

THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

"True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice. "-Francis de Sales



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FIND IT ON THE WEB

Our parish website is your <u>primary</u> source for the most complete and up-to-date information about the parish. Visit holyinfantchurch.org for details on many topics, including:

- † Mass and Liturgy Times
- **† Office Hours and Contact Information**
- **Calendar of Events**, including event details
- **News** within the parish and around the diocese
- Worship & Sacraments, including sacramental prep information for Baptism, Reconciliation (Confession), Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders; Vocations for men and women; and Funerals
- * Faith & Learning for adults, teens, and children; becoming Catholic; Catholic schools
- Salesian spirituality and the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
- † Joining the parish
- **†** Getting Involved
- **†** Ministries & Groups

Safe Environment Victim Assistance Hotline

Call 866-535-SAFE

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

During the General Intercessions at our weekend Masses, we remember all members of our parish and community who are homebound or suffering any illness. Please remember the following in your prayers this week:

Jean Arlotta; Mary Anthony; Jo Agusta; Nancy Balding; Sandy Balintfy; Jeff Baker; Colette Bean; Jerry DeBenedetto; Jennifer Bland; Mary Bocckino; Margaret Burnett; Joanne Callahan; Maria Capone; Alice Chamis; Albina & Chin Chua; Lillian Davids; Bea Davis; Rosemary Donohue; Eileen Dowling; Christine Drap; Irene Dunbar; Jason Ferrigan; Zosima Flores; Adela Florey; Marjorie Goode; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey; Jane Helmer; Dave Jognia; Aileen Koch; Bill & Donna LaMountain; Alice Lefebvre; Walter Lupa; Peggy McIntyre; Maria Mitch; Monique Mueller; Nelida Muniz; Clarence Nonnenmacher; Kathleen O'Donnell; Johnathan Palermo; Louise Peloquin; Bill Perkins; Rosalind Riggio; Nancy Rizzo; Shelia Rogers; Bill Scheeler; Julia Schmidt; Tom Shreve; Betty Short; Kathy Smith; Brian Smith; Bob Smith; Hugo Sotolongo; Corrine Stavely; Marisa Suarez; Richard & Emily Thomas

If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound, contact the Parish Center.

Mass Times & Intentions June 26th to July 2nd, 2023

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

Monday, 9 am
Tuesday, 9 am

Klocko Family (Honor)
Brigitta Immaculata
(Thanksqiving)

Wednesday, 9 am

Kathie Fitzgerald
(Birthday)

Thursday, 9 am Renante Quintavalli

Friday, 9 am Saturday, 9 am *Saturday, 5:30 pm *Sunday, 8:30 am Sunday, 11:30 am

(Birthday)
Tom Thompson
Veronica Fernandes
Robert Capasso
Helen Ammirata
Nadeem & Joy Gafoor
(Anniversary)

*in person only

To honor a loved one, living or deceased, with a mass intention, visit

holyinfantchurch.org/mass-intentions.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gen 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5 **Tuesday:** Gen 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-5; Mt 7:6, 12-14 **Wednesday:** Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Ac 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 **Friday:** Gen 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4 **Saturday:** Gen 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50; Mt 8:5-17 **Sunday:** 2 Kng 4:8-11, 14-16; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19;

Rm 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

The 2024 Mass Intention Book opens on July 1st.

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - May 30

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$803,700	\$858,647	\$54,947
Christmas Offertory	\$30,000	\$24,507	(\$5,493)
Easter Offertory	\$20,000	\$15431	(\$4,569)
Holy Day Collections	\$5,000	\$6,407	\$1,407
Maintenance Offertory	\$32,076	\$36,198	\$4,122
	\$890,776	\$941,571	\$50,795

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are in person unless otherwise stated.
Go to *HolyInfantChurch.org/calendar*for details on the following events:

June 26 FYM Planning Meeting, 7 pm **June 27** Centering Prayer, 8 am **June 27** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

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June 27 Stephen Ministry CE & Supervision, 6:30 pm

June 29 DSW Service Day, 9 am June 29 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am

June 29 Playgroup at Piney Wood Park, 9:30 am

June 29 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm June 30 Couples for Christ, 5:30 pm July 1 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

July 1 Reconciliation, 4 pm

July 2 Baptism of James Caulfied, 8:30 am July 2 Baptism of Celia Mathais, 11:30 am

The parish library is open on Sundays from 8 am−4 pm

SEEKING FURNITURE FOR A DESALES CENTER CLASSROOM!

Faith Development is looking for two 3-seat couches and a loveseat or two arm chairs, as well as a bookshelf.

Please reach out to Michalene at msutton@holyinfantchurch.org to coordinate a donation.



Faith Development

Families & Children Michalene Sutton 919-973-0013

Youth & Adults Amber Shastri 919-973-0012

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WEEKLY PODCAST

Over the summer we're sharing some of our favorite episodes from our first season. This week Michalene wanted to re-share the episode from earlier in June about all the sometimes forgotten feasts of this month. All three of us got to talk with Fr. Jim Sabak, director of the office of worship for the diocese, in-person for this episode. Enjoy

LAST DAY FOR DSW

DSW is a service retreat day for middle school and high school youth. We have one more day of service left for 2023!

• June 29th at Holy Infant serving Families Moving Forward

Please register using the QR code. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Amber using the email at the top of this page.



VBC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to support Vacation Bible Camp. There are two areas where volunteers are needed, both short-term commitments. Email Michalene at the email above to express interest.

VBC Set-Up: Volunteers will meet in the Desales center following the 5:30 mass on July 8th. Volunteers will assist with various tasks preparing and decorating the space to welcome kids the following day for the start of VBC week. Tasks are available for all abilities, all are welcome!

VBC Check-In: Volunteers are needed to assist with the check-in process at the start of each day of VBC (July 9-12 at 5:15-6 pm). Volunteers in this position are only required to stay for the check-in process. This role is perfect for volunteers of all abilities: parents already bringing their children, and those who enjoy greeting.

PINEY WOOD PARK PLAYGROUP

Children age 10 & below & their caregivers are invited to join us at Piney Woods Park Playground for a summer play group! Enjoy time together with fellow caregivers while children play together in an unstructured setting. The playgroup meets weekly on **Thursdays** from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Please email Michalene Sutton at the email above to be added to the email list for playgroup!



UPCOMING SUMMER FOR FAITH

June 29

June 29

July 9-12

VBC 2023

Desales Service Works at Families Moving Forward Weekly Playgroup at Piney Wood Park Playground





HUNGER DOES NOT TAKE A SUMMER VACATION

The donations that we collect for the Durham Food Pantry are running LOW. Please bring your non-perishable food to drop off in the Narthex when you come to Mass.

You are also invited to combat hunger by serving in other related ministries at Holy Infant:

- Urban Ministries of Durham
- Meals on Wheels
- The Food Justice Garden
- Families Moving Forward
- · Bread for the World

Learn more about these service opportunities using the QR code.



PARISH DIRECTORY SURVEY

Holy Infant is considering creating a Parish Directory. A parish directory allows our members to put names to faces and get to know people outside of the groups they usually spend time with. The goal of a parish is to feel like a loving and supportive community, and a directory helps us Live Jesus by fostering connection.

We would appreciate you taking the time to answer a few brief questions regarding your interest in this project. Use the QR at the bottom of the page to fill out the questions online. If you have already responded to the survey, please do not submit a second response.











Our Forever Young Ministry hosted the first of sure-to-be many Cards & Games Night. Thank you to everyone who made this a fun evening!



Thanks to generous gifts from parishioners, we installed this stunning Marian banner in the Narthex. The Mary and Christ are modeled after the statue at the front of the church. We are so grateful for this beautiful art!



CHECK OUT OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR MORE UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY INFANT



Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

FINDING REST IN THE SACRED HEART

For almost 90 years, the Dominican Sisters of St. Rose of Lima (known as the Hawthorne Dominicans – named for their foundress, Rose Hawthorne) served at a special ministry in North Philadelphia. There they offered hope, care, and companionship to men and women who needed assistance at the end of their lives. The facility was officially known as the Sacred Heart Home for Incurable Cancer. It was unique in that it relied entirely on freewill donations. Started in a time before Medicaid or Medicare, the facility accepted no money from its residents or any government agency.

From the beginning, the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales ministered at Sacred Heart Home. The Oblates from nearby North Catholic High School would come to the home every day, very early in the morning, to celebrate Mass and offer the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick for the sisters, the residents, and the staff. Fr. Neil Kilty, OSFS, was one of the longest-serving Oblates who ministered at Sacred Heart Home. He began his ministry there as an altar server when he was in high school.

Later, when the Oblates from North moved to the Father Judge Faculty House, I joined the team of priests who got to pray on a regular basis with the sisters, the sick, and the dying at Sacred Heart. Being able to experience the same moving ministry that so many Oblates had shared for decades was an honor. When talking about the cancer home, the Oblates never used the institution's official title but simply referred to the building on Hunting Park Avenue as "Sacred Heart." Sitting in the dining room at Father Judge, one of the priests would lean over after dinner and ask, "Jack, can you cover Sacred Heart tomorrow?" Another time, one of my brother Oblates casually announced at a house meeting that "Sacred Heart has no heat this week. Make sure you wear an extra sweater in the chapel." As a community that has a great devotion to the love of God, I found this informal way of talking about the Heart of Jesus appropriate and appealing.

As human beings we use the heart as an image of love, devotion, and intimacy. When we are in a special relationship, we use the language of love to communicate and share our thoughts and feelings.

I always thought of the Sacred Heart devotion as a spiritual shorthand to share God's special love for each of us. When the Oblates talked about "Sacred Heart" – the cancer home, the building – I also thought of it as a reference to the life and love of God. "Sacred Heart" brought the love of God to the streets, the sick, and the souls who were looking for rest and peace.

Sacred Heart Home suspended operations in 2018. Like many religious communities, the Dominican Sisters were consolidating their resources and focusing on their foundations in New York State and in Georgia. Sacred Heart was the perfect name for a place that offered peace, hope, and love to those who were preparing for their final journey home to heaven. This community of care was a sacred stop for those who heard the voice of Jesus say: "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28)."

The Hawthorne Dominicans and the Oblates put these words into action and shared the gentle, humble love of God with those most in need of his tenderness and compassion for over eighty years. As the Church celebrates the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we can reflect on the Heart of God as a special place to find true peace and rest. Resting in this Holy Heart, our souls will be renewed. Rested and renewed, we can go into the world and bring the love of God to the streets, to our families, to our own homes – to our own sacred homes.

Father Jack Kolodziej, OSFS Wilmington-Philadelphia Province



The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.



VBC 2023 begins July 9th and runs through the 12th from 5:30-7:30 pm. VBC is open to children 4 years old through rising 6th graders. Registration closes the end of June.