

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., 9:30-12noon Fridays, Closed Wednesdays

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

October 30, 2016 – Thirty-First 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,

I am grateful to Fr. Lentini for allowing me to make this brief announcement in our parish bulletin. Effective November 1st, I am being released from the diocese for missionary service to the Neocatechumenal Way; this period of service will be temporary and will not last forever. The Neocatechumenal Way is an itinerary of Catholic Formation within the Church. It is a way of conversion through which the richness of the gospel can be rediscovered, and it seeks to return to faith many who have abandoned it.

I have tremendously enjoyed my years at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception, and I am very thankful to all of you for making that happen. I have been continually impressed by your

prayerfulness, faithfulness, love of the Lord, and spirit of generosity for others, both with your time and treasure. I thank you for allowing me to serve you during these years. As always, I ask you to please keep me in your prayers, because they are very powerful and I truly appreciate them. May God bless you all.

Thank you again,

Fr. Olson

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As you have read above, one of our priests, Fr. Olson, will be leaving us to discern where God is calling him. He will leave parish work to begin that period of discernment by engaging in mission work, notably related to evangelization. I can tell you, he will be missed here at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception in so very many ways.

Fr. Olson has been a wonderful priest for our two parishes and a great friend to me. He has served dutifully in helping Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception carry out the grand design of pastorally operating two parishes with the staffing of priests accorded for one parish. Fr. Olson was an enthusiastic supporter of this project; and he helped it to work! He served both our anglophile and hispanophile populations. His fluency in Spanish especially allowed a strengthening of our Hispanic outreach. I would be remiss if I didn't add that Fr. Olson's quiet spirituality helped to feed the spiritual lives of his brother priests by his constant faithful witness.

On a personal level, Fr. Olson, as I mentioned above, has been a great friend. Whether talking about Church teachings, the lives of the saints, parish life, the evening news, or funny TV shows and movies, Fr. Olson was always a good listener, a thoughtful speaker, and a joyful person. While all of our priests will miss him, we do wish him well on whatever road God points him. And needless to say, if he ever wants to return here, much like Motel 6, we'll leave the light on for him.

And now the other half of the story: It is beyond most folks' living-memory here at Holy Cross to recall a time when our parish was assigned less than three parish priests. But that is the case right now, for the short term. It is myself and Fr. Angeloni, as we have oft said in recent days citing a 1970s hit: "It's you and me against the world." 1970s schmaltz

MASS INTENTIONS:

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

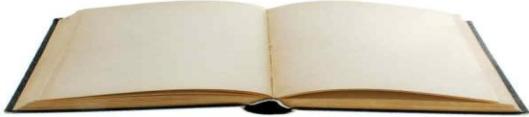
Thu., Nov. 3 7pm: For the People

Sun., Nov. 6 8:30am: Tommy Smith

11:00am: Prakashamma Kukatla

Misa en Español 7:00pm: Maria Dominga Isaguirre

The Mass book for the 2017 year
opens November 1st



aside, this situation will likely stretch the human resources of our priestly duties to the breaking point. And I will be blunt, if we remain as a two-man parish, something is going to have to give. With three priests, we were stretched as we served two parishes, the school, the high school, round-the-clock hospital coverage, etc.

This being said, if a tough decision has to be made; I will make it. I will make it in light of the pastoral needs of the two parishes, as well as in consideration that your priests are human and have a limit as to how much they can do.

It is my hope that this two-man status for HC/ICC is temporary; it is my hope that a new priest, hopefully one with some fluency in Spanish, can be found and assigned. That's a hope for tomorrow, but for today – and in the days, weeks and months ahead – I ask for your prayers for Fr. Angeloni and me, as well as for vocations to the Priesthood. I also ask for your patience and understanding of the situation at hand. I have a deep affection for both Holy Cross (from where my vocation was nurtured) and for Immaculate Conception (a wonderful parish which is my second home). I will strive to lead the flock of both places to the best of my ability, with God's help, and your prayers.

And so, as we bid Fr. Olson adieu, we begin a new day with new challenges at our two parishes. Let's meet these challenges with faith, trust, joy, and above all with the heart and mind of the Church at the forefront. With faith in God and prayers to Mary for her intercession, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$ 3325.51

Supplementary \$ 551.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

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

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.



STEWARSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Oct 30 Marianne Lemon & Diane Nagyiski
Nov 6 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel
Nov 13 Margie Short & Laura Voshell

Church Cleaning Crew

November 5, 2016 Grupo #13

November 12, 2016 Grupo #14

November 19, 2016 Grupo #15

Altar Servers

Nov 6
8:30am Mass – Anna Clancy
11:00am Mass – Vincent Haass & Sherlin Santizo
Spanish Misa 7pm – Emily Escalante & Yorly Escalante

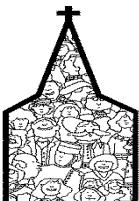
Lectors

Nov 6
8:30am Mass – Gerry Godfrey
11:00am Mass – Laura Schlaupitz

Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 6
8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Alan & Diane Smith
11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Geri Garvin, Joan Stewart

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

Thank you to all the many hands that made this dinner a success. Left over's are in the hall for sale after Mass.

St. Vincent DePaul Silent Auction and Soup Sale:

Sunday, November 6th from 9am-12:30, sharp. Auction will close on all items at 12:30sharp. Carry out containers of homemade soup will be on sale: Split pea & ham, vegetable beef, Italian wedding, potato & ham, pea & dumpling and squash. Come have breakfast, shop and take home lunch, all in one place. See flyer in bulletin. Please come help us help others.



SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Oct 30 9:40am SRE Classes in Classrooms
Sun, Oct 30 1-3:30pm RICA
Sun, Oct 30 1-3pm Trunk or Treat
Mon. Oct 31 5:30pm Mass & 7pm Misa
Mon, Oct 31 & Wed Nov 2 7pm ESL
Tue, Nov. 1 9am Mass
Tue. Nov 1 6:30pm 1st Reconciliation Prep
Tue, Nov 1 7pm RCIA
Wed Nov 2 6:30pm Bible Study
Thur Nov 3 10am Bible Study

Save the Date: Trunk or Treat



TODAY
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 –

Nov. 1 is All Saints Day on which we remember the godly humans who came before us. Who inspires you to goodness?

Parenting Pointer –

Some grumbled when Jesus stayed at the house of Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector and sinner. (Luke 19:7) Who does your family consider wrongheaded or bad? Accepting the innate (sometimes hidden) goodness of another can prompt them to become their better selves.



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

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST NEXT WEEK. We begin at 9am in the hall.

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:

First Reconciliation Preparation – Session #3, Tuesday, November 1st, 6:30-7:30pm in the 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.



In the Gospel this week we meet the familiar character of Zacchaeus, the tax collector. Short in stature, Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see and get a closer look at Jesus. He welcomes Jesus into his home and has a conversion of heart. Bring it Home this week by discussing how your family would welcome Jesus into your home. Be open to God's call to enter your heart as well as your home. Do your words and actions at home show others that Jesus is part of your household?

St. Thomas More Academy Harvest Celebration



Beef & Beer~ Saturday, November 5th, 6:30pm at STMA

Adults \$15, Ages 6-19 \$5, (kids under 5 free)

Open beer bar \$10 extra at door.

DJ Pop Muzik by Carmine Poppiti, College Football on Big Screen, Door prizes

Roast Beef, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Dessert, Soda, Beer

-Proceeds from this event will help the school to continue facility upgrades, specifically focused on our kitchen and Refectory-the space where we gather as community for meals, Mass and our Fine Arts productions. Please help us to apply a fresh coat of paint, repair ceiling tiles, and upgrade kitchen equipment. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Tickets available here from Carmine and Alicia Poppiti

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Jesus' love transforms all people and all things!

Question for Children: Jesus showed that he loved Zacchaeus by having supper with him. How does Jesus show his love for you?

Question for Youth: Jesus saw Zaccheaus as he was – mistakes and all. What masks, if any, do you hide behind so others won't see who you really are? Who do you trust to see your true self?

Question for Adults: Why do you suppose Jesus was so kind to Zacchaeus? What lesson do you draw from this reading regarding those who are considered "public sinners" today?

31º domingo en tiempo ordinario

Tema: ¡El amor de Jesús transforma a todas las personas y todas las cosas!

Pregunta para los niños: Jesús mostró que él amaba a Zaqueo al comer con él. ¿Cómo muestra Jesús su amor por ustedes?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Jesús vio a Zaqueo como era, con todo y sus errores, y él te ve a ti de la misma forma. ¿Qué máscaras, si hay alguna, escondes para que otros no vean quién eres en realidad? ¿En quién confías para que te vea verdaderamente tal y como eres?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Por qué creen que Jesús fue tan bueno con Zaqueo? ¿Qué lección sacan de esta lectura sobre aquéllos que hoy se consideran "pecadores públicos"?



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
If you should have any questions, please contact 302-697-8100

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

PLACEMENT TEST: offered at St. Thomas More on December 3rd and 4th you must register at
<http://wilmington.stsusers.com>

**COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES
LENTINI 30 DE OCTUBRE, 2016**

Estimados Feligreses,

Agradezco al padre Lentini por permitirme hacer este breve anuncio en nuestro boletín parroquial. A partir del primero de Noviembre, estoy desligado de la diócesis para el servicio misionero en el Camino Neocatecumenal; este periodo de servicio será temporal y no durará para siempre. El Camino Neocatecumenal es un itinerario de formación católica dentro de la Iglesia. Es un camino de conversión a través del cual se puede redescubrir la riqueza del Evangelio, y que busca traer de nuevo a la fe a muchos que lo han abandonado.

He disfrutado enormemente mis años en las parroquias de La Santa Cruz y La Inmaculada Concepción, y estoy muy agradecido a todos ustedes por permitir que esto sucediera. Continuamente me ha impresionado su espíritu de oración, la fe, el amor al Señor, y el espíritu de generosidad hacia otros, tanto con su tiempo y tesoro. Gracias por permitirme servirles durante estos años. Como siempre, les pido que por favor me tengan en sus oraciones, porque son muy poderosas y realmente los agradezco. Que Dios los bendiga a todos.

Gracias de nuevo,

Padre Olson

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Como has leído anteriormente, uno de nuestros sacerdotes, el padre Olson, nos deja para discernir donde Dios lo está llamando. Dejará el trabajo de parroquia para comenzar ese periodo de discernimiento mediante su participación en el trabajo misionero, en particular en relación con la evangelización. Les puedo decir, que se le extrañará aquí en Santa

Cruz y en La Inmaculada Concepción, de muchas maneras.

Padre Olson ha sido un maravilloso sacerdote para nuestras dos parroquias y un gran amigo para mí. Ha servido diligentemente ayudando a Santa Cruz y La Inmaculada Concepción llevando acabo el gran diseño de operar pastoralmente dos parroquias con la asignación de un personal de sacerdotes concedidos para una sola parroquia. El padre Olson con gran entusiasmo apoyó este proyecto; y ayudó a que funcionara. Sirvió tanto a nuestros feligreses anglófilos y hispanófilos.

Su fluidez en español ayudó especialmente un fortalecimiento de nuestra comunidad hispana. Sería negligente de mi parte no añadir que la espiritualidad y quietud del padre Olson ayudó a alimentar la vida espiritual de sus hermanos sacerdotes siendo constantemente un testigo fiel.

En un sentido personal, el padre Olson, como he mencionado anteriormente, ha sido un gran amigo. Ya sea conversando sobre las enseñanzas de la Iglesia, la vida de los santos, la vida parroquial, las noticias de la noche, o divertidos programas de televisión y de películas, Padre Olson fue siempre un buen oyente, reflexionaba antes de hablar, y una persona alegre. Mientras que todos nuestros sacerdotes lo echarán de menos, queremos deseale lo mejor en cualquiera que sea el camino que Dios le tiene señalado. Y no hace falta decir, que si alguna vez quiere volver aquí, al igual que el Motel 6, vamos a dejar la luz encendida para él.

Y ahora la otra mitad de la historia: Está más allá de la memoria de la mayoría de la gente aquí, en Santa Cruz recordar algún momento en que nuestra parroquia se le asignó menos de tres sacerdotes. Pero ese es el caso en este momento, por un corto plazo. Estoy yo y el padre Angeloni, como hemos estado diciendo tanto en los últimos días citando una canción de 1970: "Tu y yo contra el mundo." Dejemos a un lado la sensiblería de 1970, esta situación probablemente va a estirar los recursos humanos de nuestros deberes sacerdotales al punto de ruptura. Y voy a serles franco, si permanecemos como parroquia de dos hombres, algo va a tener que dar. Con tres sacerdotes, se estiraba al servir dos parroquias, la escuela, la escuela superior, 24 horas de cobertura del hospital, etc.

Dicho esto, si tengo que hacer una decisión difícil; lo haré. Lo haré a la luz de las necesidades pastorales de las dos parroquias, así como en consideración de que sus sacerdotes son humanos y tienen un límite en cuanto a cuánto pueden hacer.

Es mi esperanza que este estado de dos hombres para HC / ICC es temporal;

tengo la esperanza de que se puede encontrar y asignar un nuevo sacerdote, con cierta fluidez en español. Esa es una esperanza para el mañana, pero por hoy - y en los días, semanas y meses venideros - Pido sus oraciones por el Padre Angeloni y por mí, así como por las vocaciones al sacerdocio. También les pido su paciencia y comprensión de la situación que tenemos a mano. Tengo un profundo afecto tanto por Santa Cruz (de donde surgió mi vocación) y por la Inmaculada Concepción (una maravillosa parroquia, que es mi segunda casa). Voy a tratar de pastorear y guiar el rebaño de los dos lugares en la mejor manera de mis posibilidades, con la ayuda de Dios y con sus oraciones.

Y así, a medida que le decimos adiós al padre Olson, comenzamos un nuevo día con nuevos desafíos en nuestras dos parroquias. Vamos a enfrentar estos desafíos con fe, confianza, alegría, y sobre todo con el corazón y la mente de una Iglesia a la vanguardia. Con fe en Dios y las oraciones a María por su intercesión, me quedo,

Suyo en Cristo,
Padre James Lentini,
Párroco