

# WHOM DO YOU SAY I AM?

## MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday–Saturday, 9 a.m.\*, Chapel  
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m., Church  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.\*, Church  
\* In-person & virtual

## CONFESSION

Saturday, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Church  
or by appointment

## ADORATION

Every Third Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Chapel  
Thursday, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Chapel

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday,  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;  
closed Friday

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or scan the QR code below



**OPEN HEARTS · OPEN HANDS · OPEN MINDS**

TOGETHER, THROUGH THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE "LIVE JESUS," REACHING OUT, EMBRACING ALL WITH COMPASSION, HUMILITY & GENTLENESS.

THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

*"Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed." - St. Francis de Sales*



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FIND IT ON THE WEB

Our parish website is your **primary** source for the most complete and up-to-date information about the parish. Visit [holysinfectchurch.org](http://holysinfectchurch.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 Augusta; Nancy Balding; Jeff Baker; Colette & Clayton Bean; Jerry DeBenedetto; Jennifer Bland; Margaret Burnett; Marcia Brown; Maria Capone; Alice & Christos Chamis; Albina & Chin Chua; Eva Crowley; Lillian Davids; Bea Davis; Rosemary Donohue; Eileen Dowling; Christine Drap; Irene Dunbar; Jason Ferrigan; Susan Fleming; Adela Florey; Dot Gregory; Marjorie Goode; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey; Jane Helmer; Denise Herron; Ruth & Kenneth Jones; Aileen Koch; Bill & Donna LaMountain; Alice Lefebvre; Walter Lupa; Peggy McIntyre; Terry Mercado; Lee Meyer; Monique Mueller; Nelida Muniz; Kathleen O'Donnell; Johnathan Palermo; Louise Peloquin; Bill Perkins; Helen Pischak; Rosalind Riggio; Nancy Rizzo; Shelia Rogers; Julia Schmidt; Susan Sheehan; Tom Shreve; Betty Short; Bob Smith; Hugo Sotolongo; Corrine Stavely; Katherine Strubing; Marisa Suarez; Mary Sunderland; Maria Tadipa; Richard Thomas; Angel David Torres



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS September 16th to September 22nd

<b>Monday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Caitlin Fitzgerald (birthday)</i>
<b>Tuesday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Thomas G. English †</i>
<b>Wednesday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Maureen Tuason Baylon Magtalas †</i>
<b>Thursday, 9 am</b>	<i>Paolo Dela Cruz (birthday)</i>
<b>Friday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Alma Durant (honor)</i>
<b>Saturday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>James Bligh †</i>
<b>Saturday, 5:30 pm</b>	<i>Helen Opitek †</i>
<b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b>	<i>Teresa Lan Nguyen †</i>
<b>Sunday, 11:30 am</b>	<i>Tito &amp; Cherie Juan †</i>

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday** Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Lk 8:16-18  
**Tuesday** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday** Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Lk 9:1-6  
**Thursday** Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17BC Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday** Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22  
**Saturday** Eccl 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Lk 9:43b-45  
**Sunday** Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept 16** LRSS Bible Study, 9:45 am  
**Sept 16** PPC Meeting, 6:30 pm  
**Sept 16** LRSS Bible Study, 7 pm  
**Sept 17** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am  
**Sept 17** Mommy & Me Coffee & Tea, 9:30 am  
**Sept 17** Stephen Leaders Meeting, 9:30 am  
**Sept 17** DCIA Assembly Meeting, 11:30 am  
**Sept 18** Family Formation Catechist Meeting, 6:30 pm  
**Sept 18** Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm  
**Sept 18** RCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm  
**Sept 19** Marian Prayer, 9:30 am  
**Sept 19** Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm  
**Sept 19** Yarn Ministry, 7 pm  
**Sept 21** KofC District Meeting, 9 am  
**Sept 21** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am  
**Sept 21** Couples for Christ, 9 am  
**Sept 21** Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm  
**Sept 21** Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm  
**Sept 22** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Orientation, 9:45 am  
**Sept 22** Children's Choir, 10:15 am  
**Sept 22** New Parishioner Orientation, 12:30 pm

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

## WAYS TO GIVE

**ONLINE**

Visit our website  
using the QR code

**MAIL**

5000 Southpark Drive  
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**AT MASS**

Use an envelope  
& the donation basket

### Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - August 31

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$174,400	\$156,729	(\$17,671)
Christmas Offertory	\$0	\$0	\$0
Easter Offertory	\$0	\$0	\$0
Holy Day Collections	\$2,284	\$2,000	\$284
Maintenance Offertory	\$7,360	\$6,349	(\$1,011)
	\$183,760	\$165,362	(\$18,398)

## ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help for the parish celebration! Please consider signing up to volunteer in some capacity.



# Faith Development

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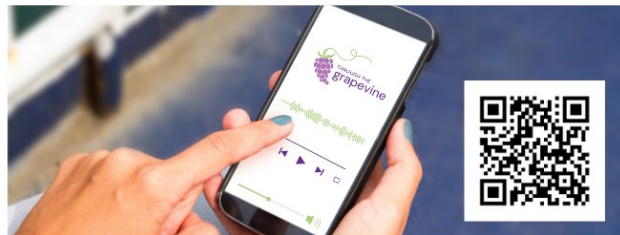
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## ANTHEM - JYM FALL RETREAT

Holy Infant JYM Invites Middle Schoolers to "Anthem" Fall Retreat at Bond Park in Cary on **October 26th**. Inspired by the Summer Olympics and St. Paul's race of faith exhortation, this action-packed retreat promises fun and spiritual growth.

- Date: October 26th, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Open to Holy Infant Middle Schoolers
- Cost: \$30, lunch included
  - *financial aid available*
- Register using the QR code by October 10th



## WEEKLY PODCAST

This week is our regular pastor update episode with Fr. Robert giving his thoughts on the various activities and upcoming plans for the parish.

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT KICK OFF

Save the date - Faith Development kicks off the 2024-25 year on **September 29th**! An email with more information will come out in the next two weeks. We are so excited for this next year of ministry with FD!

# ANNUAL CELEBRATION

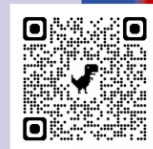
*celebrating 54 years*

The parish celebration is less than ONE MONTH away on **October 5th** following the 5:30 mass! As we move further in the planning stages, we have a number of volunteer opportunities that require parish support. Time commitment ranges, so please review the volunteer opportunities to determine which may suit your gifts best.

We are also in need of parishioners to bake desserts for the dessert potluck at the parish celebration. Any dessert, that does not require refrigeration or heat to serve, can be donated. Please note any allergens in your dish when dropping off.

Use the QR to register as a donor or volunteer.

*Invite your friends & family - everyone is welcome!*



Blow-up slides & yard games for all ages



Live Music by The MixTapes



Face Painting



BBQ by the Knights of Columbus and MORE!

# Ministries

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## NAVIGATING GRIEF & LOSS

Join Stephen Ministry & the Health Ministry team for a workshop on navigating grief led by speaker, Heidi Gessner on **September 24th** at 6:30 pm in the DeSales Center. Please register using the QR code.

Guest speaker, Heidi Gessner, is an ordained United Church of Christ minister, spiritual counselor, grief coach, and the former chaplain at UNC Healthcare, Chapel Hill.

## FILL THE TRUCK FOOD DRIVE

Let's do our part to fill the truck again! Holy Infant will host a drive-through food drive in our church parking lot on Saturday, **September 28th** from 9 am to 1 pm to support the Durham Community Food Pantry. Please have your donations in bags ready for our volunteers to collect them to load. Use the QR code to learn more.



## LOOKING AHEAD: RESPECT LIFE MONTH IN OCTOBER

The USCCB theme for this year is: I Came So That They Might Have Life. We will celebrate Respect Life at Holy Infant through prayer, reflection, advocacy, and charity.

Next weekend we will communicate a simple way our community can help provide mothers, children, and families with some of the support they need to flourish on Respect Life Weekend, **October 12th and 13th**.

## NEW PARISHIONER ORIENTATION

We invite newly registered parishioners to join us for a New Parishioner Orientation on **September 22nd** from 12:30-2:30 pm. The orientation provides a unique opportunity to engage with other parishioners and parish staff, learn more about parish life, and find ways to become actively involved at Holy Infant.

The meeting will take place in the parish office living room and lunch will be provided. Your RSVP will be greatly appreciated.



## FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. The Red Cross provides about 40% of our nation's blood and blood components, all from generous volunteer donors. But supply can't always meet demand because only about *3% of age-eligible people* donate blood yearly. Each new donor helps meet patient needs.

Don't forget to register for the upcoming blood drive on **October 19th!** In honor of the diocese's centennial celebration, Holy Infant is hoping to collect 100 units of blood this year.



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





# Liturgy & Music

Director of Liturgy & Music

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## THE BEAUTY OF A CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*Beginning next Sunday, **September 22nd**, we'll be offering a regular opportunity for children grades 3 through 8 to be part of the choir and lead the congregation in song for the 11:30 Mass. Rehearsal will be at 10:15 the same day right before Mass. I wanted to share the story below from a mom seeing her son sing in choir for Mass for the first time. If your child is interested in the choir, get in touch with me this week at [JeffR@holynfantchurch.org](mailto:JeffR@holynfantchurch.org).*

At the beginning of the school year our younger son asked to join the parish children's choir. I don't know whether he has any natural musical talent, but I do know that he loves music. I was happy he was so excited to try something new—and that it was his idea.

Sometimes I can't believe I have a front-row seat to watching our children become the people they are. When Daniel sang with the choir for the first time at Sunday Mass, we sat close so we would be able to see him sing. It was simply wonderful. Our little boy didn't know every word, but he stood there and sang, keeping his eyes on the teacher leading the group. He may be squirmy and distracted on a typical Sunday, but I was struck by his focus and how seriously he was taking his role in the Mass. At the end of a song, I would give him a thumb's up from our pew, and he would smile at me. Our little boy was so, so proud to be part of this group making music together. And all day he sang the songs they sang in Mass: "I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light," "The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor," "O, How I Love Jesus," and "Open My Eyes."

Watching Daniel sing made me realize, as I so often do, that he is growing up. He is starting to try new things that might become his things—rather than what I might pick for him. And he is mature enough to sit apart from us at Mass and sing with a choir. As I listened to the choir, I found myself wondering, what is it about children singing



that is so moving? Those sweet voices may not be perfectly blended or in the same key—not that I would necessarily know—but there is a beauty there that shines through. For me, children's voices are inspiring because they hold nothing back. They are real. They sing because they are able to sing and they want to sing. They aren't self-conscious or worried that their voices aren't the best, or even concerned that they don't know the words. They sing anyway. And why not? Singing in church, they are using the voices God gave them to praise Him, to lead the rest of us in prayer.

It made me think about myself. What talents am I not putting to use for God in the way that I could because I am too worried about whether I'll make a mistake? Where do I hold back and not let my light shine? Why can't I be like a child who doesn't know the words but sings anyway?

"Open my eyes, Lord," I heard our little boy singing as he played at home later in the day. "Help me to see Your face." Yes, open my eyes. And as the song says, "We'll speak in new ways, and we'll see God's face in places we'd never known."

*From the Catholic Review, April 15, 2017*

**Next weekend** we celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time when we take stock of whether our ambition is rooted in God or ourselves.

# Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

## RELATIONSHIPS ARE THE HEART OF EVERY SCHOOL

Before a new academic year begins, many schools reserve time for a faculty/staff retreat day. This provides the opportunity for educators to focus their thoughts for a new year of teaching and learning after summer days of well-needed rest and renewal. Recently, I was privileged to spend a retreat day with each school community at Mount Aviat Academy (Childs, MD) and Nativity Preparatory School (Wilmington, DE). Also, as a member of its Catholic Schools Board, I attended the Spirituality Day given by the Diocese of Wilmington, an annual event for those who work in the diocesan elementary and secondary schools.

During all these gatherings, the topic of building relationships – among colleagues, with students, and in the larger community – emerged as something essential upon which to reflect. There are so many individuals with whom we relate throughout a school year, and how we do this makes a big difference in providing the most impactful educational experience for young people. During his presentation on the mission of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Wilmington at the conclusion of their Spirituality Day, Superintendent Dr. Lou De Angelo highlighted how relationships, specifically through one's time, presence, and focus, are key to providing a vibrant future for Catholic education.



Captivated by what I heard, I recalled how relationships are the core component of schooling. It is easy to overlook them or take them for granted. I remember telling a colleague when I first began teaching mathematics at North Catholic High School in Philadelphia that I was surprised by how much I had to deal with people as a teacher. Seems silly for me to say this because people are an obvious component of teaching and learning. However, it took time for me to realize the various sectors that form the web of the school social network: administrators, teachers, support staff, students, parents, coaches, and alumni. As a fledgling teacher, I soon recognized how every person, who comes from a different corner of the school community, was essential to delivering a quality education. As the saying goes, "It takes a village..."

As Dr. De Angelo continued, I also reflected on how much the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales cultivates and supports human interaction and engagement. His "heart-to-heart spirituality" is recognized for the way the bishop-saint guided people to develop genuine heartfelt relationships with friends, family members, colleagues, and themselves, but also, with God. Francis tells us that by living the "little virtues" of gentleness and humility, our relationships with others are integrally connected with our relationship with the Divine: "Humility perfects us with respect to God, and gentleness with respect to our neighbor" (Introduction to the Devout Life, Part III, Chapter 8). We strive to do this so that we may "live Jesus" who as Teacher, instructs us: "Learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart" (Matt 11:29). When this is put into practice, I recognize that the center of this relational web is the Heart of Jesus. May we mirror His loving presence in how we interact and form connections with others – whether we do so as a teacher, co-worker, parent, or friend.

This new school year, I share this message with myself, as I embark on a new journey working with our seminarians at Brisson Hall, our house of formation in Washington, DC. As their classes begin again, I pray that we will learn from each other how to best be the Oblates who share the gentle and humble Heart of Christ with the world.

*-Bro. Dan Wisniewski, OSFS  
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