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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 22, 2020

Christ the King

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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)

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

holycrossover.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. Stay safe and stay healthy.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

November 8, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$23,305	\$27,760	(\$4,455)
YTD	\$457,587	\$525,920	(\$68,333)
Needs	\$1,178	\$1,550	(\$372)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending November 8, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,774
Second	\$221

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,

This column is a continuation of last week's bulletin, on giving thanks.

Of Grace and Wounds. Remember that Gospel story about the ten lepers? They came to Christ who healed them all. Only one came back to say thank you. Why? I recently read a reflection by a priest who answered that question of why; he wrote this: "They weren't able to give thanks because they hadn't learned that grace comes through the wounds. Primarily through the wounds of Christ but even through our own wounds. Gratitude doesn't arise magically if it isn't already present when times are tough. That's why St. Paul urges us to 'give thanks in all circumstances.'" Well said, and so true.

Words from Lincoln's Log. In this regard, in October 1863, in the midst of a terrible Civil War (which would claim 620,000 lives), Abraham Lincoln proclaimed that there be a Day of Thanksgiving to God each November. Lincoln issued that proclamation noting the tough circumstance our nation was in, but then went on to enumerate the many good things, the many blessings, that were also seen in the past year amidst the turmoil. Of these good things and their relation to God he wrote that they

"...should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States... to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in the Heavens."

In the spirit of Lincoln's proclamation, annually, our U.S. President issues a Thanksgiving Proclamation. In many ways they reflect that original proclama-

tion of Lincoln, and echo, the necessity of man to give thanks to God. In those post—Presidential election season, I thought it might be good to get a taste of some of those Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamations from the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

On [Thanksgiving Day] let all of us, in accordance with our hallowed custom, foregather in our respective places of worship or in our homes and offer up prayers of thanks for our manifold blessings. Let the happiness which stems from family reunions on Thanksgiving Day be tempered with compassion ... for those less fortunate in our own country and in other lands."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower,
November 8, 1957

"On that day let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God; and let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice, and understanding among all men and nations and of ending misery and suffering wherever they exist."

- John F. Kennedy, November 5,
1963

"Precisely two centuries have now passed since [our Independence]... we have never lost sight of the principles upon which our Nation was founded. For that reason we can look to the future with hope and confidence... I ask all Americans to gather on [Thanksgiving] day with their families and neighbors in their homes and

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F. Pastor
 Rev. Mano Salla Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

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

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Mr. Sherman Mitchell Deacon

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GIVING TREE

This Advent we cannot do our normal Giving Tree activity due to the current COVID situation. We would still like to collect monetary donations in order to help those in need. You can donate either money or a gift card (Walmart, Target, Visa gift card, etc) so we can give to needy families to purchase some toys or clothing for their children. We will not give out money to anyone.....we will purchase some gift cards from the donations and we will also give monies to the Samaritans to assist them in their funds so they can continue to provide food and other essentials to those in need in our parish and community.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newly baptized members:

- *Paulina Karol Zavala Gomez, Ninoshka Montiel Valdelamar, Bryan Salmeron-Carbojal, and Briella Cortes-Lentz*

RECENT DEATHS

Our sympathy to the families of the following loved ones who have passed:

- *Michael R. Ciccarelli, Elizabeth M. Gerrity, Frances Ivey, Euripides Torres, James G. Holder Jr., Robert Savarese, Sarah Fillat , Frank Gallagher, Rita Kropiewnicki, Gloria Fili, Monica Fratelli, and James Fratelli.*

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

DOVER COLUMBIETTES

The Dover Auxiliary Columbiettes will be selling poinsettia plants on Saturday, November 28 from 11 am to 3 pm at the K of C Columbian home, 219 Vepeco Blvd., Camden. Cost is \$12 for 6" pot with 3-4 blooms or \$16 for 6" pot 5-7 blooms. Colors red, white or pink. Please pre-order by emailing dpetka1@verizon.net by November 18. Also for sale will be a cookbook of favorite recipes for \$5, and assorted masks \$5 each or 3 for \$12.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 29

1ST SUNDAY ADVENT

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

The prophet prays that God would tear open the heavens and come down.

READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

St. Paul prays that his community will be open to God's Spirit as they await the coming of Christ.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:33-37

Jesus tells his disciples to stay awake as they await the return of their master.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Even though we are not opening the Adoration Chapel at this time, anyone who was on the normal adoration schedule is encouraged 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.

MASS BOOK

The **Mass Book for 2021 is now open**. 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 please**.
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.

VOCATIONS

Jesus told His Disciples, "I came to serve, not to be served."

A vocation is a call to serve. It is a profession, an urge, a predisposition to undertake a certain kind of work. It is a choice for which you are particularly suited. The central question always is, "How best can I serve my God and others?"

MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER

23 MONDAY HC 8:00 am	Edward Winiecki
24 TUESDAY HC 8:00 am	Edward Winiecki
25 WEDNESDAY HC 8:00 am	Alessandro Zoino
26 THURSDAY HC 9:00 am	Sister Seton (LI)
27 FRIDAY HC 8:00 am	Joan Lynn
28 SATURDAY HC 8 am HC 5 pm	DM Stump Family Bridget McGlynn
29 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	Patricia Luke Margaret Jean Williams Kurt Malloy Dorothy Lanaras Richard Reynolds For the People John P. Spillane

Where we do not have 6:30 or 6 pm Masses, the intentions will still be said privately by one of the priests.

(LI = LIVING INTENTION
DM = DECEASED MEMBERS)

If you feel a calling to the married life, there are many Church ministries from which to choose. Many are in need of your service, as a deacon, a Eucharistic minister, a visitor to the sick and aged, or an usher. Whatever you choose, do something that serves others. When you do this, you are serving God.

If you feel a calling to priesthood or religious life, ask questions and talk to priests or religious. They know that surviving isn't enough. They can help you come to know your vocation or career, or even your own true self.

Above all, start with prayer. Whatever your vocation, if you are good at what you do, it is a gift from God. Only through prayer will you be able to recognize what vocation gift He wants to give to you.



JOIN Us For
SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAM
FROM THE
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER
IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

WATCH LIVE **SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30**
OR WATCH THE REPLAY ANYTIME

www.YouTube.com/DIOCESEOFWILM

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 November 2020

5 pm Mass (HC)

Nov 28 Hazel Showell

7:30 am Mass (HC)

Nov 29 Rose Pritchett

8:30 am Mass (ICC)

Nov. 29 Gerry Godfrey

9:30 am Mass (HC)

Nov 29 Chris Petka

11:00 am Mass (ICC)

Nov. 29 Sharon Tucker

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 December. 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.

If you placed an order for the Holy Cross 150th Anniversary Book, they have arrived to the office. You should have received a call asking you to come in to pick it up any Monday through Friday, 9 am to 1 pm in the parish Office.

We will place another order on December 7. So, if you would like to still purchase a copy, please call the office or send in your order form. The is 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 placed on December 7. Please get your order in by then.**

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.

- **Foods for Thanksgiving**
 - **Applesauce**
 - **Instant potatoes**
 - **Cranberry sauce**
 - **Canned fruits**
 - **and other items for Thanksgiving dinner.**
- Thank you.

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

With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, remember the first time you met your beloved's family. Our family of origin greatly influences our behavior - for good or for ill. Honor the good in your beloved's family of origin and let go of harping on the bad.

PARENTING POINTERS

Do you have a family tradition for how you spend the day after Thanksgiving? (shopping, eating leftovers, playing games, etc.) Decide together how best to use your precious family time this weekend.

Solemnidad de Cristo es el Rey del Universo. El 22 de noviembre celebramos la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey del Universo. Es una de las fiestas más importantes del calendario litúrgico se concluye el año litúrgico. Fue instituida por el papa Pío XI en 1925 con su encíclica Quas primas ("En primer lugar") era para responder al creciente secularismo. Hoy más que nunca necesitamos que Cristo reine en nuestro mundo, en nuestros corazones para que tengamos paz y esperanza en este año donde estamos viviendo en una pandemia con regulaciones de aislamiento y distanciamiento, disturbios civiles, tensión racial, egocentrismo y la falta de caridad humana sabemos que al sacar a Jesús Rey del Universo" de la vida pública generaría una discordia entre los pueblos y las naciones, e incluso entre las familias. La importancia de Cristo como centro de toda la historia universal. Jesús es el alfa y el omega, el principio y el fin. Recordemos que si queremos que Jesús reine en nuestra vida, en primer lugar tenemos que conocerlo. Tener ese encuentro personal con ÉL. ¡Viva Cristo REY!

El viernes 20 de noviembre a las 7:00 de la noche habrá una clase Pre-bautismal es virtual para participar entre a Zoom y conéctese a: Meeting ID; 447 929 0772 Passcode: BAUTIZO.

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 adentro 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 December 6th 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.

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH)

December 13th
10:30-12:30 in the Matthew/Mark Room

CONFIRMATION RETREAT (HC)

Confirmation Retreat will take place on Saturday, December 5. Please let Mrs. Darling know if you are unable to attend. Makeup retreat Saturday, February 6.

HIGH SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP, GRADES 9-12

All High School aged teens are welcome to attend our youth group meeting on Sunday, November 22, from 6 to 8 pm in the Parish Hall. We will be helping the parish office by making some tags for our "revised" Giving Tree for this Advent season. Masks are required and social distancing will be maintained. Please eat before you come - we will send a snack with you at the end of the meeting. Hope to see you then.

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Holy Cross School Day of Giving



Holy Cross School flourishes because of the support and generosity of alumni, families, friends and many others. Each gift to the #iGiveCatholic Day of Giving on December 1st is an investment in our future. Please give generously this #GivingTuesday to Holy Cross School!

On December 1st, your \$25 gift will help us receive extra funds for our work in preparing and enhancing the personal excellence of each and every student. You can make a difference with your gift to Holy Cross School.

Please visit <https://ncea.igivecatholic.org/organizations/holy-cross-school-61464af9-5331-4e82-98d9-901c6a8b09af> to give.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

A Pick up for Unit 2 books has started, please stop by and get your books at hall entrance, your schedule for classes is with your books.

Classes have been grouped by size of class to return on specific weeks.

Group 1- grades 3, 6, 7 & 8 to be on site starting December 6th.

Group 2- grades 1, 2,4 & 5 to be on site starting December 13.

If you would prefer to have your children continue to do Religious Education at home please let me know,

Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-8939 or send me an email to dre@iccmarylodel.org

2020/21 FIRST REC/COMMUNION ICC)

Our fifth session will be on Tuesday, December 1.

CONFIRMATION 2020-2021 (ICC)

Our next Prep session is Sunday, December 13th, 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

Retreat is scheduled for Saturday December 5th 9-12 am in the hall for the children only. The Sacrament of First Communion for the Children is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th. Any questions, please call Ms. Alicia at 410-482-8939

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO ICC SHOE DRIVE

Thank You, Thank You

The shoe fundraiser for Immaculate Conception Church was a success!

Thank you to all who contributed, asked their family, friends, and anyone else to let us have their shoes.

We reached our goal and are still going until the truck picks up.

We appreciate your generosity of all the old shoes you no longer need or wear.

I am not now, nor will I ever consider myself a soothsayer. Long ago I placed my future in the hands of God and that is where it shall remain. But I do have clear recollections of the past. I often recall past events in this column and today will be no exception. This memory, like most comes from a not too very long ago previous Administration.

Scenario #1: I am in my classroom. It is an insufferably hot fall day on the third day of the new school year. All of the windows were open, to no avail. It was just plain hot. It was a full day of classes, and notwithstanding the heat, I was a happy camper. Throughout the day I, along with all of the other teachers were being interrupted intermittently through the day as Mrs. Mick, or perhaps a student runner delivered yet another bundle of papers. The message delivered with the papers was generally along the line of “these are for the Communicator.” or “these go home today.” The Communicator to which I refer was what we now know and love as the Thursday Communicator. The TC was a brand new concept introduced by our new administrator. All things new throw me for a loop, especially if it interferes with my established routine. My level of aggravation was increasing with each new delivery. I had never seen so many forms, most of them new to us, and it was apparently my responsibility to stuff the TC with all of these forms. The pile grew. My planning period had been in the morning. WHEN was I supposed to find the time to separate all these papers and stuff the envelope that was supposed to go home today? The environmental heat did nothing to assuage my consternation.

Scenario #2: It could have been under any former administration prior to the dawn of the TC. Papers would be placed in my mailbox or delivered to the classroom. There was never a question as to when they would be sent home. It was the day I retrieved them from my mailbox. Dutifully, I would distribute the papers prior to dismissal as I informed my homeroom that these were important and had to go home on that day. With my dismissal duties completed, I would then return to my classroom and proceed to pick up the 5 or 10 papers that had been left on desktops or dropped on the floor.

Okay, so once I accustomed myself to the new routine of the TC it didn’t take long before I came to realize that this envelope was indeed an effective vehicle for the safe delivery of school-to-home communications. The students also became used to receiving their envelope every Thursday, and most returned it back to school on Friday.

Scenario #3: Any summer day during the school week. Mrs. Stant and I are in the elementary office speaking with a newly enrolled family. “Where do we go for uniforms?” or “How do I register for After-Care?” or “How do I go about finding information on volunteering?” are typical questions a new parent will ask before all the I’s are dotted and the T’s are crossed. The pat response **was** always “you will find that information in the New Family Packet.” The NFP was something to be reckoned with. Pull up a chair, put on a pair of comfy slippers, and prepare yourself a comforting warm beverage. This is going to take some time! There **was** one form after another after another... Heaven help you if you had more than one child!! As daunting as it may sound, it was more so in the collection of them. It is months later and we are still begging for the Form A or the physical form or the _____ form. You name it, pulling teeth with the old piece of twine tied to the doorknob was easier than collecting all those blasted forms!

Scenario #4: Mrs. Zink and Mrs. Stant sitting head to head while both focused on a single computer screen listening intently to Mrs. Barbara Moore instructing them in the new and improved method for completing all of those pesky, but oh so important forms. Alleluia, it’s a new age at HCS! A much cleaner and efficient way to complete the task of form completion. (And I thought the TC was the greatest innovation since the gas fueled engine.)

There will always be forms. We can’t change that. But what we can change is the approach to getting them all completed and having a record of them without relying upon little Johnny or sweet Susie to bring them back to school.

Scenario #5: It’s December 3, 2020 and the dawn of eCollect looms bright on the horizon at HCS! I still want you to wear your comfy slippers and enjoy the warm beverage but you’ll actually be finished the task before it gets cold!!!

A word of caution...there will still be the need for the beloved Thursday Communicator. Once we are able to resurrect the TC, (after the insidious microorganism has loosened it’s grip) you’ll be receiving cheery greetings about upcoming school events. And, that too, will be a happy day!

Scenario #6: Pick a day...any day at all. BBBBRRRRRRRIIIIIINNGGGGGGG! BBBBRRRRRRRIIIIIINNGGGGGGG! “Good morning Holy Cross School, this is Mrs. Stant.” “Sure, we have admission applications, you will find them on our website at www.holycrossdover.org

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL AFTER-CARE PROGRAM HELP NEEDED

The After-Care Program at Holy Cross School provides a safe, nurturing environment, as well as organized activities for students in grades Pre-K thru 8. Activities include homework completion, indoor and outdoor play, arts and crafts, and games.

Interested parties must have experience working with young children. Background check will be required.

The hours for this position are from
2:30-5:30 pm each school day.

****Our After-Care space is fully aligned with all mandates and restrictions associated with Coronavirus protocol. ****
Please call 302-674-5787, ext. 111 if interested in obtaining additional information.

in their houses of worship to give thanks for the blessings Almighty God has bestowed upon us.

- James E. Carter, November 11, 1977

"In this season of Thanksgiving... Let us thank God for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for the joy of this very festival we celebrate in His name. Let every house of worship in the land and every home and every heart be filled with the spirit of gratitude and praise and love on this Thanksgiving Day."

- Ronald W. Reagan, November 15, 1985

Do We Love Lucy? There was a famous Charlie Brown ("Peanuts") cartoon where the character Linus, always a thoughtful young man, is addressing his oft angry and complaining sister Lucy. He advises her, quite Biblically, "You know Lucy, it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." Lucy ponders this for a moment. And in the next scene, she is standing out in the dark of night, looking at the darkened sky, and yells, "Curse you, darkness!" To paraphrase the title of an old TV show, sometimes, "We love Lucy." We like the idea of incessant complaining, and envious grieving about what we don't have.

Show Me the Way. But that's not the way to go. In our Catholic faith, we know that it is far better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. And, if we, the followers of Jesus Christ don't bring light into this world, then we just add to the darkness. So, this Thanksgiving Day, be thankful – because there is much for which to thankful. In a world of darkness, the act of giving thanks, and of being grateful, brings light – the light of God – to you and those around you. So, be grateful for the blessings you have had in this life; be grateful for the hope of heaven extended to you; and be grateful to God who so loved the world, that he sent his only Son as its Savior. A joyous and Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini

Pastor

Mass on Thanksgiving Day is at 9 AM

