



# CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

September 26, 2021

26th 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 5 pm and the 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses.

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am  
During Lent, Monday and Friday, 12:10 pm  
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am—10:00 am,  
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

### ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am—9 pm

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm  
Closed Wednesday and Friday

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30, 11 am  
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 9:30 am  
Thursday, 6:30 pm

## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name  
who can at the same time speak ill of me.  
For whoever is not against us is for us."

1 Th 9:39-40



### HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1  
Assumption, August 15  
All Saints' Day, November 1  
Immaculate Conception, December 8  
Christmas, December 25

*Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near*

## RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

*The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.*

**Sacrament of Baptism.** Call the 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.

## PRAYERS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

September 29, 2021

8:30 am, following the 8 am Mass

Agenda:

- Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary
- St. Michael Prayer
- Litany of St. Michael
- Police Officer's Prayer
- Law Enforcement Prayers

\*\*Note that these prayers are being said by parish groups throughout our country, mostly on Saturday 9-25-21, the closest weekend to the feast of St. Michael. We at Holy Cross are praying this on the actual feast day. Please join us!\*\*



**PRO LIFE EVENT:** Please come and join us on Life Chain **Sunday, October 3, 2021**, for our annual Life Chain from 12 Noon until 2:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood of Delaware, located at 805 S. Governors Avenue, Dover. The Life Chain event is meant to be introspective, peaceful, and prayerful. Contact Francis Urick, 302.233.4684.

## BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Join us on **Monday, October 4, at 6 pm** in the back field by the Early Learning Center Building to bless the animals. All animals types are welcome.



## WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

September 12, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$24,436	\$26,000	(\$1,564)
YTD	\$274,017	\$283,300	(\$9,293)
Needs	\$1,345	\$1,480	\$135

## WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending September 12, 2021

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$4,119
2nd	\$140

Fun and Nonsense Bingo Fundraiser  
at ICC  
\$918.00

For Holy Cross, 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 appreciate your generosity to the church.

Dear Parishioners,

Recently, at Immaculate Conception Parish, I had the pleasure to host one of four shows of “Nonsense and Fun” – a humorous version of the playing of Bingo. In preparing for my hosting duties, I had to get one Catholic-related or Church-related item to correspond with each Bingo number (1-75), and have a joke at the ready for each of those 75 numbers. It is probably the closest I will ever come to doing a stand-up comedy act (thus, another item checked off my bucket list).

Some items would be easily recognizable to most Catholics: for the number ten, there are the Ten Commandments; for the number seven, the Seven Sacraments; for 40, I noted there were 40 days of Lent.

But some numbers were harder to get items aligned with. For example 47. What heck might be interesting about the number 47, related to faith. Well, the name “Adam” is mentioned in the Bible 47 times. Related to that, I had this Adam joke to tell: *“Speaking of Adam, one day when Eve was in the garden praying, Adam hid behind a bush to hear what she was saying to God. Suddenly, God tapped Adam on the shoulder and said, ‘No eavesdropping!’”*

Then there was 71. That was a tough one. But I came up with this: It was in the year 71, that Christians (and others) began using the A.D./B.C. designations on calendars (abandoning the old Roman calendar) and using year one, as the year of the birth of Christ. And then I joked: *“Speaking of calendars, two thieves both tried to steal the same calendar. They each got 6 months.”*

In any event, there is something that goes with every number 1-75 as relates to our faith. But the numbers 1-10 are especially rich in that regard. So in this column and next week, I explore counting the Catholic way – finding faith items that align with the number 1-10.

**One.** The Three Dog Night (for those under 40 that was rock group in the 70s) sang that *“One is the loneliest number that you’ll ever do.”* We in our faith, we do a lot with one:

- We believe in one God,
- There is one holy, Catholic and Apostolic faith,
- There one baptism for the forgiveness of sin.
- In addition, during Mass, most Catholics also prefer one collection.

**Two.** In the world of numbers, two may be described, confusingly, as the one after one. But there is nothing confusing about Catholic twos:

- God created humanity in *two* sexes: male and female.
- There are *two* Testaments in the Bible: The Old and the New.
- Jesus Christ, our Lord has *two* natures, human and Divine.
- The *two* great commandments given to us by Christ are: Love God, love neighbor.
- Our being is made up of *two* realities: body and soul
- The animals came onto Noah Ark two-by-two.

**Three.** Three is a very popular number with parents. I think every parent has at one point or another told an unruly child, “I’m going to count to three... and when I get to three, you better...” They could have chosen four or nine, but three seems to be the winner. Here are some other notable threes:

- The Trinity is one God in three Divine Persons
- There are three letters of St. John in the Bible, more than any other Apostle except Paul.
- Christ spent three days in the tomb and rose from the dead on the third day.
- Mary’s Virginity is threefold – Mary was a virgin before, during and after giving birth.

## HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Mano Salla	Parochial Vicar

## HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

## ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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## HC STAFF

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holycrossdover.org/school

Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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## LITTLE BOOKS

Immaculate Conception is taking orders for the Little Reflection books for the various liturgical seasons. Cost is \$5.00 for the set. Orders and payment can be taken in the HC or ICC Parish Offices. The order will be placed on October 1 so all who wish to purchase must place their order by September 28.

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Most of us do not think of ourselves as really wealthy. There's always somebody richer. It usually depends on who we compare ourselves to. This week notice who is poorer than you and try to help in some way.

## PARENTING POINTERS

Maybe you eat dinner together every night. Good. If not, take heed. The Natl. Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse says that one habit of healthy families is that they "eat dinner together most every night."

## SHARE IN THE SPIRIT COLLECTION

Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information and on-line giving options, visit the Share in the Spirit website at [www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html](http://www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html).

## NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (NCYC) -

### ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS -

This years' NCYC will be done virtually - and a wonderful way for everyone to participate. We exchange our 12 hour bus ride for the comfort of our home and Holy Cross Parish Hall. Each participant is asked to register through the Diocese by October 15. Please visit [cdowcym.org/events/detail/ncyc-ablaze1](http://cdowcym.org/events/detail/ncyc-ablaze1) for more information and to register. We will gather as a group on Saturday, November 20 to conclude our weekend. More details to follow -

## READINGS FOR OCTOBER 3

### 27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:18-24

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 2:9-11

GOSPEL: MARK 10:2-16

## PRAY THE ROSARY (HC)

October is the month of the Rosary. As in the past we will collect names of Pray the month of October whenever, wherever, and with whomever for the intentions of World Peace and the conversion of sinners as our Lady of Fatima requested. Our Lady has won many battles and can do it again with our help. Many prayed rosaries have been prayed in the past years so it is special for our times now. Our Blessed Mother will be at our side. PLEASE sign the pledge forms and place in "Our Lady's Basket" located in the Gathering Space of the Church. Our Lady of Fatima says: If people do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be PEACE. Last year our Holy Cross family prayed 15,080 rosaries in October. Let's top that number!!



## SVDP MEETING (IC)

St. Vincent de Paul meeting will meet from now on in the office building every month on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5 pm.

## CEMETERY NEWS

Cremation or traditional burial? That is the question. While the traditional burial of the body in a casket is still the preference of most, the trend towards cremation seems to be increasing every year. Currently, Holy Cross cemetery is experiencing a 35% cremation rate. Interment either way can be accommodated both in-ground and in the mausoleum or columbarium. An interesting twist for couples is when one wants the traditional burial and the other wants to be cremated. This is accomplished in one of two ways: (1) a single in-ground grave is acquired and both a casket and a cremation urn can be placed in that grave, and (2) a single mausoleum crypt can also accommodate the placement of a casket and a cremation urn. Remember, the important thing is to plan ahead and not leave interment decisions to your surviving spouse or children. Contact Len Dornberger to discuss options further at 302-674-5787 x135.

## FOOTPRINTS MINISTRY

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington has announced a new ministry called Footprints, designed to assist families by providing support and resources after the loss of their unborn child (ren), whether it was very recent or many years ago. Footprints will launch with a special Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Mass on October 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church in Wilmington, Delaware. Grieving families are invited to gather together, celebrate Mass, and surround themselves with family and friends' loving support to remember their little

## MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

### 27 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Gumersindo Figueroa

### 28 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Frank Glaz

### 29 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Thomas Jackson

### 30 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Kathy Zanio  
ICC 6 pm For the People

### 1 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am James Clacher

### 2 SATURDAY

HC 8 am James McLaughlin  
HC 5 pm James Canalichio

### 3 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Stephanie Schulte  
ICC 8:30 am Margaret "Peggy" O'Meara  
HC 9:30 am Willberto Macalalad  
ICC 11 am Rosa Cristiano  
HC 11:30 am For the People  
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI = LIVING INTENTION

DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

one(s). A light reception will follow the Mass. Reservations are required by September 30, 2021. Please register online at <https://cdow.coursestorm.com/course/pregnancy-and-infant-loss-remembrance-day-mass>.

Questions may be referred to the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302-295-0657 or by emailing Eileen Gaus, Coordinator, at [egaus@cdow.org](mailto:egaus@cdow.org).

## ANNUAL APPEAL (HC & IC)

A recent report of the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign activity revealed we have received pledges of \$4,569,050.22 toward the diocesan goal of \$4,871,000. To date, we have raised 93.3% of the goal. Can you help us meet or exceed the goal?

We ask that if you have not already, please prayerfully consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. For more information about our Annual Catholic Appeal, please visit: [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal).

## MASS MINISTERS

A SCHEDULE FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS WILL NOT BE PUT OUT AT THIS TIME. PLEASE STEP FORWARD TO ASSIST AT THE MASS YOU ATTEND.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO LET OTHERS HAVE A CHANCE TO COME FORWARD SO THEY, TOO, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST AT MASS. WE HAVE MANY WHO WANT TO ASSIST BUT NEVER GET THE CHANCE TO STEP FORWARD.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

### Lector Schedule for Sept 2021

#### At Holy Cross:

##### 5 pm Mass

Sept 18 L. Christiansen  
Sept 25 J. Killman

##### 7:30 am Mass

Sept 19 J. Davis  
Sept 26 R. Pritchett

##### 9:30 am Mass

Sept 19 T. Baurys  
Sept 26 M. Sherlock

#### At Immaculate Conception

##### 8:30 am Mass

Sept 19 D. Smith  
Sept 26 T. Thompson

##### 11 am Mass

Sept 19 D. King  
Sept 26 L. Schlaupitz

For Holy Cross Ministry schedule: All altar servers, lectors, and extraordinary ministers, please see the note on page 5 of this bulletin so we can get new information from you to create a new regular schedule.

For ICC, please get in touch with Marilyn Dixon at mdixon@iccmaryladel.org if you have any questions about the ministry schedule.

Thank you.

## ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

The Adoration Chapel is open again each day from 5 am to 9 pm. If you would like to take a permanent time slot, it's not too late. We still have many openings on various days. See the openings listed below. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you and/or your family.

<b>SUNDAY</b>	7 am, 10 am, 12pm, 1 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm
<b>MONDAY</b>	2 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	5 am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6 am, 8 am, 12 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	4 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7 am, 8 am, 11 am,
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5 am, 8 am, 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 6 pm,

## DIRECTORIES (HC)

The Parish Directories are in the Parish Office. If you have not picked up your copy yet, please stop by the office to get your copy. It is best to please call ahead of time and we will get your copy and have it ready for you to pick up.

## HELP THE PEOPLE OF HAITI

A massive 7.2 magnitude earthquake has hit Haiti, killing nearly 1300 people, with death toll numbers increasing. The shock leveled homes, leaving thousands without shelter. Countless others are injured and hospitals are already overwhelmed. Your gift to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is critical for the families in Haiti. When you give, you provide immediate assistance for our Haitian sisters and brothers desperate to survive this devastating situation. Your help will deliver immediate relief. Your prayers and support will make so much difference. Please give a vital gift today - visit [www.crsrelief.com](http://www.crsrelief.com)

## CAR SHOW AT ICC

Immaculate Conception will host a car show on its grounds on October 16, 2021 from 10 am to 4 pm. Entry fee is \$10/car.

There will be prizes give out for various categories. Food will be available for purchase.

Music will be provided by "The Godfather of New England Doo-Wop". He will be playing original vinyl recordings from the 50's and early 60's. The same tunes you heard on your radio.

Contact Bill Thompson at 302-492-8005 or Woody Gravenor at 302-779-2168 for more information.

## NUESTRA FAMILIA HISPANIA

- Foro Cristino con el padre Oscar. A las 6:00 de la tarde el ELC. Volveremos a empezar con Symbolon: Explicación de la fe católica: conocimiento de la fe. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más. Si está interesado, comuníquese con la Sra Arline Dosman para Inscribirse. El costo es de \$ 25 para el libro del participante Parte 1
- Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre-bautismales. Por favor llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118
- **Symbolon con el padre Oscar:** Todos los viernes de 6:00 a 800 PM en el Salón del ELC. Estamos ofreciendo una serie de videos / libros de estudio una vez más, y sobre todo tendremos al padre Oscar que nos aclarar cualquier duda que tengamos. Las clases serán de 10 sesiones que se extienden a aproximadamente un marco de tiempo de 12 semanas. Si está interesado, comuníquese con la Sra. Arline Dosman para inscribirse. El costo es de \$ 25 para la Parte 1 y es necesario inscribirse para tener su guía de participante "Symbolon: La fe católica explicada es una nueva serie de videos asombrosos que presenta sistemáticamente la imagen GRANDE de la fe católica. Filmado en lugares en Roma, Tierra Santa, Calcuta, y en los estudios del Instituto Augustine en Denver, docenas de maestros conocidos a nivel nacional presentan claramente la belleza y el brillo del catolicismo. Esta convincente serie contiene dos partes que incluyen diez episodios cada una. En la Parte 1, viajamos a través de las enseñanzas centrales de la Iglesia Católica descritas en el Credo y el Catecismo con el objetivo de conocer la Fe. En la Parte 2, nos enfocamos en nuestro encuentro con Dios en los sacramentos y la vida moral para que podamos vivir plenamente la Fe".

- Por favor de APAGAR o silenciar los celulares y todo aparato electrónico antes de entrar al Templo, que es un lugar sagrado donde se va a tener un encuentro con el Señor nuestro Dios.
- La virgen peregrina ya está visitando casas, si usted desea tener la virgen en su casa por una semana y rezar el santo Rosario con su familia con la imagen de la virgen peregrina anótese con la Sra. Marta Espinosa. Se le entregara a imagen el domingo al final de la misa y usted la devuelve el próximo domingo en la misa para e entregara la siguiente familia.

## ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Las clases comenzaron el pasado domingo 19 a las 9:40. Si todavía no ha inscrito a su hijo, ya perdió una semana de clase.

**Sacramentos: Primera Reconciliación** comienza el martes 5 de octubre. Su hijo tiene que estar inscrito para las clases de preparación.

Reunión de Padres de familia para los candidatos que se están preparando para su **Confirmación** domingo, 26 de septiembre a las 2:30 de la tarde en el salón o el martes 28 de septiembre a las 7:00PM Por favor hágale saber a la Sra. Alicia cual va a asistir. Es vital importancia por que se le informara de los requisitos, las inscripciones para retiros y el calendario del año

¡Se necesitan Catequistas para el nuevo año escolar! Consulte con la Sra. Poppiti lo antes posible. Si se lo está preguntando, esta puede ser su vocación.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)



Welcome back to all our Religious Education students!

Regular Class – September 26th at 3:30pm
Children are to be dropped off at the double doors next to the Elementary office.
7th and 8th graders are in the Holy Cross Junior High building.
No one except students and volunteers are allowed to enter either building.
MASKS ARE MANDATORY.

Hall monitors will assist getting children to their classes.
Dismissal from the ramp side will be as follows:
Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 and Sacramental Prep – 5:15pm
Grades K-1 -5:20pm
Grades 2- 5:25pm
Grades 3-4 5:30pm
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.

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)
Next Class – October 10th 10:30am-12:30pm in the Matthew/Mark Room
Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF, please contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

ADULT EDUCATION – Led by Deacon Bob Bishop Robert Barron’s “The Creed”
Beginning October 5th on Tuesdays at either 9am or 7pm for a total of six weeks in the Matthew/Mark room of the Holy Cross Parish Office.
In this six week series “Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced Christian spirituality, theology, and liturgy in both the East and West.”
To register for the series, please email Tammy Korosec at tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122. When emailing, please state whether you are registering for the am or pm class. Please register by September 29th.

Next Confirmation Classes will be September 26 for Sunday class and September 29 for Wednesday class.

CHWC Interest Meeting (HC)

Will take place on Monday, September 27 at 7 pm in the Matthew/Mark room.
Catholic Heart Work Camp is open to those entering 8th grade through first year of college. Please come find out about our week planned for this coming summer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (IC)

Classes began on Sunday, September 19th at 9:40am. Your child must be registered to attend. No registration will be taken on the first day of class.

WE NEED YOU: Catechists needed for next year! Needed for Kindergarten, and 5th grade, and assistants. Please inquire with Mrs. Poppiti as soon as possible. If you are wondering, then this may be your calling.

Sacraments: 1st Reconciliation Prep begins on October 5th. Your child must be registered in religious education classes and registered for Preparation classes.

Parent Meeting for Confirmation Prep Candidates: On Sunday, September 26 @2:30pm in hall or Tuesday, September 28 @7pm in hall. Please let Ms. Alicia know which you are attending. This meeting will go over necessary requirements, registration, retreats and schedule for this year.

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained-Knowing the Faith We are offering a video/study book series once again, for 10 Sessions that extend to approximately a 12-week time frame. You can still sign up if you are interested, please contact Alicia Poppiti to register. The cost is \$25 for Part 1 and registration is necessary in order to have your participant guide. Presented in the Hall at ICC on Monday evenings beginning September 27th.

Here is a brief description, “Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained is a stunning new video series that systematically presents the BIG picture of the Catholic Faith. Filmed on location in Rome, the Holy Land, Calcutta, and in the Augustine Institute studios in Denver, dozens of nationally known teachers clearly present the beauty and brilliance of Catholicism. This compelling series contains two parts including ten episodes each. In Part 1 we journey through the core teachings of the Catholic Church traced out in the Creed and Catechism with the goal of knowing the Faith. In Part 2, we focus on our encounter with God in the sacraments and the moral life so that we can be fully living the Faith.”

There can be a great sense of comfort and joy in belonging to community. The feeling of belonging, of support, trust, and friendship is most often associated with belonging to a community. We, as humans are social beings. We enjoy, sometimes long for a sense of the togetherness, fellowship, and camaraderie found in community. In many cases there are smaller communities within a larger community. For example, in the small-town community in which I reside, there are countless smaller communities therein. A successful community requires cooperation and respect for one another for it to succeed and prosper. Community strength lies in our ability to work together, to pledge allegiance to cooperation, mutual respect, to abide by laws and policies governing the community in which you are a member.

I have been a member of the Holy Cross community for many years. I have always felt a warm sense of community, there has always been a sense of caring, empathy, professionalism, and respect within the faculty, and parent community. This past school year and the current year have proven to be a challenge, testing the established deep sense of community that exists here. I will never forget and always be grateful for the flexibility of our school parents, faculty and staff. Last year when we were forced to change our dismissal procedures whereby forming great long lines of waiting parents; it was all accepted with gratitude and a smile. Gratitude for the in-person instruction, and accepting the "no parents inside the building" policy. The sad truth is that we have many new students over the past year or so that have never seen the inside of their child's school building. Our Open House events were held in different locations around our campus. We would love to welcome our families into the beautiful classrooms so they can sit in their own child's desk, experience a bit of the school day. But, we can't. So, we gathered in the Parish Hall, the parish meeting rooms, the gym.....and there have been no complaints. They are understanding when we greet them at the door, and cannot welcome them in if they have to drop off a lunch, or pick up their child for an appointment. There is cooperation in community. Teachers in the ELC have emailed pictures of a child at work or play to mom and dad just so they can have a sense of belonging, a sense of being a part of the school community, a sense that their child is safe and secure. Grateful too, am I for the flexibility and cooperation shown when our families learned that our online lunch program was postponed for a full month. Our parents have been so wonderful in packing lunches every day; not one single complaint has crossed my desk. There is flexibility in community.

Many communities are characterized by their culture, their traditions. The community that is the Roman Catholic Church is vast and worldwide. I have always found a certain sense of peace and belonging with the knowledge that

the Mass celebrated in my parish is the exact same as the Mass celebrated in Australia, Africa, South America, Asia, and all throughout Europe, and if/when there is a Mass said on Antarctica, it will be the same as said in Dover, DE! Community brings a sense of belonging.

And, so it was on the parish feast day; The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross that we gathered for the first time as school community in the church for Mass. There were some differences in place what with the mask wearing, no choir, etc. but the tradition of Mass attendance was once again observed. Our cantor for the day was none other than Chance G. It has been my pleasure to watch Chance grow up at Holy Cross and witness the development of the rich tones in his singing voice. He, along with Mr. Perza led the school congregation in the singing of the hymns and responses. Chance demonstrated great poise, competence, and proficiency as he served in a new role in our school community; that as Cantor.

In any community membership, there should always be the presence of service to one another. To see the face of Jesus in your fellow man; and serve him with humility and joy is the mark of who we are called to be as Christians. I am concluding this week with an email sent by Mrs. Swartzentruber. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve in the community. I thank Mrs. Swartzentruber for making this opportunity available for her Tri-M Music Honor Society members.

*Four of our Tri-M Music Honor Society members served with other volunteers for the Hands and Feet Service Day sponsored by 88.7 The Bridge and Delaware Electric Cooperative. Renz B., Laina B., Isabella D., Chance G. and Ms. S volunteered at House of Hope, a 16 bed homeless women's shelter in Dover. Miss Dawn the representative from the Bridge, Miss Stephanie, the director from the House of Hope and Ms. S we're ready at 7:30 with free T-shirts and waivers for parents to sign before beginning our day. We began at 8am with prayer and a tour of the areas we would be organizing and clearing. Our Tri-M students chose to help organize the clothing closet. When they finished that, they went outside to help pull weeds. The only project still being worked on was the food pantry.*

*Ms. S received so many compliments about our Holy Cross Tri-M students; not only from Miss Stephanie, the director of House of Hope, but the other volunteers working with us for the Hands and Feet Service Day!*

*Ms. S was extremely proud of the 4 Tri-M students who volunteered today. They were truly being the hands and feet of Jesus through serving at the homeless women's shelter in Dover.*

*"...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."  
Matthew 5:16*

- The Church exists in three states: Heaven, Earth and Purgatory (the Church Triumphant, the Church Militant and the Church Suffering).
- There are three theological virtues: faith, hope and love.
- There are three Chief Attributes of the Catholic Church: Authority, Infallibility, Indefectibility
- There are three Evangelical Counsels: Poverty, Chastity, Obedience
- Tradition tells us that there were Three Wise Men who went to visit Jesus and they brought three gifts: Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.
- The three biggest days for Mass attendance every year: Christmas, Easter and Ash Wednesday.

**Four:** As I write this on Sunday evening, September 19, the Phillies have had a four game win streak. I'd like to think they'll keep it up, but the pessimistic side of personality says there only a 4% chance of that; the following are some Catholic fours:

- There are four Gospels and four Evangelists (writers of Gospels): Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- There are four cardinal virtues: prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance.
- There are four names given to the Messiah (Jesus Christ) by Isaiah, "Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).
- There are four ways to Pray to God, namely, prayers of: Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, or Supplication (Petition).
- There are Four Marks of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic

**Five.** Number Five, some of you may remember, was the name of the off-the-wall robot from the movie series "Short Circuit" (the robots catch phrase: "Number Five is Alive"). Here are some other fives:

- There are five "books of Moses" in the Old Testament, commonly referred to as the Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.
- There were five days of creation before God created man.
- Christ suffered five wounds on the Cross (in his two hands, two feet and in his side)
- Five is the number of loaves that Jesus multiplied to feed 5,000.
- In Matthew's Gospel there were five wise and five foolish virgins.
- In Genesis, Joseph's portion for Benjamin was five times larger than anyone else's (Gen 43:34).
- There are Five Precepts of the Church that Catholics are bound to honor: #1 "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor;" #2 "You shall confess your sins at least once a year;" #3 "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season;" #4 "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church;" #5 "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church."

Next week , I will continue with the numbers 6 through 10.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. James S. Lentini, Pastor