

## Ministries/Contacts, Continued

### CONSECRATED LIFE

**Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Peace Monastery**  
Mother Gertrude Gillette, Superior  
qopbenedictines@gmail.com

### Benedictine Oblates

Contact Mother Gertrude Gillette  
704-827-2490 and qopbenedictines@gmail.com  
Meetings on 3rd Saturday of the month from 12:30-4:30  
Includes Midday Prayer, a talk, potluck, and Evening Prayer (Vespers)

### Mystical Rose of Carmel Lay Carmelite Community

Penny Watkins, T.O.Carm., Director  
828-436-5161 or pjwlm@gmail.com  
Community Meeting 4th Sunday of the month  
2:00pm Parish Hall  
Formation Meeting— 11:30am, Parish Hall

### SERVICE

#### Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Heart of Mary Council #12266

Grand Knight Pete Siviglia— siviglia5@aol.com  
Meeting 7:00pm, 1st Sunday of the Month, Parish Hall  
with Adoration at 6:30pm in the Chapel

### Ladies Guild

Co-Chairs  
Betsy Jackson - 828-382-0030  
Roberta Thomas - bjthomas51@att.net  
Meeting the 2nd Monday of the Month  
10:00am, Parish Hall  
(September through May)

### St. Michaels Shield

Brian Cilone, bcilone@msn.com

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Pete Siviglia, siviglia5@aol.com  
Meeting 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month,  
Mary's Library

### Annulment Information

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

Bulletin: Penny Watkins: pjwlm@gmail.com  
Website: Marianne Bradley: mbradley30030@gmail.com

## Weekly Schedule

### Saturday/Sunday Masses

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

### Weekday Masses

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

### Confession

Wednesday 6:30pm-7:00pm  
Saturday 4:15pm-4:45pm  
or anytime by appointment

### Rosary and Benediction

Thursday, 7:00pm (Chapel)



### **Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church**

1024 West Main Street  
Forest City, North Carolina 28043  
Office/Rectory: (828) 245-4017

Website: [www.immaculateconceptionforestcity.org](http://www.immaculateconceptionforestcity.org)

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## New Parishioner Information



### **Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church**

### **Forest City, North Carolina**

We welcome all visitors and newcomers  
to our parish family.

**To register with our parish,**  
call the office at 828-245-4017.

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.

## Our History

In 1940, there were about six Catholic families in Rutherford County. Each Sunday they traveled to Saint Mary's in Shelby for Mass. In time, construction began on the mission parish Church of the Immaculate Conception in Forest City, and the church was dedicated on September 15, 1950. In the summer of 1969, our first resident pastor was installed.

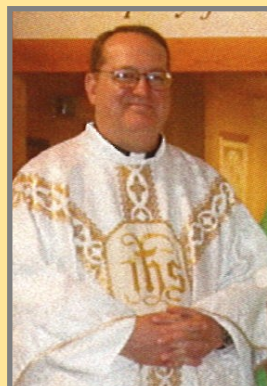
For a short period of time, Immaculate Conception reverted back to a mission parish, but not for long. We regained our Parish status in the summer of 1972. The parish continued to grow, and in December 1978 we dedicated our Rectory/Parish Hall complex.

As the years went on, we purchased adjacent properties that would be needed for continued growth. The groundbreaking ceremony for our new church was in 2009, and our new church, built in the Gothic style, was dedicated by Bishop Jugis on October 13, 2010, the anniversary of the miracle of the sun and final apparition at Fatima of Our Lady of the Rosary. Since that time, the magnificent stained glass windows, our sanctuary mural the *Theophany of the Passion*, and other artwork has been added that helps to bring the viewer's mind to God in prayer.

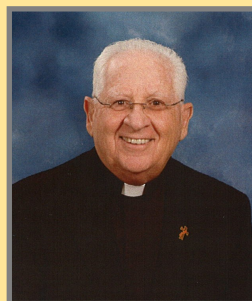
Our grounds have experienced changes over the years as well. Angels grace the road entrance, a bronze crucifix is there for the traveler, outside stations of the cross are available for a short pilgrimage, and Muirdach's Cross is available for history lessons on our faith.

Thanks to the prayers, work and generosity of our parishioners, Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, now numbering over registered 280 families, continues to grow not just in size, but in Faith.

## Our Staff



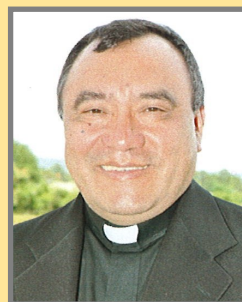
Father Herbert Burke  
Pastor



Deacon Andy Cilone



Deacon Dave Faunce



Father José Antonio  
Juya



Sharon Date  
Parish Secretary

**Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday-Friday**  
**9am-4:00pm**  
**(828) 245-4017**

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## Ministries/Contacts

### PARISH COUNCIL

Michael Lugo, [mjlugo@pm.me](mailto:mjlugo@pm.me)

### FAITH FORMATION

Theresa Faunce, Coordinator, English Program  
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Eutimio Gonzalez, Coordinator, Spanish Program  
[gonzalezeutimio@yahoo.com](mailto:gonzalezeutimio@yahoo.com)

### R.C.I.A.

Deacon Dave Faunce, Coordinator  
[dmfaunce@rddoc.org](mailto:dmfaunce@rddoc.org)

### TO HAVE AND TO HOLD

Deacon Dave Faunce, Coordinator  
[dmfaunce@rddoc.org](mailto:dmfaunce@rddoc.org)

### YOUTH GROUPS

Mary Alice Brown, 828-899-0575  
Mary Katherine Toney, 910-364-8574  
Timo Melgar (Spanish), 828-289-3760

### CHOIR

**Sunday Morning Choir, 9:00am Mass**  
Diane McEnnerney, Choir Director  
Choir Practice: Wednesday Evenings, 5:30-6:30pm

### Sunday Afternoon Choir, 3:00pm Spanish Mass

Jessica Flores, 828-980-2688  
[jessicaflores40525@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicaflores40525@yahoo.com)

### PRAYER and EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

#### Mens's Prayer Group

Michael Daigle, [michael.daigle@att.net](mailto:michael.daigle@att.net)  
Every Monday and Friday, 7:00am, Chapel

#### Prayer Group

Joann Cilone, 828-245-6219  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 10:30am, Parish Hall

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, 12:30pm-8:00pm (Chapel)  
Friday, 12:20pm-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)  
Fourth Thursday 12:30pm-Friday, 12:00pm (Chapel)

#### Nocturnal Adoration (Español) (Chapel)

Second Saturday of the Month, 10:00pm—6:00am  
Gerardo Mendoza, 828-216-6487