Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Friday 9:30-12noon, Closed Wednesdays
Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

October 7, 2018 – Twenty-seventh 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,

ANNIVERSARIES. There are two happy anniversaries, both eminent, one imminent, of which I want to make you aware.

Immaculate Conception. We'll start with the eminence that is imminent: Immaculate Conception Parish in Marydel, this December will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of its Church. Certainly, one of the most beautiful churches in our Diocese, the Church was dedicated at Midnight Mass on Christmas of 1918. The Church has been expanded a few times but retains much of its original structure. The parish will be having a lallapaloosa of a celebration for this event on December 8 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) starting with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Malooly and followed by a celebratory dinner at the Marydel Firehouse afterwards. For more information contact the ICC parish office or check parish website later this month for details. Happy 100th!

Holy Cross. Now for the eminence of that is not imminent but in the offing: Holy Cross Parish will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2020. Holy Cross is only two years younger than the Diocese itself; prior to the Parish being established, Dover was the only U.S. state capital city not to have a Catholic Parish. That was remedied in 1870, when Bishop Becker wanted the new Parish to "raise high the cross in Dover, for all to see." And, as they say, the rest is history. Now, in our second location, and in our third church, we prepare for an exciting 150th Anniversary celebration. In early 2019, I will be appointing a committee to prepare ye the way for the coming of this great event. More details to follow!

RESPECT LIFE MONTH. October is Respect Life Month – within the greater context of the value of human life, there is no issue more central to contemporary Catholic life than the scourge of abortion which scars both our civil and political landscape. The murderous truth of abortion is that society has – in the most clinical of language – normalized the taking of an innocent human life in the framework of a "procedure." Abortion is not a mere procedure in the way an appendectomy, or tonsillectomy is – those procedures are done to make someone better and healthier and improve their lives. An abortion as a procedure does quite the opposite; it ends life by excising it like a tumor – but a child is not a tumor, and a pregnancy is not an illness to be cured. A child is a person, worthy of protection and possessing dignity, with a moral, ethical and Constitutional "Right to Life."

Good News. The good news on this issue, is that public opinion has swayed away from "Abortion on demand." In 1995, only 33% of Americans identified themselves as "Pro-Life," with 56% favoring abortion (so called, "pro-choice"). In the past few years, the "Pro Life" number has risen to 50%, and those identify with the "pro-choice" label, has decreased into mid-to-upper 40% zone. There are more hearts and minds to change but much headway has been made.

Confusing Reporting. One of the "respect life" issues within the greater abortion issue that raised my ire most is a story that got a great deal of coverage in the national and international press, about a year ago. It was a headline from overseas that first caught my eye in this ire-rising matter. It was in the UK newspaper, "The Independent," that I saw (online) the headline: "Iceland Close to Becoming First Country where no Down's Syndrome Children are Born." This story was then picked up by all the major US media outlets. I was intrigued – what did our Icelandic neighbors know that we didn't? How were they curing or preventing Down Syndrome?

Cure vs. Kill. Well, it turns out they weren't curing or preventing Down Syndrome at all. What they were and are doing in Iceland is screening for Down Syndrome during pregnancies – and then counselling women to abort their child, by putting forth all the burdens of having a Down Syndrome child. The abortion rate in Iceland for Down Syndrome babies is nearly 100%. So, in a sense that one headline was kind of correct: "Iceland Close to Becoming First Country where no Down's Syndrome Children are Born." To be more accurate, the headline should have read: "Iceland Close to Becoming the First Country where all Down Syndrome Children are Killed." Painful, blunt, but more accurate.

Remembering Polio. Back in the 1950s society was ridden of Polio – a terrible disease that destroyed the lives of so many. It was eradicated by a cure put forth by Dr. Jonas Salk. And today Polio is a rarely found disease. Polio wasn't eradicated by ending the lives of Polio victims, it is eradicated by helping to cure the disease. You don't cure people by ending their lives. You cure sick people by providing help and healing, assistance and care. Calling what is going on in Iceland isn't the eradication of a disease, it is the eradication of the patient. If that is deemed a "cure," then word "cure" should sue for defamation!

The Right to Life. The point I make during this Respect Life Month is a simple one: Human beings have a right to life, a right to be born. We have laws that protect human life and its dignity: there are law against murder, rape, slavery, etc. Likewise, in most states, if a mother is carrying a child in her womb and is murdered, the killer can be charged with two murders: the mother and the child in the womb. Why? Because a child in the womb is not less worthy of protection, or value, or help, or healing, or assistance or care; that child is not less worthy of the right to life.

During this Respect Life Month, I commend each of you and all of us, to ponder on the significance and value of human life entrusted to us by God. Whether by prayer, action, counsel, or persuasion, each of us can have in role in changing the hearts and minds of people who oppose us on this issue. In a special way, we should exercise faithful citizenship to pray for and to persuade those who exercise political power to use that power to protect human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

KNIGHTS BREAKFAST

TODAY 9AM

In the Hall

Please JOIN US !!

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, October 7
8:30 Thompson & Harter Family
11:00 Kathy & Donna Cheshaek
Misa en Español 1pm For the People

Thursday, October11– 7pm Misa
Sunday, October 14
8:30 Bruce Schepens
11:00 Alexis DeFrancesco
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: $ 4053.75
Supplementary: $ 500.00
Second Collection Today: Supplementary

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Oct 7 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel
Oct 14 Ann Lawson& Assistant
Oct 21 Frank & Joyce Cristiano

Church Cleaning Crew

Octubre 12, 2018 Grupo #9
Reynaldo Pérez, Maribel Ortiz, Juventino López, **Isenia Escalante**, Clemente Escalante

Octubre 19, 2018 Grupo #10
Marcos Domingo, Orelia Berdugo, Carmen Gabriel, **Susana Ortiz Morales,** Alberto Morales.

Altar Servers

October 14
8:30am Mass – Anna Clancy & Averi Locke
11am Mass – Savannah Strauss & William Meyer
Spanish Misa 1pm – Yareli & Jose Ortiz

Lectors

October 14
8:30am Mass – Gerry Godfrey
11am Mass – Jim Ward
Spanish Misa 1pm – Darío Ortega, José Luis Ramírez

Eucharistic Ministers

October 14
8:30am Mass – Elisa and Tom Costello
11am Mass – Judy Carrow and Alicia Poppiti
Spanish Misa 1pm – Ovidio Roblero, Natalina Capistran, Salome Morales, A. Escalante, Verónica Bravo

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Oct 7 9:40am – SRE Classes in Classroom
Wed, Oct 10, 6pm 100th Anniversary Mtg – in Hall
Thu, Oct 11, 7pm – Play Practice
Fri, Oct 12 7pm – Band Practice
Fri, Oct 12 7pm – RCIA

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
Children's Saints Day Celebration
Saturday October 13th

The 100th Anniversary is asking all children to join us in a Saintly Celebration. Dress as your favorite Saint, or Draw a picture of your favorite saint. Then join us in the Church Hall on from 2-5pm to share their stories.

100th Anniversary Celebration:

Tickets will go on sale October 14th for the 100th 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 14th.

Dinner Theatre- November 17th- rehearsals have begun.

Knights of Columbus

Next meeting
Tues, October 9th
6:30pm Rosary
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. Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509**

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! For painting our classrooms, and making our lights shine again.

Registration for Religious Education will close on Monday, October 15th. We will not accept applications after that day, unless children are transferring.

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 on Sunday, October 14th from 11am-1pm in the parish hall.

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

FUN WITH FLOWERS at Saint Thomas More

Thursday, Oct. 11th, 2018 6pm-8pm. $25 (includes take home arrangement, wine & hors d'oeuvres) Join us for a fun filled night learning to make your own flower arrangement. This event is perfect for a night out with friends or bring a family member. We will provide all of the supplies & the coaching for you to make your own centerpiece. Wine & hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Saint Thomas More Academy 133 Thomas More Drive

36 slots available so reserve your spot at office@saintmore.org

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

What does it mean to be a good life partner? Certainly it includes sharing life's tasks and supporting each other. Talk about what it would feel like to live alone. Name one thing you especially like about being married?

Parenting Pointer –

During this Respect Life Month pick the life issue that you feel most strongly about (preventing abortion, supporting new mothers, helping those whose lives are mired in poverty, caring for the frail elderly, working for gun control, eliminating the death penalty, bullying...) Tell your child why this is important to you.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Fidelity in marriage reflects God's fidelity to us.

Question for Children: When you make a promise, why is it important to keep it?

Question for Youth: What has your family taught you about God and living a faithful life? How do you show your family what they mean to you?

Question for Adults: How is God's fidelity reflected in human marriage? To whom are you committed like this?

27mo domingo del tiempo ordinario

Tema: La fidelidad en el matrimonio refleja la fidelidad de Dios hacia nosotros.
Pregunta para los niños: Cuando haces una promesa, ¿por qué es importante cumplirla?
Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿Qué te enseñó tu familia acerca de Dios y de vivir una vida fiel? ¿Cómo le demuestras a tu familia lo que significa para ti?
Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Cómo se refleja la fidelidad de Dios en el matrimonio terrenal? ¿Con quién estás comprometido de esta manera?

Are you being called to the priesthood or religious life?

Find out more about the priesthood at **www.diocesanpriest.com**
Find out more about the religious life: **religiouslife.com. Let us help you to discover God's plan for your life.**
E-mail: **vocations@cdow.org** or
Call us: **(302) 573-3113** today!

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 7 DE OCTUBRE, 2018.

Queridos feligreses,

ANIVERSARIOS. Hay dos felices aniversarios, ambos eminentes, uno inminente, de los cuales quiero que sepan.

La Inmaculada Concepción. Comenzaremos con la eminencia que es inminente: La Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Marydel, este diciembre celebraremos su centenario de la dedicación de su Iglesia. Ciertamente, una de las iglesias más hermosas de nuestra diócesis, la Iglesia estuvo dedicada en la misa de medianoche (Gallo) en la Navidad de 1918. La Iglesia se ha ampliado varias veces, pero conserva gran parte de su estructura original. La parroquia tendrá una Fiesta en celebración para este evento el 8 de diciembre (Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción) comenzando con una misa presidida por el Señor Obispo Malooly y luego con una cena de celebración en la Estación de Bomberos de Marydel. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial de ICC o visite el sitio web de la parroquia más adelante este mes para obtener detalles. ¡Feliz Centenario!

Santa Cruz. Ahora bien, para la eminencia de eso no es inminente, pero a la vista: la parroquia de Holy Cross celebrará su 150 aniversario en 2020. Holy Cross es solo dos años más joven que la propia Diócesis; Antes de que se estableciera la parroquia, Dover era la única ciudad capital de los Estados Unidos que no tenía una parroquia católica. Eso se remedió en 1870, cuando el obispo Becker quería que la nueva parroquia "levantara la cruz en Dover, para que todos la vieran". Y, como se suele decir, el resto es historia. Ahora, en nuestra segunda ubicación, y en nuestra tercera iglesia, nos preparamos para una emocionante celebración del 150 aniversario. A principios de 2019, designaré un comité para preparar el camino para la llegada de este gran evento. Más detalles a seguir!

MES DEL RESPETO A LA VIDA. Octubre es el Mes de Respeto a la Vida: en el contexto más amplio del valor de la vida humana, no hay un problema más central para la vida católica contemporánea que el flagelo del aborto que daña tanto el panorama civil como el político. La verdad asesina del aborto en que la sociedad, en el lenguaje más clínico, ha normalizado la toma de una vida humana inocente en el marco de un "procedimiento". El aborto no es un mero procedimiento en la forma en que es una apendectomía o una amigdalotomía: esos procedimientos se realizan para hacer que alguien se sienta mejor y más saludable y mejorar sus vidas. Un aborto como procedimiento hace todo lo contrario; termina la vida extirpándolo como un tumor, pero un niño no es un tumor, y un embarazo no es una enfermedad para curarse. Un niño es una persona que merece protección y posee dignidad, con un “Derecho a la Vida” moral, ético y constitucional.

Buenas Noticias. La buena noticia sobre este tema, es que la opinión pública se ha alejado del "Aborto a pedido". En 1995, solo el 33% de los estadounidenses se identificaron como "Pro-Vida", con un 56% a favor del aborto (también llamado "pro-vida"). elección"). En los últimos años, el número de "Pro Vida" ha aumentado a un 50%, y aquellos que se identifican con la etiqueta de "pro-elección", han disminuido en la zona media a un 40%. Hay más corazones y mentes para cambiar, pero se ha avanzado mucho.

Informes Confusos. Uno de los temas de "respeto a la vida" dentro del mayor problema de aborto que más causó mi ira es una historia que tuvo una gran cobertura en la prensa nacional e internacional, hace aproximadamente un año. Fue un titular de ultramar lo que me llamó la atención por primera vez en este asunto de ira. Fue en el periódico del Reino Unido, "The Independent", que vi (en línea) el titular: "Islandia está cerca de convertirse en el primer país donde no nacen niños con síndrome de Down". Esta historia fue recogida por todos los principales medios de comunicación de Los Estados Unidos. Estaba intrigado: ¿qué sabían nuestros vecinos islandeses que no sabíamos? ¿Cómo estaban curando o previniendo el síndrome de Down?

Curar vs Matar. Bueno, resulta que no estaban curando o previniendo el Síndrome de Down en absoluto. Lo que hicieron y están haciendo en Islandia es detectar el Síndrome de Down durante el embarazo, y luego aconsejar a las mujeres que aborten a sus hijos, imponiendo todas las cargas de tener un hijo con Síndrome de Down. La tasa de abortos en Islandia para bebés con Síndrome de Down es casi del 100%. Entonces, en un sentido, un título era correcto: “Islandia, cerca de convertirse en el primer país donde no nacen niños con Síndrome de Down”. Para ser más precisos, el titular debería haber leído: “Islandia cerca de convertirse en el primer país donde todos Los niños con Síndrome de Down son asesinados”. Dolorosos, y contundentes, pero más precisos.

Recordando el Polio. En la década de 1950, la sociedad estaba plagada de Polio, una enfermedad terrible que destruyó la vida de tantos. Fue erradicado por una cura propuesta por el Dr. Jonas Salk. Y hoy el polio es una enfermedad rara vez encontrada. La poliomielitis no se erradicó al poner fin a la vida de las víctimas de la poliomielitis, se erradica ayudando a curar la enfermedad. No curas a la gente al terminar con sus vidas. Usted cura a las personas enfermas proporcionando ayuda y sanación, asistencia y cuidado. Llamar a lo que está sucediendo en Islandia no es la erradicación de una enfermedad, es la erradicación del paciente. Si eso se considera una "cura", entonces la palabra "cura" debe demandarse por difamación.

El Derecho a la Vida. El punto que señalo durante este Mes del Respeto a la Vida es simple: los seres humanos tienen derecho a la vida, derecho a nacer. Tenemos leyes que protegen la vida humana y su dignidad: existen leyes contra el asesinato, la violación, la esclavitud, etc. Asimismo, en la mayoría de los estados, si una madre lleva a un niño en su vientre y es asesinada, el asesino puede ser acusado de dos Asesinatos: la madre y el niño en el vientre. ¿Por qué? Porque un niño en el útero no es menos digno de protección, o valor, o ayuda, o curación, o asistencia o cuidado; Ese niño no es menos digno del derecho a la vida. Durante este Mes de Respeto a la Vida, los invito a cada uno de ustedes, a todos, a reflexionar sobre el significado y el valor de la vida humana que Dios nos ha confiado. Ya sea por la oración, la acción, el consejo o la persuasión, cada uno de nosotros puede desempeñar un papel en el cambio de los corazones y las mentes de las personas que se oponen a nosotros en este tema. De una manera especial, debemos ejercer una ciudadanía fiel para orar y persuadir a quienes ejercen el poder político de usar ese poder para proteger la vida humana, desde el momento de la concepción hasta la muerte natural.

Tuyo en Cristo,
P. James Lentini,
Párroco