

# CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

October 5, 2025

27th 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

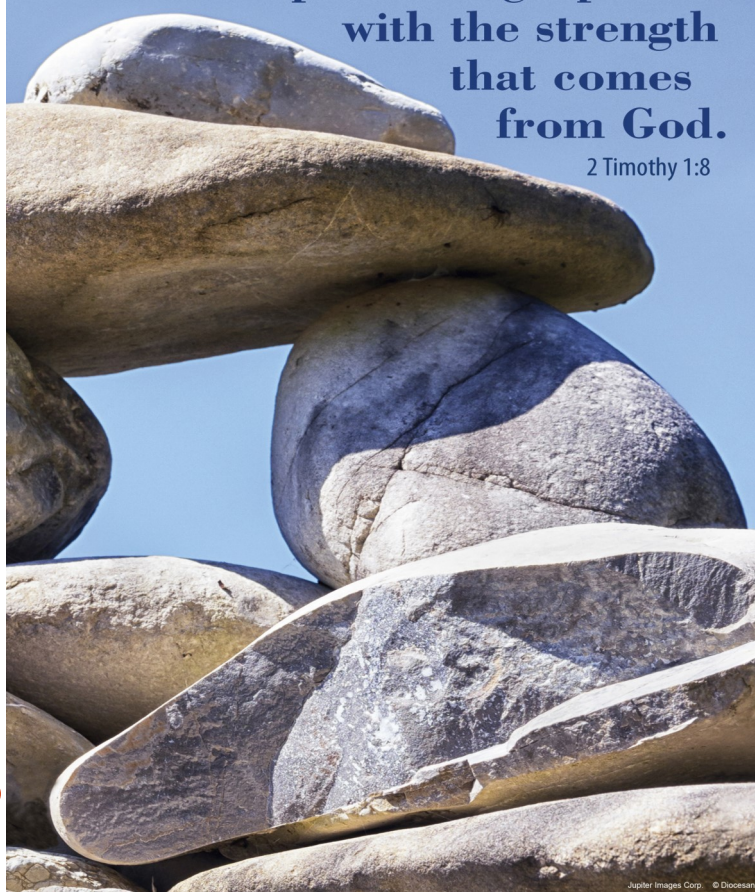
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am  
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

Bear your share  
of hardship for the gospel  
with the strength  
that comes  
from God.

2 Timothy 1:8



### 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.

## October is Respect Life Month



### October is the Month of the Rosary

Please join us at a public rosary rally taking place at 12 noon, Saturday, October 11, 2025. We will meet at the statue of Mary in the front parking lot and will pray for the repentance and conversion of our great nation, asking God to save America through the rosary of His Most Holy Mother. RSVP by emailing Delizabeth Diaz-Martinez, (Delimar59@gmail.com) or by calling/texting (443-739-6067). Bring your own chair if you wish to sit. Mary, help of all Christians, pray for us!!

## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC) Ending September 21, 2025

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$21,917	\$25,912	(\$3,995)
YTD	\$298,218	\$313,086	(\$14,868)
Needs	\$1,983	\$1,738	\$245

## WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC) Ending September 21, 2025

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$3,474
Second	\$479

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Dear Parishioners,

Remember last week when I mentioned that my three-part series had become a four-part series? Well, surprise, surprise, it will wind up at five parts. This week, I will continue, in part IV, writing about the Liturgy of the Eucharist and then complete it, along with the concluding rites, next week in part V.

And, as my favorite comedian of yesteryear, Jackie Gleason, used to say: And away we go!

Let's pick up where I left off last week... the Consecration:

**Consecration (Words of Institution).** If you have been to a wedding, there is much hoopla as the bridesmaids and groomsmen enter, as the bride walks down the aisle, and as the groom stands with her at the altar as Mass begins. But what's the high point? No, not the enrollment in the Bridal registry at Neiman Marcus, not the reception, and not the reception of the wedding gifts. The high point is the mutual stating of "I do" — it is at that moment that the marriage of a man and woman occurs.

Similarly, it is at the consecration of the bread and wine at Mass that we reach the high point of the liturgy. As the Priest speaks the words of Christ, the bread and wine, though still visible to the eye, are no more — they become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. The words of institution are two-fold: "Take this all of you and eat of it, for this is my Body which will be given up for you." and "Take this all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new eternal covenant which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me." With that, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Note: at each of the two sets of words of consecration, the Priest, if able, genuflects before our Lord now present on the altar.

At the consecration of the bread, and then of the wine, as they become the Body and Blood of Christ, the bells are rung thrice — the triple bells draw attention to the supernatural event that has just occurred, but devotionally, each of those three ringings of the bells, can be seen as honoring the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — all of whom are connected to this action. One might say this is... dare I say... a ringing endorsement.

- **From Scripture:** We hear these Words of Institution (Consecration) in 1 Corinthians 11:23-25, in part: "the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, also the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'" In that same chapter, but in verse 27-29, the call to be properly disposed if you are receiving is noted:

"... whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord." Adding that if that is not done, the person "eats and drinks judgment on himself."

**The Anamnesis.** "Memories, light the corners of my mind," thus sang Barbra Streisand in her hit song, "The Way We Were." And while the celebration of the Eucharist is a re-presentation in real time of the Sacrifice of Christ, made once, for all, it is also a time to remember. To allow memories of holy moments to light the corners of our mind. Those memories guide us to where we are at this moment, and remind us what lies ahead. This is especially true in the portion of the Eucharistic Prayer called the anamnesis. It begins with the proclamation of the Mystery of Faith, which is often expressed as "When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again."

**The Present and the Future, Forged by the Past.**

Those words, expressing the Mystery of Faith (and there are three different texts that can be used to convey it), take us to the past, present, and future. In one way, it recalls what happened at the Cross (We proclaim your Death, O Lord), it points to what we are doing presently (and profess your Resurrection), and anticipates the future (until you come again). After that, in different forms, in the varied Eucharistic Prayers, we remember the key events that lead us to where we are now at this Mass and have us looking forward to what is to come: "Therefore O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice."

- **From Scripture:** We hear of remembering what God has done in Psalm 77:11, "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old." Also, in Deuteronomy 2:6, the Jewish people were reminded, "Remember how for these forty years the Lord, your God, has directed all your journeying in the wilderness."

**The Intercessions.** Remember, in a previous column, I wrote about the General Intercessions (also known as petitions) that we pray at Mass. Well, in the Eucharistic Prayers that are used, there are not general intercessions, but specific ones that are prayed. They are different in each of the four common Eucharistic Prayers we use. What things do we pray for? Well, in the Third Eucharistic Prayer, for example, in the tail-end of that prayer, in rapid succession, we make these petitions to God:

**HC & ICC CLERGY**

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F. Pastor  
 Rev. John Enemuo Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Wilson Paulose Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. John Hynes In Residence

**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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Mallory O'Mara Principal, ext. 111

**MAILING ADDRESS**

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 Dover, DE 19901

**OCT 12—28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 5:14-17**

Naaman, considered a foreigner, receives healing and wishes to express his gratitude and faith in the God of Israel.

**SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-13**

No matter what life throws at us, if we belong to Christ, then we shall have life in him.

**GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19**

We hear the familiar story of the ten lepers who were cured, but only one returns to give thanks and praise.

**SHARE IN THE SPIRIT COLLECTION**

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

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

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome to the newly registered parishioners of Holy Cross:

- Kiefer, Allison, Liam and Logan Gooch

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Our condolences to the families who recently lost a loved one:

- Barbara Piccioni
- Willis E. Wilson
- Reis Yoc-Santos
- Salvador Quitana Soria

**SAMARITAN'S FOOD PANTRY**

The pantry is in need of the following items: Grocery store size paper bags, Cereal, oatmeal, one pound bags of rice, canned goods, peanut butter, jelly, soups/ chunky soup, Brownie mix, and hamburger helper/Manwich.

The above and meat or burger can be left in the pantry dropoff door behind the rectory. Thank you for your generosity.

### LITTLE REFLECTION BOOKS, ADVENT, LENT AND EASTER SEASONS.

3 books for the one price of \$10.

Please give money, name and phone number to Holy Cross Parish Office, or to Marilyn Dixon at Immaculate Conception

### CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. This week, learn about the work of Red Bird Ministries, an organization that guides individuals and couples through the trauma that happens with the loss of a child through miscarriage and stillbirth or as an infant, child, adolescent, or adult. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DioceesofWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

### SPEND A SATURDAY WITH YOUR MOTHER: ATTEND THE DIOCESAN MARIAN PILGRIMAGE.

You are invited to join Bishop Koenig, priests, deacons and parishioners from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore at the annual Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 11, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Come for Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Mass, Rosary and more. Tour the largest Catholic church in America and visit the gardens and gift shop. For more information, visit [cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage](http://cdow.org/MarianPilgrimage) or [Facebook.com/cdowMarianPilgrimage](https://www.facebook.com/cdowMarianPilgrimage).

### HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Come to our Open House — Sunday, October 19 12 PM–2 PM. Families are warmly invited to explore the faith-filled, academically excellent community of Holy Cross High School. Meet our dedicated faculty, tour our campus, and learn how we nurture students to grow in leadership, service, and spiritual life.

### MASS INTENTION OCTOBER

#### 6 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Matthew & Cynthia Huffine (LI)

#### 7 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Raymond Voru

#### 8 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:15 am Veronica & Joseph Loughran

#### 9 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Rossi Family  
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

#### 10 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Kaltenbaugh-Caputo Families

#### 11 SATURDAY

HC 8:00 pm Walter & Jovina Mendoza  
HC 5:00 pm Grace Jara

#### 12 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Robert M. Sadusky, Sr.  
ICC 8:30 am Keith DeFrancesco  
HC 9:30 am Robert Schaal  
ICC 11:00 am Monica Brusca  
HC 1:00 pm Confirmandi  
ICC 1:00 pm For the People

*Oct 5 –Oct. 11 Sanctuary Candle in Church is for the intention of LI Reyes Family*

*Oct 5-Oct. 11 Sanctuary Candle in the Adoration Chapel is for the intention of Thomas Stewart.*

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO 11:30 AM MASS ON SEPTEMBER 12. THE MASS WILL BE AT 1:00 PM WHERE THE DIOCESE WILL BE HOLDING THE HISPANIC CONFIRMATIONS AT THE MASS.**

### SODALITY GROUP

Our Sodality of Holy Cross will meet for their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, October 12, at 12:30 pm on the second floor of the Early Learning Center. We welcome visitors to come check us out and consider joining our group. We try to raise funds for the church to purchase liturgical items. We pray together, go on retreat, and share our faith. Come join us!

OCTOBER 11/12, 2025

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM

C. Bugglin  
M. Casey

J. Clendaniel  
F. Ernst

W. Shuron  
T. Tiedeman

LECTORS

D. Kilby  
G. Murphy

7:30 AM

T. Svienty  
W. Thomas

M. Thompson  
A. Wyllie

A. Wilk  
C. Wilk

LECTORS

M. Jacobs

9:30 AM

A. Siegel  
M. Sossich

G. Wessel  
M Wessel

J. Beugre  
C. Beugre

LECTORS

T. Baurys  
S. Crossen

11:30 AM

T. Hernandez  
E. Pastoriza

M. Richard

TBD

LECTORS

TBD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM

E. Costello

LECTORS

K. Escalante

11:00 AM

F. Cristiano

LECTORS

L. Schlaupitz



**HELP WANTED—WE NEED YOU**

We are looking for more volunteers to help us bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound of our parish.

We can always use more volunteers to help at Mass as an Altar Server, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Communion, or a Lector. If interested please contact the Parish Office at 3020-674-5787.

ADORATION CHAPEL

*"The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God's word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, the privileged "place" for our encounter with God."*

Pope Francis - World Youth Day 2016

**Hours open and needed:**

Sunday 7AM 5-6PM 8-9PM

Thursday 8-9 PM

Friday: 2-3 PM

Saturday 12-1 PM 1-2PM 7-8PM 8-9PM

If you are a current Adorer and can no longer make your hour, please make contact with Adoration Coordinator. Contact John Murphy for more information.

ICC CAR SHOW

Immaculate Conception Church of Marydel, MD will host its 6th Annual Car Show on October 11, 2025 (with rain date Oct. 18) Starting at 10 AM until 2 PM. \$10 Registration fee per car.

Prizes will be awarded. Food will be available for purchase. Music provided by "The Godfather of New England Doo Wop" Playing the original vinyl of the 50's and early 60's. For additional information, call Woody Gravenor at 302-779-1168, or 302-632-2208.

FAITH DIRECT USERS

We're excited to share that our parish is upgrading our online giving platform from Faith Direct to **ParishSOFT Managed Giving**. This change reflects our commitment to making generosity easier, more secure, and more impactful for every member of our faith community. ParishSOFT Giving offers all the same reliable features you've come to know — recurring gifts, online giving, and donor support — plus new enhancements to better serve you: • Modern giving options: including Apple Pay, Google Pay, Venmo, PayPal, stock, and crypto. • Anonymous Giving • Mobile-friendly experience: give online, through the app, or by text. • Option to cover processing fees to maximize the impact of your generosity. • Donors can give based on your preferred schedule, with support for weekly contributions rather than once-a-month processing. This upgrade will be completed by the end of September, 2025. All your existing information, recurring gifts, and donation history will transfer automatically — no action is needed unless otherwise notified. Please ensure your contact information is up-to-date in the Faith Direct database, as well as our Holy Cross records. Thank you for continuing to support Holy Cross with such generous hearts.

- **Preparemonos para el Adviento:** Qué es el Adviento? La palabra “Adviento” viene del latín adventus, que quiere decir “venida” y se asocia con las cuatro semanas de preparación para la Navidad. El adviento siempre incluye cuatro domingos y empieza desde el domingo más cercano a la fiesta de San Andrés Apóstol (30 de noviembre) y continúa hasta el 24 de diciembre. Es un tiempo de preparación para celebrar la Encarnación del Hijo de Dios en Navidad. Así como cada año la Navidad parece empezar con más anticipación en lo comercial, los fieles deben tratar de preparar el corazón para acercarse más al Señor.
- **Nuestro Retiro de Adviento:** Sabado 22 de noviembre, de 8 am a 4pm en el salon de eventos..El Tema es “ Las tres miradas llena de Esperanza” con El Padre Javier Zavala desde Honduras. Se pide una donación de \$25.00.
- **Foro Cristiano :** El Foro Cristiano o todos los viernes, 12 de septiembre de 6:00pm a 8:00pm en el ELC segundo piso. El tema de este año es Symbolon “ LA FE DE LA IGLESIA”. Esta basado en el Credo, y lo que creemos como Catolicos. Quedan todos invitados a conocer y a profundizar mas en su Fe catolica.
- **12 de Octubre Cambio de horario de la Misa en español:** No habra ese dia misa a las 11:30 am .debido a las Confirmaciones la Misa dominical en español sera a la 1:00 de la tarde, para poder acomodar el horario del Señor obispo William Koenig. El cambio de horario sera solo por ese domingo, el siguiente domingo regresamos a la hora normal de las 11:30 am.
- **Confirmacion de Adultos:** Si usted es mayor de 18 años y no a recibido el Sacramento de la Confirmacion , por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Arline Dosman o llame a la oficina parroquial, las clases de preparacion empiezan el 12 de Septiembre. Las Confirmacion sera aquí en nuestra parroquia el domingo, 12 de octubre a la 1:00 de la tarde. Para poder acomodar el horario del Senor Obispo no tendremos nuestra misa regular de las 11:30 de la mañana sino la misa en español; sera a la 1:00pm
- **La Virgen Peregrina:** La Virgen Peregrina está visitando los hogares, si usted desea que la imagen de la virgen peregrina visite su casa por una semana, hable con nuestra hermana Marta Espinosa.
- **Conquistando las Naciones para Cristo Retiros:** Retiro de Sanacion Interior para Hombres y mujeres mayores de 18 años 10-12 de Octubre, 2025, en la iglesia Santa Maria del Refugio de los pecadoresm 2000 Hambrooks Blvd. Cambridge, MD 21613 Donacion es de \$125. Cupo es limitado
- **APOSTOLADO DE LAS SIETE HERMANAS EN LA SANTA CRUZ**
- Al fortalecer al sacerdote, fortaleces a toda la Iglesia... (P. Gerald Fitzgerald, SP) Únase al Apostolado de las Siete Hermanas en Holy Cross para ofrecer: Una hora santa, Por un sacerdote; Cada semana, Un corazón de oración. Contacto: Delizabeth Díaz-Martínez correo electrónico 7sistersapostolate2023@gmail.com

## EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA DEL ICC:

- Las clases comenzaron el domingo 21 de septiembre a las 9:40 am. Los niños tienen que estar inscritos para asistir a las clases. Comuníquese con La Sra. Alicia Poppiti si tiene alguna pregunta.
- Padres de familia de los candidatos a la Primera Reconciliación/Primera Comunión y Confirmación si tiene alguna duda. Ya comenzaron las clases.
- El martes, 30 de septiembre de 6:30 – 7:30 Comienzan las clases de preparación para la Primera Reconciliación en el salón .( Candidato tiene que estar por lo menos en segundo grado). Los candidatos a la Confirmación (7.º grado completado, matriculado en 8.º grado o superior)
- \*\*Padres de familia deben asistir una de las dos opciones para el Sacramento. Por favor comuníquese con Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 o email to dre@iccmaryl.org para cualquier pregunta.

## REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-26

### Next Class:

October 7th (Grades Kindergarten – 4th grade) or October 8th (Grades 5-8 and Sacramental Prep)

All Classes in the Elementary Building from 6:00pm-7:30pm (please arrive between 5:45pm and 5:50pm so classes may begin on time.

If you still need to register, or have any questions please contact Tammy Korosec at [tkorosec@holycrossover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossover.org) or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

### ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

**Deacon Bob’s Adult Ed Class Week 5 of 10 (part 1) "Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church"**

is every Tuesday at either 9:00am or 7:00pm in the Matthew/Mark room of the Parish Office, 2nd Floor, Building C

"Foundations of Faith: A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church is the ultimate way for your parish or small group to encounter the wisdom of the Catechism and deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith.

This is a free class; however, the workbook set associated with this program will be ordered upon request for a cost of \$40 (workbook and catechism chart)

If you have any questions or would like to order the workbook set, please contact Tammy Korosec at [tkorosec@holycrossover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossover.org) or call (302)674-5787 X 122.

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

**October classes: 10/5th and 10/19th**

We gather after 9:30am Mass in the Matthew/Mark room. Class will begin at 11:00am and will last until approximately 1:00pm.

Contact Tammy Korosec at either [tkorosec@holycrossover.org](mailto:tkorosec@holycrossover.org) or call (302) 674-5787 X 122 for further information.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to the size of Sunday class, we will hold all SUNDAY Confirmation classes in the Parish Hall.**

### Confirmation Class:

Next class takes place Sunday, Oct. 12 from 5-6:30 PM in the Parish Hall or Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 6-7:30 pm in the Matthew Mark room. Parents are asked to please return the permission slips for Confirmation Retreat.

**Peer Meeting:** Monday, October 6 at 7 pm in the Matthew Mark room to plan Confirmation retreat. Please be present.

**Youth Group:** Will begin Sunday, October 12 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Luke Room of the ELC building.

### MOUNT 2000:

Registration will begin soon. Please let Mrs. Darling know if you would like to join the teens from Holy Cross Parish as they attend Mt. 2000 at Mt. St. Mary's University Feb. 6-8, 2026.

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### CHECK OUT THESE LINKS:

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/luke-in-50-days-announcement>

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/riy-signup>

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

In English:

Father Mike Schmitz

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



In Spanish:

Fray Sergio Serrano

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



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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ICC

**Classes started on Sunday, September 21**

@9:40am. Children must be registered to attend.

Contact Alicia Poppiti, DRE at 410-482-8939 or [dre@iccmaryl.org](mailto:dre@iccmaryl.org).

**Please contact Alicia Poppiti if you are not sure of your child's sacraments.**

**Parent Meetings for both First Reconciliation/First Communion Prep and Confirmation Prep have already taken place.**

\*\*Parents must attend one of the two options for Sacrament. Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 or email to [dre@iccmaryl.org](mailto:dre@iccmaryl.org) with any questions.

Dear Parishioners,

This past week we joyfully entered into the month of October. October has always been one of my favorite months. The air begins to truly feel like fall, the days are not too hot and not too cold, and there is a sense of anticipation as the holidays draw near. There is a special joy in the crispness of the season, and that spirit is felt throughout our school community. Our students bring an energy and excitement into the classrooms and hallways that radiates positivity and reminds us of the blessings of Catholic education.

Although this week was a calm one in many ways, we still had important moments to share. The early part of the week, from Monday through Wednesday, was filled with steady learning and growth. On Thursday after school our faculty and staff gathered for a meeting to prepare for the busy weeks ahead. Together we planned for parent and teacher conferences, which will take place at the end of the month, and we reviewed our Renaissance testing data from the first testing window. These meetings allow us to reflect on student progress and ensure that we are using data to strengthen instruction for every child. We also began preparations for the upcoming visit of Bishop Koenig, a joyful occasion for our school family. Each of these conversations reminded me of how truly blessed we are to have a faculty and staff so dedicated to our mission. Their commitment and collaboration make all of this possible.

Friday was a particularly special day as our seventh grade students led a rosary prayer service on the back field. Classes from across the school rotated to join small groups of middle school leaders who guided them through a mystery of the rosary. It was inspiring to watch our seventh graders take on this leadership role and to see the entire student body united in prayer. October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, and this service was a beautiful reminder of the central place prayer holds in our Catholic identity. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Bauer and the seventh grade class for their thoughtful preparation and reverent example. Moments like this highlight why Catholic education is so important: it is not only about academics, but also about nurturing faith and forming disciples of Christ.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be full of activity. We will meet with Back to Basics tutoring services to begin offering reading intervention support for our younger students. Our religion committee will gather to continue strengthening the faith life of our community. Our fifth grade students will take part in a religious field trip, providing them with an opportunity to grow in their faith outside of the classroom. We will also host another diocesan mentoring event on campus. The week will conclude with a day of professional development for our teachers while students enjoy a day off. This day coincides with the interim point of our first trimester, reminding us how quickly the school year is moving and how much our students have already accomplished.

As we enter deeper into this beautiful season, may we continue to place our trust in the Lord, who guides all of our efforts. Thank you for your prayers and support for our students, staff, and families. Together, we walk forward as one Crusader community, dedicated to faith, learning, and service.

God bless you always.  
Mrs. O'Mara

- ◇ "Make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect"
- ◇ "O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world."
- ◇ "Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Leo our Pope and William our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own."
- ◇ "O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world."
- ◇ "To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom."

- **From Scripture.** There are many scriptures on the topic of intercessions. A powerful one is in Hebrews 7:25, *"Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them."*

**Doxology and Amen.** All good things come to an end. That great blueberry muffin from Dunkin' Donuts, that great sundae from Cold Stone Creamery, that meatball sub from Franco, and that bowl of Cavatelli from Vincenzo's. No matter how good these things are — and they are good, they come to an end. When a good meal ends, it might yield a full belly or a good burp! But when prayers (which are good things) come to an end, we finish them off with an Amen. And at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer — a great prayer of the Mass — we finish it with what is commonly called the Great Amen.

But before that, Amen, we hear a doxology (the Greek word for "glory"). This takes the form of a beautiful giving of glory to God, prayed by the Priest at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer. During this prayer, the Priest elevates the chalice and paten and says, *"Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever."* And then the people (or if there is music at a mass, the people and the choir) say or sing *"Amen."*

- **From Scripture.** An example of a doxology (with an Amen, no less) found in Scripture is seen most clearly in Romans 11:36: *"For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."*

**The Communion Rite.** From the Lord's Prayer to the Prayer after Communion is the part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist known as the Communion Rite. It leads the faithful, prayerfully, to the reception of Holy Communion.

**The Lord's Prayer.** Some things set a standard. Leonardo da Vinci set the standard for Renaissance art. Albert Einstein set the standard for physics. William Shakespeare set the standard for writing. Steve Jobs set the standard for technological innovation. Ishtar set the standard for bad movies (if you don't know what that is, count yourself lucky). The Lord's Prayer, given to us, obviously, by the Lord, set the standard for prayer. It is the prayer that, in some sense, caps the Eucharistic Prayer. After the great Amen, the people rise, and the Priest leads them into the prayer we commonly call the *"Our Father."* It is perhaps the most widely known prayer in the world. It contains all the elements constitutive to prayer: it praises God (hallowed be thy name), it shows our fealty to the Lord (thy will be done), it makes supplication (give us this day our bread), it seeks forgiveness (forgive us our trespasses), and it seeks His protection/help (lead us not in to temptation but deliver us from evil).

- **From Scripture.** This is an easy scripture reference. The Lord's Prayer is stated, in slightly different forms, in Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:9-13. From Matthew's Gospel, *"This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one."*

With the bottom of the page catching up to me, I will bid all of you adieu for this week. Part of this series will pick up next week with the Sign of Peace. See you at Mass!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. James Lentini  
Pastor