

WRITTEN IN HEAVEN

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

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THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

"The just person is like a tree planted near running water, which bears fruit in its season. So too when charity waters one's soul, it produces virtuous works there, but each in its season."
- 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 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; Rosemary Donohue; Eileen Dowling; Christine Drap; Jason Ferrigan; Adela Florey; Doris Gierisch; Dot Gregory; Marjorie Goode; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey; Denise Herron; Ruth & Kenneth Jones; Donna LaMountain; Alice Lefebvre; Peggy McIntyre; Terry Mercaldo; Monique Mueller; Nelida Muniz; Kathleen O'Donnell; Johnathan Palermo; Marc Peloquin; Bill Perkins; Helen Pischak; Joe Porcelli; Diane Cursatis-Ratliff ; 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; Richard Thomas; Angel David Torres

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS July 7th – July 13th

Monday, 9:00 am	<i>Vocations</i>
Tuesday, 9:00 am	<i>Parishioners of Holy Infant</i>
Wednesday, 9:00 am	<i>Jennie & Michael Lomazzo †</i>
Thursday, 9:00 am	<i>Stephen Rozniakowski (birthday)</i>
Friday, 9:00 am	<i>Jennie & Michael Lomazzo †</i>
Saturday, 9:00 am	<i>Zenaida Juntilla †</i>
Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>Andrew & Kaitlyn Lock (newlyweds)</i>
Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Roy Felter †</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Peace in the Middle East</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 7 Caring for our Common Home, 7 pm
July 8 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am
July 8 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
July 9 Adult Bible Study, 7 pm
July 10 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
July 10 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
July 12 Baptism Preparation Workshop, 9 am
July 12 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
July 12 Daughters of St Francis de Sales, 10 am
July 12 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm
July 12 Reconciliation, 4 pm
July 13 Baptism—Selena Antonia Oleck, 11:30 am
July 13 St Monica Ministry for Praying Parents, 7 pm

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Gen 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab
 Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday Gen 32:23-33 Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15
 Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 Mt 10:1-7
Thursday Gen 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 10:7-15
Friday Gen 46:1-7, 28-30 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
 Mt 10:16-23
Saturday Gen 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7
 Mt 10:24-33
Sunday Dt 30:10-14 Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37
 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37

DeSales Center Capital Campaign

\$2,284,570.61

76% of funds raised for \$3,000,000 goal

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - May 31

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$1,000,620	\$986,929	(\$13,691)
Christmas Offertory	\$26,000	\$28,032	\$2,032
Easter Offertory	\$16,000	\$13,229	(\$2,771)
Holy Day Collections	\$8,000	\$10,260	\$2,260
Maintenance Offertory	\$42,139	\$36,312	(\$5,827)
	\$1,092,759	\$1,074,762	(\$17,997)

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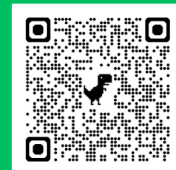
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AT MASS

Use an envelope
& the donation basket

July Eco-Tips

Small actions can add up to a big difference. Choose what's manageable, then stretch a little—your planet will thank you. Use the QR to learn more!



COME AND SEE

PARISHIONER ANDREW DEGELE ANSWERS GOD'S CALL

For parishioner Andrew Degele, Holy Infant Catholic Church has always been home. A familiar face to many, Andrew grew up in the parish after moving to Durham in first grade, becoming deeply involved through Sunday school, Youth Ministries, Altar Serving, the Food Justice Garden, and DeSales Service Works. Now, he is answering a call to serve the Church in a new way: as a seminarian for the Diocese of Raleigh.

Andrew's Catholic faith has shaped the very fabric of his life. "I am reminded of St. Teresa of Avila's saying: 'Christ has no body but yours...'. My relationship with Christ through His Church inspires me each day to live authentically and strive to love each person I encounter." That spirit of service has been a throughline, from retreats and youth ministry at Holy Infant, to campus ministry at UNC Chapel Hill, to a year of volunteer service with the Sisters of Bon Secours.

It was during his first year in college that Andrew began to feel a call to the priesthood, a call that deepened gradually over time through prayer, conversation, and experiences of God's presence, especially in Eucharistic Adoration. Encouraged by spiritual mentors and bolstered by opportunities to explore religious life, including "Come and See" weekends, Andrew ultimately applied—and was accepted—as a seminarian.

Daily prayer and openness to God have anchored his journey. He draws inspiration from saints like Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, whose joyful faith and commitment to the poor serve as a model for Christian living. "Every day," Andrew says, "I approach prayer with an openness to receive from God and in gratitude for a new day to love and serve."

Holy Infant has been a steady presence throughout his discernment, especially in times of transition. "The witness of parishioners, especially those who led my TYM groups, was a great source of inspiration and reflection. They showed me that being a faithful Catholic can be fun and exciting."

Yet, discernment is not without its challenges. Andrew notes the sacrifices involved; choosing one path means saying no to others. In moments of uncertainty, he leans on prayer, trust in God's presence, and honest conversations with trusted friends and mentors. He encourages others discerning a vocation not to get stuck in reflection alone: "Act on it! Go on retreats, talk to people living that life. If God continues to place the desire on your heart, keep going."

Looking ahead, Andrew is excited to accompany others on their spiritual journeys and offer the Sacraments. "I hope to be a witness to Jesus, a witness to hope, joy, and the fullness of life. To serve others by my presence, in prayer, and through the parish community."

His hopes are rooted in Christ's invitation to the first disciples in John 1: "Come, and you will see." That same invitation continues to echo in Andrew's heart as he takes the next step in his journey.

The Holy Infant community can support Andrew by keeping him in prayer and offering encouragement along the way. "Say hi," he adds. "I'm happy to share about my experience and to listen and hear from you."

To young people exploring their own faith journey, Andrew offers this advice: "Anchor your life in prayer and relationship with God. From that, all else flows. Faith is not meant to be lived in isolation but in community."

Let us continue to pray for Andrew as he follows God's call with courage, humility, and joy. May his journey inspire us all to listen attentively for the voice of Christ in our own lives, and to respond with trust and love.



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JUNE DESALES SERVICE WORKS

Ten teens from Holy Infant Catholic Church's DeSales Service Works (DSW) program dedicated a full day of service to the North Carolina Diaper Bank. Their work contributed to ensuring that all families in our region have access to essential hygiene items, including diapers, wipes, and menstrual products.

Throughout the day, the group sorted and packaged diapers that will be distributed to families in need across North Carolina. Their efforts support the Diaper Bank's mission to promote dignity and health for babies, children, and adults experiencing poverty.

This experience is part of a broader commitment by Holy Infant to engage young people in meaningful acts of service that reflect Catholic social teaching. Through DSW, teens are offered opportunities to respond to real needs in the community while deepening their faith and understanding of justice.

The team made an amazing impact and wrapped **16,200** size 5 diapers! That will cover 324 babies for one month, right here in NC!

Additional DSW volunteer dates are available in July and August. Use the QR to register.

FEEDING LOCAL FAMILIES

Looking for a meaningful way to serve with your children? Join us at TABLE in Carrboro on Tuesday, **July 23rd** from 4–5 p.m. to pack meals for children in need. This hands-on activity is ideal for families with children ages 4 and up.

TABLE provides healthy food and nutrition education to children in Orange County. Volunteering is a simple yet powerful way to share God's love and teach kids the joy of serving others.

To sign up, email Michalene and let her know you're interested.



MOVIE NIGHT WITH FORMED

Gather the family and a few bowls of popcorn for a movie night with Formed. Parishioners at Holy Infant have *free* access to all content on Formed!

Consider watching "God's Mighty Servant". This is the amazing story of Sister Pascalina Lehnert (1894-1983), who was the personal confidant and secretary to Pope Pius XII for forty years, when he was the papal nuncio in Germany, and then for his whole pontificate. The Pope had great confidence in her wisdom, energy, and loyalty, and she became known as "the most powerful woman in the history of the Vatican."

Ministries

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BINGO WITH FYM

Join the Forever Young Ministry for a Bingo & Potluck Night on Friday, **July 18th** at 6 pm in the DeSales Center

Bring a favorite dish to share and get ready for a lively evening of bingo, prizes, and community. This event is open to adults of all ages—families, friends, and newcomers are especially welcome.

LETTER-WRITING SUCCESS

Holy Infant Catholic Church recently demonstrated its strong commitment to justice and advocacy through Bread for the World's 2025 Offering of Letters. Parishioners wrote and submitted a total of **194 letters** to members of Congress, urging lawmakers to support policies that help end hunger in the United States.

The campaign yielded the following impact:

- 89 letters to Senator Thom Tillis
- 60 letters to Senator Ted Budd
- 44 letters to Representative Valerie Foushee
- 1 letter to Representative Deborah Ross

This outpouring of advocacy reflects Holy Infant's deep commitment to Catholic social teaching, particularly the call to defend the dignity of every person and protect the vulnerable. By participating in this national campaign through Bread for the World, parishioners used their voices to influence public policy on behalf of those who are hungry and in need.

FYM MUSEUM DAY TRIP

Join FYM for on **August 20th** for a special summer outing as we travel to Smithfield, NC, to explore the life and legacy of one of Hollywood's golden age stars—Ava Gardner.

The Ava Gardner Museum, located in Ava's hometown, offers an intimate look at the North Carolina native's extraordinary career and personal life. With over 5,000 square feet of exhibit space, the museum features rare movie posters, costumes, jewelry, photographs, awards, and more.

Your \$10 ticket includes admission, a 17-minute introductory film, and access to rotating exhibits that highlight this remarkable woman's journey from a small-town girl to international icon. After the museum tour, we'll enjoy lunch together in charming downtown Smithfield.



Space is limited. Reserve your spot using the QR code.

WRAP OTHERS IN LOVE

Looking for a way to share your time and talents in a meaningful, hands-on ministry? Whether you're an experienced knitter, a beginner with a ball of yarn, or simply curious to learn, the Yarn Ministry at Holy Infant Catholic Church welcomes you with open arms—and needles!

The Yarn Ministry uses the traditional yarn arts of knitting and crocheting to create handcrafted garments, blankets, and other comforting items for those in need of physical or emotional care. Each stitch is a prayerful act of compassion, offering warmth, hope, and love to those going through difficult times.

All are welcome! Check the parish calendar for upcoming gathering times and come join the circle. Bring your needles and hooks—or just your heart—and be part of something beautifully woven in care and community. For more information, contact Lynn Sale.



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



Oblates of St. Francis de Sales



Jonathan Dick, OSFS

“FINALLY” VOWS

I'm writing from our North American Oblate Convocation 2025. We are all gathered at DeSales University in Center Valley, PA, for a week of prayer, discussion, and reflection. As you can imagine, it is a powerful week. On Wednesday, one of our young Oblates, Mr. Jonathan Dick, OSFS, professed his perpetual vows with us. We often call perpetual vows “final vows.” But I don't see them as “final” in the sense of ending - I like to think of them as “finally” vows. After many years of a growing relationship with God and the Oblates, we finally make a perpetual commitment to one another. Jon is a wonderful Oblate, and I am looking forward to his witness for many years to come.

I am giving this background to provide the context for this reflection. In preparation for Jon's “finally” vows, we gathered in the chapel Tuesday night for a Reconciliation service. Yes, priests go to other priests for Reconciliation. The service was wonderfully crafted and provided an examination of conscience from 8 selected ailments Pope Francis brought to the Roman Curia. Each ailment was paired with an insight from Francis de Sales.

I found this examination of conscience fertile ground for reflection in preparation for Jon's perpetual vows. When reflecting on the ailments, I saw each of them active in my life, chipping away at my commitment to the vows, my commitment to the Oblate life, and soon, my commitment to Jon.

This is a normal experience. In the last part of the Introduction to the Devout Life, Francis presents the image of a clock that needs to be taken apart every year, cleaned, oiled, and repaired. It was time to take apart the clock. I am grateful for the Oblates who brought together this Reconciliation service. I am thankful for the grace to recognize, ask for forgiveness, and recommit to the Oblate life alongside Jon yesterday. I give my whole heart to this religious family once again.

Please pray for Jon Dick, OSFS, and for the Oblates!

May God be praised!

-Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS