



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

September 15, 2019

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-2 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:15, 11:00 am, 6 pm
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish
First Saturday, 5 pm, Children's Choir
Fourth Saturday, 5 pm, Gospel Choir
Alternate Sundays, 6 pm, Youth Choir

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 6:30, 8 am
Wednesday, 8:15 am, 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, 4 pm, First Friday, 8:30 am
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday, after 8:30 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

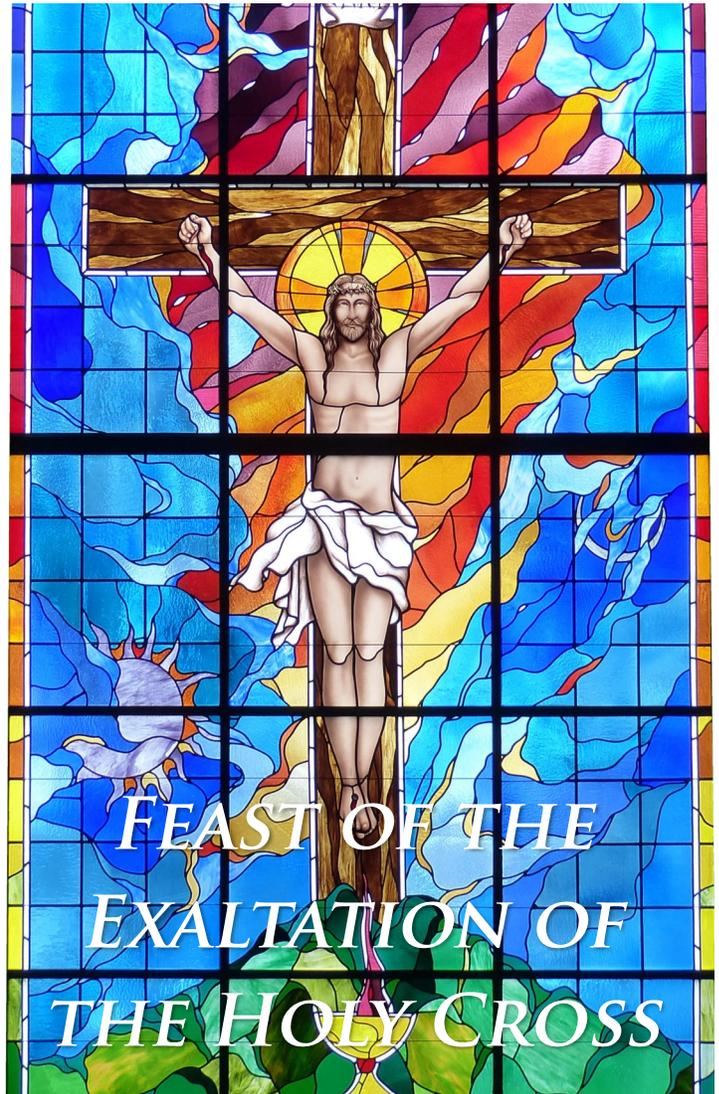
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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday, after 8:30 am Mass
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 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)

15 SUNDAY

HC 9 am, RCIA, MT/MK
 ICC Noon, Parent meeting, First Reconciliation/ Communion
 HC & ICC, Catechetical Sunday, CH
 HC 3:30 pm, Confirmation Class, MT/MK

16 MONDAY

St. Cornelius

HC 8:45 am, Spirituality Group, LK
 5:30 pm, Back to School Elementary Bld., SCH

17 TUESDAY

St. Robert Bellarmine

ICC 1 pm, Exercise Class, Hall
 HC 5:30 pm, Jr. High Back to School Night, JH
 HC 7 pm, Baptismal Prep Class, LK
 ICC 7 pm, Catechetical Inservice, Hall

18 WEDNESDAY

HC 6 pm, CCD Mass, CH
 HC 6 pm, Confirmation Class, MT/MK

19 THURSDAY

St. Januarius

ICC, 1 pm, Exercise Class, Hall
 HC 6:30 pm, Into to LAFF, MT/MK
 HC 6:30 pm, Scouts, CA

20 FRIDAY

St. Andrew Kim

ICC 6 pm, Formation, Hall
 HC 7 pm, Foro Cristiano, LK

21 SATURDAY

St. Matthew, Apostle

ICC 8 am, SRE Classroom Set-up
 HC 11 am, Baptism, CH
 ICC 6:30 pm, Culto

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending September 1

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$26,970	\$29,000	(\$2,030)
YTD	\$1,333,490	\$341,000	(\$7,510)
Needs	\$1,470	\$1,635	(\$165)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

ending September 1

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,020
Second	\$696

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.”

Thank you to all advertisers in our bulletin. We appreciate your support!

If you know of someone who would like to advertise in the bulletin, please contact Diocesan Publications at 800-233-8200.

Dear Parishioners,

Let's take a short drive up to Wilmington. Up in the "big city" there is a newspaper called the Wilmington News-Journal. Most people in Delaware, whether they read the News-Journal or line their birdcage with it, have seen this newspaper. But the News-Journal was not always the News-Journal. Up until 1989, there were two Wilmington newspapers, *The Morning News* and *The Evening Journal*, both owned and operated for many years by the famed DuPont family. In 1989, it was decided that these two newspapers were overlapping, duplicative and uneconomical, and they were merged. Much like Reese's mixing chocolate and peanut butter and getting a Peanut Butter Cup, *The Morning News* and *The Evening Journal* were mixed forming the News-Journal. And the rest is history (or birdcage liner, depending on your viewpoint).

With a Little Help from My Friends. With that segue in place, I am pleased to tell you that you are holding in your hands the first joint-bulletin of Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception Parishes. This changeover required the gracious help of many folks at both Parishes – and their assistance made this possible. And so, going forward, there will be one bulletin for both Parishes, serving as a unified source of information, so that Parishioners at each of these sister parishes can know what's happening at both places. Additionally, Holy Cross School and St. Thomas More Academy are each being given pages in each bulletin.

Getting Better. When these two Parishes were first linked in 2013, the idea was to more efficiently staff parishes with shared clergy and find ways to link together. These days our Parish, though distinct, move together seamlessly in serving the faithful. There is much interplay between Dover and Marydel: we have parishioners who are comfortable migrating between parishes; we share an Hispanic ministry director; we work off of a common Mass schedule; we celebrate Confirmations, First Penance and Lenten/Advent Penance Services together; we promote each other's events, and we share many resources and programs. And yet, beyond those connections, each Parish maintains its unique identity and history, and maintains its own flavor of being a community of faith.

Come Together. As Pastor, my basic rule of thumb on balancing the two Parishes, and their interests, has been to combine services and operations where practical and logical, and to keep other aspects distinct. And I believe that this has benefitted both Parishes. Joining the bulletins is both practical and logical – there is so much overlapping content, and shared announcements, that a single bulletin was inevitable. And now, six years since linking up, Immaculate Conception and Holy Cross, share more than clergy, parishioners, Sacraments, and staff – we now share ink. Full-color ink at that – which will be new to our Immaculate Conception folks. It is my hope that this unified bulletin will strengthen both of our Parish communities and give more information to more families in a single publication.

Vive la Différence. As opposed to a single topic for this weeks bulletins, I will focus on some key area of Parish life at Holy Cross, Immaculate Conception, Holy Cross School and St. Thomas More Academy.

Holy Cross Celebrating 54,787 Days. This weekend, Holy Cross begins its yearlong preparation to the celebration

of its 150th Anniversary on September 14, 2020. Taking a page from the Immaculate Conception Parish playbook from last year, when ICC was working towards its 100th Anniversary, Holy Cross will be having a host of special events and programs leading to that 150th Anniversary.

Windows 2019. The first major anniversary moment is this weekend, with the unveiling and dedication of new, and utterly stunning, stain glass windows in the Church's narthex. Already, a restored and beautiful stain glass window of Christ the King was installed a few weeks ago – the next four windows will complement that and beautify the gathering area at the entranceway to the Church. These images will festoon the space and embellish our



beautiful marble blessing font and candles. The addition of these items marks the opening of our sesquicentennial celebration.

Meanwhile in Marydel. Immaculate Conception is one of the few Parishes in the Diocese of Wilmington that suffers from the wonderful problem of having too many kids registered in religious education. We have more students than classroom space – and thus we, creatively, craft more space. Last year, the Parish peaked at an incredible 190+ enrolled students in our Religious Education program. This year will likely be similar. I would like to take this time to thank the Knights of Columbus for generously allowing us to use their Council building to house some of our students. Likewise, I want to extend to the Knights and others, that are helping us to expand some existing classroom space to accommodate our enrollment.

Holy Cross School News and "More." Well, Holy Cross School and our high school, St. Thomas More Academy are both back in action. Much like the cooperation seen between Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception Parishes (as witnessed by this bulletin), there is also a very happy interplay between our elementary school and our high school. One of the events that both of our school share in annually, is the gathering of school children in New Castle, Delaware, at Holy Spirit Parish to pray the Rosary on the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. This year on October 7, each school will be sending up a busload of students to partake in this prayerful annual event to honor Our Lady. In recent years, St. Thomas More Academy's choir has helped to provide music for the gathering.

Share the Spirit. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that on the weekend of September 21-22, the Diocesan Share in the Spirit collection will be taken. The proceeds from that collection go to provide assistance to families who want to send their children to Catholic School (like our Holy Cross School and St. Thomas More Academy) but who need aid to help cover the tuition cost. This program, started by Bishop Saltarelli in 2005, helps our schools by helping parents to be able to afford a Catholic education. I ask for your generosity in this year's collection.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini, V. F. Pastor
 Rev. Idongesit Etim Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Mano Salla Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

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

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell Deacon
 Mr. James Tormey Deacon

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 holycrossover.org/school

Linda Pollitt Principal, ext. 111

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 631 S. State St.
 Dover, DE 19901

ST. THOMAS MORE ACADEMY

Catholic Education Grades 9 to 12
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 saintmore.org

Rachael Casey Principal

MAILING ADDRESS

St. Thomas More Academy
 133 Thomas More Dr.
 Magnolia, DE 19962

PRO LIFE CORNER

- Help save lives of the unborn in Dover. Join Holy Cross and other local church groups in prayer each Friday morning from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover.
- What does your baby look like now? Follow your baby's development week by week, from conception to labor. 31 weeks: Your baby can now turn his head from side to side. A protective layer of fat is accumulating under his skin, filling out his arms and legs. Your baby is the size of a coconut.
- About 40 Days for Life: Help end abortion in Dover. Join the fall 40 Days for Life campaign which begins September 25. To register your participation in the fall 2019 Dover event, visit ww.40daysforlife.org/dover.

"Like an animal caught in a trap, trying to gnaw off its own leg, a woman who seeks abortion is trying to escape a desperate situation by an act of violence and self-loss. Abortion is not a sign that women are free, but a sign that they are desperate." ~Frederica Mathewes-Green

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS (ICC)

It's time to order your little books. Each Little Book has been carefully crafted to help explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ.

Advent/Christmas—Little Blue Book
 Lent—Little Black Book
 Easter—Little White Book

The price for all three books is a total of \$5. Interested in ordering this year? Please let Marilyn Dixon know in the office. You may also put a note in the collection with your \$5 in an envelope.

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 22 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: AMOS 8:4-7

Liturgy is not something to get over with. It is the point of living.

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8

Our opinion about leaders is worth so much less than our prayers for them.

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13

The unjust steward is driven by his own self-interest, but does not fool his master.



MINISTRY HELP NEEDED (HC)

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for the Liturgy and/or the Sick and Homebound are needed. Please call the Parish Office to sign up for our next training class scheduled for Saturday, September 28, from 10 am to Noon that you must attend. Please pray about becoming part of this most important ministry.

ANNUAL RED MASS

Bishop Malooly invites you to the 2019 Diocese of Wilmington "Blue Mass" on Friday, October 4, at 11:00 am at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South room Street, Wilmington. The "Blue Mass" honors the local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire emergency medical, and military personnel who live and work in Delaware and on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Those currently serving, the retired, and their families are invited to attend.

SAMARITAN NEEDS (HC)

Our Samaritan Food Pantry is running low on the following items: Chicken, Ground beef (small packs), hot dogs, and peanut butter and jelly. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help feed the needy of our community. Fresh meats can be left in the freezer at the Samaritan drop off. Canned donations can be left in the container provided in the vestibule area of the Gathering Space.

PRAYING ROSARY IN OCTOBER (HC)

Unite with us in the Annual Rosary Crusade (started in 2001) in which we pray the daily rosary from October 1 through October 31 for the intentions of world peace and conversion of sinners as our Blessed Lady requested of us at Fatima 102 years ago. This message from heaven is more urgent than ever.



On the weekends of September 21/22 and 28/29 pledge forms will be in the Gathering Space after every Mass. When you sign the pledge form, you pledge to pray the Holy Rosary daily, or as much as possible, whenever, wherever, and with whomever. Place your signed forms in Our Lady's Basket at the table. This is a great time to bring the family together to pray. Also available at the sing up table are rosaries, pamphlets on how to say the rosary, mysteries of the rosary, consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All at no cost! Any questions, please call Carol at 302 359 4340.

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER

16 MONDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Dora Curtis
HC 8 am	John Christ
17 TUESDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Joseph Cruz (LI)
HC 8 am	Lawrence Santelli
18 WEDNESDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Donald Garofalo
HC 8:15 am	John Correll
19 THURSDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Tommy Gagnon
HC 8 am	Carla Russom
ICC 7 pm	For the People
20 FRIDAY	
HC 6:30 am	Jill Gagnon & Mary (LI)
HC 8 am	Hector C. Gauani
21 SATURDAY	
HC 8 am	Shelagh McGurie
HC 5 pm	Robert Sisson
22 SUNDAY	
HC 7:30 am	William & H. Virginia Miller
ICC 8:30 am	Charles Beck
HC 9:15 am	Joseph "Jodi" Ander
HC 11 am	Asuncion Insaio
ICC 11 am	Alice Taraila
HC 1 pm	For the People
ICC 1 pm	For the People
HC 6 pm	Michael Capertino

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

TABERNACLE & SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS

HC Adoration Chapel	Rudolph Heusser
HC Church	Stanley & Mary Gorzek

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS AVAILABLE (HC)

Sunday	11 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 11 pm
Monday	7 am
Wednesday	5 am, 5 pm, 11 pm
Thursday	7 am, 4pm, 11 pm
Friday	10 pm
Saturday	8 am, Noon, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

Contact JoAnn Pate 302-674-4496 for one of the above hours.

MASS MINISTERS SEP 21-22

HOLY CROSS

EMHC SERVERS

5:00 PM	D. DeVigili	R. Coppadge	J. Tinger
	J. Clendaniel	K. O'Neill	A. Granitto
	P. Gerard	J. Priest	V. Granitto
	M. Casey	R. Vinsen	
	D. King	F. Ernst	

LECTORS

J. Killman
D. Dixon

7:30 AM	P. Sheldon	E. Henderson	R. Mackie
	A. Fischer	T. Walsh	C. Darling
	J. Fischer	B. Fritzsche	A. Szell

LECTORS

R. Pritchett
D. Kilby

9:15 AM	M. Macleish	M. Malloy	R. Garnsey
	C. Fortier	C. Bugglin	R. Torbert
	D. Diaz	J. McIlvain	A. Torbert
	K. Kelly	K. Coyle	
	V. Pepper	C. Jones	
		T. Staniszewski	

LECTORS

T. Baurys
J. Coffield

11:00 AM	G. Richards	D. Petka	K. Fernandez
	B. Richards	R. Aschenberg	M. Johannsen
	P. Keller	C. Barnes	M. Arranguiz
	F. Deeney	P. Johnson	
	D. Lyons	TBA	

LECTORS

C. Petka
S. Crossen

1:00 PM	C. Valdes	M. Rivera	E. Morales
	M. Richard	E. Alonso	G. Morales
	B. Guzman		

LECTORS

R. Dennis
N. Almengor

6:00 PM	T. Stier	M. Rathbun	A. Ghanayem
	J. Zazac	M. Caccesse	M. Bieker
	K. O'Neill	D. Novak	N. Kosior
	R. Katcher	D. Balcerak	
	A. Wyllie	V. Balcerak	

LECTORS

TBA

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:30 AM	B. Lawson		M. Dixon
	G. Taraila		A. Locke

LECTORS

D. Smith

11:00 AM	M. Soule		V. Haass
	L. Soule		W. Meyer

LECTORS

Jim Ward

1:00 PM	A. Velasquez	A. Miranda	Y. Ortiz
	E. Morales	C. Miguel	J. Ortiz
	G. Morales		

LECTORS

J. Diaz
H. Fuentes

ST. POLYCARP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, September 29, at Maple Dale Country Club. Come join the fun! Here is what we have planned. Your entry fee includes lunch prior to the golf tournament, golf and cart, range balls, complementary gift bag, on course refreshments and a steak dinner following the tournament. The format is Captain's choice. There will be prizes for best team. There will be long drive and closest to the pin contests. If you don't play golf but would like to just come for the church dinner, please join us.

The cost is \$125 per player (\$115 per player if you sign up as a foursome) If you just want to join us for dinner the cost is \$30 per person. Sign in begins at noon, shotgun start at 1:30, dinner at 6 pm. Register on line at: membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/3322. Any questions contact Jack Molyneaux at 302 359 1703.

DELAWARE CHORAL SOCIETY

Join Delaware Choral Society and sing our Christmas program, Realms of Glory, on December 14. Rehearsals begin September 10, 2019 at 7 pm at Wesley United Methodist Church, Dover, DE. Curious but unsure? An Open House will be held Tuesday, September 3, at 7 pm with refreshments, sneak-peek, and Q&A. \$40 member registration can be paid Sept ember 10. For more info go to www.delawarechoralsociety.org

VOCATIONS

God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest or deacon, brother or sister. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Norm Carroll vocations@cdow.org 302-573-3113 www.vocations@cdow.org

COLLECTION COUNTERS (ICC)

September 15, Frank & Joyce Cristiano
September 22, Robin & Paul Engstenberg
September 29, Tom & Mary McGowan

CHURCH CLEANING CREW (ICC)

SEPTIEMBRE 19, GRUPO #9
Reynaldo Perez, Maribel Ortiz, Juventino Lopez, Iseania Escalante, Clemente Escalante

SEPTIEMBRE 26, GRUPO #10

Marcos Domingo, Orelia Berdugo, Carmen Gabriel, Susana Ortiz Morales, Alberto Morales

NEWLY REGISTERED (HC)

We welcome to our parish:

- Logan, Rebecca, Lilia and Capri Hallman
- Michael and Sarah Smith

RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our condolences to the families of:

- Charles Pitts, Jr.

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

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

Holy Cross Cemetery is the only Catholic cemetery in Kent County. The cemetery came into existence at the same time Holy Cross Church was established in 1870 and will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2020. Located on North Queen St. in Dover across from the Wesley College stadium, the cemetery handles both in-ground burials as well as above-ground interments for both casketed and cremated remains.

No obligation appointments to discuss interment options are always welcome. For more information or appointments, contact our Cemetery

Administrator, Len Dornberger, at the parish office at 674-5787 ext. 135.

HOLY CROSS PARISH DIRECTORY

We are scheduling appointments for the weeks of September 24 and October 1. You can sign up in the Gathering Space or go online.

Online sign-ups are the easiest way to sign up at your convenience. Please visit: booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yrbhczr8/

HELP NEEDED! (HC)

We also need volunteers to help on photography days. Please call the office to leave your name and phone number if you would be willing to donate some time during the photography time to check people in. Our next photography days are September 24 through September 28. Can you spare a few hours on one or more of those days? Thank you for your help!

- TODOS LOS VIERNES LA FE CATOLICA EXPLICADA Todos los viernes tenemos el Foro Cristiano comenzando el viernes, 4 de octubre, a las 6:30 de la tarde en el ELC la nueva serie " Symbolon. Más de 2000 años de enseñanza de la Fe católica explicada sistemáticamente presentada.
- Le damos la bienvenida a nuestro nuevo boletín parroquial de las parroquias gemelas de Santa Cruz y La Inmaculada Concepción. Una sola iglesia Católica Apostólica Romana. En la unión esta la fuerza.
- Agradecemos a todos los que han participado de una forma u otra en los eventos del festival Latino Americano. Gracias por hacer comunidad y por su ayuda. A las Abuelas que participaron, a la junta directiva y a todos los que trabajaron incansablemente para que el evento fuera todo un éxito para la honra y gloria a Dios.
- Ya están disponibles las aplicaciones para la Educación Religiosa 2019-2020. En la página de la parroquia, entre y descargue una aplicación, o vaya a la oficina de Educación Religiosa y recoja. 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.

- ICC- El día 15 de Septiembre habrá una reunión para todos los padres de familia que tienen hijos en la escuela dominical. Estamos corto de catequistas, si le gusta trabajar en la viña del Señor enseñando la fe a los niños por favor hable con la Sra Arline Dosman o con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti .
- La Virgen Peregrina ya está visitando las casas, hasta el mes de noviembre. Todas las semanas durante nuestra misa dominical se le entregará la virgen Peregrina a una familia. Para más información llame a la Sra. Tayde Hernández.
- Si desea participar en alguno de los ministerios, por favor hable con los . Necesitamos: Lectores, Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión (necesitan ser aprobado por el párroco), Ujieres. Ministerio de la Música. Comparte con otros los talentos que el Señor les ha dado.
- Confirmación de Adultos será en diciembre, si usted no está confirmado, llame a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano, para anotarse para las clases. Los Bautismos son los primeros domingos de cada mes, después de la Santa Misa en Español 2:30 pm. La clase pre-bautismales son los segundos domingos de cada mes. Los requisitos para ser padrinos tienen que ser Católicos practicante, y en comunión con la iglesia .

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

REGULAR CCD CLASSES

Wednesdays-Class September 18, 6-7:30pm

Sundays – Class September 22, 3:30-5:30pm

Reminder: Parents are to walk their children to the classroom and pick them up from the classroom. Please do not drop children at the door.

ADULT FORMATION

ROMANS: THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

Learn about St. Paul's Letters to the Romans in this 4 part series that will begin Tuesday, October 8, at 7 pm or Wednesday, October 9, at 9:30 am in the Matthew/Mark room in the Early Learning Center upstairs. If interested please register by either emailing Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossover.org or calling (302) 674-5787 X 122. Please register by September 23.

CONFIRMATION (HC)

Confirmation class begin Sunday, September 15, at 3:30 pm or Wednesday, September 18, at 6 pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: (HC)

Join us for Golf and Ice Cream at Tre Sorelle Dolce in Camden Sunday, September 29, from 7:30 - 9 pm. Cost \$6 per golfer.

ADULT VOLUNTEER MEETING (HC)

Monday, September 30, at 7:30 pm in Matthew Mark Room of ELC building. Anyone interested in helping with Junior High Youth Group or High School Youth Group please attend.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE CORNER

MARRIAGE MOMENT

When we feel anxious about missing calls and annoyed that we would have to pay a lot of money to replace a phone, prayer usually puts it in perspective: "This is not a world problem." Be grateful for your spouse - your main trusty friend. Besides, your spouse also has a cell phone for back up.

PARENTING POINTER

Look for one thing you appreciate about each person in your family today. Share it. It's nice if it's not expected, and there are no rules. For babies, a smile will do.

K OF C (HC)

There will be a "Columbus Day" Italian Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 12, at 6 pm at the Columbian Home Hall in Camden, DE. Cost is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

SRE First Reconciliation/Communion Prep: Parents in-service/meeting Sunday, September 15, at 12 noon in the hall.

Information has been mailed to you. If you have not received anything, please contact Mrs. Alicia

Class starts: Tuesday, October 1, at 6:30-7:30 pm in the Parish hall. Do not miss your first class.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS (IC)

In-Service for Confirmation Sunday, October 6, at Noon in the parish hall.

Young people: If you feel the call to come help, volunteer on Sundays, please see Ms. Alicia. There are many ways you can help your Church.

SRE will start again on September 22, 2019.

ALL Parent meeting for beginning of the SRE: Sunday, September 15, at 9:40 am in the hall. Please be sure to attend the parent training in-service.

Please stop in the office and register your children and reserve their spot now. Do not wait for the first day of classes! Do it today.

Registrations: Registrations for 2019-2020 are now available at the office, and online. Please get your registrations for school of Religious Education this weekend. We would like to have all registered for next year now to plan for materials, classrooms and teachers. Please return registrations to Alicia or office. Fees are as follows: \$40 per child, not to exceed \$150 per family. This is to defray all costs of books, materials, and supplies.

Las Matriculas: Para nuestro programa de formación cristiana de niños en domingo están todavía disponibles en el despacho parroquial, en la entrada principal del templo, y en el internet. Favor de someterlas en lo más pronto posible, con la cobra de \$40 por cada niño, y no más de \$150 cada familia.

NEEDED: TEACHERS! (ICC)

Share your gifts and get the rewards in heaven. We will need teachers for religious education on Sunday mornings from September to May. If you see this, and are wondering "is this me?", inquire.

K OF C (ICC)

The next meeting of the Knights will take place on Tuesday, September 24, at 7 pm in the Knights Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.



MRS. POLLITT'S PONDERINGS

It's called an icebreaker. I refer not to a blunt instrument designed to crack enormous pieces of ice, but rather, to an activity designed to encourage conversation among those gathered at an event where most in attendance might not be familiar with one another.

I have fond remembrances of Father Hanley and the faculty retreat he planned for all those who were in any way affiliated with Catholic education in Holy Cross Parish. The event always took place in the summer, very close to the onset of the school year, and we gathered for an overnight retreat at Jesus House in Wilmington. The attendees included all school staff, the CCD teachers, and the youth ministers. So, not everyone in the room knew one another; seating was engineered so that we couldn't just sit with our friends. Just like in the classroom! Mrs. Carmella Jones was the co-facilitator of the event and in preparing ourselves for participation she asked each of us to bring a symbol of our vocation as Catholic educators. Furthermore, we were asked to keep it in an enclosed container so no one could see the object we had selected for our symbol. Our symbol was to be used during the icebreaker when Mrs. Jones asked us to discuss how our symbol related to our vocation.

I remember my tablemates included Mrs. Patty Guido, Mrs. Roberta Fair, and Mr. Eric D'Antonio. They were the only people at my table that I knew. There were six people to a table and one by one we shared our symbols. Mrs. Guido selected a packet of seeds that represented the growth in learning, and spiritual development of her students over time. Mrs. Fair revealed puzzle pieces representing the learning process and the manner in which our students take disjointed pieces and put them all together to make sense of learning. Mr. D'Antonio brought his guitar as a symbol of the music he played with the teens at Mass and during Life-Teen events bringing the word of God to them in song. All of them; lovely metaphors used to describe a deeply rooted commitment to their students and Catholic education.

My symbol was a lump of clay. I explained that my lump of clay represented my students. Now, as critical and unkind as that might sound, I can assure you that it was with a deep and heartfelt love that I explained why my lump of gray clay was symbolic of my Math students. Coming to me with full expectation of learning and untangling the mysteries that lie within a subject that many found difficult, my "pieces of clay" were

all ready to be molded and crafted into beautiful and fine vessels. For me it was a true labor of love. It remains as such.

I speak not just for myself, but for every Catholic educator in our school. It was with great enthusiasm that our teachers returned for another school year during which we will continue to chip away, to fashion and mold the young minds of our students. It is what we do. Period.

It has been a great start to the year. I **thank our families** who have entrusted the care of their precious children to us. I **thank our teachers** who will make it all happen for the next 180 days. I **thank our nurse** for the love and commitment to the well-being of our students. I thank our super-efficient, office staff for their keeping the oil flowing in this machine, and for their commitment to the students, teachers, and to administration. Without the three of them, we would be completely lost. **Sincere appreciation to Mrs. Marian Stant** our super-duper culinary queen. It just makes me feel warm all over when the sweet aroma of her delectable delight fills the gathering space as I tour prospective families. Talk about a marketing technique!!

My thanks as well, to **Mrs. Diane Belt and Mr. Ken Trojan**. I very much appreciate their assistance with all the financial workings and keeping the gears operational in this well-oiled machine.



YOU'VE HEARD IT BEFORE; "IT TAKES A VILLAGER." OUR VILLAGE IS WELL POPULATED BY MANY WHO ARE FAITHFUL AND DEVOTED TO DOING THEIR PART TO MOLD, CRAFT, AND FASHION ALL THOSE BEAUTIFUL VESSELS.

THE BACK TO SCHOOL BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO TOWN!



BOOK FAIR

The Back To School book fair will be held September 16-20 in the Elementary Multi-purpose room.

The times are: Monday through Thursday: 8 - 4:30 pm and Friday 8 - 3:30 pm.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New School Year! We at Saint Thomas More Academy couldn't be happier to begin anew, working always toward the fulfillment of our school's mission, set forward for the inaugural class of Ravens in 1998:



Saint Thomas More Academy, a Catholic college preparatory school in the Diocese of Wilmington, educates young women and men of all cultural and economic backgrounds for academic excellence using Catholic teachings and Gospel values; promotes integrated arts, community service and athletics; develops individuals, in a safe environment, to share their God-given gifts; and graduates well-rounded citizens.

I have great trust that God is at work in the hearts and minds of our faculty, staff, and students who strive to realize the lofty goals outlined by our school and indeed by our Catholic faith every day. I see it lived out in the way we hold ourselves to the standard of the school Honor Code, to act with "honesty, integrity, and respect;" I see it in the way we care for one another, making it a mission to embody "family" for our peers; I see it in the way we dedicate ourselves to academic achievement and college preparation; and I see it in the way we foster growth of the whole person by committing to campus ministry, clubs, teams, and the arts.

JOIN THE RAVENS

Cheer our fall athletes on from the sidelines and the bleachers!

Home Volleyball Contests:

9/18 at 5:15 pm vs. Glasgow

Home Field Hockey Contests:

9/23 at 4:00 pm vs. Gunston

9/25 at 4:00 pm vs. Ss. Peter & Paul

9/26 at 4:00 pm vs. Delmarva Christian

Gym Admission: \$5 adult; \$3 student. See the full calendar of sports contests at www.ravenssports.com.

I also have great trust that God is at work on behalf of our school through *YOUR* hands, our parish community. STMA has the great honor of serving as the high school of Holy Cross Parish since our union in July 2017. It is our goal to expand that union in a meaningful way in the 2019-20 school year through greater collaboration and communication. I'm thrilled I can speak to you each week in this bulletin! But we also hope to encounter you through community service, church and school events, social networks, alumni outreach, and shared faith experiences. Please know that we look forward to nourishing a thriving sense of community with Holy Cross Parish, and that we rely on you for your prayerful support.

May God bless Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception church and school communities this school year!

Yours in Christ,

Rachael A. Casey
Principal

STMA CELEBRATIONS

STMA gathers as a full school community to celebrate Mass weekly. Students take the lead by altar serving, gift-bearing, reading, cantoring, leading the Prayer of the Faithful, and providing music ministry. We make time for God!

