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October 9, 2016 – Twenty-seventh 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,

This month, October, is Respect Life Month, and I want to spend time in this column discussing the human foundation of life in this world, namely marriage. Thus, in God's plan, life is brought into this world, and a family, bound in marriage, grows. And that marriage (which is a way of life) starts with a single event (a wedding / Sacrament of Marriage).

Ratings, Weddings and Genies. It was and is a truth in television programming, that when you want to get a boost in ratings you have a "wedding episode." Rhoda and Joe married on "Rhoda" in the 70s; Luke and Laura of "General Hospital" in the 80s; Chandler and Monica on "Friends" in the 90s. Back in the 1960s, I remember watching the wedding of Jeannie and Major Nelson on "I Dream of Jeannie" – with an un-photographable Jeannie and a loving astronaut tying the knot in what would be the show's final-season. This was a Hail Mary pass for improved ratings. And that one episode did indeed get a ratings-bump. The marriage came to pass, but not even a genie and a wedding could save the show; it was cancelled in a blink, as ratings sagged again. And so, life experience – and even the "I Dream of Jeannie" saga noted above – tell us something about weddings and marriages. A wedding should not be about show and flash, or glitz and glamour, rather a wedding should solemnly celebrate the first day of a lifetime of a marriage of a man and a woman.

Wedding Bell Blues? In our world today, weddings seem to have — somehow, some way — taken on a greater importance than the marriage itself. There are wedding TV shows, wedding stores, wedding directors, wedding planners, wedding registries, and a whole host of things that have come to make weddings the second largest expense in a person's life, after buying a home. And the problem is that "the wedding" becomes the focus of attention, and marriage becomes some mere echoed after effect. To make an analogy, it would be like having a child and making the entire focus on the child's birth, and then once he's born, tossing him aside and just looking back on

that birth event.

Of *Chachkies* and Marriage. To be clear, in the Catholic Church, there is a not a Sacrament of Wedding; there is a Sacrament of Marriage. The focus of that Sacrament is not on the event (the wedding), but on the vocation (married life). Thus, I often tell couples preparing for marriage to stop watching wedding shows on Lifetime TV or other networks. Why? Because marriage is not about the "event" of a wedding but about a life spent together. Thus, while the wedding passes into history in a few hours (after the cutting of the cake and the receiving of some Kenmore blenders, gift cards, and Hallmark Store *chachkies*), the marriage endures. And marriage in the Church — received as a Sacrament — allows the Baptized parties of the marriage to share in the marital graces, given by God, to bless married life.

Mission Not Impossible. To this end, as Pastor of the parish, I want to commend our many young (and not so young) couples who are not married in the Church, to consider addressing that status. Many folks think that getting your marriage "blessed by the Church" is an arduous or even impossible task; in most cases, it is not. To this end, I would ask men and women, in non-Church marriages, to seek to amend that situation, and come into the fold of those married in Christ.

How to Get Your Marriage Blessed in the Church: There are several different situations that entail slightly different actions to address marital status. To list all of the possible circumstances would take a book double-the-size of a Herman Wouk novel (or at least that of the ad section of the Sunday News Journal). So, I will focus on the three most common and easily addressed circumstances below. For complicated scenarios please speak to one of the Priests or Deacons in the Parish.

☐ **If you are married civilly and this is your only marriage:** So, if you are couple who, for whatever reason, married civilly, but not in Church — and you have only been married once — you can have your married "convalidated" in the Church (often referred to as "blessed in the Church"). This takes your civil marriage and makes it into a marriage in the Catholic Church.

  ☐ If you have been civilly married (or married in another faith without Church approval) for over four years, this is an even simpler process. You need to meet with one of our Priests or Deacons, complete a pre-marital inquiry to determine your marital status, and then a convalidation via the Catholic Rite of Marriage can be scheduled.

  ☐ If your civil marriage is more recent (four years or less), you may have to do pre-Cana preparation (or its equivalent) before the Convalidation of your marriage can be scheduled.

☐ **If you (or your spouse) are Catholic, and had a previous civil marriage before this one:** This is usually fairly simple. Since you (or your spouse) are Catholic and married outside of the proper Catholic form of marriage without permission of the appropriate Church authority, that previous civil marriage reflects a "lack of canonical form" and can be deemed null. This entails some paperwork — as aerospace engineer Wernher von Braun once said, "We can lick gravity, but sometimes the paperwork is overwhelming." Thanks be to God, the paperwork in this circumstance is truly minimal. Once I get the approved documentation back from the Diocese (usually, a week or two), we can get your Convalidation planned (and if married over four years, the simpler process noted in the paragraph above applies)

☐ **If you are Catholic and have a previous marriage in the Catholic Church (or married with Church permission in another Christian Church/location):** In this circumstance, you may need an annulment. An annulment speaks to the questions of whether a marriage was validly contracted at the time of consent (i.e., was there duress, were there impediments that overlooked, etc.); if it is deemed that the circumstances on the day of the marriage were not proper or that informed consent was impeded, an annulment may be issued, freeing you to marry. The good news is, is that process with directives and emendations put forth by Popes Benedict and Francis, has become a much quicker process.

Marriage in the Church. And so, I again commend you: If you are married in a manner outside of the Church, seek to have your marriage convalidated (blessed) in the Church. This is the faith and teaching of your Church, moreover, this is the call of Jesus Christ to a man and a woman in the vocation of married life. Christ is asking: Do you want to do what is necessary to marry according to our faith and the laws of His Church: Please say, "I do."

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Oct 9	**8:30am:**	Ann & Neal Thomas
	11:00am:	Rosa Cristiano
Misa en Español	**7:00pm:**	Gloria Lentini
Thu., Oct 13	**7:00pm:**	For the People
Sun., Oct. 16	**8:30am:**	Hampton & Messner Family
	11:00am:	Rosa Cristiano
Misa en Español	**7:00pm:**	Glenn Blood

The Mass book for the 2017 year opens November 1st

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory:	$ 3201.00
Supplementary Offertory	$ 552.00

Second Collection Today: St. Vincent DePaul

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Oct 9 Paul & Robin Engstenberg
Oct 16 Tom & Mary McGowan
Oct 23 Julia Moore & Paul McQuaide

Church Cleaning Crew

October 15, 2016 Grupo #10 Rectoría-Oficina
Miguel López, Verónica López, Gregorio López, Juan Ramírez, Federico Pérez.

October 22, 2016 Grupo #11
Genaro Pérez, **Elizabeth López**, Edelfo Tomas, Edgar Ramos, Alfonso Chun

Altar Servers

Oct 16
8:30am Mass – Evan Nagyiski
11:00am Mass – Carmine Poppiti & Joanne Santizo
Spanish Misa 7pm – Haylin Bartolon & Alex Gabriel

Lectors

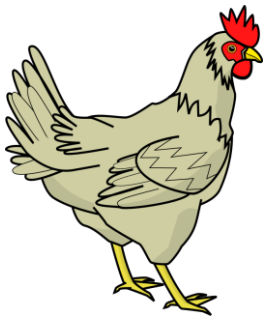
Oct 16
8:30am Mass – Bill Thompson
11:00am Mass – Donna King
S**panish Misa 7pm** – Fausto Ortiz, Brenda Morales

Eucharistic Ministers

Oct 16
8:30am Mass – Deacon & Charlotte Tormey, Mark Plucenik
11:00am Mass – Jim Ward, Frank & Joyce Cristiano
Spanish Misa 7pm – Genaro Pérez, Carlos Miguel, Anselmo Escalante

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

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 9 NO SRE TODAY
Sun, Oct 9 1-3:30pm RICA
Mon Oct 10 7pm VX rehearsal
Mon, Oct 10 & Wed Oct 12 7pm ESL
Tue, Oct11 7pm Juan XXIII
Tue, Oct 11 7pm RCIA
Wed Oct 12 11am Funeral Mass
Wed Oct 12 6:30pm Bible Study
Thur Oct 13 10am Bible Study
Fri Oct 14 7pm VX rehearsal/set up
Sat Oct 15 Quinceañera

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

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Only one leper returned to give thanks to God" (Luke 17:18) Gratitude is a popular poster virtue these days, but inspiration does not always translate into action. Today do 2 acts of gratitude. #1: Notice and thank your beloved for an act of kindness. #2: Note a problem in your life. Turn it around by imagining how it could have been worse. Thank God.

Parenting Pointer –

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor." (Mark 10:21) Invite your child to take a step with you. Each of you choose one belonging to give to a person who has less than you. If you don't know anyone, take it to Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul.

Bishop Francis Malooly celebrates the Annual Anniversary Mass Sunday, October 23rd.
Please see invitation form on last page of this Bulletin for more information.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education

NO SRE: THERE WILL BE NOT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th. The Catechists were in school all day Saturday, and will have Sunday off for reflection.

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.

THANK YOU TO ALL who have answered the call to serve in ministry at our parish. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Confirmation Preparation- parent gathering on **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 Classes for youth begins on Sunday, October 23 at 12:30 in hall

First Reconciliation- Parent gathering was last Sunday, if you missed, please contact the church office **today**.

Class began this past Tuesday, October 4th if you missed, please call Alicia Poppiti

- **Adult Bible Study begins Wednesday October 12, 6:30-8pm & also October 12, Thursday10-11:30am, Six Weeks with the Bible.**

This week the Gospel tells the story of ten men being healed by Jesus. Only one of them returns to praise and thank Him for the gift. Bring it Home this week by having an attitude of gratitude. Begin and end each day with a simple "Thank you, God". As a family list all the gifts God has bestowed upon your family. Remember to thank others this week for the times when someone does something for you.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: We are Eucharistic people. We live in praise and thanksgiving.

Question for Children: Make up a prayer which tells God you are thankful for everything you have, even if it's not all you want.

Question for Youth: Only one of the lepers returned to give thanks. This past week, when have you stopped to thank someone for something good they have done for you? When have you thanked God this week?

Question for Adults: What are some ways you can think of to show gratitude to God? Make them concrete and real.

28º domingo en tiempo ordinario

Tema: Somos un pueblo de Eucaristía. Vivimos en alabanza y gracias al Señor.

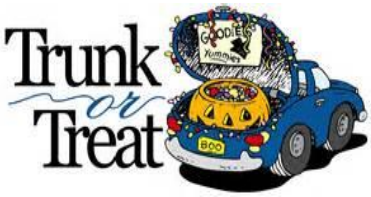
Pregunta para los niños: Inventen una oración que diga a Dios que están agradecidos por todo lo que tienen aun cuando no tengan todo lo que quieren.

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Mientras creces, el aprender a decir "gracias" es una lección importante. ¿Cuáles son algunas de las formas específicas, concretas en las que puedes mostrar tu gratitud a tus maestros y padres? ¿Y cuáles son algunas de las formas de demostrarle a Dios que estás agradecido?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Cuáles son algunas maneras en que podrían mostrar gratitud hacia Dios? Háganlo realidad.

Save the Date: Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30th 1-3pm
Church Parking Lot
Come in costume and Decorate your car for trick or treating.



Holy Cross will be holding our Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 22nd from 10 am until 4 pm. We will have 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 9 DE OCTUBRE, 2016

Estimados Feligreses,

Este mes de octubre, es el mes de Respeto a la Vida, y quiero tomar el tiempo en esta columna para hablarles sobre la base fundamental de la vida humana en este mundo, llamado, el Matrimonio. Así, en el plan de Dios, y así es que se forma la vida en este mundo, una familia, unida en matrimonio, crece. Y el matrimonio (que es una forma de vida) comienza con un solo evento (una boda / Sacramento del Matrimonio).

Rating, Bodas y Genios. Era y es una verdad en la programación televisiva, que cuando se quiere conseguir aumentar el rating se tiene un "episodio de una boda." Lupita Ferrer y José Bardina en "Esmeralda" los años 70; Lucas y Laura de "General Hospital" en los años 80; Gabriela Spanic y Fernando Colunga en "La Usurpadora" en los años 90. De vuelta en la década de 1960, me acuerdo de ver la boda de Irma Lozano y Víctor Mares en "Mi bella genio" - con una Jeannie no-permitido por la cámara y un amoroso astronauta trata de atar el nudo en lo que sería el episodio final de la serie. Este fue un Ave María para aumentar el rating. Y que un episodio, efectivamente, consiguió aumentar el rating. El matrimonio aconteció, pero ni siquiera un genio y una boda podría salvar el espectáculo; que fue cancelado en un abrir y cerrar de ojos, como los ratings bajaron de nuevo. Y así es, la experiencia de vida - e incluso la saga de "Mi bella genio" - nos dice algo sobre bodas y matrimonios. Una boda no debe ser sobre espectáculo y lujos o brillo y glamour, en lugar una boda debe celebrarse solemnemente el primer día de sus vidas juntos para siempre en matrimonio, de un matrimonio entre un hombre y una mujer.

Nostalgia de las Campanas de Bodas? En el mundo de hoy, las bodas parecen tener - de alguna manera, de algún modo - una mayor importancia que el propio matrimonio. Hay espectáculos de Bodas de televisión, tiendas de boda, directorios de bodas, planificadores de bodas, registros de boda, y toda una serie de cosas que han venido a hacer de las bodas el segundo y más grande gasto en la vida de una pareja, después de comprar una casa. Y el problema es que "la boda" se convierte en el centro de atención, y el matrimonio se convierte en algo secundario, como un mero hecho después del efecto. Para hacer una analogía, sería como tener un hijo y hacer que todo el enfoque sea en el nacimiento del niño, y luego una vez que ha nacido, arrojándolo a un lado y simplemente mirando atrás y recordando el gran acontecimiento del nacimiento.

De Minucias y el Matrimonio. Para ser claro, en la Iglesia Católica, no hay un Sacramento de boda; hay un Sacramento del Matrimonio. El enfoque del Sacramento no está en el evento (la boda), pero sobre la vocación (vida conyugal). Por lo tanto, a menudo les digo a las parejas que se están preparando para el matrimonio que dejen de ver las bodas de las novelas en la televisión u otras redes. ¿Por qué? Porque el matrimonio no es sobre el "evento" de una boda, sino de una vida que pasaran juntos el reto de sus vidas Por lo tanto, mientras que la boda pasa a la historia en unas pocas horas (después de que parten la torta y la recepción de algunos regalos como una licuadora, tarjetas de regalo, y minucias con la etiquetas de las tiendas), el matrimonio perdura para toda la vida. Y el matrimonio en la Iglesia – es recibido como un Sacramento - permite a los bautizados en el matrimonio compartir en las gracias maritales, dados por Dios, para bendecir la vida matrimonial.

Misión No Imposible. Con este fin, como párroco de la parroquia, quiero invitar a nuestras muchas parejas jóvenes (y no tan jóvenes) que no están casados en la Iglesia, a considerar y pensar sobre esto. Muchas personas creen que el tener su matrimonio "bendecido por la Iglesia" es una tarea ardua e incluso imposible; en la mayoría de los casos, no lo es. Con este fin, pido a los hombres y mujeres, No casados por la Iglesia, que traten de corregir esa situación, y entrar en el redil de los casados en Cristo.

Cómo obtener la Bendición de su Matrimonio en la Iglesia: Hay diferentes situaciones que implican diferentes acciones para cambiar el estado marital. Para hacer una lista de todas las posibles circunstancias llevaría un libro doble del tamaño de una novela de Herman Wouk (o al menos la de la sección de anuncios de los periódicos de los domingos). Por lo tanto, me centraré en las circunstancias más comunes y tres soluciones fáciles. Para los casos difíciles o circunstancias complicadas por favor hable con uno de los sacerdotes o uno de los diáconos.

Si está casado civilmente y esta es su único matrimonio: Por lo tanto, si ustedes son pareja que, por cualquier razón, están casados por lo civil, pero no en la Iglesia - y que sólo han estado casado una sola vez - usted puede tener su matrimonio "convalidado" en la Iglesia (a menudo referido como "bendecido en la Iglesia"). Esto toma su matrimonio civil y lo convierte en un matrimonio por la Iglesia Católica.

- Si ha contraído matrimonio civil (o casado en otra fe sin aprobación de la Iglesia) durante más de cuatro años, este es un proceso aún más sencillo. Lo que necesita hacer es una cita con uno de nuestros sacerdotes o diáconos, completar una investigación pre-matrimonial para determinar su estado civil, y luego una convalidación a través del Rito Católico del Matrimonio puede ser programada.

- Si su matrimonio civil es más recientes (cuatro años o menos), puede que tenga que hacer la preparación de Pre-Cana (o su equivalente) antes de que la convalidación de su matrimonio pueda ser programado.

Si usted (o su pareja) son Católicos, y tenían un Matrimonio civil anterior a éste: Esto suele ser bastante simple. Puesto que usted (o su cónyuge) es católico y casado fuera de la forma adecuada católica del matrimonio sin el permiso

apropiado de la autoridad de la Iglesia, y que el matrimonio civil anterior refleja una "falta de forma canónica" y puede ser considerado nulo. Esto conlleva llenar unos papeles – como dijo el ingeniero aeroespacial Wernher von Braun ". Podemos lamer la gravedad, pero a veces el papeleo es abrumadora", gracias a Dios, el papeleo en esta circunstancia es realmente mínima. Una vez que reciba la documentación aprobada por la Diócesis (por lo general, una o dos semanas), podemos planear su convalidación prevista (y si es casado más de cuatro años, el proceso es más simple mencionada en el párrafo anterior)

Si usted es Católico y tenía un Matrimonio anterior en la Iglesia Católica (o casada con el permiso de la Iglesia en otra Iglesia Cristiana / ubicación): En este caso, es necesario una nulidad. Una a nulidad matrimonial es la invalidación de un matrimonio porque en su celebración han existido o se han producido vicios o defectos esenciales que impiden que el mismo pueda surtir efectos. No ha existido, habla sobre las cuestiones de si un matrimonio se contrajo válidamente en el momento del consentimiento (es decir, estaba bajo coacción, impedimentos que pasaron por alto, etc.); si se considera que las circunstancias en el día del matrimonio no eran adecuadas o se impidió el consentimiento informado, la anulación puede ser emitida, liberándote para que te cases. La buena noticia es, ese proceso con las directivas y enmiendas presentadas por los papas Benito y Francisco, se ha convertido en un proceso mucho más rápido.

El Matrimonio en la Iglesia. Y así, una vez más, les invito: Si está casado fuera de la Iglesia, b o están co-habitando busque tener convalidado su Matrimonio (bendecido) en la Iglesia. Esta es la fe y la enseñanza de la Iglesia, por otra parte, esto es el llamado de Jesucristo a un hombre y a una mujer en la vocación de la vida matrimonial. Cristo te pregunta: ¿Quieres hacer lo necesario para casarse de acuerdo a nuestra fe y las leyes de su Iglesia: Por favor, diga, " Si quiero".

Suyo en Cristo,
P. James Lentini,
Párroco

Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Francis Malooly invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at **2:00 PM on Sunday, October 23, 2016** at St. Joseph's, Middletown, at 371 E. Main Street, Middletown, DE 19709. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by October 15** by filling out the information below and returning it to the Office for Marriage and Family Life, 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806 or ljackson@cdow.org.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and Reception

(please print clearly)

Last Name: _____ Husband's First Name: _____Wife's First Name: _____

Street Address: _____City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone # ( ) _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Years Married: ___5 ___10___15___20___25___30___35___ 40__45 __50 More than 50? _____Years

Parish: _____ Total number of persons attending reception (include guests): _____

In order to best plan for seating arrangements, do you and/or your spouse utilize a wheelchair _____(X)

or motorized chair _____(X)

Mail to: The Office for Marriage & Family Life (Anniversary Mass) 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806

You may send the information via email to **ljackson@cdow.org**, or call 302-295-0657.