



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

October 22, 2023

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

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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

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



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

Matthew 22:21

The Tribute Money by Masaccio, Fresco, 1425
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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

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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.

MASS BOOK 2024 AT HOLY CROSS

The opening of intentions in our Mass Book 2024 will begin on November 1, 2023 at 8:30 am

Due to the reduced number of Masses we are currently offering, we must restrict the number of requests. Please see below:

1. You can request *ONLY 3 Masses per family* and payment of \$10 per Mass is required at the time of the request.
2. Requests **MUST** written out providing your name, phone number, email, maximum three requests listing date and time of request (with alternative dates) and with person's name (remember intention can be for one person or members of same family only for the intentions). We will do our best to honor your request. *Please note the Mass times: 8 am Masses Monday through Saturday (8:15 on Wednesdays), 5 pm Saturday Mass, Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am Spanish Masses.*
3. Requests will be taken Monday through Fridays, 8:30 am to 2 pm only.
4. Requests for the Church tabernacle candle or Adoration Chapel candle can also be made. \$10 per request. Limit one request per person.

Please call the office with any questions.

302-674-5787, ext 111 or 113

Thank you for understanding that we must adhere to 3 requests **ONLY** per family.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

Ending October 8,, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$27,544	\$26,964	\$580
YTD	\$382,283	\$398,608	(\$16,325)
Needs	\$1,638	\$1,712	(\$74)

Share in the Spirit collection as of 9/25: \$5,612.00

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending October 1, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$4,529
Second Collection	\$481

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Dear Parishioner,

The gruesome images from Israel over the past two weeks are the stuff of nightmares. With the largest number of Jewish deaths at one time since the Holocaust, the goings on in Israel are horrific, and the battle against evil needs to be engaged. Often in world affairs, battles between nations and peoples finds balanced issues and comprehensible aims — and one can see both sides.

This is not the case here.

The Events of the Day. What happened in Israel — to Israel, and to the Jewish people and other visitors — on October 7, and continued in the days ahead does not warrant equal-time debate. Monsters masquerading as human beings set out to slaughter — not soldiers, not an attacking force — but people, their families and their children.

Anti-Semitism Rises. The terrorist organization Hamas, let loose their special brand of anti-semitism — hatred of the Jewish people — which saw its attack in Gaza find babies beheaded, a child cut out of its mother's womb, children burned, tourists burned up in their cars, women raped (and paraded around, as a sign of captured spoils), families beaten, shot, crushed, etc. It was a freak show of inhumanity. And that was followed by the cowards of Hamas taking their own (and other) women and children and using them as human shields by putting them in key locations in Gaza City — and then complaining that they will be killed if Israeli forces take out those sites. It is disingenuousness at its most egregious.

Response? So, all that being said, how should Israel respond to this horrendous massacre and war waged? Some of course, say Israel should hold back and not wage an all-out war — of course, the people that say that aren't living under daily threat of enemy attack. Others say, Israel has an abject right to defend itself. Which is obvious.

"Just War." So, what does our Church say about all of this in its teaching? Well, going back to St. Augustine of Hippo (fourth century), and making its way through St. Thomas Aquinas (13th century), and into the present day, the Catholic Church has something it identifies as "Just War Theory" which posits that not every war is "just" but that some are. Just War Theory pivots on two distinct but related points: the right to go wage war (*jus ad bello* in Latin) and engaging right conduct in the war being waged (*jus in bello* in Latin). All understandings of Just War — then and now — addresses these two points. It should be noted that "jus in bello," which among other things, calls for "Non-combatants... [to be] treated humanely" has already been violated in grand form by the bad actors (Hamas) of October 7.

St. Augustine on "Just Wars." The term "just war" finds its origin in the writing of St. Augustine in his work, *The City of God*, where he states, "...the wise man will wage Just Wars." St. Augustine, in that seminal work *The City of God*, in chapter 20 ponders the commandment "Thou shalt not kill." Then in chapter 21, he goes on to note, "there are some exceptions made by the divine authority to its own law, that men may not be put to death." In that same chapter he lays out that those who wage war for "public justice" and "put to death wicked men" have "by no means violated the commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill.'" The thrust of St. Augustine's view in this matter is that doing nothing to stop evil — even if that doing so would involve some level of violence — is wrong.

St. Augustine and Undertaking Wars. French author, Leon Gauthier, quoting St. Augustine, in his book *Chivalry*, notes "It is certain that crimes shall be punished, and this is precisely why according to God's ordinance, or by legitimate authority, good people are sometimes compelled to undertake wars... If every war were to be condemned the Gospel would have said as much. It would have said to the soldier, 'Throw down your arms—give up your profession.' But the Lord did not say that: He contented himself with recommending them to exercise moderation and justice."

Aquinas Weighs In. St. Thomas Aquinas, as is his wont, codified and emended the ponderings of St. Augustine on this matter of "Just War." He likewise held, that war can be just, and laid out three criteria for such a "just war" to be waged:

- **Good Purpose.** A just war has to be waged for a good and just purpose. That is it cannot be waged to acquire money or power (like toppling one king, to take the place of that king).
- **Competent Authority.** A just war has to be waged by a properly instituted authority such as a nation or kingdom; vigilante-like marauders cannot wage a just war as they represent no interest but their own.
- **Seeking Peace.** A just war has to be waged with peace as its key motive, even though that peace may be somewhat down the road, and even though achieved by the use of violence (war).

Meanwhile, Today. Building on the underpinnings regarding Just War Theory enunciated by St. Augustine, and subsequent codifications by St. Thomas Aquinas, our faith, in the current Catechism of the Catholic Church, defines just war thusly:

- **Necessity.** A just war is one in which "the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave

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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
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Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences to the families of those who recently passed:

- B. Joy Ambruso
- D. Joan McTigue
- Jane Hickman
- Darold W. Weber, Jr.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and fellowship, join the parish Shawl Ministry on Tuesday mornings from 10 am to Noon on the second floor of the Early Learning Center Building. We'd love to have you join us.

VICTORIAN HIGH TEA

Saturday, Oct. 28, 11 am to 2 pm

St. Margaret of Scotland —
Hopkins Hall

2431 Frazer Rd. Newark DE
19702

Tickets \$25

Available online at

www.derighttolife.org/calendars

Proceeds benefit Delaware Right to Life



CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, October 28th we talk with local author and funeral director, Todd Harra, about his latest book, "Last Rites: The Evolution of the American Funeral." Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. You can see videos of select interviews at [YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofWilm).

30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (OCT 29)

FIRST READING: EXODUS 22:20-26

The Lord will hear the cry of those who call out to him, for he is full of compassion.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5 – 10

The people who broke with idolatry and converted to God now follow the risen Jesus.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-40

The greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbor.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Wednesday, September 27, was the start of 40 Days for Life in Wilmington, Dover, and Seaford. ALL 3 locations desperately need faithful prayer warriors to come to the sidewalk and help us turn Delaware from an abortion destination state into a SANCTUARY for the unborn. Pray, fast, sidewalk counsel, or just be a peaceful presence in front of one of the three abortion facilities in Delaware. Just BEING there often turns clients away or causes them to call and cancel their appointments. It is a worthy cause usually accomplished by a handful of people who are devoted to their calling on abortion days. Times/days/open slots are listed at the 40 Days for Life website at www.40daysforlife.com. Call Donna at 862-266-1099 to sign up. We need gap fillers too!

RETRouvaille

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER

- 23 MONDAY**
HC 8:00 am Joseph Cella
- 24 TUESDAY**
HC 8:00 am Jim Clougherty
- 25 WEDNESDAY**
HC 8:15 am DM Trancucci Family
- 26 THURSDAY**
HC 8:00 am Frances Ives
ICC 6:00 pm For the People
- 27 FRIDAY**
HC 8:00 am Sr. Mary Elizabeth
- 28 SATURDAY**
HC 8:00 am Ryan Buteng
HC 5:00 pm Claire Zaragoza
- 29 SUNDAY**
HC 7:30 am James and June Clacher
ICC 8:30 am Veronica Kriss
HC 9:30 am Gary Wessel, Jr.
ICC 11:00 am Teresa Canino
HC 11:30 am Anita Way
ICC 1:00 pm For the People

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

*THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHAPEL FOR
OCT 22-28 IS FOR (LI) BOB AND BERNIE WHIT-
MAN.*

*THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHURCH FOR
OCT 22-28 IS FOR MICHAEL LEPORE.*

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 28/29, 2023

EMHC SERVERS

5:00 PM P. Gerard D. MacLeish L. Curley
F. Hettinger P. Sheldon S. Murawski

LECTORS

L. Christiansen
J. Davis

7:30 AM P. Jackson M. Thompson T. Catipay
W. Thomas A. Wyllie S. Shevock

LECTORS

R. Pritchett

9:30 AM K. Kelly G. Richards W. Shuron
V. Pepper C. Robinson B. Song
D. Song

LECTORS

S. Crossen
M. Sherlock

11:30 AM T. Hernandez M. Richard TBD
E. Patoriza

LECTORS

TBD

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B. Lawson

8:30 AM

LECTORS

K. Cairns

11:00 AM B. Van-
Vessen

LECTORS

D. King

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

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.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

LADIES: Would you like to give a gift of prayer to our Priests? We are still in need of additional sisters to give:

- ◇ One Holy Hour
- ◇ One Day A Week
- ◇ One Priest
- ◇ One Heart of Prayer

MEN are welcome and encouraged to serve as substitutes. Pick up a pamphlet in the gathering space for mor information and contact information if you have questions.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

Pre-need planning. During our lifetime we spend a lot of time planning and preparing for future events, such as weddings, vacations, college for the kids, retirement, etc. It's easy to put off planning for the day when the Lord will call you home. Planning for the inevitable and securing space in our cemetery is a wonderful gift for the whole family. When that day does come, with all its emotional trauma, sparing your spouse and children those difficult decisions is a blessing. Contact Len Dornberger at the parish office for a no obligation discussion.

- 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. Se les invita a traer su plato favorito para compartir con otros.
- Felicitaciones: Nace la Comunidad Hispana con la celebración de su primera misa en español el sábado, 29 de octubre +de 1989 a las 5:00 de la tarde presidida por Rev. Thomas Hanley, debió ser una misa temporal, pero por la gracia de Dios, 34 años más tarde aquí estamos como parte integral de la parroquia. Si hemos tenido cambios en nuestro caminar, en 1995 se cambió el horario de nuestra misa al domingo a la 1:30pm, después de la construcción y dedicación del nuevo templo en 1997 se volvió a cambiar el horario de la misa en español para la 1:00 de la tarde y vino la pandemia y se reorganizó nuevamente las misas y la misa en español se cambió para las 11:30 de la mañana convirtiéndose en la última misa dominical en la parroquia. En los 34 años, hemos crecido, contribuido con nuestra cultura y tradiciones e iniciativas como: Formaciones, Retiros, Novenas, Patronales, Participación en la JMJ, Festivales, Día de Limpieza General, Procesiones, La Vía Crucis a nivel diocesano en la Peregrinación con el Señor Obispo, Arte y Ambientación, La fiesta en Honor a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, todas estas actividades han contribuido al enriquecimiento a la Parroquia.
- 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 centrará en 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.
- ¿Qué es La Rosa de Plata? La Rosa de Plata es un programa de peregrinación de oración auspiciado por Los Caballeros de Colón en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Nacida en 1960, con una carrera de relevos (por iniciativa de los Escuderos de Colón) para llevar una rosa desde la frontera entre México y Estados Unidos, –de Laredo (Texas) hasta Monterrey (Nuevo León)–, hoy la Rosa de Plata se ha convertido en un punto de encuentro de los devotos de la guadalupana de Canadá, Estados Unidos y México.
- Cada año, desde principios de marzo hasta mediados de diciembre, los consejos custodian las Rosas de Plata a lo largo de los trayectos de Canadá a México. Este año regresa a Delaware el 15 de octubre, haciendo visitas en las distintas parroquias de la Diócesis de Wilmington, Llegando a Holy Cross el viernes, 3 de noviembre a las 7:00 de la noche. Cada parada que hace la Rosa de Plata durante la peregrinación es un momento centrado en el rosario, rezar por el Respeto a la Vida, por la renovación espiritual de cada nación y por el avance del mensaje de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.
- Es una Rosa hecha de Plata Mexicana que se pone a los pies de Nuestra Sra. María de Guadalupe, Patrona de todas las Américas, las peticiones de miles de gentes que la reciben a su paso. Quedan todos invitados el viernes, 3 de noviembre a recibir y orar en la parroquia de la Santa Cruz en Dover a las 7:00pm
- 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

- ¡Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar con el equipo de preparación para la Confirmación! Si usted o conoces a alguien interesado en ser voluntario o un adolescente que desea ser líder para Educación Religiosa o pertenecer al equipo para la preparación para la Confirmación o un adulto que sea bilingüe para ayudar con la Confirmación una vez al mes y en los retiros. Por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti @ dre@iccmaryl.org o 410-482-8939.
- Formación de Adultos. Lunes 6:30 – 8:30PM Primera Sesión Lunes, 23 de octubre en el salón. Hay 7 sesiones sobre la "Eucaristía- Alimento Sagrado, Sacrificio, Presencia Real. Costo \$25. Hay que inscribirse con la Sra. Alicia.
- 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@iccmaryl.org o 410-482-8939.
- Preparación Sacramental para la Primera Reconciliación comienza el martes, 24 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.
- Sacramental de la Confirmación comienza el domingo 22, de octubre de 3:00 – 5:30 en el salón.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next Class: October 22, 2023

Please be mindful when dropping and picking up students. Keep our parking lot safe by parking your car and walking your student up to the building. When picking up your student, park your car and walk to the cones by the exit ramp.

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Contact Tammy Korosec at either (302) 674-5787 X 122 or email tkorosec@holycrossdover.org

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH CATECHESIS)

Next LAFF class is October 22 at 10:30 am.. Come out and join us; families gathering for prayer, communion with one another, sharing our Faith Life experiences.

Is your family interested in joining the Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis with Deacon Vince? Contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.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 will begin on September 19th and will continue up to Advent.

Classes will be offered at 9:00am or 7:00pm every Tuesday 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@holycrossdover.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 on Mondays in the ELC at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome. 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:

Sunday, Oct 22 -3 pm/Wednesday, Oct 25 - 6 pm

Confirmation Retreat: December 9/10, please return permission slip at next class

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Classes have started and run from September 24th, 2023 thru May 3rd, 2024.

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 retreat. We begin on October 22 at 3pm. If you are interested in assisting with all 6 sessions or one or just retreats, please contact Alicia Poppiti @ dre@iccmarylodel.org or 410-482-8939.

Sacramental Preparation Classes begin:

- Confirmation session #1: Sunday, October 22nd @ 3pm-5:30pm in hall.
- First Reconciliation session #2: Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30pm- 7:30pm in Hall

Adult Formation at Immaculate Conception: Monday evenings 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

First Session October 23rd with a total of 7 sessions.

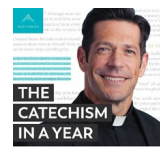
*Bishop Robert Barron's "Eucharist- Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence"

Sessions will include, DVD viewing, discussion, reading, reflection, workbook.

- Cost is \$25 per person.
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A reading from the Book of Sirach, Chapter 6: verses 32-37"

If you wish my son, you can be wise;
 If you apply yourself, you can be shrewd.
 If you are willing to listen, you can learn;
 if you pay attention, you can be instructed.
 Stand in the company of the elders;
 stay close to whoever is wise.
 Be eager to hear every discourse;
 let no insightful saying escape you.
 If you see the intelligent, seek them out;
 let your feet wear away their doorsteps!
 Reflect on the law of the Most High,
 and let his commandments be your constant study.
 Then he will enlighten your mind,
 and make you wise as you desire.

The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God.

And thus begins the annual Fall Induction Ceremony of new membership into the Alpha and Omega chapter of the National Junior Honor Society of Holy Cross School. The words of sacred scripture are intended to provide principles, standards, and guidelines in the formation of beliefs and convictions held, to influence and shape the manner in which we treat our brothers and sisters in life, as well as to look to the inspired word for wisdom, and direction as we navigate through the twists and turns along the pathway that lies ahead of each of us throughout our journey.

The words taken from Sirach could not be any more spot on in the advice given to those who will listen to the words of wisdom intended for those gathered to recognize the academic achievement of the young scholars who have been selected for membership in the NJHS.

Adolescence can perhaps be described as a period when many young people experience subtle (or not so) changes in demeanor, attitude, or behavior. It is in this present day and time that our young people come face to face on a daily basis with challenges and obstacles thrown in their way as they navigate the pathway. It requires a tremendous amount of courage to avoid the bow to pressure applied by one's peers, to avoid the temptation to give in to the wrong choice because of a need to fit in. For a young person, it is anathema to be on the outside looking in, no matter the consequence. It requires loving patience and strong resolution to keep them focused on what is right and good. In the end, the fruits of the labor can be sweet indeed if we persevere in the process. It can be tiresome and daunting at times; I will concede to that. But it is what we are expected; called to do as the adult influence whether it be in the role of a parent or educator.

The students who gather for induction are no exception for they, too, face life's challenges at a young and tender age. Life's challenges have been thrust upon them by so many external forces, it is more than difficult to sidestep the kool-aid. But it is at this time that we recognize and applaud their achievement as scholars, and young-leaders who are called to exemplify high levels of integrity, good citizenship, and perform selfless service for others despite the devil's temptations.

*Be eager to hear every discourse;
 let no insightful saying escape you.
 If you see the intelligent, seek them out;
 let your feet wear away their doorsteps!*

I love the words of Sirach and the wisdom he sought to impart upon readers of his sage advice. To pattern one's life upon his wise counsel is a surefire recipe for success.

During the evening proceedings, as the church gradually darkens and the ceremonial candles are lighted, my prayer for the inductees and present membership of our chapter is that they take heed. *Seek out the intelligent!* I would hope that they surround themselves by those who will serve as a positive influence and avoid those who can so easily manipulate their way of thinking and as a result poison their sense of right choice. There are no age requirements for becoming a role model. One is never too young, or too old to inspire and motivate others. I pray that our youth will indeed take serious note of and take to heart the age-old words bestowed by Sirach who was himself quite the visionary and *let their feet wear away the doorsteps of the intelligent* as they seek the counsel of the wise and live life in accordance with the commandments of our God. Be the role model. Do it now. And then one day.... perhaps the feet of others who follow will wear away *their* doorstep.

and certain.”

- **Last Resort.** A just war is one waged after “All other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective.”
- **Reasonable hope of Success.** A just war is one waged where there is “serious prospects of success.”
- **Proportionality.** A just war is one in which “The use of arms” does not “produce evils ... graver than the evil” that it seeks “[to] eliminate[.]”

Words of Summation. Perhaps St. Pope John Paul II summed it best in these 18 words: “The cause of peace will not go forward by denying the possibility and the obligation to defend it.” Perhaps, even more poignantly expressed by G.K. Chesterton, “The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.”

Then and Now. That last quote by Chesterton probably sums up the view of the people and government of Israel right now. They don’t love war, they don’t love the battle in front of them. They love what is behind them: their home. A nation given to the Jewish people by God, in antiquity, and a home for the Jewish people, in modern times, following their near extermination by the Nazi tyranny in World War II. The Jewish people have faced exile, expulsion, exclusion and eradication throughout history. This latest attempt, at the hands of Hamas, is just the latest.

Is the War Just? Back to the main point I am writing about, the application of just war theory in this current circumstance is fairly easy.

Necessity. Is the threat — and the damage — inflicted by Hamas “lasting, grave and certain.” The Hamas charter states, “Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it.” It added in a 2017 revision, “There shall be no recognition of the legitimacy of the Zionist entity [Israel].” I’d say that situation is “lasting, grave and certain.” When someone’s goal is to wipe you off the face of the earth, you need to take that seriously.

Last Resort. There have been peace deals offered, accommodations adopted. None of them have worked — as witnessed by the rape of women, beheading of children, execution of people, and burning alive of residents in the events of the past few weeks. Sitting around the campfire singing Kumbiyah with those who want to kill you, probably won’t do much. At the end of Hamas’ last uprising Israel decided to let Hamas alone in Gaza and opted to keep them in check by using fences, spies, sensors, security patrols, etc. That option has now failed. Thus, this defensive war is the last resort.

Reasonable Hope of Success. If Israel does what it needs to do, this situation has a great hope of success, if that success is defined, at bare minimum, as long-term deterrence. A tough and unrelenting war against Hamas, will serve to deter future attempts on Israel by Hamas.

Proportionality. In this battle, Hamas has set a low bar — once you behead children, murder families in their homes, rape women and put them on display, proportionality somewhat goes out the window. What is the proportionate response? To take down the enemy, while not falling into the trap of doing what they did. Battle, yes. Barbarianism, no.

Not Political, Just. I may be accused of veering into politics here, but I don’t think so. I don’t think this issue of Hamas and Israel, as a humanitarian issue, is political — it is not nuanced, it is obvious. It is obvious how this began, and what led to the current situation. The only information I am adding to this state of affairs that you see on TV nightly, is how “Just War Theory” (in terms of jus ad bello) might define Israel’s war against Hamas as a “Just War.” That being said, as “Just War Theory” is theory, there may likely be variant applications.

World War II and Today. World War II is widely understood to be a Just War because of the evil it confronted and thankfully defeated. It confronted evil, at a great human cost, after appeasement, agreements, etc. failed woefully. The forces of good won that war — that is certainly the most normative understanding of that war’s outcome. Now, we have another dreadful period of war. But again, it is a time of confronting evil, and it will come at a great human cost, no doubt. Is it a Just War? I think that that case can be made, and is pretty apparent on its face. Let us hope evil is vanquished, and the blessing of God’s peace is brought forward out of all of this. And let us pray!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
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