

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Summer Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Fridays, 9:30-12 noon Closed Wednesdays
Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

September 3, 2017 – Twenty-second 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. John T. Solomon, 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,

School's Out In. It is Labor Day weekend, and for the first time in many years, I am pleased to note that school will be back in session after this weekend. For a number of years, the school year has crept backwards toward the dog days of summer. But this year, every Catholic School in our Diocese, all public schools in Maryland and most public schools in Delaware have restored the post-Labor Day start of school. For me this is like when, in 1984, "old" Coke was disastrously replaced with the swill-flavored "new" Coke, and then soon thereafter we saw "old" Coke restored – and all was right with the universe again. School beginning after Labor Day: all is right with the universe again.

And note this year, for the first time since fall 1986, Holy Cross Parish is beginning the school year with its own high school! Effective July 1, St. Thomas More Academy became the Parish high school of Holy Cross. So, now in addition to our amazing elementary school, and its

wonderful administration, faculty and staff, providing Catholic Education PK-8, we also have the joy of being able to provide a sound Catholic educational environment for Grades 9-12, at the STMA campus. I ask your prayers and support for both of our wonderful parish schools, may they have continued success for years to come!

Labor Day. The Zombies – the band not the living dead -- sang back in 1968: "It's the time of the season..." With the arrival of Labor Day, it is indeed the time of the season when those white shoes, white wallets, white handbags, white pants, white moo-moos, white puka-beads and those white hats get tossed onto the "Joannie Loves Chachi DVD" "Cabbage-Patch Kids" and "Ginsu Knives" pile of forgotten items.

So, maybe just as we remind ourselves of the "wearing white from Memorial Day to Labor Day" custom, this would also be a good time to remind ourselves of some Church customs, disciplines and practices:

- **Easter Duty:** Every Catholic has the duty to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season; likewise, they have the duty to make Confession at least once a year if they are conscious of mortal sin. For the purposes of defining “Easter season” the Church stretches the season out to encompass all of Lent and Eastertime, all the way through Trinity Sunday. You might say, in its generosity, the Church adds some extra seasoning!
- **Genuflecting:** All persons who are physically able, when entering a Church with a visible tabernacle in the sanctuary of the Church, are called upon to genuflect prior to taking a seat. Genuflection is accomplished by kneeling down on the right knee (kind of like one would expect a suitor to do when proposing marriage to the woman he loves). This is a sign of reverence and respect to Christ our King, and is a reflection of the way, traditionally, a subject greets a King. This is a practice we all (k)need to remember.
- **Sacred Silence:** A Church is a sacred space reserved for silence and prayer. Before Mass many people come to Church to pray; today we oft find people who come to talk. An old priest once said, “Two people talking prevent forty people from praying.” We all have an obligation to keep the inside of the body of the Church prayerful. One should use the area outside of a Church be it the narthex (gathering space), the parish hall, or other common space for talking to one another, and the body of the Church for talking to God.
- **Blessing.** The Holy Water font is meant to be used for people to “bless themselves” and remind themselves of the waters of Baptism. It is custom for a person to bless himself by dipping his right hand in the font and then make the sign of the cross.

- **Fasting Before Holy Communion.** Bruce Springsteen said that “Everybody’s got a hungry heart.” That may be true, but sometimes hunger needs to be put in check. Thus, the Church prescribes abstaining from food and drink for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. Canon #919 states: “*One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion.*” This means no doughnuts, no gum, no Big Macs, no sticky buns and no Coca-Cola (and other items in the Fr. Lentini diet plan) before Mass. The requirement does not include the taking of medicine or needed-consumption. In the 1973, Pope Paul VI exempted people over 60 from this requirement.

- **Being Properly Disposed for Holy Communion.** When a Catholic approaches the altar for Holy Communion, Church law, buoyed by Holy Scripture, states that he may not be in a state of mortal sin (i.e. serious sin committed with full consent of the will, after sufficient reflection). If in mortal sin, one must receive absolution so he can properly and rightly receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Reception of the Eucharist, itself, absolves venial sins.

There are many other disciplines, customs and practices, but these which relate to Mass are always good to keep keen in our mind. And, let me add, that unlike wearing white only between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the practices related to Mass encompass the whole year – regardless of what Federal Holidays intervene.

Dignity of Labor. On this Labor Day, let’s take pause to reflect on and appreciate the achievement and innate dignity of the worker and his work, accomplished using his God-given talents. Pope John Paul II said it well, “man’s life is built up every day from work, from work it derives its specific dignity.” A restful Labor Day weekend to you all.

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, Sept. 3

8:30: Robin Parker

11:00: Dustin Sanders

Misa en Español **1pm** For the People

Thu Sep 7 Misa **7pm** For the People

Sunday, Sept. 10

8:30: Edwin & Elvira Lemp

11:00: Lilly Herin

Misa en Español **1pm** For the People

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$3160.00

Supplementary: \$ 295.00

V Encuentro: \$88.00

Second Collection Today: Hurricane Harvey

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Sep 3 Julia Moore & Paul McQuaide

Sep 10 Elisa & Tom Costello

Sep 17 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

Church Cleaning Crew

Septiembre 8, 2017 Grupo #11

Anselmo Escalante, **Adelaida Velásquez**, Judith Ortiz, Cesario Escalante, Ada Escalante, Haylen Bartolón

Septiembre 15, 2017 Grupo #12

Hortencia Bamaca, Luz Morales, Rosemary Bamaca, Froilán Berduo, Sheila Berduo

Altar Servers

September 10

8:30am Mass – Averi Locke & Anna Clancy

11:00am Mass – Vincent Haass & Joanna Santizo

Spanish Misa 1pm – Itzel Roblero & Reynaldo Alvarez

Lectors

September 10

8:30am Mass – Bill Thompson

11:00am Mass – Alicia Poppiti

Spanish Misa 1pm – Levin Ramírez, Antonio Pérez

Eucharistic Ministers

September 10

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Charlotte Tormey, Mark Plucenik

11:00am Mass – Deacon Mitchell, Bob VanVessan, Paul Lardizzone

Spanish Misa 1pm – Ovidio Roblero, Natalina Capistran, Salome Morales, Anselmo Escalante, Verónica Bravo

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Which of the 10 commandments is hardest for you (or your spouse) to keep? Do you know your beloved well enough to predict their answer? Of course there's always the Great Commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Your spouse is your closest neighbor.

Parenting Pointer –

Kids make mistakes, are selfish, or sometimes just plain mean. Forgiveness does not mean there is no consequence for bad behavior. Don't fear to give a punishment, but wrap it in love and a way to earn forgiveness.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Mon, Sep 4 Office Closed – Labor Day

Tue, Sep 5, 7pm Juan XXIII

Wed, Sep 6 7pm ESL

Thu, Sep 7 7pm Misa

Thu, Sep 7 7pm Play Practice Read

Sat, Sep 9 **V Encuentro 8am-4pm**, Hall

Sun, Sep 10, 2:30pm Parish Fall Fund Raiser

Red Mass Is Coming

You are invited.

Red Mass

Dating back to the Middle Ages, the Red Mass is celebrated annually for judges, lawyers, law professors & students, and government officials. The Mass invokes the gifts of the Holy Spirit for those who seek justice and serve in its administration.

The annual Red Mass will be **celebrated on Mon, Oct 2, at 6pm at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church**. This is the 30th Annual Celebration of the Red Mass, and the homilist will be Fr. Robert Kennedy, who was homilist for the first diocesan Red Mass. **Dinner follows in the church hall.**



Knights of Columbus

We meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month at 6:30pm. Come join us!

Membership in The Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Harry Brown 302-233-8336.

Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

CAS – Come and Seek

Are you being called to the Priesthood? You're invited to socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests, and men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest.

Find out about the amazing life of the Priesthood. You will meet young men like yourself who are asking the same question: is Jesus calling ME to be a Priest?

CAS – South will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Saint John the Apostle Church, 506 Seabury Drive, Milford, DE on September 18th Contact Father John Solomon at fatherjohnsolomon@gmail.com or 302-674-5787.



FROM THE DRE'S DESK

**School of Religious Education
September 24, 2017-May 6, 2018
9:40am-10:50am**

REGISTRATIONS!! Registrations for 2016-2017 are open. Please get your registrations for school of Religious Education this weekend. Please return registrations to the parish now. **Fees are as follows:** **\$35 per child.** 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/ahora, con la cobra de \$35 por cada niño.



St. Thomas Academy More

133 Thomas More Drive, Magnolia, DE 19962

St. Thomas More Academy is a Catholic College Preparatory School located in Kent County. St. Thomas More is Faith Focused, Teacher Connected,

Arts Inspired, College Centered and Honor Guided.

Saint Thomas More would like to wish everyone a safe

Labor Day Weekend!

Classes resume on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017 (half-day).

First Day of Fall Competition: Friday, Sept. 9th.

We encourage you to visit us in person or through our website www.saintmore.org to learn why we were voted

2017 Best Private School in Kent County.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: The cross is a way that leads to true life.

Question for Children: Jesus tells us that we each called to follow him. What is hard for you to do to follow Jesus?

Question for Youth: In order to follow Jesus, we have to do hard things, to carry our own crosses. What is a cross that you are carrying right now? In what ways can you ask Jesus to help you with your cross?

Question for Adults: Jesus gives us the core truth to life and eternal happiness — the cross. Name the cross that you carry. How is it bringing you closer to God?

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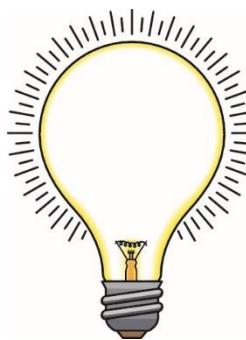
Tema: La cruz es una forma de guiarnos hacia la verdadera vida.

Pregunta para los niños: Jesús nos dice que hemos sido llamados a seguirlo. ¿Qué es difícil para ti hacer para seguir a Jesús?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Al crecer y tener más edad y sabiduría, enfrentas elecciones cada vez más difíciles. ¿Cómo te aseguras que una de esas opciones es permanecer en la fe de Cristo y en la iglesia?

Pregunta para los adultos: Jesús nos da la verdad esencial de la vida y la felicidad eterna, la cruz. Menciona la cruz que tú llevas. ¿Cómo te acerca esto a Dios?

Need Energy Assistance?



The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), administered in Delaware by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington, will begin taking applications beginning July 5, 2017 for the upcoming heating season. This federally-funded program assists low-income Delawareans with heating bills through direct payments to home energy suppliers. Those interested should call their local Catholic Charities office to get an appointment. Regular office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

COLUMNÁ DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 3 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2017.

Queridos feligreses,

Escuela Afuera Adentro. Es el fin de semana del Día del Trabajo, y por primera vez en muchos años, me complace ver que las escuelas volverán a estar en sesión después de este fin de semana. Durante varios años, el año escolar ha retrocedido hacia agosto días calurosos del verano. Pero este año, todas las escuelas católicas de nuestra diócesis, todas las escuelas públicas de Maryland y la mayoría de las escuelas públicas de Delaware han restaurado el comienzo del año escolar para después del Día del Trabajo. Para mí esto es como cuando, en 1984, la "vieja" Coca-Cola desastrosamente fue sustituida por la "nueva" Coca-Cola, y luego, poco después, vimos la "vieja" Coca-Cola restaurada - y todo estaba bien con el universo otra vez. El año escolar que comienza después del Día del Trabajo: otra vez todo está bien con el universo.

Y anota este año, por primera vez desde el otoño de 1986, la parroquia de Santa Cruz está comenzando el año escolar con su propia escuela secundaria! A partir del 1 de julio, La Academia de St. Thomas More se convirtió en la escuela parroquial de Holy Cross. Así que ahora, además de nuestra excelente escuela primaria, y su maravillosa administración, personal docente y todos los que laboran, proporcionando una educación Católica PK-8, también tenemos el gusto de proveer un ambiente educativo católico para los grados 9-12, en STMA. Pido sus oraciones y su apoyo para nuestras dos maravillosas escuelas parroquiales, que tengan éxito continuado muchos años por venir!

Día del Trabajo! Los Zombies, Un grupo de banda, no los muertos vivientes, cantaron en 1968: "Es la época de la temporada ..." Con la llegada del Día del Trabajo, es realmente el momento de la temporada cuando esos zapatos blancos, carteras blancas, bolsos blancos, Los pantalones blancos, los moo-moos blancos, y los sombreros blancos se guardan en el baúl de los recuerdos hasta la próxima temporada.

Por lo tanto, tal vez se nos olvida la costumbre en este país de solamente "usar el blanco desde el Memorial Day hasta el Día del Trabajo", también sería un buen momento para recordarnos algunas costumbres, disciplinas y prácticas de la Iglesia:

- La Obligación de La Pascua:** Todo católico tiene el deber de recibir la Santa

Comunión por lo menos una vez al año durante la Pascua; Asimismo, tienen el deber de confesarse por lo menos una vez al año si son conscientes de un pecado mortal. Con el fin de definir el "Tiempo de Pascua", la Iglesia extiende el Tiempo para abarcar todo el Tiempo de la Cuaresma y el Tiempo de la Pascua, todo el recorrido hasta el Domingo de la Trinidad. Se podría decir, en su generosidad, que la Iglesia añade un poco de sazón adicional!

- La Genuflexión:** Todas las personas que físicamente están aptos, cuando entran en una iglesia con un tabernáculo visible en el santuario de la Iglesia, están llamados a hacer la genuflexión antes de tomar asiento. La genuflexión se hace arrodillándose sobre la rodilla derecha (algo parecido a lo que se podría esperar de un pretendiente al proponerle matrimonio a su amada). Este es un signo de reverencia y respeto a Cristo nuestro Rey, y es un reflejo de la manera, que tradicionalmente, un subalterno saluda a un Rey. Esta es una práctica que todos necesitamos recordar.

- Silencio Sagrado:** Una Iglesia es un espacio sagrado reservado para el silencio y la oración. Antes de la Misa, muchas personas vienen a la Iglesia a orar; Hoy en día encontramos personas que vienen a hablar. Un anciano sacerdote dijo una vez: "Dos personas hablando impiden que cuarenta personas oren". Todos tenemos la obligación de mantener silencio en el interior de la Iglesia es para la oración. Uno debe usar el área fuera de una iglesia, ya sea el nártex (espacio de reunión), el salón parroquial, u otro espacio comúnmente para hablar entre sí, y dentro de la Iglesia es solo para hablar con Dios.

- Bendición.** La fuente del agua bendita es para ser utilizada para que las personas "se bendiga" y para que recuerden las aguas del bautismo. Es costumbre que una persona se bendiga por inmersión de su mano derecha en la fuente y luego hacer la señal de la cruz.

- Ayuno antes de la Santa Comunión.** Bruce Springsteen dijo que "todo el mundo tiene un corazón hambriento." Eso puede ser cierto, pero a veces el hambre necesita ser controlado. Así, la Iglesia prescribe abstenerse de comer y beber durante una hora antes de recibir la Santa Comunión. El canon 919 declara: "Quien debe recibir la Santísima Eucaristía debe de "abstenerse de tomar cualquier alimento y bebida al menos una hora antes de la sagrada comunión,. El cómputo de una hora se refiere no al comienzo de la Misa sino al momento de comulgar., con excepción del agua y la medicina,

por lo menos durante el período de una hora antes de la Sagrada Comunión". Esto significa que no hay tortillas,donas, goma de mascar, no Big Macs, no dulce, no panes dulces y no Coca-Cola (y otros alimentos en el plan de dieta del P. Lentini) antes de la Misa. En 1973, el Papa Pablo VI eximió a las personas mayores de 60 años de este requisito.

● Estar Adecuadamente Preparados

para la Santa Comunión. Cuando un católico se acerca al altar para la Sagrada Comunión, la ley de la Iglesia, impulsada por la Sagrada Escritura, declara que no se puede estar en un estado de pecado mortal (es decir, pecado grave cometido con pleno consentimiento de la voluntad después de suficiente intención). Si en pecado mortal, uno debe recibir la absolución para poder apropiadamente y correctamente recibir el Sacramento de la Eucaristía. La recepción de la Eucaristía, en sí misma, absuelve los pecados veniales.

Hay muchas otras disciplinas, costumbres y prácticas, pero las que se relacionan con la Misa son siempre buenas para mantener las en mente. Y, permítanme añadir, que a diferencia del blanco sólo entre el Día de los Caídos y el Día del Trabajo, las prácticas relacionadas con la Misa abarcan todo el año, independientemente de los días Feriados Federales que intervengan.

Dignidad del Trabajo. En este Día del Trabajo, tomemos una pausa para reflexionar y apreciar el logro y la dignidad innata del trabajador y su trabajo, logrado usando sus talentos que Dios nos ha dado. El Papa Juan Pablo II lo dijo muy bien, "la vida del hombre se construye cada día del trabajo, del trabajo deriva su dignidad específica".
Un feliz fin de semana del Día del Trabajo para todos.

Suyo en Cristo,

Fr. James Lentini

Párroco



Todos están invitados a participar en el V Encuentro Diocesano de la Pastoral Hispana 2017-2020. El Lema del V Encuentro es

"Discipulos Misioneros: Testigos del Amor de Dios."

Esto es un proceso de formación, de consulta de preparar discípulos misioneros dispuestos a servir a la Iglesia y a la comunidad en todo los Estados Unidos.

Para poder planificar mejor , por favor de inscribirse con los líderes de la directiva. . Comenzará a las 9:00 con una procesión , habrá Alabanzas Charlas motivacionales , animación, música, almuerzo y Misa de envío.

El Sr. Obispo Malooly presidirá la santa Misa.

Gran V encuentro Diocesano

el 14 de octubre 2017.

En la Academia de St. Thomas More

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