

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

September 11, 2016 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
7:00 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. John Olson, Associate Pastor
Rev. Michael Angeloni, Associate Pastor

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**.

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

In Gratitude. I want to start off this column thanking the good folks at Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception for the many condolences extended to me on the death of my mother, Gloria. On behalf of myself and my family, please know that your words, thoughts, cards and prayers of sympathy are deeply appreciated.

we pray for and remember the dead of 9/11, let us also pray for the strength and concern, as a nation, to be eternally vigilant against those that seek to do us harm, and to be gratefully prayerful for those who protect us and defend our right to life. God bless America!

"The Saint" and the Saint. I don't know how many of you would recall the detective/secret agent TV series, "The Saint" (starring future James Bond star Roger Moore). In the earliest episodes of the show, the lead character Simon Templar (called "The Saint" because of his initials "ST") would speak directly to the audience about what was happening in the episode. The Saint was definitely a Robin Hood-like good guy, and during the opening credits a halo would appear above his stick-figure animated image to reinforce that idea.

Remembrance. This weekend our nation remembers the terrible events of September 11, 2001. On this, the 15th anniversary of the horrific attack on our nation, we pause to remember 2,974 lives lost on that day in Washington, D.C., Shanksville, Pennsylvania and, most vividly, in New York City. Author Pearl Buck famously wrote: "When good people in any country cease their vigilance and struggle, then evil men prevail." As

This past week, a different kind of saint came into our midst via the process of Canonization (the infallible exercise of Papal authority declaring one in Heaven). The new saint is St. Teresa of Calcutta (aka Mother Teresa, b. 1910, +1997). And as Simon Templar ("The Saint") spoke to the audience to let them know what was happening, St. Teresa of Calcutta spoke to us, who saw her and heard about her, by her actions and her words. Her life and her action spoke to the value of living in accord with the teachings of the Catholic faith and to living the Gospel in our own lives.

St. Teresa of Calcutta for us is not a saint of the early church, or some distant era – she is a saint who lived in our time; many of have seen her or heard her on TV or on the radio. This is a saint who lived Gospel values, and whose life spoke to us in our lifetime; ministered and cared for the poorest of the poor; and called on us to do what we can to help those in need, saying, "*If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.*" She likewise had a special devotion to the defense of the unborn, saying: "*Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers.*"

During his Homily at the Mass of Canonization, Pope Francis said this of St. Teresa of Calcutta:

"Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. She was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that 'the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable.' ... [F]or Mother Teresa, mercy was the 'salt' which gave flavor to her work, it was the 'light' which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering..."

"[H]er mission ... remains for us today an eloquent witness to God's closeness to the poorest of the poor. Today, I pass on this emblematic figure of womanhood and of consecrated life to the whole world of volunteers: May she be your model of holiness!"

To all of you, I echo the words of Pope Francis: Look at the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta, and let her be your model of holiness. St. Teresa of Calcutta, Pray for us.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Sep 11 **8:30am:** Ann & Neal Thomas
 11:00am: Dan Garvin

Misa en Español **7:00pm:** Linel Miguel Rivera
Thu., Sept 15 **7:00pm:** For the People

Sun., Sept 18 **8:30am:** Andrea Nagyiski
 11:00am: Anna Pschenica

Misa en Español **7:00pm:** Gloria Lentini

The Mass book for the 2017 year will open on November 1st

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$2040.00

Supplementary Offertory \$ 454.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary Offertory

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

Knights of Columbus: Meet every 2nd & 4th Tues., at 6:30pm.

For more info, contact Grand Knight, Harry Brown
302-233-8336 or daddyofone12307@gmail.com and
follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus
Council 12509



**Join us for breakfast TODAY
Sunday, September 11.
If you haven't registered your
children for SRE Classes,
registrations will be available.**



- Adult Bible Study begins Wednesday/Thursday October 12/13, Six Weeks with the Bible. Please call the office to register, as we need to order books.
- RCIA for adults begins this Tuesday, Please call Deacon Sherman Mitchell for more information

STEWARSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Sep 11 Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel
Sep 18 Margie Short & Laura Voshell
Sep 25 Judy Carrow & Ann Lawson

Church Cleaning Crew

September 17, 2016 Grupo #5 Rectoría-Oficina

Alberto Morales, Maurilio Gabriel, Carlos Gabriel, Carlos Miguel, **Érica Miguel**, Aurora Rivera

September 24, 2016 Grupo #6

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

Altar Servers

Sept 18

8:30am Mass – Hannah Nagyiski
11:00am Mass – Carmine Poppiti & Joanne Santizo
Spanish Misa 7pm – Haylin Bartolon & Pavel Hernandez

Lectors

Sept 18

8:30am Mass – Diane Smith
11:00am Mass – Donna King
Spanish Misa 7pm – Fausto Ortiz, Lucila Salinas

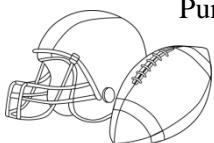
Eucharistic Ministers

Sept 18

8:30am Mass – Deacon Tormey, Sarah Bell, Alan Smith
11:00am Mass – Frank & Joyce Cristiano & Jim Ward
Spanish Misa 7pm – Genaro Pérez, Carlos Miguel, Miguel Lopez

Support the Catholic Schools Scholarship Fund

Join the Knights of Columbus FUNd raiser this football season. Be in the running for cash prizes each week between October through January. And help fund scholarships for Catholic Schools. It's easy! And it's fun!



Purchasing one \$10 ticket gives you the chance to win as much as \$150 each of 10 weeks during the Football Season.

It's hard to beat \$10

for 10 weeks of fun.

See any of the Knights at Breakfast in the Hall today or before or after Masses see Harry Brown, Clyde Hinebaugh, Gerry Godfrey, Steve Schoepp, Alan Smith, or Jim Ward to get your ticket.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Sep 11 9am K of C Breakfast
Mon, Sep 12 6pm St Vincent DePaul
Mon, Sep 12 & Wed Sep 14 7pm ESL
Tue, Sep 13 7pm Juan XXIII
Tues. Sep. 13 7pm RCIA office meeting room
Wed, Sep 14 7pm Confirmation Rehearsal
Sat, Sep 17 12Noon Confirmation
Confirmation Reception
Sat, Sep 17 6:30pm Culto



Choir practice. Practice for Confirmation today in between masses at approx 9:30.

Native American Retreat Sept. 24th

You are invited to attend a free Native American Retreat Day titled "Come Aside Awhile and Rest on Holy Ground: A Retreat with Black Elk" on Saturday, September 24, at 309 Green St, Bear, Delaware from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mass will be held at 5 p.m. at nearby Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Come and enjoy nature, and reflections of your own spirit. Register by **Sept 14** with Sharon Ward, Sharon wsward2@verizon.net, phone 302-545-3383 or Gail Rando gailvets2@gmail.com phone 352-445-2350. Sponsored by Diocese of Wilmington Native American Ministry.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

September 11, 2001 took most people by surprise. You don't know the time or the place you or your beloved will die. Take advantage of the time you have today to show your love.

Parenting Pointer –

"I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky." (Exodus 32:13) No matter the number of children you have, each one is a promise for the future. Do something to make the world better for your offspring today. (recycle, donate to a cause, make peace with someone.)



Are you being called to the Priesthood?

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 (Come and Seek) will meet at St. John the Beloved Church, 907 Milltown Road, Wilm, DE on Sept 14 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Fr. Chris Coffiey at 302-239-7100 x 24 or ccoffiey@yahoo.com

CAS will also meet at Saint Francis de Sales Parish Office Complex, located at the corner of Camden Avenue and Wicomico Street in Salisbury,

MD on Sept 14 at 6:30 p.m. For information, contact Fr. Glenn Evers at 410-882-3244.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK



School of Religious Education

Religious Education Classes for
2016-2017
Classes start Sept 25
9:40am-10:50am on Sundays

REGISTRATION: TODAY IN THE HALL

Registration for Religious Education on Sunday mornings wraps up today. Cost for attendance to cover materials and books is \$25 per child, not more than \$100 per family. An additional cost of \$35 for Sacramental preparation of First Reconciliation/Communion, and \$40 for Confirmation Preparation.

LAS MATRICULAS: Para nuestro programa de formación cristiana de niños en domingo todavía están disponibles en la oficina parroquial, en la entrada principal del templo, y en el internet. Favor de entregarlas lo más pronto posible, con una donación de \$25 por cada niño, y no más de \$100 por cada familia. Un costo adicional de \$35 para los Sacramentos cobra para Primera Reconciliación/ Primera Comunión y \$40 para la Confirmación.



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, a teacher or team for Jr. High School is needed (7th grade) and helpers, aides and substitutes are always appreciated. Thank you.

- Commissioning of Catechists will take place during Mass on Sunday, September 18.

Catechist in-service on Sunday, September 18 at 12:30-3:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you have an interest....please come take part in our in-service... "for where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Mt 18:20

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Come home. God's forgiveness is always there. God forgives before we even ask for forgiveness.

Question for Children: The father in this story welcomed his son home, even after he ran away and did bad things. How do you know God welcomes you after you do that?

Question for Youth: The prodigal son was welcomed home even though he had sinned. How hard is it for you to ask for forgiveness? Is it hard for you to believe that you are still loved even when you have sinned?

Question for Adults: When you wander away from being true to your faith, how do you know God will take you back? What signs do you see?

24º domingo en tiempo ordinario

Tema: Vengan a casa. El perdón de Dios siempre está presente. Dios nos perdona aún antes de que pidamos perdón.

Pregunta para los niños: El padre de esta historia recibe su hijo en su hogar aun cuando el hijo se fue e hizo cosas malas. ¿Cómo saben que Dios los recibirá después de que ustedes hicieran eso?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: El hijo pródigo fue bienvenido a casa aunque él había pecado. ¿Qué tan difícil es para ti pedir perdón? ¿Es difícil para ti creer que todavía te aman aún cuando hiciste cosas que realmente no eran correctas?

Pregunta para los adultos: Cuando se alejan de su fe, ¿cómo saben que Dios los recibirá de nuevo? ¿Qué señales ven?



In the Gospel this week, we hear about the Parable of the Lost Sheep, the Parable of the Lost Coin, and the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Jesus reminds us of God's love for the lost, His compassion, and His unwavering quest to bring us back to Him when we stray. Bring It Home this week by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, attending Mass, and having a family dinner together. Thank God for His love and compassion, no matter how many times we stray.

COLUMNÁ DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 11 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2016

Estimados Feligreses,

En Gratitud. Quiero comenzar esta columna agradeciendo a toda la buena gente de Santa Cruz y la Inmaculada Concepción por sus muchas condolencias extendidas a mí por la reciente muerte de mi madre, Gloria. En nombre mío y de mi familia, gracias y por favor sepán que sus palabras, pensamientos, tarjetas y oraciones de simpatía son profundamente apreciados.

Recordando. Este fin de semana nuestro país recuerda los terribles acontecimientos del 11 de septiembre de 2001. En este, XV aniversario del horrible ataque contra nuestra nación, hacemos una pausa para recordar a las 2,974 vidas perdidas en ese día en Washington, DC, Shanksville, Pensilvania y, más vívidamente, En Nueva York. El autor Pearl Buck escribió la célebre frase: "Cuando la buena gente de cualquier país dejan su vigilancia y su lucha, entonces los hombres malvados prevalecen." A medida que oramos y recordamos a los muertos del 9/11, oremos también por la fortaleza y el desasosiego, como nación, debemos estar siempre vigilantes contra los que buscan hacernos daño, y siempre oremos con agradecimiento por los que nos protegen y defienden nuestro derecho a la vida. ¡Dios bendiga América!

"El Santo" y La Santa. No sé cuántos de ustedes recordaran la serie de televisión de detectives / agente secreto, "El Santo" (protagonizada futura estrella de James Bond Roger Moore). En los primeros episodios de la serie, el personaje principal Simón Templar (llamado "El Santo", debido a sus iniciales "ST") hablaba directamente con el público acerca de lo que estaba ocurriendo en el episodio. El Santo fue sin duda un buen tipo con ribetes de Robin Hood, y durante la apertura acredita un halo que aparecería encima de su figura flemático y algo irónico para reforzar esa idea.

La semana pasada, completamente diferente otro tipo de santo entró en nuestro medio a través del proceso de la canonización (el ejercicio infalible de la autoridad papal declarando uno en el cielo). La nueva santa es Santa Teresa de Calcuta (también conocida como la Madre Teresa, 1910-1997). Y como Simón Templar ("El Santo") hablaba a la audiencia para hacerles saber lo que estaba ocurriendo, Santa Teresa de Calcuta habló con nosotros, que la vimos y oímos hablar de ella, por sus acciones y sus palabras. Su vida y su acción hablaron

con el valor de la vida de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de la fe católica y como vivir el Evangelio en nuestra propia vida.

Santa Teresa de Calcuta para nosotros no es una santa de la iglesia primitiva, o de una era lejana - ella es una santa que vivió en nuestro tiempo; muchos la hemos escuchado o visto hablar en la televisión o en la radio. Esta es una santa que vivió los valores del Evangelio, y cuya vida nos habló en nuestra tiempo de vida. "Su testimonio vivo de amor a Jesucristo por su entrega total a servirle en los "más pobres entre los pobres". Su ejemplo ha sido un reto a la conciencia de la humanidad". Cuidó y ayudó a los más pobres de los pobres, y nos ha pedido hacer lo que podamos para ayudar a los necesitados, diciendo: "*Si no puede alimentar a un centenar de personas, entonces alimenta a una sola.*" Ella también tenía una especial devoción a la defensa de los no nacidos, y dijo: "*Aborto mata dos veces. Se mata el cuerpo del bebé y mata la conciencia de la madre. El aborto es totalmente anti-mujer. Tres cuartas partes de sus víctimas son mujeres: La mitad de los bebés y todas las madres.*"

Durante la homilía de la misa de canonización, el papa Francisco dijo esto de Santa Teresa de Calcuta: "*Madre Teresa, en todos los aspectos de su vida, a lo largo de toda su existencia, ha sido una generosa dispensadora de la misericordia divina, poniéndose a disposición de todos por medio de la acogida y la defensa de la vida humana, tanto la no nacida como la abandonada y descartada. Se ha comprometido en la defensa de la vida proclamando incesantemente que «el no nacido es el más débil, el más pequeño, el más pobre». La misericordia ha sido para ella la «sal» que daba sabor a cada obra suya, y la «luz» que iluminaba las tinieblas de los que no tenían ni siquiera lágrimas para llorar su pobreza y sufrimiento...*"

"Su misión en las periferias de las ciudades y en las periferias existenciales permanece en nuestros días como testimonio elocuente de la cercanía de Dios hacia los más pobres entre los pobres. Hoy entrego esta emblemática figura de mujer y de consagrada a todo el mundo del voluntariado: que ella sea vuestro modelo de santidad!"

A todos ustedes, hago eco de las palabras del papa Francisco: Mira la vida de Santa Teresa de Calcuta, y que sea ella tu modelo de santidad. Santa Teresa de Calcuta, ruega por nosotros.

Suyo en Cristo,
P. James Lentini
Párroco