IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Catholic Church

A Stewardship Community served by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

A People Not a Place
Learning to Live Jesus

OUR VISION

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/ Novena to Our Lady, Monday - 9:30 am

Rosary, Devotion to the Sacred Heart, First Friday

Fatima Rosary Devotion, First Saturday - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration -
First Friday, 9:45 am - 11:00 pm *and*
Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin requests must be emailed to the Bulletin Editor: tkruger@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 the parish at 910-791-1003, preferably prior to 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, please visit the Diocese of Raleigh's Vocations website at dioceseofraleighvocations.org.

This Week at Immaculate Conception

There Are No Altar Flower During the Summer Months

Appointments are encouraged for those desiring to see Staff Members

Sunday, August 22 -21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Liturgy, Luis Piaggio
10:30 am Liturgy, Living & Deceased Members of Immaculate Conception

Back To School Recognition at all Weekend Liturgies

Monday, August 23, 2021
9:30 am Rosary/Novena

Tuesday, August 24, 2021
9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, August 25, 2021
9:00 am Liturgy, Raymond Block

Thursday, August 26, 2021
9:00 am Liturgy, David Bellm
9:45 am Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration Chapel

Friday, August 27, 2021
9:00 am Liturgy, Beatrice Fenwick

Saturday, August 28, 2021
3:30 pm Reconciliation, Church
5:00 pm Liturgy, Living & Deceased Members of Immaculate Conception

Sunday, August 29 -22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Liturgy, Kenneth Kuder
8:30 am Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion
10:30 am Liturgy, Patricia Reynolds & Jane Heddy

Liturgical Color** for **August 28** & **29** **is** **Green

Sanctuary Candle

A 14-day Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **Frank Binni** and was donated by **Gail Binni**.

Stewardship - A Way of Life
Following "God's Plan for Giving"
Stewardship of Treasure Report

Feast of the Assumption

Envelopes	151 (Envelopes)	$ 6,870.00
e-Giving	73	$ 4,469.00
Loose Check	25 (Checks)	$ 1,225.00
Identifiable Contributions		$ 12,564.00
Loose Cash		$ 425.00
Total Contributions		$ 12,989.00

Mission Cooperative Appeal

Envelopes	50 (Envelopes)	$ 814.00
e-Giving	221	$ 431.00
Loose Check	1 (Checks)	$ 10.00
Identifiable Contributions		$ 1,255.00
Loose Cash		$ 205.00
Total Contributions		$ 1,460.00

Offertory/1st Collection:
Annual Budget: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022
$982,000.00

Total Collected YTD: July 1– August 8, 2021
$ 103,716.83

All are reminded to dress with reverence and respect as they come to the liturgy all year long.

The altar flowers for the Feast of the Assumption on August 15 were donated by 2 households:

by **Beth Moon** in memory of
Jayne O'Donnell
and
by **Maria Wilson** in memory of
The Pham Family, Jim Wilson, & St. Joseph

Baptism Prep. Workshops

Baptism Preparation Workshops at ICC

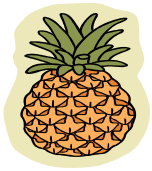
ICC's Baptism Preparation Workshops are held in the main church sanctuary. All workshops are held on Sunday afternoons from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm:

The 2021-2022 Baptismal Preparation Workshops

October 10, 2021 **November 21, 2021**
January 23, 2022 **March 20, 2022**
June 5, 2022

To register for a Baptism Preparation Workshop, please contact the Director of Faith Formation at 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. The events are on Saturday mornings, 9:00 am - 10:45 am (refreshments available at 9:00 am).

The Next Welcome Events

September 11, 2021
November 6, 2021 **January 8, 2022**
March 5, 2022 **June 4, 2022**

The Help Center Needs

The Help Center Food Donations

The following items are needed in August 2021:

August 1 **Cold Cereal**
August 8 **Canned Baked Beans**
August 15 **Canned Spaghettio's**
August 22 **Canned Meat**
August 29 **Teabags**

Any other packaged or canned food items or toiletries are gratefully accepted. **Thank you so much for your continued generosity.**

Welcome Our Newest Members

The following households have joined our parish community at the June 5 Welcome/Orientation Registration Event:

Benigno, Robert & Cathy

Bourdua, Mike, Emily, & Valerie

Bozeman, Michelle, Ryin & Adelyn

Burbine, Doreen

Casiere, Anthony & Bettte

Cassidy, Chris & Karen

Davis, Raymond & Laurie

DiFucci, Joseph & Jackie

Kaufman, Gary & Nancy

Kirk, Jon

Kutta, Tim & Pence, Kathleen

McLamb, Robert, Susan, & Hannah

Schaefer, Virginia

Strauss, Patty

Sturdevant, Richard & Margaret

Let us extend a warm welcome to our parish community and invite them to join us in ministry!

Stewardship Reflection

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works, and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must *do* something and not merely talk about it.

Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 23
Weekday
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10
Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday
AUGUST 24
St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Rv 21:9b–14
Jn 1:45–51

Wednesday
AUGUST 25
Weekday
1 Thes 2:9–13
Mt 23:27–32

Thursday
AUGUST 26
Weekday
1 Thes 3:7–13
Mt 24:42–51

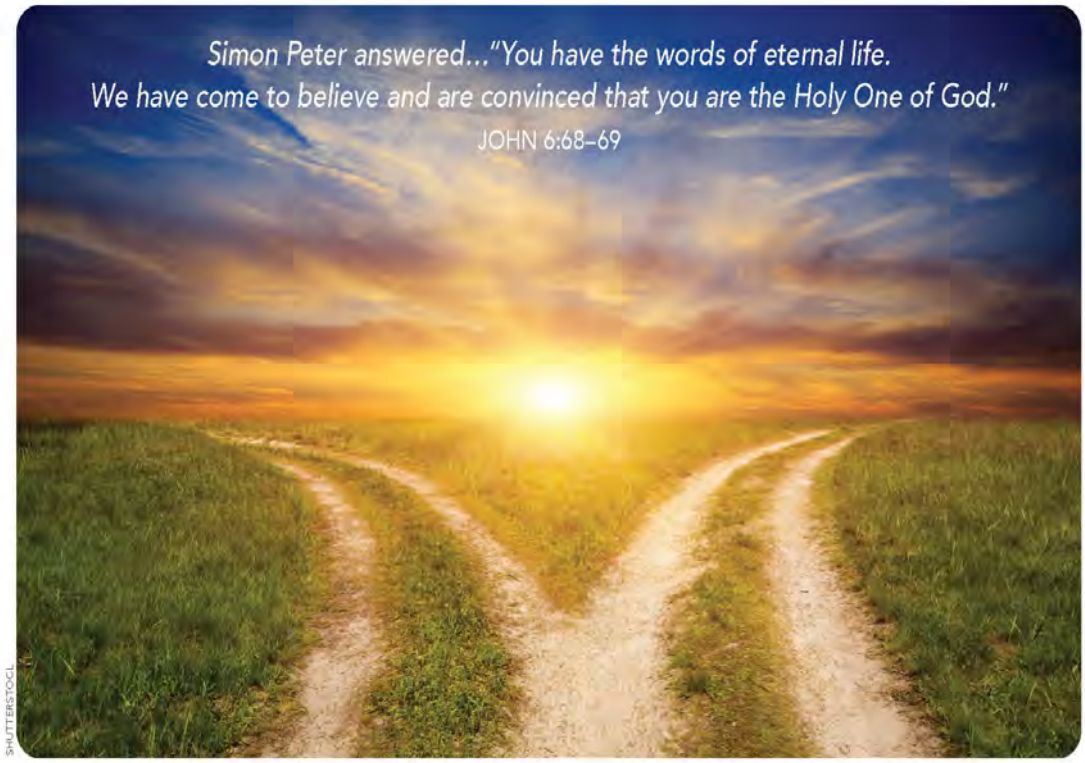
Friday
AUGUST 27
St. Monica
1 Thes 4:1–8
Mt 25:1–13

Saturday
AUGUST 28
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Thes 4:9–11
Mt 25:14–30

Sunday
AUGUST 29
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 4:1–2, 6–8
Jas 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27
Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 22, 2021
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b
Eph 5:21–32 or 5:2a, 25–32
Jn 6:60–69



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Make Up Your Mind

One can say that life is a series of choices. You have to make up your mind; which shall it be? Some of these choices are insignificant: red or green? Others are much more important: To what shall I commit my life? Shall I get married? There are some choices that are even more momentous: What kind of a person do I want to be—trustworthy or crafty? Should I even bother with God and religion?

Having spent a lifetime in the wilderness, the Israelites were poised in the land of the Amorites, ready to enter the land promised to them by God. Before they moved forward, a pressing decision had to be made. Which god were they going to worship? A Canaanite god who presumably made the land before them fertile and inviting? Or the God who delivered them from Egypt, fed them in the wilderness, brought them safely to this point, and yet with whom they quarreled throughout their wilderness sojourn? Joshua voiced his decision: "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).

Jesus' declaration of himself as "the bread of life" (John 6:35) troubled many people. It was then, and still is today, a difficult saying. It was repulsive to many, and they thought that Jesus sounded blasphemous. Those who could not accept his claim, left him. He asked his closest followers, as he asks us today: "Do you also want to leave?" Speaking for all, Peter replied: "Master, to whom shall we go?" (John 6:67–68). How might you answer?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- *What decisions of conscience has life placed before you? How did you decide?*
- *Trust in God's care and protection even if you might have chosen better.*

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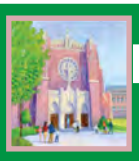
Prayer Matters

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Susan Alford
AC Everett
Gabrielle Baldwin
Marsha Barnes
Marley Basurto
Alfred Beck
Kimberly Becker
Lee Beebe
Dee Bogard
Edward Brennan
Barry & Teresa Brighten
Bill & Maureen Brown
Carol Burchill
John Bussi
Kelly Cahill
Gerry Campbell
Carmela Carrano
Aria Bella Casinelli-Huott
Rosalie Cilwick
Robert Clark
Marion DeCoursey
Grace Deich
Jim Demetres
Kathleen Devlin
Barbara DiLena
Patricia DiQuattro
Leslie Dixon
Arthur Doody
Robert Dovichak
Kathleen Draghi
Bryna Fair
Judy Faulk
John Finn
Robert Flavin
Barbara Fleming
Carrie Formica
Walt & Mary Gable
The Gibson Family
Sandy Greggs
Frank Grissler
Dotty Gullo
Mark Gushanas
Maureen & Russell Jackson
Denise Kassem
Mary Kincart
Margaret Kipp
Delores Leary
Bill Loschiavo
Bob Lowney
Margaret Lupton
Joanne McAteer
Barbara McCann
Josephine McGovern
Beulah McKee
Joan McKillop
Frankie Marcinkiewicz
Connie Mercier
Rosemary Messing
Grace Mezzela
Pat Monahan
Bill Moore
Irene Muccia
Joseph Muccia, III & Family
Bella Natalicchio
Ann Noack
Elizabeth Ollis
Edward O'Neill
Joanne Owens
Roberta & Robert Painter
Brian Pataky
John & Beatrice Schultz
Rita & Ralph Seidl
Glen Severage
Frederick Skipper
Louise Spera
David Stiver
Larry Strauss
Cynthia Streb
Kaye Torrens
Linda Tozour
Barbara Treman
Chase Turano
Rob Verderosa
Richard Wadzinski
Nathan Wagner
Jack Walsh
John Webb
Kay Weninger
T. Michael Werner
Richard White
Kathie Winseck
Arlyn Wyatt
Pete Zoeller

Names will remain on the list for one month from time of request. Please call the office if you wish to renew.



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.

Beginning of the School Year

Catholic schools usually designate a day early in the first semester to celebrate a Mass for the opening of the school year. The custom demonstrates the centrality of the Eucharist in Catholic life, and it provides a starting point from which the entire school year may progress.

The Roman Missal is a large book with many Mass formulas for special occasions ranging from reaping the harvest to preventing earthquakes. So it surprises many a Catholic to discover that the Missal contains no Mass for the Beginning of the School Year. This is because the Missal has a longer history than Catholic schools do, and the texts for such a Mass were never composed or inserted into the book. Some other Mass formulas may be used to serve the occasion; for example, For the Church, For the Family, For Promoting Harmony, For Giving Thanks to God, or even a votive Mass in honor of the saint who serves as patron of the school.

A different book, *the Book of Blessings*, does include some prayers that are right on target. There one finds the "Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers." This blessing may take place either within or outside of Mass. It includes a series of intercessions, such as one for students, "that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding"; and for teachers, "that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students" (*Book of Blessings*, 527). The actual prayer of blessing follows these intercessions and asks God to send the Spirit to "fill them with your wisdom and blessings," that "they may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learned from others" (*Book of Blessings*, 528).

The blessing could take place at a parish Sunday Mass, when the entire community may pray for its students and teachers.

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2021 - 2022 Faith Formation Registration

Registration for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation year has begun, and our process is paperless! All Faith Formation registrations will be made online with secure payment options.

To register your children and/or youth, please click on the banner located on the homepage of our website at www.iccwilm.org

So that we have time to order and receive supplies, the deadline for registration is **August 16**. Late registrations will incur a $25 late registration fee.

A copy of our Faith Formation Calendar is available on the parish website under Calendars and on our Parent & Youth Faith Formation Page.

For more information please contact our Youth Minister, Marie Marshall, at mmarshall@iccwilm.org or by calling

910-791-1003 ext. 110.

Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

The Wedding Anniversary Mass, typically celebrated each year in October, honors those celebrating wedding anniversaries, with special recognition to couples with 25, 50, or 60 years of marriage The Mass will take place on Sunday, October 23, at 3:30 pm at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh.

Those interested should register to attend the Mass and/or to receive a Commemorative Certificate at https:// raldioc.configio.com/go/wam2021. For questions, please call 984-900-3184.

Fall Blood Drive

Fall Blood Drive - October 29, 2021

GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIFE

ICC will sponsor our annual American Red Cross Fall Blood Drive **on Friday, October 29, 2021 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm** in Brisson Hall in the De Sales Faith Formation Center. The Red Cross has declared that a **severe blood shortage** is now taking place and supplies are urgently needed. If you are a frequent blood donor and wish to participate in this drive, please remember that you must have 56 days since your last donation to be eligible. Please mark your calendar for this important event. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Jennings at carobeach1@aol.com, or call or text at 910-619-0762.

Mass Cards & Sanctuary Candles

Mass Cards, Altar Flowers, and Sanctuary Candles may be purchased on Wednesday mornings between 9:00 am to 12 noon, either by coming into the parish offices, or by calling Ann Allen at 910-791-1003, extension 104, during that same time. All scheduled intentions may be found on the parish website under Weekly Liturgy Remembrances.

In order to accommodate all of our parish family equally, we ask that you limit your requests for Liturgy Intentions to five times a year. Thank you.

PRIEST WELFARE & RETIREMENT SECOND COLLECTION

Diocesan Second Collection

Your Generous Support Is Needed and Appreciated.

Diocesan Bishops provide financial and housing support for retired diocesan and religious order priests in accord with the gospel. Many of our priests retire after 40 or 50 years of active ministry, far exceeding the typical years worked in most professions. Because our priests are paid a modest stipend during their active ministry, their corresponding Social Security benefit upon retirement is extremely small compared to workers with similar years of service.

The Priest Welfare and Retirement Fund provides additional resources for these priests. Our parish is staffed by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, who receive a portion of these funds for their retirement.

The cost of this financial support is allocated amongst all parishes of the diocese. Parishes meet this ***required*** commitment through 2nd collections. ***Any remaining balance must be paid from its operating budget.***

Immaculate Conception holds four collections throughout the fiscal year to meet this commitment. The dates for 2021-2022 are: August 29, 2021, Christmas, Easter and Father's Day. The PWR is calculated at 8.73% of the offertory reported for the **prior** fiscal year that runs June 30 - July 1.

Immaculate Conception's commitment for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is **$85,155** (8.73% of the Offertory on June 30, 2021).

Immaculate Conception plans to meet this commitment through the four Priest Welfare and Retirement collections held throughout the fiscal year.

Thank you for your stewardship!

70 † *the normal retirement age for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh*

53% † *portion of the parish contribution that funds the Diocese of Raleigh Clergy Pension Plan.*

21% † *portion that pays long-term nursing home costs for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh and to pay salary, benefits and living expenses for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh and to provide support for priests who are ill, infirm, or otherwise unable to serve at this time.*

12% † *portion the Diocese of Raleigh provides to Religious Orders of priests working in the Diocese of Raleigh to assist with their retirement.*

5% † *portion that funds medical expenses of priests working or retired in the Diocese of Raleigh that are not covered by insurance (after priests have paid $500 deductible).*

7% † *portion funds health insurance and Medicare premiums for retired priests of the Diocese of Raleigh.*

1% † *portion that funds the Clergy Care Management Program which provides acute health care intervention and wellness programs for priests of the Diocese of Raleigh.*

1% † *portion that funds legal, actuarial and other professional services to maintain the Clergy Pension Plan of the Diocese of Raleigh.*

These are the ones who have baptized our children, married our daughters, given the sacraments to our children, forgiven our sins, challenged us to live the Gospel, been at the bedside of the dying in the middle of the night, and are at the altar every Sunday to bring us Jesus. Now is our chance to say Thank You! Please consider a generous gift to the Priest Retirement Fund!

Retrouvaille Program

You Can Help Your Marriage

It's not too late! **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital disillusionment and misery.

For confidential information, or to apply to attend the program beginning with the weekend of October 22nd, 2021, call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.helpourmarriage.org .

Project Rachel

Abortion is experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded y abortion to find healing and peace. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in late September 2021

If you have experienced an abortion and would like confidential information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 by email at projectrachel@raldioc.org. or go to the website at https://rachelnc.org. Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

Born To Eternal Life

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Matthew Pompilio, parishioner. Condolences may be sent to Matt's wife, Terry, at 857 Broomsedge Terrace, Wilmington, NC, 28412-1049.

Peter Svizeny, parishioner. Condolences may be sent to Pete's wife, Tricia, at 318 Maria Court, Wilmington, NC, 28412-3297.

Thank You Note

Dear Father John,

On behalf of Fr. Lou Fiorelli and the whole Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, I thank you for your generous donation of $15,000.00 in response to your parish's recent Oblate Annual Appeal to help us in our efforts to spread the spirit of St. Francis de Sales, especially in North Carolina..

The Annual Appeal at Immaculate Conception is an opportunity for us to tell our story. We Oblates are blessed by your pastoral leadership and your continued support of our ministries. We are grateful to you and your parishioners for all that you do for the Oblates and Salesian spirituality. Your ongoing kindness and generosity in contributing means so much to our entire Oblate community and the many people and ministries that benefit from your goodness.

Please be assured of the prayers, gratitude, and blessings of the whole community. Once again, thank you for your gift, and know that you are a blessing to us all.

Gratefully in St. Francis de Sales,
Rev. John A. Kolodziej, OSFS
Director of Development

Hearing Devices Available
for the Hearing Impaired
Please see an Usher for Assistance

Altar Servers Needed

There continues to be a need for **Altar Servers** at all Liturgies, and we would love to have YOU.

Parishioners of all ages are welcome, and, in fact, families are encouraged to serve together in this ministry. Servers are asked to attend a brief training session, with the majority of training taking place during the Liturgy.

Please contact Tracey Kruger at 910-791-1003, ext. 102, for more information.

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(Note: Per Diocesan requirement implemented to protect children, anyone under the age of 18 years of age must be accompanied to the training session by a parent.)

Knights of Columbus Corner

Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament

Wilmington Council 1074 of the Knights of Columbus will hold a CHARITY golf tournament on Monday, September 20, 2021, at the Pine Valley Country Club.

The cost is $90 per golfer, with all proceeds going to support the LOCAL branch of the Special Olympics.

This will be a fun event, so come join the Knights and enjoy a day to help support our community. Sponsorships are also available, so promote your business with a tax deductible contribution. For more Information please go to Kofc1074.org .

Marriage Encounter

Do you hunger for a deeper love in your marriage? Let Jesus fill your hunger by participating in the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends on August 27-29, 2021 in HICKORY, NC, and Nov 5-7, 2021 in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact us at applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 704-315-2144.

Carolina Catholic

For our second show in August, I chat with my sister, Mary Reilly, a longtime youth minister at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Sea Girt, NJ, and a longtime pro-life prayer warrior. Mary has worked for decades in youth ministry while doing pro-life work for Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry, which raises prayers, concerns, and funds in support of life and supports organizations that consistently live and value the Gospel of Life. In this show, we continue our conversation about the impact that priests like Father Altman have had on many people, and how we must continue to support and pray for all priests and seminarians.

This show will air on Wilmington Catholic Radio on stations 91.7 FM, 93.1 FM, and 103.1 FM in Wilmington, and 100.5 FM in Southport, the third and fourth weekends of August, Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. That's Saturday, August 21st and 28th, at 11 a.m., and Sunday, August 22nd and 29th, at 6 p.m. This show can also be heard via live-stream on our website at www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com, by clicking on the "Listen Now" tab, and we thank you for your prayers and support of Catholic radio.

A Special Prayer

A Prayer to Begin a School Year

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year
we implore your mercy;
bless the students, teachers, and staff of our parish, that
together we may grow
in faith, hope, and love
as we learn from you and each other
how to follow your son, Jesus.

Expand the horizons of our minds,
that we may grow in wisdom,
understanding, and knowledge;
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

Amen

(Prayer Taken from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers)

Save the Date

Run For Life 5K

The 27th Annual Run For Life is staying virtual! We're looking for runners and sponsors for the annual 5K Run and 1-Mile Fun Run, to be held from August 21-29, 2021.

Please check our website at www.raleighrunforlife.org or www.runnc.com for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Janelle Buchanan at 214-497-0756 or Kathy Klein at 919-815-1369. All proceeds benefit Birthchoice.

ALTAR FLOWERS
September to December 2021

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 - Tracey Krüger"* 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, 2021—Assumption of Mary

___September 4 & 5—Labor Day
___September 11 & 12, 2021
___September 18 & 19, 2021
___September 25 & 26, 2021

___October 2 & 3, 2021 - Respect Life Sunday
___October 9 & 10, 2021
___October 16 & 17, 2021
___October 23 & 24, 2021
___October 30 & 31, 2021

___November 1, 2021—All Saints' Day
___November 6 & 7, 2021
___November 13 & 14, 2021
___November 20 & 21, 2021 - Christ the King
___November 25, 2021 - Thanksgiving Day

___December 8, 2021 - Feast of Immaculate Conception

Name:_____

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Phone #:_____

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