

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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*Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.*

## October 14, 2018 – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Eucharist of the Lord's Day

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

**Weekday Eucharist**  
Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

**Holydays of Obligation**  
As announced in the bulletin

### Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,  
Thursday evening 6:30pm  
And by appointment at any reasonable time

### Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Timothy J. Brady, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.  
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

### Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

### Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of financial assistance, please call

**St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702**

### The Sacraments

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**

Dear Parishioners,

For those who read this column regularly, you'll know that I enjoy plopping in pop culture reference left and right throughout these pieces. Whether they are TV based, comic related, theatrical or musical, they will be found scattered about my writings like falsetto notes on a Bee Gees records or redneck jokes in an Ernest movie (you see, there I go again). As you read on, you will likely hit a few of those type of references, however this column is not just going to have some cultural references from movies, but rather it will actually be about two upcoming movies that I am keen write about during this Respect Life Month.

**Previews of Coming Attractions.** Amidst advertisements for the latest "Halloween" movie, the latest "Fantastic Beasts" installment or the "Johnny English Strikes Again" sequel (I'll be seeing that one), there are two important movies that have slipped under the radar (or rather, if were to critique the

media, purposely taken off the radar). Later this coming week -- and then later this coming year -- two immensely important pro-life movies will hit theatres. The first is called "Gosnell," (opening October 12, at the Dover Mall Theatre), while the second is "Roe vs Wade: The Untold Story" (expected to hit theatres in early 2019).

**Superman to the Rescue.** Up, up and way, Superman actor, Dean Cain, leads the cast of "Gosnell," a movie that tells the story of the actions, police investigation, trial, of 2013 conviction of Philadelphia abortionist Dr. Kermit Gosnell -- a man who has been dubbed the "biggest serial killer in America." This true story begins with a Philadelphia police detective, played by Dean Cain, initially searching for illegal drugs at an abortion clinic, but ultimately uncovering the bodies of babies stored in orange juice containers and bags in the clinic's lunchroom refrigerator.

**Murder Most Foul.** With these findings, the case moves from a drug investigation into a potential murder case. As the facts are uncovered, it is clear that Dr. Gosnell stepped beyond even the horrendous, but legal, acts of abortion. It seems that he took babies born alive, severed their spines with scissors and left them to die. Gosnell was charged with their murders, as well as the murder of a patient. Spoiler alert: Gosnell would go on to be found guilty of first degree murder of these "born alive" infants, and in the death of one adult patient. He was also convicted of 21 felony counts of illegal late-term abortion, and 211 counts of violating the 24-hour informed consent law. He was sentenced to life in prison without chance of parole.

**Caught on Film.** The movie is a powerful retelling of events from our own local area headlines just a few years ago and presents a pointed critique and observation of this morality play that regards the ramifications of the culture of death. I would commend all to see this film, and the story it captures. As a powerful reminder of the slippery slope down which legalized abortion leads a society.

**"Roe vs. Wade" – The Movie.** In early 2019, expect to see the movie Roe vs. Wade hit big screen nationally; it tells the story of the landmark, infamous, Roe vs. Wade decision which legalized abortion in the U.S. Academy Award winning actor Jon Voight leads a coterie of well-known stars in this feature film.

**Of Norma and Jane.** The film begins with a woman named Margaret Sanger, a eugenicist who sought to reduce the reproduction of those who were deemed "unfit." The de facto founder of Planned Parenthood, Sanger rallied many to her cause, which began what would grow into a movement to legalize abortion (of which Planned Parenthood is, today, the largest provider). In 1969, folks in the movement to legalize abortion, took a poor girl with a 10th grade education named Norma McCorvey (now famously known as "Jane Roe") and persuaded her that she could attain an abortion if she sued the government. Thus, with the help of the abortion lobby, she sued Henry Wade, the district attorney of Dallas County and the case "Roe v. Wade" was born. This movie follows the case through

the legal system, and all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. This courtroom drama is a story that needs to be told, and its ramifications need to be understood.

**The Price of Forgetting.** These two movies, "Gosnell" and "Roe vs Wade" are important films that tell stories that must be told and must be heard. As Catholics, we understand that human life is a gift from God that must be protected; these movies tell the story of what happens when humanity forgets that. The Spider-Man movies of past 20 years taught the lesson (over and over again) that "with great power comes great responsibility." Humanity, governments and individuals have a great responsibility to protect human life, and we have to use well the power of free will rightly, to meet that responsibility. We need to be super-heroes to the unborn!

**Macs, PCs, Conversions.** A few years ago, I had a great conversion. I switched from Mac to PC. My Mac friends still curse me for that decision. While that change was a minor one in the grand scheme of life, there are conversions that can be serious business. In serious matters, a conversion takes on the value of great witness. On matters of – literally -- life and death, they carry the greatest of witness value to other. Over the years there have been many conversions to the Pro-Life movement, but none bigger than that Norma McCorvey (Jane Roe) herself. Hearing the Pro-life message, caused her to have a great conversion later in life; she became staunch pro-life advocate and converted to Catholicism. In February 2005, McCorvey petitioned the Supreme Court, as an original litigant, to overturn the Roe v. Wade decision, but her petition was denied. McCorvey passed away in 2017, a devoted Pro-Life Catholic!

Movies and media have great sway on people's minds and hearts – whether they should or not is a topic for another column. As such, I hope these films strengthen the faith of those who already value the gift of life and its protection and sway the hearts and minds of those who don't.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

## MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sunday, October 14**

**8:30** Bruce Schepens

**11:00** Alexis DeFrancesco

**Misa en Español 1pm** For the People

**Thursday, October 18– 7pm Misa**

**Sunday, October 21**

**8:30** Hampton & Messner families

**11:00** Lynn Schepens

**Misa en Español 1pm** For the People

*The Mass book for 2019 will open on November 1st.*

*Please call office to Schedule Masses*

## COLLECTION TOTALS:

**Offertory:** \$ 3781.64

**Supplementary:** \$ 665.00

**Second Collection Today:**

**World Mission Sunday**

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



## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Collection Counters

**Oct 14** Ann Lawson& Assistant

**Oct 21** Frank & Joyce Cristiano

**Oct 28** Robin & Paul Engstenberg

### Church Cleaning Crew

#### **Octubre 19, 2018 Grupo #10**

Marcos Domingo, Orelia Berdugo, Carmen Gabriel,  
**Susana Ortiz Morales**, Alberto Morales.

#### **Octubre 26, 2018 Grupo #11**

Maurilio Gabriel, **Carlos Miguel**, Aurora Rivera,  
Bernarda Miguel., Dario Ortega.

### Altar Servers

#### **October 21**

**8:30am Mass** – Mike Dixon & Averi Locke

**11am Mass** – Isaac Meyer & Sherlin Santizo

**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Keyli & Nelvin Macario Tomas

### Lectors

#### **October 21**

**8:30am Mass** – Catherine Beck

**11am Mass** – Sherry Tucker

**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Marcos Diaz, Ema Miguel

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### **October 21**

**8:30am Mass** – Alan & Diane Smith

**11am Mass** – Laura Schlaupitz & Bob Vanvessan

**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Alberto Morales, Carlos Miguel,  
Flora Perez, Miguel Lopez, Antonio Perez

## **Knights of Columbus**



**Next meeting  
Tues, October 23rd  
7pm Meeting  
in the Knights Hall**

**All members are encouraged to attend.** Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or [kelley29@comcast.net](mailto:kelley29@comcast.net). Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509



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

Find out more about the priesthood at [www.diocesanpriest.com](http://www.diocesanpriest.com)

Find out more about the religious life: [religiouslife.com](http://religiouslife.com). Let us help you to discover God's plan for your life.

E-mail: [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org) or  
Call us: (302) 573-3113 today!

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Sun, Oct 14 9:40am – SRE Classes in Classroom**

**Sun, Oct 14 11am – Confirmation Prep**

**Tue, Oct 16 6:30pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Prep**

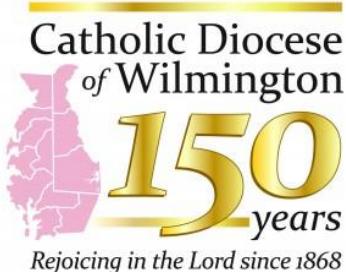
**Wed, Oct 17 7pm Play Practice**

**Thu, Oct 18, 7pm – Play Practice**

**Fri, Oct 19 7pm – Band Practice**

**Fri, Oct 19 7pm – RCIA**

**Sat, Oct 20 – Comunidad Aniversario - Hall**



### Two Commemorative Books – Available Now

Two history books, “Rejoicing in the Lord,” and “Family of Faith” have been published to help commemorate the

150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. “Rejoicing in the Lord” is a hard-cover, 336-page, full-color, glossy 10 inch by 10 inch book that features histories and photographs of all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore, plus biographies of all nine Wilmington bishops, with important ministries and events highlighted. “Family of Faith” is a 35-page, color diocesan history done in the comic book or graphic novel style that would appeal to middle schoolers and teens.

“Rejoicing in the Lord” begins with a forward by Bishop Malooly, and chapters on Catholics in colonial Delmarva and early U.S. Delmarva. The book is then organized by the nine bishops of the Diocese of Wilmington beginning with the Bishop Thomas A. Becker years (1868-1886) and concluding with the Bishop Malooly years (2008-present).

“Family of Faith” gives the history of the Catholic community in Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore in a colorful and entertaining way that is geared toward children and teens, but is an enjoyable and informative book for all ages. Beginning with the arrival of the first Catholics to America, and continuing through the Revolution, Civil War, arrival of the first bishop, through the present day, this cleverly illustrated comic book tells the story of the Diocese of Wilmington through the events and people of the time. Readers are transported through the ages as historical figures seem to come alive in “Family of Faith.”

“Rejoicing in the Lord” is available for \$40.00 each, and “Family of Faith” is sold for \$18.00. To purchase one or both books, parishioners are asked to call, email or visit their local parish office or contacting the Diocesan Chancery.

**For those that have already reserved copies, they are at the office or the front desk in the hall following Masses.**

## FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education  
9:40am-10:50am

**THANK YOU TO THE MANY HANDS THAT HELPED  
GET US READY FOR SRE!**

**Registration for Religious Education will close on  
Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.**



**Hear the call?** Share your talents, time & gifts with our parish. Not sure where? Call Alicia Poppiti, we can find a place for you here!! Training on site; knowledge of the Catholic faith, and a willingness to share your faith and your faith journey with the children and people of our Parish. Salary: the satisfaction of doing the right thing in this life! Benefits: a hundred-fold happiness in the next. Presently, catechists for our Gods children are needed- Helpers and substitutes are always appreciated. Thank you.



### Sacramental Prep:

**Confirmation:** First session will be today Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm in the parish hall.

**First Reconciliation Prep:** Second session is on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you missed the first session, please see Alicia Poppiti as soon as possible.

## Marriage & Family Life Corner

### Marriage Moment –

It is not good for anyone to be alone. In marriage you are blessed to have chosen a helpmate to share your spiritual journey toward home. Make some time to be alone together today.

### Parenting Pointer –

Children make mistakes. That's natural. Of course you forgive them. For example, they may promise to never drink and drive again. Believe them. But this doesn't mean you enable a teen by being blind to reality. Forgive but verify.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*The General Directory for Catechesis reminds us that faith is both a gift from God and an ongoing call to a process of continuing conversion. Sacred Scripture holds a pre-eminent position in catechesis that needs to include opportunities for reflection where the disciple can be shaped by the Word of God.*

### **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme:** Making God a priority in your life.

**Question for Children:** How difficult would it be for you to give something you treasure to someone else who needed it more than you do?

**Question for Youth:** What is your most important possession? How hard would it be for you to give it up?

**Question for Adults:** How hard is it for you to part with things you treasure? Do your possessions ever stand in the way of having deeper communion with God?

### **28vo domingo del tiempo ordinario**

**Tema:** Hacer que Dios sea una prioridad en nuestra vida

**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Qué tan difícil sería para ti dar algo que atesoras a alguien que lo necesita más que tú?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** ¿Cuál es tu posesión más importante? ¿Qué tan difícil te resultaría renunciar a ella?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Qué tan difícil es para usted desprendérse de los objetos que atesora? ¿Sus posesiones se interponen alguna vez en su camino hacia una profunda comunión con Dios?

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:



Tickets will go on sale October 14<sup>th</sup> for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet on December at the Marydel Fire Hall. \$25 for adults, 10 for children. There are a limited number of tickets and sale will take place after all Masses on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Dinner Theatre-** November 17<sup>th</sup>- rehearsals have begun. More information to come soon.



# COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 14 DE OCTUBRE, 2018.

Queridos feligreses,

Para aquellos que leen esta columna con regularidad, sabrán que disfruto haciendo referencia de la cultura pop de izquierda a derecha a lo largo de estas columnas. Ya sea que estén basados en la televisión, cómicas, teatrales o musicales, se encontrarán dispersos sobre mis escritos como notas de falsete en un disco de los Bee Gees o chistes en una película de Ernest (verás, allá voy). A medida que sigas leyendo, es probable que encuentres algunas de ese tipo de referencias, sin embargo, esta columna no solo tendrá algunas referencias culturales de las películas, sino que en realidad se tratará de dos próximas películas sobre las que estoy interesado en escribir. Mes de la vida del respeto.

**Tráiler Cinematográficos.** En medio de anuncios de la última película de "Halloween", la última de "Fantastic Beasts" o la secuela de "Johnny English Strikes Again" (veré esta), hay dos películas importantes que se han deslizado bajo el radar (o más bien, si se tratara de criticar a los medios de comunicación , quitando deliberadamente el radar). Más adelante, la semana que viene, y luego, el año que viene, dos películas pro-vida inmensamente importantes llegarán a los cines. El primero se llama "Gosnell" (que se estrena el 12 de octubre en el Teatro de Dover Mall ), mientras que la segunda es "Roe vs Wade: The Untold Story" Su objetivo es contar la verdadera historia. (se espera que llegue a los cines a principios de 2019).

**Superman Viene al Rescate.** El actor de Superman, Dean Cain, dirige el elenco de "Gosnell", una película que cuenta la historia de las acciones, la investigación policial, el juicio y la condena en el 2013 del Dr. Kermit Gosnell, abortista de Filadelfia. ha sido apodado el "mayor asesinato en serie en los Estados Unidos". Esta historia real comienza con un detective de la policía de Filadelfia, interpretado por Dean Cain, que inicialmente buscaba drogas ilegales en una clínica de abortos, pero finalmente descubrió los cuerpos de bebés almacenados en contenedores de jugo de naranja y bolsas en el refrigerador de la cafetería.

**El Asesinato más Atroz.** Con estos hallazgos, el caso pasa de una investigación de drogas a un posible caso de asesinato. A medida que se fue descubriendo los hechos, está claro que el Dr. Gosnell se adelantó incluso a los horrendos pero legales actos de aborto. Parece que tomó bebés nacidos vivos, les cortó la medula espinal con unas tijeras y los dejó a que murieran. Gosnell fue acusado por sus asesinatos, así como del asesinato de un paciente. Alerta: Gosnell sería declarado culpable de asesinato en primer grado de estos bebés "nacidos vivos", y en la muerte de una paciente adulta. También fue condenado por 21 delitos graves de aborto ilegal tardío y 211 por violar la ley de consentimiento informado de 24 horas. Fue condenado a cadena perpetua sin posibilidad de libertad condicional.

**Caught on Film Atrapados en la Película.** La película es un poderoso recuento de los acontecimientos de los titulares de nuestra propia área local hace apenas unos años y presenta una crítica acentuada y una observación de este juego de moralidad que se refiere a la ramificación de la cultura de la muerte. Invitaría a todos para ver esta película y la historia que capta. Como un poderoso recordatorio de la pendiente resbaladiza por la que el aborto legalizado lleva a una sociedad.

**"Roe vs. Wade"** - La película. A principios de 2019, espera ver la película Roe vs. Wade en la pantalla grande a nivel nacional; Narra la historia de la decisión histórica, e infame, Roe vs. Wade, que legalizó el aborto en los Estados Unidos. Protagonizado por el actor Jon Voight, ganador de Premios Oscar, y una gran cantidad de estrellas conocidas en esta película.

**De Norma y Jane.** La película comienza con una mujer llamada Margaret Sanger, una eugenista que buscaba reducir la reproducción de aquellos que se consideraban "no aptos". La fundadora de facto de Planned Parenthood, Sanger unió a muchos a su causa, que comenzó lo que se convertiría en un movimiento, para legalizar el aborto (de los cuales Planned Parenthood es, hoy en día, el proveedor más grande). En 1969, las personas en el movimiento para legalizar el aborto tomaron a una niña pobre con una educación de décimo grado llamada Norma McCorvey (ahora conocida como "Jane Roe") y la convencieron de que podría lograr un aborto si demandaba al gobierno. Así, con la ayuda de cabilderos del aborto, demandó a Henry Wade, el fiscal de distrito del condado de Dallas, y nació el caso "Roe v. Wade". Esta película sigue el caso a través del sistema legal y hasta el Tribunal Supremo de los Estados Unidos. Este drama en la corte es una historia que necesita ser contada, y sus ramificaciones deben ser entendidas.

**El Precio del Olvido.** Estas dos películas, "Gosnell" y "Roe vs Wade" son películas importantes que cuentan historias que deben contarse y escucharse. Como católicos, entendemos que la vida humana es un regalo de Dios que debe ser protegido; estas películas cuentan la historia de lo que sucede cuando la humanidad se olvida de eso. Las películas del Hombre Araña Spider-Man de los últimos 20 años enseñaron (una y otra vez) la lección de que "con gran poder con lleva una gran responsabilidad". La humanidad, los gobiernos y los individuos tienen la gran responsabilidad de proteger la vida humana, y debemos usar bien el poder de libre albedrío, para cumplir con esa responsabilidad. ¡Necesitamos ser superhéroes para los no nacidos!

**Mac's, PCs, Conversiones.** Hace unos años, tuve una gran conversión. Cambié de Mac a PC. Mis amigos Mac todavía me condenan por esa decisión. Si bien ese cambio fue menor en el gran esquema de la vida, hay conversiones que pueden ser un asunto serio. En asuntos serios, una conversión adquiere el valor de un gran testigo. En cuestiones literalmente, de vida y muerte, tienen el mayor valor de testimonio para los demás. A lo largo de los años ha habido muchas conversiones al movimiento de Pro-Vida, pero ninguna más grande que la misma Norma McCorvey (Jane Roe). Al escuchar el mensaje de Pro-Vida, hizo que ella tuviera una gran conversión más adelante en la vida; se convirtió en firme defensora Pro-Vida y se convirtió al catolicismo. En febrero de 2005, McCorvey solicitó a la Corte Suprema, como litigante original, que revocara la decisión Roe v. Wade, pero su petición fue denegada. McCorvey falleció en 2017, ¡Una católica devota Pro-Vida!

Las películas y los medios de comunicaciones tienen una gran influencia en las mentes y los corazones de las personas, ya sea que deban o no, es un tema para otra columna. Como tal, espero que estas películas fortalezcan la fe de aquellos que ya valoran el don y la santidad de la vida y su protección y que influyan en los corazones y las mentes de quienes no lo son.

Tuyo en Cristo  
P. James Lentini  
Párroco