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Catholic Church

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Learning to Live Jesus

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Our parish is the vibrant expression of the presence of the Risen Christ through sacred worship and loving service.

OUR MISSION

We live Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Gospel, by celebrating the Eucharist, by nourishing our Faith and by loving and serving all God's people.

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Weekend - Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Weekday - See "This Week at Immaculate Conception" - page 4

Devotions - Rosary for World Peace, Monday - 9:00 am
Novena to Our Lady, Monday - 9:00 am
Rosary, Devotion to the Sacred Heart, First Friday - 8:30 am
Fatima Rosary Devotion, First Saturday - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration -
First Friday, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm *and*
Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin requests must be emailed to the Bulletin Editor: elacourse@iccwilm.org, by 12:00 noon on Wednesdays, ten days in advance of the weekend of publication. All articles should run for three weeks, be written three different ways, and must have name, phone # of contact person and dates requested to be in the bulletin. Articles must be limited to 100-150 words and include the *who, what, why, where and when*. A summary/result article with facts and figures should be submitted within a week of the event's completion.

New Parishioners

If you are new to Wilmington or to Immaculate Conception, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you. We are an active and vibrant parish and ask, if you have decided to join us, that you will seriously consider giving of your time, talent, and treasure for the Lord's work. Completion of an Interest Card, Parish Registration Form and attendance to a Welcome/Orientation/ Registration Event is part of active membership and provides you with parish mailings. Please find an Interest Card located in the pamphlet rack in the Gathering Area of the church.

Sacramental Life

Infant Baptism: Celebrated monthly. Registered (minimum 3 months) and participating parishioners may schedule infant baptism after completion of a baptism preparation workshop and reception of godparent documents. Contact Loraine Fetzer, lfetzer@iccwilm.org or 910-791-1003, ext. 112 preferably before the child's arrival. *Children over 7 are not baptized as "infants." Instead they are prepared to receive all 3 sacraments of initiation at a later date.

To Be a Godparent/Sponsor: for Baptism or Confirmation; you must be a registered, participating member for at least 6 months prior to requesting letter.

1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist: Second grade is our Sacramental year for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. First grade faith formation is a pre-requisite for the second grade Sacramental year. We require four meetings for the parents/guardians of youth receiving these Sacraments.

Confirmation: Confirmation in our Diocese is celebrated in the high school years, and is a two year process. Candidates may enroll in Level I as a freshman with immediate preparation and celebration of the sacrament in Level II the sophomore year. Stewardship opportunities and attendance to a Confirmation retreat are mandatory.

Reconciliation: We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation/confession, normally, Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Church's Reconciliation Room. In addition, the sacrament is available by appointment. Please call the Parish Office to speak to the pastor.

RCIA: Adults seeking Initiation into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church are invited to contact Loraine Fetzer, lfetzer@iccwilm.org or 791-1003, ext.112

Matrimony: Only parishioners registered at ICC for at least 6 months may request to be married here. The couple must meet with a priest before setting a date and at least 6 months in advance of an anticipated wedding in order to complete the preparation process. All aspects of marriage planning requires the participation and approval of trained personnel. Contact: Claudia Sing, csing@iccwilm.org., 791-1003, ext. 110.

Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who is seriously ill or who is anticipating surgery or an extended hospital stay or who is weakened because of a prolonged illness or advanced age is encouraged to call the Parish Office to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Funerals: After a funeral director has been contacted but before any arrangements have been made public, the funeral director will contact the Parish Office in order to arrange for funeral time and/or vigil service. All aspects of parish funeral liturgy planning requires the participation and approval of trained parish personnel.

Vocations to Priesthood or Religious Life: Religious vocation as a priest, brother or sister, Fr. Michael Newman, OSFS, mnewman@oblates.us or 419-531-1421, x231. Vocation to diocesan priesthood, Fr. Philip Tighe, fr.philip.tighe@raldioc.org or (919) 832-6279.

This Week at Immaculate Conception

No weekend Altar Flowers

Sunday, June 7 - The Most Holy Trinity
Church and Offices Closed to the Public

Monday, June 8, 2020
Church Office Closed to the Public

Tuesday, June 9, 2020
Church Office Closed to the Public

Daily Liturgy Resumes
Mask Wearing & Personal Sanitizer is Required

Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Church Office Closed to the Public
9:00 am Liturgy, Nick Consiglio

Thursday, June 11, 2020
Church Office Closed to the Public
9:00 am Liturgy, David Otterbein

Friday, June 12, 2020
Church Office Closed to the Public
9:00 am Liturgy, John Charles Werner

Saturday, June 13, 2020
Church and Offices Closed to the Public

Sunday, June 14 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Church and Offices Closed to the Public

Weekend Liturgies to Resume on June 20 & 21

Liturgical Color for June 13 & 14 is White

Be assure, once we resume a normal schedule of liturgies, all the missed Liturgy intentions and Altar Flowers intentions will be rescheduled and you will be notified as to the new date.

Stewardship of Treasure Report Following "God's Plan for Giving"

Stewardship of Treasure Report

Offertory Thru 5-24-2020

Envelopes	80 (Envelopes)	$ 6,935
e-Giving	82	$14,282
Loose Check	21 (Checks)	$ 2,202
Identifiable Contributions		$23,419
Loose Cash		$ 0
Total Contributions		$23,419

Oblates Annual Appeal

Envelopes	45 (Envelopes)	$ 2,215
e-Giving	54	$ 1,880
Loose Check	0 (Checks)	$ 0
Identifiable Contributions		$ 4,095
Loose Cash		$ 0
Total Contributions		$ 4,095

Annual Budget: July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020
$947,000.00

Total Collected YTD: July 1–May 24, 2020
$807,331.58

Thank you to all who have mailed, electronic transferred, or done on line donations for your offertory.
We are so grateful!
Fr. John McGee, OSFS and All the Staff

Pray the Rosary

"No one ever followed Jesus so well as Mary His Mother. No one can help us more, by her example and by her intercession"

(Behold Your Mother: Woman of Faith, No. 130)

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Baptism Prep. Workshops

Baptism Preparation Workshops at ICC

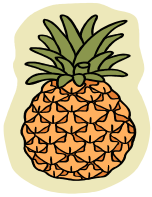
ICC's Baptism Preparation Workshops are held in the main church sanctuary. All workshops are held on Sunday afternoons from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm:

The Next Baptismal Preparation Workshop

June 14

To register for a Baptism Preparation Workshop, please contact Loraine Fetzer, lfetzer@iccwilm.org or 910-791-1003, ext. 112.

Welcome Events



Welcome/Orientation/Registration Events

New to the area? Want to join ICC? Pick up an Interest Card in the pamphlet rack in the Gathering Area, fill it out and return to the church office, then attend one of the listed Welcome / Orientation / Registration Events which are held in the De Sales Faith Formation Center (building directly behind the church). The events are on Saturday mornings, 9:00 am - 10:45 am (refreshments available at 9:00 am).

The Next Welcome Event

June 20

The Help Center Needs

The Help Center Food Donations

The following items are needed in June:

June 7	**Canned Meats**
June 14	**Jelly**
June 21	**Macaroni & Cheese**
June 28	**Canned Fruit**

Items can be delivered Monday-Friday, 10:00 am to noon directly to the Help Center at 3 North Third Street in Carolina Beach until we resume weekly/weekend liturgies.
All donations are greatly appreciated!

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e-Giving Program
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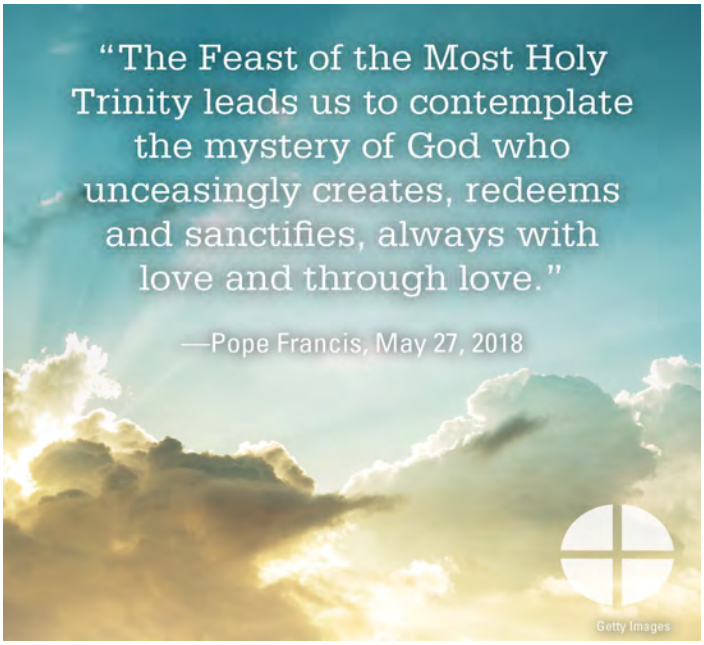

We Will be Opening Soon!

We understand everyone is anxious to get back to some normalcy and to get back to the liturgy, and we will. We are listening to the guidelines from the Bishop and our Governor and working on our preparations for opening, operating, sanitizing, and keeping everyone safe. We ask for your continued prayers and patience.

Fr. John and the ICC Staff

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 7, 2020
Most Holy Trinity (A)
Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9
2 Cor 13:11–13
Jn 3:16–18

Three in One, or One in Three?

Our thinking moves far from the reality of God when we limit our reflection of the Trinity to numbers. The characterizations of an old man, a younger man, and a dove do not help much either. However, these are attempts to somehow talk about the mystery of all mysteries. We cannot adequately conceptualize or characterize God, but we try. Each reading today makes its own attempt.

In the Exodus passage, God actually describes God's own self: "gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity" (Exodus 34:6).

The Gospel passage tells us how these divine features play out in our lives: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). This Son is God in the flesh. What greater love can there be?

The prayer in Paul's letter seems to scoop us up like an adoring parent would into the embrace of the Trinity: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you" (2 Corinthians 13:13).

Theologians tell us that each person of the Trinity interacts with us and the rest of the created universe in a way unique to each person. Though different, each way is an expression of self-emptying love. The only response required of us is openness to that love. God only asks that we accept that love and allow it to transform us. Then we will be the living example of the Trinity's love for all.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- *Say the Gloria slowly, reflecting prayerfully on the meaning of the words.*
- *What in today's readings touches you the most? Why?*

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Dear Padre,

Why was the confusing word *consubstantial* added to our Creed some years ago? What was wrong with the old "one in being with the Father"?

The Creed or Profession of Faith is said at Mass so that the assembly "may respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings...and explained in the Homily and that they may also honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith...before the celebration of these mysteries in the Eucharist begins" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 67). The Nicene Creed normally is used, although the Apostles' Creed may replace it at Masses with children or on Sundays during the seasons of Lent and Easter.

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In the Nicene Creed, "We believe" changed to "I believe" because a profession of faith is a profoundly personal act, even when it's made in public while at Mass. Plus, the literal translation of the Latin word *credo* is "I believe," not "we believe."

The word *consubstantial* indicates that Christ isn't simply united with the Father but that they share the same substance. In other words, Christ is not a different God, but he's the same God with the Father, since our God is One. They're coequal and coeternal. In St. John's Gospel, Philip asks Jesus to "show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus replies, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father....Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves" (John 14:8–9, 11).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity....His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously....The signs he works, especially in favor of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy.

—*MISERICORDIAE VULTUS*, APRIL 11, 2015

Calendar

Monday
JUNE 8
Weekday
1 Kgs 17:1–6
Mt 5:1–12

Tuesday
JUNE 9
Weekday
1 Kgs 17:7–16
Mt 5:13–16

Wednesday
JUNE 10
Weekday
1 Kgs 18:20–39
Mt 5:17–19

Thursday
JUNE 11
St. Barnabas, Apostle
Acts 11:21b–26; 13:1–3
Mt 5:20–26

Friday
JUNE 12
Weekday
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–16
Mt 5:27–32

Saturday
JUNE 13
St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
1 Kgs 19:19–21
Mt 5:33–37

Sunday
JUNE 14
Body and Blood of Christ
Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a
1 Cor 10:16–17
Jn 6:51–58

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Names will remain on the list for one month from time

Liturgy Corner

By

Paul Turner

Fr. Paul Turner is pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri, and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. He serves as a facilitator for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy. He is the author of these bulletin inserts.

Kisses

WHAT IS it about kissing at Mass? The priest kisses the altar. Twice. The deacon or priest kisses the Gospel book. We kiss each other at the Sign of Peace. The newly married may show their love "in an appropriate way." What's going on?

The custom of Christians kissing goes clear back to the New Testament. Paul, by no stretch a romantic, urged Christians to greet one another with a holy kiss (Romans 16:16), and Peter suggested a kiss of love (1 Peter 5:14).

Kissing the altar first appeared in the fourth century. People used to kiss the threshold of the building they entered in respect. At Mass, the kiss switched to the altar, which symbolized Christ, the cornerstone of the Church. By the Middle Ages most altars contained relics of martyrs so the kiss honored them as well. Today the priest greets the people with "The Lord be with you," but he also greets the altar—the presence of Christ, and the holy place where Mass will follow.

Kissing the Gospel book carries a similar meaning. We recognize the presence of Christ in the book that speaks good news. The kiss of the altar at the end of the Mass is the farewell counterpart of the entrance kiss.

From the third century, a kiss of peace was given to new Christians after Baptism. Today, when the bishop offers peace to the newly confirmed, he imitates that baptismal ritual. A priest who confirms the newly baptized at Easter might offer the same greeting.

Strangely, the *Order for Celebrating Matrimony* doesn't always invite the couple to kiss. If the wedding takes place at Mass, they'll get a chance at the Sign of Peace along with the rest of the assembly. If there is no Mass, the rite never alludes to the kiss. But since the introduction encourages local adaptations, a little improvisation might help.

The kiss we know best is the Sign of Peace. When the Roman Rite was first formulated, it called for a real smack. Society must have been a lot "smoochier" than it is today. Still, some moderns restrain too much. When a married couple chooses a handshake instead of a kiss, it makes one wonder what sign they're really giving.

When at Mass, prepare to pucker.

Full-time Position Available

Position Title - Secretary /Bulletin Editor
Parish Name - Immaculate Conception
Location (City) Wilmington
Date of posting 5/25/2020
Full Time Position – Paid Holidays, Vacation, Medical Insurance, Flex Spend, 403B Retirement
40 Hours per week Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Key responsibilities / day-to-day job functions

Interacting with parishioners in person and via telephone:
(i.e. special event registration, answering inquiries or referring to appropriate staff, etc.)
Maintaining and recording funds received (i.e. memorial donations, gifts)
Maintaining membership database:
(i.e., entering new members, deactivating members, updating addresses and information, etc.)
Preparing annual reports (i.e. Status Animarium, Annual Stewardship Report, etc.)
Maintaining Parish Register: (i.e. recording Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmation, Funerals, etc.)
Recording anointings.
Coordinating, scheduling and training volunteer receptionists
Corresponding via letter, email, phone (i.e. thank you letters, mailing out Welcome packets, etc.)
Preparing weekly church bulletin.
Receiving, unpacking and distribution of weekly church bulletins.
Preparing and posting church bulletin articles to outside bulletin board.
Attending periodic Welcome/Orientation/Registration on Saturday mornings (6x per year).
Check in Newcomers.
Tracking and preparing Pastor's Travel expense report.
Other duties as assigned by the Pastor.

Minimum Requirements

Minimum level of Education – High School Diploma, some college preferred but not required.

Preferred Qualifications

Practicing Catholic with an understanding of Catholic practices and rituals.

Qualifications

- Proficient in using Microsoft Office software (Outlook, Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint).
- Able to communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing.
- Possess well-developed interpersonal skills with the ability to observe, question, listen, accept feedback, and deal with changes.
- Able to prioritize tasks and manage time efficiently; possess active organizational skills; able to organize work, multi-task, follow defined procedures, and complete tasks within established timelines with limited supervision.
- Able to work independently as well as in a team environment.
  Able to recognize and maintain the confidentiality of sensitive information.

Minimum Work Experience

Years of related work experience: 1-3 years of experience.
Area of related work experience: Administrative support in a modern office.

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Position Start Date: Negotiable
Send resume and letter of interest to: (csing@iccwilm.org)
Posting Expiry Date: When filled

ALTAR FLOWERS
September to December 2020

Our weekly Altar Flowers depend solely on donations from you, our parishioners. We need your help to ensure that we have flowers at all the weekend liturgies.

Fill out this form with the date (s) you would like to donate the Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event.

The size of the flower arrangement is determined by the number of households that contribute on a given weekend. We accept up to 4 households per weekend. Memorial contributions are $65.00. Make your check payable to **Immaculate Conception Church** with *"Altar Flowers"* written on the memo line.

Place your form and check in an envelope marked *"Flowers - Elaine LaCourse"* and put in the collection basket or drop off during office hours, Mon-Fri, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

"The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the turtledove is heard in our land."
Song of Songs 2:12

Choose from the following weekends:

No Flowers in July & August

___August 15, 2020 - Assumption

___September 5 & 6,—Labor Day
___September 12 & 13, 2020
___September 19 & 20, 2020
___September 26 & 27, 2020

___October 3 & 4, 2020 - Respect Life Sunday
___October 10 & 11, 2020
___October 17 & 18, 2020
___October 24 & 25, 2020

___Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 2020 - All Saints
___November 7 & 8, 2020
___November 14 & 15, 2020
___November 21 & 22, 2020 - Christ the King
___November 26, 2020 - Thanksgiving Day

___December 8, 2020 - Feast of Immaculate Conception

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