



# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

October 4, 2020

27th Sunday Ordinary Time/Respect Life

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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  
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am  
During Lent, Monday-Friday, 12:10 pm also  
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day)

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

### ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight (CLOSED DUE TO COVID)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm  
Friday 9 am-noon, closed Wednesday

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish  
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass  
Thursday, 6:30 pm

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“All **LIFE** has inestimable value, even the **weakest** and most **vulnerable**, the **sick**, the **old**, the **unborn** and the **poor** are masterpieces of God’s creation.”

*Pope Francis*

## Respect Life

### 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 parish 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.

## THIS WEEK (HC OR ICC)

Check out our websites

[holycrossdover.org](http://holycrossdover.org)

[iccmmarydel.org](http://iccmmarydel.org)

Holy Cross Church is unlocked and available for private prayer. The doors will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Daily Mass at HC at 8 am Monday through Saturday. Weekend Masses at Holy Cross are Saturday evening 5 pm, Sunday at 7:30 and 9:30 am, 11:30 am Spanish.

Weekend Masses at ICC are Sunday at 8:30 and 11 am, and 1 pm Spanish. Also a 9 am Mass on Saturday morning in Spanish

We are limiting access to the parish offices, so you can buzz when you stop by, or call and leave messages and we will get back to you; or, you can email us.

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending September 20, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$23,828	\$28,000	(\$4,172)
YTD	\$282,912	\$330,400	(\$46,488)
Needs	\$1,922	\$1,550	\$372

## WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending September 20,

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$2,945
Second	\$80

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs, and activities of Holy Cross and ICC are made possible.

"Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time. May are still not attending Mass but we still need your support. You can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card.

We will call you back . Thank you for your continued support.

I enjoy writing — I do. Moreover, I am always enchanted by the multiplicity of nuances found in the English language which I deploy in my writing — plays on words, shades of meaning, byzantine sentence structuring, etc. All of this is what makes writing so very, very enjoyable for me.

**Spinning a Webster.** But alas, sometimes, a tear flows from my eye, and Noah Webster can be heard spinning in his grave, as a degradation of the language occurs. In recent years, the wounding of English, my mother tongue, has accelerated via the rise of texting (and similar social media communication). This new incarnation of our English language is gooped up in a web of arcane abbreviations, shortcuts, and acronyms too numerous to count.

**Weeping for Words.** There are certain moments in the decline of our English language that stand out in my mind. One in particular happened about seven years ago, when I speaking with a college student who, in the course of discussion, stated how he had “conversated with some friends about his new classes.” I remember saying to him, “You did what with your friends?” He repeated that he “conversated” with them. Following a round of smelling salts, I came back to consciousness and reminded him that he meant that he “had a conversation with some friends.” He said, “It means the same thing.” Paraphrasing St. John’s Gospel 11:35: And Fr. Lentini wept.

**Xerox was Copied.** We also have the heinous practice today of turning nouns into verbs. Truly, I don’t want to hear one more person talk about “calendar” (vs. putting it in my calendar); “impacting” (vs. making an impact); “tasking,” (vs. assigning a task); and “solutioning” (vs. finding a solution). No do I want to hear student athletes who make it to the finals in a sporting competition announce that they “finalled.” I blame the Xerox Corporation for all of this. Why? Because their name went from a proper noun (Xerox Corp.), to a common noun (I made a xerox of the document), to an adjective (I made a xerox copy of it), finally, to a verb (I’m xeroxing the pages). With our young generation that terminology has died (copying or photocopying has taken its place), but I still blame Xerox — much like Sir Edmund Hillary climbing Mount Everest, once it was proved it could be done, others followed suit (dare I say, they copied).

**An Assaulted Pretzel.** Why does all this annoy me so much? Aside from the desecration of a beautiful language — the language of Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Whitman, Keats, Cooper, Twain and so many others — it bothers me because words mean things. And when we assault the language and twist words into a pretzel for sake of convenience and laziness (rather than for poetic license or craft) we take what was meant to be a pretzel rod, and turn it into in twisted pretzel, which it was not meant to be. And we also diminish a word’s value, origin and intended meaning.

**Speaking Germane.** Why is it bad to diminish a word’s value, origin and intended meaning? Because then words no longer mean things, and the intent of a word can be subjugated to whim; pre-

cision of meaning dies. For instance, is “calendar” putting a date on your calendar or is it making a calendar? More germane to October (as it is Respect Life Month) is the word phoetus (rendered these days as fetus). That word used to be technical term for a human child in the womb; it has now been effectively morphed into meaning “a thing” in the womb — the word has been stripped of its humanity and human connotation, so much so that pro-life folks like me don’t even use the term anymore, because the meaning of the word has morphed, and has taken on a dark overtone.

**Giving Your Word.** But words are important — they are signifiers of meaning. They are signifiers of expressions of truth. So, important are words, that Jesus Christ is called the Word made flesh. Scripture is the Word of God. And, in human terms, when we speak honestly we give someone our word... and that word we give means something. And so, with all of this banter about words, I want to write a little bit about words and terms that we use that find their origin, etymology or back story in Sacred Scripture — the Word of God — or in Biblical history.

**Scapegoat** - We use the term “Scapegoat” for a person who takes the blame for something that isn’t his fault. But did you know that there was an actual goat, a real live goat, that was a scapegoat? It comes from Biblical history. Back in the day, God ordained a particular day during which the entire nation of Israel would set aside work, and during which the priests would atone for the sin of the whole nation. Among the rituals prescribed was the use of the scapegoat. What was this Ritual? The priest was instructed to lay his hands on a goat (dubbed a scape) and confess the nation’s sins over it. Then the goat was chased off into the wilderness, to where it would “e-scape,” carrying off the sins of the people with it. This can be referenced in Leviticus 16:8-10 (some translations use the word “scapegoat” others, just “goat”).

**Talent.** We use this word in reference to one’s natural abilities. But you have also probably heard of this word being used a bit differently in the Bible. In the Gospel of St. Matthew 25:14-34 we hear of the parable of the talents. The “talents” spoken of in that parable were units of money. In that parable told by Jesus, a Master gives three of his servants five talents, two talents and one talent respectively, with the intent they use them to make a return on this money. The first two servants do well, and get a good return by their investing of the talents. But the last guy, the guy with one talent, buries it and does nothing with it (making no return on it). When the Master returns he hands him back the one talent, the Master gives him a smack in the back of the head and says, “What the heck is this you big schmegegge? You did nothing with the one talent I gave you.” The moral of the story: We are called to use those things that God gives us in order to serve him. As this parable has evolved along with our language, talents have come to mean abilities we have been invested with. Thus, we are to use our “talents,” (our natural abilities) given to us by the Master.

**Simony.** This is a word that refers to the buying or selling of Church offices (jobs, titles, positions,



## HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini, V. F.  
Rev. Mano Salla

Pastor  
Parochial Vicar

## HC CLERGY

Msgr. Daniel McGlynn  
Mr. Philip Belt  
Mr. John Harvey  
Mr. Robert McMullen  
Mr. Scott Peterson  
Mr. Vincent Pisano

Pastor Emeritus  
Deacon  
Deacon  
Deacon  
Deacon  
Deacon

## ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell

Deacon

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Michele Dornberger Records/Asst. Bus. Mgr., ext. 116  
Arline Dosman Dir. of Hispanic Ministry, ext. 118  
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Linda Pollitt Principal, ext. 111

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## PRO LIFE CORNER

The fall 40 Days for Life Dover event began on Wednesday, September 23rd and continues to Sunday November 1st. Please join us in prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood of Dover to help save the lives of the unborn. You may participate at your convenience and schedule. While at Planned Parenthood, please follow Governor Carney's Social Distancing Guidelines. For more information contact Donna at (862) 266-1099 or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/dover](http://www.40daysforlife.com/dover).

- Life begins at conception and continues to natural death.
  - Offer your prayers for the most vulnerable, especially the elderly during this COVID-19 crisis.
- "Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you." ~Pope Francis*

## LIFE CHAIN

COME AND JOIN US on Sunday, October 4, 2020, from Noon until 2: pm., for our annual Life Chain event at the Planned Parenthood Center, 805 S. Governors Avenue, Dover. This is a country-wide Pro-Life event. Our picketings are always peaceful, prayerful, and positive. An Assembly Permit has been obtained from the City of Dover Police Department. Sacrifice a few minutes of your time to be with us.

## GIVING TREE

This Advent Season, we will NOT be offering our normal Giving Tree as we have done in years past due to the Pandemic restrictions. We will arrange our Giving Tree for you to contribute to needy families of our parish and school by donating either gift cards or monetary donations, similar to the small Samaritan tree we have had in the past. More information will come out as we get closer to Advent.

## READINGS FOR OCTOBER 11 28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-10

We exult and rejoice because the Lord in whom we hoped has saved us.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14, 19-20

The Lord gives us the strength to be ready for anything, anywhere.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

The Lord invites us all to his celebratory feast.

## RCIA (HC)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who has an interest in the Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is holding Zoom meetings on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM to 10:30 AM. If you are interested please send an email to Deacon Vince at [vpisano@holycrossdover.org](mailto:vpisano@holycrossdover.org) and an invitation will be sent to you to join our Zoom meeting.

## VOCATIONS

Christ spoke of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Are you an active Christian in the parish, at your workplace, and in the home? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

*Serra for priestly and religious*

## ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Even though we are not opening the Adoration Chapel at this time, anyone who was on the normal adoration schedule is welcome to come into the church to pray during your assigned hour. The church is unlocked from 7 am to 7 pm and Our Lord is waiting for you to come spend time with Him. Our Lord is present in the tabernacle all day long and would love for you to spend time praying. It's a great way to get back into the routine of praying during your scheduled hour.

## CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, October 10th, tune in to pray the rosary with Bishop Malooly and students from area Catholic schools. Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at [www.cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://www.cdow.org/CatholicForum), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### OCTOBER

#### 5 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Mary Eagen

#### 6 TUESDAY

HC 6:30 pm Fr. David Baumgartel

HC 8:00 am Richard Reymolds

#### 7 WEDNESDAY

HC 6:30 am Eileen Martin

HC 8:00 am Ellen Stant Lazzeri

#### 9 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Dec Mem Rossi Family

#### 10 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Belinda M. Roberts

HC 5 pm Nicholas & Rose Pedano

#### 11 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Grace Jara

ICC 8:30 am Marge Messner

HC 9:30 am Adolf Korosec

HC 11:30 am Rina Lewis

ICC 11 am Richard Brusca, Sr.

ICC 1 pm For the People

HC 6 pm Pietro Ranieri

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

## PRAYING THE ROSARY

Saturday, October 10, we will give Honor, Praise and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima on the 103rd Anniversary of

Fatima. We will pray the Holy Rosary, the Joyful Mysteries, Renew our Consecration to Our Holy Mother Mary and lift our voices in song....All are Welcome and encouraged to coe!!

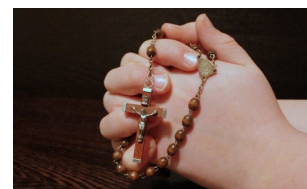
When: **Saturday, October 10 at 12:00 pm (noon)**

Where: **Outside at Our Lady Of Mt. Carmel Statute in front of Church** (Weather Permitting)

P.G. "Face Masks are required and social distancing a Must"

Mary, gave us the antidote to evil...the Daily Rosary

**COME ONE, COME ALL!!!**



## MASS MINISTERS

### NO SCHEDULE FOR MASS MINISTERS AT THIS TIME.

PLEASE COME  
FORWARD TO HELP  
DISTRIBUTE  
HOLY COMMUNION  
AT THE MASS YOU  
ATTEND. THE PRIEST  
WILL INDICATE HOW  
MANY EXTRA-  
ORDINARY  
MINISTERS ARE  
NEEDED.

Since we are not scheduling ministers to assist at the Masses as of yet, we do appreciate the Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion who volunteer to step forward at the Mass they are attending to help distribute communion. Thank you.

We have a Lector Schedule for lectors only. It was emailed out to all lectors we had emails for in our system.

If you wish to be considered to lector, please email Diane at [dbelt@holycrossdover.org](mailto:dbelt@holycrossdover.org) so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector. Thank you.

## DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories have been in the Parish Office for the past few months. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up. Please do not just show up to pick up your copy.

## SHARE IN THE SPIRIT

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 at the parish office or go to the Share in the Spirit website at [www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html](http://www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html) and click on "Ways to Give." This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

## HOLY CROSS CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

A book commemorating Holy Cross' 150th anniversary has been developed and is now available. A comprehensive coverage of our parish's history from 1870 to present day parish life is presented in nearly 80 beautifully designed pages. Numerous pictures, some in black & white while others are in vivid color, help to bring the material to life. Major sections include: a short biography of all our pastors since 1870, articles describing many of the important events through the years, and several more in-depth stories covering specific areas of our parish from both a historical and current perspective.

Go to [HolyCrossDover.org](http://HolyCrossDover.org) and look under "Headings" to get a glimpse (teaser) of the book's content and to download the order form. The books are available in three levels of quality and are priced at \$9.00 (Good), \$18.00 (Very Good), and \$25.00 (Best). The variations include softback vs. hardback covers, paper type, and standard vs. premium color. Any of the three will make a treasured keepsake for you and your family. Sample books can be viewed at the parish office receptionist desk.

**Orders must be received no later than October 14th** and will be available for pickup before Thanksgiving.

## SAMARITAN FOOD NEEDS (HC)

The Samaritan Food Pantry is collecting items to help with the great demands being placed on them during this crisis. Please leave perishable items in the freezer by the Samaritan pick up door and non perishable items can be left there also. Thank you in advance for your generosity. **At this time we are really in need of the following: roaster chickens, turkey, ham, ground beef assorted beans and rice.**

The Samaritans also appreciate any monetary donations that have been sent in. Thank you for thinking of your needy brothers and sisters.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Which of the following qualities is your beloved strongest in - honesty, honor, justice, graciousness...? Be thankful and ask your spouse to pray that you also may grow in this quality.

## PARENTING POINTERS

October is Respect Life Month. Talk to your child

about respecting the human lives that are too often dismissed as unworthy or inconvenient (the unborn, the poor, the imprisoned, the handicapped...).

## RETURNING TO MASS

- Attendees are to **wear a face covering** when inside the Church
- Pews have been marked off to accommodate social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church.
- **When receiving Holy Communion, please remember to stay socially distanced.** We encourage you to receive Holy Communion in your hand, but **if you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to be at the end of the Communion line.** There will be no Cup distributed at this time.
- As you leave the church, please **do not gather in the Gathering Space** or parking lot.

**El Ministerio de la Hospitalidad son Trabajadores en la Viña del Señor.** La función de sus ministros. El ministro de la hospitalidad es uno de los ministros de la Liturgia y tiene una función importantísima; Darle la Bienvenida al Señor en cada persona que llega para la santa Misa.

Comúnmente conocido como ujieres, pero en realidad son ministros de la hospitalidad. La palabra ujier en su etimología viene del francés «huissier» y a su vez del latín tardío «ostiarium» que quiere decir portero de un palacio o tribunal y la casa del Señor no es un palacio ni un tribunal. Correctamente se les llama ministros de la hospitalidad que es un llamado del Señor a servir.

**Cualidades que debe tener los Ministros de la Hospitalidad:** El rostro de la iglesia, la amabilidad y la sonrisa, carisma de querer servir al Señor, don de gentes, la paciencia, la tranquilidad, la discreción, ecuanimidad y rapidez ante cualquier contingencia. Profundizar en la fe como punto de partida. Una comprensión básica de uno mismo y de los demás que pueda ayudar a los a relacionarse en forma más auténtica con Dios y con los otros. Salud psicológica, marcada por la integridad, por límites interpersonales apropiados, y por la capacidad de honrar y salvaguardar la confianza que la gente deposita en ellos como ministros de la Iglesia. Salud física, que incluya un equilibrio general en la vida y en el ministerio de uno, marcado por prácticas adecuadas para mantener un buen estado de salud.

**Las Misas dominicales: Holy Cross:** Sábado: 5:00 pm Domingo: 7:30 am - 9:30 am - 11:30 am en español. Confesiones Sábado 8:30-10:00 am **La Inmaculada Concepción:** Domingo 8:30 am, 11:00 am - 1:00 de la tarde en español y jueves a las 6:00 de la tarde, sábado - 9:00 a 11:00 de la mañana en español. Confesiones

después de la misa hasta las 11:00 am

Ya están disponibles las aplicaciones para la Educación Religiosa 2020-2021. En la página de la parroquia, entre y descargue una aplicación, o vaya a la oficina de Educación Religiosa y recoja una aplicación. Si su hijo está en edad escolar y no está asistiendo a la escuela católica, los padres tienen la responsabilidad de que su hijo se forme y conozca sobre su Fe que un día ustedes profesaron por él o ella.

**NUEVA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL 2020-2021:** Las inscripciones para el año escolar está disponible en el sitio web o puede llamar o enviar un correo electrónico a la oficina para que se lo envíen. Por favor inscribirse antes del 1 de agosto, para que podamos hacer los planes necesarios para el año y ordenar libros, materiales y suministros. A medida que trabajamos en el plan para el nuevo año escolar, estamos trabajando para garantizar la seguridad de todos los estudiantes y sus familias, y los actualizaremos a todos cuando tengamos nuestro plan.

Las reglas de la pandemia siguen en vigor y todos tenemos la responsabilidad de protegernos y proteger a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. Todos tenemos que poner de nuestra parte y seguir las regulaciones gubernamentales de usar mascarillas en lugares públicos, distanciamiento social, lavarnos las manos con frecuencia, si está enfermo quédese en casa y si respetamos estas reglas, juntos podremos salir adelante y superar como iglesia, como comunidad los grandes desafíos que nos presenta el Coronavirus, si muchos dicen que ya acabaron con el coronavirus, pero recuerden que el coronavirus no ha acabado con nosotros, está muy presente. Protegemos nuestra salud y la salud del hermano especialmente los más vulnerables.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

**Regular Class** October 4th 3:30-5:30

**Parent Meeting in Parish Hall at 3:45pm**

Children are to be dropped off at the double doors next to the Elementary office. No one except students and volunteers are allowed to enter the building. Hall monitors will assist getting children to their classes.

Dismissal from the ramp side will be as follows:  
Upstairs Grades 6-8 and sacramental prep 5:15  
Down stairs (a teacher or assistant will escort to the ramp):

K-1 5:20

2-3 5:25

4-5 5:30

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

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Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122 to discuss available options.

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### **LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Family Catechesis) (HC)**

October 4th 10:30-12:30 in the Matthew/Mark Room

Interested in enrolling your family in LAFF, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122 to discuss available options.

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#### **1st Communion**

**Blessings and congratulations to all of our youth who received First Communion on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> or during the past few weeks. We pray that God continues to be a presence in their lives and may they be blessed in the years ahead.**



**A very special thank you to a group of individuals, who donated their talents and time to make 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Masks for each 1<sup>st</sup> Communicant. May God Bless you!**

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES (HC)

Our next Confirmation class takes place Sunday, October 4 or Wednesday, October 7

in the Junior High Building. If your child is not registered, please contact Linda Darling for paperwork.

## SPARK 2020 (HC)

Please join us for the first CYM Youth Conference. This virtual event will take place on Zoom Webinar on November 19th-21st from 7p-8:30p each night. Designed to "spark" the faith of our young people and families, the lineup of nationally acclaimed Catholic speakers will cover relationships, overcoming hardships, and living out the Faith as a family during the COVID-19 pandemic, with messages designed for 6th through 12th grade students.

Suggested donation is \$10 per person. Please contact Linda Darling if you are interested in attending so she may get you registered: ldarling@holycrossdover.org .

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

A lot has changed this year, and with that comes changes to our way of providing formation for your children's Religious Education.

We are using an at home model for the first 8 weeks, and will reevaluate in the next 4-6 weeks to plan our next steps, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-6392 or send me an email to dre@iccmarylodel.org

We continue with Student book pick up, if you have not yet gotten them-following each Mass. Please come to the designated area (depending on weather) and pick up your students book bag. Only one parent is needed to get materials. Students that are registered will receive their books.

## REGISTRATION REL ED (ICC)

If you have any concerns regarding Religious Education registration or Sacramental Prep, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if you have not yet registered, Alicia Poppiti at dre@iccmarylodel.org or 410-482-8939.

## 2019/20 1ST COMMUNION (ICC)

We have rescheduled for the Saturday of December 12 at Immaculate Conception. More information to come as well get closer to the date.

## CONFIRMATION 2020-2021 (ICC)

If you have not sent them in, please do so now, so we can better plan for your youth. Parent meeting on September 27th at 2:30pm in hall.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION: (ICC)

Book Club- "The Church of Mercy" by Pope Francis And/or DVD series and discussion group- "Symbolon" by Augustine Institute "Whether you are looking to grow in your Faith or just learning about the Catholic Church for the first time, Symbolon will take you through a journey into the timeless beauty and truths of the Catholic Faith and reveal God's incredible love for us-the story of our



I have two stories to tell. Both stories tell of two special young women who have certainly touched my life, and the lives of others in their role as Catholic educators, in their response to the call to serve. Strangely enough, in both stories you will find the common theme; *all good things come to those who wait.*

**STORY NUMBER 1 - *HC has always been my home and I am PROUD and happy that my girls can say the same.***

*Rosanna Zappulo*

"I'm waiting..... come on now....." tapping my fingernails on the countertop. It could have been any day of the school week when Mrs. Zappulo would walk hurriedly through the doors to pick up her oldest daughter, Giusy. Typically, she would have Gaia on her right hip as the two of them ascended the steps through to the elementary building to find Giusy. Oftentimes she was also there to retrieve her niece, Annachiara and her nephew, Vasco as well as I was standing there poised to harass. Her sincere and emphatic response would be something along the line of "I know, I'm trying!" or "I'm getting there, I promise...don't worry!" As my former student, I felt I had every right to harass her and she knew it was good natured. Good natured or not though, I WAS waiting for her to complete her degree and acquire the initial qualifications for hire. Understanding that she played the role of full time wife and mother, family business partner, and full time student, not to mention her obligations to the extended family I patiently awaited the day when she would come on board as faculty. Her road was a long one. Following her graduation from Holy Cross, Rosanna attended Polytech High School and Del Tech Community College. Upon graduation, in keeping with family tradition she traveled to Italy for a few years where she met and married her husband. Returning to the United States, as Rosanna relays "I knew it was time for me to fulfill my dream of becoming a teacher and finally making my mother proud." Continuing in her journey she set out to achieve her goal by enrolling at Wilmington University earning a BA in Early Childhood Education. Still juggling all of her responsibilities to family, she completed her degree and immediately thereafter, accepted a teaching position in our Pre-School program at Holy Cross in 2017. At the end of her first year with our four year olds, the position for a teacher in the Three Year Old program became available. The Holy Spirit was truly present when I sat down to discuss with Rosanna the changes in store for her. We talked of opening up the classroom enlarging the learning space, incorporating symbols of life; fish tanks, live trees, adding play stations, and increasing the number of students. Mrs. Zappulo had so many ideas, she spent the majority of her summer making plans for her new venture. Mrs. Zappulo truly gave definition to the TYO program. It is highly respected and sought after in the community. The program has definitely fulfilled its initial objective; to be a feeder for the 4's.

*"I am beyond thrilled to be teaching 2nd grade now!!!!"*

It was at the end of last school year that Rosanna came to me and said, "If there is an opening that I could be considered for, I think it's time for me to spread my wings." There was, and she did. This is Mrs. Zappulo's first year in second grade. And as God would have it, she is teaching many of the students she began with in 2017. They are a fortunate bunch, indeed. *"I am and forever will be a Crusader!" Mrs. Rosanna Zappulo*

**STORY NUMBER 2:** I guess we've all heard the old adage, *God laughs while we make plans.* Even though I am a steadfast believer in God having the last say and the ultimate plan, I do admit to the tendency for worry when *my* plan goes awry. It was late in the summer when I learned that there would be a position opening up in our second grade. This wasn't the plan, according to Mrs. Pollitt, however.

Our second story tells of the young woman who graduated from Holy Cross and went on to complete her four years of high school at St. Thomas More Academy. It was during her four years that she played an active role in athletics and other extra curricula's such as Yearbook and the Art Club. With a host of college acceptances to her credit Miss Madison Christiansen decided upon Delaware State University accepting their offers of multiple academic scholarships. "I started out college as a mass communications major focusing on broadcast journalism until I realized my true passion was teaching, explains Miss Christiansen. As a member of Kappa Delta Pi, a chapter of the National Honors Society for education majors, Madison worked hard to make up for time lost in changing majors. But, you see that was **all** a part of God's plan to make her available for a teaching position at Holy Cross when we needed her most! But when I needed her the most, she was not available. Miss Christiansen was on the route bound for student teaching and the completion of her degree. I need her now! She would be available in December. I will be forever grateful to Mrs. Kathy Bason and Mrs. Jean Lloyd for their expertise in filling the hole in the dyke while we all awaited the month of December. In the interim, Madison seized opportunities to visit and spend some time with her soon to be students whenever she had some time off. They immediately fell in love. Today, her classroom space is a delight, and she is fulfilling her passion for teaching. All in God's good time.

*"After graduation I began my teaching career in the exact same place that my educational journey began, if you would have told me four years ago that I would be teaching next door to my Pre-K teacher I probably would have laughed. I am so grateful for this opportunity that I have been given and I look forward to contributing to the lives of HCS students as my teachers once did for me."*

*Miss Madison Christiansen*

Welcome home, Madison.

etc.) and goes back to a period in Church history long gone, where that was commonly done. But that word simony goes back even further! It goes back to Act of the Apostles, 8:17-20, regarding a man named Simon who was a sorcerer. The passage has him witnessing the Apostles engaging in the laying on of hands: "Then they laid hands on them and they received the holy Spirit. When Simon saw that the Spirit was conferred by the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money and said, "Give me this power too, so that anyone upon whom I lay my hands may receive the holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "May your money perish with you, because you thought that you could buy the gift of God with money." Thus from Simon's attempt to purchase the power of the Sacred, we get the word simony.

**Apocalypse.** This word, when used today, tends to mean a time or an event of great destruction, or even the end of the world. However, the last book in the Bible, Revelation, is also called the Apocalypse of St. John. The word apocalypse comes from the Greek apo meaning "un" and kaluptein meaning "covered" — apokaluptein thus meaning "uncovered" or "revealed." Thus Apocalypse is word that really does mean "revelation" — for in St. John's writing he reveals the battle between good and evil that will demarcate the end times.

**Aha.** When you catch someone doing something they shouldn't — like stealing a cookie from the cookie jar — you might yell, "Aha." The meaning of that exclamation is roughly taken as "caught you." But that's not the origin of the word. "Aha" might win the award for the word with biggest change in meaning over time — kind of — though the original meaning is just under the surface. "Aha" appears first in Psalm 35:20-21, "They speak no words of peace, but against the quiet in the land, they fashion deceitful speech. They open wide their mouths against me. They say, "Aha! Good! Our eyes have seen it!" In this passage, the word "Aha" is not a nice word in its true form. It comes from the Hebrew "achach" literally meaning a hot room; but when said to someone back in the day, (as in this Psalm) it meant the equivalent of "go to Hell." Oh, my!

**"A Little Bird Told Me."** When someone repeats something someone told them (often gossip), they'll say something like, "A little bird told me that you got a new job." While we use this phrase as a cute way of saying "someone shared this information with me," its origin is not cute in tone at all — it actually comes from an admonition, a Divine warning, in Scripture. In Ecclesiastes 10:20, we are told "Even in your thoughts do not curse the king, nor in the privacy of your bedroom curse the rich; for the birds of the air may carry your voice, a winged creature may tell what you say." Those little birds are such yentas!

**Jezebel.** In the TV show "Cheers," bar-regular Norm once noted that when he started dating his future wife, Vera, he heard that she had loose morals — but then learned that in fact, she actually only had a dental problem of loose molars. But a woman of loose morals is oft dubbed a "jezebel." But there is more to the story than that. You may remember in scripture there was a false god known as Baal — and evil force. Well, in Old Testament times when one wanted to summon Baal (the way people might summon the Devil using the black arts), they would begin the summoning ritual saying: "Where is the Prince?" (a reference to Baal). In Hebrew, that phrase (where is the prince?) is expressed by a variant of the word "jezebel." One who utters it, to call on the false god Baal, is being unfaithful to the one true God. King Ahab's wife, Jezebel, promoted Baal worship in Israel to lure the Jewish people away from Yahweh — and so that ceremonial word became associated with her name, or her name became that ceremonial word (a chicken-and-egg conundrum). In any event, because of this Baal worshipping woman, an unfaithful woman oft bear the epithet, "Jezebel." Thus her name has become a byword — but I guess that's just the way the Baal bounces.

**Jeroboam** - In 1 Kings 14, we hear about King Jeroboam, the first king of the northern Kingdom of Israel... but if you are an oenophile (lover of wine) you would know that a jeroboam is a wine bottle/container with a capacity four times larger than an ordinary bottle of wine. Even more useless trivia: the measure for a container that can hold the equivalent of 16 bottles of wine is called a Balthazar (like one of the three Wise Men) and one that can hold the equivalent of 20 bottles of wine is called a Nebuchadnezzar (the Babylonian King, referenced in the book of Daniel, 2nd Kings, 2nd Chronicles, Ezra, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel).

**"The Straight and Narrow."** The phrase the straight and narrow today means an honest and morally acceptable way of living. But, alas, this phrase is a victim of a terrible transliteration, misspelling, and translation problem. The phrase emanates from St. Matthew's Gospel, 7:14, where we are advised: "How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few." Now, no one ever says "go walk the constricted and narrow" — they say, "walk the straight and narrow." So, where does that phrase "straight and narrow" come from? As they say at the beginning of The Brady Bunch: "Here's the story." In the old Catholic translation of scripture this passage read, "How narrow is the gate, and strait is the way that leadeth to life: and few there are that find it!" In this sense, "narrow" and "strait" mean basically the same thing: narrow, tight or constricted. The term "strait" refers to a narrow passage like the Straits of Gibraltar. Somehow, over time, "strait" was transliterated into "straight" (as in not-crooked, and not-crooked has come to mean honest), thus we wind up with "Straight and narrow" — with "strait" misspelt. But, let me set the record "straight" lest I leave you in dire "straits" with this phrase: The straight and narrow should be the strait (narrow) and narrow — that is the type of path that leads to Heaven... and it is narrow one!

And now, as those who change nouns to verbs might say, "Enough Scripturing." I'll say, however, this column touched merely on the tip of the iceberg of the wealth of our language's words and phrase that are baked into our Holy Scriptures. There are many, many, many more, but I thought I would choose these few to reflect on for this column. God bless. I remain,

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini  
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