

Church of the Holy Cross

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December 30, 2018 Holy Family

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

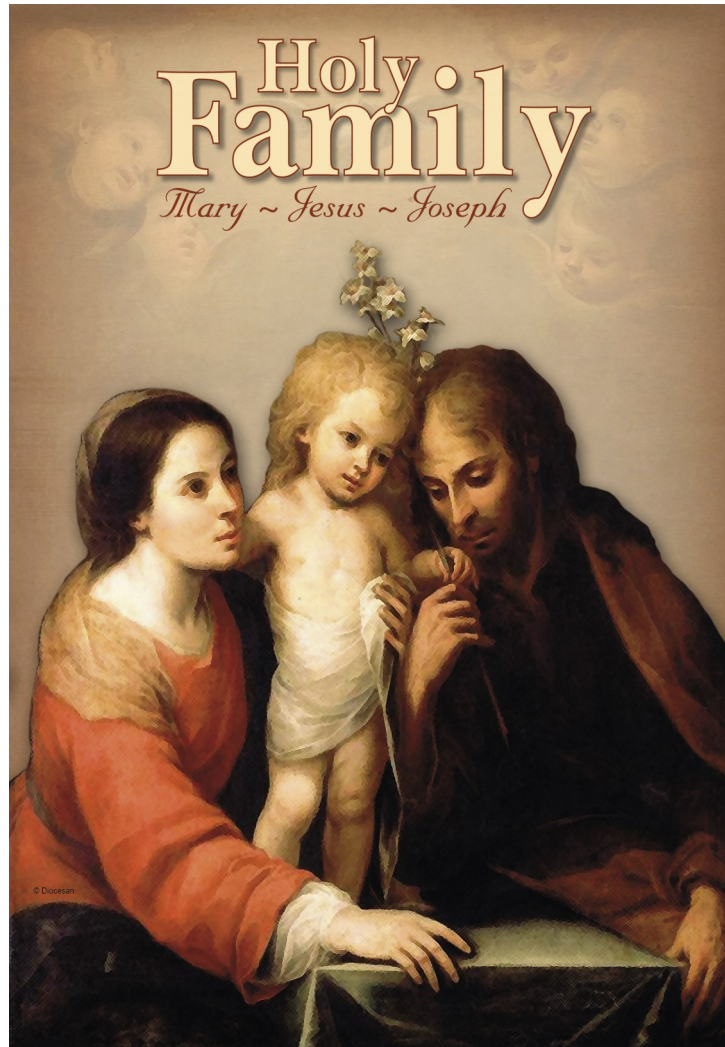
During the School Year
Mon-Fri 8:30 am-3:30 pm
During the Summer
Mon-Thurs 9:00 am-2:00 pm

School Office Hours

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Adoration Chapel Hrs.

Daily5:00 am-12:00 am



Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 30
9:00 am, RCIA, MT/MK

Monday, December 31
7:00 pm, Mass, CH
9:00 pm, Hispanic Mass, CH

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
Solemnity of Mary
8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass

Wed, January 2
St. Basil the Great
6:30 pm, Scouts, CA

Thursday, January 3
Most Holy Name of Jesus
7:00 pm, Columbiette State Mtg, LK

Friday, January 4
8:30 am, First Friday Devotion and Benediction, CH

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.

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday – the Sunday after Christmas – the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family. This year marks the 125th anniversary of this feast honoring Jesus, Mary and Joseph; it was added to the Church calendar by Pope Leo XIII in 1893.

Family Matters. In our culture, when we speak about a family, in terms of composition, we usually speak of it being made up of father, mother and child. That order of reference (father, mother, child) is pretty common. Thus, for you Flintstones fan's we speak of Fred, Wilma and Pebbles; for you royal-watchers we speak of Prince William, Kate and George; and of course, there were Mike, Carol and the Brady kids. We sometime hear the order amended as woman, man, and child (for you I Love Lucy fans, Lucy, Ricky and Little Ricky). However, when we speak of the Holy Family, that entire order -of-reference is flipped on its head. We never speak of Joseph, Mary and Jesus; rather we speak of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. And the question to consider here is very much the same question I asked when the movie Jaws 4 came out in 1987: Why? Well, while Jaws 4 still remains a mystery, I have some thoughts on the unique manner in which we refer to the Holy Family.

Son Shines. The Holy Family as Jesus, Mary and Joseph demarcates three important distinctions for us. First, it reminds us that Holy Family, while an exemplar for all families, is unique as it marks that family which embraced the new creation, and bringing forth of God incarnate. Second, it reminds us that the Holy Family, as a faithful family, put the Lord God first in their lives. Third, in our Catholic faith we understand a child is a gift from God, and thus we place God's gift (Jesus – son of Mary, Son of God) front-and-center... focusing us on what God gave Mary (as mother) and Joseph (as foster father): Jesus.

All families who seek to be holy families place Jesus first in their faith, in their life and in their words and deeds. On this topic of the special role and place of the Holy Family in our Catholic faith, Pope Benedict XVI wrote what I commend to you as one of the most beautiful commentaries on the topic that I have ever read, and on this Holy Family Sunday, I'd like to share that reflection with you:

The Gospel according to Luke recounts that when the shepherds of Bethlehem had received the Angel's announcement of the Messiah's birth "they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger" (2:16). The first eyewitnesses of Jesus' birth therefore beheld a family scene: a mother, a father and a newborn son. For this reason the Liturgy has us celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the First Sunday after Christmas. This year it occurred the very day after Christmas, and, taking precedence over the Feast of St Stephen, invites us to contemplate this "icon" in which the little Jesus appears at the center of his parents' affection and care.

In the poor grotto of Bethlehem — the Fathers of the Church wrote — shines a very bright light, a reflection of the profound mystery which envelopes that Child, which Mary and Joseph cherish in their

hearts and which can be seen in their expression, in their actions, and especially in their silence. Indeed, they preserve in their inmost depths the words of the Angel's Annunciation to Mary: "the Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

Yet every child's birth brings something of this mystery with it! Parents who receive a child as a gift know this well and often speak of it in this way. We have all heard people say to a father and a mother: "this child is a gift, a miracle!". Indeed, human beings do not experience procreation merely as a reproductive act but perceive its richness and intuit that every human creature who is born on earth is the "sign" par excellence of the Creator and Father who is in Heaven.

How important it is, therefore, that every child coming into the world be welcomed by the warmth of a family! External comforts do not matter: Jesus was born in a stable and had a manger as his first cradle, but the love of Mary and of Joseph made him feel the tenderness and beauty of being loved. Children need this: the love of their father and mother. It is this that gives them security and, as they grow, enables them to discover the meaning of life. The Holy Family of Nazareth went through many trials, such as the "massacre of the innocents" — as recounted in the Gospel according to Matthew — which obliged Joseph and Mary to flee to Egypt. Yet, trusting in divine Providence, they found their stability and guaranteed Jesus a serene childhood and a sound upbringing.

Dear friends, the Holy Family is of course unique and unrepeatable, but at the same time it is a "model of life" for every family because Jesus, true man, chose to be born into a human family and thereby blessed and consecrated it.

When March Comes in January. These words speak clearly about the significance of the Holy Family and the value of the family in our world. And so, for us in faith and in life, we are called to honor this Holy Family and we are called to protect the gift and the mystery embodied in the person of each child born into the families of our nation and world. One of the many ways that we can do this is to attend the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. At that March, people of different faiths and denominations gather to support the basic idea that innocent human life should be protected from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. This January, the March for Life will be held on Wednesday, January 18th, 2019. Folks from Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception, and from many parishes throughout our diocese are encouraged to attend and represent the values of our Catholic faith. Check the parish bulletin over the next few weeks for more information on this important event.

May you and your family continue to be blessed as we continue through this beautiful season of Christmas!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini,
Pastor

LITURGICAL NEWS

Readings—December 30—Holy Family

First Reading: *1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28*

Hannah longed for a child and, having pleaded with God, she fulfills her promise by dedicating him to God and a life of service.

Second Reading: *1 John 3:1-2, 21-24*

John reminds us that we are the children of God. We are to be confident in God's love for each one of us.

Gospel: *Luke 12:41-52*

Mary and Joseph have been to Jerusalem with Jesus but, instead of returning with them, Jesus remains in the Temple, talking to and asking questions of the elders.

Mass Intentions (LI = Living Intention)

Monday, December 31, 2018

6:30 am William Gede
 8:00 am Lloyd Bennett
 7:00 pm For the People
 9:00 pm For the People

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

8:00 am Rey Cruz
 10:00 am Joseph Wynne

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

6:30 am Leonard and Mary M. Smith
 8:15 am Dorothy Stratton

Thursday, January 3, 2019

6:30 am Ronald Taroli
 8:00 am Clarence Collins

Friday, January 4, 2019

6:30 am Rachael Neely (LI)
 8:00 am Donald Peer

Saturday, January 5, 2019

8:00 am Louise Quinn
 5:00 pm Grace Jara

Sunday, January 6, 2019

7:30 am Felix Leon
 9:15 am Rhett Austell
 11:00 am Michael Duke
 1:00 pm Miguel Ochoa
 6:00 pm Theresa Regan

Tabernacle Sanctuary Lamp Dedication

The lamp in the Adoration Chapel is sponsored this week in memory of Mary M. Szymanski.

The lamp in the Church is sponsored this week in memory of Erma Neudecker.

WEEKLY OFFERING Week ending 12/23/2018

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
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YTD			
Needs			

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

CCD

Wednesday – Classes resume January 9th

Sundays – Classes resume January 13th

Reminder: Parents are to walk their children to the classroom and pick them up from the classroom. Please do not drop children at the door.

Adult Formation

The adult formation classes will continue in January. We will be looking at the Pillars of the Church. This will be a series of 6 videos concerning the lives of those who brought healing to the church in times of crisis. Please email or call the Religious Education office and register for this class so that we have enough materials on hand. The cost is \$10 to help pay for the book. Classes will be held Tuesday evenings at 7pm and again on Wednesday morning after the daily 8:15am mass beginning at 9:30 am.

Youth Information

Confirmation Classes:

Reminder - regular classes resume January 13 for Sunday class and January 16 for Wednesday class. January 6 is makeup for those classes that were missed. Please check your email for schedule of makeup.

Youth Group:

Will meet January 6 after the 6 pm Mass for dinner and Adoration. Please join us.

Junior High Teens - Grades 6-8:

Please join us Saturday, January 5 after the 5 pm Mass for Youth Group. We will meet downstairs in the Cafeteria for dinner and then our service project. This month we will be making tie blankets for the children in Code Purple Shelters. 6-7:30 pm.

March for Life:

Any teen interested in attending the Youth Rally and Mass and the March for Life on Friday, January 18 please see Mrs. Darling. Tickets are limited.

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.
- March for Life is on Friday, January 18, 2019. Mark your calendar. More details about bus rides later. Mark your calendar. More details about bus rides later.



"Too many people use abortion as a form of birth control. And that's very wrong. I could never, ever have an abortion." —Brooke Shields

SCHOOL INFORMATION

The Administration, Faculty and Staff of Holy Cross School wishes you the blessings, joy, happiness, and peace for this New Year.



Applications Available for 2019-2020 School Year

Did you know we are accepting applications to attend Holy Cross for the next school year? Holy Cross School offers classes for Three-Year Old's through Eighth Grade. Our school's vision is to be a community where the educational process is centered on the love of Christ and the development of the whole child. By exposing students to Gospel values, high academic standards and individual expectations, Holy Cross School is committed to preparing and enhancing the personal excellence of each and every student.

To begin the process, we encourage you to visit us and experience first-hand our warm and engaging classrooms. There are a number of Open Houses throughout the year.

January 27, 2019 - 11:00 to 1:00 pm For those wishing to enroll in all grades for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

February 12, 2019 - 8:30 to 10:30 am For those wishing to enroll in our 2019 - 2020 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs.

If you cannot attend a scheduled Open House, individual appointments are available daily. Call our school office at 674-5787, ext. 111 to schedule your tour today. **Our website address for applications is holycrossdover.org/prospective-families/how-to-apply/application.**

NUESTRA FAMILIA

- Feliz Año Nuevo 2019 que sea un año lleno de paz, salud, amor y prosperidad..
- Mañana 31 de diciembre celebraremos la vigilia de la solemnidad de María Madre de Dios, nuestra santa Misa en Español es a las 9:00 de la noche. Es día de precepto y tenemos que asistir a misa.
- El domingo 6 de diciembre celebraremos la Epifanía del Señor, conocido como día de Reyes, tendremos nuestra tradicional Rosca de Reyes. Los reyes llegaron para adorar al Niño y darle aguinaldo a nuestros niños. Si usted desea colaborar con una Rosca o con una olla de atole o champurrado hable con la Sra. Arline Dosman.
- Deseas participar en alguno de los ministerios, por favor hable con los coordinadores. Necesitamos: Lectores, Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión (necesitan ser aprobado por el párroco), Ujieres. Ministerio de la Música. Comparte con otros los talentos que el Señor les ha dado.
- Los Bautismos son los primeros domingos de cada mes, después de la Santa Misa en Español 2:30 pm. La clase pre-bautismales son los segundos domingos de cada mes. Los requisitos para ser padrinos tienen que ser Católicos practicantes, y en comunión con la iglesia.



Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve – Monday, December 31
7:00 pm Mass
9:00 pm Hispanic Mass

New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1
8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass

Happy New Year
2019

PARISH NEWS

Samaritan Needs

As you know, we can always use all types of canned goods to keep our pantry stocked. We always need canned vegetables, soups, juices, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti and noodles, etc. Any boxed or canned items can be left in the container provided in the vestibule area of the Gathering Space. Thank you.

Cemetery Prices to Increase

It has been five and a half years since mausoleum prices have increased and two years since the last increase to in-ground graves. As with everything, cemetery operating costs continue to increase annually. That being said, prices will be going up effective January 1st. In order to lock-in current prices, call Len Dornberger at 674-5787 x135 before the end of the year to schedule an appointment. Actual appointments may not take place until after New Years, but calling to schedule before December 31st will lock-in current prices.

Samaritan Tree

We appreciate your donations through our Samaritan Giving Tree. These envelopes can be put into the collection basket, mailed to the Parish Office, or handed directly to the priest at mass. The money is used throughout the year to support the work of the Samaritans. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Vocations

We have so much to learn from the Holy Family: Mary allows God's will to change her life; Joseph pays close attention to and follows the prompting of the angel; Jesus says to the Father "not my will, but Thine be done." What is the Father's will for you? Are you taking steps to find out? If you think God might be calling you to live out a religious vocation, call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). And check out our website: www.cdown.org/vocations/

The Dialogue

As you exit church, please pick up a copy of the Christmas Edition of The Dialog. In it you will find Bishop Malooly's annual Christmas message to the people of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, plus a special 150th anniversary tribute to priests in service to our diocese and parishes.



OTHER NEWS

St. Thomas More

Happy New Year From Saint Thomas More...

May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others.

May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us. ~Saint Terese of Liseaux.



Marriage Moments

Jan. 1 is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. In these days of the "Me Too" movement, regaining respect for women is getting a lot of attention. This is good, but healthy marriages already exhibit this. Husbands, tomorrow honor your wife's unconditional "yes" to love you. The love will be returned to you.

Parenting Pointers

After the hubbub dies down, pause as a family not only to thank each other, but to be thankful that you have the resources to give gifts and that you have a family to share this time with. Don't let the day slip slide away without this pause.

Retrouvaille....a lifeline for Marriages

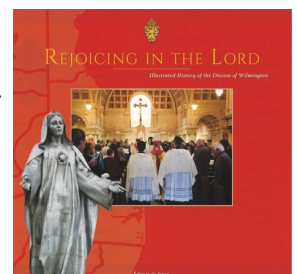
Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples who can help a couple re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille can help heal a marriage, as it has for tens of thousands of couples throughout the world. The next program begins on the weekend of February 8-10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August. For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be March 1-3, 2019 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For information, visit our website at www.me-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833. Don't Delay! Your marriage deserves this gift!

History of the Diocese of Wilmington

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LITURGY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Weekend of Jan 6/7, 2019

Day	Mass	Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers			
Saturday	5:00 PM	D. DeVigili J. Clendaniel R. Carrales B. Carreles D. King F. Hettinger S. Lascano K. O'Neill J. Priest R. Vinsen	R. Coudriet S. Swierzcek	K. Bradley A. Bannerman G. Zappulo			
		Sunday	7:30 AM	B. Fritzsche M. Thompson E. Henderson J. Fischer A. Fischer R. Jester R. Campanicki	F. Spartz E. Outten	N. Umobi C. Umobi E. Wadhams	
				9:15 AM	M. Macleish C. Fortier D. Diaz K. Kelly V. Pepper K. Bennet C. Bugglin J. McIlvain K. Coyle C. Jones T. Staniszewski	J. Priest M. Sossich	S. Carbaugh S. Janney B. Coyle
					11:00 AM	B. Richards G. Richards S. Lang M. Rogers P. Keller P. Huffman N. West K. Maddalena B. Whitworth A. Marano F. Deeney	J. Connolly P. Keller
6:00 PM	M. Cacesse D. Novak V. Balcerak D. Balcerak L. ling D. Darling J. Zajac K. Boyer C. Stofanak T. Stier R. Kosior	To be Assigned	K. Ford T. Koltz N. Kosior				

Eucharistic Adoration: "Jesus is looking for you, so please consider letting Him know how much you love Him by spending time with Him in the Chapel in Eucharistic Adoration.

Sunday: 11 am, 2 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

Tuesday: 5 am, 11 pm

Wednesday: 10 pm, 11 pm

Thursday: 11 pm

Friday: 10 pm

Saturday: Noon, 4 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

Contact JoAnn Pate [302-674-4496](tel:302-674-4496) for one of the above hours.

PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

Clergy: Priests and Deacons

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini Pastor
 Rev. Tim Brady Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Idongesit Etim Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Mano Salla Parochial Vicar
 Msgr. Daniel McGlynn Pastor Emeritus
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 Mr. John Harvey Deacon
 Mr. Robert McMullen Deacon
 Mr. Scott Peterson Deacon
 Mr. Vincent Pisano Deacon

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Catholic Education Grades 9 to 12
www.saintmore.org

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