



CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

September 27, 2020

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 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

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*



When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.

Matthew 21:32

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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

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

iccmarylodel.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 September 13, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$19,508	\$28,000	(\$8,492)
YTD	\$260,084	\$302,400	(\$42,316)
Needs	\$898	\$1,550	(\$652)

WEEKLY OFFERING (ICC)

Ending September 13, 2020

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Offertory	\$3,147
Second	\$235

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,

October begins in a few scant days, and that month, with summer fully over, sees a change of weather, and a spate of unusual days. What unusual days do I speak of? Well, October 1st is a day of two special observations: It is International Coffee Day and World Vegetarian Day — pick your bean of choice, I guess. When it comes to International Coffee Day and World Vegetarian Day I observe the first — and do so daily; the second one, not so much (as I scoff down my beef, chicken, pork, veal, and venison, etc.). October is also the month of National Chocolate Day (October 28)— yeah, I observe that one, too (snicker, snicker). There is also, notably, on October 22, National Nut Day, and a week later, National Cat Day (October 29). Putting aside crazy cat-lady jokes that would combine the latter two special days, I should add that October is also a big month for our Catholic faith.

OF DAYS AND PRAISE! In the Catholic faith, in the month of October, there are many holy days dedicated to our saints whose lives praised God — among them: St. Thérèse of Lisieux (Oct. 1); Memorial of the Guardian Angels (Oct. 2); Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos and St. Faustina Kowalska (Oct. 5); St. Bruno and Bl. Marie Rose Durocher (Oct. 6); Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct. 7); Pope St. Calistus (Oct. 14); St. Teresa of Avila (Oct. 15); St. Hedwig and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Oct. 16); St. Ignatius of Antioch (Oct. 17); Ss. Isaac Jogues, John de Brébeuf and companions [North American Martyrs] (Oct. 19); St. Paul of the Cross (Oct. 20); Pope St. John Paul II (Oct. 22); St. John of Capistrano (Oct. 23); St. Anthony Claret (Oct. 24); Ss. Simon and Jude (Oct. 28). What a great opportunity to look up and learn more about these saints during October. That being said, there are several special observations and key special days that speak clearly to our Catholic identity and values in October. I want to use this column to focus on these:

RESPECTING LIFE. October is “Respect Life Month.” One of the greatest plagues of the latter half of the 20th century and into this 21st century, is abortion. Now, some will posit that abortion is not the only issue at hand during respect life month: there are also the issue of euthanasia, and capital punishment. In the U.S., the most recent numbers available, in 2018, about 3,819 people were put to death by euthanasia (assisted suicide) in the five states where it has been legalized; 22 by capital punishment (down from 85 in 2000), and 862,320 by abortion. More dramatically, as of Sunday morning at 11:09 a.m., world-

wide, there had been 30,706,789 since January 1, 2020 — for those who count such things, that is 32 times the numbers of death by Coronavirus. While every human life is valuable, the numbers lost to abortion reach levels that are usually associated with genocide. This is why the abortion issue is so centrally the focus of the Respect Life Month.

60 Million+ Reasons to Respect Life. During this month we need, as Catholics, to pray for an end to the plague of abortion. Since abortion was legalized in these United States — not by law, not by voters, not by legislators, but by judges -- over 60,000,000+ lives have been taken by abortion in this country alone. To put that in perspective, the Bubonic plague which struck Europe in the 14th century took over 50,000,000 lives — and was considered the worst plague in history. Abortionists in America have surpassed that number.

Changing Minds and Hearts. The good news side of this terrible issue is that the number of abortions nationally is dropping annually. Likewise, the pro-life movement has changed minds and hearts. Just one statistics that speaks to this is that in 2006, the percentage of Americans in the pro-abortion camp was fully 10% above the pro-life numbers (51% to 41%); according to the latest Gallup polling that has been done that number is statistically tied in 2020, while nearly 6 in 10 (57%) Americans now say abortion is morally wrong. Through our prayers and our words, and our words and our deeds, we need to continue to change minds and hearts on this issue, until one day this plague of death that haunts our society finds its rightful place on the ash heap of history.

THE HOLY ROSARY. October is the month of the Holy Rosary. On October 7th, the universal Church celebrate the memorial feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Just as Datsun became Nissan in 1983, and BackRub.com became Google.com in 1996, so too, this feast had a name change. Originally named Our Lady of Victory, this feast celebrated the victory of Christian forces over the advancing forces of Islam at the Battle of Lepanto. Fearing a loss, the Pope called on Catholics to pray the Rosary, to seek the prayerful intercession of the Blessed Mother, that a victory — and peace — might be secured. And so it was. Of note, this feast providentially occurs about a week after the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Church celebration called the Feast of the Protec-

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F. Pastor
 Rev. Mano Salla Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

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 Mr. Philip Belt Deacon
 Mr. John Harvey Deacon
 Mr. Robert McMullen Deacon
 Mr. Scott Peterson Deacon
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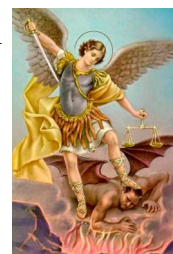
PRO LIFE CORNER

The fall 40 Days for Life Dover event began on Wednesday, September 23rd and continues to Sunday November 1st. Please join us in prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood of Dover to help save the lives of the unborn. You may participate at your convenience and schedule. While at Planned Parenthood, please follow Governor Carney’s Social Distancing Guidelines. For more information contact Donna at (862) 266-1099 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/dover.

- Life begins at conception and continues to natural death.
- Offer your prayers for the most vulnerable, especially the elderly during this COVID-19 crisis. *“Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you.” ~Pope Francis*

LITANY TO ST. MICHAEL

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.



CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, October 3rd, learn about Respect Life Month and life issues that we face in our area when Molly Sheahan from the Maryland Catholic Conference is the guest. Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search “Catholic Forum” on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts.

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 4 27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7

Israel is pictured as a well-tended vineyard that has only produced sour grapes.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

Paul urges the community to fill their minds with all that is good and true so that the peace of God may be with them.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-43

Jesus uses the parable of the vineyard to warn the Jewish leaders of their failures in leadership.

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@holycrossdover.org and an invitation will be sent to you to join our Zoom meeting.

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 (ICC)

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.

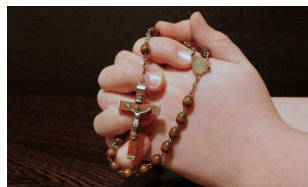
1. Little Blue Book – Advent/Christmas Season Reflections begin Nov. 29, 2020 end Jan. 10, 2021
2. Little Black Book – Lent Reflections begin Feb. 14, 2021, end April 4, 2021
3. Little White Book – Easter Season Reflections begin April 5, 2021, end May 23, 2021

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

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Saturday, October 10, we will give Honor, Praise and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima on the

103rd Anniversary of Fatima. We will pray the Holy Rosary, the Joyful Mysteries, Renew our Consecration to Our Holy Mother Mary and lift our voices in



MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

28 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Franciszek Kosior

29 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Rita Robert

30 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:00 am Belinda M. Roberts

1 THURSDAY

HC 6:30 am Bernadette Miriello

HC 8:00 am Matthew and Mary Seben

ICC 7 pm For the People

2 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Geraldine E. Stine

3 SATURDAY

HC 8 am Doan Ngoc Huyen

HC 5 pm Dina Ugarte

4 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Michael Tocchetti

ICC 8:30 am Jerome Bevenour

HC 9:30 am Clara Combs

HC 11:30 am Philip F. Glick

ICC 11 am Rosa Cristiano

ICC 1 pm For the People

HC 6 pm Pat Stevens

(LI = LIVING INTENTION)

Praying the Rosary (continued)

song....All are Welcome and encouraged to come!!

When: **Saturday, October 10 at 12:00 pm (noon)**

Where: **Outside at Our Lady Of Mt. Carmel Statute in front of Church** (Weather Permitting)

P.G. "Face Masks are required and social distancing a Must"

Mary, gave us the antidote to evil...the Daily Rosary

COME ONE, COME ALL!!!



**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@holycrossdover.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.

RETURNING TO MASS

- Attendees are to **wear a face covering** when inside the Church
- 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.

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT

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.

HOLY CROSS CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

A book commemorating Holy Cross' 150th anniversary has been developed and is now available. A comprehensive coverage of our parish's history from 1870 to present day parish life is presented in nearly 80 beautifully designed pages. Numerous pictures, some in black & white while others are in vivid color, help to bring the material to life. Major sections include: a short biography of all our pastors since 1870, articles describing many of the important events through the years, and several more in-depth stories covering specific areas of our parish from both a historical and current perspective.

Go to HolyCrossDover.org and look under “Headings” to get a glimpse (teaser) of the book’s content and to download the order form. The books are available in three levels of quality and are priced at \$9.00 (Good), \$18.00 (Very Good), and \$25.00 (Best). The variations include softback vs. hardback covers, paper type, and standard vs. premium color. Any of the three will make a treasured keepsake for you and your family. Sample books can be viewed at the parish office receptionist desk. Orders must be received no later than October 14th and will be available for pickup before Thanksgiving.

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 follow-

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

ing: 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.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Marriage is sometimes unfair. One partner gives more than the other. You may not be able to magically make the world fair, but you can do one unnecessary kindness for your beloved today.

PARENTING POINTERS

Humility is a hard lesson for children to learn for a strong ego is a necessary developmental stage. Discern whether your child is mature enough to defer to another without compromising self-worth.

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 (LAFF) 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

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)

Our next Confirmation class takes place Sunday, October 4 or Wednesday, October 7

in the Junior High Building. If your child is not registered, please contact Linda Darling for paperwork.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SRE (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 worked on the plan for the new school year, we want to ensure the safety of all students and families. We have sent home letters with the information regarding the start to this school year, 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@iccmaryladel.org

REGISTRATION 2020-21 (ICC)

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

2019-2020- 1ST COMMUNION CLASS: (ICC)

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: (ICC)

If you have not sent them in, please do so now, so we can better plan for your youth. Parent meeting on September 27th at 2:30pm in hall.

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@iccmaryladel.org

ICC SHOE FUNDRAISER

We are excited about our fundraiser because you don't have to buy ANYTHING!



Calling All Shoes!

We want your shoes!

Every pair of gently worn, used and new shoes you donate to our shoe drive turns into funds for our cause.

Donate your shoes, Good for the Soul!!!

Dear Parishioners,

Modified: a transitive or intransitive verb; to make a minor change or alteration to something, or change slightly especially, especially in order to improve.

Along with other terms I have come to detest over the past half year, this is one more added to the list. That list includes single terms as well as phrases. On that list you will find such terms and phrases as virus, virtual, closure, social distancing, out of an abundance of caution, (I really don't like that phrase at all) contact tracing, and that wicked word I cannot even bring myself to write that has impacted our lives in a way never thought imaginable. I won't say the word, and it literally raises the hackles on my very neck when someone even utters the term in conversation. It's an ugly sounding word, and the insidious nature of this particular organism has brought the world to its knees. And now, I can add the word **modified** to the list of unfavorable words in this English language. I'd also like to stand on my soapbox long enough to register my disagreement with the last part of the definition cited above. Not **ALL** modifications are necessarily an improvement. In today's world, no matter what we do in the day to day, there always seems to be some form of modification called for and added in before we can proceed due to that highly infectious microscopic creature.

This past weekend my husband and I participated in a town-wide yard sale. It was a beautiful day weather-wise with a definite fall nip in the air. Was I actually longing for a pair of gloves as we set out our tables in the pre-dawn hours of the day? But here's the thing...it was a town-wide yard sale because our tiny municipality was unable to hold its annual Heritage Days event. Heritage Days always signals the onset of the fall season and is eagerly anticipated by all the town residents. Not this year. So, the town leadership **modified** the event by allowing its citizens to host yard sales. Although it turned out to be a glorious day where spirits were high; there was no parade, no outside vendors permitted, no town barbecue, there was no band playing festive music...all due to *modifications* of the event.

It is a tradition in Catholic schools to celebrate its' feast day. Our feast day falls on the calendar early on in the school year. We celebrate our feast day on September 14th, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. In the past we have, as an entire school walked in procession down State Street to The Green, turned around, and processed back to school. It has always served as a powerful witness of our faith to motorists, those who watched from office building windows, and even to the kind with police officers who have assisted with traffic as we crossed intersecting streets. The eighth grade boys have traditionally carried the Bishop's Cross (known as the Pilgrimage Cross) on their shoulders as the eighth grade girls lead in procession. We have always prayed a litany along our way, and follow up with classroom activities centered on the meaningful implication of the day. **Not this year.**

We did have a procession, albeit a **modified** version.

Deacon Vince led our procession as we prayed the litany. The procession began as the eighth graders exited the elementary building, reverently carrying the Bishop's Cross down the ramp onto the parking lot, slowly pacing themselves along the perimeter passing by all of our students who lined the pathway. The Pilgrimage Cross passed by each of us four times. The modifications to this year's procession included the addition of an outdoor prayer service focusing on the Feast Day. Lacking an outdoor sound system, we once again relied upon our radios for sound projection. I offer my sincere thanks and congratulations to the eighth grade girls who led us in scripture readings during our prayer service. Mrs. White prepared the girls to read so that they were easily understood; their enunciation and pace in reading was outstanding. Deacon Vince posed a thought provoking question before us all as he opened his homily with "The cross that some of us might be wearing today; is it a meaningful representation of your faith, or is it merely a piece of jewelry"?

So, much like our little town and its' response to the impact the infinitesimal bacterium had on Heritage Days, Holy Cross School devised a way to celebrate our Feast Day in such a way that we had the opportunity to observe and focus attention on the significance of the Holy Cross of Christ.

Thank you to our Religion Committee, our faculty, parents, and students as we continue in our efforts to skirt the effects of the communicable disease causing germ that has caused us to **modify** our school year. By God's continued grace and mercy, we go forth and we will overcome; and say "no more" to the words... "Not this year!"

Yours in Christ,
Linda Pollitt
Principal

tion of the Theotokos (Mother of God). This feast celebrates a similar victory by the Greek city of Vlaherna over an attempted invasion by Barbarian forces. Mary had appeared there in a local Church; she knelt and prayed, and then placed her veil over the people as a sign of protection. Soon thereafter the Barbarians were driven away, and the city was saved.

Pray! Our Lady of the Rosary is a feast dedicated to the power of prayer; to the propriety of turning to our Blessed Mother Mary in prayer, that she might pray for us – intercede for us – to the Lord, in our need. Pray the Rosary!

THE GUARDIAN ANGELS. On Friday, October 2, the Universal Church celebrates the Memorial of the Guardian Angels; that is a good day to remind ourselves of the special care that God gives us via our Guardian Angels. Those are the angels who bring God’s message and make known his grace to us to lead us along right path.

Place Your Order. In the order of creation, there are two types of being created by God which possess free will: mankind and angels. They are distinct; an angel cannot be a man, and a man cannot be an angel. While, humanity is made up of males and females, angels take on nine different general forms, commonly called “Choirs of Angels.” These nine Choirs of Angels are: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Powers, Virtues, Archangels, and Angels. The order of Choirs is to demarcate their relative rank from those closest to God’s throne (Seraphim and Cherubim) to those closest to our world (Archangels and Angels). So, where are the Guardian Angels in this list? Well, they are that last rank of angels: the plain ol’ Angels (and I don’t mean the ones that play in Anaheim, nor do I mean the ones who are detectives who work for elusive “Charlie” on TV and in the movies).

Angels in the Infield. These Guardian Angels are indeed closest to us; you may want to think of them as our “angels in the infield.” An Angel is, by definition, a messenger from God, who makes known God’s will – who brings God’s messages – to us. In our free will, we can either accept or reject what God has to say to us, but nonetheless, the Angels do their good work for the Lord in bringing His messages to us.

Angelic Words. And on October 2, we celebrate those Guardian Angels, who watch over us in a special way, and who call us to hear and know the Lord in our lives. A wonderful way of acknowledging the blessings of our own Guardian Angel is with this traditional Catholic Prayer:

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God’s love commits me here,
ever this day, be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*

We are blessed by God in his Angels and in his Saint: the former making known his will for us, the latter providing us with good example and witness to our faith.

This October, we are called to place a special emphasis on the respecting of life; on the power of prayer, most especially in the Rosary; and in heeding God’s will by the message of our Guardian Angels. A blessed October to all of you.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

Answers to last week’s puzzle can be found to the right. 