

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Father Herbert T. Burke, Pastor

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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, 2:30pm-3:00pm (Church)

Nocturnal Adoration

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

Confession

Saturday, 4:15-4:45pm
Wednesday, 6:30pm-7:00pm

Welcome to our Parish!

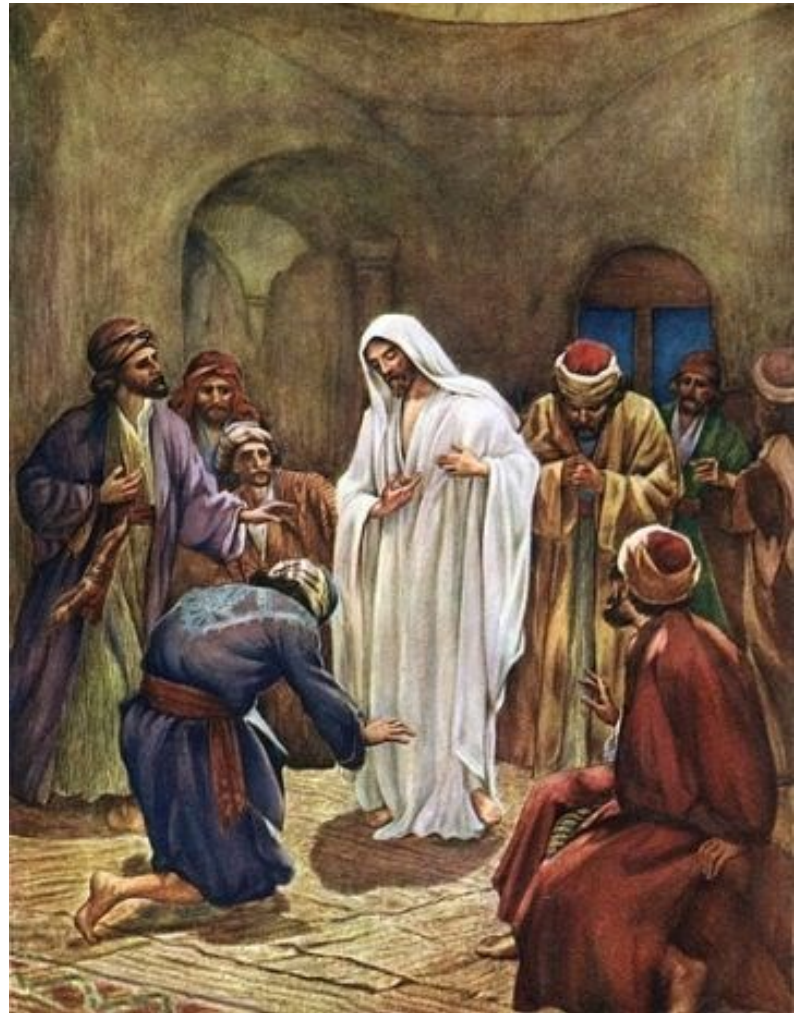
We welcome all visitors and newcomers to our parish family. If you need any Information regarding Baptism, First Communion or Matrimony, please contact Deacon Andy Cilone at 828-245-6219.

For information regarding instructions in the catholic faith through the RCIA program, please contact Deacon David Faunce at:

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April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

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WEEKLY CALENDAR for April 13-21, 2024

Sat 13	Bl. Margaret of Castello	5:00pm	Mass for the Parish
Sun 14	Third Sunday Of Easter	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Antonio Johnson by Kate Johnson Mass for Joseph Shomette, Happy 1st Birthday by Grandpa & Grandma AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Mon 15	Saint Paternus	9:00am	Mass for Michelle Hill, Happy Birthday by Chuck & Janet Hill
Wed 17	Saint Stephen Harding	7:00pm	Mass for Louise Jerlinski by Claire Feldmeth
Thurs 18	Saint Apollonius	12:10pm 7:30pm	Mass for ROS Souls in Purgatory by Joe & Alicia Stenard AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information
Fri 19	Saint Leo IX	12:10pm 7:00am	Mass for ROS Ted Knutowski by Mike & Karen Lugo Men's Prayer Group
Sat 20	Saint Agnes of Montepulciano	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Stanley Sipko & Estelle Dorow by Jim & Joan King
Sun 21	Fourth Sunday of Easter	9:00am 11:30am 7:30pm	Mass for the Parish Mass for ROS Roy & Jean Lednovich by the O'Reilly Family AA Meeting, call Floyd Kunkle at 289-6336 for information

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

April 18, 25, May 2: Daughters of the Visitation; 4:30-6:30pm in the Parish Hall

April 13: Bishop's Youth Retreat

April 21: Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

April 25-26: Twenty-Four Hour Adoration, starting after the 12:10pm Mass on Thursday, April 25, through just before the 12:10pm Mass on Friday the 26th.

April 26-28: Diocesan Youth Conference

May 19: First Communion, the 9am Mass. Students should meet outside the church at 8:45am. More information to follow on First Confession and First Communion practice.

May 22: Sacrament of Confirmation, 6:00pm. There will be a practice for all students and their sponsors in the parish hall at 5pm.

June 9-14: Totus Tuus Summer Education Program; More details to come!

June 10-14: Quo Vadis Days see info on next page.

For Annulment Information Contact:

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

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1st Sunday (April 7)	Yokefellow Sunday	Instant coffee and/or tea bags
2nd Sunday (April 14)	Hospice Sunday	Ensure, any flavor
3rd Sunday (April 21)	Hands of Hope Sunday	Children's diapers, SIZE LARGE

DON'T FORGET...THE BOOK SALE BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

Pick up your bag of book(s) in the Gift Shop.



"Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."

"O you small, everyday sacrifices, you are to me like wildflowers which I strew over the feet of My Beloved Jesus. I sometimes compare these trifles to the heroic virtue, and that is because their enduring nature demands heroism."



~ Saint Faustina ~

COLLECTION INFORMATION

Week of April 7, 2024

Regular Offering: \$7,349.00
DSA: \$300.00
Seminarian Education: \$15.00

ONLINE GIVING: March

Regular Offering: \$6,995.00
Seminarian Education: \$15.00
DSA: \$60.00
Building Loan: \$100.00

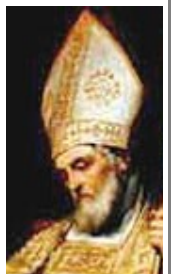
DSA UPDATE

Our parish has contributed \$34,660.00 in cash contributions and pledges. That is 73% of our total amount due to the Diocese. This means that our shortfall is \$12,527.00

Prayerful Ponderings

"Prayer purifies us, reading instructs us. Both are good when both are possible. Otherwise, prayer is better than reading."

~ Saint Isidore of Seville ~



DUC IN ALTUM

Attention all Catholic young women ages 16-19! Do you know where your life is going? Do you have a desire to grow deeper after the role model of our Lady? You are invited to attend the eighth annual *Duc in Altum* camp to spend time with other young women your age looking at the Lord's call in your life, while having fun and receiving the tools for a strong prayer life. *DIA* is led by priests and religious of the diocese and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. *Duc in Altum* will be held from June 24 - June 28, 2024, at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont. The cost of the camp is \$150.

Additionally, we are happy to introduce Talitha Koum for young women ages 12-15! *Talitha Koum* is a daylong retreat for younger women to grow in their relationship with Jesus and Mary and to spend time having fun with each other. The retreat will be held on Monday, June 24, also at Belmont Abbey College. The cost is \$25. **The deadline to register for these events is Wednesday, June 12, 2024.** If you are interested, please visit our website: <https://charlottediocese.org/vocations/woman-religious/duc-in-altum/> or contact Sister Mary Jacinta at (704) 370-3248 or mjacinta@rcdoc.org

¡Atención a todas las jóvenes católicas de 16 a 19 años! ¿Sabes adónde va tu vida? ¿Tienes el deseo de crecer más profundamente después del modelo de Nuestra Señora? Está invitada a asistir al octavo campamento anual de *Duc in Altum* para pasar tiempo con otras jóvenes de tu edad observando el llamado del Señor en tu vida mientras se divierten y reciben las herramientas para una vida de oración fuerte. *DIA* está dirigido por sacerdotes y religiosos de la diócesis y cuenta con el apoyo de la Oficina diocesana de Vocaciones. El campamento de *Duc in Altum* se llevará a cabo del 24 al 28 de junio de 2024 en Belmont Abbey College en Belmont. El costo del campamento es de \$150.00.

¡Además, nos alegramos a presentar Talitha Koum para jóvenes católicas de 12 a 15 años de edad! *Talitha Koum* es un retiro de un solo día para adolescentes, para acercarse a Jesús y María, crecer en confianza, descubrir más el tesoro de nuestra fé, y pasar tiempo y divertirse con compañeras de la misma edad. Este retiro será como un "mini" *Duc in Altum* y tendrá lugar el 24 de junio en Belmont Abbey College, de las 8:00am a las 4:00pm. El costo de *Talitha Koum* es \$25.00.

Fecha límite para registrarse (para los dos eventos) es el 12 de junio de 2024.

Si estás interesada, visita nuestro sitio web: <https://charlottediocese.org/vocations/woman-religious/duc-in-altum/> o ponte en contacto con la Hermana Mary Jacinta al (704) 370-3248 or mjacinta@rcdoc.org

Prayers for the Sick

Mary Absher, Cynthia Beam, Wade Boswell, Father Burke, Frances Burke-Urr, Melissa Chandler, Gary Colhouer, Sabrina & Kevin Collier, Michelle Contreras, Claire Daigle, Michelle Daigle, Danya Davis, Claudia Dodrill, Priscilla & Larry Dorr, Robert DuCharme, Carol Faunce, Emanuel Garcia, Gloria Gimpaya, Silvestre Gonzalez, Nancy Goulet, Thomas Hammond, John Helenius, David Hernandez, Julian Hernandez, Sherlin Hernandez, Janet Hill, Clare Jablonski, Betsy Jackson, Father Jenkins, Kate Johnson, Erlinda Judson, Bishop Jugis, Peggy Keyes, Jim & Joan King, Jared Krantz, Charlie Kutilek, Ed Long, Stephannie Longo, Patricia Lucas, Jeff Lugo, Wilson Mancipe, Nathan I. McCain, Jennifer McDonald, Diane McEnerney, Geri Melton, Esther Mendoza, Teresa Mendoza, Gloria Millette, Kevin Millette, Nancy Mooney, Shawn Mooney, Alan Murfitt, Keith Oliver, Maria Parra, David Picquet, Ken Pierson, Richard Ranc, Bonnie Rackley, Ann Marie Rodriguez, Camille Russo, Nathan Ryback, Linda Samarotto, Cassie Schmanski, Gloria Sears, Linda & Keith See, Larry St. Clair, Nancy St. Clair, Beth Ann Stamper, Cole Suhy, Gladys Talley, Chris & Mark Tavernia, Richard Thelen, Valerie Thelen, Federico Trejo, Patty Wansor, Arwin Watts, Fred White, Patricia White, Sammy 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 pjwlmg@gmail.com

QUO VADIS DAYS

Quo Vadis Days is a vocations discernment camp for young men (ages 15-19) held at Belmont Abbey College. Its goal is to challenge young men to ask the fundamental question "quo vadis" or "where are you going?", while equipping them with the tools and opportunity to discern God's will for their life. Quo Vadis Days attempts to strike a balance between the activity of a summer camp and the quiet of a retreat. Each day of the five-day camp is structured to include Holy Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, time for personal reflection, and interaction with priests and seminarians. The program features talks by local priests, seminarians and others on the vocations to the priesthood, marriage and fatherhood. There is also time devoted to activities, games and fellowship. Contact: www.charlottevocations.org

ESPECIALLY...

E2 Private First Class Jayden Mills, USMC, Stationed at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan; Peter F Siviglia III, Air Force Senior Airman, Load Master, flying on C17 cargo planes, stationed in NJ. ; CDR Stuart Whitaker; John Escalera, also in the Navy; CDR Jeffrey Gerring of the US Navy. Please consider adding the name of someone you love to our prayer list for our Troops. Email to pjwlmg@gmail.com



NEXT WEEK: Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday April 21 from 10am – 3pm.

\$5.00 for the Large Plate ~ \$3.00 for the Small
Thank you for your support for this event. Proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner will go toward the Knights Charities.



Donated items for the Spaghetti Dinner need to be delivered by Sunday April 14. Baked goods can be delivered April 20 if you come to the 5pm mass, or early Sunday morning if you come to the 9am mass.



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The water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of living water, welling up into eternal life. " (John 4:14)

THE LIVING WATER OF THE SPIRIT

By Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

"This is a new kind of water, a living, leaping water, welling up for those who are worthy. But why did Christ call the grace of the Spirit water?

Because all things are dependent on water; plants and animals have their origin in water. Water comes down from heaven as rain, and although it is always the same in itself, it produces many different effects, one in the palm tree, another in the vine, and so on throughout the whole of creation. It does not come down, now as one thing, now as another, but while remaining essentially the same, it adapts itself to the needs of every creature that receives it.

In the same way the Holy Spirit, whose nature is always the same, simple and indivisible, apportions grace to each man as he wills. Like a dry tree which puts forth shoots when watered, the soul bears the fruit of holiness when repentance has made it worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit.

Although the Spirit never changes, the effects of his action, by the will of God and in the name of Christ, are both many and marvelous.

The Spirit makes one man a teacher of divine truth, inspires another to prophesy, gives another the power of casting out

devils, enables another to interpret holy Scripture. The Spirit strengthens one man's self-control, shows another how to help the poor, teaches another to fast and lead a life of asceticism, makes another oblivious to the needs of the body, trains another for martyrdom.

His action is different in different people, but the Spirit himself is always the same. In each person, Scripture says, the Spirit reveals his presence in a particular way for the common good.

The Spirit comes gently and makes himself known by his fragrance. He is not felt as a burden, for he is light, very light. Rays of light and knowledge stream before him as he approaches.

The Spirit comes with the tenderness of a true friend and protector to save, to heal, to teach, to counsel, to strengthen, to console. The Spirit comes to enlighten the mind first of the one who receives him, and then, through him, the minds of others as well.

As light strikes the eyes of a man who comes out of darkness into the sunshine and enables him to see clearly things he could not discern before, so light floods the soul of the man counted worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit and enables him to see things beyond the range of human vision, things hitherto undreamed of.

