



# CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

October 29, 2023

30th 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

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

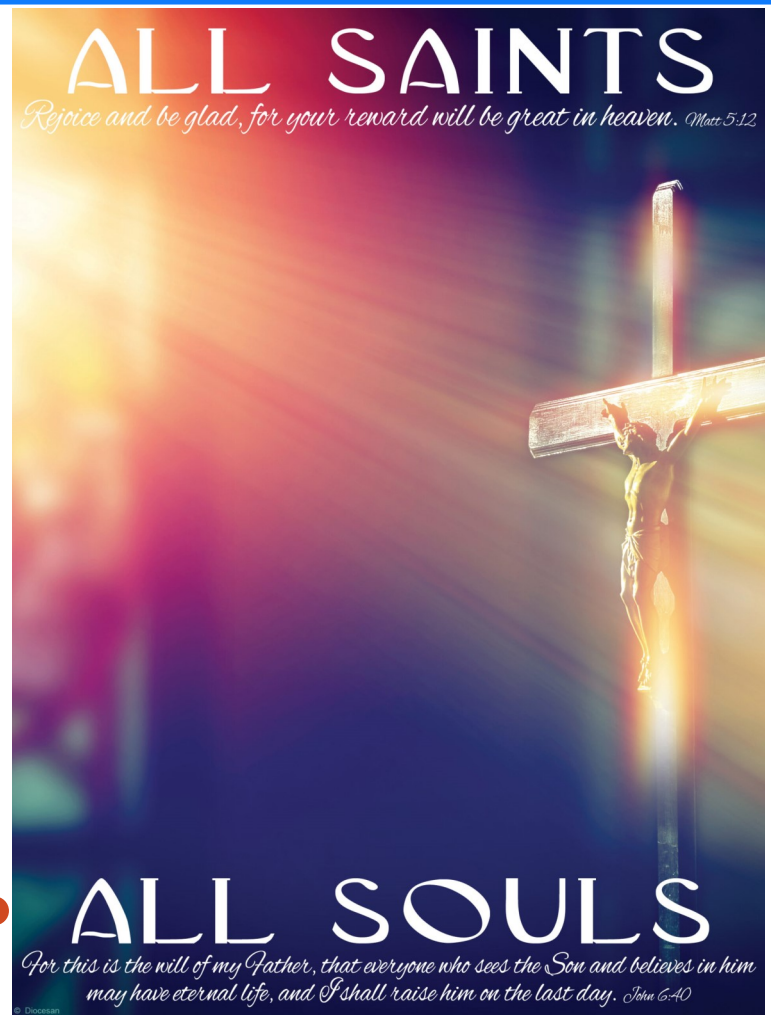
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm  
Closed Wednesday and Friday

### 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.

## 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 15, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$29,293	\$26,964	\$2,428
YTD	\$411,675	\$425,572	(\$13,897)
Needs	\$1,478	\$1,712	(\$234)

Share in the Spirit collection as of 10/25: \$5,712.00

## WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending October 15, 2023

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$4,128
Second Collection	\$586

**Reminder: Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday, November 5, at 2 am. Set you clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.**



Dear Parishioners,

With All Saints Day (focused on our Saints in Heaven) and All Souls Day (focused on the Poor Souls in Purgatory) just a few days away — November 1 and November 2, respectively — this is a good time to explore the vast expanse of our Church. Thus, this column be about the Church in Heaven, on Earth and in Purgatory — reminding us that wherever God's people are, there is the Church.

States! We have 50 of them in the United States. And each one of them has something to boast about. Hawaii is the state with the greatest life expectancy. Pennsylvania is the state with the most hunters. Mississippi has the most churches per capita. Maryland has the highest income. California has the highest income tax. Florida has the most retirees. Wyoming has the cleanest air. North Dakota has the most persons per capita over 100 years of age. Delaware has the most incorporations; 66% of all of the Fortune 500 companies. Missouri is bordered by more other states than any other state; it is bordered by eight states (hence, "Missouri" loves company).

**Moving Stories.** So, going from state to state, there are certainly differences to be found, and yet all are still American soil. Visiting or moving to different states allows one to see the differences up close. When I moved from New York to Delaware, for instance, I learned that Harrington has only two syllables (Harn-ton) and Smyrna has three (Sa-mer-na). In each state there are difference and similarity — the latter (similarity) being what binds us as Americans.

**What Gives You Gas?** In science, there are also "states" — ways of being — as distinct and similar as our US states. For example, I am sure we all learned in elementary school science water exists in three states: solid (ice), liquid (Perrier or Aquafina) and gas (steam). It exists in three different manners or "states" — and yet it is still H<sub>2</sub>O.

**Holy Places.** Similarly, the Catholic Church exists in three "states" — it exists as the Church here on Earth, as the Church in Heaven and as the Church in Purgatory. As I noted earlier, wherever God's people are, there is the Church. While there are similarities between each state, there are also distinctions. In that regard, here is a brief overview regarding the three states in which the Church exists:

- **The Church Triumphant (The Church in Heaven).** When talking about the communion of saints we most often think of the saints in Heaven. These are those souls that rest in peace before the face of God, gathered around the Lamb, Jesus Christ. This is the Catholic Church in Heaven is called Triumphant because its members have won the battle of earthly life, and now stand before the Beatific Vision of God. They are freed of all taint of sin, being fully

holy, fully knowing and loving God and seeing Christ, no longer under the veil of a Sacrament, but face-to-face. Any doubt experienced in earthly faith is washed away.

- **The Church Suffering (The Church in Purgatory).** When talking about the communion of saints we probably least often think of those suffering souls in Purgatory. The Catholic Church in Purgatory is made up of those members of the Church Militant who died with temporal punishment due for sin. The way they are made purified for the Kingdom of Heaven is by abiding in Purgatory and facing those aspects of their life and their soul that keep them "not yet ready" for Heaven. In Purgatory, the members of the Communion of Saints are purged of any obstacles preventing them from seeing clearly, God, as he is.

- **The Church Militant (The Church on Earth).** This is the Church that is the people of God on Earth; it known as the Church Militant, as we on Earth as still fighting the battle of daily life to win the victorious crown given saints in Heaven. In this Church, we strive for holiness; to come to know, love and serve God. Here we receive Christ, but under the veil of a Sacrament.

**Three in One.** Let me be clear, the Church in Heaven, on Earth and in Purgatory are one- in-the-same the Catholic Church. Much as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three persons in one God, so the Church, though existing in three states is nonetheless one Church. The essence of the Church is the same "on Earth as it is in Heaven." Thus, there is only one Church — the Catholic Church: it is one, holy, Catholic and apostolic. The key element of the Church when speaking in terms of it being a communion is word "one."

**The Churchless Place.** It is worth mentioning that there is one place where the Church doesn't exist. It is that place which we dread: Hell. In Hell, we find the absence of God (or better putting people absents themselves from God). It is there, where the perpendicular pronoun ("I") is the only one used — for it is a painful isolation from God and the Church. Hell is the reminder to us that we need to straighten up and fly right, as the old song, commends. We are taught that there is "no salvation outside the Church" — Hell is that place outside the Church. But let's leave Hell in our rearview mirror and look, rather, at the blessing of the Church God has given... and see how Heaven, Earth and Purgatory are especially connected.

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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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## 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

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## ICC STAFF

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Susan Venezia	Bookkeeper
Arline Dosman	Dir. of Hispanic Ministry

## MAILING ADDRESS

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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
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## MAILING ADDRESS

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

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences to the families of those who recently passed:

- Ethan Statham
- Stephen Welde

May his soul and souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

## SILVER ROSE

Join the Knight of Columbus and the Hispanic Community at Holy Cross on Friday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm. to receive the Silver Rose. The Silver Rose has been on pilgrimage in the Diocese of Wilmington since last month and it arrives at Holy Cross on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Each stop the Silver Rose makes during the pilgrimage is a moment focused on the rosary, praying for Respect for Life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is a Rose made of Mexican Silver that is placed at the feet of Our Lady Mary of Guadalupe, Patroness of all the Americas, the requests of thousands of people who receive it as it passes by. Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us!

## CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, November 4th, Father Norm Carroll, Director of Vocations, will discuss priestly and religious vocations and how to help promote them. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640.

## KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is having a membership drive. Men of both ICC and Holy Cross are welcome and invited to join the K of C. Contact people are:

Francesco "Chris" Cristiano for ICC at 302-653-9004 and Dr. Wayne Thomas for Holy Cross at 302-697-1152

## 31ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (NOV 5)

### FIRST READING: MALACHI 1:14—2:2, 8-10

Religious leaders are warned that they have caused many to "Stray" and "stumble" because of their teaching and actions.

### SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 2:7-9, 13

God's message is a "living power" among communities of Christians.

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 23:1-12

The failures of the scribes and Pharisees are identified, and Jesus suggests that his followers seek a path of humility and service.

## SOUR AND SILENT AUCTION

Immaculate Conception  
Society of St. Vincent de  
Paul

Soup and Silent Auction  
Sunday Nov. 19, 2023  
9:30 AM to 12:15 PM



Soups \$5.00 per container  
Tamales 2 for \$5.00  
\$1.00 Donuts and Coffee for Early Birds

## 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](http://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.wwme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:HSA@holycrossdover.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

**30 MONDAY**  
HC 8:00 am David Lee

**31 TUESDAY**  
HC 8:00 am Raymond Cola  
HC 7:00 pm Roy Kaiser

**1 WEDNESDAY**  
HC 8:15 am Nemasio Insao  
HC 9:30 am James Grilli  
HC 12:10 pm Mary McGlynn  
ICC 5:30 pm For the People  
ICC 7:00 pm For the People

**2 THURSDAY**  
HC 8:00 am All Souls  
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

**3 FRIDAY**  
HC 8:00 am Sylvia Crews

**4 SATURDAY**  
HC 8:00 am James Weber  
HC 5:00 pm Betty Van Daele (LI)

**5 SUNDAY**  
HC 7:30 am Sylvia Crews  
ICC 8:30 am Delores Ropssetti  
HC 9:30 am Josph D'Aguillo  
ICC 11:00 am Magdalena Petri  
HC 11:30 am Yadira Mercado Cortres  
ICC 1:00 pm For the People

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

*THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHAPEL FOR  
OCT 29-11/4 IS FOR FATIMA MARY.*

*THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHURCH FOR  
OCT 29-11/4 IS FOR FLORENCE CAROSENE*

## Masses for the Holy Day All Saints Day, November 1, 2023

**Holy Cross**  
October 31, Vigil—7 pm  
November 1—8:15 am, 12:10 pm

**Immaculate Conception**  
No vigil Mass  
Nov. 1—5:30 pm English  
7:00 pm Spanish

NOV 4/5, 2023

EMHC

SERVERS

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

LECTORS

R. Urick  
D. Dixon

7:30 AM C. Brown R. Fritzsche A. Costa  
T. Dinan R. Pritchett E. Costa  
M. Costa

LECTORS

C. Cuffee

9:30 AM M. Sossich M. Wessel E. Ksenich  
G. Wessel B. Whitworth A. Wilk  
C. Wilk

LECTORS

S. Ford  
C. Petka

11:30 AM C. Garcia A. Luna TBD  
B. Guzman

LECTORS

TBD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

A. Smith

8:30 AM

LECTORS

T. Thompson

M. Soule

11:00 AM

LECTORS

L. Soule

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our newly registered members:

- Angela and Karen Arcidiacono
- Rita and Ann Graziano and Thomas Madeck
- Luis, Rosaura, Salome, Giovanni and Penelope Saldivar
- Marie S. Laguerre, Jeremiah X. Laguerre-Louissaint, Harley M. Louissaint,
- Jacqueline Menard, Nashka Desroches

NEWLY BAPTIZED

- Congratulations to the family of Marisa Anna Derosa who was recently baptized.

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.

Items for Thanksgiving are welcome at this time!!

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.

CEMETERY INFORMATION

The Cemetery Office now has generic "U.S. Veteran" flag holders for \$30 each. Kit includes the emblem, stake and flag. Contact Len Dornberger at 302-674-5787 x135 to place your order. American flags are also available at the parish office for a \$5 donation.



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: Feliz cumpleaños Comunidad Hispana: Nace nuestra comunidad 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 sirviendo y honrando al Señor, como parte integral de la parroquia. Hemos perseverado y hemos crecido con retos y con celebraciones 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; 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 enriquecido y contribuido con nuestra cultura y tradiciones e iniciativas como: Formaciones, como el Foro Cristiano, 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, junto con los Caballeros de Colón hemos recibido la Rosa de Plata, hemos dado la bienvenida al movimiento a Conquistando Las Naciones para Cristo, todas estas actividades han contribuido al enriquecimiento de nuestra Parroquia. Somos un solo cuerpo para la honra y gloria de Dios.

Día de Todos Los Santos: 1 de Noviembre. Es día de precepto Una misa de precepto es aquella celebración en la cual todo católico tiene el COMPROMISO SERIO de asistir a misa como si fuera un domingo y que de no asistir, incurriría en pecado, a menos que su condición se lo impida (enfermedad grave). Esto a partir del tercer mandamiento "Santificar las fiestas" (Éx 20, 8-11), del primer mandamiento de la Santa Madre Iglesia ("Oír Misa entera todos los domingos y fiestas de guardar") y del CIC, 1247.

Todos es 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), hoy la Rosa de Plata se ha convertido en un punto de encuentro de los devotos de la guadalupana.

Cada año, desde principios de marzo hasta mediados de diciembre, los consejos custodian las Rosas de Plata a lo largo de su. 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.

Retiro de Jóvenes adultos de 18 a 30 años el sábado, 11 de Noviembre en la parroquia de La Inmaculada Concepción, para más información, pueden comunicarse con Demetrio( Junior) Ortega al 302-545-7792.

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 del ministerio en que le gustaría servir o algún miembro de 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 Sesión #3 el martes, 7 de noviembre a las 6:30 – 7:30 pm en el salón. Para la preparación Sacramental de la Confirmación Sesión # 2 el domingo 19, de noviembre de 3:00 – 5:30 en el salón.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next Class: November 5, 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](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossdover.org)

## LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH CATECHESIS)

Next LAFF class is November 12 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**—Our next class will be Sunday, November 5 or Wednesday, Nov. 8

**Confirmation Retreat**—Reminder to parents that permission slips need to be turned in ASAP.

**MOUNT 2000**— This is an Eucharistic Retreat run by the seminarians at Mt. St. Mary's University for high school aged youth. Retreat takes place February 2-4, 2024. Cost is \$100 per teen. Please contact Mrs. Darling so she may get you registered. Registration opens October 30 and closes December 1.

**CHWC 2024**—Our teens will be traveling June 23-28 to serve the community of Knoxville, TN. Our spots are filled - if you are interested in attending, we have started a wait list. Please let Mrs. Darling know your desire to attend.

## 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@iccmmarydel.org](mailto:dre@iccmmarydel.org) or 410-482-8939.

**Religious Education Family Saint Activity:** Sunday, October 29th from 2:30-4:30pm in Hall. Families will rotate to Saint Stations and learn about the Saints of Our Catholic Faith. Join us for this Sainly event.

## Sacramental Preparation Classes begin:

**First Reconciliation session #3:** Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30pm- 7:30pm in Hall

**Confirmation session #2:** Sunday, November 19th @ 3pm-5:30pm in hall.

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

First Session October 30 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.
- Registration is needed in order to receive the materials for each person.
- Register by contacting Alicia Poppiti at [dre@iccmmarydel.org](mailto:dre@iccmmarydel.org) or 410-482-8939.



It was a brief time away, just under forty-eight hours. My husband and I drove to Lancaster, PA where we were welcomed by the beautiful rolling landscapes, the splendor of the fall foliage, and the inhabitants of the area who worship our God with a quiet zeal, but in an entirely different manner from many. They live a simple life, all unto themselves without asking or expecting anything of the “outside world.” There are stories told of the incredible barn-raising when an entire structure is recreated in a twenty four hour period following a disastrous, fiery event in the Amish community without any signs of first responders, other than friends and neighbors. A tightly-bound community who lives by deeply-rooted and traditional values, I wonder how they view assistance from local fire fighters or law enforcement agencies in times of need. I admit to having a certain fascination with the Amish, I hold a deep admiration for their steadfastness and perseverance; their resolve in keeping to their own and their complete disregard for the values, modern conveniences, and beliefs of the outside world.

On the other hand, however, I would shutter to think that in their adherence to the simple life and turning the back to the mores of the communities at large, that local first-responders would not be sought out or quickly summoned to an emergency situation.

During our brief absence from home, our kind neighbor saw to the many needs of our cats. She explained that while she served as the feline caretaker, her biggest fear was that something would go wrong in the house. Fire, flood, wind, or some other pestilence would fall upon the House of Pollitt while she was left in charge. Not an entirely irrational fear, I suppose. However, with local first-responders near enough by, at least a response would be immediate enough. Tragic, nonetheless and pray God it doesn't happen to any of us.

But it does sort of beg the question; where would we be without our First Responders? It is indeed a frightening scenario where we are left to our own devices during a traumatic situation. I recall the onset of the use of the emergency 911 call number. I was in eighth grade at the time. My grandmother was very clear in her instruction to us as she ripped away the yellowing piece of note pad paper that was taped alongside the telephone on which was written all the different seven-digit emergency numbers for all of the local responders. The Police Department, Fire Department, and the Ambulance service being the top three. The whole concept of three digits was revolutionary. I guess it only made sense that emergency calls be received in as little time as a call for telephone number information (411) which had been in use for years. Even the time of day (for heavens sakes!) could be obtained with a three-digit number!

So, it wasn't a 911 call that was put out to local responders in Dover, but over the past several weeks plans have been in process for what has come to be an annual event at Holy Cross. One that doesn't seem to grow old. We look for ways of building onto First Responders Day as we invite new agencies to take part. The Robbins Hose Fire Department in Dover was joined by representation of the Dover City Police Department and the Delaware State Police. The friendly EMT's from the St. Francis Paramedic Service were especially engaged with the children as they demonstrated emergency procedure, and allowed tours of the ambulance interior. I learned a lot of new information about the Department of Corrections as we visited with and listened to Probation and Correctional Officers who informed us of their duties and methods in which they assist local law enforcement in response to emergency situations. We met Trooper Dan for the first time this year. Trooper Dan is a Delaware Blue VW bug, atop of which sits the signature trooper hat of large proportion. Trooper Dan visits all kinds of local events, participates in parades, and was nice enough to make some time for us on our FR Day. Trooper Dan is driven by Corporal Jones who commented on the manners and good questions posed by our students. It's always a thrill to watch the DSP Helicopter descend onto the green grass behind the ELC and listen to the stories told by the pilots before walking over to the demonstrations of police heroism performed by the members of the force with four paws. The officers tell the students about the training process required for each canine before becoming an active member of the force. This precedes a demonstration of their talents and contributions made to the department as they play a key role in drug enforcement laws, bomb detection, and human pursuit. The motorcycles are always a big hit, and our own Officer Knight gave each child an opportunity to use the police car radio, just like he does when he has to call out to the bad guys.

We are grateful to our First Responders, and it is vitally important that our students grow up learning an appreciation for what they do to keep our community safe. Grateful, too am I to Mr. and Mrs. Klaus for their assistance in the planning of the day as well as making the arrangements for lunch from Mission Barbecue. Many thanks to our HSA for picking up the tab!

It was a great day for all involved, the weather was picture perfect and all responders seemed to enjoy interacting with the students.

**Relating Heaven, Earth and Purgatory.** In 1985, a singer named Belinda Carlisle topped the charts with a song called “Heaven is a Place on Earth.” Now, as heretical as that title might sound in doctrinaire terms, there is a touch of truth in it. At Mass, we celebrate the feast of Heaven and Earth; it is a reflection of the heavenly banquet, with Christ as its center, and the saints gathered in ascendant praise. Likewise, at Mass we pray for the souls in Purgatory. And so, Mass brings all three states of the Church into view for us, around the Sacrifice of Christ.

**All Saints Day.** In this regard, on Wednesday, November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. The celebration ranks high on the Church calendar as a solemnity – specifically, a Holy Day of Obligation. On All Saints Day we honor the Saints in Heaven – in the Church Triumphant. However, as much as we honor them, we do even more: we, in fact, strive to one day join them. The collect (opening prayer) for Mass that on All Saints Day expresses that desire: *“Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...”*

**All Souls Day.** The day after we celebrate the Church Triumphant, we turn our gaze to the Church Suffering as we observe All Souls Day. On that day, we remember all the faithful departed in Purgatory and pray that they may rest in the peace of Heaven. The collect for All Souls Day expresses this hope: *“Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...”* Similarly, *The Roman Martyrology*, the Church’s official listing of all of our saints, indicates that All Souls Day is when we are called to offer our prayers for *“all those who still groan in Purgatory, so that they may join as soon as possible the inhabitants of the heavenly city.”*

**A Moving Experience.** Regarding joining “the inhabitants of the heavenly city,” it is the inherent desire of those in the Church on Earth is to get to the Church in Heaven. But, this is not like moving from one parish to another because of better air conditioning, better music or no second collections. No! It is an inherent desire; it is the natural progression to which we are called.

**Preparing for Company.** However (and isn’t there always a “however”), in order to make the move from this world to the Kingdom of God in Heaven and abide with and in the company of Saints, we have to be rightly prepared: We need to be in a state of grace, and we need to have no temporal punishments due for sin on our dance card. In this world, we cleanse ourselves of those problems by the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist and by the gaining of Indulgences, respectively. In this regard:

- Confession puts us in a state of grace by cleansing us from all of our sins (especially mortal sins which serve to break our relationship with God).
- The Eucharist nourishes us and cleanses us from venial (lesser) sins.
- The gaining of Indulgences (gifts of God’s grace) by good deeds, prayers and actions, wipes away our Temporal Punishment due for the sins we have committed.

**Purgatory and the Tonight Show.** But what if we do, in fact, still have venial sins upon us (un-repent) or temporal punishment due for sin at the time of death? Purgatory cleanses us. It prepares us. It is like getting one’s self all clean and prepped for a prom, a wedding, or a date with Scarlett Johansson. I have often likened Purgatory to the famous “Green Room” back stage on The Tonight Show. It seems that back stage at the Tonight Show there is a room, dubbed the “Green Room,” in which the guests for the evening remain-in-waiting until they are called to come on stage and go on air with Jimmy Fallon. In that room, that “Green Room,” they wait, they prepare and look forward to that big moment when they are moved from the “Green Room” to the big room... to the set of the Tonight Show. This is much like what Purgatory is for us: it’s a waiting place, a place where God preps you and purgates (purges, cleanses) you of anything that would keep you from enjoying the awe and wonder of Heaven.

**High Hopes.** And so, for our loved ones who have passed on, we hope – but do not know – they are in Heaven, and so we are called to pray that they make that journey. Our default setting when someone dies is one of charity: to pray for their soul; to pray that they get to their place in the Heavenly kingdom (the Church Triumphant). We are a people of hope! Much like Frank Sinatra crooned in 1959, we’ve “got high hopes.” and on All Saints Day and All Souls Day, like author H.G. Wells, we ponder, with hope, those “Things to Come.” Amen!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini  
Pastor