

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 16, 2016 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
7:00 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. John Olson, Associate Pastor
Rev. Michael Angeloni, Associate Pastor

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**.

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

It's an election year. We can tell that by newspapers stories, debates, TV ads, and more lawn signs than actual voters peppering the lawns of our state, top to bottom. From "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" to "House of Cards," and from 1939's "Young Mr. Lincoln" to TV's "Veep," American's love political, civic life, in fiction as well as in real-life.

The Four Year Itch. Every four years our nation undergoes two things that we take for granted: the first is leap year, the second, is an election that anticipates the peaceful transition of power. Since 1788, America has experienced that peaceful transition in a way that so much of our world has not; as I said we take this for granted but we should not. In elections so much is at stake; elections have ramifications.

And now, another quadrennial event unfolds. The Catholic Church speaks out and defines issues that should be important to Catholic voters; matters of morals and matters that should

be important to every Catholic. Likewise, every four years, some will complain that the Church should not stick its nose into politics. However, that position misunderstands that Catholics, as Americans, are part of the political life of this nation, and that people's faith, beliefs, and values, are what forge their ideals. That is to Catholics, and Catholic beliefs (in a nation with freedom religion) have a place in the public square, and Catholics have no less of a right to express their views than anyone, likewise the Church speaks out, not on candidates, but on issues of importance to the faithful.

Life Savers. As you know, the issue of respecting human life is always a pivotal issue for Catholics; this year is no different. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops noted in a recent document, "*The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed.*" To this, the caveat is added, "*The bishops do not tell Catholics how to vote; the*

responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience, aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection.”

So, what are the issues? The following is a statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops regarding issues that should be of concern to Catholics:

As Catholics, we are led to raise questions about political life other than those that concentrate on individual, material well-being. We focus more broadly on what protects or threatens the dignity of every human life. Catholic teaching challenges voters and candidates, citizens and elected officials, to consider the moral and ethical dimensions of public policy issues. In light of ethical principles, we bishops offer the following policy goals that we hope will guide Catholics as they form their consciences and reflect on the moral dimensions of their public choices:

- Address the preeminent requirement to protect human life—by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion and providing women in crisis pregnancies with the supports they need. End the following practices: the use of euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of illness and disability; the destruction of human embryos in the name of research; the use of the death penalty to combat crime; and the imprudent resort to war to address international disputes.*
 - Protect the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false “gender” ideologies; provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility.*
 - Achieve comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.*
 - Help families and children overcome poverty and ensure access to and choice in education, as well as decent work*

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Oct16 8:30am: Hampton & Messner Family

11:00am: Rosa Cristiano

Misa en Español 7:00pm: Glenn Blood

Thu., Oct 20 7:00pm: For the People

Sun., Oct. 23 8:30am: Liselotte Gonzalez

11:00am: Teresa Canino

Misa en Español 7:00pm: For the People

The Mass book for the 2017 year opens November 1st

at fair, living wages and adequate assistance for the vulnerable in our nation, while also helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world, especially in the policy areas of development assistance, debt relief, and international trade.

- Ensure full conscience protection and religious freedom for individuals and groups to meet social needs, and so enable families, community groups, economic structures, and government to work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation.
 - Provide health care while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in our health care system.
 - Continue to oppose policies that reflect racism, hostility toward immigrants, religious bigotry, and other forms of unjust discrimination.
 - Establish and comply with moral limits on the use of military force—examining for what purposes it may be used, under what authority, and at what human cost—with a special view to seeking a responsible and effective response for ending the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East and other parts of the world.
 - Join with others around the world to pursue peace, protect human rights and religious liberty, and advance economic justice and care for creation.

Voting and Values. As with the teaching of the Church, I, too, do not advise you as to how to vote. However, I do advise to be informed, to allow your conscience to be formed by your faith, and to vote your conscience, while always keeping the values, teachings and beliefs of our charge in your heart.

And after reading about the candidates, the elections, the claims, the counter-claims, and hearing the talking heads of TV drone on about the upcoming election, I think I'll take a mental and spiritual health break. Maybe, a Big Mac dinner, a shake, and watching the DVD of "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" will be just the balm I need to recharge my own battery. That, along with prayer – especially to St. Thomas More, the patron saint of statesmen and politicians – and I will be focused and ready to vote as a follower of Jesus Christ. God bless America!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$ 3146.41

St. Vincent DePaul \$ 894.00

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 16 Tom & Mary McGowan

Oct 23 Julia Moore & Paul McQuaide

Oct 30 Marianne Lemon & Diane Nagyiski

Church Cleaning Crew

October 22, 2016 Grupo #11

Genaro Pérez, Elizabeth López, Edelfo Tomas, Edgar Ramos, Alfonso Chun

October 29, 2016 Grupo #12

Dora Pérez, Flora Pérez, Otoniel Pérez, Rosenda Escalante, Nele Escalante, Leslie Bamaca

November 5, 2016 Grupo #13

Herminio Ramírez, Rosa Alvarez, Javier Carreto, Emma Ramírez, Rubelio Velásquez

Altar Servers

Oct 23

8:30am Mass – Anna Clancy

11:00am Mass – Meg & Vince Haass & Sherlin Santizo

Spanish Misa 7pm – Jeffrey Gabriel & Itzel Roblero

Lectors

Oct 23

8:30am Mass – Paul McQuaide

11:00am Mass – Donna King

Spanish Misa 7pm – Ángela Córdova, Javier Carreto

Eucharistic Ministers

Oct 23

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Sarah Bell, Brenda Lawson

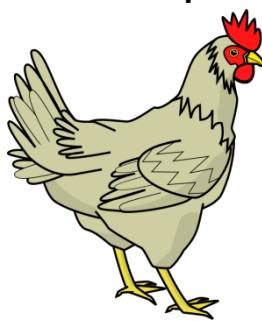
11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Judy Carrow, Laura Schlaupitz

Spanish Misa 7pm – Verónica Bravo, Carlos Gabriel, Adrián Miranda

Chicken & Dumpling Dinner

Saturday, October 29, 2016

3pm til 7pm or until sold out.



**Adults Platter \$12, also available for Take Out,
Children 6-12 platter \$6,
Children 5& under free.
Chicken, dumplings, sweet potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, beverage, desert, tamale, empanada**

See flyer in bulletin

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Oct 16 9:40am SRE Classes in Classrooms

Sun, Oct 16 Noon Parents Gathering Confirmation Prep

Sun, Oct 16 1-3:30pm RICA

Mon, Oct 17 & Wed Oct 19 7pm ESL

Tue, Oct 18 6:30pm Reconciliation Prep

Tue, Oct 19 7pm RCIA

Wed Oct 19 6:30pm Bible Study

Wed Oct 19 7pm Grupo Oración

Fri Oct 21 10am Bible Study

Save the Date: Trunk or Treat



**Sunday,
Oct 30th
1-3pm
Church
Parking Lot**

**Come in costume and Decorate your car
for trick or treating.**



Knights of Columbus:

Meet every 2nd & 4th Tues. at 6:30pm. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Harry Brown 302-233-8336 or daddyofone12307@gmail.com

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Catholic Diocese of Wilmington High Schools' 2016 Open House Dates

 St. Thomas More Academy November 13 11:00am - 2:00pm www.saintsmore.org	 Padua Academy October 23 1:00-4:00pm www.paduaacademy.org	 St. Elizabeth High School October 23 11:30am - 2:30pm www.sehs.org	 Salesianum School November 6 12:30-3:30pm www.salesianum.org
 Saints Peter and Paul High School November 13 2:00pm www.ssppeaston.org	 Archmere Academy November 13 1:00-4:00pm www.archmereacademy.com		
 Ursuline Academy November 6 1:00pm www.ursuline.org			
 Saint Mark's High School October 30 12:30-3:30pm www.smarkshs.net			

Open Houses for Catholic High Schools

St. Thomas More Academy: Sunday, November 13, 11am-2pm
Any questions, please contact any of the Schools listed.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education

Religious Education Classes for 2016-2017

9:40am-10:50am on Sundays

If you missed open registration, please stop by the front desk in the hall Sunday morning or contact Alicia Poppiti in the office during this coming week to register.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Confirmation Preparation- parent gathering **TODAY - Sunday, October 16th at 12noon in the hall**, for parent of youth in 8th grade or higher who have had 2 years of preparation, please attend this event.

Confirmation Gathering: for youth begins on Sunday, October 23 at 12:30 in hall

First Reconciliation- Tuesday, October 18, if you missed the first class, please call Alicia Poppiti



In the Gospel reading for this week Jesus tells a parable about the necessity to "pray always without becoming weary". Bring it Home this week by having your family spend some extra time in prayer. What needs or desires does your family want to pray for without ceasing? In prayer, share your daily life with God, ask Him for what you need, and listen for God's response.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment -

It's easy to say "Pray always" (Luke 18:1) but is it really practical? If we broaden our concept of prayer it is. Service to the family can be a form of prayer. Think doing dishes, fixing stuff around the house, taking care of sometimes crabby kids, providing an income for necessities... Bring prayerful mindfulness to one such act today.

Parenting Pointer -

"Moses' hands grew tired." (Ex 17:12) We all grow tired at some point in life. (Even kids eventually get tired of crying.) When this happens we need the support of those close to us. Ask your family to lighten another member's load in some way this week.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Never stop praying. Have faith and never give up!

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to trust God. How does God help you in your daily life?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that persistence will pay off, if we continue to pray to God. How and when do you pray? How could you grow in the ways that you pray?

Question for Adults: When you pray, what do you ask for most often? How do you know God gives you this request?

29º domingo en tiempo ordinario

Tema: Nunca dejen de rezar. ¡Tengan fe y nunca se den por vencidos!

Pregunta para los niños: Jesús nos enseña a confiar en Dios. ¿Cómo los ayuda Dios en su vida diaria?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Mientras creces, tiendes a "necesitar" a Dios cada vez menos. Pero hoy, las lecturas nos dicen que recemos con mucha fe. ¿Por qué crees que ésta es una enseñanza clave de Jesús?

Pregunta para los adultos: Cuando rezan, ¿por qué cosas piden más a menudo? ¿Cómo saben que Dios cumple sus peticiones?



Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. It is a weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make!

The next weekend is: November 4 - 6, 2016

For more information or to apply:

call 302--220-9833 or www.wwme-delmar.org



Holy Cross will be holding the Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 22nd from 10 am until 4 pm. Food, Games, Inflatable's, Free Face Painting and Pumpkin Painting, Bake Sale, Silent Auction and much more. Come join us in the Gym and in the field behind the ELC Building.

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 16 DE OCTUBRE, 2016

Queridos Feligreses

Es un año electoral. Podemos decir eso por las historias en los periódicos, debates, anuncios de televisión, y vemos más anuncios de patios que votantes reales, lo vemos por todo nuestro estado y de arriba abajo. De "Sr. Smith va a Washington" a "Castillo de Naipes", y desde 1939 de "El joven Lincoln" de la TV "Veep", Los americanos les gustan la política, la vida ciudadana, en la ficción como en la vida real.

El Picor de Cuatro Años. Cada cuatro años, en nuestro país pasan dos cosas que damos por desapercibido: la primera es el año bisiesto, el segundo, es una elección que se anticipa a una transición pacífica del poder. Desde 1788, Los Estados Unidos ha experimentado esa transición pacífica de una manera que gran parte de nuestro mundo no lo ha experimentado; Como he dicho que tomamos esto de una manera desapercibida, pero no debemos. En las elecciones hay mucho que está en juego; elecciones tienen ramificaciones. Y ahora, otro evento cuatrienal se desarrolla. La Iglesia Católica habla y define las cuestiones que deberían ser importantes para los votantes Católicos; cuestiones de moral y asuntos que deben ser importante para todos los católicos. Del mismo modo, cada cuatro año, algunos se quejan de que la Iglesia no debe meter la nariz en la política. Sin embargo, esa posición no entiende que los católicos, como estadounidenses, son parte de la vida política de esta nación, y que la gente de fe, creencias y valores, son lo que forjan sus ideales. Es decir los católicos, y las creencias católicas (en una nación con la libertad de religión) tienen un lugar en la plaza pública, y los católicos tienen un derecho a expresar sus puntos de vista como cualquiera otra persona, del mismo modo la Iglesia habla, no de los candidatos, pero en temas de importancia para los fieles.

Salva Vidas. Como saben, el tema del respeto a la vida humana es siempre un tema central para los católicos; este año no es diferente. La Conferencia Estadounidense de Obispos Católicos en un documento reciente, dijo "*La destrucción directa e intencional de la vida humana inocente desde el momento de la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Debemos empezar con el compromiso de nunca matar intencionalmente, ni participar en la matanza de cualquier vida humana inocente, no importa lo defectuosa, mal formada, minusválida o desesperada que parezca". Siempre está mal y no es sólo una*

cuestión entre muchas. Siempre hay que oponerse "A esto, se añade la advertencia," Los obispos no les dicen a los católicos cómo votar.; la responsabilidad de tomar decisiones políticas recae sobre cada persona y su conciencia adecuadamente formado, apoyada por la prudencia. Este ejercicio de la conciencia comienza oponiéndose siempre a las políticas que violan la vida humana o debilitan su protección.

Así que, ¿Cuáles son los Problemas? La siguiente es una declaración de la Conferencia Estadounidense de Obispos Católicos con respecto a las cuestiones que deben ser motivo de preocupación para los católicos: Como católicos, estamos llamados a plantear preguntas a la vida política que vayan más allá de las que se concentran en el bienestar material del individuo. Nuestro enfoque no está en la Afiliación Política, ideología, Economía o ni siquiera la competencia y la capacidad de cumplir Deberes, aunque todo esto es importante. Más bien, nos enfocamos en lo que protege o amenaza la Dignidad Humana de cada vida humana. La enseñanza católica reta a los votantes ya los candidatos, ciudadanos y a los funcionarios públicos a considerar las dimensiones morales y éticas de Cuestiones de Política Pública. A la luz de los Principios éticos, nosotros, los Obispos, ofrecemos los Siguientes objetivos políticos que esperamos guiarán a los católicos a medida que estos formen su conciencia y Reflexionen Sobre las Dimensiones morales de las opciones públicas que tienen.

- *Enfrentar el requisito supremo de proteger la vida humana, los más débiles-los niños inocentes no nacidos- restringiendo y poniendo fin a la destrucción de los niños no nacidos mediante el aborto provocado y proporcionando a Las mujeres en crisis de embarazo el apoyo que necesiten. Poner fin a las siguientes prácticas: El uso de la eutanasia y el suicidio Asistido para aliviar la carga de la enfermedad y los incapacitados, la destrucción de embriones humanos en nombre de la ciencia, el uso de la pena de muerte para combatir el crimen y recurrir a la guerra imprudentemente para tratar disputas Internacionales.*
- *Proteger el concepto fundamental del matrimonio como la unión fiel y para toda la vida entre un hombre y una mujer y como la institución central de la sociedad; promover la complementariedad de los sexos y rechazar las*

- falsas ideologías de "género"; y ofrecer mejor apoyo a la vida familiar moral, económica y social, de manera que nuestra nación ayude a los Padres de Familia a criar a sus hijos inculcando en ellos el respeto a la vida, valores morales sólidos y una ética de corresponsabilidad y responsabilidad .*
- *Conseguir una reforma migratoria comprensiva que ofrezca un Camino a la Ciudadanía, tratar a los trabajadores inmigrantes con justicia, impedir la separación de las familias, mantener la integridad de nuestras fronteras, respetar la las reglas de derecho y ver los factores que obligan a las personas abandonar sus países de origen.*
 - *Ayudar a las familias ya los niños salir de la pobreza, asegurando el acceso y opciones la educación, así como un trabajo decente con un salario justo que permitan vivir, y asistencia adecuada para los más vulnerables de nuestra nación, a la vez que también se ayude a eliminar el hambre y la pobreza extendidos por el mundo, especialmente en las áreas de asistencia al desarrollo, alivio de la deuda externa y el comercio internacional.*
 - *Derecho a respondedor a las necesidades sociales de acuerdo a sus convicciones morales Y Religiosas Básicas.*
 - *Proveer Cuidado Médico a la vez que se respete la vida humana, la dignidad humana y la libertad religiosa en Nuestro Sistema de Salud.*
 - *Continuar oponiéndose a políticas que reflejan prejuicios, hostilidad hacia los Inmigrantes, intolerancia religiosa y otras formas de discriminación injusta.*

- *Establecer y cumplir con los Límites morales concernientes al uso de la fuerza militar - examinando con qué propósitos se puede usar, bajo qué autoridad y a qué precio humano, y con miras especialmente de buscan una respuesta responsable y Eficaz para poner fin a la persecución de los Cristianos y otras minorías Religiosas en el Medio Oriente y otras partes del mundo.*
- *Unirse con otras naciones del Mundo para buscar la paz, Proteger los Derechos Humanos y la libertad religiosa, y Progresar en la Justicia Económica y en el Cuidado de la Creación.*

Votación y Valores. Al igual que con la enseñanza de la Iglesia, yo también, no recomiendo en cuanto a la forma de votar. Sin embargo, yo recomiendo a que se informe, para permitir que su conciencia sea formado por su fe, y votar por lo que dicte su conciencia, manteniendo siempre los valores, las creencias y las enseñanzas de lo que cargamos en nuestro corazón.

Y después de leer acerca de los candidatos, las elecciones, las reivindicaciones, las reconvenciones, y escuchar las alto parlantes de la televisión en los drones sobre la próxima elección, creo que voy a tomar un descanso de la salud mental y espiritual. Tal vez, una cena de Big Mac, un batido, y ver el DVD de "Mr. Smith va a Washington" Será justo el bálsamo que necesito para recargar mi propia batería. Eso, junto con la oración - especialmente a Santo Tomás More, patronos de los estadistas y los políticos - y yo estaré enfocado y listo para votar como un seguidor de Jesucristo. ¡Dios bendiga a los Estados Unidos de América!

Suyo en Cristo,
P. James Lentini
Párroco