



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

October 9, 2022

28th Sunday Ordinary Time/Respect Life Month

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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-Saturday, 8 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day,
MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,
Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFSSION SCHEDULE

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

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am—9 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

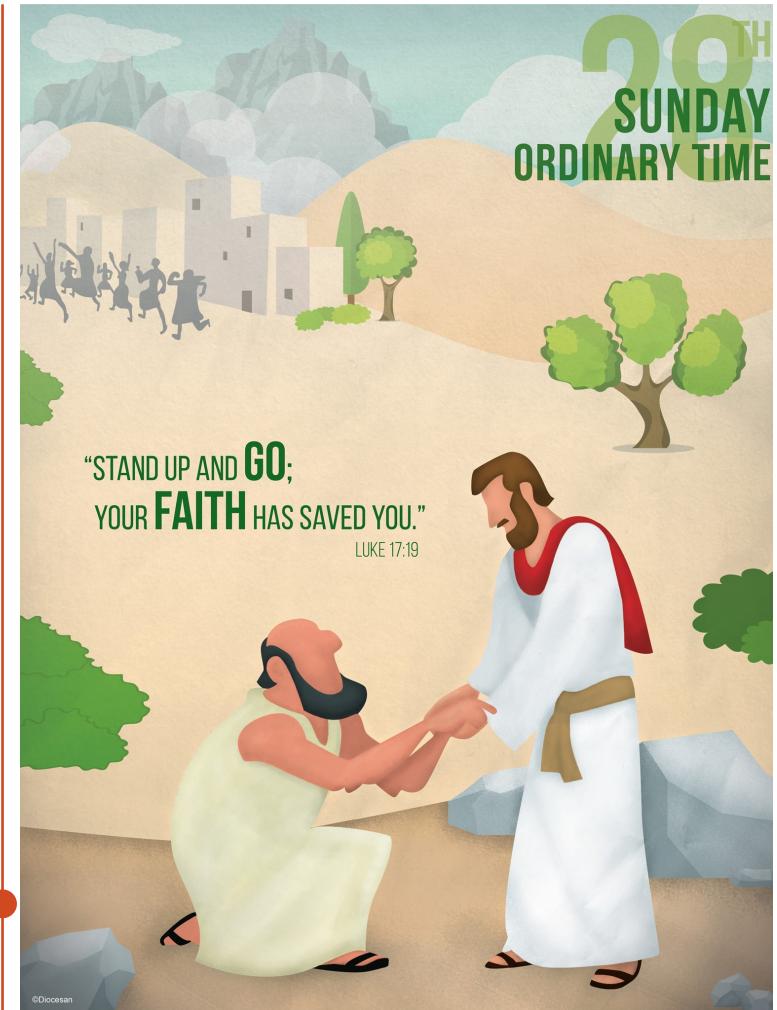
Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

CONFSSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 9:30 am
Thursday, 6:30 pm



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.

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

The Parish and School Offices will be closed on Monday, October 10, in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

Mass will be celebrated on October 10 at 9 am. Only.

LITTLE BOOKS

Immaculate Conception is taking orders for the Little Reflection books for the various liturgical seasons, Advent, Lent & Easter. The total cost is \$5.00 for the set.

Orders and payment can be taken at HC or ICC Parish offices. The order will be placed on October 11, so all who wish to purchase must place their order by October 9.

FOOTPRINTS MINISTRY

Footprints Ministry, through the Office for Marriage and Family Life, will be sponsoring a Mass of Remembrance and Healing for Pregnancy and Infant Loss. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of children as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or early infant death. The Mass will be held on October 14, 2022 at 7 pm at St. Joseph's Church in Middletown. Our celebrant will be Bishop William Koenig. Reservations are requested at cdow.coursestorm.com/Family Life Events/Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day Mass.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

September 25, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular			
YTD			
Needs			

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WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending September 25, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	Figures not available at time of printing
Second Collection	Figures not available at time of printing

SWITCH TO EGIVING (HC)

Are you ready to "Fall into eGiving?"

After the joyful summer months, the Fall season is a great time to streamline your stewardship. eGiving is a way to simplify your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps us be ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in our community.

It's easy to get started. **Here are the ways to sign up:**

- Visit faith.direct/DE251
- Call Faith Direct Cust. Service at 866-507-8757

Go to www.holycrossdover.org website and click on the Online Giving button.

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

Dear Parishioners,

As I am writing this column a few weeks ahead of time, it is my hope that by the time you are reading this, work on our church's roof and cupola will have been completed. I am cautiously pessimistic.

On that topic, there are two major expenses that we will be incurring this year — one is the roof and cupola of the Church, which will be costing up on the high side of \$155,000 and, hopefully soon, the repair and reupholstering of the pews and kneelers in our church (which is long overdue), which will also come in a piecemeal billing but at the end of the road cost about \$90-100,000. (FYI - We looked into new pews, but the cost was astronomical due to the fact that each row of pews at Holy Cross is a different size; the cost would have been \$350,000-400,000 — and that's way too much).

In any event, I would expect that these two repairs, which while in some sense "invisible" — that is both of these repairs will not change the fundamental look, feel, and structure of our church — will leave our Church in a better state of repair and usability than it has been in some time. Thus, I look forward to rainy days, wherein the rain stays on the outside of the Church and I look forward to seeing pews where the stuffing inside the cushion is actually inside the cushion.

If any Parishioner or friend of the Parish would like to make a donation to Holy Cross to help defray some of the absorbed costs of these two projects, it would of course be most appreciated. These are two of the biggest expenditures of recent years, and we would certainly welcome any assistance that comes forth.

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As Mahogany Would. In 1974, singer Diana Ross, an American singing star of many years, sang the theme song to film *Mahogany*. The movie was about a fashion model who was reaching the heights of fame and yet longed for the life and the love she left behind back in the old neighborhood. And the aforementioned theme song she sang was properly titled, "Do You Know Where You're Going To?" This captured the basic question posed by the movie to its lead character.

Quo Vadis. I think at some point in each of our lives, when we are at a crossroads or facing a dilemma or choosing a path, might ask ourselves the same question: "Do You Know Where You're Going To?" In our Catholic tradition, we might associate that phrase from that song title with the famous Latin phrase "Quo Vadis?" (Where are you going). That phrase, "Quo Va-

dis" which was the title for famous Biblical movie epic from 1951 about the early years of Christianity, finds its origins in scripture. In St. John's Gospel, 13:36-37, St. Peter encounters Jesus who says he will soon be leaving;

"Peter said to him, 'Master, where are you going?' Jesus answered him, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, though you will follow later.' Peter said to him, 'Master, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.'

That phrase "where are you going" is translated in the Latin Vulgate Bible as "Quo Vadis."

A Meeting with Jesus. Significantly, that phrase — and St. Peter promise that he would lay down his life for the Lord — would find renewed meaning in our Tradition. You see, in the second century writing called "The Acts of Peter," St. Peter is found fleeing from the Roman authorities who are promising to crucify him for his Christian faith. While he is on the run, on a road just outside of Rome, St. Peter meets the Risen Christ. St. Peter asks Jesus, the same question he asked him in St. John's Gospel: "Quo Vadis?" (Where are you going?) In response Jesus replies, "I am going into Rome to be crucified." Peter then asks, "Lord, art you being crucified again?" Then Jesus looked at St. Peter and said, "Yes, Peter, I am being crucified again." Then it hit St. Peter in right between the eyes: Christ was going to be crucified again in the suffering of his faithful, and in this case it was him (Peter). So, Peter became filled with gift of fortitude to continue his good works of being a witness to Christ, returned to the Rome, where he was arrested and was martyred by being crucified upside-down.

What Now? Quo Vadis? Where are you going? Sometimes there are those questions of "what now?" "what next?" and "where are we going?" that hit us in life. For St. Peter, who explicitly asked that question of Christ, had that same question (Quo Vadis?) implicitly asked of him by Christ — and St. Peter's answer is what our answer should: I will continue to serve you Lord all of the days of my life, until the very end.

Respect Life Month. With that question (Quo Vadis?) in mind, This year, as it does every October, the Church observes "Respect Life Month" — but this year it finds itself in new terrain for the first time in many years. For as long as I can recall, "Respect Life Month" always had a focus

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HC & ICC CLERGY

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Rev. Brennan Ferris

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Pastor Emeritus
Parochial Vicar

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Mr. John Harvey
Mr. Richard Kosior
Mr. Robert McMullen
Mr. Vincent Pisano

Deacon
Deacon
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Deacon
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Deacon

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NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to our newly baptized members:

- *Walmy Monfiston*
- *Matthew Fenelus, Jr*
- *Myrlaura Vilton*
- *Shelby Davis*
- *Jackson Ulrich*
- *Sophie Ulrich*

**SHARE IN THE SPIRIT COLLECTION—
TUITION ASSISTANCE**

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 web-
site at www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit and
click on "Ways to Give."

SAVE THE DATE:

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on World Marriage Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 1 pm at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, Delaware. The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7 through 12. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or egaus@cdow.org

NATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY

National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day on October 15th is a day of remembrance for parents, family, and friends of pregnancy loss and infant death. It is a time when our parish communities can pray for the families and the children lost. Consider joining the Global Wave of Light by lighting a candle outside your door on October 15 from 7 pm to 8 pm in support of these infants who have gone so soon. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or www.cdow.org.

29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (OCT 16)**FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:8-13**

Victory comes to Israel as long as Moses can keep his arms raised.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14, 4:2

All scripture is inspired by God and can be used for teaching.

GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray continually and never lose heart.

YOUNG AT HEART

If you are interested in restarting Young At Heart Seniors please email me at mredurk@gmail.com. The next meeting is Oct. 17 at 11 am if we have enough interest. Email me with questions or concerns about this Senior group. If we don't have enough interest, all future meetings will be cancelled. Email today to say you'd like YAH to continue.

SAMARITANS

We are asking for food donations to provide balanced meals to families needing assistance: (small packs of ground beef, small tray pack/whole chicken, small beef/pork roasts, Peanut Butter/Jelly, canned Corn, Spaghetti/Sauce) We have a freezer and drop box inside the left door in the building behind the Rectory (unlocked 6AM-6PM)
Thank you for your donations.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING FOR NEW AND CURRENT SERVERS

If you feel you would like to serve at the Altar of the Lord, please consider being an Altar Server.

Qualifications are that you are in the 4th grade or higher, received the Sacraments of First Communion and you are a practicing Catholic.



If you are a current Altar Server and would like to continue serving, this is a required refresher/training course you will need to sign up as well.

Available training date options Saturdays October 22nd or October 29th, 10am – 2pm

Application forms are available in the Parish Office. All forms must be received no later than Wednesday, October 19th. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office (302-674-5785, ext. 110)

ROSARY RALLY - OCTOBER 15

The 105th Anniversary of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. Our Lady requested that the Rosary be prayed daily for world peace and the conversion of sinners. Unite with us to pray at our **Rosary Rally on October 15, immediately after the 8 am Mass, starting at 9 am, at the front of the church by Our Lady of Mt Carmel statue.**

MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER

10 MONDAY

HC 9:00 am David J. Kaltenbaugh

11 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Grace Jara

12 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Raymond Cola

13 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Esther LaSana
ICC 6:00 pm For the People

14 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Christine Luba

15 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Barbara Siers
HC 5 pm Gino Galli

16 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Katie Fortier
ICC 8:30 am William F. & Ann R. Sullivan
HC 9:30 am Katie Fortier
ICC 11 am Teresa Crenshaw
HC 11:30 am Paul Marcella
ICC 1 pm For the People

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

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

Any questions, please call Carol O'Donnell at 302-359-4340. If you need a rosary, we can provide you with one. When we pray, Our Lady prays with us!!



Our Lady of Fatima's message for the world: Do penance, amend your life, pray especially the rosary, and offend God no more. Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is OUR weapon (against the power of evil)!"

HOLY CROSS OCT 15/16, 2022

	EMHC		Servers	
5:00 PM	C. Helwig F. Hettinger	D. MacLeish M. MacLeish	G. Coyle M. Coyle L. Curley	
				LECTORS
			D. Kilby H. Walker	
7:30 AM	S. Gede R. Pritchett	P. Sheldon M. Thompson	E. Bydlon S. Shevock E. Wadham	
				LECTORS
			K. Meire	
9:30 AM	S. Lascano D. McGinnis	N. West G. Richards	G. Maddalena J. Seeney R. Willemin	
				LECTORS
			C. Parks C. Petka	
11:30 AM	C. Garcia B. Guzman	A. Antonio	K. Espinosa C. Geronimo	
				LECTORS
			A. Luna	
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8:30 AM	E. Costello		LECTORS	
			G. Godfrey	
11:00 AM	B. Van-vessan		LECTORS	
			P. Meyer	
1 PM	To be determined			

Are YOU interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Holy Cross or to the sick and homebound.? We'd love to have YOU step forward to serve in one of these ministries!!!

Training sessions will be on Monday, Oct 24, at 6 pm or Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 1:30 pm in the Church. Please call the Parish Office to sign up for either class.

If you are a current EMHC and have not taken the renewal course, please call the office to sign up for one of these session. You must take the class to continue serving as an EMHC.

CAR SHOW AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

3rd Annual Car Show on October 15, 2022

Starting at 10 AM until 2 PM

The entry fee is \$10 per car.

There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, & soda for purchase.

A first place trophy will be presented.

Music provided by "The Godfather of New England Doo Wop"

For additional information, call Woody Gravenor at 302-632-2208

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 where you can spend quality time with Our Lord. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

SUNDAY 6 am, 10 am, 5 pm, 8 pm

TUESDAY 6 am, 3 pm, 8 pm

WEDNESDAY 11 am

THURSDAY 12 pm

SATURDAY 12 pm, 1 pm,
2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

ICC CATECHISM CLASS

Catechism Faith Formation Program: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith Catholicism faith formation program began Monday, September 26th, 7-9pm in the ICC Parish office meeting room, \$20 per person covers cost of the participant guidebook, Contact Alicia Poppiti, DRE at dre@iccmarydel.org or 410-482-8939. Registration in advance necessary, to order books. You can still sign up and join us on Monday evenings in the Parish office meeting room.

"The Church has proclaimed the good, the true and the beautiful for two millennia. I don't know of a project that has shown that in a more dazzling way than Catholicism." -Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York With creator and host Bishop Robert Barron, you will learn what Catholics believe and why while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. The Catholicism Faith Formation Program brings the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church to life so that you can better understand and share your faith. Bishop Robert Barron is an acclaimed author, theologian and podcasting priest. An innovative teacher of the Catholic Faith who uses the tools of the new media to further the New Evangelization, Bishop Barron is also the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries.

- Las parroquias gemelas de la Inmaculada Concepción y la Santa Cruz invitan al gran Retiro de Adviento “ Preparemos el Camino al Señor” El facilitador será el renombrado escritor y predicador Salvador Gómez el sábado, 12 de noviembre de 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM en el Gimnasio de la parroquia de la Santa Cruz. 631 South State St. Dover DE 19901 Donación es de \$50.00 incluyendo el almuerzo. Tendremos cuidado de niños.
- El Foro Cristiano todos los viernes de 6:00 – 8:00 de la tarde en el salón Mateo/Marcos. hasta el 2 de junio tendremos la formación es para toda la familia. Este año el curso será sobre Signos, símbolos, sacramentos y sacramentales.
- En Octubre observamos la Fiesta del Santo Rosario establecida el 7 de octubre de 1573, en celebración de la Gran Victoria Milagrosa contra la invasión de los Turcos, una victoria ganada por la CRUZADA DEL ROSARIO, del Papa San Pio V que unió a toda Europa en oración. Únanse a nosotros en el rezo del Rosario durante este periodo por las intenciones de la Paz Mundial y la Conversión de los Pecadores. Por favor, tome un momento y firme el formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de Nuestra Señora Ubicada en el Nártex de nuestra iglesia.
- El 23 de Octubre estaremos celebrando junto con nuestros hermanos peruanos la fiesta del Señor de Los Milagros donde se traerá la imagen del Señor de los Milagros en procesión dentro del Templo. Les pedimos a todos que hagan una oración especial por el Perú.
- LA ROSA DE PLATA Comparta el mensaje de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y promueva el respeto por la vida a través de esta devoción significativa iniciativa de los Caballeros de Colón y que estará en nuestra Diócesis desde el 16 de octubre al 5 de noviembre y estará en nuestra parroquia, el 30 de octubre y la Comunidad Hispana este año será la anfitriona. Tendremos el Rezo del Santo Rosario después de la Misa de las 11:30. Se les invita a rezar el Santo Rosario. Cada año, desde principios de marzo hasta mediados de diciembre, los consejos custodian las Rosas de Plata a lo largo de los trayectos de Canadá a México. Cada parada que hace la Rosa de Plata durante la peregrinación es un momento centrado en el rosario, para que los Caballeros de Colón, los feligreses y los miembros de la comunidad recen 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 muy importante inscribir a sus hijos a tiempo para la Educación Religiosa. Las Inscripciones para la Educación Religiosa y Preparación para la Confirmación (HC - 2023) Las aplicaciones para inscribirse para la Preparación para la Confirmación 2023 se pueden encontrar en el sitio web de la parroquia en holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christianformation/k-8-formation. Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en comunicarse con Tammy Korosec en tkorosec@holycrossdover.org o llame al (302) 674-5787 X 122
- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre - bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

- El comienzo del año de Educación Religiosa para sus hijos esta encima de nosotros. Por favor entregue las aplicaciones de inscripción. Si no tiene una aplicación vaya a la oficina de la parroquia e inscriba a su niño.
- SE NECESITAN CATEQUISTAS PARA, QUINTO GRADO.
- La inscripción para el año escolar 2022-2023 están cerradas, las inscripciones. Las Clases de Educación Religiosa son los domingos por la mañana, desde el 25 de septiembre hasta el 7 de mayo, de 9:40 a 10:50 a.m. Póngase en contacto con Alicia Poppiti @ 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmarydel.org para obtener más información. Las inscripciones ya están disponibles.

Nuevos Inscriptiéndose: https://www.iccmarydel.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/new_sre_registration_form_2021.pdf

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Forma A en Ingles: https://www.iccmarydel.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/form_a_-_new.pdf

Forma A en Español https://www.iccmarydel.org/uploads/6/9/0/4/69049539/form_a-spanish1_.pdf

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faith formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next class is 10/9/22 at 3:00—5:00 pm.

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Registration forms available at holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation

If you have any questions contact Tammy Korosec Early L either 302-674-5787 x122 or tkorosec@holycrossdover.org

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

Next class Oct 9 at 10:30 am in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Early Learning Center.

Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF? Contact Tammy Korosec.

ADULT FORMATION (HC)

What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Church. Discover the Amazing Riches of the Catholic Faith

Sessions started September 20th and end November 22nd ; Tuesdays at either 9:00am or 7:00pm in the Matthew/Mark room in the ELC. Fee: \$30 includes study guide, book, map, and 1 year digital access

Facilitated by Deacon Bob McMullen

If are interested in registering please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122 as soon as possible.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR (ONLINE)

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>

CONFIRMATION AT HOLY CROSS

**Confirmation Class: Sunday, Oct. 9 3:30-5 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 12 6-7:30 pm**

Confirmation Retreat:

Parents are reminded to please return your child's retreat permission form at the Oct.9 or 12 class. Retreat is November 11 and 12.

Youth Group: For Junior High and Senior High Teens - please join us Saturday, October 15 from 3-4:30 pm in the school cafeteria. We will be packing bags for the homeless—please bring a donation of: Small water, toothbrush and paste, shampoo, soap, combs, mints, cereal bars, socks, bandaids, chap stick, wet wipes, nail clippers,

etc. We will have refreshments after our activity.

MOUNT 2000:

This retreat for high school teens will take place Feb. 3-5 at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. Please join us for a great weekend put on by the seminarians at Mount. Cost is \$100 per person if you register by October 31. Please contact Linda Darling for the link to register. ldarling@holycrossdover.org

Catholic Heart Work Camp:

We will be traveling to Drexel Hill, PA this coming June 25-30, 2023. First Come-First Going. Please let Linda Darling know your desire to attend to reserve your spot. 12th grade welcome to join us next summer.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Religious Education classes run Sunday mornings from September 25th thru May 7th, 9:40am-10:50am.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482-8939 or dre@iccmarydel.org for more information.

If you have any difficulty with affording RE, please call Alicia Poppiti, and the office can assist you.

We want you to share your faith and knowledge, as we are in need of Catechists, Assistants, substitutes and helpers for next year for Religious Education on Sunday mornings, from September 25th until May 7th, 9:40-10:50am. Contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482- 8939 or dre@iccmarydel.org for more information. We offer wonderful and faith filled formation days for you as well.

First Reconciliation/Communion for Immaculate Conception:

Session2 for children is on Tuesday, October 18th beginning promptly at 6:30pm in the Church Hall, class ends at 7:30pm.

Youth Confirmation for Immaculate Conception:

First Session is on Sunday, October 18th at 2:30-5pm in the Parish hall.

Several years ago I was invited to serve on a Middle States Accreditation Committee. That entails my having to leave school for a portion of a week and spend my school day visiting another school. There is a chairperson appointed and one of the responsibilities of that position is to delegate tasks to the rest of the visiting team members. On this particular occasion my chairperson allowed us the opportunity to choose which aspects of the school each of us would like to explore. One of my selections was Student Life. I was eager to learn how this particular school created an environment for their students where they had opportunities for extra-curricular activities, athletics, worship, and service; all this in addition to academics. Naturally, given my favorable impression, I was not above adopting some of their ideas and making them of our own.

In addition to the wonderful faculty and staff that I am blessed with every day of my life, the students are always at the very forefront of my thoughts. I have a little Math group right now that I work with every morning. I shared with them the fact that when I opened my eyes that morning, they were my very first thought of the day. The students make my every day. I love them, and I believe they realize that. And so it is important to me that we use this year to improve upon the Student Life piece of our day to day. We were so severely limited in our ability to do all the fun things; it's time to go forward. I am also blessed to have such an active and involved Home and School Association that is dedicated to enriching the Student Life of our Crusaders. The value of their involvement is immeasurable.

Last week I brought to the forefront many of the golden opportunities available for our gracious parents to seize a hold onto and further become a part of the tightly interwoven fabric that is Holy Cross School.

This week I'd like to highlight opportunities for our STUDENT BODY.

- Our school sports teams begin in sixth grade. Students have the opportunity to hone their skills in Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer. Thanks be to God we are now able to have our first competitive season in two and a half years. We are grateful for our volunteer coaches.
 - Basketball and Soccer is offered for our elementary students through the Parish CYM program. Contact the Parish Office for details.
 - Our Art Department offers many opportunities for the serious artist who wishes to sharpen individual skill levels under the tuition of Mrs. Benini. Her course offerings include Fine Art, Visual Journaling, and by invitation only, National Scholastic Art.
 - Our Music Department offers Choir, and Band opportunities. Fifth grade students are offered the opportunity to join and select an instrument for which they are best suited. It's a process! In sixth grade they are members of the Marching Band and participate in local parades such as Dover Days and all of our mini-parades right here on our parking lot. Drum Line is another great opportunity for our students to shine. Have no doubt, we have all the drums!
 - It is the expert eye of Mrs. Bifferato that the budding professional photographer, editor, or layout artists we have our Publication Design group who are responsible for the production of our Yearbook. They have also lent their talents to other publications such as informational flyers and brochure design.
 - Mrs. Williams is the one to see if our students are interested in Engineering, Robotics or other activities such as the annual Solar Sprint competition. We are really, really hoping for an in-person SS competition this year.
 - Odyssey of the Mind is open to all grade levels K-8 as it challenges the students to use all their talents from art to engineering to creative writing as the student learns the value of communicating and working as a team as they map out a creative approach to discovering the solution to a problem.
 - Our students are invited to apply for membership in National Honor Societies sponsored by our Art, and Music departments as well as the National Junior Honor Society. Each of these groups has a required number of hours for community service.
 - We are looking forward to digging through the mothballs and offering the Fitness Club for interested members. Be on the lookout for information.
 - We are also looking forward to the always popular Science Explorers who meet weekly.
 - Deacon Vince is looking for interested students interested in altar server training in grades 4-8. Additionally, he is looking to advance eighth grade servers by having them train specifically for funeral services. Look for more information coming soon.
 - Math League is offered for those students who thrive on the challenge of solving some rather tricky word problems. This year Mrs. Crawford is exploring the Catholic Math League option.
 - Our Student Council is looking forward to a productive year. Mrs. Bolton and Mrs. Speed came away very energized following the first meeting of the year and remarked very favorably on the officer's enthusiasm and idea suggestions.
- Looking forward to the future events:
- ◊ First Responders Day, Trunk or Treat, The Children's Theater production of The Addams Family Musical @ the Schwartz,
 - ◊ Several Marian observances sprinkled throughout the year's calendar., Weekly Mass attendance, Sight and Sound field trip for select Music groups

I am always looking for new and fresh ideas for our students. I would love to resurrect our Chess Club, I'm not adverse to a discussion on recreating the concept of the knitting club. I have spoken with an enthusiastic mom about a cake decorating club, and I'd like to have a group dedicated to afternoon prayer in the Chapel once or twice a month. For a long, long time now I have wanted an elementary robotics group to meet after school....

So, there it is!! More parent opportunities that spell o-p-p-o-r-t-u-n-i-t-y for our children.
Are there any more ideas out there???

on abortion, but more so it had a grand focus on the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision from 1973. That infamous decision moved abortion from being a crime in most states (back in 1973) to being a civil right in all states. Roe vs. Wade was perhaps the worst reasoned ruling of the 20th century; it created from the ether a Constitutional right that didn't exist, was never hinted at, and had no foothold in American jurisprudence. It then made up a progressive medical time frame within pregnancy (quite arbitrarily at that), which proceeded to make lawyers very rich, and kept the judiciary very busy — with seven decades of litigation over the boundary lines of this wide-ranging ruling.

A Supreme Accomplishment. That being said, in the year 2022, the Supreme Court overturned the Roe vs. Wade — along with its premises, mechanisms, and conclusions — and returned the abortion matter to the state legislatures and, more pointedly, to the voters. Although the always dependable histrionic and maliciously misleading media spun the story as "Supreme Court Outlaws Abortion;" that is not true — it simply ruled that abortion is not a constitutional right.

Albania ain't Russia. With that in mind, "Respect Life Month" is trodding new ground this year — the Roe vs. Wade decision which coalesced pro-life forces for so many years, is suddenly gone. It would have been like in the 1950s, fighting the cold war without a Soviet Union on the scene to crystallize our vision on what had to be dealt with in terms of communism. Albania, Romania and North Vietnam while purveyors of communism, didn't provide the big clear target that Russia did.

Location, Location, Location. So, what does this mean? It means that in some states abortion will be halted entirely, in others it will be restricted, while in still others it will be abortion-business as usual, if not on an expanded scale. This also means that depending on where you are — state by state — your respect life mission may be nuanced. Here in Delaware and Maryland — which rank 9th and 3rd respectively in the number of abortions performed per capita — abortion practices have not changed; most of our abortion policies are enshrined into law.

Some Ideas. So, here, what can we do in addition to battle back against legislation and existing laws that do not respect life? Well, that list is vast, but this is perhaps a starting point:

- We need, as the faithful, and as part of society to prayerfully guide, help and accompany women and couples who are facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies.
- We need, as the faithful, and as part of society to make sure that there are places (like a Parish for example) where pregnant mothers can receive life-affirming support and be connected to appropriate programs and resources (like pregnancy help centers, maternity homes, and Catholic health care and social service agencies) where one can get help.
- We need, as the faithful, and as part of society to tend to the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in their communities to help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.
- We need, as the faithful, and as part of society to protect and care for both women, couples, and their children.
- We need, as the faithful, and as part of society to vehemently and unflinchingly oppose the taking of innocent human life, most especially by the act of abortion, which claims so many lives.
- We need, as the faithful, and as part of society to pray, pray, pray — pray the Rosary, pray personal prayers, pray at Mass, etc. — for the strength to stand up to the assaults on the dignity of human life, and to help change hearts, not just laws, to build up the Kingdom of God in this world.

More Than Just the Abortion Issue. All that being said, while the issue of abortion is a large one, the Respect Life movement is not just about the topic of abortion. It is about the way we live, and move, and have our being in this world given to us by God, especially as relates to human life. Thus issues related to physician assisted suicide, euthanasia, abuse, artificial birth control, end of life care, and human cloning are all part of the "respect life" ideals of the Catholic faith. All of these issues along with abortion are part of what Pope St. John Paul II called "the culture of death."

The Question. This October of 2022, let us be thankful for the overturning of Roe vs. Wade. But let us also be realistic and recognize that that action didn't demarcate an end of our work in respecting life, it marked a new beginning. Our faith points the way to go. Christ tells us the way to go. Our well-formed Catholic conscious tells us the way to go. Do you know where you're going to? Quo vadis?

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor