

CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

631 South State Street
Dover, Delaware

302 674 5787
holycrossdover.org

522 Main Street
Marydel, Maryland

410 482 7687
iccmarydel.org



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

October 1, 2023 26th Sunday Ordinary Time/Respect Life Sunday

holycross

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am
Wednesday – 8:15 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am – 10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am – 9 pm



icc

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS

We are in need of more volunteers who would be willing to be trained and become an EMHC for Mass and/or for the sick and homebound. Consider this important ministry. Please pray and discern if this ministry is right for you.

**WE NEED YOU!
TO MAKE IT HAPPEN**

A training class will be held on Monday, October 9 at 6 pm or on Tuesday, October 10, at 9:30 am, both in the church. Prospective volunteers can come to either one of these classes. Please call the Parish Office to sign up for either class so we can order the proper supplies to have on hand.

Requirements are to be at least 21 years, old, be fully initiated in the Catholic Church, and if married, validly married withing the laws of the church.

This training will include instructions for EMHC at Mass and for the homebound/facility ministry. If you are a current minister but have not been recertified, please come to take this refresher course. We definitely need your back!! If you are considering this ministry, please come to see what it's all about. We need you!!

Please call the Parish Office at Holy Cross to sign up for the class. If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them also.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC) Ending September 17, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$19,520	\$27,020	(\$7,500)
YTD	\$304,136	\$317,660	(\$13,524)
Needs	\$1,752	\$1,712	\$40

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC) Ending September 17, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$3,844
Second Collection	\$493

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT COLLECTION

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the diocesan Share in the Spirit tuition assistance collection last week.

For those of you who have not yet participated, you may still contribute to the Share in the Spirit collection for tuition assistance. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or parish office or, visit the Share in the Spirit website at <https://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit> and click on "Ways to Give." Your support is gratefully appreciated.

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, I wrote Part I of a two-part column in which I wrote about several holy people, some saints and some folks in the Bible, who served God until amazing oldness of age, each a centenarian, but each demonstrating youthfulness of heart. These are the folks that keep me young at heart. The following are six more elder statesmen (and women) who devoted themselves to God during a very long life. Like Grandma Moses, who became a great painter in her twilight years, these folks show that at any age, one can serve God and serve Him well.

—

St. Patrick. St. Patrick, the patron of Ireland, was probably born in the early 5th century in England. As a teen, he was kidnapped by pirates, taken to Ireland, and held captive for six years. Ultimately, he escaped and returned to Great Britain. He later became a priest and, ironically, was sent to Ireland to convert pagan Celts to Christianity (these Celts were the very people who had held him captive). He later was made a Bishop. Today, he is regarded as the founder of Christianity in Ireland. St. Patrick, leading the newly established Church in Ireland, did so until a ripe old age: until his death at 106 years old. Indeed, well after the September of his years! His feast day is celebrated on March 17.

Joshua. Joshua - as in the Book of Joshua, was no spring chicken at the time of his death. He was 110 (that would mean 45 years of Social Security payments if he lived today). We learn his age at death in Joshua 24:29. Joshua's claim to fame happened when Moses died at the age of 120 -- at that time, Joshua became the leader of the Israelites. Though Moses died outside the Promised Land, Joshua led the incursion into the Promised Land. The Jordan River's waters parted, allowing Joshua and his men to cross it and engage in the Battle of Jericho. In that battle, God commanded Joshua to go around the walls of Jericho for six days, once every day and seven times on the seventh day (a day usually reserved for rest). On that seventh day, seven priests with blaring horns bearing the Ark of the Covenant circled the city wall seven times, ending with the Israelites shouting and bringing down the city's walls. Yada yada yada... According to the Jewish text Seder Olam Rabah, Chapter 12, Joshua became Jericho's ruler at 82 and ruled for 28 years.

In his time, Joshua, taking possession of the promised land, conquered more kings than a trump card in a Pinochle game. He conquered: The kings of Jericho, Ai, Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, Eglon,

Gezer, Debir, Geder, Hormah, Arad, Libnah, Adullam, Makkedah, Bethel, Tappuah, Hopher, Aphek, Lasharon, Madon, Hazor, Shimron, Achshaph, Taanach, Megiddo, Kedesh, Jokneam, Dor, Goyim and Tirzah. As a senior citizen, Joshua conquered 31 Kings- the equivalent of one for each flavor of ice cream at Baskin Robbins. This reminds me of a famous quote from Abraham Lincoln: "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." According to the Roman Martyrology, Joshua's feast day (under the title of Joshua the Patriarch) is observed on September 1.

St. Simeon. Simeon, who we learn about in the Gospel of Luke (2:25-38), lived in Jerusalem. Simeon was in the very late years of his life. God had told Simeon that he would not see death until he had seen the Messiah, the newborn king, who would come into the world. When Mary and Joseph came to present the Christ Child in the Temple (i.e., the Presentation of the Lord), Simeon was there. Upon seeing the Christ Child, Simeon spoke these words, which are known as "The Canticle of Simeon":

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled:
my own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.*

So, at an advanced age, Simeon was able to get a fuller and more complete vision (literally) of God. As it says in the text of the prayers used in the Commendation of the Dying, "May you see your Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God forever." Simeon enjoyed this privilege on that day. And then was able to rest in peace, as God promised. His feast day is celebrated on February 3, which connotes that he died one day after he saw the salvation of the world in the arms of Mary.

St. Anna. Connected to St. Simeon was Anna, a prophetess living at the Temple. Her part in the story of the Presentation of Christ is put forth in the Gospel of Luke (2:25-38).

Anna was married at age 14; and widowed at 21. At age 72, she was privileged to be charged with the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Temple from the time of her presentation there at age three (i.e., Presentation of Mary, which we celebrate on November 20) until her betrothal to

HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F. Pastor
 Msgr. Daniel McGlynn Pastor Emeritus
 Rev. Brennan Ferris Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt Deacon
 Mr. John Harvey Deacon
 Mr. Richard Kosior Deacon
 Mr. Robert McMullen Deacon
 Mr. Vincent Pisano Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell Deacon

HC STAFF

Parish Office 302 674 5787
 Jane Green Receptionist, ext. 110
 Diane Belt Assistant to the Pastor, ext. 113
 Kenneth Trojan Business Manager, ext. 119
 Michele Dornberger Records/Asst. Bus. Mgr., ext. 116
 Arline Dosman Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. 118
 Tammy Korosec CRE Religious Ed, ext 122
 Linda Darling Youth Ministry, ext. 123
 Justin Wurzel Maintenance Director
 Len Dornberger Cemetery Administrator, ext. 135
 Michael Perza Dir. of Music Ministry, 302 698 9302

MAILING ADDRESS

Church of the Holy Cross
 631 S. State St.
 Dover, DE 19901

ICC STAFF

Parish Office 410 482 7687
 Marilyn Dixon Office Manager
 Alicia Poppiti DRE Religious Ed.
 Susan Venezia Bookkeeper
 Arline Dosman Dir. of Hispanic Ministry

MAILING ADDRESS

Immaculate Conception Church
 P. O. Box 399
 Marydel, MD 21649-0399

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Catholic Education Pre-K3 to Grade 8
 302 674 5787
holycrossdover.org/school

Linda Pollitt Principal, ext. 111

MAILING ADDRESS

Holy Cross School
 631 S. State St.
 Dover, DE 19901

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If you feel you would like to serve at the Altar of the Lord, please consider being an Altar Server. Qualifications are that you are in the 4th grade or higher, received the Sacraments of First Communion and you are a practicing Catholic.



If you are a current Altar Server and would like to continue serving, this is a required refresher/training course you will need to sign up as well. The training date this year is **Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 10am**. Please come to the church for the class. Applications are available in the Religious Ed office.

ROSARY RALLY - OCTOBER 14

The 105th Anniversary of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. Our Lady requested that the Rosary be prayed daily for world peace and the conversion of sinners. Unite with us to pray at our **Rosary Rally on October 14, immediately after the 8 am mass, starting at 9 am, at the front of the church by Our Lady of Mt Carmel statue.**

Bring your rosary, family, friends, and portable chairs or blankets to sit upon. Everybody come and pay honor to our Blessed Mother.

We will also be in the Gathering Space this weekend and next collecting names of those who will pledge to pray the Rosary daily on their own schedule. Any questions, please call Carol O'Donnell at 302-359-4340. If you need a rosary, we can provide you with one. When we pray, Our Lady prays with us!!

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences to the family of JORGE P. CAICEDO and LORRAINE MONOHAN who recently passed. May they rest in peace.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our newest registered parishioners:: Patricia Henrique; Maichael and Gerarda Henrique; Donato and Concetta Santangelo; Glende Navarrete, Kimberly and Yair Castillo

27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (OCT 8)

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-43

LITTLE BOOKS

Immaculate Conception is taking orders for the Little Reflection books for the various liturgical seasons, Advent, Lent & Easter.

The total cost is \$5.00 for the set.

Orders and payment can be taken at HC or ICC Parish offices. All who wish to purchase must place their order by October 15.

CAN YOU HELP AT THE ICC 11 AM MASS?

Would anyone be interested in leading the 4 songs at the 11 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception on weeks the organist and cantor are out of town? It can be a cappella or bring a guitar, play on the keyboard. We would appreciate any help you can give. Call the ICC Parish Office if interested in helping us out.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Is the Holy Spirit calling your heart to get more involved in the protection of pre-born children? Now is a great time to get involved! 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil begins on Wed Sept 27th through Nov. 5th.. Contact Donna Lat-teri dlatteri86@gmail.com / 862-266-1099 for more information on various ways you can help.

RETROUVAILLE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Ret-ro-vy). Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

Upcoming programs will be held October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! No group sharing required. The next weekend is November 3-5, 2023 at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website <http://www.wvme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Join Bishop Koenig for the Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Information can be found by visiting the cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage website or [facebook.com/CDOWMarianPilgrimage](https://www.facebook.com/CDOWMarianPilgrimage). Transportation is on your own.

MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER

2 MONDAY HC 8:00 am	Karen Bergman
3 TUESDAY HC 8:00 am	Cynthia and Matt Huffine
4 WEDNESDAY HC 8:15 am	Paul Henry
5 THURSDAY HC 8:00 am ICC 6:00 pm	Teresa Crenshaw For the People
6 FRIDAY HC 8:00 am	Ellen L. Gombs
7 SATURDAY HC 8:00 am HC 5:00 pm	James Rouse Philip Glick, Sr.
8 SUNDAY HC 7:30 am ICC 8:30 am HC 9:30 am ICC 11:00 am HC 11:30 am ICC 1:00 pm	Lillian Staab-Heritage Calvin and Alma Smith David J. Kaltenbaugh Teresa Crenshaw Anna Whitlet-Pitts For the People

*(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)*

*THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHAPEL FOR
OCT 1—7 FOR CATHLEEN DAVISON*

*THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHURCH FOR
OCT 1—7 FOR SIEGEL FAMILY*

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

We are looking for vendors to participate in our upcoming Fall Craft Fair on November 18, 2023. If interested please email HSA@holycrossdover.org.

**Holy Cross School
FALL CRAFT FAIR**
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
10:00am-2:00pm
Holy Cross Gymnasium
631 S State Street, Dover, DE 19901

- *craft vendors
- *food trucks
- *kid activities
- *silent auction
- *bake sale

****please bring cash, not all vendors accept credit cards****
Sponsored by Holy Cross School HSA
Interested in being a vendor or volunteer?
Email: HSA@holycrossdover.org



OCT 7/8, 2023

EMHC SERVERS

5:00 PM	J. Bieker	M. Casey	G. Coyle
	C. Bugglin	J. Clendaniel	M. Coyle

LECTORS

F. Urick
J. Davis

7:30 AM	C. Brown	A. Fischer	A. Costa
	T. Dinan	J. Fischer	E. Costa M Costa

LECTORS

J. Davis

9:30 AM	T. Arndt	K. Boyer	K. Fernandez
	D. Banach	S. Cordie	M. Ford E. Ksenich

LECTORS

R. Algerman
C. Parks

11:30 AM	C. Garcia	A. Luna	TBD
	T. Hernandez		

LECTORS

TBD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	E. Costello		
	LECTORS		

D. Smith

11:00 AM	F. Cristiano		
	LECTORS		

S. Tucker

1:00 PM	TBD		
------------	-----	--	--

If you or someone from your family is going to be in one of our local rehabilitation facilities or nursing homes, our Extra-Ordinary ministers of Holy Communion serve all of these facilities. If you are going to be in one of these facilities, even for a short time, please be sure to register yourself as a Catholic so that you will be on their list for our ministers to bring you the Eucharist on the weekend. All the facilities are very cooperative and will gladly add the name to the list for our ministers each week.

If you are in the hospital make sure you are on their Catholic list so we can have our ministers bring you communion daily. You must inform the hospital to put you on the Catholic list otherwise we do not know you are there.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Can you spare an hour to spend with Jesus? Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am to 9 pm Monday through Sunday. We have openings. Call John Murphy at 302-233-1779 or email him at jkm2015@verizon.net to schedule.

SUNDAY	4 pm, 5pm, 8 pm
MONDAY	5 pm
TUESDAY	5 am, 8 pm
WEDNESDAY	7 am
FRIDAY	6 am
SATURDAY	5 am, 9 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Wednesday, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis. He is the patron saint of animals. We will hold a Blessing of Animals at 6 pm in the back field by the Early learning Center. All animal types are welcome. Have your pet blessed on this day.

CAR SHOW IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

5th Annual Car Show on October 14, 2023
Starting at 10 AM until 2 PM
\$10 Registration fee per car; Prizes will be awarded. There will be food available for purchase. Music provided by "The Godfather of New England Doo Wop"
For additional information, call Woody Gravenor at 302-632-2208.

OKTOBERFEST AT ST. JOHN'S

30th Annual Oktoberfest at St. John the Apostle, Milford is scheduled for October 6th from 6 PM to 10 PM and October 7th from 12 PM to 10 PM. Lots of good ethnic foods, good music and good fun for all ages. For more information please call Bonnie at 302-236-5296.

SAMARITANS NEED MORE DONATIONS

When shopping please consider donating a few of the following foods:

Peanut Butter and Jelly, Canned Ravioli / Chili / Beef Stew, Canned Vegetables / Soups / Chunky Soups, Spaghetti / Sauce, Mac and Cheese Tuna/small packs of Hamburger, & Tuna/ Hamburger Helper, Ramen Noodles, Dried Beans / Rice , and Massa for the Hispanics.

Please drop the food in the Pantry Food Drop Box in the building behind the Rectory. We have a new green sign near the drop box door.

SVDP MEETING AT ICC

The next SVDP meeting will be on October 9 at 5 pm in ICC office.

- 9-12 de Octubre Oración por los Sacerdote en Retiro- Se les invita a las personas que desean orar y ayunar por los sacerdotes que participaron en el Retiro de sacerdotes de Conquistando Las Naciones para Cristo en México del 10, 11 y 12 de octubre .Si está interesado en orar como comunidad por el padre Brennan Ferris y todos los sacerdotes para que vayan y regresen con bien e sobre todos fortalecidos para servir al pueblo de Dios. Nuestros sacerdotes necesitan de nuestras oraciones y sacrificios. Nos reuniremos esos días en la capilla de adoración de la parroquia para oración contemplativa a las 6:00pm hasta las 7:00 pm.
- 15 de octubre Confirmación de Adultos: El día 15 de Octubre tendremos la Confirmación de adultos, solo por ese día la Santa Misa dominical será a la 1:00 de la tarde y estará presidida por el Señor obispo William Koenig. NO HABRA MISA A LAS 11:30 AM.
- 29 de Octubre Celebración del Señor de los Milagros - Nuestros hermanos Peruanos celebran sus fiestas patronales en honor al Señor de los Milagros, se les invita a todos a participar de este evento con un platillo para compartir después de la Misa en el Salón de eventos donde habrá un pequeño programa y una convivencia fraternal.
- Todos los viernes de 6-8 Foro Cristiano con el padre Brennan Ferris: Todos los viernes, de 6:00PM hasta las 8:00PM. El tema es : El Misterio Eucarístico” donde todo el año las clases se centrara en torno a la EUCARISTIA y la PRESENCIA REAL en la Eucaristía Venga y fórmese para poder defender su Fe Católica, esto será un curso de formación que termina el día 2 de junio 2024. El tema de este año es sobre “El Misterio Eucarístico” que sin duda es el centro de nuestra FE, de la Liturgia Sagrada y sobre todo de la vida cristiana..
- AÑO DE AVIVAMIENTO PARROQUIAL: ¿Qué es El Avivamiento Nacional Eucarístico? El Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional es un movimiento para restaurar la comprensión y la devoción a este gran misterio en los Estados Unidos, en la diócesis de Wilmington en las parroquias de la Santa Cruz y la Inmaculada Concepción en nuestras parroquias y escuelas, en nuestros hogares y en nuestros corazones y vidas, Jesús es el Pan de vida. El avivamiento es una iniciativa trascendental, de tres años de duración, que dará frutos en los años venideros. Durante el anterior Año de Avivamiento Diocesano, el clero y los líderes diocesanos construyeron los cimientos para que este movimiento prosperara a nivel parroquial. La segunda fase fomentará la devoción eucarística a nivel parroquial, fortaleciendo nuestra vida litúrgica a través de la celebración fiel de la misa, la adoración eucarística, las misiones, los recursos, la predicación y los movimientos orgánicos del Espíritu Santo. Nuestro mundo está sufriendo. Todos necesitamos sanación y ser reavivados, pero muchos de nosotros estamos separados de la fuente misma de nuestra fortaleza. Jesucristo nos invita a volver a la fuente y cumbre de nuestra fe: Su Presencia Real en la Eucaristía.
- La Virgen Peregrina esta visitado casas. Si desea que la imagen de la virgen visite su hogar por una semana por favor de anotarse con la Sra. Martha Espinosa.
- Comparta sus dones y Carismas: Todo lo que tenemos es un regalo de Dios, y como cristianos tenemos la obligación de compartir esos dones que tenemos para la honra y gloria del Señor y para con el prójimo. Si usted desea servir en algún ministerio por favor hable con la Sra. Arline Dosman al 302-674-5787 ext. 118 o con uno de los miembros servidores de la Junta Directiva.

ICC

- Educación Religiosa: Las inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa para el año escolar 2023-2024 ya están abiertas. Inscriba a sus hijos ahora, para que podamos planificar en consecuencia. Las tarifas son de \$60 por 1 niño, \$120 por 2 niños, \$180 por 3 niños y \$200 por más de 4 niños. Después del 1 de julio habrá una tarifa adicional de \$10 por niño.
- Las clases comienzan el domingo 24 de septiembre de 2023.
- Se necesitan voluntarios. Si usted o alguien que conoce está interesado en ser voluntario, ser un líder de pares para la Educación Religiosa o la Preparación para la Confirmación, comuníquese con Alicia Poppiti @ dre@iccmmarydel.org o 410-482-8939.
- Reunión para el Sacramento de la Confirmación: en el salón o el Domingo 1 de octubre a las 2:30 en el salon. Por lo menos un padre de familia deberá asistir.
- Preparación Sacramental para la Primera Reconciliación comienza el martes, 10 de octubre a las 6:30 – 7:30 pm en el salón.
- Para la preparación Sacramental de la Confirmación comienza el domingo 22, de octubre de 3:00 – 5:30 en el salón.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Please go to the following link to register for religious education classes. <https://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation> If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Korosec at either (302) 674-5787 X 122 or email tkorosec@holycrossover.org

Class on October 8.

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH CATECHESIS)

Next LAFF class is October 8 at 10:30 am.. Come out and join us; families gathering for prayer, communion with one another, sharing our Faith Life experiences.

Please go to the CCD link above to register for the LAFF program using the religious education form. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY (HC)

In recognition of the Eucharist Revival that is continuing, Deacon Bob will be presenting a weekly study program that focuses on the Eucharist. He will be presenting from different programs so you can receive a deeper understanding of the Real Presence. The class will begin with Bishop Barron's The Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence. He will also bring information from Dr. Scott Hahn and others. Classes began on September 19th and will continue each Tuesday up to Advent. Classes will be offered at 9:00am or 7:00pm in the Matthew Mark room in the Holy Parish Office. This is a free class. No workbooks will be distributed however other resources may be used. If interested in registering for the class please email Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossover.org or call (302) 674-5787.

HOLY IS HIS NAME—CLASS FOR ADULTS

The class on Scott Hahn's Holy Is His Name will continue in St. Luke's room in the ELC at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome. A summary of what has been done will be available. This is a good place to pick up - even for newcomers. For more information you can text or call Carol Bugglin at 302-423-6654. Hope to see you there!

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT HOLY CROSS

Confirmation Classes: Our next classes will take place on Sunday, October 8 at 3 pm OR Wednesday, October 11 at 6 pm.

Confirmation Retreat: Reminder that Confirma-

tion Retreat has been moved to December 9/10. Please return your permission slips ASAP.

Jesus Night: Friday, October 6 from 6-9 pm at Holy Cross. Cost is \$15 per person - register online at <https://www.cdowcym.org/forms/jesus-night-registration/>. This is for middle and high school teens - praise and worship, speakers and Eucharist Adoration.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Classes began Sunday, September 24th, 2023 and run thru May 3rd, 2024.

Children must be registered in order to attend classes. Fees are now \$60 for 1 child, \$120 for 2 children, \$180 for 3 children and \$200 for more than 4 children.

Volunteers needed for Confirmation Prep Team! If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, being a peer leader (Teen) for Religious Education or Confirmation Preparation team member, and an adult that is bi-lingual to assist with Confirmation once and month and on retreats, please contact Alicia Poppiti @ dre@iccmaryl.org or 410-482-8939.

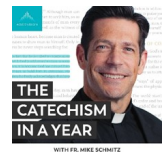
Sacramental meeting for Confirmation is today, Sun. Oct. 1, 2023 @2:30pm in the parish Hall. Parent must attend one of the parent meetings.

Sacramental Preparation Classes begin:
First Reconciliation: Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30pm- 7:30pm in Hall

Confirmation: Sunday, October 22nd @ 3pm-5:30pm in hall.

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>



In English:

Father Mike Schmitz
<https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>



In Spanish:

Fray Sergio Serrano
<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration>



There is one thing that has a way of making the mundane meeting a little bit more bearable. That same element lends to a warm welcome upon arrival in one's home or office space. It helps alleviate stress, and seems to make time go a little faster in certain circumstances. That to which I refer is food. Tasty snacks at a meeting, scrumptious comfort food during those nerve-wracking times when a bottle of water and a carrot stick just will not do the trick, or the proper candlelight dinner where conversation and company make all things seem feasible. Food has a definite influence over the mindset, and the mood of the setting.

Everybody knows that a mustard smeared, baseball game hot-dog and a bag of potato chips is part and parcel of the good time. Decorating the Christmas tree without hot cocoa is inconceivable. A movie without popcorn? Simply absurd! A Holy Cross volleyball game without concessions? Not anymore!! A soccer game or a field hockey match-up at Holy Cross minus the nibbles? Not anymore and absolutely not!!!

A word to the wise; don't plan to attend a school athletic event at Holy Cross with empty pockets or you will be walking away with an empty tummy. No need for the big bucks, just a few dollars will provide a little something salty, or sweet (or both) from the ample selection of some pretty yummy after-school refreshments. Personally, I look forward to a slice of mouthwatering pizza while I watch our volleyball girls nail a non-returnable serve or lunge the net to pop the ball just over the tip-top to... no one there..... Leaving the excitement of the indoor event, I'll head out to the soccer field and pick up another quick morsel of some sort while watching our boys present a formidable challenge for the opposing team.

I suppose the concept of game-day concessions came about after Eva Sheppard and Brooke Carlson approached me with the proposal to sell snacks at basketball games as a means of raising funds for new soccer jerseys last year. Eva and Brooke were eighth graders at the time and had the vision to utilize the existing space in the gym for concession sales. These two very determined girls approached every single HC athlete and asked for home baked, or fresh store-bought snack items that could be sold during the winter basketball games. The response was overwhelming and the girls, along with some assistance of friends and parents realized a healthy sum toward their goal (no pun intended) of purchasing soccer jerseys. In the end, a member of the Dover community heard of the girls' endeavor and sponsored the purchase of the jerseys.

Wasted space and wasted opportunity. That was the topic when Mrs. Allison Shevock and I first came together late last summer to discuss her proposal for game-day snack sales for the benefit of the HC Athletic Department. Included in our discussion was the efforts made by Eva and Brooke. We took on a "why not" approach to getting the ball rolling. Logistics being key, having necessary volunteers to man the stations, replenishment of food supplies for the next game, what to sell and what was considered a fair price were top of the lengthy list of considerations. What about outdoor sports?? Could we set something up outside? Then the whole idea of hot food sales--- pizza, hot dogs, popcorn....yay or nay? Long story short, we are in business! A very exciting new venture that appeals to the tummy in all of us. Just a quick mention that we are still looking for volunteers.

While we are on the subject of the tummy and all that is yummy, let me introduce you to yet another something new in this school year that will arouse your attention as soon as I mention the name of Joe Corbi. Joe Corbi Pizza is an institution when it comes to fundraising in schools. Based out of Baltimore, the company has been partnering with schools since 1983. I first presented Mrs. Maria Gambone of our HSA with some publicity information early on this past summer. Immediately excited, we made a fast plan to speak to Father Lentini and Mr. Trojan who were both enthusiastically onboard as they recalled days of yore when Joe Corbi Pizza sales were a staple in fundraising for Catholic schools. As you read these words please don't hesitate to go online to purchase for your household, especially if you have fond memories of Joe Corbi days. We would appreciate it!!

To make a good deal even better, Joe Corbi has partnered with Claire's Gourmet where delicious dessert items for the upcoming holidays can be purchased as gifts or for the family table. Dessert selections were made available for sampling at our recent Back To School/Parent Night event. The cheesecake was a big hit!

I'd like to acknowledge the legion of volunteers we have at Holy Cross. All of our team coaches serve our students as volunteers, Mrs. Carey is supported by volunteers in the cafeteria, our HSA moms are indefatigable in their efforts on behalf of our students, the new concession stand is an idea borne out of the vision of a volunteer, our Pickleball team is looking forward to their second year of play under the direction of a parent volunteer. It would be an impossibility to provide all that we can for our students if not for our parent volunteers giving of their time, expertise, and treasure. There are so many events on the calendar for this year, all in need of volunteer coordinators, and volunteer workers. Volunteerism is not mandatory at HCS, but the giving of time and talent has a reward all its own. Perhaps there is an event where you could be of some help---one event, one time. Plus, there's a pretty good chance there might be snacks available!

Saint Joseph (when Joseph took her into his home). Anna was in attendance at the Temple when Jesus was presented (i.e., Presentation of the Lord, which we celebrate on February 2). Having all her life believed in the prophecies of the Old Testament, she was there in the Temple with Simeon to greet Jesus.

While Simeon was old, Anna was probably equally old — at least 84 (which, compared to 127-year-old Sarah, makes her seem pretty young). But, while Simeon was ready to “go in peace,” Anna was ready to evangelize. And even at her advanced age, after encountering Christ, we are told, “[S]he gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.” Her feast day is observed, along with St. Simeon, on February 3.

St. Raymond of Penyafort. Born in 1175, Raymond was a lawyer and a priest who was famously instrumental in re-Christianizing Spain as Islam withdrew. At age 47, in 1222, St. Raymond joined the Dominicans in Barcelona. During this time, and for decades beyond, Raymond compiled and organized all the decrees of popes and councils; the Church used St. Raymond’s good work in drafting the Code of Canon Law of 1917. He was also appointed by Pope Gregory IX as his confessor and served to a ripe old age. He’s the patron saint of lawyers. He died in 1275 at the age of 100, well after the September of his years! His feast day is celebrated on January 7.

St. John the Apostle. Born around 1 A.D., St. John the Apostle, also known as St. John the Evangelist, was one of the 12 Apostles chosen by Christ. He lived a very long, long life. After being summoned to Rome by the Emperor, the Senate condemned him for his Christian faith and sentenced him to be taken to the Latin Gate and thrown in a cauldron of boiling oil. John stepped out of the cauldron without injury. After more tortures and beatings, St. John still refused to stop his preaching and evangelizing. This so outraged the authorities that John was sent to spend the remainder of his life exiled on the island of Patmos. It was there, and at an advanced age, where he wrote his Gospel, among other scriptures. St. John is often identified as a white martyr; that is to say, he was willing to lay down his life for Christ but was not called on to do so. St. John had faced death, torture, and torment for his faith and, by any measure, probably should have died during those persecutions, but he didn’t. God had plans for him — and the Gospel of St. John, the Book of Revelations, and the First, Second, and Third Epistles of St. John are there to remind us of those plans that God had for good St. John. On the Island of Patmos at the age of 100, St. John died of natural causes. His feast day is observed on December 27, during the Christmas Octave.

Keepin’ the Faith. Author Victor Hugo once wrote, *“Forty is the old age of youth; fifty is the youth of old age.”* As I move through the second decade of the youth of my old age, I can with certainty say this: While it’s a long, long way from May to December in the journey of life, it is faith in God and heeding God’s call, that keeps our souls young, amazed, and excited. To that end, I will finish this column with a passage from Psalm 42, commonly called the *Judica Me*, which was read at the beginning of every Mass by the Priest for over a thousand years (until the late 1960s). It speaks to trusting in God’s care and plan for each of us:

*“And I will go to the altar of God,
to God, the joy of my youth...
Why art thou sad, my soul,
and why art thou downcast?
Trust in God, for I shall yet praise Him,
my Savior, and my God.”*

So, even if you are getting old in years, be young at heart. In short, young or old, keep the faith and trust in God!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini,
Pastor