

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Fridays 9:30-Noon, Closed Wednesdays.

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

October 29, 2017 – Thirtieth 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. John T. Solomon, 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,

GOOD NEWS ON SCHOOL TUITION! Our tuition schedule for 2018-19 for our elementary and our high school will be as follows:

Elementary School (Holy Cross School). Our parents and families have been faithfully abiding with us over the past few years, and have witnessed much improvement in our school in technology, security, and environment. Much of that upgrading is completed, and as a way of thanking our families, while being fiscally sound, I have determined that we will be able to lock tuition in place for next year. No increase!

High School (St. Thomas More Academy). St. Thomas More Academy will see a reduction in tuition rates. Due to various savings, staffing adjustments, and other areas of financial focus, I am pleased to announce a very

reasonable rate of tuition for 2018-19. The rate for Holy Cross Parishioners: \$8,000; Other Catholic Parishes \$8500; current or former Holy Cross 8th Graders Non-Catholic \$8,700; all others \$10,725. These number represent decreases in tuition ranging from \$3,700 to \$1,000. In addition, financial aid and scholarship monies are available.

I want to thank all our parents, who have been ever so committed to Catholic education, for their earnest support, and abiding with us over the past few years as we improved our schools, expanded our scope (PK-12), and grew financial sound! On that financial note, I would also ask that if any parishioner would care to make a generous (and tax deductible) donation to our schools, it would be greatly appreciated, and allow us to expand the realm of Catholic education to even more students.

MEANWHILE UP IN HEAVEN. Well it will soon be November 1... and we know what that means for us in the faith. No, it doesn't mean that "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" will be watched religiously by millions (although it probably will). What it means is that the Church Universal – the Catholic Church – will be celebrating All Saint's Day. All Saints Day is the day when the Church on Earth (the Church Militant) gives praise to God by honoring the Church in Heaven (the Church Triumphant). And the very next day, one November 2, we celebrate All Souls Day, when pray for the members of the Church in Purgatory (the Church Suffering).

November 1 is the day we commemorate of all of those holy men and women, who have passed on from this world to the next – and found eternal rest in Heaven, where in joyous bliss they praise God unceasingly. And that is where we want to be – hence as the song says, "O Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in."

Where did this day come from? Well, while our current observance of All Saints Day takes us back to the mid-7th century, we would have to step into the Wayback Machine and set the dial for the late first and early second centuries to find the origins of this day. You see back in those days, when ancient history was still called current event, there was a feast day observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost and called "The Commemoration of All the Holy Martyrs." Also, back in those early days of the Church the Roman Empire treated the members of the Church in manner rougher than New York Yankees fans treat Boston Red Sox fans (and vice versa). In that era, almost all of the our known saints were martyrs; they were felled by the Roman authorities who deemed Christianity a crime and its practice a *de facto* capital offense.

Okay, so how did we get from a spring time feast after Pentecost to November 1? Well in the early 7th century, Pope Boniface IV took the Roman building known as the Pantheon and made it into a church dedicated -- on May 13 -- to Mary and All the Saints. And around that time, people began to celebrate a form of All Saints Day on that May 13 date. About 100 years later, when Pope Gregory III built an All Saints Chapel at St. Peter's on that same date, it really sealed the deal for this May 13 feast. But, by now I am sure you are confused than a

chameleon in a bag of Skittles – we went from the Sunday after Pentecost to May 13. But, how do we get to All Saints Day being on November 1? Hint: Follow the food!

It seems that as this feast for All the Saints got more and more popular, huge numbers of pilgrims made treks to Rome to participate in the celebrations. They traveled in droves, each May, to venerate and honor the growing numbers of saints in these churches dedicated to the Saints. This caused a terrible problem: You see there was not enough food left in Rome by May (after the end of the winter) to feed the ridiculous number of visitors and pilgrims coming for this special day. Pope Gregory IV came up with a solution to problem: He moved the feast to November 1, which came right about the time of harvest; in this way there would be a sufficiency of food for the crush of the faithful that came to honor our saints. From that time onward, November 1 has been All Saints Day. Of note, the night before All Saints Day became known as All Hallows (holy ones) Eve – which became contracted into the name Halloween.

And so, November 1st is All Saints Day – and it is a Holy Day of Obligation throughout these United States (except Hawaii). This means all the faithful are obligated to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, just as on a Sunday. The following is the Mass schedule for Holy Cross and our sister parish, Immaculate Conception (in Marydel, Maryland):

October 31:

7:00pm at Holy Cross

5:30pm at Immaculate Conception (English)

7:00pm at Immaculate Conception (Spanish);

November 1:

6:30am, 8:15am, 12:10pm, 7:00pm at Holy Cross

9:00 am at Immaculate Conception (English)

9:30am at Holy Cross (school Mass)

9:20am at St Thomas More Academy (school mass)

See you all at Church! Pax et bonum!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Oct 29 Julia Moore & Paul McQuaide

Nov 5 Elisa & Tom Costello

Nov 12 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Church Cleaning Crew

Noviembre 3, 2017 Grupo #5

Santos Juárez, Arturo Ramírez, Eva Bravo,
Herminda Bravo, Paulina Morales, Silvia Ramírez

Noviembre 10, 2017 Grupo #6

Ovidio Roblero, **Natalina Capistran**, Fausto Ortiz,
Everilda Pérez, Amanda Salas, Ashley Salas

Altar Servers

November 5

8:30am Mass – Mike Dixon & Anna Clancy

11:00am Mass – Joanne Santizo & Vince Haass

Spanish Misa 1pm – Itzel Roblero & Reynaldo Alvarez

Lectors

November 5

8:30am Mass – Barbara Thompson

11:00am Mass – Jim Ward

Spanish Misa 1pm – Haydi Fuentes, Fausto Ortiz

Eucharistic Ministers

November 5

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Gerry Godfrey,
Charlotte Tormey

11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Laura Schlaupitz,
Paul Lardizzone

Spanish Misa 1pm – Ovidio Roblero, Natalina
Capistran, Salome Morales, Anselmo Escalante,
Verónica Bravo



Knights of Columbus

Our next meeting is

Tuesday, Nov 14th

in the Knights Hall

Rosary @ 6:30

Business Meeting @ 7pm

**All members are encouraged to
attend.**

Membership in The Knights of Columbus is open to men 18
years of age or older who are practicing Catholics.

For more info, contact Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley
(302) 505-0647 or kelley29@comcast.net

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MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, Oct. 29

8:30: Harter & Thompson Families

11:00: Teresa Canino

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

Tues. Oct. 31 5:30pm For the People

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

Wed, Nov. 1 9am For the People

Thu Nov. 2 Misa 7pm For the People

Sunday, Nov. 5

8:30: Tom & Doris Costello

11:00: Elsie Carrow

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

New Mass book will open on November 1.

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$ 2486.25

Supplementary: \$ 348.50

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

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

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Oct 29 9:40am SRE Classes in Classrooms

Sun, Oct 29 2pm RICA

Sun, Oct 29 2:30pm Trunk or Treat

Mon, Oct 30 & Wed, Nov 1 7pm ESL

Mon, Oct 30 7pm Play Practice

Thu, Nov 2 7pm Play Practice Read

Thu, Nov 2 8pm Directiva

Sat, Nov 4 - Holy Cross 65th Anniversary Dinner

Sun, Nov 5 – 9am Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sun, Nov 5 – 9:30am St. Vincent DePaul Auction



TODAY –

RAIN OR SHINE!!

Join the Fun!

TODAY - Oct 29

2:30 – 4:30pm

Church Parking Lot

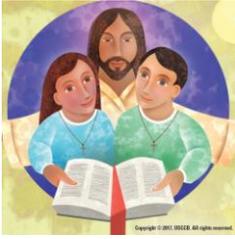
or Hall if raining

Decorate your Trunk & Hand out Treats

Or Come in Costume and Trick and Treat

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education
September 24, 2017-May 6, 2018
9:40am-10:50am



Formation: "Introducing Catholics to the Bible" for young people (5th grade and up) and parents. This is a 90 minute session. If you are interested, please contact Alicia Poppiti to schedule. Date and time is contingent on those that sign up.



Priesthood Sunday – TODAY October 29th

It is a time to show appreciation to our parish priests for all that they do for us. Is there a better way to say "thank-you" than to remember Father in prayer?



In the gospel this week we find the Pharisees testing Jesus on the law, in particularly concerning which commandment is the greatest. Jesus' response is both simple and beautiful; the answer is love. We are commanded to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind, and our neighbor as our self. Love should be the center of all we do, both towards God and each other. How are you living out these commandments? What does it mean to love with all your heart, soul and mind? This call to love is all consuming and when it becomes our focus our life becomes guided by it. Is your life guided by this love? What more can you do to show a full encompassing love to both the Lord and your neighbor?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: The Greatest Commandment - "Love".

Question for Children: We show our love for Jesus by loving our friends and family. Share one way that you show your love.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that we are to love others as we love ourselves. Do you love yourself? Can you see the good that God has put within you? Do you find it easier to love others or yourself?

Question for Adults: Repeat the two commandments which Jesus teaches today in your own words? For each of them, share how it has become part of your life.

30o domingo del tiempo ordinario

Tema: El mayor de los mandamientos, "el amor".

Pregunta para los niños: Nosotros mostramos nuestro amor por Jesús amando a nuestros amigos y a nuestra familia. Menciona una forma en la que muestras tu amor.

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Al convertirte en un joven, ¿cómo te aseguras de llevar contigo este gran mandamiento de Cristo, amar a Dios y amar al prójimo?

Pregunta para los adultos: Repita los dos mandamientos que Jesús enseña hoy en sus propias palabras. Por cada uno de ellos, mencione cómo se ha convertido en parte de su vida.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Nov. 1 is All Saints Day. You know your beloved's best and worst qualities. Focus on his/her saintliness today and write a paragraph describing the saintly qualities of your spouse. (sacrifices, generosity...)

Parenting Pointer –

With Halloween approaching, we are immersed in "fake scariness." But sometimes children have real fears. Talking about ways that you overcame your own childhood fears can give your child hope. Movies/TV can often exaggerate danger and trigger fears.

Saint Thomas More Open House

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
12-3 p.m.**

Saint Thomas More Academy
133 Thomas More Drive
Magnolia, Delaware
19962 www.saintmore.org



COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 29 DE OCTUBRE, 2017.

Queridos feligreses,

¡BUENAS NOTICIAS SOBRE LA MATRÍCULA Y COSTO ESCOLAR! Nuestro calendario de clases 2018-19 para nuestra escuela primaria y nuestra escuela secundaria será el siguiente:

Escuela Primaria (Holy Cross School). Nuestros padres y familias han estado permaneciendo fielmente con nosotros en los últimos años, y han sido testigos de muchas mejoras en nuestra escuela en tecnología, seguridad y en todo el ambiente escolar. Muchas de los proyectos han sido completadas, y una manera de agradecer a nuestras familias, al mismo tiempo siendo fiscalmente sólidos, he tomado la decisión de congelar el costo promedio escolar para el próximo año. ¡No aumento!

2. Escuela Secundaria (Academia St. Thomas More). La Academia de St. Thomas More verá una reducción en las tasas de matrícula. Debido a varios ahorros, ajustes de personal y otras áreas de enfoque financiero, me complace anunciar una tasa de matrícula muy razonable para 2018-19. La tasa para los feligreses de Holy Cross: \$ 8,000; Otras parroquias católicas \$ 8500; actuales o anteriores alumnos de Holy Cross del octavo grado No-Católicos \$ 8,700; todos los demás \$ 10,725. Estas cifras representan disminuciones en la matrícula que van desde \$ 3,700 a \$ 1,000. Además, la ayuda financiera y el dinero de las becas están disponibles.

Quiero agradecer a todos nuestros padres, que siempre han estado tan comprometidos con la educación católica, por su ferviente apoyo y por permanecer con nosotros en los últimos años a medida que mejoramos nuestras escuelas, ampliamos nuestro alcance (PK-12) y crecimos financieramente sólidos! En esa nota financiera, también preguntaría si hay algún feligrés que le importaría hacer una donación generosa (y deducible de impuestos) a nuestras escuelas, se los agradeceríamos, y nos permitiría expandir el ámbito de la educación católica a más estudiantes.

MIENTRAS TANTO ALLA EN EL CIELO. Bueno, pronto será el 1 de noviembre... y sabemos lo que eso significa para nosotros en la fe. No, eso no significa que millones de personas vean "Es la Gran Calabaza, de Charlie Brown" (aunque probablemente lo haga). Lo que significa es que la Iglesia Universal - la Iglesia Católica - celebrará el Día de Todos los Santos. El Día de Todos los Santos es el día en que la Iglesia en la Tierra (la Iglesia Militante) alaba a Dios honrando a la Iglesia en el Cielo (la Iglesia Triunfante). Y al día siguiente, el 2 de noviembre, celebramos el Día de Todos los Difuntos, cuando oramos por los miembros de la Iglesia sufriente).

El 1 de noviembre es el día en que conmemoramos a todos esos hombres y mujeres santos, que han pasado de este mundo al siguiente, y encontraron el descanso eterno en el Cielo, donde incesantemente y gozosamente alaban a Dios. Y ahí es donde queremos estar, por lo tanto, como dice la canción, "Oh Señor, quiero estar en ese número, cuando los santos van marchando".

¿De dónde vino este día? Bueno, si bien nuestra observancia actual del Día de Todos los Santos nos remonta a mediados del siglo VII, tendríamos que en el baúl de los recuerdos y poner el dial y configurar el cuadrante para finales del primer siglo y parte temprana del siglo dos para encontrar los orígenes de este día. Ves en aquellos días, cuando la historia antigua se llamaba evento actual, había un día de fiesta observado en el primer domingo después de Pentecostés y se llamaba "La Conmemoración de Todos los Santos Mártires". También, en aquellos primeros días de la Iglesia el Imperio Romano trató a los miembros de la Iglesia de una manera muy ruda como los fanáticos de los Yankees de Nueva York tratan a los fanáticos de los Medias Rojas de Boston (y viceversa). En esa época, casi todos nuestros santos conocidos eran mártires; fueron derribados por las autoridades romanas que consideraban el cristianismo como un crimen y su práctica era una ofensa de capital de facto.

De acuerdo, entonces, ¿cómo llegamos de una fiesta de primavera después de Pentecostés al 1 de noviembre? A principios del siglo VII, el Papa Bonifacio IV tomó el edificio romano conocido como el Panteón y lo convirtió en una iglesia dedicada, el 13 de mayo, a María y a Todos los Santos. Y alrededor de ese tiempo, la gente comenzó a celebrar una forma del Día de Todos los Santos en esa fecha del 13 de mayo. Unos 100 años más tarde, cuando el Papa Gregorio III construyó una capilla de Todos los Santos en San Pedro en esa misma fecha, realmente selló el trato para esta fiesta del 13 de mayo. Pero, ahora estoy seguro de que estás confundido que un camaleón en una bolsa de Skittles: pasamos del domingo después de Pentecostés al 13 de mayo. Pero, ¿cómo llegamos al Día de Todos los Santos el 1 de noviembre? Sugerencia: ¡sigue la comida!

Parece que a medida que esta fiesta para Todos los Santos se hizo cada vez más popular, un gran número de peregrinos hizo peregrinaciones a Roma para participar en las celebraciones. Viajaban en masa, cada mes de mayo, para venerar y honrar el creciente número de santos en estas iglesias dedicadas a los santos. Esto causó un terrible problema: ves que no había suficiente comida en Roma para mayo (después del final del invierno) para alimentar a la cantidad ridícula de visitantes y peregrinos que venían para este día especial. El Papa Gregorio IV propuso una solución al problema: movió la fiesta al 1 de noviembre, que llegó justo a la hora de la cosecha; de esta manera habría suficiente

comida para el enamoramiento de los fieles que venían a honrar a nuestros santos. Desde ese momento en adelante, el 1 de noviembre ha sido el Día de Todos los Santos. Cabe destacar que la noche anterior al Día de Todos los Santos se conoció como la víspera de Todos los Santos, que se contrajo en el nombre de Halloween.

Y así, el 1 de noviembre es el Día de Todos los Santos - y es un Día de Obligación Sagrado en todos los Estados Unidos (excepto Hawái). Esto significa que todos los fieles están obligados a asistir al Santo Sacrificio de la Misa, como un domingo. El siguiente es el horario de misas para Holy Cross y nuestra parroquia hermana, Inmaculada Concepción (en Marydel, Maryland):

31 de octubre:

- **7:00 p.m. en Holy Cross**
- **5:30 p.m. en la Inmaculada Concepción (inglés)**

- **7:00 p.m. en la Inmaculada Concepción (español);**

01 de noviembre:

- **6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 7:00 p.m. en Holy Cross**
- **9:00 a.m. en la Inmaculada Concepción (inglés)**
- **9:30 a.m. en Holy Cross (misa escolar)**
- **9:20 a.m. en la Academia St Thomas More (misa escolar)**

¡Los veo a todos en la Iglesia! Pax et bonum!

Tuyo en Cristo,
P. James Lentini
Pastor