

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Father Herbert T. Burke, Pastor

Reverend Mr. Andy Cilone, Permanent Deacon
Reverend Mr. Dave Faunce, Permanent Deacon,

Sharon Date, Parish Secretary
Parish Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri
9:00am-4:00pm; (828) 245-4017

Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:00pm
Sunday, 9:00am, 11:30am, and 3:00pm(Español)

Weekday Masses

Monday, 9:00am (Chapel)
Wednesday, 7:00pm (Church)
Thursday, 12:10pm (Chapel)
Friday, 12:10pm (Chapel)

Rosary and Benediction

Thursday, 7:00pm (Chapel)

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, 12:30pm-8:00pm (Chapel)
Friday, 12:30pm-1:30pm (Chapel)
Saturday, 4:00pm-5:00pm (Church)
Sunday, 8:00am-9:00am (Church)
Sunday, 10:30am-11:30am (Church)
Sunday, 2:30-3:00pm (Church)

Nocturnal Adoration

Second Saturday of the Month,
10:00pm—6:00am (Chapel)

Confession

Saturday, 4:00pm-5:00pm
Wednesday, 6:30pm-7:00pm
Or anytime by appointment



"I am the Immaculate Conception"

Feast February 11

Welcome to our Parish!

We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our parish family. If you need any information regarding instruction in the Catholic Faith, Baptism, First Communion or Matrimony, please contact Deacon Andy Cilone at 828-245-6219.

February 12, 2023
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church ~ 1024 West Main Street ~ Forest City, NC ~ 28043

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKLY CALENDAR for January 28-February 5, 2023

Sat 11	Saint Andrew Corsini	5:00pm	Mass for the ROS Hilry Gilbert
Sun 12	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the Cilone & Ricci Families by John & Rosanne Staab Mass for the Parish AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 13	Saint Dorothy	9:00am 7:00am	Mass for ROS Mark & Dianne Watkins Men's Prayer Group
Wed 15	Saint Josephine Bakhita	7:00pm	Mass for ROS Richard Feldmeth, Jr. by Claire Feldmeth
Thurs 16	Saint Cyril of Alexandria	12:10pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Mass for Patricia Glass by the DeLauter Family Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel Rosary and Benediction, Chapel
Fri 17	Saint Scholastica	12:10pm 7:00am	Mass for ROS Marvin & Simone Bivens by Maxie & Joannie Jolley Men's Prayer Group
Sat 18	Our Lady of Lourdes	5:00pm	Mass for the Parish
Sun 19	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:30am 3:00pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS of Marvin & Simone Bivens by Maxie & Joannie Jolley Mass for ROS Al Urban by Barbara Urban AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information

From a Contemporary Father

"The bride of Christ, the Church, deserves to have leaders who are willing to fight off the wolves for love of the flock, slay spiritual dragons, and preach the truth with passion, Christian charity, and zeal."

~ Father Donald Calloway ~
(in Consecration to Saint Joseph)



From Our Lady

*"Penance! Penance! Penance!
Pray to God for sinners.
Kiss the ground as an act of penance for sinners!"*

~ Our Lady to Saint Bernadette ~



Welcome back Father Burke!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

February 13: Ladies Guild, 10:00am in Parish Hall

February 17-19: Men's Emmaus Retreat (See next page)

February 19: Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner, 10:00am-2:00pm (See next page)

February 20: Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00am Parish Hall

February 25: Parish Council Meeting, 11:00am, Parish Hall

March 17-19: Annual Women's Emmaus Retreat (See information on the next page.)

April 8-9: Seminarian Education/Spring Collection (Easter Sunday)

For Annulment Information Contact:

Rachel Harrill 1-828-447-1908 or
Email: reharrill@rcdoc.org.

COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS

Parishioners have the option of making their contributions online through the following link:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/immaculateconceforestcity>

COLLECTION INFORMATION 2/5/2023

Regular Offering \$7,851.00
Building Repair Loan \$340.00

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1st Sunday (March 5)	Yokefellow Sunday	Pancake Mix
2nd Sunday (March 12)	Hospice Sunday	Ensure, any flavor
3rd Sunday (February 19)	Hands of Hope Sunday	Children's diapers, any size

Prayers for the Sick

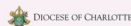
Mary Absher, Cynthia Beam, Wade Boswell, Tom Burke, Father Burke, Jorje Carcamo, Melissa Chandler, Gary Colhouer, Joann Colini, Sabrina & Kevin Collier, Michelle Contreras, Claire Daigle, Matthew Daigle, Lana Dalton, Claudia Dodril, Priscilla & Larry Dorr, Robert DuCharme, Carol Faunce, William Gaboda, Emanuel Garcia, Cathy Gold, Silvestre Gonzalez, Nancy Goulet, Joanne Harrelson, David Hernandez, Julian Hernandez, Janet Hill, Clare Jablonski, Betsy Jackson, Father Jenkins, Kate Johnson, Erlinda Judson, Peggy Keyes, Jim & Joan King, Jared Krantz, Alice Lee, Jean Linder, Ed Long, Jeff Lugo, Wilson Mancipe, Nathan I. McClain, Mark McDaniel, Diane McEnnerney, Esther Mendoza, Gloria Millette, Alan Murfitt, Maria Parra, David Piquet, Richard Rance, Bonnie Rackley, Joe Rockholt, Nathan Ryback, Bill & Anthony Saladino, Cassie Schmanski, Gloria Sears, Linda & Keith See, Ellen Spear, Nancy St. Clair, Teri St. John, Beth Ann Stamper, Cole Suhy, William Szabo, Gladys Talley, Chris & Mark Tavernia, Sharon Taylor, Russ Tobine, Federico Trejo, Fred White, Pat White, Bernice Williams

And When You Get Better...

Please let us know when you are ready to be taken off our "Prayers for the Sick" list; email pjwlm@gmail.com



Love Them Both



Action Alert: Contact N.C. Legislators to Support Pro-Life Legislation: North Carolina legislators are currently debating whether new pro-life legislation should protect unborn children beginning at 6 weeks (when a fetal heartbeat is

detected) or at 13 weeks. According to state health data, around 85 percent of abortions in NC take place before 13 weeks - so a heartbeat law would save many more lives. Catholics are encouraged to contact their state legislators to urge them to support a heartbeat bill and, at the same time, to expand support for mothers in need.

Find your N.C. legislators by visiting ncleg.gov/FindYourLegislators. Enter your **FULL** street address (including city) and press 'Enter' to search for your legislators.

Click on the name of your representatives in the N.C. House and Senate to find their email addresses and phone numbers.

Call or write a brief, personal message asking your representatives to support a heartbeat bill protecting unborn children and to expand support for pregnant and parenting mothers.

From the Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Charlotte. Contact us at FamilyLife@rcdoc.org.

And remember that.....

To help support these ministries, each parish or mission has been assessed a specific amount of money. **Our assessment this year is \$47,247.58.** Those that surpass their assessed targets receive rebates of 100% of the amount received over their target.

But... If a parish falls short of the target, then they must pay the shortfall from the parish operating budget.

Pray for Our Troops, in Particular...

LCDR Stuart Whitaker;
John Escalera, also in the Navy

Please consider adding the name of someone you love to our prayer list for our Troops. Email to pjwlm@gmail.com



The annual **Women's Emmaus Retreat** will be held the weekend of March 17-19, 2023, at the Blue Ridge Assembly YMCA in Black Mountain, NC. This is a wonderful opportunity to set time away from your daily distractions, and focus on your spiritual connection to Christ. Applications are in the Narthex or you can contact Linda Roberts at 828-287-7908 for more information. Let this be the year you say "yes" to Him. We hope you will join us! You can download the application at: <https://forms.gle/8W6Pe5PEaGRbPmzF8>
Deadline for applications: March 3, 2023



SPAGHETTI DINNER



NEXT SUNDAY
February 19
10:00am-2:00pm
\$5.00 Large Plate
\$3.00 Small Plate

Dinner includes Pasta, sauce. Salad, Drink and Dessert. Take-outs are available. The Ladies Guild will be assisting with the bake sale. Sign-up sheets are available for supplies and baked goods. Financial donations will be accepted and appreciated. Make checks out to the Knights of Columbus. The proceeds will go towards Brother Knight Wilson Mancipe's Cancer treatment expenses.

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to **SERVE** is to **LOVE**



By now you should have received a letter or postcard from Bishop Jugis asking for your generous support of the Diocesan Support Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to how you will respond by filling out your pledge and mailing it this week.

Por favor considere en oración como usted, con su contribución a la Campaña Diocesana de Apoyo pudiera ser las manos de Cristo.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

The Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary, known also as the Rosary Altar Society or Rosary Society in the United States, is an international association of the faithful that exists “to praise and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by the recitation of the Rosary for the mutual spiritual benefit of all the members throughout the world.” Each week, countless thousands of members pray the Holy Rosary and include each other’s intentions in their prayers.

The first Rosary Confraternity was established in the 1470s through the zealous preaching of the Rosary by Blessed Alan de la Roche, O.P. A few years later, another local Rosary Confraternity was established in Cologne by Fr. Joseph Sprenger, O.P. After this, Rosary Confraternities began to be established in still other cities. In no small part, it was due to the spread of the Confraternity that devotion to Our Lady’s Rosary likewise flourished and a more uniform system of reciting the Rosary developed. From the beginning, Rosary Confraternities were erected under the direction of the Dominican Friars and the establishment of all Rosary Confraternities eventually became a privilege reserved to the Dominican Order.

Today, **members of the Rosary Confraternity promise the recitation of a weekly Rosary as their sole obligation.** Although this obligation is very minimal—and does not bind under pain of sin—the spiritual benefits are extensive. Along with several plenary and partial indulgences that are granted to members of the Confraternity, members also benefit from the countless Rosaries that are offered for their intentions by the other members throughout the world. The Rosary Confraternity is probably the largest organization of this type within the Catholic Church. In addition, enrolled members also participate in all the prayers and good works performed by the friars, nuns, sisters, and laity of the Dominican Order.

The Confraternity was last reorganized by Pope Leo XIII in 1898 with his Apostolic Constitution, *Ubi Primum*, and continues to exist, under the direction of the Dominican Friars, in accordance with the norms of the current Code of Canon Law (1983). The Catholic faithful may enroll in the Confraternity through any of the Dominican Provinces by contacting their local Provincial Promoter of the Holy Rosary.

To enroll online in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary through the Dominican Province of St. Joseph (Eastern United States), please contact: Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary, Dominican Province of Saint Joseph, 280 North Grant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Phone: (614) 240-5929 or go to www.rosaryconfraternity.org, the source of this article.



The Dominican Confraternity throughout the United States is joining forces to promote Our Lady’s Rosary and the Rosary Confraternity, through a nine-month spiritual pilgrimage (prayers once a month), leading to an in-person Rosary Pilgrimage Rally on the eve of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, September 30th, 2023, at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

If you cannot make it to D.C. on September 30th, you can participate in the preparatory Rosary Novena by praying the Rosary on the 30th of the month, and in each of the months between now and September 30th. **NOTE:** The Rosary Novena began on January 30th, but we did not find out about it in time to get it into an earlier bulletin, but start the novena now, and catch up.

There is a Rosary Novena prayer card available in the Narthex.

For more information, be sure to check the official Pilgrimage website here at rosarypilgrimage.org

The Opening of Vatican Council II October 11, 1962

After three years of international preparation, Pope John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council on October 11, 1962. The following paragraphs are excerpted from his opening speech.

“Mother Church rejoices that, by the singular gift of Divine Providence, the longed-for day has finally dawned when—under the auspices of the virgin Mother of God, whose maternal dignity is commemorated on this feast—the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council is being solemnly opened here beside St. Peter’s tomb.

The Councils—both the twenty ecumenical ones and the numberless others, also important, of a provincial or regional character which have been held down through the years—all prove clearly the vigor of the Catholic Church and are recorded as shining lights in her annals.

In calling this vast assembly of bishops, the latest and humble successor to the Prince of the Apostles who is addressing you intended to assert once again the magisterium (teaching authority), which is unfailing and perdures until the end of time, in order that this magisterium, taking into account the errors, the requirements, and the opportunities of our time, might be presented in exceptional form to all men throughout the world.

It is but natural that in opening this Universal Council we should like to look to the past and to listen to its voices, whose echo we like to hear in the memories and the merits of the more recent and ancient Pontiffs, our predecessors. These are solemn and venerable voices, throughout the East and the West, from the fourth century to the Middle Ages, and from there to modern times, which have handed down their witness to those Councils. They are voices which proclaim in perennial fervor the triumph of that divine and human institution, the Church of Christ, which from Jesus takes its name, its grace, and its meaning.

The greatest concern of the Ecumenical Council is this: that the sacred deposit of Christian doctrine should be guarded and taught more efficaciously. That doctrine embraces the whole of man, composed as he is of body and soul. And, since he is a pilgrim on this earth, it commands him to tend always toward heaven.

In order, however, that this doctrine may influence the numerous fields of human activity, with reference to individuals, to families, and to social life, it is necessary first of all that the Church should never depart from the sacred patrimony of truth received from the Fathers. But at the same time she must ever look to the present, to the new conditions and new forms of life introduced into the modern world which have opened new avenues to the Catholic apostolate.

*The manner in which sacred doctrine is spread, this having been established, it becomes clear how much is expected from the Council in regard to doctrine. That is, **the Twenty-first Ecumenical Council, which will draw upon the effective and important wealth of juridical, liturgical, apostolic, and administrative experiences, wishes to transmit the doctrine, pure and integral, without any attenuation or distortion**, which throughout twenty centuries, notwithstanding difficulties and contrasts, has become the common patrimony of men. It is a patrimony not well received by all, but always a rich treasure available to men of good will.”*

These words put a great light on what Vatican II was/is all about. Sixty years later, George Weigel, in “To Sanctify the World: the Vital Legacy of Vatican II”, wrote: “This new Pentecost for which he hoped was not a business meeting in which the branch managers of a global enterprise came together with their chief executive officer to discuss ways to increase market share. First, foremost and always, Vatican II was intended by John XXIII as an event in the realm of the spirit: an event at which the Catholic Church, through its ordained leadership, would relive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that Christ had promised his first followers, a promise kept on the first Christian Pentecost...In sum, then, John XXIII’s original intention for Vatican II was that it be Christocentric and mission-focused. Just as through the councils of antiquity the Church had learned how to make the Gospel come alive in classical culture, and just as the Council of Trent helped the Church make the Gospel come alive through the centuries, this twenty-first ecumenical council should ponder ways to propose the salvific good news of the Gospel in ways that could be engaged by modern humanity.”

