



CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

September 13, 2020

24th Sunday Ordinary Time

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish
No choirs at the Masses at the present time; a cantor will be available for the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-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, 8:30 am – 10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am-Midnight (CLOSED DUE TO COVID)

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
Saturday, 9 am, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, after 9:00 am Mass
Thursday, 6:30 pm



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”

Matthew 18:32-33

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant by Claude Vignon, 1629
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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

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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)

Check out our websites

holycrossover.org

iccmarydel.org

Holy Cross Church is unlocked and available for private prayer. The doors will be open from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday, and 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

Immaculate Conception will be open daily 9 am to 7 pm.

Daily Mass at HC at 8 am Monday through Saturday. Weekend Masses at Holy Cross are Saturday evening 5 pm, Sunday at 7:30 and 9:30 am, 11:30 am Spanish.

Weekend Masses at ICC are Sunday at 8:30 and 11 am, and 1 pm Spanish. Also a 9 am Mass on Saturday morning in Spanish

We are limiting access to the parish offices, so you can buzz when you stop by, or call and leave messages and we will get back to you; or, you can email us.

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

ending August 30

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$29,350	\$27,200	\$2,150
YTD	\$219,380	\$246,400	(\$27,020)
Needs	\$1,977	\$1,550	\$427

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending August 30

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$1,969
Second	\$61

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.”

Please continue to mail in your contributions during this time. May are still not attending Mass but we still need your support. You can also Sign up for Faith Direct or call the office to leave your name and phone number if you wish to make your contribution by a credit card.

We will call you back . Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend our Parish begins celebrating, in earnest, its 150th Anniversary. Due to the current circumstance, our ability to celebrate is somewhat muted, but there will be events later during this anniversary year, and many other anniversary related items that will be announced. But, for now, we are one of only a handful of parishes in the Diocese of Wilmington to reach this milestone – 150 years of the Catholic presence in the Capital of State, and in the center of our Diocese. There will be much more to be said about this grand milestone in the months ahead. For right now: Happy 150th Anniversary, Holy Cross!

Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Monday, September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (at Holy Cross this Feast is being observed on Sunday, September 13 in accord with it being the Parish Patronal Feast). While it is, of course, the patronal feast day and a solemnity (“high holy day”) for Holy Cross Parish (just as the Immaculate Conception on December 8 is the patronal feast and solemnity for Immaculate Conception in Marydel), it is also a high-ranking and important feast day throughout the entire universal Church for every member of the faithful. Since the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a major holy day of the Church year, I make a point, each year, to give a reminder about background and basis for what this special day celebrates and observes.

Cross Reference. So, what exactly does the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorate? Some might think – based on the name of this holy day – that this is the day we commemorate Christ’s death on the cross for our sins. Or perhaps, we celebrate the conquest of the death and sin through the cross of our Lord. Well, in truth, while those are beautiful ways to reflect on the Cross, neither of those considerations are the basis for this feast day.

No So Mighty Aphrodite. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, in fact, has more to do with St. Helena and the Emperor Heraclius, than anything else. So, let us step into the Wayback Machine and set the dial for the year 326 A.D. In that year, St. Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands to visit the key sites connected to the life, death and resurrection of Christ. One of her first stops was to an abandoned temple dedicated to the Greek goddess Aphrodite. It was said that this temple was built over the sepulcher (tomb) in which Christ’s body was reposed following his death on the Cross.

At Cross Purposes. Emperor Constantine decreed

that this temple should be torn down, and that a Church dedicated as the Church of the Holy Sepulcher should be built. And so, it was. While starting work on the new Church, some excavation was done, and three crosses were found buried under the site of the tomb. Evidence indicated that these were the crosses from Calvary from Good Friday; they had likely been buried to protect them from the Roman authorities in the time after the Crucifixion. One of the crosses that was found healed a diseased woman who touched it; this miraculous cure served as evidence that this was the Cross on which hung the Savior of the world. Upon completion of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, a portion of that most holy Cross was placed inside it – and it was raised up (exalted) for all to see. That Church was dedicated and people were invited to venerate the Cross on September 14, 326 A.D. It is this event that we celebrate on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Return to Sender. In 614 A.D., Persia invaded Jerusalem. Persian Emperor Khosrau II decided that as the ultimate jab at the power of the Christian-based Byzantine Empire, he would have his men seize the true Cross and take it to Persia. And that’s he did. This caused much grief and agita, along with wailing and gnashing of teeth by the Christians and the leaders of the Byzantine Empire of the day. Upon the death of Khosrau in 628 A.D. it was announced by his successor, that the Cross would be returned to Jerusalem. And so, it was! In 629 A.D., the Byzantine Emperor, Heraclius, received the Cross in Constantinople (which was like the Washington, D.C. of the Byzantine world, but without the 6% sales tax), and then returned it to Jerusalem.

Carry On! It is said that upon the Cross arriving in Jerusalem, Heraclius took it upon his back and carried it the rest of the way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. When the Emperor went to carry the Cross into the Church, a mystical force held him back. The Patriarch (Archbishop) of Jerusalem counseled the emperor to divest himself of his regal garments and dress instead in peasant-like, penitential garb. The Emperor did this, and then was easily able to carry the Cross into the sanctuary of the Church and lay it to rest there. I mention this story of Emperor Heraclius, because it is held that this feast day celebrates not just St. Helena’s finding of the Cross and building and dedicating the Church of the Holy Sepulcher as its place of repose, but rather, it also celebrates the restoration of Cross in that Church by Heraclius.

The Instrument of Salvation. Whatever the case of the basis for this feast, it can be said with some cer-

HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F. Pastor
 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
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PRO LIFE CORNER

During this difficult time of Coronavirus Disease, abortion procedures continue throughout the U.S. and in Dover. Abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood are classified as ESSENTIAL SERVICES! You can save lives in Dover by praying with Holy Cross and other local church groups on Friday mornings from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover or by praying at home. If you pray at Planned Parenthood, please follow Governor Carney’s Social Distancing Guidelines.

Also, remember to pray for the most vulnerable and seniors who are most susceptible to the Coronavirus

THANKS

Thank you to Lida Pitts who donate a chalice to Holy Cross in memory of her husband, Charles, who passed away this past year. The chalice was given to her by the Knights of Columbus since her husband was an active member of Knights organization. We appreciate her generosity to Holy Cross.

JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY

On Tuesday, September 29, the feast day of St. Michael, we will start immediately after the 8 am Mass in the church, to pray the rosary , pray a Litany to St. Michael, and pray the St. Michael prayer. This is all being done for the safety of our law enforcement personnel who serve us. This is a national effort with prayers being said throughout the country.



READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 20 25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:6-9

Isaiah preaches to the people, urging them to return to the Lord who is rich in forgiving.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24, 27

The apostle calls us to avoid anything in our everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

Even at the eleventh hour the Lord calls people to work in his vineyard.

RCIA (HC)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who has an interest in the Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is holding Zoom meetings on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM to 10:30 AM. If you are interested please send an email to Deacon Vince

at vpisano@holycrossover.org and an invitation will be sent to you to join our Zoom meeting. Even if you are already a Catholic and wish to learn more you are welcome to join.

Zoom meetings are easy and fun. All you need is a computer with a camera and microphone. The rest is easy. You are in the comfort of your own home. Any questions or for more information you can also email those to Deacon Vince.

VOCATIONS

A vocation must be nurtured for a lifetime, not just until ordination or the taking of vows. You can help nurture the vocations of priests, sisters and brothers by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. A life of service needs support from those served.

Serra for priestly and religious

REFLECTION BOOKS

Immaculate Conception Church is going to order for the coming seasons. If you would like to order reflection books for the Liturgical seasons, please place an envelope in the collection with your name, address, phone number, and \$5.00

You will receive 3 books for a total cost of \$5.00.

1. Little Blue Book – Advent/Christmas Season Reflections begin Nov. 29, 2020 end Jan. 10, 2021
2. Little Black Book – Lent Reflections begin Feb. 14, 2021, end April 4, 2021
3. Little White Book – Easter Season Reflections begin April 5, 2021, end May 23, 2021

Each book arrives separately and are distributed before each season begins. Any questions contact Marilyn Dixon, at 410-482-7687 or mdixon@iccmmarydel.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER

14 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Gabrielle Maddalena

15 TUESDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8:00 am Laurence Peer

16 WEDNESDAY

HC 6:30 am .Lawrence Santelli
HC 8:00 am E. Mark Tigani, Jr.

17 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am Joseph Cruz (LI)
HC 8:00 am John Correll
ICC 7 pm For the People

18 FRIDAY

HC 6:30 am
HC 8:00 am Bev Bresnahan

19 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Belinda M. Roberts
HC 5 pm Christopher King

20 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Dec. Members Peer Family
ICC 8:30 am Marge Messner
HC 9:30 am Dec Mem Coyle & Pepper Fam.
HC 11:30 am M/M Rudolph Cherico
ICC 11 am Dr. Arthur Tucker
HC 1 pm Mayla E. Felio
ICC 1 pm For the People
HC 6 pm Nemesio Rosa Castro

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

Any intentions listed at a time where we do not have a public Mass, will be honored by the priests as they say their private Masses. On the weekend, the priests will be saying other private Masses to cover all of the intentions that occur on the weekend when we do not have a public Mass. Your loved ones will still be remembered in prayer.



NO SCHEDULE FOR MASS MINISTERS AT THIS TIME.

PLEASE COME FORWARD TO HELP DISTRIBUTE HOLY COMMUNION AT THE MASS YOU ATTEND. THE PRIEST WILL INDICATE HOW MANY EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED.

Since we are not scheduling ministers to assist at the Masses as of yet, we do appreciate the Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion who volunteer to step forward at the Mass they are attending to help distribute communion. Thank you.

We are starting to schedule some lectors for the 5 pm, 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses. If you wish to be considered to lector, please email Diane at dbelt@holycrossover.org so we can add you to the names of those who have already volunteered to lector. Thank you.

DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories have been in the Parish Office for the past few months. If you would like to stop by the office to pick up your copy, please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it for you to pick up. Please do not just show up to pick up your copy. We need to know ahead of time since we are limiting access to the office area. Sorry for this inconvenience.

RETURNING TO MASS

At present, we have the following guidelines to help keep everyone safe:

- Attendees are to **wear a face covering** when inside the Church (those under 13 do not have to wear a covering, and those 2-and-under are advised not to wear a covering).
- Pews have been marked off to accommodate social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church.
- **When receiving Holy Communion, please remember to stay socially distanced.** We encourage you to receive Holy Communion in your hand, but **if you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to be at the end of the Communion line.** There will be no Cup distributed at this time.
- As you leave the church, please **do not gather in the Gathering Space** or parking lot.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CANCELLATION

Due to COVID-19, the Bishop's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass, scheduled for October 18, 2020, has been cancelled. Even though the Mass will not take place, all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, will be honored with a certificate (mailed to the address provided on the form).

Call the Parish Office for the form that must be submitted to the Diocese by October 16. We will be glad to get the form to you.

VOCATIONS

Family life can build values integral to a strong vocation — whether to priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.

SAMARITAN FOOD NEEDS (HC)

The Samaritan Food Pantry is collecting items to help with the great demands being placed on them during this crisis. Please leave perishable items in the freezer by the Samaritan pick up door and non perishable items can be left there also. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



At this time we are really in need of the following: roaster chickens, turkey, ham, ground beef assorted beans and rice .

The Samaritans also appreciate any monetary donations that have been sent in. Thank you for thinking of your needy brothers and sisters.

YOUNG AT HEART (HC)

Young at Heart Seniors will not start meeting in the Fall. We will inform you when the meetings

will start again. Stay home, stay safe, and stay healthy.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Everybody probably has somebody that they dislike. Is carrying this dislike making you happier? Ask your beloved for help to identify one positive trait of a difficult person.

PARENTING POINTERS

Bad things happen, but we shouldn't need a terrorist attack or pandemic to prompt us to voice our love to others and make amends to those we have hurt. Are there people in your life who need to hear words of love or apology from you? Do it today.

El Ministerio de la Hospitalidad son Trabajadores en la Viña del Señor. La función de sus ministros. El ministro de la hospitalidad es uno de los ministros de la Liturgia y tiene una función importantísima; Darle la Bienvenida al Señor en cada persona que llega para la santa Misa.

Comúnmente conocido como ujieres, pero en realidad son ministros de la hospitalidad. La palabra ujier en su etimología viene del francés «huissier» y a su vez del latín tardío «ostiarium» que quiere decir portero de un palacio o tribunal y la casa del Señor no es un palacio ni un tribunal. Correctamente se les llama ministros de la hospitalidad que es un llamado del Señor a servir.

Cualidades que debe tener los Ministros de la Hospitalidad: El rostro de la iglesia, la amabilidad y la sonrisa, carisma de querer servir al Señor, don de gentes, la paciencia, la tranquilidad, la discreción, ecuanimidad y rapidez ante cualquier contingencia. Profundizar en la fe como punto de partida. Una comprensión básica de uno mismo y de los demás que pueda ayudar a los a relacionarse en forma más auténtica con Dios y con los otros. Salud psicológica, marcada por la integridad, por límites interpersonales apropiados, y por la capacidad de honrar y salvaguardar la confianza que la gente deposita en ellos como ministros de la Iglesia. Salud física, que incluya un equilibrio general en la vida y en el ministerio de uno, marcado por prácticas adecuadas para mantener un buen estado de salud.

Las Misas dominicales: Holy Cross: Sábado:5:00 pm Domingo: 7:30 am.-9:30 am - 11:30 am en español. Confesiones Sábado 8:30-10:00 am **La Inmaculada Concepción:** Domingo 8:30 am, 11:00 am - 1:00 de la tarde en español y jueves a las 6:00 de la tarde, sábado - 9:00 a 11:00 de la mañana en español. Confesiones

después de la misa hasta las 11:00 am

Ya están disponibles las aplicaciones para la Educación Religiosa 2020-2021. En la página de la parroquia, entre y descargue una aplicación, o vaya a la oficina de Educación Religiosa y recoja una aplicación. 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.

NUEVA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL 2020-2021: Las inscripciones para el año escolar está disponible en el sitio web o puede llamar o enviar un correo electrónico a la oficina para que se lo envíen. Por favor inscribase antes del 1 de agosto, para que podamos hacer los planes necesarios para el año y ordenar libros, materiales y suministros. A medida que trabajamos en el plan para el nuevo año escolar, estamos trabajando para garantizar la seguridad de todos los estudiantes y sus familias, y los actualizaremos a todos cuando tengamos nuestro plan.

Las reglas de la pandemia siguen en vigor y todos tenemos la responsabilidad de protegernos y proteger a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. Todos tenemos que poner de nuestra parte y seguir las regulaciones gubernamentales de usar mascarillas en lugares públicos, distanciamiento social, lavarnos las manos con frecuencia, si está enfermo quédese en casa y si respetamos estas reglas, juntos podremos salir adelante y superar como iglesia, como comunidad los grandes desafíos que nos presenta el Coronavirus, si muchos dicen que ya acabaron con el coronavirus, pero recuerde que el coronavirus no ha acabado con nosotros, está muy presente. Protegemos nuestra salud y la salud del hermano especialmente los más vulnerables.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION (HC)

Registration for the 2020-2021 Religious Education Program is now open. The Registration forms can be obtained at <https://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation> and may be emailed back to tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or dropped off/mailed to the Parish Office. Please note, payment is NOT due at the time of registration. We would appreciate the forms back ASAP as we need adequate time to plan for the new year. Because of COVID, the class formats may change. We will update with any changes as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122.

CHANGES TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR 2020-2021 (HC)

Changes will be seen in the Religious Education curriculum. In Kindergarten through 7th grade we will be "Christ Our Life" series through Loyola Press. Loyola Press promises to bring some useful on-line parent and student resources. 8th grade will be using Loyola Press's "Called to Be Catholic" and the Ignatius Press "YouCat" and "YouCat Study guide" to help prepare for their 9th grade confirmation. The Living as a Family of Faith Family Catechesis (LAF) program will be moving on to the 4th series in the Sophia Institute series "A Family of Faith: Christian Prayer". Any questions in regard to these changes may be directed to Tammy Korosec, Coordinator of Religious Education at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or by calling (302) 674-5787 X 122.

2019-2020 1ST COMMUNICANTS (HC)

The 1st Holy Communion for the 2019-2020 second grade class has been tentatively rescheduled for October 3rd. Further details will come out as soon as everything is confirmed. If this date is inconvenient for your family please contact Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302)674-5787 X 122 as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES (HC)

Will begin Sunday, September 20 and Wednesday, September 23. Teens MUST be registered and signed up for a Sunday class. Please contact Linda for details if your child is not registered, or you did not attend the parent meeting. ldarling@holycrossdover.org or at the office 674-5787 X123. Any teen in 9th grade and above

are welcome to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring.

IMPORTANT MEETING (HC)

Very important Religious Education/ Confirmation Volunteer Meeting September 13th at 2 pm in the Parish Hall. Please attend for important updates.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (ICC)

We will have a registration following Masses in the grass area next to the parking lot, and we are asking that you please register, so we are able to make necessary plans for the year, materials, and supplies. It only takes 5 minutes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if you have not yet registered, Alicia Poppiti at dre@iccmmarydel.org or 410-482-8939.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ICC:

A lot has changed this year, and with that comes changes to our way of providing formation for your children's Religious Education. As we work on the plan for the new school year, we are working to ensure the safety of all students and families, and will update you all when we have our plan in place. More information will be coming to your home in the next few weeks, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Alicia Poppiti, Director of Religious Education at 410-482-6392 or send me an email to dre@iccmmarydel.org

2019-2020- FIRST COMMUNION CLASS:

We have rescheduled for the Saturday of December 12 at Immaculate Conception. More information to come as well get closer to the date.

CONFIRMATION FOR 2020-2021

SCHOOL YEAR: If you have not sent them in, please do so now, so we can better plan for your youth.

2020-2021 FIRST RECONCILIATION/ COMMUNION CLASS: Information coming home in next week for parent meeting and class times.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: (ICC)

Book Club- "The Church of Mercy" by Pope Francis And/or DVD series and discussion group- "Symbolon" by Augustine Institute "Whether you are looking to grow in your Faith or just learning about the Catholic Church for the first time, Symbolon will take you through a journey into the timeless beauty and truths of the Catholic Faith and reveal God's incredible love for us-the story of our salvation." Contact Alicia in the office if interested 410-482-8939 dre@iccmmarydel.org

Some hear it as a whisper. Some feel it as a tug on the heart. Some hear the voice in their dreams. Some simply stumble blindly. Here's the truth. Unless it is by willful action by making all the wrong choices in life, there but few who avoid walking the pathway intended for us to follow through life's journey. I have been blessed throughout the whole of my career to work alongside educators in Catholic schools where we can freely express and live our faith in God, where we can teach the faith, and where we can worship and practice our faith. It is our deeply rooted faith that has allowed us the openness of heart to hear *the call*. It is our vocation, and it is a beautiful thing.

Today I received a message from Mrs. Wegemer. She was ecstatic in her written message sharing that Holy Cross School had been voted as the #1 Pre-School and #1 Private School as part of the Delaware State News campaign. It's awesome to be recognized, it's even more awesome that others see and know what I see and know every day! This would have never happened if not for the unbelievably amazing faculty and staff of our school.

Let me cite an example of their *amazingness*...another word I just made up...

Dismissal. Need I say more? It's been *different* from the dismissal experience of the past. It's been a true source of anxiety for me, but here's the best part; the faculty and staff have shared that angst with me. They have approached me on an individual basis with various ideas and suggestions as to how to make it better. And that's what dearly love about working with this group of professionals. WE approach obstacles collectively. WE share burdens, WE support each other, WE pray for one another, WE are what make HCS the #1 private school because *WE have said yes to the call*. WE will forever grateful to our parent community who has never lost patience, always kept the smile and expressed appreciation for all WE were doing to make our new dismissal effort work. As always, from our hearts; we say thank you.

So anyhow, speaking of our publically acclaimed Pre-School; permit me to introduce the newest members of our Crusader team. Ms. June Pennewill is very excited about serving as teacher in the Three Year Old Room. Ms. Pennewill is not new to the field of education, she has worked with young learners for the past seven years; embarking upon a new career in education following thirty years of service for the State of Delaware. During her tenure there she worked at the Department of State, Division of Corporations as a Trainer/Educator in Corporate and Commercial Law with the Department of Finance, Division of Accounting as Trainer/Educator in grants. While employed with the State, Ms. Pennewill obtained a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management. Retiring in 2010, her sense of service and call to early education lead her to volunteer for *Read-A-Loud Delaware* at Wesley Preschool during which time she was approached by the Pre-School Director who inquired as to a possible interest in working for the preschool. After serving as a "permanent" substitute she completed the required training by the Delaware Dept. of Education and became certified as an Early Learning Teacher. Ms. Pennewill officially launched her preschool teaching career in September 2013. She taught at Wesley Preschool for seven years teaching two age groups: 2 ½ -3 and 4-5 year olds. Her early education training has included Delaware Early Learning Foundations, Creative Curriculum, and Handwriting Without Tears, in addition to many courses completed through the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood. In service to her community, Ms. Pennewill has as a volunteer for Big Brothers, Big Sisters School Mentor Program and Read-A-Loud Delaware. She is currently an active volunteer with United Service Organization (USO) of Delaware at Dover Air Force Base.

Ms. Pennewill will be ably assisted by Miss Molly Thompson. A 2017 graduate of St. Thomas More Academy, and Holy Cross School, Miss Thompson is currently a student at the University of Delaware where she is majoring in Human Services. Molly brings a desire to work with children, an admirable sense of creativity, and a warm personality to the ELC team.

We welcome both Ms. Pennewill and Miss Thompson to the Holy Cross Pre-School team as they join Mrs. McGowan, Mrs. Wegemer, Mrs. Wicks, Mrs. Rider, and Miss Hauss as teachers who have been called to serve.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Matthew 19:14

titude that the driving force behind the actions of St. Helena in the fourth century and Emperor Heraclius in the eighth century, was the salvific value of that Holy Cross because on it once hung our Savior Jesus Christ. It is the Son of God who made that Cross not just an instrument of execution, but rather sign of salvation for a mankind that was hoary with sin and sought, desperately, a Messiah.

Meanwhile 1,694 Years Later. Holy Cross Parish is blessed to have a relic (a small remnant) of that True Cross found by St. Helena. And at the end of Masses at Holy Cross this weekend – as is a custom in the Catholic Church – the Priest will give his final blessing with that relic of the True Cross. And we are then connected historically, not just to the events at Calvary in 33 A.D., but also to the powerful actions of St. Helena. Just as the people on September 14, 326 A.D., gathered to venerate that Cross, so too, 1,694 years later, we are likewise awed with this holy relic and give thanks and praise to God for the good that was wrought on that Cross by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, whether at Holy Cross in Dover, or at Immaculate Conception in Marydel, or at any parish in the Catholic Church, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is holy day worth reflecting on and remembering. Dominus vobiscum!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

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