

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

September 23, 2018 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Weekday Eucharist

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,
Thursday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Timothy J. Brady, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of financial assistance, please call

St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702

The Sacraments

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

Dear Parishioners,

When I was in Second Grade at St. Anthony's School in New York, our Parish instituted formal tuition for its parishioners who had students in the school. Up until that time tuition had been free for Parishioners; then suddenly it became a two-dollars-a-month tuition (soon thereafter ten dollars). Our faculty was 100% composed of Franciscan nuns – from Kindergarten (which was new) through 8th grade and even in our Parish's "Commercial High School" where secretarial and basic business skills were taught. Operational expenses were low (technology wasn't "a thing" back then, there was no air conditioning), regulations were minimal, and thus tuition was negligible.

Meanwhile back in 2018. Fast forward to our Parish school today: In our Holy Cross Elementary, Middle and High School operations, there are no priests, brothers or nuns that are teaching. Salaries, while

lower than that of our public-school counterparts, are competitive; technology (and its associated cost of upkeep) permeates our buildings; health benefits are provided fully to each employee; air conditioning is provided in all campus buildings; and the over cost of care, maintenance, and meeting regulatory costs has risen.

Intuition about Tuition. Amidst all of this, I have made it a priority during my time as Pastor to keep tuition rates as low as possible by way of frugal spending, targeted fund raising, and did I mention frugal spending? As such, unlike any other school in the Diocese, Holy Cross Elementary School's tuition has been frozen twice during the past four year, while our Parish High School (St. Thomas More Academy) saw its tuition frozen and reduced upon becoming a Parish school. Catholic School education, in the estimation of this Pastor, needs to be kept reasonable in order remain accessible to our families.

A Supporting Column. Why am I writing about this in this week's column? Because this weekend, parishioners here at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception, as well as throughout the Diocese will be asked to help make the dream of a Catholic education a reality for struggling Catholic families. Funds raised through this collection coupled with the Diocese's existing tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds and hundreds of deserving families seeking a Catholic School education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition.

Go Teach All Nations. Through this collection, the Church is reaching out to the Catholic faithful to assist in ensuring that the Catholic commitment to education of our children does not fade away because people cannot afford it. Since the Church has a mission given by Christ to educate ("Go teach all nations" Matthew 28:19) and since this mission directly affects the quality of life we experience as Catholics, all of us have a stake in Catholic education.

As many of you know, I loathe talking about money in the context of faith, but there are times where it is the Pastor's duty to do so. And this is one of those times. And so, I ask you to consider supporting this week's Share in the Spirit collection (and if you are not able to contribute this week, feel free to drop off or mail a donation to our Parish office). God bless you all!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

PS: And a big "PS" this is... here are the answers to the Catholic Schools Crossword Puzzle from the September 9 Bulletin. Sorry for the delay!

Across Answers:

1. ELSEMERE—Several years ago in our Diocese, Corpus Christi School became All Saints Catholic School, in what town is that school?
4. ARCHMERE—What Catholic high school's mascot is the Auk?
5. CHAPEL—A designated place for prayer located in a Catholic School
7. SIX—Round down to the nearest thousand, how many thousands of Catholic Schools (elementary and high school) are there in the U.S.?
8. PAROCHIAL—A formal word that describes an elementary or high school operated by a Parish
11. NEW ORLEANS—The first Catholic school for girls in the U.S. was run by the Ursuline nuns in what southern city?
15. DOCTRINE—Religious education is provided in parish "CCD" programs. CCD stands for Confraternity of Christian _____.

16. BLAINE—Amendments to states constitutions prohibiting state aid to Catholic institutions were named for their main 19th century proponent. They are commonly called _____ Amendments.

19. DOMINICANS—The University of Dallas is a Catholic University run by what religious order?
21. RAVEN—St. Thomas More Academy's mascot, named for the aviary taunters of St. Thomas More as he languished in the tower of London, is the _____ (singular)
22. VIKINGS—Sharing the name of an NFL team, the name for St. Elizabeth's sports teams is the _____.
24. BALTIMORE—The first Catholic School in the United States was founded in the city of _____.
25. GEORGETOWN—The campus of what Catholic University is seen in the movie, "The Exorcist" (1973)
27. SALISBURY—Southernmost elementary school in the Diocese of Wilmington is located in what Maryland city?
28. JANUARY—Catholic Schools Week in the United States is observed during the last week of what month?

Down Answers:

2. MERICI—The Ursuline Sisters who established schools like Ursuline Academy are part of a religious order founded by St. Angela _____.
3. CRUSADERS—Holy Cross school symbol and sports teams' moniker: The _____.
5. CROWNING—Common event to honor Mary, each spring; it's called the May _____.
6. LASALLE—The Patron Saint of Catholic Schools is St. Jean Baptiste de _____ (two words)
9. JESUITS—Fordham University is a Catholic University run by what religious order?
10. FELICIAN—Order of nuns that ran Holy Cross School from the 1950s to the 1980s.
12. GOOD SHEPHERD—Western most Catholic elementary school in our Diocese does not bear the name of saint, what is the name of that school?
13. BERLIN—Most Blessed Sacrament school on the Eastern Shore of Maryland is our only school to be located in a city sharing the name of European nation's capital city. In what city is Most Blessed Sacrament located?
14. FRANCIS DESALES—Salesianum is a Catholic High School in our Diocese run by the Oblates of St. _____ (3 words)
17. HOLY CROSS—Notre Dame University is run by the religious order called the Congregation of _____.
18. PURPLE—St Thomas More Academy school color
20. FIFTYTWO—Holy Cross School in Dover first opened its doors in Nineteen ____ (year)
23. GREEN—Holy Cross School color
26. WILMINGTON—Location of the Catholic Schools office for our Diocese



Welcome Back to our SRE Students !!

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, September 23

8:30 Erma Neudecker

11:00 For the people

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

Thursday, September 27– 7pm Misa

Sunday, September 30

8:30 Raymond Messner

11:00 Rosa Cristiano

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Sep 23 Julia Moore & Assistant

Sep 30 Elisa & Tom Costello

Oct 7 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Church Cleaning Crew

Septiembre 28, 2018 Grupo # 7

Ovidio Roblero, **Natalina Capistran**, Fausto Ortiz,
Everilda Pérez, Amanda Salas, Ashley Salas

Octubre 5, 2018 Grupo # 8

Rafael Morales, **Marcos González**, Osvaldo Miranda
Eleazar Santizo, Reyna Morales

Altar Servers

September 30

8:30am Mass – Anna Clancy & Averi Locke

11am Mass – Joanna & Sherlin Santizo

Spanish Misa 1pm – Jeffrey Gabriel & Sofia Ramirez

Lectors

September 30

8:30am Mass – Bill Thompson

11am Mass – Donna King

Spanish Misa 1pm – Román Cuin, Juan Díaz

Eucharistic Ministers

September 30

8:30am Mass – Lani Small, Charlotte Tormey

11am Mass – Jim Ward, Bob VanVessan

Spanish Misa 1pm – Dolores Cuin, Carlos Miguel,
Flora Pérez, Genaro Pérez, Antonio Pérez

**Altar Server Schedule will be out this week. Please
keep a look out for it in the mail.**

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Offertery: \$ 2999.25

ICC School of Religious Education support: \$ 547.05

Second Collection Today: Share in the Spirit

*Your continued support of the work of your Church
is much needed and appreciated.*

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Sep 23 9:40am – SRE Classes in Classroom

**Sun, Sep 23 Noon – Parent Mtg – 1st
Reconciliation/Communion**

Wed, Sep 26 7pm 100th Anniversary Mtg – in Hall

Fri, Sep 28 7pm – Band Practice

Fri, Sep 28 7pm – RCIA

**Sat, Sep 29 All Day - PARISH SOCCER
TOURNAMENT**

Sun, Sep 30 12Noon – Parent Mtg - Confirmation

Knights of Columbus

Next meeting

**Tues, September 25th
7pm Meeting**

in the Knights Hall

**All members are encouraged
to attend. Membership is open
to men 18 years of age or older**



who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact
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FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education

9:40am-10:50am

**THANK YOU TO THE MANY HANDS THAT HELPED
GET US READY FOR SRE TODAY!**

Religious Education Classes begin today. If you are not registered, please come to the front desk to register in hall.

REGISTRATIONS!! Fees are as follows: \$35 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, con la cobra de \$35 por cada niño, y no más de \$150 cada familia.



Hear the call? Share your talents, time & gifts with our parish. Not sure where? Call Alicia Poppiti, we can find a place for you here!! Training on site; knowledge of the Catholic faith, and a willingness to share your faith and your faith journey with the children and people of our Parish. Salary: the satisfaction of doing the right thing in this life! Benefits: a hundred-fold happiness in the next. Presently, catechists for our Gods children are needed- **Kindergarten, as well as 7th grade are still needed.** Helpers and substitutes are always appreciated. Thank you.



PARENTS: in-Service for First Reconciliation and First Communion TODAY Sunday, September 23rd at 12 noon in the parish hall.

If you have a child in 2nd grade or in their 2nd year of RE and they have not received First Communion, your presence is needed at this gathering.

PARENTS: in-Service for Confirmation NEXT SUNDAY, September 30th at 12 noon in the parish hall.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Couples fight about many different things - money, whose job it is to clean up, the kids... Identify your top gripe of today and decide to let it go. Is one day of peace too hard?

Parenting Pointer –

Have you had a Family Night recently? Don't know what to do? Try a walk down Memory Lane with your kids. Dig out some photos of their birth to more recent times and reminisce together. Maybe they'd even like to see photos of you growing up, if you dare.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The General Directory for Catechesis reminds us that faith is both a gift from God and an ongoing call to a process of continuing conversion. Sacred Scripture holds a pre-eminent position in catechesis that needs to include opportunities for reflection where the disciple can be shaped by the Word of God.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: We are called to serve others.

Question for Children: What are some specific ways in which you can serve your friends or family members?

Question for Youth: Sometimes, when we strive to be first or be the one that wins, we hurt others. When has striving to be first hurt others? What can you do differently in the future to help others to succeed?

Question for Adults: Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace?

25to domingo del tiempo ordinario

Tema: Todos estamos llamados a servir.

Pregunta para los niños: ¿De qué maneras específicas puedes servir a tus amigos o a los miembros de tu familia?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: A veces, cuando luchamos por ser primeros o por ganar, herimos a otros. ¿Cuándo heriste a otros por ser primero? ¿Qué puedes modificar en el futuro para ayudar a otros a que les vaya bien?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Le es fácil o difícil servir a otros?

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 23 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2018.

Queridos feligreses,

Cuando estaba en segundo grado en la escuela San Antonio en Nueva York, nuestra parroquia instituyó la matrícula formal para sus feligreses que tenían estudiantes en la escuela. Hasta ese momento, la matrícula había sido gratuita para los feligreses; luego, de repente, se convirtió en una matrícula de dos dólares al mes (poco después, diez dólares). La facultad de educadores estaba compuesta al 100% por monjas franciscanas, desde el jardín de infantes (que era nuevo) hasta el octavo grado e incluso en la "escuela secundaria de comercio", donde se enseñaban las destrezas secretariales y comerciales básicas. Los gastos operacionales fueron bajos (la tecnología no era "una cosa" en aquel entonces, no había aire acondicionado), las regulaciones eran mínimas y, por lo tanto, la matrícula era insignificante.

Mientras Tanto, en 2018. Avancemos rápidamente a nuestra escuela parroquial hoy: en nuestras operaciones de la Escuela Elemental, Intermedia y Superior de Holy Cross no hay sacerdotes, hermanos o monjas que estén enseñando. Los salarios, aunque son más bajos que los de nuestras contrapartes en las escuelas públicas, son competitivos; la tecnología (y su costo asociado de mantenimiento) impregnan nuestros edificios; los beneficios de salud que se ofrecen por completo a cada empleado; aire acondicionado se proporciona en todos los edificios del campus; y el costo excesivo de la atención, el mantenimiento y el cumplimiento de los costos regulatorios han aumentado

Intuición Sobre la Matrícula. En medio de todo esto, he convertido en una prioridad durante mi tiempo como párroco mantener las tasas de matrícula lo más bajas posible por medio de gastos frugales, recaudación de fondos específicos, ¿y mencioné el gasto frugal? Como tal, a diferencia de cualquier otra escuela en la Diócesis, la matrícula de la Escuela Primaria de Holy Cross ha sido congelada dos veces durante los últimos cuatro años, mientras que nuestra Escuela Secundaria Parroquial (Academia St. Thomas More) vio su matrícula congelada y reducida al convertirse en una escuela parroquial. La educación de la Escuela Católica, en la estimación de este Párroco, debe mantenerse razonable para que nuestras familias puedan acceder a ella.

Una Columna de Apoyo. ¿Por qué estoy escribiendo sobre esto en la columna de esta semana? Debido a que este fin de semana, se les pedirá a los feligreses aquí en

Holy Cross y en La Inmaculada Concepción, así como en toda la Diócesis, que ayuden a hacer realidad el sueño de una educación católica para las familias católicas con menos recursos. Los fondos recaudados a través de esta colecta, junto con la ayuda de la asistencia de matrícula existente de la Diócesis, brindan asistencia financiera a cientos y cientos de familias merecedoras que buscan una educación de la Escuela Católica para sus hijos pero que no pueden pagar el costo total de la matrícula.

Vayan y Enseñen a Todas las Naciones. A través de esta colecta, la Iglesia se está acercando a los fieles católicos para ayudar a garantizar que el compromiso católico con la educación de nuestros niños no se desvanezca porque las personas no pueden pagarlo. La Iglesia tiene una misión dada por Cristo para educar ("Vayan y enseñen a todas las naciones" Mateo 28:19) y dado que esta misión afecta directamente la calidad de vida que experimentamos como católicos, todos nosotros tenemos interés en la educación católica.

Como muchos de ustedes saben, aborrezco hablar de dinero en el contexto de la fe, pero hay ocasiones en que es obligación del párroco hacerlo. Y este es uno de esos momentos. Por lo tanto, le pido que considere apoyar la colecta "Share in the Spirit" de esta semana (y si no puede contribuir esta semana, siéntase libre de dejar o enviar por correo una donación a nuestra oficina de la Parroquia). ¡Dios los bendiga a todos!

Tuyo en Cristo,
P. James Lentini
Párroco