daniel McGlynn
Mr. Philip Belt
Mr. John Harvey
Mr. Robert McMullen
Mr. Scott Peterson
Mr. Vincent Pisano

Pastor Emeritus
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon
Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell

Deacon

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PRO LIFE CORNER

The fall 40 Days for Life Dover event began on Wednesday, September 23rd and continues to Sunday November 1st. Please join us in prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood of Dover to help save the lives of the unborn. You may participate at your convenience and schedule. While at Planned Parenthood, please follow Governor Carney's Social Distancing Guidelines. For more information contact Donna at (862) 266-1099 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/dover.

- Life begins at conception and continues to natural death.
 - Offer your prayers for the most vulnerable, especially the elderly during this COVID-19 crisis.
- "Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you." ~Pope Francis*

MEMORIAL MASS

This year we will not be offering a separate Memorial Mass as we have done in years past. We will mention the names of all those from the parish who died during the past year at the 8 am Mass on Monday, November 2. We will pray for them and for all of the souls of the faithful departed. Their names will be placed in our booklet that will be displayed near the front of the altar also. We are sorry we cannot offer an evening Mass as we have done in the past.

GIVING TREE

This Advent Season, we will NOT be offering our normal Giving Tree as we have done in years past due to the Pandemic restrictions. We will arrange our Giving Tree for you to contribute to needy families of our parish and school by donating either gift cards or monetary donations, similar to the small Samaritan tree we have had in the past. More information will come out as we get closer to Advent.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 8 32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: WISDOM 6:12-16

The writer reflects on wisdom, personified as God's agent in the world who shares intimately in god's life and creative purpose.

READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

God promises us life everlasting as we share in the resurrection of Jesus.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13

The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids is principally about having hearts, minds, and spirits open and alert to detect the presence of Jesus in our lives.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Even though we are not opening the Adoration Chapel at this time, anyone who was on the normal adoration schedule is welcome to come into the church to pray during your assigned hour. The church is unlocked from 7 am to 7 pm and Our Lord is waiting for you to come spend time with Him. Our Lord is present in the tabernacle all day long and would love for you to spend time praying. It's a great way to get back into the routine of praying during your scheduled hour.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, November 7th, we conclude National Vocations Awareness Week with an interview with Sister Virginia Peckham, a Little Sister of Jesus and Mary working with the poor in Salisbury Maryland.

MASS BOOK

The **Mass Book for 2021 will open on Monday, November 2.** Due to the current restrictions of people coming to the office and the number of Masses we are currently offering, we must restrict the number of requests. Please see below:

1. We are only **opening up** the Masses for the **months of January, February, March, and April at this time.**
2. You can **request ONLY 2 Masses** at this time and payment of \$10 per Mass is required at the time of the request.
3. Requests **MUST** be left in the box provided at the front door of the ELC building. In the envelope you must **provide your name, phone number, email, maximum two requests, and your payment.** *Please note we are only offering the 8 am Masses Monday through Saturday, 5 pm Saturday Mass, Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am Spanish Masses at this time.*
4. You may drop off your request from **9 am through 1 pm Monday through Friday ONLY beginning November 2.**
5. Requests for the Church tabernacle candle can also be made. \$10 per request. Limit one request per person. The Adoration Chapel candle request cannot be taken at this time.

Please call the office with any questions.

MASS INTENTIONS

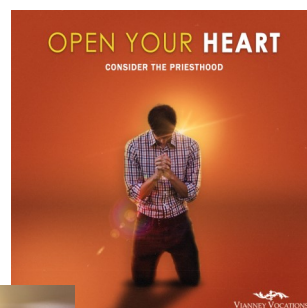
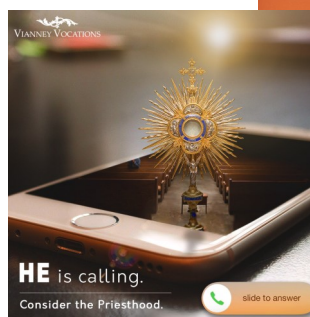
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2 MONDAY HC 8:00 am	Emma Zapanta Donato/All Souls
3 TUESDAY HC 8:00 am	Robert Sisson
4 WEDNESDAY HC 6:30 am HC 8:00 am	Gerald McLane Bruce Sovinski
5 THURSDAY HC 8:00 am ICC 6:00 pm	Joseph D'Aguillo For the People
6 FRIDAY HC 8:00 am	Gerald Winkowski
7 SATURDAY HC 8 am HC 5 pm	Sylvia Crews DM of the Mulloy Family
8 SUNDAY HC 7:30 am ICC 8:30 am HC 9:30 am HC 11:30 am ICC 11 am ICC 1 pm HC 6 pm	Jennie & John Bisceglie Tommy Smith Robert Beaudoin Dorothy Lanaras Richard Reynolds For the People Mary Reed

(LI = LIVING INTENTION
DM = DECEASED MEMBERS)

VOCATIONS

It is
National
Vocation
Awareness Week,
November 1—6.



Please keep our
current 13
seminarians in
your prayers.
Pray for those
discerning to be
open to God's
calling.



MASS MINISTERS

PLEASE COME
FORWARD TO HELP
DISTRIBUTE
HOLY COMMUNION AT THE
MASS YOU ATTEND. THE
PRIEST WILL INDICATE HOW
MANY EXTRA-ORDINARY
MINISTERS ARE
NEEDED.

Lector Schedule for October/November 2020

5 pm Mass

Nov 7	Dennis Dixon
Nov 14	Lori Christiansen
Nov 21	Fran Urick
Nov 28	Hazel Showell

7:30 am Mass

Nov 8	Rose Pritchett
Nov 15	Donna Kilby
Nov 22	Christina Cuffey
Nov 29	Rose Pritchett

9:30 am Mass

Nov 8	Colin Parks
Nov 15	Mary Sherlock
Nov 22	Suzanne Ford
Nov 29	Chris Petka

If you wish to be considered to lector, please email Diane at dbelt@holycrossdover.org so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector. I will do so a lector schedule for November. Thank you.

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories have been in the Parish Office for the past few months. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up. Please do not just show up to pick up your copy.

HOLY CROSS CELEBRATES 150 YRS.

A book commemorating Holy Cross' 150th anniversary has been developed and is now available. A comprehensive coverage of our parish's history from 1870 to present day parish life is presented in nearly 80 beautifully designed pages. Numerous pictures, some in black & white while others are in vivid color, help to bring the material to life. Major sections include: a short biography of all our pastors since 1870, articles describing many of the important events through the years, and several more in-depth stories covering specific areas of our parish from both a historical and current perspective.

Go to HolyCrossDover.org and look under "Headings" to get a glimpse (teaser) of the book's content and to download the order form. The books are available in three levels of quality and are priced at \$9.00 (Good), \$18.00 (Very Good), and \$25.00 (Best). The variations include softback vs. hardback covers, paper type, and standard vs. premium color. Sample books can be viewed at the parish office receptionist desk. **Our second order will be place the beginning of December.** Please consider still placing an order for one of these interesting books.

SAMARITAN FOOD NEEDS (HC)

The Samaritan Food Pantry is collecting items to help with the great demands being placed on them during this crisis. Please leave perishable items in the freezer by the Samaritan pick up door and non perishable items can be left there also. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

At this time we need the following for the Thanksgiving baskets: turkeys, stuffing, sweet potatoes, canned vegetables, and other items for Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you.

MEN OF HOLY CROSS

Please join us for a Zoom Rosary for the intention of election results which are pleasing to God and which draw our nation closer to "His Holy Will". November 3rd, 0630, just click on the below link (or copy and paste in your browser) and follow the prompts. Zoom Link <https://zoom.us/j/930861480> (<https://zoom.us/j/930861480>)

RETURNING TO MASS

- Attendees are to **wear a face covering (mask)** (when inside the Church ; **masks are to be worn over the nose and mouth and must be kept on during the entire Mass.**
- Pews have been marked off to accommodate social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church.
- **When receiving Holy Communion, please remember to stay socially distanced.** We encourage you to receive Holy Communion in your hand, but **if you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to be at the end of the Communion line.** There will be no Cup distributed at this time.

- As you leave the church, please **do not gather in the Gathering Space** or parking lot.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

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 POINTERS

All What does it mean to be wise? How is it different from merely being smart? Wisdom is often associated with age, but sometimes the fresh perspective of a younger person can reveal wisdom. Watch for a wise act or decision of your child. Comment on it. That's being a wise parent.

Los Preceptos o Mandamientos de la Iglesia Católica

Los Preceptos de la Iglesia se derivan de la moral católica y de los fundamentos doctrinales, los cuales se reflejan de muchas maneras, posiblemente las más notables en la Ley Canónica y en la disciplina litúrgica. Los católicos deben de consultar los Preceptos de la Iglesia de una manera de "auto-evaluación" para su cumplimiento, como un criterio mínimo con los cuales se pueden evaluar los miembros activos de la Iglesia.

1. Asistir a Misa los Domingos y los días de obligación, y descansar del trabajo servil. (1983 CIC 1247- 1248).
2. Confesar sus pecados al menos una vez al año. (1983 CIC 962,988, 989, 991).
3. Recibir el sacramento de la Eucaristía cuando menos durante la cuaresma. (1983 CIC 920).
4. Observar los días de ayuno y abstinencia establecidos por la Iglesia. La mayoría de los viernes durante el año y en la época de la Cuaresma son épocas de penitencia (1983 CIC 1250, 1252,1253), pero poco después del Concilio Vaticano II, la disciplina externa de abstenerse de comer carne los viernes se ha abrogado en favor de la recomendación de auto-imponerse otro tipo de penitencia.
5. Ayudar al sostenimiento y proporcionar ayuda a las necesidades de la Iglesia. (1983 CIC 1260, 1261, 1262, 1266,1267)

La Santa Misa durante el COVID -19 Las reglas de la pandemia siguen en vigor y todos tenemos la responsabilidad de protegernos y proteger a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo.

- Usar mascarillas cuando entra al templo durante todo el tiempo que permanezca aden-

tro la mascarilla debe cubrir la nariz y la boca.

- Desinfectante de manos está disponible al entrar a la iglesia.
- Distanciamiento social, los asientos están marcados para que guarde su distancia.
- Al recibir la Sagrada Comunión, recuerde mantenerse socialmente distanciado. Le recomendamos a recibir la Sagrada Comunión en su mano, pero si desea recibirla en la lengua, se le pide que esté al final de la línea de Comunión. No se distribuirá la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo en este momento.
- Al salir de la iglesia, no se reúna en el Nártex ni en el estacionamiento.
- Lavarnos las manos con frecuencia.
- Si está enfermo quédese en casa. Protegemos nuestra salud y la salud del hermano especialmente los más vulnerables.

Las Misas dominicales Holy Cross: Sábado:5:00 pm Domingo: 7:30 am.-9:30 am - 11:30 am en español. Confesiones Sábado 8:30-10:00 am

La Inmaculada Concepción: Domingo 8:30 am, 11:00 am - 1:00 de la tarde en español

jueves a las 6:00 de la tarde, sábado- 9:00 a 11:00 de la mañana en español.

Confesiones después de la misa hasta las 11:00 am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Regular Class November 1, 3:30-5:30

Children are to be dropped off at the double doors next to the Elementary office. No one except students and volunteers are allowed to enter the building. Hall monitors will assist getting children to their classes.; Dismissal from the ramp side will be as follows: Upstairs Grades 6-8 and sacramental prep 5:15; Down stairs (a teacher or assistant will escort to the ramp):
Gr. K-1 5:20 Gr. 2-3 5:25 Gr. 4-5 5:30
 If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

 Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122 to discuss available options.

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH)

November 8th 10:30-12:30 in the Matthew/Mark Room Interested in enrolling your family in LAFF, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122 to discuss available options.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES (HC)

Our next Confirmation class takes place Sunday, November 1 or Wednesday, November 4, in the Junior High Building.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (HC)

We will be meeting on Saturday evening, November 7 from 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We will be packing bags for the homeless. Please start collecting donations now - small waters, trial size shampoo and body wash, mints and gum, socks, hand sanitizer and wet wipes, cereal bars, band aids, and disposable masks. Snack will be provided at the end for you to take with you, so please eat dinner before you come. Remember your mask.

SPARK 2020 (HC)

Please join us for the first CYM Youth Conference. This virtual event will take place on Zoom Webinar on November 19th-21st from 7p-8:30p each night. Designed to "spark" the faith of our young people and families, the lineup of nationally acclaimed Catholic speakers will cover relationships, overcoming hardships, and living out the Faith as a family during the COVID-19 pandemic, with messages designed for 6th through 12th grade students. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. Please contact Linda Darling at ldarling@holycrossdover.org if you are interested in attending so she may get you registered. You may choose to view from home with your family, or we will be viewing in the Parish

Hall all three nights if you would like to join with other teens. Social distancing and masks required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

We will update parents for the next phase or continued phase for Religious Education Classes. This will be for Unit 2 book pick up and schedule.

Please keep your eyes and ears open for next announcement.

If you have any questions, or have not picked up your books and are registered, please do not hesitate to call Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-6392 or send me an email to dre@iccmarylodel.org

2020/21 FIRST REC/COMMUNION ICC)

Our third session will be on Tuesday, November 3rd, please see Ms. Alicia today, or call office, if you have not registered or missed

CONFIRMATION 2020-2021 (ICC)

Our next Prep session is today Sunday, November 15th, 2:30-5pm in the Parish Hall. This is for 8th grade and HS youth that are registered to begin Confirmation Prep. This is for the youth only, no parents or Sponsors at this session.

FIRST COMMUNION 2020

A letter with schedule is in the mail for the Sacrament of First Communion

MORE SOLES ARE NEEDED, PLEASE HELP! FUND RAISER ENDS NOV. 10,



Would you ever think that your old shoes could raise money for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church? Well they can and here's how. Our church is participating in a fundraiser where there is nothing to buy or sell, all we need is your support and your gently worn shoes. These shoes will help support our program as well as individuals in developing nations like Ghana, Haiti and Bolivia.

Connect with Marilyn Dixon to get them picked up or you can drop them off at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 518 Main Street, Marydel, MD 21649, where there is a bin to put the shoes, or call my cell 302-423-8292.

Remember, every pair that you collect helps. We have collected 1,250 pairs and need 1,250 more to make our goal of 2,500.

All shoes sneakers, high heels, flip flops, boots, house slippers, men, women, baby, kids, ALL!

Out of the mouths of babes, and said with all the excitement in the world... "It's the big kids!" "Hey look...there's my prayer partner!" The oldest and tallest Crusaders inhabit the Junior High building at HCS. The junior high kids hold a special place in my heart; it's where I spent in excess of 75% of my career. I have always enjoyed working with adolescents; they used to get my jokes! While others might go running for the hills, I have always found them to be kind, warm hearted, respectful, and friendly.

Last year when we were able to attend Mass every week, it was a weekly occurrence that I was able to recognize junior high students for their achievement in one area or another. Our teachers instill in our JH students a strong work ethic and do not take lightly the responsibility of preparing HC students for their transition into high school. There is always a sense of pride when we are told by parents that their children have a strong academic and moral foundation as a result of their Catholic school education. It is my pleasure to introduce you, to our Junior High Department. While in the classroom, I always felt that we were a well-guarded secret. It's high time for change.

The first person you will meet in the JH building is Mrs. Angela Bifferato. She is our JH Office coordinator. Always cheerful and most accommodating of everyone's needs, the students adore her. She runs a taut ship as she sets the example for efficiency. "Mrs. Bifferato, can you....." And it's done before the request has left the tip of the tongue. Nothing is ever too much trouble for Mrs. Bifferato. If entry into the classroom portion of the building is a necessity, she presses the little button and voila! The doors are opened and you find yourself safely in the *Land of the Giants*. Is anyone besides me old enough to remember that TV show?? Pardon my digression.... The HCS Chapel lies before you as the tour begins. The chapel is a lovely, peaceful setting; and now that our use of the church is limited, we are using this space more frequently. Turning left you will find the art room and Mrs. Sharon Benini. Mrs. Benini devotes herself to the instruction of classic art based upon the masters. She cultivates the artistic talents of her students over the years and when they transition into junior high they have a few Art options to select from to further hone their talent. Mrs. Benini strongly encourages her budding young artists with the possibility of being able to develop their gifts of imagination and creativity in the formation of artistic works for submission into the National Scholastic Art Awards competition.

As we ascend the stairs we will first come to the Science Lab. Using the LabLearner curriculum, Mrs. Beth Riecks instructs and coaches her students in the standards and the culture of an authentic Science lab. With ALL the bells and whistles, apparatus, equipment and working parts of a high school science lab (sans gas lines and bunsen burners) our JH students thrive in this amazing learning space superbly commandeered by Mrs. Riecks, with her "lecture hall" located across the lab. It's just the perfect set-up. Speaking of perfect set-ups, walking southbound, to the left is our Media Center. Several years ago, it was Father Lentini's vision to create a Media Center moving the library from the Elementary Building. There was a colossal cloud of dust as contactors put ear piercing power tools to work cutting a hole in the concrete wall to make for a connecting entry from the computer room to the new, and very warm, cozy and inviting library. Mrs. Kate Williams is our Media Specialist extraordinaire. We honestly could not get through a single day without calling upon her true expertise in all things technology. I believe we have fulfilled Father's vision in the creation of this gem of a space. Exiting the Media Center, just about directly across we come upon Mrs. Benini's Pre-K Art Studio replete with small-scale tables and chairs befitting the size of her youngest students. This is where it all begins in the development of the artist that may eventually realize a Gold or Silver Key award as a Scholastic artist as so many coming before him. Neighboring the Pre-K Art Room is Mrs. Kate White. Walking into her classroom, one might think that you have entered another library. Teaching English Language Arts, and American History, there's a lot of learning going on here. Shelves and shelves of books are available for her students, (but not this year, the crime of it is that the shelves have been covered due to restrictions imposed by the pandemic) Mrs. White makes wide use of technology in her classes as well as some lively and fruitful discussion of historical events, and literary selections. Across the way from Mrs. White we come upon Mrs. Crawford who is our Math teacher for grades 6, 7 and 8. She has her hands full, in like Mrs. Riecks, she teaches all three grades. In her three years with the students, she is blessed in being able to group them so as to teach to their individual learning need. Our students have the ability to study one full year of Algebra 1 prior to graduation giving them that leg up in high school. So many students have benefitted from that opportunity.

With our tour nearing completion, we descend the southern stairwell and walk into Mrs. Toya Peek's classroom. Mrs. Peek teaches sixth grade Social Studies, Reading, and Writing. This is a perfect placement for Mrs. Peek because she has that little extra bit of warm compassion and patience for those nervously entering the world of Junior High, leaving their home in the elementary building behind. With everything new, from the newly designed uniform to block scheduling, using lockers, and making sure all the right materials have been packed for the next class, Mrs. Peek takes them by the hand navigating our fledglings through it all. Across the hallway is the second sixth grade homeroom currently occupied by Deacon Vince Pisanò. We are so blessed to have him standing in until he hands the reins over to a permanent replacement for Mrs. Guido. Deacon Vince hasn't skipped a solitary beat in preparing sixth and seventh grade lessons for his Religion, Writing, and American History classes. He, like Mrs. White incites some vigorous discussion in the classroom. He loves the children and they love him. Deacon Vince is a great friend and blessing to HCS.

And now, we find ourselves back where we started with Mrs. Bifferato happily inquiring as to our tour.

But, hey!! That's not all folks....be sure to stay tuned for **JH Part II** coming to a parish/school publication near you.

Mass, we celebrate the feast of heaven and earth; it is a reflection of the heavenly banquet, with Christ as its center, and the saints gathered in ascendant praise. Likewise, at Mass we pray for the souls in purgatory. And so, Mass brings all those three states of the Church into view for us, around the Sacrifice of Christ.

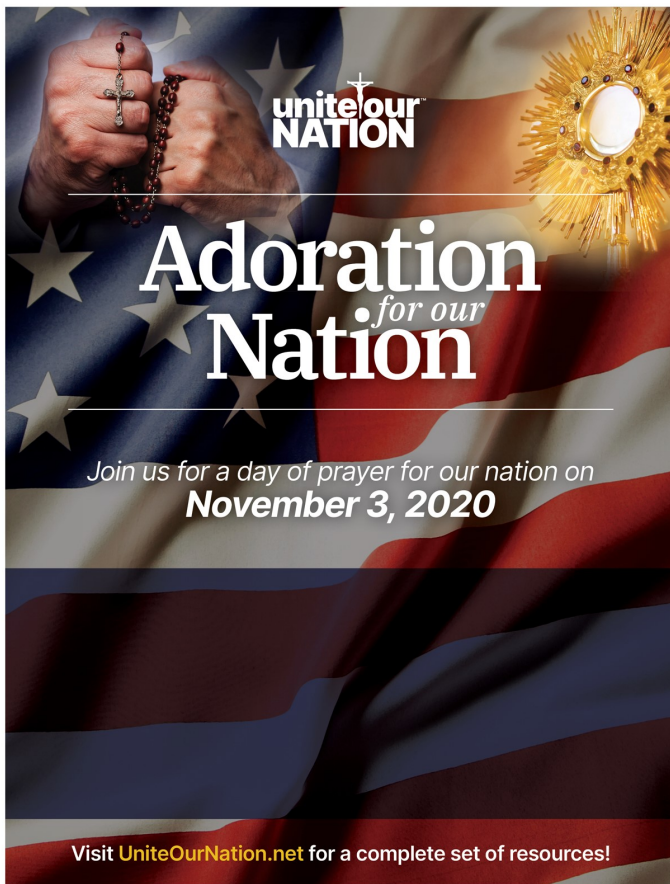
All Saints. In this regard, this Sunday on November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. The celebration ranks high on the Church calendar as a solemnity – thus it takes the place of the regular Sunday celebration (i.e., The Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time). On that day, on that day of All Saints, we honor the Saints in Heaven, those denizens abiding in the Church Triumphant. However, as much as we honor them, we do even more: we, in fact, strive to one day join them. The collect (opening prayer) for Mass that on All Saints Day expresses that desire: *“Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...”*

All Souls. The next day, on Monday, November 2, we observe All Souls Day. On that day, we remember all the faithful departed and pray that they may rest in the peace of Heaven. The collect for All Souls Day expresses this hope: *“Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...”* (More on this topic in the next bulletin)

So, in this life and into the next the Church, the Catholic Church, the universal Church established by Christ for the salvation of all, abides. And, when November soon rolls around, we will remember that truth in a most direct, prayerful and significant way.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

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Holy Cross will offer time for all to come in to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration all day.

Even if you can stop only for a few minutes, please stop by to spend time with Our Lord and pray for peace for our nation.

Please come to pray and adore our Lord.