



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 5 2023

31st Sunday Ordinary Time

holy cross

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am

Wednesday – 8:15 am

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 – 9 pm



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Matthew 23:12

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

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 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.

MASS BOOK 2024 AT HOLY CROSS

The opening of intentions in our Mass Book 2024 will begin on November 1, 2023 at 8:30 am

Due to the reduced number of Masses we are currently offering, we must restrict the number of requests. Please see below:

1. You can request *ONLY 3 Masses per family* and payment of \$10 per Mass is required at the time of the request.
2. Requests **MUST** written out providing your name, phone number, email, maximum three requests listing date and time of request (with alternative dates) and with person's name (remember intention can be for one person or members of same family only for the intentions). We will do our best to honor your request. *Please note the Mass times: 8 am Masses Monday through Saturday (8:15 on Wednesdays), 5 pm Saturday Mass, Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am Spanish Masses.*
3. Requests will be taken Monday through Fridays, 8:30 am to 2 pm only.
4. Requests for the Church tabernacle candle or Adoration Chapel candle can also be made. \$10 per request. Limit one request per person.

Please call the office with any questions.

302-674-5787, ext 111 or 113

Thank you for understanding that we must adhere to 3 requests **ONLY** per family.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

Ending October 22, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$13,406	\$26,964	(\$13,558)
YTD	\$425,081	\$452,536	(\$27,455)
Needs	\$1,824	\$1,712	\$112

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending October 22, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$4,105
Second Collection	\$382

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Dear Parishioners,

There are certain things in this world whose names are deceptive. That is they say something about something that makes you think something other than what is true about that item.

- For instance, the hundred-year war, actually lasted 116 years.
- Every year in Russia, under communist rule, they would celebrate the October Revolution – but it was celebrated in November.
- The Canary Islands near Spain are named for canaries... they are named for dogs, from the caninus or canine meaning dog.
- Panama hats do not come from Panama – they come from Ecuador.

The Big Ben Befuddlement. There are times when because of common understanding, we may actually misunderstand what something is. Take the case of “Big Ben.” Big Ben is commonly understood by most folks and even most tourists in London, to be the name of that large clock tower that stands at the end of the Palace of Westminster (i.e., the House of Parliament). If you Google “Big Ben” you will get pictures of that clock tower. However, both the common understanding and, dare I say, Google, get it wrong. Big Ben is not the name of the clock tower; that tower is named “Elizabeth Tower,” and previously was named “Clock Tower” and “St. Stephen’s Tower.” So, if that tower is not Big Ben, then to what does Big Ben refer? Big Ben is the name given to the 13-ton bell that was installed into the belfry of the clock tower in 1858. It was named after Benjamin Hall, the Commission of Public Works who oversaw the installation of the mega-bell. Well, if you think this story of a bell has a-peel, read on!

Meanwhile in November. A similar confusion occurs in the Catholic Church, not over the name of a bell, but over the name of a November holy day that is coming up soon. You see, there is a November holy day in our Church year that – because of the short-hand names given to it – is often misconstrued as to what it actually honors or is named for.

A Who or a What? Getting down to brass tacks, this coming Thursday on November 9, 2023, Catholics around the world celebrate the feast day commonly called, “The Feast of St. John Lateran.” If you are grabbing your book of saints to find out who St. John Lateran is, put down the book because it won’t help. You see “St. John Lateran” isn’t a “who,” it is a “what.” And what it is, is a Church in Rome. You may say, “Yes, but isn’t that Church named after St. John Lateran?” Alas, the answer is no. That’s because there is no “John Lateran” – never was.

A Very Good Question. So, what’s up with the

name of this Church -- and why do we celebrate this Church that appears to be named after no one? Good question! In this column, I will try to unravel the unique circumstances that gave us a Church seemingly named after a saint that doesn’t exist, and yet of such importance that there is a holy day for that Church – at the rank of a feast – celebrated around the world.

Here’s the story: Each year on November 9 the Catholic Church celebrates what is commonly called the Feast of St. John Lateran. As previously noted, there is no such saint as St. John Lateran. Also, as noted previously, we are not celebrating a “who” (as many people think we are), we are celebrating a “what.” And the “what” that we are celebrating is not just a Church, but rather an event – the event of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome (which is officially named, “The Papal Archbasilica of San Giovanni in Laterano”). And the reason that we are celebrating is because that Church – that Basilica – is deemed the head and mother church of all churches in the world. On the façade of the basilica there is an inscription in Latin which reads, “*Omnium urbis et orbis Ecclesiarum Mater et Caput*” (this translates to, “the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world.”

Fame vs. Fact. Now on first glance, and on the basis of its renowned status, one might think to assume that St. Peter’s Basilica, at the heart of the Vatican City-State, is the mother and head of all the churches. It is always seen in the news; many major Church events (Papal masses, Canonizations, etc.) happen there. Anytime a television news show talks about the Church, undoubtedly a graphic of St. Peter’s will be shown. All true. But, fame does not trump fact – and the fact is that that title (“mother and head of all the churches”) is proper to the Basilica of St. John Lateran. The reason for this special status for this particular Basilica, is that while every bishop has a cathedral and the Pope’s cathedral – as Bishop of Rome – is the Basilica of St. John Lateran not the Basilica of St. Peter.

Another Very Good Question. You may ask “Why is the Basilica of St. John Lateran the Pope’s cathedral and not the Basilica of St. Peter since the Pope traditionally lives next to St. Peter’s Basilica?”

Here’s more of the story: Way back when in the earliest days of the Church, Christianity outlawed in the Roman Empire... and specifically, and often brutally, was oppressed in Rome. However, in 313AD a new day began for the Church in Rome... namely, the Emperor

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Brennan Ferris	Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences to the families of those who recently passed:

- Jerry Graf

May his soul and souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, November 11th, author and translator, David Bonagura, will discuss his book, "Jerome's Tears: Letters to Friends in Mourning." Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is having a membership drive. Men of both ICC and Holy Cross are welcome and invited to join the K of C. Contact people are:

Francesco "Chris" Cristiano for ICC at 302-653-9004 and Dr. Wayne Thomas for Holy Cross at 302-697-1152

DELAWARE CHORAL SOCIETY

The Delaware Choral Society will present "A Very Merry Pops Concert" at 6pm on Saturday, December 2nd at Wyoming United Methodist Church (216 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover). Advance tickets are \$18 and available from any DCS member, online at www.DelawareChoralSociety.org, or on our Facebook page. Tickets at the door will be \$20. Discount rates are available in advance for students and groups of 10 or more. Email info@delawarechoralsociety.org for more information.

32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (NOV 12)

FIRST READING: WISDOM 6:12-16

Wisdom, God's loving purpose for us, is waiting for us to find hr.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

Paul gives us reason to hope. If we die in Jesus, God will bring us with him to stay with him for ever.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus warns us to stay awake, ready for the bridegroom to come, ready for the wedding feast of heaven.

SOUP AND SILENT AUCTION

Immaculate Conception
Society of St. Vincent de
Paul

Soup and Silent Auction
Sunday Nov. 19, 2023
9:30 AM to 12:15 PM



Soups \$5.00 per container
Tamales 2 for \$5.00
\$1.00 Donuts and Coffee for Early Birds

RETROUVAILLE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! No group sharing required. The next weekend is November 3-5, 2023 at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website <http://www.wvme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

We are looking for vendors to participate in our upcoming Fall Craft Fair on November 18, 2023. If interested please email HSA@holycrossdover.org.

Holy Cross School
FALL CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:00am-2:00pm
Holy Cross Gymnasium
631 S State Street, Dover, DE 19901

- *craft vendors
- *food trucks
- *kid activities
- *silent auction
- *bake sale

please bring cash, not all vendors accept credit cards
Sponsored by Holy Cross School HSA
Interested in being a vendor or volunteer?
Email: HSA@holycrossdover.org

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER

6 MONDAY HC 8:00 am	Doris Denest
7 TUESDAY HC 8:00 am	Josephine and Daniel Uwaifo
8 WEDNESDAY HC 8:15 am	Jack Abeln
9 THURSDAY HC 8:00 am ICC 6:00 pm	James J. Carey For the People
10 FRIDAY HC 8:00 am	Grace and Louis Jara
11 SATURDAY HC 8:00 am HC 5:00 pm	Mary Perotta Josephine Nardone
12 SUNDAY HC 7:30 am ICC 8:30 am HC 9:30 am ICC 11:00 am HC 11:30 am ICC 1:00 pm	DM Butler/Hornich Family Jerome & Geraldine Bevenour Paula Jackson Voshell Elsie Carrow Edkarlie Joseph (LI) For the People

*(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)*

*THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHAPEL FOR
11/5 -11/11 IS FOR ETHAN STATHAM.*

*THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHURCH FOR
11/5 -11/11 IS FOR THEODORE MORRIS.*

WINE AND WREATH WORKSHOP

Decorate your home for the holidays with a fresh wreath. Talented instructors will demonstrate and guide you in creating a wreath from greenery and other natural decorations at a Wreath and Wine Workshop on Saturday, November 18 from 1-4 PM at St. Joseph Parish Hall, 371 E Main St, Middletown, DE. The \$47 class price includes all needed materials including a wreath frame, foliage, decorative accents, and wire plus a glass of wine. Additional beverages and snacks will be sold. Bring garden gloves, wire clippers if you have them, small decorative picks if you desire, and a wired ribbon that coordinates with your decor for the finishing bow. Pre-made bows will be available for sale. Proceeds from the event benefit the restoration of St. Francis Xavier Shrine in Warwick, MD. To reserve a spot, email OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com or call 302.545.2126.



NOV 11/12, 2023			
EMHC		SERVERS	
5:00 PM	D. Darling	F. Ernst	L. Curely
	L. Darling	D. Field	S. Murawski
LECTORS			
H. Walker D. Kilby			
7:30 AM	J. Denney	A. Fischer	L. Boggs
	J. Chandler	J. Fischer	E. Bydlon
LECTORS			
A. Wyllie			
9:30 AM	T. Arndt	K. Bopyer	J. Beugre
	D. Banach	S. Cordi	C. Beugre G. Maddalena
LECTORS			
R. Alderman S. Winfrey			
11:30 AM	T. Hernandez	M. Richard	TBD
	E. Patoriza		
LECTORS			
TBD			
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION			
8:30 AM	K. Durham		
	LECTORS		
G. Godfrey			
11:00 AM	F. Cristiano		
	LECTORS		
L. Soule			
1:00 PM	TBD		

If you or someone from your family is going to be in one of our local rehabilitation facilities or nursing homes, our Extra-Ordinary ministers of Holy Communion serve all of these facilities. If you are going to be in one of these facilities, even for a short time, please be sure to register yourself as a Catholic so that you will be on their list for our ministers to bring you the Eucharist on the weekend. All the facilities are very cooperative and will gladly add the name to the list for our ministers each week.

If you are in the hospital make sure you are on their Catholic list so we can have our ministers bring you communion daily. You must inform the hospital to put you on the Catholic list otherwise we do not know you are there.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Can you spare an hour to spend with Jesus? Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am to 9 pm Monday through Sunday. We have openings. Call John Murphy at 302-233-1779 or email him at jkm2015@verizon.net to schedule.

SUNDAY	7 am, 4 pm, 5pm
MONDAY	5 pm
TUESDAY	5 am,
WEDNESDAY	7 am
FRIDAY	8 am
SATURDAY	5 am, 9 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our newly registered members:

- Tom, Kelly, Reese, and Bree Moyer, Patricia Greenawalt
- Robert and Rosemary Solomon
- Glenn and Lendie Paradela

SAMARITANS NEED MORE DONATIONS

When shopping please consider donating a few of the following foods: Peanut Butter and Jelly, Canned Ravioli / Chili / Beef Stew, Canned Vegetables / Soups / Chunky Soups, Spaghetti / Sauce, Mac and Cheese/ Tuna/small packs of Hamburger, & Tuna/Hamburger Helper, Ramen Noodles, Dried Beans / Rice , and Massa for the Hispanics.

Items for Thanksgiving are welcome at this time!! We can definitely use turkeys. Canned vegetables, cranberries, instant potatoes, pumpkin pie mix, anything related to Thanksgiving dinner.

Please drop the food in the Pantry Food Drop Box in the building behind the Rectory. We have a new green sign near the drop box door.

CEMETERY INFORMATION

The Cemetery Office now has generic "U.S. Veteran" flag holders for \$30 each. Kit includes the emblem, stake and flag. Contact Len Dornberger at 302-674-5787 x135 to place your order. American flags are also available at the parish office for a \$5 donation.



- Nuestro agradecimiento a todos los que vinieron a recibir, a servir y a orar con la Rosa de Plata.
- **Retiro de Jóvenes** adultos de 18 a 30 años el sábado, “**Acuérdate de tu Creador en los días de tu Juventud**” Ec. 12,1. Sábado, 11 de Noviembre hora 9:00AM a 5:00PM en la parroquia de La Inmaculada Concepción, 522 Main St. Marydel, MD 21649. Donación es \$25. Incluye alimento. Invitados especiales Miguel Díaz y José Funes. para más información, pueden comunicarse con Junior Ortega al 302-545-7792.
- **Domingo, 12 de noviembre** puede anotarse para colaborar con las actividades que se aproxima la celebración en honor a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe los días 11 y 12 de diciembre. Se les invita a las personas que quieran donar algo o cantarle a la virgen, voluntarios para arreglar, para la limpieza y adornar, por favor de anotarse con alguno de los miembros de la Junta directiva para más información.
- **Retiro de Adviento:** Nuestro Retiro de Adviento es el sábado, 25 de noviembre de 8:00 AM a 3:00 PM donación es de \$15 y será en la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción, 522 Main St. Marydel, MD 21649 en el salón parroquial. Vivamos y Preparémonos para el Adviento- Comienza el 3 de diciembre de 2023. El Adviento comienza siempre en domingo e incluye otros tres domingos previos a la Navidad. Tradicionalmente, este primer domingo de Adviento es siempre el más próximo a la fiesta de San Andrés Apóstol, el 30 de noviembre, ya sea antes o después. Este año, la fiesta de San Andrés cae jueves, por lo que el primer domingo de Adviento precede a la fiesta del apóstol. El año litúrgico cristiano nuevo es el ciclo B y nos acompañara todo el año el evangelista san Marcos.
- **Todos es los viernes de 6-8 Foro Cristiano con el padre Brennan Ferris:** Todos los viernes, de 6:00PM hasta las 8:00PM. El tema es: “El Misterio Eucarístico” donde todo el año las clases se centrará en la EU-CARISTIA y la PRESENCIA REAL en la Eucaristía Venga y fórmese para poder defender su Fe Católica, esto será un curso de formación que termina el día 2 de junio 2024. El tema de este año es sobre “El Misterio Eucarístico” que sin duda es el centro de nuestra FE, de la Liturgia Sagrada y sobre todo de la vida cristiana.
- **La Virgen Peregrina** esta visitado casas. Si desea que la imagen de la virgen visite su hogar por una semana por favor de anotarse con la Sra. Martha Espinosa.
- **POSADAS:** Ya está abierta las inscripciones para las Posadas 2023. Recuerde que se les recomienda que varias familias se unan para tomar una Posada, o unirse a la Posada del Fr. Ferris, que comienza el 16 al 24 de diciembre.
- **Comparta sus dones y Carismas:** Todo lo que tenemos es un regalo de Dios, y como cristianos tenemos la obligación de compartir esos dones que tenemos para la honra y gloria del Señor y para con el prójimo. Si usted desea servir en algún ministerio por favor hable con la Sra. Arline Dosman al 302-674-5787 ext. 118 o con uno de los miembros del ministerio en que le gustaría servir o algún miembro de servidores de la Junta Directiva.

ICC

- ¡Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar con el equipo de preparación para la Confirmación! Si usted o conoces a alguien interesado en ser voluntario o un adolescente que desea ser líder para Educación Religiosa o pertenecer al equipo para la preparación para la Confirmación o un adulto que sea bilingüe para ayudar con la Confirmación una vez al mes y en los retiros. Por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti @ dre@iccmarydel.org o 410-482-8939.
- Formación de Adultos. Lunes 6:30 – 8:30PM Primera Sesión Lunes, 23 de octubre en el salón. Hay 7 sesiones sobre la “Eucaristía- Alimento Sagrado, Sacrificio, Presencia Real. Costo \$25. Hay que inscribirse con la Sra. Alicia.
- Se necesitan voluntarios. Si usted o alguien que conoce está interesado en ser voluntario, ser un líder de pares para la Educación Religiosa o la Preparación para la Confirmación, comuníquese con Alicia Poppiti @ dre@iccmarydel.org o 410-482-8939.
- Preparación Sacramental para la Primera Reconciliación Sesión #3 el martes, 7 de noviembre a las 6:30 – 7:30 pm en el salón.
- Para la preparación Sacramental de la Confirmación Sesión # 2 el domingo 19, de noviembre de 3:00 – 5:30 en el salón.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next Class: Today, November 5, 2023

Please be mindful when dropping and picking up students. Keep our parking lot safe by parking your car and walking your student up to the building. When picking up your student, park your car and walk to the cones by the exit ramp.

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Contact Tammy Korosec at either (302) 674-5787 X 122 or email tkorosec@holycrossdover.org

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH CATECHESIS)

Next LAFF class is November 5 and then on November 19 at 10:30 am.. Come out and join us; families gathering for prayer, communion with one another, sharing our Faith Life experiences.

Is your family interested in joining the Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis with Deacon Vince? Contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY (HC)

In recognition of the Eucharist Revival that is continuing Deacon Bob will be presenting a weekly study program that focuses on the Eucharist. He will be presenting from different programs so you can receive a deeper understanding of the Real Presence. The class will begin with Bishop Barron's The Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence. He will also bring information from Dr. Scott Hahn and others. Classes began on September 19th and will continue up to Advent. You can still join us!!

Classes will be offered at 9:00am or 7:00pm every Tuesday in the Matthew Mark room in the Holy Parish Office. This is a free class. No workbooks will be distributed, however other resources may be used.

If interested in registering for the class please email Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787.

HOLY IS HIS NAME—CLASS FOR ADULTS

The class on Scott Hahn's Holy Is His Name will continue in St. Luke's room on Mondays in the ELC at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome.. For more information you can text or call Carol Bugglin at 302-423-6654. Hope to see you there!

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT HOLY CROSS

Confirmation Classes—Our next class will be Sunday, November 5 or Wednesday, Nov. 8
Confirmation Retreat—Reminder to parents that permission slips need to be turned in ASAP.

MOUNT 2000— This is an Eucharistic Retreat run by the seminarians at Mt. St. Mary's University for high school aged youth. Retreat takes place February 2-4, 2024. Cost is \$100 per teen. Please contact Mrs. Darling so she may get you registered. Registration opens October 30 and closes December 1.

CHWC 2024—Our teens will be traveling June 23-28 to serve the community of Knoxville, TN. Our spots are filled - if you are interested in attending, we have started a wait list. Please let Mrs. Darling know your desire to attend.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sacramental Preparation Classes begin:
First Reconciliation session #3: Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30pm- 7:30pm in Hall
Confirmation session #2: Sunday, November 19th @ 3pm-5:30pm in hall.

Adult Formation at Immaculate Conception: Monday evenings 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

First Session October 30 with a total of 7 sessions. You can still join us!!

*Bishop Robert Barron's "Eucharist- Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence"

Sessions will include, DVD viewing, discussion, reading, reflection, workbook.

- Cost is \$25 per person.
- Registration is needed in order to receive the materials for each person.
- Register by contacting Alicia Poppiti at dre@iccmmarydel.org or 410-482-8939.

Religious Education Family Saint Activity:

Sunday, December 3rd from 2:30-4:30pm in Hall. Families will rotate to Advent Stations and learn about the Advent in Our Catholic Faith. Join us for this Advent event.

At this writing, the date is October 29, 2023. In conducting a bit of research for this essay, I happened to learn that today is set aside for the observance of the great American breakfast staple known as National Oatmeal Day, the day is marked on the calendar as a day for the observance of the piping hot bowl of breakfast oatmeal. Honest.... it's true. Speaking strictly for myself, the sticky impression of wallpaper paste is non-deserving of a "day". There are many who have tried to convince me of the virtues and health benefits of the foodstuff that mimics sludge, no matter how hard you try to dress it up. And, it's not like I haven't tried. But in the end, I just have to say "no thank you." I would have to pass on an invitation to that celebration. Two days prior to the end of the tenth month is also known as National Hermit Day. Now, there's a day I would love to celebrate, a day of peaceful solitude, contemplation, and a good book. That's what I call a real party! Leaving the very best for last, the 29th of October 2023 and all years subsequent to(get ready for it) is National Cat Day!!! No kidding, it really is. So, as a way of honoring my furry felines, I bought them all several bags of snacks because (other than me) there is nothing they look forward to more. There is an actual calendar known as the National Day Calendar where every day is identified by the observance. It's kind of fun, I suppose.

But, as much as I love my furry friends, I believe a one-day observance is sufficient. The same goes for National Sandwich day (November 3), National Muffin Day (February 02), National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day, (August 4th). Boss's Day, Take Your Kid to Work Day; the list is endless. Every day is a *day*.

At HCS we are winding up a **month-long observance** of the Rosary. We teach our children the value of this meditative prayer that provides serenity in times of most need as we pray through the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Earlier in the month the seventh-grade classes prepared a rather unique presentation of the Rosary that imitated the Way of the Cross. Each of the five decades of the Luminous Mysteries was presented by small groups of students much like one of the Living Stations of the Cross would be presented. Each decade was preceded by a student-read introduction which was then followed by the prayers of the decade. Each group of students representing each of the individual decades was peppered about the rear portion of the campus as individual classes walked from one decade to another, much like those on a pilgrimage. The seventh graders were attired in period dress and we were led by a student guide to the next decade. It was a very well presented and distinctive version of the Rosary prayer.

And, it was a great way to combine the refinement of fine motor skills with the Religion class on the day that the four-year-olds made a decade Rosary. Picking up each bead and carefully placing it on the string proved no challenge for those little fingers. The activity was also combined with a little bit of Math as each student followed an AB pattern in the stringing of the beads.

Also, in the glorious month of October we observe the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. In addition to the placement of the white crosses out front of the church and school, our students raised funds that were donated to the New Day Pregnancy Care Center. Everyone wore some version or combination of pastel baby colors in the effort to generate the funds.

Of particular significance, the Diocesan theme for October was Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. The virtue for the month was compassion. It is important that we convey to the children the need for compassion. The days are filled with tragic and tumultuous events that call for world-wide prayer, for compassion and passion for our fellow man. Not always easily understood by the youngest among us, but I can promise you that when we call them to pray, their prayers are fervent and come from their little hearts. It is important that in life we adopt an attitude of compassion. To look at our friends and fellow man and see the face of Jesus. To show respect, develop an empathy, concern and an understanding of each person, no matter their station in life is a lesson that takes a lifetime to learn in some circumstances. That is one more reason why a Catholic education and the solid foundation created will always serve our students well in life. To recall lessons learned in carrying out the Corporal Works of Mercy as they crisscross life's pathways is living life as Jesus taught us in the Commandments, his parables, and in the giving of His very life. In that, there was no greater compassion. So, as you can see there are some real and viable reasons for month-long observances. How could we possibly limit our devotion to the Rosary to simply one day? Or to honor those who have died, who are dying, or who need our prayers. There isn't any way.

So as we turn the calendar pages of the year and enjoy all the often silly little one day observances, let's not overlook the important ones. Mark your calendars for April 21st! It's National Tea Day. Oh my; I just might have to take that day off!!!

Constantine issued the Edict of Milan which was a law that allowed Christians to practice their religion in public, throughout the entirety of the Roman Empire. In his heart, Constantine himself began moving towards Christianity. Later in his life, Constantine who was considered a god in the old pagan faith of Rome, shed that claim to divinity and eventually converted to Christianity himself before his death in 338 A.D. His mother, St. Helena — a faithful Christian — no doubt led Constantine in that direction.

Flipping a House. Anyway, Constantine, during his reign, had been given a palace in Rome that has belonged to the Laterani families (for whom the Lateran Hill in Rome is name for). After his conversion to Christianity, Constantine gave that palace, as a gift, to the Pope. The Lateran Palace was then adapted and made into a church and was dedicated on November 9th 324 — just about 1,699 year ago (or for those who like to count, 620,546 days ago from this Thursday). Thereafter, from 324 — and for the next 1,000 years, Popes lived in the Lateran Palace, as it was called, for the next 1000 years — and the Church, the basilica that was part of that palace, was his cathedral.

First Name. Initially, that Basilica was first given the name of the Basilica of the Savior. Some years later it was also rededicated to St. John the Baptist (10th century) and additionally dedicated to St. John the Evangelist (12th century). Since calling it The Basilica of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, would be the longest name since John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt — it was decided at some point to keep the “John” and lose the titles “the Baptist” and “the Evangelist.” Thus, it acquired the name Basilica of St. John Lateran (meaning that this was the Church of St. John [of which there were many in Rome] located on the Lateran Hill).

This Old House. After some tumult in the late middle ages, the Pope moved out of the Lateran Palace for a long while — and the building fell into such disrepair that Pope set up a residence (which he still possesses today) across from St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.

Vandalism. The Basilica of St. John Lateran, it should be noted, also suffered many attacks over the years which perhaps can be taken as symbol of the attacks on the Church and our faith over the years. Significantly, the Basilica was twice attacked by the marauding Barbarian tribe known as the Vandals (whose name is now a byword for those who destroy things). The Vandals attacked once in 408 and again 455. These attacks happened when Rome was under siege by Barbarian tribes. The Basilica was almost totally destroyed by an earthquake in 896 and it was, in fact, destroyed by fire twice, once in 1308 and again 1360. In spite of those troubles, the Basilica remained the Catholic Church’s Church of all Churches, and continued (and continues) to be visited by huge numbers of pilgrims every year also symbolizing the faithfulness of the Catholic flock.

Of Altars and Tables. What are other connections between St. John Lateran and the history of Christianity? Well, at the Basilica one can find the original wooden altar on which St. Peter celebrated Mass while in Rome in the first century; it is ensconced inside the main altar at the Basilica. Also in this Basilica, a portion of the table on which the Last Supper was celebrated is said to be housed behind a bronze depiction of the Last Supper.

Unity, History, Survival, Growth. Celebrating the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran (i.e., the Pope’s cathedral) shows the unity of the faithful with the Pope, the head of the Church, the Vicar of Christ on Earth. It is also shows that we are united with each other in the Church: the one Church. It also reminds us of the grand history of the Catholic Church — a Church which the Gates of Hell shall never prevail against. This Basilica of St. John Lateran reminds us that the Church is not just in the here and now, but also in the then and there. It is a grand symbol of the Church survival and growth.

Paul and Ezekiel Speak. On the Feast of Dedication of St. John Lateran, we hear a reading from Ezekiel, telling about a vision of a river flowing from the Temple in Jerusalem and bringing life everywhere it went. This prefigures the vision of the Church receiving life-giving grace from Jesus, bringing life — life in Christ — to all corners of the world. Then we hear in the second reading that day (from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians), “You are God’s building...the foundation...is Jesus Christ.” These passages from Scripture remind us to make Jesus the foundation stone and cornerstone of our Church and our lives because there is a life-giving river flowing from him to fill us with his grace.

So, as we celebrate on November 9, each year, the dedication of the “the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world” let us pray also for those who have gotten lost going through life that they may find the Church as a true mother and that Jesus may become the foundation stone and cornerstone of their lives.

Yours in Christ,
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