

LIFTED UP



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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9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
closed Friday

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or scan the QR code below



THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

"Concerning those virtues pertaining to our duties in life, preference must be given to those which are most effective, not those which may be the most showy." - St. Francis de Sales



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Lindsay Glenn	Julio Revuelta	Lynn Sale,
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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; Charlotte Banks; Colette & Clayton Bean; Jerry DeBenedetto; Jennifer Bland; Margaret Burnett; 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; Fran Hadden; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey; Denise Herron; Patti Holland; Ruth & Kenneth Jones; Donna LaMountain; Alice Lefebvre; Peggy McIntyre; Terry Mercaldo; Katie Mostellar; 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 September 15th—September 21st

Monday, 9:00 am	<i>Raj Manezes (thanksgiving)</i>
Tuesday, 9:00 am	<i>Ian Francis McCusker †</i>
Wednesday, 9:00 am	<i>Lorraine Battis †</i>
Thursday, 9:00 am	<i>Maureen Baylon-Magtalas †</i>
Friday, 9:00 am	<i>Norbert Dziekanowski †</i>
Saturday, 9:00 am	<i>Joe Baptista †</i>
Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>Paolo Dela Cruz (birthday)</i>
Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Adelle Olson †</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Joy Baptista (birthday)</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 15 Little Rock Scripture Study, 9:45 am
Sept 15 PPC Meeting, 6:30 pm
Sept 16 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am
Sept 16 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Sept 17 OCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm
Sept 18 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
Sept 18 Stephen Leaders Meeting, 10:30 am
Sept 18 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
Sept 18 New Stephen Ministers Training, 6:30 pm
Sept 18 Yarn Ministry, 7:30 am
Sept 20 Mental Health First Aid, 8:30 am
Sept 20 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Sept 20 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm
Sept 20 Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm
Sept 20 Reconciliation, 4 pm
Sept 21 Communities of Salt & Light, 9:45 am
Sept 21 New Parishioner Reception, 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

Annual Parish Celebration October 4th

Parishioners, Friends & Family Welcome



TEE OFF for a good cause!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GOLF OUTING**

October 21st
Hillandale Golf Course

Proceeds benefit the
DeSales Center Renovation



Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - August 31

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$185,166	\$178,239	(\$6,927)
Christmas Offertory			
Easter Offertory			
Holy Day Collections	\$2,750	\$1,968	(\$782)
Maintenance Offertory	\$7,520	\$6,048	(\$1,472)
	\$195,436	\$186,255	(\$9,181)

DeSales Center Capital Campaign

\$2,322,140.00

78% of funds raised for \$3,000,000 goal

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 Jn 19:25-27

Tuesday 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 Lk 7:36-50

Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 8:4-15

Sunday Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13



LIVE JESUS - Peace, Justice & Human Concern

This weekend we celebrate and recognize the life-saving work done in these vital ministries.

At Holy Infant Catholic Church, the Peace, Justice & Human Concerns Commission (PJHC) is a vibrant force for social outreach, anchored in a heartfelt mission to promote peace, justice, and human dignity throughout the parish community. This ministry invites parishioners to live their faith through a deep commitment to the most vulnerable among us.

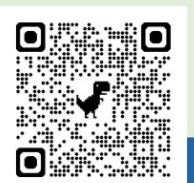
PJHC underscores the Christian calling to “value the vulnerable and feed the hungry.” Through a thoughtful blend of awareness-building and hands-on service, these ministries aim to connect parishioners with opportunities to respond to social justice needs, like hunger and homelessness, within their wider community.

PJHC supports a diverse array of ministries, helping parishioners to serve in ways that suit their interests, skills, and schedules. These ministries span a wide range, from advocacy and education to direct service, from feeding the hungry to caring for creation, from assisting refugees to upholding the sanctity of life. Many provide deeply participatory roles for individuals, allowing them to serve in both meaningful and creative ways.

At its heart, PJHC embodies a faith that is active in the world, not confined to prayer, but flowing outward in compassionate service. By creating multiple touchpoints, each parishioner can find a way to contribute to meaningful change.

Learn more about the PJHC ministries listed below by using the QR code.

Bread for the World
Caring for Our Common Home
CROP Walk
DeSales Service Works
Families Moving Forward
Feed My Sheep
Food Justice Garden
Justice Education
Meals on Wheels
Neighbor to Neighbor
Refugee Resettlement
Respect Life
Share Your Christmas
Urban Ministries Shelter Dinner
Yarn Ministry



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TOGETHER WE CAN RISE

On Saturday, **October 11th**, Holy Infant Catholic Church will join forces with The Triangle Community and Rise Against Hunger to package 25,000 meals for children and families across the globe. The event will take place from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM at Triangle Grace Church in Durham, and parishioners are warmly invited to take part in this meaningful opportunity to serve.

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that works to end hunger worldwide by providing nutritious meals to those in need. This meal-packaging event gives us the chance to live that commandment in a very tangible way. By filling meal bags and preparing supplies, each participant will directly contribute to the nourishment, education, and health of vulnerable families who are struggling with food insecurity.

The task before us is both ambitious and achievable. As a parish community, we are working to raise \$3,000 and gather at least 30 volunteers to help make the day a success. At present, only one volunteer has signed up, and fundraising is just beginning. This means every pair of hands and every gift of support is urgently needed. The good news is that this is a family-friendly event, open to parishioners of all ages, and requires no special skills. In just a couple of hours, you will be part of a team effort that transforms simple ingredients into thousands of meals filled with hope.

There are many ways to be involved. Some parishioners may be able to give their time, others their financial support, and many will choose to do both. Even a small donation goes a long way—just a few dollars can help provide meals for children who otherwise would go hungry.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed in multiple roles for the upcoming Parish Celebration on **October 4th**. Please consider stepping into one of the roles to ensure the event is a success.

- Set-Up Crew
 - Meets for 90 minutes the morning of the event to set up for the festivities.
- Clean Up Crew
 - Stays following the celebration to clean, roughly a 1-hour commitment.
- Safety Attendant
 - 30-minute shifts to monitor the safety of children in the bounce houses and slides.
- Parking Attendant
 - Direct parking before or following mass.
- Food Service
 - 30-minute shifts to help serve food.
- Clean Up Crew
 - Stays following the celebration to return the campus to normal.

Have a question or need help registering as a volunteer? See the Hospitality Desk before or after Mass, or email Stacy (stacyp@holysininfantchurch.org).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On **September 14th**, the Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast from 9am-1pm in the DeSales Center.

Each plate is \$10, featuring pancakes, sausage links, fruit salad, grits, and eggs.

Ministries

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THE PRAYER LABYRINTH IS CALLING YOU

The days are cooler, and it's a perfect time to walk Holy Infant's Labyrinth. This is a contemplative form of prayer. A journey that opens the heart to the gifts of spiritual awareness, transformation and wholeness. It's an opportunity to walk in silence and notice each turn along the path. Let go of thoughts, quiet the mind and open the heart to create an opportunity to connect with God. Take only yourself on the journey, and let go of the outside world.

You will find the labyrinth at the back of the campus, on the little hill overlooking the wooded area. The parish website offers more details about the labyrinth. Come spend quiet time with God.

OCTOBER BLOOD DRIVE

Holy Infant will be hosting a community Blood Drive on Saturday, **October 18th**, from 8 am to 2 pm in the DeSales Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish family to come together in service and share one of the most precious gifts we can offer—life itself.

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Whether for accident victims, cancer patients, or those undergoing surgery, donated blood saves lives every single day. By giving a small amount of your time, you can make a life-changing difference for someone in need.

We encourage parishioners to register ahead of time for the blood drive. Early registration allows us to plan properly for needed volunteers, staff, and equipment, helping the event run smoothly and efficiently.



FLU & COVID VACCINE CLINIC

Holy Infant Catholic Church is pleased to partner with local health professionals to provide a free vaccine clinic following 5:30 Mass on Saturday, **October 11th**, and Sunday, **October 12th**, following all Masses. Both flu shots and COVID-19 vaccines will be available at no cost to parishioners and community members.

Getting vaccinated is a simple but powerful way to live out our call to care for one another.

PROLIFE APPROACH FOR PRENATAL

Dr. McCaffrey, Chapel Hill neonatologist specializing in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, will speak on Thursday, **September 25th**, at 7 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (Fallon Center).

This presentation will be especially valuable for parents, medical professionals, and all who wish to understand how we can better support families facing challenging prenatal diagnoses in a life-affirming way.

SEPTEMBER UMD SHELTER DINNER

Holy Infant will be sponsoring our monthly dinner at the Urban Ministries of Durham homeless shelter and community kitchen on Sunday, **September 21st**. The menu will feature sub sandwiches, side dishes, and dessert.

Parishioner food donations are essential to our mission of serving 200 meals to our neighbors in need. Please indicate what food item you'd like to contribute on the online sign-up sheet and deliver to the church Narthex by 12:30 on Sunday, September 21st.

REGISTER NOW



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



Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

THE LOVE OF MY LIFE

We are a few weeks into the new school year, and I always find this season rejuvenating. Last week, someone stopped me after Mass and asked, "What are young people like nowadays?" I answered with a story.

At the start of each semester, my sophomores in Leadership in the Salesian Tradition introduce themselves to their classmates for five minutes. Over the years, I've learned football stats, quirky talents, and all sorts of unexpected details.

This year, one student struck me deeply. He began, "I am a middle child with two older brothers, a younger brother and sister, and a baby sister. My baby sister has Down syndrome. When I tell people about my sister, they sometimes don't know what to say. But I can tell you this: she is the love of my life. Maybe that sounds strange to say about your sister, but it's true, and she teaches me how to love."

"The love of my life." I've carried his words for weeks. I use it when I need to remember my vows to religious life. Our vows begin with, "For love of God..." (The love of my life. Teach me to love.)

More than that, though, I repeat it in those moments with others when my patience is waning, my annoyance is increasing, or my discomfort is pressing. I imagine God whispering about the person next to me: "This is the love of my life." It's in those moments where I learn to love.

So, what do I say about the youth of today? Simple: they teach me how to love.

May God be Praised!

-Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS

