

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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*Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.*

## April 28, 2019 – Divine Mercy Sunday

### Eucharist of the Lord's Day

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

#### Weekday Eucharist

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

#### Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

#### Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,  
Thursday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

#### Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Timothy J. Brady, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Mano Salla, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.  
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

#### Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

#### Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of financial assistance, please call

**St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702**

### The Sacraments

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

Dear Parishioners,

As TV series begin to go into reruns, I will share a secret – this week's column is a rerun. You see, this past week I have been away for a few days get some down time. Please note, that having given up fast food for Lent, it is likely that I will have been bunking in various McDonald's throughout the mid-Atlantic region during my vacation travels, making up for lost time. Being away, I decided to use a column that I have used once each year over the past few years on the important topic of marriage. And so, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, I want to share God's great mercy and avail folks of the gift and blessing Christian marriage and exhort folks who are perhaps living together or who were perhaps married outside the Church, to consider getting married (or getting their marriage "blessed") in the Church.

**Ratings, Weddings and Genies.** TV lover that I am, I can remember back in 1970, watching the wedding episode of "I Dream of Jeannie" when in a play for better ratings, using wedding-based glitz and glamor, Jeannie and Major Nelson (a

lady genie and her astronaut beau) tied the knot. Alas, not even a genie and a wedding could save the show; it was soon cancelled. This episode "I Dream of Jeannie" tell us something about weddings and marriages that life experience confirms. A wedding should not be about show and flash, or glitz and glamour; rather it should solemnly celebrate the first day of a lifetime of a marriage of a man and a woman.

**Wedding Bell Blues?** In our world today, weddings seem to have taken on a greater importance than the marriage itself. There are wedding TV shows, wedding registries, wedding planners, and a whole host of things that have made weddings the second largest expense in a person's life, after buying a home. The problem with this is that "the wedding" has become the focus of attention, while marriage has become some mere echoed after effect. To make an analogy, it would be like having a child and making the entire focus on the child's birth, and then once he's born, tossing him aside and just looking back on that birth event.

**Gifts and Marriage.** To be clear, in the Catholic Church, there is not a Sacrament of Wedding; there is a Sacrament of Marriage. The focus of that Sacrament is not on the event (the wedding), but on the vocation (married life). Thus, I often tell couples preparing for marriage to stop watching TV wedding shows. Why? Because marriage is not about the “event” of a wedding but, rather, about a life spent together. Thus, while a wedding passes into history in a few hours (after the cutting of the cake and the receiving of some Kenmore blenders, gift cards, and perhaps a set of Ginsu knives), the marriage endures. And marriage in the Church — received as a Sacrament — allows the Baptized parties of the marriage to share in the marital graces, given by God, to bless married life.

**Mission Not Impossible.** To this end, as Pastor of the parish, I want to commend our couples who are not married in the Church, to consider addressing that status. Many folks think that getting your marriage “blessed by the Church” is an arduous or even impossible task; in most cases, it is not. To this end, I would ask men and women, in non-Church marriages, to seek to amend that situation, and come into the fold of those married in Christ.

**How to Get Your Marriage Blessed in the Church:** There are several different situations that entail slightly different actions to address marital status. To list all the possible circumstances would take a book the size of a Herman Wouk novel. So, I will focus on the three most common circumstances below:

**1. If you are married civilly and this is your only marriage:** If you are couple who, for whatever reason, married civilly, but not in Church — and you have only been married once — you can have your married “convalidated” in the Church (a.k.a. “blessed in the Church”). This takes your civil marriage and makes it into a marriage in the Catholic Church.

If you have been civilly married (or married in another faith without Church approval) for over four years, you need only to meet with one of our Priests or Deacons, complete a pre-marital inquiry to determine your marital status, and then a convalidation via the Catholic Rite of Marriage may be scheduled.

If your civil marriage is more recent (four years or less), you may have to do pre-Cana preparation before the Convalidation of your marriage.

**2. If you (or your spouse) are Catholic and had a previous civil marriage before this one:** This is usually fairly simple. Since you (or your spouse) are Catholic and married outside of the proper Catholic form of marriage without permission of the appropriate Church authority, that civil marriage reflects a “lack of canonical form” and can be deemed null. This entails some paperwork. Once I get the approved documentation back from the Diocese (usually, in a week or two), we can get your Convalidation planned (and if married over four years, the simpler process noted above applies)

**3. If you are Catholic and have a previous marriage in the Catholic Church (or married with Church permission in another Christian Church/location):** In this circumstance, you may need an annulment. An annulment speaks to the questions of whether a marriage was validly contracted at the time of consent (i.e., was there duress, were there impediments, etc.). If it is deemed that the circumstances on the day of the marriage were not proper or that informed consent was impeded, an annulment may be issued, freeing you to marry. The good news is, is that process, with emendations put forth by Popes Benedict and more recently Pope Francis, has become much quicker (usually about six months or less).

**Please note:** For more complicated scenarios you’ll need speak to one of our Priests or Deacons. Also, if you are in a marriage currently, and you or your spouse are non-Catholic: If the non-Catholic party had been married previously, that original marriage of theirs is considered valid and thus an annulment process must ensue (as noted in #3 above).

**Marriage in the Church.** And so, I commend you: If you are married outside of the Church, seek to have your marriage convalidated (blessed) in the Church. This is the faith and teaching of your Church, moreover, this is the call of Jesus Christ to a man and a woman in the vocation of married life. Christ is asking: Do you want to do what is necessary to marry according to our faith and the laws of His Church? I hope you say, “I do.”

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

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### MASS INTENTIONS:

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28**

8:30am Charles Beck

11:00am Gabriel Riley

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

#### **Thursday, May 2**

7pm Misa For the People

#### **Sunday, May 5**

8:30am Tommy Smith

11:00am Jack Deighton

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

### COLLECTION TOTALS:

**Offertory: \$ 3289.50**

**Supplementary: \$ 662.00**

**Holy Thursday: \$ 724.25**

**Holy Land Shrines: \$321.41**

**Easter Vigil: \$ 550.00**

**Easter: \$ 3115.00**

**Second Collection Today: Supplementary**

**Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed and appreciated**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Altar Servers

May 5

**8:30am Mass** –Anna Clancy, Mike Dixon

**11am Mass** –Vince Haass, William Meyer

**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Itzel Roblero, Justin Godinez

### Lectors

May 5

**8:30am Mass** – Lani Small

**11am Mass** – Donna King

**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Román Cuin, Ada Escalante

### Eucharistic Ministers

May 5

**8:30am Mass** – Brenda Lawson, Greg Taraila

**11am Mass** – Judy Carrow, Paul Lardizzone

**Spanish Misa 1pm** – Ovidio Roblero, Natalina Capistran, Salome Morales, Reyna Morales, Dolores Cuin

### Collection Counters

**Apr 28** Marilyn Dixon & Maurilio Gabriel

**May 5** Ann Lawson & Julia Moore

**May 12** Paul & Robin Engstenberg

### Church Cleaning Crew

**Mayo 3, 2019 Grupo #7**

Ovidio Roblero, **Natalina Capistran**, Fausto Ortiz, Everilda Pérez, Amanda Salas, Ashley Salas

**Mayo 10, 2019 Grupo # 8**

Rafael Morales, **Marcos González**, Osvaldo Miranda Eleazar Santizo, Reyna Morales



### THANK YOU

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say

THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the bin at the front door of Church or at the DRE's desk basket.

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Books:

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When they are gone, you will only be able to purchase from the link on the website at

[www.iccmaryladel.org](http://www.iccmaryladel.org)



## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Sun, Apr 28 9:40am** – SRE in classrooms

**Sun, Apr 28 2:30pm** – Charla Bautizo-hall

**Mon, Apr 29 6:30pm** – Catholicism Series-hall

**Tues, Apr 30 1pm** Exercise class in hall

**Thur, May 2 1pm** Exercise class in hall

**Fri, May 3 7pm** Band Practice

**Fri, May 3 7pm** 1st Communion Rehearsal

**Sat, May 4, 10am** – First Communion

**Sat, May 4 6:30pm** - Culto

**Sun, May 5 9:40am** – SRE – May Crowning

## Knights of Columbus



Next meeting **Tues, May 14,**

**7pm Meeting in the Knights Hall**

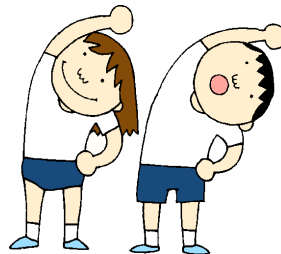
**All members are encouraged to attend.** Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact

Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or

[kelly29@comcast.net](mailto:kelly29@comcast.net). Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509

**"Rejoicing in the Lord," pictorial history of Diocese, makes the perfect Mothers' Day Gift.**

The acclaimed pictorial history of the Diocese of Wilmington, its parishes, schools and ministries, titled "Rejoicing in the Lord," published recently to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, will bring a smile to Mom's face this Mothers' Day. "Rejoicing in the Lord" is a hard-cover, 336-page, full-color, glossy 10 inch by 10 inch book that features histories and photographs of all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, plus biographies of all nine Wilmington bishops, with important ministries and events highlighted. Published by the French company, Éditions du Signe, "Rejoicing in the Lord" is available for only \$30 by contacting the parish office.



**Exercise time at 1pm on Tuesday and Thursday in the Hall. Come join in on the fun! No registration needed, just come.**

## FROM THE DRE'S DESK

**SRE today 9:40-10:50am**

**Last day of SRE for this year is next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to get your registrations in by the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.**



**Please get registrations in as soon as possible for next year SRE, so we can plan for classroom space and teachers.**

**LAS MATRICULAS:** para nuestro programa de formación cristiana de niños en domingo están todavía disponibles en el despacho parroquial, en la entrada principal del templo, y en el internet. Favor de someterlas en lo más pronto posible, con la cobra de \$40 por cada niño, y no más de \$150 cada familia.



### Sacramental Prep:

**First Communion: Rehearsal-** Friday, May 3 at 7pm at Immaculate Conception

**Sacrament-** Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Immaculate Conception

**Confirmation: Rehearsal-**Friday, May 10 at 6pm at Holy Cross, Dover

**Sacrament-** Saturday, May 11 at 10am at Holy Cross, Dover



**NEEDED: TEACHERS! APPLY HERE FOR NEXT YEAR! Share your gifts and get the rewards in heaven.**

We will need teachers for religious education on Sunday mornings from September to May.

If you see this, and are wondering "is this me?", inquire.

### Vacation Bible School

**August 5-9th**

**Yes, the planning is underway! If you are interested in helping out this year, please inquire with Alicia Poppiti or Meg Haass. Registration is available**

**now, online and at SRE desk.**

## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Theme:** Receive the Holy Spirit.

**Question for Children:** Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

**Question for Youth:** Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God? How do you see God in the words and actions of others?

**Question for Adults:** Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week - how you are being sent forth.

### **2º domingo de Resurrección**

**Tema:** Reciban el Espíritu Santo.

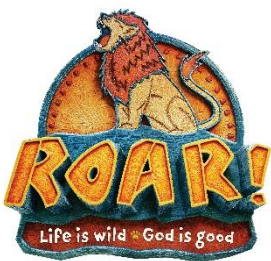
**Pregunta para los niños:** Jesús se les apareció a los discípulos aun cuando ellos tenían miedo y estaban reunidos en un sitio bajo llave. ¿Cómo pueden mostrar a Jesús a otras personas esta semana por medio de su comportamiento?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Tomás no creía porque no había visto a Jesús con sus propios ojos. ¿Cuán difícil es para ti creer en Dios sin verlo? ¿Cómo ves a Dios en las palabras y acciones de los demás?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Jesús dijo: "Dichosos los que sin haber visto, creen". Den un ejemplo de cómo mostrarán su creencia en Jesús esta semana: cómo se les ha despedido.

**Saint Paul Catholic Church in Wilmington, Delaware is celebrating its 150th Anniversary.** The first celebration is a Mass commemorating the actual ground breaking of our church on May 24, 1869. We are inviting all former and current parishioners, alumni, teachers, staff, priests, deacons, and anyone with a connection to our parish history. The Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Francis Malooly on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 10:30am, at Saint Paul Church, 4th and Jackson Street, Wilmington, Delaware. A fellowship gathering with light refreshments will follow immediately after Mass.

**La Iglesia Católica San Pablo en Wilmington, Delaware, celebra este año su 150mo Aniversario.** La primera celebración será una Misa conmemorando el esfuerzo de más de 200 feligreses y vecinos, unidos para inaugurar y dar comienzo a la construcción de nuestra Iglesia el 24 de mayo de 1869. Estamos invitando a todos los pasados y presentes feligreses, ex-alumnos, maestros, empleados, sacerdotes, diáconos y a todas aquellas personas con alguna conexión a nuestra historia parroquial a compartir con nosotros en este evento. La Misa será celebrada por el Reverendísimo Obispo Francis Malooly el domingo, 19 de mayo de 2019 a las 10:30am, en la Iglesia Católica San Pablo, en las Calles 4 y Jackson, Wilmington, Delaware. Inmediatamente después de la Misa habrá una pequeña recepción de compañerismo con refrigerios ligeros.



## **COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 28 DE ABRIL, 2019.**

Queridos feligreses,

Cuando las series de televisión comiencen a repetirse, compartiré un secreto: la columna de esta semana es una repetición. Verás, la semana pasada estuve ausente por unos días para tener un poco de tiempo libre. Tenga en cuenta que, después de haber renunciado a la comida rápida para la Cuaresma, es probable que durante mis viajes de vacaciones haya estado en varios McDonald's en toda la región del Medio Atlántico, compensando el tiempo perdido. Al estar fuera, decidí usar una columna que he usado una vez al año durante los últimos años sobre el importante tema del matrimonio. Y así, en este Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, quiero compartir la gran misericordia de Dios y aprovechar a las personas del don y la bendición del matrimonio cristiano y exhortar a las personas que tal vez viven juntas o que tal vez se casaron fuera de la Iglesia, para considerar casarse (o casarse). su matrimonio "bendecido") en la Iglesia.

**Calificaciones, Bodas y Genios.** Amante de la televisión que soy, puedo recordar en 1970, viendo el episodio de la boda de "I Dream of Jeannie" cuando participaba en una obra de teatro para obtener mejores calificaciones, utilizando el glamour y el glamour de la boda, Jeannie y Major Nelson (una dama genio y ella con su bona astronauta) atorón el nudo. Por desgracia, ni siquiera un genio y una boda podrían salvar el espectáculo; fue cancelado pronto este episodio "I Dream of Jeannie" nos dice algo acerca de bodas y matrimonios y que la experiencia de la vida confirma. Una boda no debe ser sobre show y lucir, o brillo y glamour; más bien debería celebrarse solemnemente el primer día de la vida de un matrimonio de un hombre y una mujer.

**Campanas de Bodas.** En nuestro mundo actual, las bodas parecen haber adquirido una mayor importancia que el matrimonio en sí. Hay programas de bodas, registros de bodas, planificadores de bodas y toda una serie de cosas que han hecho de las bodas el segundo gasto más grande en la vida de una persona, después de comprar una casa. El problema con esto es que "la boda" se ha convertido en el foco de atención, mientras que el matrimonio se ha convertido en algo de simple efecto. Para hacer una analogía, sería como tener un hijo y concentrarse por completo en el nacimiento del niño, y luego, una vez que nace, tirarlo a un lado y solo mirar hacia atrás en el evento del nacimiento.

**Regalos y Matrimonio.** Para ser claros, en la Iglesia Católica, no hay un Sacramento de boda; Hay un Sacramento del Matrimonio. El enfoque de ese Sacramento no está en el evento (la boda), sino en la vocación (vida matrimonial). Por lo tanto, a menudo les digo a las parejas que se preparan para el matrimonio que dejen de ver programas de boda en televisión. ¿Por qué? Porque el matrimonio no se trata del "evento" de una boda sino, más bien, de una vida

que se pasa juntos. Así, mientras una boda pasa a la historia en unas pocas horas (después de cortar el pastel y recibir algunas licuadoras Kenmore, tarjetas de regalo y tal vez un juego de cuchillos Ginsu), el matrimonio perdura. Y el matrimonio en la Iglesia, recibido como un sacramento, permite que las partes bautizadas del matrimonio compartan las gracias conyugales, dadas por Dios, para bendecir la vida matrimonial.

**La Misión No es Imposible.** Para este fin, como Párroco de la parroquia, quiero invitar a nuestras parejas que no están casadas en la Iglesia, para que consideren su estado. Muchas personas piensan que conseguir que su matrimonio sea "bendecido por la Iglesia" es una tarea ardua o incluso imposible; En la mayoría de los casos, no lo es. Con este fin, les pediría a los hombres y a las mujeres, en matrimonios no por la Iglesia, que traten de enmendar esa situación y que vengan al redil de los casados en Cristo.

**Cómo Conseguir Que su Matrimonio sea bendecido en la Iglesia:** Hay situaciones diferentes que conllevan acciones ligeramente diferentes para abordar el estado civil. Para enumerar todas las circunstancias posibles, se necesitaría un libro del tamaño de una novela de Don Quijote. Por lo tanto, me centraré en las tres circunstancias más comunes a continuación:

1. **Si está casado civilmente y este es su único matrimonio:** si es una pareja que, por alguna razón, están casados civilmente, pero no en la Iglesia, y solo ha estado casado una vez, puede hacer que su matrimonio se "convalide" en la Iglesia (también conocido como "bendecido en la Iglesia"). Esto toma tu matrimonio civil y lo convierte en un matrimonio en la Iglesia Católica.

Si ha estado civilmente casado (o casado en otra religión sin la aprobación de la Iglesia) durante más de cuatro años, solo necesita reunirse con uno de nuestros sacerdotes o diáconos, completar una consulta prematrimonial para determinar su estado civil y luego una convalidación a través del Rito Católico del Matrimonio puede ser programado.

Si su matrimonio civil es más reciente (cuatro años o menos), es posible que deba hacer una preparación Pre Caná antes de la convalidación de su matrimonio.

## **2. Si usted (o su cónyuge) es Católico y tuvo un Matrimonio civil anterior antes de este:**

esto suele ser bastante simple. Dado que usted (o su cónyuge) es católico y está casado fuera de la forma católica apropiada de matrimonio sin el permiso de la autoridad eclesial apropiada, ese matrimonio civil refleja una "falta de forma canónica" y puede considerarse nulo. Esto conlleva algunos trámites. Una vez que obtenga la documentación aprobada de la Diócesis (generalmente, en una semana o dos), podemos hacer que se planifique su Convalidación (y si está casado por más de cuatro años, se aplica el proceso más simple mencionado anteriormente)

## **3. Si usted es Católico y tiene un Matrimonio anterior en la Iglesia Católica (o está casado con el permiso de la Iglesia en otra iglesia / ubicación cristiana):**

En esta circunstancia, es posible que necesite una nulidad. Una nulidad se refiere a las preguntas sobre si un Matrimonio se contrajo válidamente en el momento del consentimiento (es decir, si hubo coacción, si hubo impedimentos, etc.). Si se considera que las circunstancias en el día del matrimonio no fueron las adecuadas o que se impidió el consentimiento informado, se puede emitir una nulidad, liberándole para que se case. La buena noticia es que el proceso, con las enmiendas presentadas por los Papas Benedicto y más recientemente el Papa Francisco, se ha vuelto mucho más rápido (generalmente unos seis meses o menos).

**Tenga en cuenta:** para situaciones más complicadas, deberá hablar con uno de nuestros sacerdotes o diáconos. Además, si usted está actualmente en un matrimonio y usted o su cónyuge no son católicos: si la parte no católica se había casado anteriormente, ese matrimonio original de ellos se considera válido y, por lo tanto, debe seguir un proceso de anulación (como se señala en # 3 arriba).

**El Matrimonio en la Iglesia.** Y por eso, te invito: si estás casado fuera de la Iglesia, procura que tu matrimonio sea convalidado (bendecido) en la Iglesia. Esta es la fe y la

enseñanza de su Iglesia, además, este es el llamado de Jesucristo a un hombre y una mujer en la vocación de la vida matrimonial. Cristo pregunta: ¿Quieres hacer lo que sea necesario para casarte según nuestra fe y las leyes de su Iglesia? Espero que digas, " Si quiero".

Tuyo en cristo

P. James Lentini

Párroco