

Church of the Holy Cross

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September 2, 2018 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon-Fri 6:30 am, 8:00 am except Wed mornings 8:15 am (12:10 pm during Lent)
Saturday Morning... 8:00 am

On the following Federal Holidays there will be only one morning Mass at 9:00am: Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening 5:00
Sun. Morn 7:30, 9:15, 11:00
Sun. Aftern.... 1:00 (Spanish)
Sun. Evening..... 6:00

First Saturday 5pm Children's Choir
Fourth Saturday 5pm Gospel Choir
Alternate Sundays 6pm Youth Choir

Holy Days

Assumption.....Aug 15
All Saints' Day..... Nov 1
Immac Concept.....Dec 8
Christmas..... Dec 25
Mary, Mother of God..... Jan 1

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

Confession Schedule

Saturday Afternoon..... 4:00
First Fri. Morning 8:30
Fridays Even. in Lent 5:30

Parish Office Hours

During the School Year

Mon-Fri 8:30 am-3:30 pm

During the Summer

Mon-Thurs 9:00 am-2:00 pm

School Office Hours

During the School Year

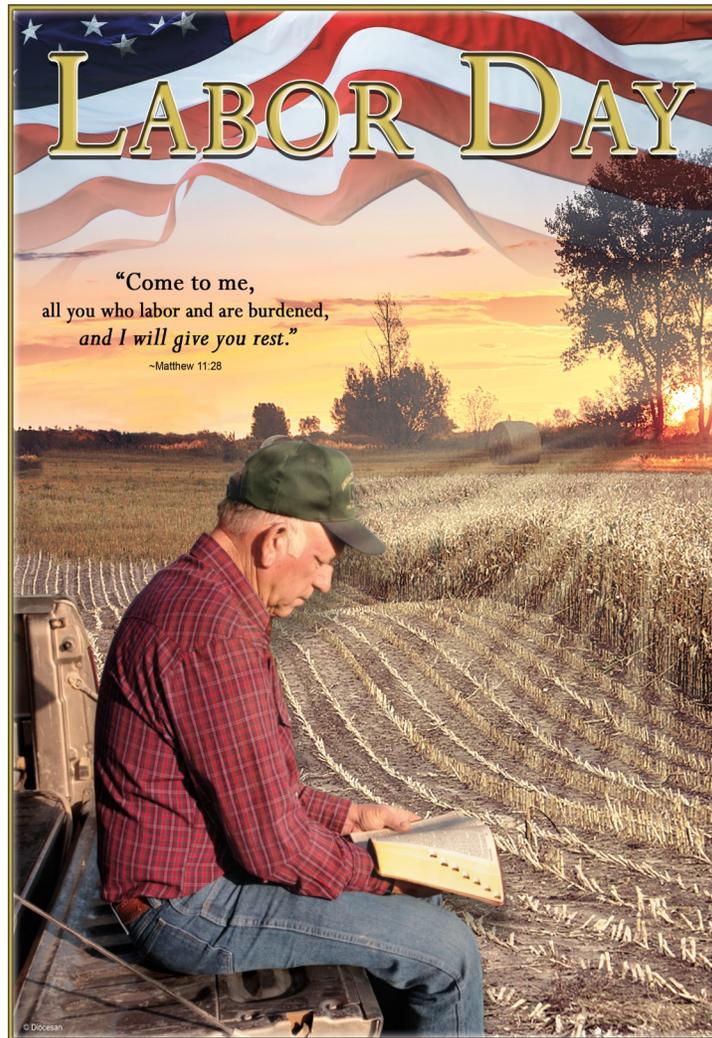
Mon-Fri 8:00 am -3:00 pm

During the Summer

Mon-Thurs 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Adoration Chapel Hrs.

Daily5:00 am-12:00 am



Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 2

3:00 pm, Baptism, CH
7:15 pm, Parent Mtg Confirmation, MT/MK

Monday, September 3

Labor Day
9:00 am, Mass, CH

Tuesday, September 4

Half Day School, Welcome Back!!

Wed., September 5

Half Day School
12:30 pm, Brown Bag Bible Study, LK
6:00 pm, Catechist Mtg with CRE, MT/MK

Thursday, September 6

7:00 pm, Columbiettes State Meeting, LK

Friday, September 7

7:00 pm, Foro Cristiano, LK

Parish Office returns to normal hours on Tuesday, September 4, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Information About Reception of 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 the parents' pre-Baptismal instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Ed. Office.

Sacrament of Penance (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 Ed. Office

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). For adults seeking Confirmation contact our Religious Ed. 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 (sometimes called "Last Rites") administered by a Priest, a person or immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day. For a visitation to the sick, or Holy Communion to the sick, contact our parish office.

I start out this week's column with an excerpt from a message from the Diocese of Wilmington, and our Bishop, Wm. Francis Malooly:

In the wake of the grand jury report based on a two-year investigation by the state's attorney general into sexual abuse claims in six Pennsylvania dioceses, bishops and dioceses are responding to new questions regarding the crimes and sins of priests in the past and how the Church protects children.

"Here in the Diocese of Wilmington, we have demonstrated a continuing commitment to preventing sexual abuse," the Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, said. "We are grateful that the Diocese of Wilmington has not had a reported instance of the sexual abuse of a child by anyone in diocesan or parish ministry in over 25 years. Our policies, procedures, training, and continuing commitment makes our churches and schools safe places for children."

In April 2002, diocesan officials met with the Delaware Attorney General and disclosed all reports of abuse the diocese had ever received. In August of 2002, the 10-member Diocesan Lay Review Board was formed to review allegations of sexual abuse made against priests, deacons or other church employees or volunteers and make recommendations regarding fitness for ministry of those accused. Allegations also are reported to law enforcement as required by Delaware and Maryland law. Furthermore, in 2006 the Diocese of Wilmington became one of the few dioceses to release to the public, the names of all known diocesan clergy regarding whom there are admitted, corroborated or otherwise substantiated allegations of sexual abuse. For the last ten years, that list of names has been posted on the diocesan website.

The diocesan safe-environment program, For the Sake of God's Children, which is overseen by Mr. Michael Connelly, a retired Commander of the Delaware State Police Criminal Investigation Division, has been widely praised and used as a model for other diocesan programs. Because of this and diocesan leadership's continued vigilance and commitment to assure the safety of young people, the Diocese of Wilmington has been found to be in compliance in all audits including its first audit in 2004."

I thank the Bishop for his statement regarding status of our Diocese, as regards the protection of our young people.

From the Headlines. Unless one has been living under a rock, or on a mountaintop, you'll have heard about recent controversies in the Catholic Church as noted above. The issues stretch from Pennsylvania all the way to the Vatican. The revelations are at once both shocking and disheartening.

Quoting philosopher and statesman Edmund Burke, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." I think that quote sums up well the problems that have come to the fore. There is the problem of the actions themselves (sexually predatory actions by clergy), as well as the variant responses to those actions in some cases (moving the clergy member involved to another assignment, sending them for counseling and then reinstating them, or ignoring the actions altogether). Actions regarding Cardinal McCarrick add yet an extra layer of scandal to the existing problem.

Certainly, many people were rocked by these stories, but sadly, others were not: the cynic has met the realist in ascribing this as par for the course for the Church in the 21st century. I want to

address both of these group of people who have had to experience this latest scandal.

I want to address first, the people who were rocked, wounded and hurt by these revelations. I want to address this on a most personal level, I'm hurt, too. Last I looked, I'm a person and I'm a Catholic who happens to be a Catholic priest. And these revelations, while they do not shake my trust in the Catholic faith, cause great a sting on my heart. They are painful, and they cast a shadow on the Priesthood in which I serve, and a blot on the Church in which I worship. Much like a Police officer who is sullied by the actions of some bad actors on the police force, or of a bad actor in the chain of command who is corrupt, so, too, Fr. Etim, Fr. Brady, Msgr. McGlynn and I are sullied and wounded by these revelations. Each day, amidst this scandal, we still have to rise, don our priestly garb and serve the Lord, his flock and the Church as best we can, how ever imperfectly. But that shadow now weighs heavy on us, too, as it does on the wounded faithful. So, to those wounded by these revelations, be aware I'm wounded, too, and share in the hurt that you feel.

To those who were not rocked by these revelations, and consider them par for the course, I would commend you not to adopt that view that this is just the new normal in the 21st century Church. It is not. It is not normal, it is not right, and it is not something with which anyone should ever be okay. It is a scandal, and it is a damaging one – it is the Devil at work in the world. The cause is a most personal one for the perpetrators of these heinous acts: When man does not master his demons, they will master him, and they can lead him down this path of disordered action and self-centered, perverse, pleasure. Thus, in this scandal, the world, the flesh and the Devil, have scored a victory. Make no mistake of that. But the human component of the Church abetted that victory.

While the statement from the Bishop's Office gives balm to us here in the form of knowing that effective action has been taken to make sure that our lamenting cry of "never again," bears fruit, the pain and hurtfulness of the matter still linger. That injury to the body of Christ – that is, to the Catholic faithful – will require both time and the rebuilding of trust to heal. With God's help, I pray we will have both.

A very powerful reflection from Bishop Robert Morlino of Madison helped me contextualize the matter of this scandal in both a pragmatic and spiritual way. In a five-page letter to the people of his Diocese he wrote, in part, the following: *"There is nothing about these stories that is okay. These actions, committed by more than a few, can only be classified as evil, evil that cries out for justice and sin that must be cast out from our Church. Faced with stories of the depravity of sinners within the Church, I have been tempted to despair. And why? The reality of sin – even sin in the Church – is nothing new. We are a Church made of sinners, but we are sinners called to sanctity. So, what is new? What is new is the seeming acceptance of sin by some in the Church, and the apparent efforts to cover over sin by them and others. Unless and until we take seriously our call to sanctity, we, as an institution and as individuals, will continue to suffer the 'wages of sin.'"*

Well said.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

LITURGICAL NEWS

Sunday's Readings—September 9 - 23rd Sun. Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Isaiah 35:4-7*

Second Reading: *James 2:1-5*

Gospel: *Mark 7:31-37*

Mass Intentions (LI = Living Intention)

Monday, September 3, 2018

9:00 am Trudy Coroniti

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

6:30 am Elizabeth Doebele

8:00 am Stephen Von Bonin

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

6:30 am Jack Phillips

8:15 am Stefania Glaz

Thursday, September 6, 2018

6:30 am Matthew and Mary Seben

8:00 am Emma Z. Donato

Friday, September 7, 2018

6:30 am Sylvia Crews

8:00 am Janet Victoria Constant (LI)

Saturday, September 8, 2018

8:00 am Rosalie Chordas Boryszowski

5:00 pm Dec Members Caperino Family

Sunday, September 9, 2018

7:30 am H. Virginia Miller

9:15 am George Durk

11:00 am Paula Jackson Voshel

1:00 pm Ralph Sena

6:00 pm Consuelo Laya

Tabernacle Sanctuary Lamp Dedication

The lamp in the Adoration Chapel is sponsored this week in memory of John and Genevieve Helmick.

The lamp in the Church is sponsored this week for the living intention of Margaret Maraist.

Have a save Labor Day weekend. Mass on Labor Day, September 3, will be at 9:00 am only.

WEEKLY OFFERING Week ending 08/26/2018

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Offertory	\$28,916	\$28,500	\$416
YTD	\$251,011	\$254,000	(\$2,989)
Needs	\$1,846	\$1,635	\$211

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 are made possible. "Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

CCD: Religious education classes are forming now! CCD Registration information and forms are found on parish website:

<http://holycrossdover.org/teaching-the-faith/k-8-formation>

PLEASE REGISTER **NOW** if you have not done so yet, so materials are ready for your child when classes begin.

Youth Information

Junior High Teens - Kick Off Barbecue Saturday, September 8 after 5 pm mass in the back fields. Come join us for picnic food and games to get to know each other. We will be done by 8:30. Please have Form A with you. May download from Website or pick up in hallway of church.

High School Teens - Kick Off Barbecue Sunday, September 9 from 4-5:30 pm in the back fields. Come meet new friends and connect with old. Form A needed if one is not on file for this year. Download from website or pick up in church hallway.

Confirmation Preparation - Classes begin Sunday, September 9 at 3:30 pm. Please be prompt. We will meet for a while, and then join the High School BBQ.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

- Help save lives of the unborn in Dover. Join Holy Cross and other local church groups in prayer each Friday morning from 9 AM – noon at Planned Parenthood of Dover.
- Contact your legislators to inform them that you want them to support life in all legislative bills.
- The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty.
- 40 Days for Life Fall Dover campaign begins September 26th. Sign up now. Call Bobbie at 302-233-2414.

"The child, by reason of higher physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth."
--United Nations' Declaration of the Rights of the Child

SCHOOL UPDATE

It was like taking a walk down memory lane. It was wonderful reminiscing on how much fun I used to have preparing a classroom for the first day of school. It's been a little while, and I felt myself a little rusty, but I pressed on, undaunted because I am very excited at the prospect of teaching a small group of thirteen students. I am also grateful for Mrs. Crawford's willingness to share. I wanted their classroom to reflect what all of their other classrooms reflect.... a space for serious work and serious learning. It wasn't enough for me to have them walk into a room that was used merely for storage; or various and sundry other multi-purposes. I wanted them to be comfortable in a space that speaks to them.....this is my Math class. Now, our learning space itself will be somewhat atypical because we are only using half of the room. The other half of the room will be allocated to what might be referred to as the Teacher's Center.

For the past several years, Holy Cross served as the site for the Capital School District's Delaware Teacher's Center. Public, charter, private, parochial and home school teachers would flock to the center to create eye-catching and appealing bulletin board materials, posters, and other instructional aids for their classrooms. Undoubtedly, though, the hottest attraction (no pun intended) were the laminating machines. Patiently, educators would stand in line waiting their turn to run their materials through this apparatus sealing them with clear film to preserve the life of their valuable learning resources into perpetuity. The film gave everything a shiny appearance; they always looked nice when displayed. The center was all abuzz for the last several weeks of the summer as teachers began preparing fun, colorful, and creative materials in anticipation of the return of their students. The cost for these materials was the best part. There was no charge. Zip...zero, nada. Everything was FREE!

Well, you know what they say about the good old days. Sometimes they are gone and gone for good. Despite the valiant and staunch efforts of the Director of the Centers, Mrs. Misty Yencer and others to lobby against their closing; budget allocations for the operation of the centers statewide were cut from the Department of Education's budget. As a result all of the centers across the state were shut down. It is my understanding that some of the centers remain open, however, it is at the expense of the individual institution housing the center to finance operations. An example of one of the centers is found on the Del-Tech campus in Georgetown, while another is found in the Lake Forest school district.

The center at Holy Cross was closed, but we have been blessed. Mrs. Yencer was kind enough to gift Holy Cross with one laminating machine and all of the die-cutting materials. Die cutting materials enable the teacher to create a wide array of visual aids in an effort to enhance their lessons. The laminating machine and die cuts served as the very backbone of the center for years.

Thank you for the generous gifts bestowed upon the faculty of Holy Cross. We are most grateful and we promise to take very good care of them.

NUESTRA FAMILIA

- Jornada Mundial de la Juventud. Que es la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud?Es un encuentro de jóvenes de todo el mundo con el Papa, en un ambiente festivo, religioso y cultural, que muestra el dinamismo de la Iglesia y da testimonio de la actualidad del mensaje del Jesús. “Es mucho más que un acontecimiento. Es un tiempo de profunda renovación espiritual, de cuyos frutos se beneficia toda la sociedad” (Benedicto XVI). Un medio extraordinario de evangelización para fortalecer la pastoral juvenil. Se realiza cada tres años y el último se llevó a cabo en Cracovia en el año 2016.La próxima Jornada Mundial de la Juventud 2019 será en la ciudad de Panamá del 22 de enero al 27 de enero
- La Jornada Mundial de la Juventud es un legado que nos dejó San Juan Pablo II cuando invita a los jóvenes a ser peregrinos y se reunieron en Roma 1984 y a continuado hasta hoy y a los jóvenes adultos se les invita a una experiencia única a la JMJ del 22 al 27 de enero 2019 en la ciudad de Panamá. Se les invita a jóvenes entre las edades de 18-35.Si usted está interesado
- Hable con los agentes pastorales Carlos González y Mariana Pitti o llame a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano de la parroquia para más información. Cada peregrino correrá con todos sus gastos para viajar, Hay que inscribirse.
- Festival de nuestra Herencia Hispana sera el domingo 23 de septiembre, 2018 . Comenzará a las 11:00 de la mañana si usted desea ser voluntario (a) para ayudar, donar o cooperar hable con la Sra. Tayde Hernamdez
- Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para las clases de Educación Religiosa. Si usted tiene un hijo(a) en edad escolar y no está asistiendo a una escuela católica debe inscribirse en el programa de educación Religiosa.
- La Virgen Peregrina ya va a empezar a visitar las casas, comenzando el domingo 29 de abril, hasta el mes de noviembre, Todas las semanas durante nuestra misa dominical se le entregará la virgen Peregrina a una familia que la tendrá por una semana y rezará el Santo Rosario todas los días con la imagen. Si desea tener la imagen hable con nuestra Agente Pastoral Tayde Hernández.
- Confirmaciones de Adultos. Si usted es mayor de edad y no se ha confirmado por favor anotarse para las clases con la hermana Eloina Alonso.

PARISH NEWS

New Members

We welcome our newly registered parishioners:

- Susana and Fernando Betancourt, Jose and Shirley Lascano, Robert A. and Mary G. Lesser, James, and Lola Amelia Maurer

Deceased

We extend our condolences to the families of:

- William Binder, Robert Sadusky, Rufino Pascual, James Koehring, and Erma Neudecker

May the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Newly Baptized

Congratulations to the families of our newly baptized:

- Leo Alexander Parsons

Choir Notes

The Holy Cross choirs will be resuming their ministry for the upcoming 2018-2019 choir season which typically runs from Labor Day until June. To the existing choir membership, welcome back! For those of you who are new to this large parish, who enjoy playing an instrument or like to sing, and who might be willing to make a commitment to the ministry, all choirs are interested in having you share your talent with them. The following are expected to be the initial rehearsals of the season for the respective choirs:

Choir	Time	Date	Location
Gospel	6:30	Tue, 4 Sep	Worship Space
Youth (Gr 9-12)	6:30	Tue, 4 Sep	Choir Room
Hispanic	6:30	Wed, 5 Sep	Worship Space
Traditional	7:00	Thu, 5 Sep	Choir Room
Contemporary	7:30	Thu, 6 Sep	Choir Room
Handbell	7:00	Thu, 20 Sep	Worship Space
Children's Choir	4:00	Sat, 6 Oct	Choir Room

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please get in touch with Mr. Michael Perza at 698-9302.

Samaritan Needs

Our Samaritan Food Pantry are in need of the following items: cereal, hot dogs, canned chili, baked beans, beef stew, ravioli, and tomato soup. Please leave your donations in the container provided in the vestibule area of the Gathering Space. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help to feed the needy of our community.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will resume the 2018-2019 year with Chief Dennis Coker, Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware who will be our speaker on September 10 at the Early Learning Center Mathew/Mark room at 11:00 Lunch is \$5.00. Desserts are always welcome.

Welcome Back to School!

Saint Thomas More would like to wish everyone a blessed and successful school year. As you begin the new school year, keep in mind, "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars and to change the world." Harriet Tubman

We encourage you to visit us in person or through our website www.saintmore.org to learn why we were voted 2017 Best Private School in Kent County

OTHER NEWS

Custom Rosary for Diocese 150th Anniversary

A custom-designed, limited-edition, dark red and gold rosary is now available to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. The rosaries, were blessed at the Vatican by Pope Francis on June 6, 2018 during His Holiness' Weekly Audience in Saint Peter's Square. Detailed photographs of the rosary, and an order form are available online at www.cdow.org/150th. The rosary comes in a commemorative color pouch, and is available for a suggested \$30.00 donation each, plus shipping and handling.

Nun Run

The 12th Annual Nun Run 5K (it's a walk too!) is being held 9am Saturday, 9/15/18 This 5K walk/race begins and ends on the grounds of Jeanne Jugan Residence in Newark, and the Little Sisters join us for the run and all the fun! This is one of our major fundraisers and we are seeking your support. For further information, visit our website www.NunRun5K.org

Italian Night

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Italian Night Dinner Dance on October 13. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm, dancing from 7 pm—10 pm at their council Home. Tickets are \$30.00 a couple. Please contact Don Ryan at 302-233-5251 or mairdon@verizon.net for tickets.

HIVS-AIDS Ministry of Black Catholics

The ministry for Black Catholics will be holding a collection drive for personal care items to benefit the HIV-AIDS ministry of Catholic Charities. At Holy Cross we will collect items the weekend of **Sept.9**. We ask for the following items: The * items are most needed:

*Deodorant *Shaving Cream *Hand/body lotion

*Toothpaste Shampoo Disposable razors

Bath size bar soap Soft bristle toothbrushes

Thank you for your participation in donating these items.

Boxes will be in the Gathering Space on Sept 9.

Diocesan Vocations Guild

Please join the Diocesan Vocations Guild on October 7, 2018 as we travel to the "Shower of Roses" celebration at the Carmelite Monastery, Coopersburg, PA. There will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Relic of St. Therese of Lisieux, and a solemn procession to the Blessed Mother's Statue in the yard, and each pilgrim receives a rose. Visit the tomb of the incorrupt foundress, Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus. Food will be available in the cafeteria. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$30.00 per person. Please contact Mary Gaworski @ 302-438-6969 or email: mares7963@aol.com for more information.

Marriage Moments

Sometimes it's easier to obey the letter of the law than its spirit. So maybe you don't murder anyone, but might you kill your beloved's spirit with criticism? Maybe you don't steal, but are you generous enough?

Parenting Pointers

The commandments tell us not to lie, steal, murder, or commit adultery. That's pretty clear. However, sins of greed, selfishness, or general meanness are not always as clear. What actions and attitudes create unhappiness in your family? Ask your kids.

