

November 30, 2014
First Sunday of Advent

Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church

Pastor

Fr. Roch Drozdzik
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Deacon

Deacon Mike Vandiver
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Mass Schedule:

Mondays – no mass
Tuesdays -- 5:30 pm
Wednesdays -- no mass
(mass in Magnolia at St. Clara)
Thursdays -- 8:30 am
Fridays -- 9 am
Saturdays at 5 pm (English)
and 7 pm (Spanish)
Sundays at 8:30 am
See Bulletin for possible changes

Adoration:

Thursday after Mass until
6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation:

Thursday after Mass and
Saturday before Mass or
by appointment

Fr. Roch Office Hours:

Thursday: 9:30-11am or
feel free also to set an
appointment by email.

Mass Intentions and Mass Cards

Geri Cullen
910-285-7334

Parish Council Chair: Huck Booz

Financial Council Chair: Mark Hopkins



Our Mission

To love and know more
profoundly our Catholic Faith,
worship the Lord, minister to
our members and to further
spread our faith in the
community.

Sunday, November 30- Sunday, December 30

Sunday Eze 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23; Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mat 25:31-46
Monday Is 2:1-5; PS 122; Mat 8: 5-11
Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Luk 10:21-24
Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Mat 15:29-37
Thursday Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Luk 7:21, 24-27
Friday Is 29: 17-24; Ps 27; Mat 9:27-31
Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147; Mat 9:35- 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; Pet 3:8-14; Mar 1:1-8

The
Word
of God

Important Information

Parish Registration: Welcome to our parish. New members are asked to call the Parish office to register. Current parishioners who relocate are requested to inform us of your move. To **update your registration information**, please contact Elaine Masinick (emasininck@gmail.com).

If you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved, or celebrating a significant anniversary, please contact **Pat Swinson at 285-5996** so she can send a card from the parish to the family. Pat will need the name, address and information on the occasion in order to do so.

Homebound Ministry: If you know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist, please contact Deacon Mike at 285-4737.

In need of a Priest: Father Roch can be contacted at 910-285-1876 should you have an emergency or any life and death situation that requires a priest.

Sacraments

Baptism: Parents must attend 2 preparation classes prior to having your child baptized. Please schedule an appointment with Father Roch or with Deacon Mike to discuss this procedure.

Marriage: The marriage preparation program for the Diocese of Raleigh takes six months. Call the parish office to schedule an appointment with Father Roch.

Sacrament of Penance: Thursday after Mass, Saturday before Mass or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Father Roch if anyone is in need of this sacrament

Prayer List – Joseph Oates, Liz Madden, Bill & Carol Suter, Clyde Pankcoe, Charlene Conrad, Mayela Cajar, Richard Favret, Barbara Hatcher, Faye Sellers, Chelsea Doane, Bill Norris, Janet Johnson, The Gerard Callahan family, Alex Powell, Corey Bock, The James Wetzel family, and all members of the military especially those in harm's way.

At the beginning of each month, The Prayer List will start a new prayer list. If someone, friend or family is sick, please let us know by emailing eileenhirshkind@aol.com and we will list them in the bulletin.

Mass Intentions

Sat Nov 29- Special intentions for health of Joseph Oates rqstd by Mary Lou & Clyde Pankoke

Sun Nov 30 Repose of the soul of Suzanne Powers rqstd by Donna & Ed Schulz

Mon Dec 1

Tue Dec 2

Wen Dec 3-

Thu Dec 4 -

Fri Dec 5-

Sat Dec 6 - Repose of the soul of Rita Tworkowski requested by Mary & Bob Farina

Sun Dec 7 - Repose of the soul of Suzanne Powers requested by Cheryl & Frank Partyka

John 11:25-26: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die"

RESPECT LIFE-"The courage and grace shown by those women who choose life--in the face of fear, uncertainty, parental or partner intimidation, seemingly insurmountable odds--make them today's heroes. They are joined by the many who counsel, support and nurture them both before and after the birth of their child. Such self-giving love...is powerfully transformative of mother, of child, of families, of cultures." 2013-2014 Respect Life Program (USCCB), Erika Bachiochi, Esq., "Life Matters: Roe Plus 40"

Fetal Development of Hannah Tradition teaches us Christ was conceived on the Feast of the Annunciation. We will watch the parallel development of "Hannah" in the womb beginning on March 25 (Feast of the Annunciation) until December 25.

Fetal Development of Hannah November 30 (week 37)

Hannah is absorbing about a gallon of amniotic fluid per day. She is now receiving valuable antibodies from Mom to fight off infections. Fat is deposited in Hannah's cheeks this week, and the muscles that help Hannah suck are helping to fill Hannah's little face. Hannah is about 6 pounds and over 20 inches in length. *I'm still eating leftovers from Thanksgiving. I'm a little plump, but I'm ready for my first picture.* Mom is probably seeing the doctor every week and should take a Group B Strep test.

"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

Prayer for Priests by St. Therese de Lisieux

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep you priest, Fr. (name the priest), within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch him. Keep unstained his anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied his lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly his heart sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround him and shield him from the world's contagion. Bless his labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom he ministers be his joy and consolation here and in heaven his beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Sunday: Fr. Fred Smuda, O.S.F.S.

Monday: Fr. Paul Brant, S.J.

Tuesday: Fr. Nicholas Cottrill

Wednesday: Fr. John Granados

Thursday: Fr. Andrew McNair

Friday: Fr. Dominic Thomas, M.C.B.S.

Saturday: Fr. Thomas Gaul



Flower Donation:



Sanctuary candle in memory/honor of: "For the continuing recovery of those on our Prayer List"
Donating Flowers and Sanctuary Candles to decorate our Altar and Church is a great way to honor our beloved ones!
Envelopes are available in the vestibule to schedule flower and candle donations



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The food pantry is still asking for donations

Our food donations to the pantry have been falling off as of lately. Just a reminder that you can bring can goods on any mass day and we will see that they get delivered to the food pantry.

This Advent we will hold our first Parish 50/50 raffle. The cost of tickets is 3 - \$5 , 8 - \$10, and 20 - \$20. The more you buy the better your chances! Starting November 30, The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after Mass and at our Christmas concert. We will draw the winning ticket at the Christmas dinner. You do not need to be present to win. Feel free to sell tickets to your friends and neighbors. Our share of the pot will be used to cover the Religious Retirement Fund assessment and other Parish expenses.

Church Schedules: With the start of Advent we are making changes to our schedule of weekday services. Starting Monday December 1, we will have Mass on Monday mornings at 9:00 AM. After Mass we will have coffee and donuts, and start a Bible study group that will read and reflect on the 2015 Cycle B readings. We encourage all Parishioners to join us and deepen their faith by reflecting on the word of God. If you miss a week or a month you can always join us for the next weeks readings and reflection. Our new schedule will be

Mass Schedule

Monday: Mass - 9:00 AM followed by Bible Study with coffee and donuts

Tuesday: Communion Service - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: Mass at Santa Clara

Thursday: Mass - 9:00 AM followed by Adoration til 6:00 PM

Friday: Mass - 9:00 AM

Penance Services that will be celebrated during Advent around our deanery. As you know, we are part of the Newton Grove Deanery.

Mon, Dec 1 at 7:00 pm in Clinton (Immaculate Conception)

Tues, Dec 2, at 6:30 pm in Goldsboro (St Mary's)

Wed, Dec 3 at 7:00 pm in Magnolia (Santa Clara)

Thurs, Dec 4 at 6:30 pm in Clayton (St. Ann's)

Wed, Dec 10 at 7:00 pm in Kinston (Holy Spirit)

Wed, Dec 10 at 6:30 pm in Newton Grove (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Mon, Dec 15, at 7:00 pm in Mt. Olive (Our Lady of the Angels)

Tues, Dec 16, at 7:00 pm in Wallace (Transfiguration)

Painting: The Parish is looking for volunteers for paint the Parish Hall. The dates we are planning are Dec. 7th and 8th. The painting would not conflict with Mass or any planned classes. If you are interested please contact Huck Booz at 285-5250

Second Collection will be at all masses beginning this weekend for The Religious Retirement Fund. The second collection will be taken up following communion. Please be generous to our retired clergy. Our prayers are that we will be taking this collection for a limited number of weeks in order to reach our assessed goal.

Our greeters will have the appropriate envelopes as your enter mass. Thank you for your continued support.

Our next discussion group meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Monday evening, December 1st at 5:30 PM. The CD that we



will be discussing will be Seven Deadly Sins - Seven Lively Virtues. CDs are available for

purchase at the kiosk in the back of church. Fr. Robert Barron uses Dante's Divine Comedy to

show how the sinful patterns in our lives are effectively counteracted by the cultivation of virtue through the development of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, leading us to health, happiness and holiness. It is the perfect CD to help kick off Advent! Pot luck dinner will follow in the Church Hall. Please join us. These CDs can really excite us about our faith.

Concert: The annual Christmas concert will be held Friday December 19. Our concert will start at 6:00 PM. All parishioners are invited to attend. Please invite your non Catholic friends to join us as we joyfully prepare for the birth of Jesus. There is no charge for the concert.

Following the Christmas concert on December 19, we will hold our **Parish Christmas dinner in the Parish Hall.** Again, feel free to invite your friends to join us. This year we will feature smoked pork loin. The cost is \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for children under 10. We will have a pot luck dessert table. Please bring a dessert to share. BYOB if you want something to drink other than coffee, tea, water. Tickets for the dinner will be available after Mass from the Knights of Columbus starting November 30.

Faith Formation We would like to welcome Jullisa and Aiden, children of Meza C. Mariano and Elizabeth Gasca into the family of Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church. Both children were baptized this past weekend. May they both continue to grow in love and faith in their new parish community.

Save the date: Thirty boys and girls will be receiving their First Communion on May 17, 2015. All of these children are working hard learning and growing in their faith. It is wonderful to see such enthusiasm.

The Religious Education students are becoming involved in our parish community. One Sunday a month our students are bringing up the gifts at the offertory. Some of them are even learning to be greeters. A few of the Confirmation candidates have volunteered, as part of their community service, to help paint the church hall.

All of the classes will be learning about safe environments and how the parish community is always there to help and ensure their safety.

Please recognize and encourage our students as they become integral members of Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church.

INVITATION: On Sunday, December 7th, at 7:30PM, the Wilmington String Quartet and organist Vera Coombs join the Friends of the Arts Voices for a free performance of Handel's **Messiah**. It's a concert you won't want to miss. It's all yours free, so come to Handel's **Messiah** at the Wallace Baptist Church.

Blessing of the Child in the Womb Bishop Michael F. Burbidge will bless the children in the womb at the 10:45 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine of Siena parish in Wake Forest on December 21, 2014. The Office of Human Life and Dignity and the Office of Divine Worship are encouraging participation in this ceremony, recently released from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, to encourage parish prayers for -- and recognition of -- the precious gift of the child in the womb, and to foster respect for human life within society. If you are expecting a baby and would like to receive this very special blessing from our Bishop, please respond to Christiana at the church office (919) 570-0070.

God, author of all life,

bless, we pray, this unborn child;

give constant protection

and grant a healthy birth

that is the sign of our rebirth one day

into the eternal rejoicing of heaven...- excerpt from "[Rite for the Blessing](#) of a Child in the Womb."

The Annual Homeschool Mass with Bishop Michael

Burbidge, will take place on December 5th, 2014 at St. Mary Mother of the Church in Garner, North Carolina. Mass will start at 10:30a.m. and a reception will follow in the church hall until 1pm. All homeschoolers and their families of the Diocese are invited to attend. Visit this web address for registration links and contact information:

<http://tiny.cc/HMBishop>

Pope Francis in Philly!!

The World Awaits You and so does the Pope! It's official...Pope Francis is coming to the 8th World Meeting of Families! Plan your trip to Philadelphia, PA for September 22-27, 2015. The city will come alive with multicultural family-centered activities, a congress for youth and for adults and a Papal Mass. Register NOW! For more information see: <http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/worldmeeting>

Sunday, November 30th, 2014

Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Feb 6-8, 2015 in Asheville, NC and May 1-3, 2015 in Charlotte, NC. Early sign up is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org>

Information to be added to the bulletin must be emailed to eileenhirshkind@aol.com by Tuesday 10pm to appear in the upcoming bulletin. If you would like to receive an email copy, please visit www.catholicweb.com or email eileenhirshkind@aol.com



Being a Knight of Columbus is all about giving back to your community and building bonds of brotherhood. If you would like to be a part of our efforts to support our parish and our local community contact Gary Deininger, Grand Knight 665-1071

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The weekly format for reporting in the Bulletin will be:

Offertory as of: month/day/year (posted)

Offertory: MTD Year to date: (fiscal) Required: YTD(+/-)

SEPT Jul/Aug/Sept/ \$2350xwks/ ()

We will show Special collections, National Collections, Maintenance and Donations, Monthly.

Offertory for the week of November 9, 2014

\$2823.00 received vs \$2350.00 budget required. (+473)

Offertory for week of November 16, 2014

\$1718.00 received vs \$2350 budget required. (-632)

Offertory for week of November 23, 2014

\$1923.00 received vs \$2350 budget required. (-427)

OUR MINISTRIES

Liturgist: Rosanna Hirshkind (285-8647)

- Adoration: Pat Gasparini (285-4727), Donna Schulz (285-0711)
- Altar Guild: Tish Vandiver (285-4737), Barbara Crecco (665-1231)
- Altar Servers: Peter Huemiller (385-6281)
- Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Greeters:
- Magnificat: Kathy Lord (271-4660)
- Music: Lara Capparuccia (910-324-5540)
- Scheduler- Maureen McCarthy (285-5194)

Faith Formation (Adult & Children): Fran Braks (665-1092)

- Lighthouse CD info, Sheila Bartoldi 285-5702

Pastoral Care: Deacon Mike (285-4737)

- Bereavement & Hospitality: Kathy Lord (271-4660), Julie Couch (665-1068)
- Greetings: Pat Swinson (285-5996)
- Vocation Liaison: Annie Barnhill (abarnhill27@gmail.com)
- Homebound Eucharistic Ministry: Deacon Mike Vandiver (285-4737)
- Prayer Shawl: Delores Huemiller (385-7891)
- Prayer Tree: Geri Cullen (285-7334), Lita Hopkins (285-2830), Cheryl Partyka (285-6661)

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Fellowship: Nancy Mercure, nanamerc@centurylink.net (285-4172)

- First Sunday Breakfast: ,Melissa James (271-8221), Lillian Jimenez (665-1022), Judy Matthews (289-1738)
- Feast of the Transfiguration
- Heritage Month Feast
- Christmas Concert & Dinner:

Works of Mercy: Mike Vandiver (285-4737)

- Community: Feed Our Hungry Children, Julia Callahan (285-0503)
- Knights of Columbus: Gary Deininger, Grand Knight 665-1071
- Prison Ministry in Pender County: Deacon Robert Price (285-7426)
- Kitchen of Blessings: Peter Huemiller (385-6281)

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