

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 23, 2016 – Thirtieth 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,

One of the greatest American songwriters of the 20th century was a man named Johnny Mercer. Primarily, a lyricist, some of his well-known songs were "Moon River," "Autumn Leaves," "Ac-cent-tchu-ate the Positive," along with hundreds of others. Sadly, Mercer passed away at the age of 66 from a brain tumor. Shortly before he died, Mercer wrote lyrics for a new song; but with his passing, the lyrics were done, but the music was missing.

In 1984, singer and schmaltz-meister supreme Barry Manilow received the lyrics from this unrealized song via Mercer's wife, Ginger, with the intention of him bringing the song to completion. And so he did. Writing music, and setting the lyrics, Manilow produced the beautifully melancholy song "When October Goes." That song hit #6 on the American Adult Contemporary chart; it was a posthumous hit and tribute for Johnny Mercer.

I must confess, I really like "When October Goes." It captures my feelings during this transitional time of the year. The lyrics in part help one visualize the cooling temperature, and the greyer early-evening sky. In part the song says: "*And when October goes / the snow begins to fly / above the smoky roofs / I watch the planes go by.*"

In our Church and in our Parish, I do lament seeing October go, as September and October are exciting for us:

- Our Catholic Schools and Religious education re-open bringing the faces of eager young Catholics to our parish to continue their learning about Christ;
- We have the month of the Holy Rosary and recommit to fervent prayer;
- With October as Respect Life Month, we re-commit ourselves to the care and protection of human life, and pray for the abolition of abortion;
- The Holy Cross Fall Festival, this weekend, provides a day of fun and fundraising for kids and families;

- Immaculate Conception's *Anniversario* celebrates the establishment of the Hispanic community at Marydel.

And then, when October goes, sadly for me, comes the final days of the baseball season (with Phillies having gone away long before October did). Also in this period we have daylight savings time; shorter days; greyer skies and cooler weather. This is an in-between time when as we as Catholics await Advent, and thereafter the outset of the Christmas season. When October goes, it is a time that is neither fish nor fowl; wintery nor warm; or in food terms, it is like the empty void that exists between the Big Mac and the Whopper.

Of particular note, is the fact that during this period of time, our scriptures change in tone. When October goes, our scripture readings show forth a more apocalyptic tenor. Thus, we will start hearing words of scripture that are tough, admonishing, and cautionary for us. And tough as they are, they are necessary to hear, and ponder.

On the first Sunday of November we will hear about the necessity of being strong in the faith, no matter what. The scripture (from 2 Maccabees) tells the story of some young brothers, commanded by the political powers of the day to break from their faith and act "*in violation of God's law.*" They refuse, and are one by one put to death. They are each given a chance to deny their faith in the face of death; but all refuse. And as the fourth brother lies near death he says to the King and his executioners: "*It is my choice to die at the hands of men / with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; / but for you, there will be no resurrection to life.*" Tough scripture, tough message: no matter the temptation of the culture, or of the world, our Catholic faith commands us to stand firm and never, never, never, deny our faith in the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ and his Church.

On the second Sunday of November, we will hear similar apocalyptic words (from Luke 21), that prepare us for the trials we may face: "*Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom... Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name... You will be hated by all because of my name.*" The scripture will then remind us that though, because of faith in Jesus, we may face trials and tribulations, yet we are comforted that "[N]ot a hair on your

head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Likewise, in the first reading that same day, we will hear the prophet Malachi speak to us in these words, "*Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble... but for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.*" Again, we are commended to remain faithful; fear not, stand firm in Christ.

Then on the third Sunday of November, on the great Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we are taken to the scene of the crucifixion. There we see Christ hanging on a Cross between the two thieves, likewise crucified. One of the thieves, by tradition named Gestas, cajoles our Lord – and like the Devil in the story of Christ's temptation in desert, he tries to put God to the test. The thief tells Jesus, that if he is who he says he is, to save him. The other thief, St. Dismas, chastises Gestas, saying to him: "*'Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation?'*" St. Dismas then turns to Christ for forgiveness, and Jesus, who was not sent into this world to save himself but to save us, responds to St. Dismas saying, "*Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.*" This reminds us that even in our troubles, our agonies, we are not to put the Lord our God to the test, but rather to seek his forgiveness, that we may have the hope of Heaven.

These are some tough, but powerful, readings. These are the wake-up calls we need to hear. These readings remind us that faith is not a convenience but a necessity. They remind that the Devil will seek out the Achilles heel of faith, and exploit our fears, in order to turn us away from Christ. And these same readings also tell not to take the bait, not to doubt, not to fear and to remain strong.

The song I mentioned at the outset, "When October Goes" concludes with lyrics that may sum up our initial feelings about the what lies ahead: "*I should be over it now I know / It doesn't matter much / how old I grow / I hate to see October go*" But go, it must, that we might grow in our faith by hearing the powerful scriptures that lay ahead, as we prepare for the end of one year and look to the Advent of the next.

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Oct 23 **8:30am:** Liselotte Gonzalez
 11:00am: Teresa Canino

Misa en Español **7:00pm:** For the People

Thu., Oct 207 **7:00pm:** For the People

Sun., Oct. 30 **8:30am:** Tom & Doris Costello
 11:00am: Magdelina Petri

Misa en Español **7:00pm:** For the People

Mon., Oct 31 **5:30 Vigil:** Lawson & Heaman Family
 7pm: For the People

Tues., Nov. 1 **9am:** David Thompson

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory:	\$ 2799.12
World Mission Sunday	\$ 499.11

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

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

**The Mass book for the 2017 year
opens November 1st**

STEWARSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Oct 23 Julia Moore & Paul McQuaide
Oct 30 Marianne Lemon & Diane Nagyiski
Nov 6 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Church Cleaning Crew

October 29, 2016 Grupo #12

November 5, 2016 Grupo #13

November 12, 2016 Grupo #14

Altar Servers

Oct 30
8:30am Mass – Hannah Nagyiski
11:00am Mass – Carmine Poppiti & Joanne Santizo
Spanish Misa 7pm – Pavel Hernandez & Jose Ortiz

Lectors

Oct 30
8:30am Mass – Marilyn Dixon
11:00am Mass – Sherry Tucker
Spanish Misa 7pm – Erminio Ramírez, Antonio Pérez

Eucharistic Ministers

Oct 30
8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Elisa & Tom Costello
11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Paul Lardizzone, Bob Vanvessian
Spanish Misa 7pm – Dolores Cuin, Carlos Miguel, Flora Pérez

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES ARE GOING OUT THIS NEXT WEEK. Please contact the office if you do not get yours in mail by next weekend. Please check schedule and get someone to cover if you cannot be here. Please check the Holiday schedules....yes, it is already that time of the year.



Chicken & Dumpling Dinner

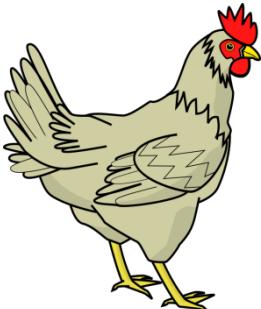
Saturday, October 29, 2016

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, dessert, tamale, empanada



SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Oct 23 9:40am SRE Classes in Classrooms
Sun, Oct 23 12:30 Confirmation Prep
Sun, Oct 23 1-3:30pm RICA
Mon, Oct 24 & Wed Oct 26 7pm ESL
Mon, Oct 24 7pm Grupo de Oración
Tue, Oct 25 7pm RCIA
Wed Oct 26 6:30pm Bible Study
Thur Oct 27 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.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

When it's hard to forgive a spouse who has 'done you wrong' try praying this way, "Oh Lord, let me forgive those who sin differently than I do." Now is the time for healing, not self-righteousness.

Parenting Pointer –

Try this bedtime ritual: What did I do well today? What can I do better tomorrow? (adapted from Family Memory Calendar, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown).

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
Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509



AVON FUNDRAISER: Start selling now. Orders and money are due to ICC by 10/31. Pick up orders after Masses on 11/13. If you should have any questions or need to make a payment by credit card, please call Mary Jo Clancy at 302-331-3246 or 410-820-8224(work)

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education

Religious Education Classes for 2016-2017

9:40am-10:50am on Sundays

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Confirmation Preparation- TODAY - Confirmation Classes for youth begins on today Sunday, October 23 at 12:30 in hall

ADULT FORMATION:

- **Adult Bible study continues with Psalms: "An Invitation to Prayer".** If you are interested in joining us, please contact Alicia Poppiti at the office.
- **Psalms II: "Praying with Jesus"** Will start up after the present series. If you are interested, please contact the office.
- **ROSARY:** if you have an interest in joining in a Rosary group, please contact the office, be sure to leave your name and number and day best suited for you.



The Gospel this week describes two different attitudes toward prayer. The tax collector and the Pharisee both pray but in drastically different ways. Bring it Home this week by reflecting on which character your attitude toward prayer most reflects. With your family talk about what it means to be humble in prayer. Strive to be humble; knowing God is in control, in prayer and in your daily life.

ALTAR SERVERS: If you are interested in being an altar server, please let us know. You may talk to the Deacons or another Altar server for instructions for training.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: God knows and sees our hearts.

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to be humble – but what does that mean? How do you show you are humble?

Question for Youth: God knows when we are doing things just for show, and when they come from the goodness of our heart. When have you caught yourself doing something just to be more popular or liked? How does it feel to do something that you know is good and just?

Question for Adults: This Gospel reading suggests that we approach God and each other with humility. What does this mean, in practical terms? How do we "humble" ourselves? What does that mean?

30º domingo en tiempo ordinario

Tema: Dios conoce y ve nuestros corazones.

Pregunta para los niños: Jesús nos enseña a ser humildes, pero ¿qué significa eso? ¿Cómo muestran que son humildes?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Dios sabe cuando hacemos cosas sólo para presumir y cuando son por la bondad de nuestro corazón. ¿Cuándo te has encontrado haciendo algo sólo para ser más popular o apreciado? ¿Cómo se siente hacer algo que sabes que es bueno y justo?

Pregunta para los adultos: La lectura de este Evangelio sugiere que nos acerquemos a Dios y a los demás con humildad. ¿Qué significa esto en términos prácticos? ¿Cómo nos "humillamos" a nosotros mismos? ¿Qué significa eso?



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

Open Houses for Catholic High Schools

St. Thomas More Academy: Sunday, November 13, 11am-2pm
Any questions, please contact 302-697-8100

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 23 DE OCTUBRE, 2016

Estimados Feligreses,

Uno de los más grandes compositores estadounidenses del siglo 20 fue un hombre llamado Johnny Mercer. Sobre todo, él era un compositor, algunas de sus canciones conocidas eran "Rio de Luna", "Hojas de otoño", junto con cientos de otros. Por desgracia, Mercer falleció de un tumor cerebral a los 66 años. Poco antes de morir, Mercer escribió la letra de una canción; pero con su muerte, estaba la letra, pero faltaba la música.

En 1984, el cantante Barry Manilow recibe la letra de esta canción sin música por medio de la esposa de Mercer, con la intención de que él lo completara. Y así lo hizo. Escribir y componer música, Manilow produjo la canción muy melancólica "Cuando va octubre." Esta canción alcanzó el galardón # 6 en la tabla americana de música contemporánea para adultos; fue un tributo póstumo a Johnny Mercer.

Debo confesar, me gusta mucho la canción "Cuando va octubre". Capta mis sentimientos durante este tiempo de Transición del Año. Las letras por una parte ayudan a visualizar el enfriamiento de la temperatura, y el crepúsculo se va poniendo más temprano. Una la parte de la canción dice: "Y Cuando va octubre / la nieve Comienza a volar / Por Encima de los tejados llenos de humo / Mirar los aviones pasar."

En nuestra Iglesia y en nuestra parroquia, me entristece ver pasar octubre, septiembre y octubre son meses muy interesantes para nosotros:

- Nuestras Escuelas Católicas y La Educación Religiosa reanudan traen a nuestra parroquia rostros de los niños y jóvenes católicos deseosos de continuar aprendiendo más acerca de Cristo;
- Tenemos el mes del Santo Rosario y nuevamente a la oración ferviente;
- Con octubre Mes de Respeto a la Vida, nosotros volvemos a comprometernos con el Cuidado y la Protección de la Vida Humana, y a ora por la Abolición del aborto;
- Este fin de Semana Santa Cruz tiene el Festival de Otoño, ofrece un día de recaudación de Fondos y diversiones para los niños y las familias.
- Inmaculada Concepción Aniversario de la fundación de la comunidad hispana en Marydel. Cena de recaudación de fondos de Pollo con bola de masa hervida, tamales y empanadas.

Y entonces, cuando se va octubre, tristemente para mí, viene Los días finales de la temporada de béisbol (con los Phillies ya fuera mucho tiempo antes de octubre). También en este período tenemos el cambio de hora; atrasé su reloj una hora; días más cortos; cielos más grises y temperaturas más frescas. Este es un tiempo intermedio, cuando nosotros, como católicos estamos a la espera de Adviento, y posteriormente al inicio del Tiempo de

Navidad. Cuando se va octubre, Es un tiempo que no es ni pescado ni gallina; ni frio ni calor; o en términos de Alimentos, es como el vacío que existe entre el Big Mac y el Whopper.

De particular interés, y de hecho durante este período de tiempo, nuestras escrituras cambian de tono. Cuando se va octubre, nuestras Sagradas Escrituras muestran sucesivamente un tenor más apocalíptico. Por lo tanto, vamos a escuchar palabras de la Sagrada Escritura que son duros, de amonestación, y de cautela para nosotros. Y fuerte como son, necesarios para escuchar y reflexionar.

- En el primer domingo de noviembre vamos a oír hablar de la necesidad de ser fuertes en la fe, no importa qué La escritura (2 Macabeos) cuenta, la historia de unos hermanos jóvenes, invitados por los poderes políticos del momento de alejarse de su fe y actuar "en violación de la ley de Dios." Se niegan, y uno por uno son condenados a muerte. Cada uno de ellos se les da la oportunidad de negar su fe en la cara de la muerte; pero todos se negaron.

Sometieron al cuarto a las mismas torturas, se expresó así: Y como el cuarto hermano está a punto de morir, le dice al Rey y sus ejecutores: "*Es preferible morir a manos de los hombres / con la esperanza que Dios otorga de ser resucitados por él; / Pero para ti, no habrá resurrección a la vida.*" fuerte la escritura, fuerte mensaje:. No importa la tentación de la cultura, o del mundo, nuestra fe católica nos exhorta a mantenernos firmes y nunca, nunca, nunca, negar nuestra fe en las enseñanzas del Señor Jesucristo y de su Iglesia.

- En el segundo domingo de noviembre, vamos a escuchar las palabras apocalípticas similares (de Lucas 21), que nos preparan para las pruebas que podamos enfrentar: "*Se levantará nación contra nación, y reino contra reino ... Pero antes de que eso ocurra los tomarán a ustedes presos, los perseguirán, los entregarán a los tribunales judíos y los meterán en sus cárceles. Los harán comparecer ante reyes y gobernadores por causa de mi nombre, Serán odiados por todos a causa de mi nombre. Con todo, ni un cabello de su cabeza se perderá. Manténganse firmes y se salvarán.*"

Del mismo modo, en la primera lectura de ese mismo día, vamos a escuchar al profeta Malaquías que nos habla en estas palabras: "*He aquí, el día está llegando, ardiente como un horno, y todos los soberbios y todos los que hacen maldad serán estopa... pero para los que temen mi nombre, se levantará el sol de justicia con sus rayos de sanación.*" Una vez más, somos exhortados a permanecer fieles.; no temas, y mantenerse firmes en Cristo.

- Entonces, en el tercer domingo de noviembre, de la gran Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, nos llevaron a la escena de la crucifixión. Allí vemos a Cristo colgado en una cruz entre los dos ladrones crucificados, del mismo modo. Uno de los ladrones, por tradición llamado Gestas, se burlaba de nuestro Señor - y como el diablo en la historia de la tentación de Cristo en el desierto, trata de poner a prueba a Dios. El ladrón le dice a Jesús, que si él es quien dice que es, que lo salve. El otro

ladrón, San Dimas, regaña a Gestas , diciéndole: "*Es que no tienes temor de Dios, porque tu estás sujeto a la misma condenación*" San Dimas, se vuelve a Cristo para su perdón, y Jesús, que no estaba enviado a este mundo para salvarnos a sí mismo, sino para salvarnos, responde a San Dimas diciendo: "*en verdad te digo, que hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso.*" esto nos recuerda que incluso en nuestros problemas, nuestras angustias, no debemos de poner el Señor nuestro Dios a prueba, pero en lugar de buscar su perdón, para que tengamos la esperanza del Cielo.

Estas son lecturas difíciles, pero poderosas. Estas son las llamadas de alerta que necesitamos oír. Estas lecturas nos recuerdan que la fe no es una conveniencia, sino una necesidad. Nos recuerdan que el diablo buscará el talón de Aquiles de la fe, y explotar nuestros temores, con el fin de apartarnos de Cristo. Y estas mismas lecturas también

dicen que no caigamos en la trampa, a no dudar, a no tener miedo y a mantenernos firmes.

La canción que he mencionado al principio, "*Cuando va octubre*", concluye con una lírica que puede resumir nuestros sentimientos iniciales sobre lo que se avecina: "*Debería pasar /ahora sé /No importa mucho /la edad o que sea mayor /No me gusta ver octubre ir/ pero tiene que irse*" pues, así debe de ser, para que podamos crecer en nuestra fe escuchando las poderosas escrituras que nos esperan por delante, mientras nos preparamos para el final de un año y esperamos a la llegada del adviento del próximo.

Suyo en Cristo,
James Lentini, Párroco