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## Activity Schedule

### September

- 6 - Mon. Bingo, Hall. 6:00 P.M.  
LABOR DAY
- 7 - Tue. Council Business Meeting. Hall. 7:00 P.M.
- 8 - Wed. Assembly Business Meeting. Hall. 7:00 P.M.
- 12 - Sun. Memorial Mass for deceased Brother, followed by breakfast in FLC., 8:00 A.M.
- 13 - Mon. Bingo. Hall. 6:00 P.M.
- 14 - Tue. 1st Degree Exemplification. Hall. 8:00 P.M.
- 17 - Fri. Shrimp Boil, Hall, Doors open at 5:00 P.M., meal at 6:00 P.M.
- 20 - Mon. Bingo. Hall. 6:00 PM
- 26 - Sun. Msgr. Jones Golf Tournament, River Bend. & K of C Soccer Challenge, Lawson Creek Park 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
- 27 - Mon. Bingo. Hall. 6:00 PM
- 28 - Tue. Council Officers Mtg., 7:00 P.M., Hall

## Memorial Mass Scheduled

The Annual K of C Memorial Mass, honoring all our deceased Brothers, will be held on Sunday September 12, 2010 at 8:00 AM. The breakfast will follow immediately after Mass in The Family Life Center. This event is open to all Parishioners and the proceeds from the breakfast will be shared with St Paul Church and the Charitable Funds

Account of the Knights of Columbus. Tickets will be sold at all Masses on August 28 & 29 and September 4 & 5. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children; with a family maximum of \$20.00. Tickets are also available by contacting Patrick Rocco 514-0405; Danny Gennantonio 637-2322; and John La Pointe 626-5587. Please obtain

your tickets by September 6 so we can have an accurate count for setting up and preparing the breakfast. The meal consists of: scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, and biscuits served with coffee and or juice.

Vivat Jesus!  
GK Leo Minervini

## Knights Build Havana Seminary, Help Haitian Children

At the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Supreme Convention in Washington Supreme Knight Carl Anderson strongly urged Knights everywhere to re-emphasize the Order's first principle, charity. As a testimony to this commitment, Cardinal Jaime Ortega of Havana thanked the Supreme Knight for the Order's continued solidarity over the years with the Catholic Church in Cuba where the first Council was founded in 1909 and where the Knights continue to assist their needy neighbors wherever they can in a Communist country. Cardinal Ortega expressed his sincere gratitude for these efforts and especially for a new national seminary, constructed by the Knights to house 100 seminarians which is scheduled to open in November.

On Aug. 3 at the State Dinner Cardinal Ortega, who has headed the Havana Archdiocese since 1981, was presented the *Gaudium et Spes* Award by Supreme Knight Anderson. This is the Order's highest individual award of distinction and has only been presented eight times since 1992.

During his annual report at the convention Supreme Knight Carl Anderson also announced the Knights' effort called *Hope for Haiti's Children*, where the Order has contributed at least \$1 million in partnering with the University of Miami's Project Medishare to provide prosthetic devices and necessary therapy for the estimated 800 Haitian children who lost an arm or leg because of the Jan. 12 earth-

quake that struck their country.

This same theme has not been lost at the local New Bern Council level. Two weeks earlier during his remarks at the July 20 Installation of Council 3303 Officers Dinner, newly elected GK Leo Minervini, Jr. reminded his Brother Knights that our Council goal this year is to significantly increase our participation in charity. As a first step in that direction, the GK has established the Knights of Columbus Charitable Donations Team. (See the separate Knightlighter article about our Charitable Donations Team).

Mikie Casem, PGK

# GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

By now many of us are over the really hot part of the summer and looking forward to some cooler weather in the coming weeks.

If you are like me, I limited my activities in the yard to the cool early hours or stayed in an air-conditioned house protected from all the



weather. But for many of our brothers and sisters around the world, there is not a great deal of choice on their part. They suffer daily from the ravages of severe weather and fall victims to floods and famine.

Although we always knew that there were problems like this, the 24 hour news cycle and video technology brings these events into our homes on a daily basis and we watch them, and although we have much compassion for those less fortunate, we don't know what to do about it. Perhaps, as a suggestion, we need to get involved right here in our own communities and determine where we can serve best and what we might do to help ease someone's pain. There are endless calls for assistance in many nonprofit organizations and volunteer opportunities for a person to get involved and help those in need. This can be not only with monetary contributions but with donations of our time to help out.

The Internet can be used effectively to research organizations that focus their efforts in areas that we may have interests in. But we must make the effort to find where and what we can do to make someone's life better. In any case it is up to us to take the initiative and make something happen.

Lastly, if we are not in a position to do some of the things mentioned, we can offer a heartfelt prayer every time we

see someone in need, that God will continue to watch over the less fortunate and keep them in the palm of his hand.

Vivat Jesus! GK Leo Minervini

## OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

1 & 2 - Fri. & Sat. LAMB Collection, Wal-Mart and Harris Teeter

2 - Sat. Parish Food and Fun Fest, Family Life Center 6-8 P.M.

4 - Mon. Bingo, Hall, 6:00 P.M.

5 - Tue. Council Business Mtg. 7:00 P.M.

9 & 10 - Sat. & Sun. Membership Blitz

11 - Mon. Bingo, Hall, 6:00 P.M.

13 - Wed. Assembly Business Mtg. 7:00 P.M.

14 - Thu. Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner, Hall 6:00 P.M.

18 - Mon. Bingo, Hall, 6:00 P.M.

22 - Fri. St. Paul School Lobster Fest

25 - Mon. Bingo, Hall, 6:00 P.M.

26 - Tue. Council Officers Mtg. Hall, 7:00 P.M.

30 - Sat. Gigantic Yard Sale, Hall

## August Knight of the Month: SK Jim Dunham

Surely, all of us have noticed the changes in August on the sanctuary at our St Paul Catholic Church. Right away, I had to break from my habit of turning to genuflect toward the left; for there, squarely in the center of the sanctuary, directly behind the altar, is our beautiful Tabernacle; holding the real presence of our Savior. Supporting the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our risen Christ, is a lovely, yet subdued piece of art. Crafted by a brother with the gift from God to manipulate wood into all sorts of beautiful works.

This Brother and Sir Knight has certainly created a legacy for himself by adding yet another well thought out creation to his long list of efforts to our Church, Council, and Assembly. It is truly a gift itself to not only be able to hear God's call; but to answer as well. So let it be known that for the month of August 2010, Worthy Brother and Sir Knight Jim Dunham is chosen Knight of the Month for Msgr Jones council 3303. Please take the time to thank Brother Jim for this great gift to our sanctuary and for all the fabulous projects that he has laid his hands on over the years.

John LaPointe, DGK

## Monsignor James R. Jones Golf Tournament

The Annual Knights of Columbus Monsignor James R. Jones Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday September 26, 2010 at the River Bend Country Club. The price is \$38.00 per player, which includes 18 holes of Golf, a shared Golf Cart, a turkey dinner, prizes and an afternoon of fun with your K of C Brothers. Guests are welcome to join us as they have been in the past.

Check-in time is 11:30 AM with a shotgun tee off time of 12:30 PM. You can make up your own team or the Tournament Coordinators will place you with a team. Contact Chick Natella at 670-5909 and let him know that you are coming to the tournament and send him your check for entry fee.

The Golf Team Coordinators



# Deputy Grand Knight's Perspective

At the most recent 1st degree exemplification, our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gournas was our honoree. He had some wonderful words about charity and saying yes to God's call, the same as Mary said yes when God chose her to be the living Tabernacle of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. This is the ultimate gift of charity.



These words tied in nicely with the "Assumption of Mary" on 15 August. How thrilling it is to be chosen to do the work of God, by being asked by God himself to take on the burdens of charity without any promise of honor. When we're asked to take on these duties, is it the call itself that is the greatest honor? The honor of being asked is often lost when we consider our answer.

How brave of young Mary to say yes to God's call without considering the answer. We may not be called by God to carry the man God as was our Blessed Mother, but we are called upon to be his hands and feet. As Knights we are asked often to do the work of charity and it is the reason why most of us joined, and with unity, the heavy workload is lessened by many hands.

I am often impressed at not only the workload carried by many Knights, but impressed beyond understanding because of the maturity of the men carrying out these often times arduous tasks. I hope and pray that the younger men of our council use these more experienced Knights as role models and add their own talents to lessen the load. These Brothers, (and their ladies) who answer the call with a resounding "yes" are very busy in answering the call for charity.

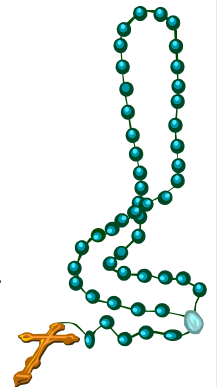
I look forward myself to being able to always hear the call and respond to it with honor. I also was nourished by Fr. Gournas' words when he spoke of those who are so busy that we don't leave ourselves time to be still in God's presence and to give ourselves time to pray often and praise God for what He has given us. Do we thank Him enough for the call to charity itself? I am blessed by being a Knight of Columbus, and it has surely made me more aware of what it is to be a charitable, God loving Catholic Christian.

May God continue to bless us all with good health and rousing spiritually and the blessings of fellowship bestowed upon us as Knights of Columbus and good Catholic gentlemen.  
 Vivat Jesus,  
 John Mary La Pointe, DGK

## NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

- 1 - Mon. Bingo, Hall, 6:00 P.M.
- 2 - Tue. Council Business Meeting, Hall, 7:00 P.M.

- 6 -Sat. Fourth Degree Exemplification, Charlotte
- 6 & 7 - Sat. & Sun. CDA Christmas Boutique, Family Life Center
- 8 - Mon. Bingo, Hall, 6 P.M.
- 9 -Tue. First Degree Exemplification, Hall, 8:00 P.M.
- 10 -Wed. Assembly Business Mtg., Hall, 7:00 P.M.
- 12 -Fri. Widows Dinner & 300 Club Drawing at K of C Hall
- 15 -Mon. Bingo, Hall, 6:00 P.M.
- 22 -Mon. Bingo, Hall, 6:00 P.M.
- 25 -Thu. Thanksgiving
- 29 -Mon. Bingo, Hall, 6:00 P.M.
- 30 -Tue. Council Officers Mtg., Hall, 7:00 P.M.



## KNIGHTS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays - 8AM Mass at OLD St Paul - Holy Hour at the New Church at 6PM with Benediction. All Other Fridays - Mass at Old St Paul at 8 AM with Adoration from 8:30 AM to 12 ending with Benediction. All Knights are welcome. The Prayer Book for all Knights and Parishioners who are sick or need prayers is in the Atrium and is placed on the Altar.  
 SK Hugh McHugh

Jesus said "Can You Come Watch One Hour With Me?"



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## Pro-Life

Bishop Michael Burbidge of Raleigh and Bishop Jugis of Charlotte are urging North Carolina's Catholics to oppose a decision by the University of North Carolina system to include abortion coverage in its student health insurance plan.

"It is deeply disturbing that a state-sponsored health insurance plan is providing coverage, and therefore funding, for the direct destruction of innocent human life," the Bishops said. "We call on the UNC Board of Governors to halt the requirement of students to underwrite those who support this unacceptable practice which seeks to end the life of the weak and defenseless."

You can simplify your response to the UNC Board of Governors by going to the web page [www.catholicvoicenc.org](http://www.catholicvoicenc.org) and they will help forward your response to UNC. Bart Spano, ProLife Chairman

## "Thank You!"

### Knights

Thanks to the artistry of Jim Dunham our Tabernacle for the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament is now moved to the center of the Church. Jim has crafted many items for our Sanctuary and each he has done as a Knight of Columbus. Central to the code of the Knights of Columbus is service to God and His Church, especially the local parish of each Council and Assembly. I am grateful to Jim and to all the Knights for their support of St. Paul Parish.

My prayer now is that this physical move of the reserved Blessed Sacrament will remind each of us that this same Sacrament must always be central to our lives.

We were all happy to hear that the Knights of Columbus yard sale was a big success making it possible for the Knights to meet their commitments to many charities, especially St. Paul Parish.

What we do not hear about are the many acts of charity that are a part of the day itself. I was at breakfast with a group of parishioners (a rather noisy group, I might add) and heard some of these stories: the man who bought shoes for his 13 grandchildren who were in need of same, when he couldn't afford the small asking price. There was suddenly a special sale decided at the moment and he got all 13 pair for \$3.50. And the stories multiplied - yes the yard sale is to raise money but it is also to help the poor obtain needed items with dignity. Thanks to the Knights and their ladies who work so hard to make these sales both a work of charity and a financial success.

August 15, was the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother into heaven where she constantly advocates for us before her Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen." What a gift, what a blessing, what a joy!

Love and Blessings to all  
Monsignor Lewis

## An Apology from the Grand Knight

Brothers, Widows and Family members; I recently sent out a "Phone Tree" message letting folks know about the Mass for a Brother Knight who passed away. I now know that many folks got calls in the middle of the night and were understandably upset. Today Fletcher Walsh researched the problem and determined that when a new PC was installed re-

cently to replace the old Phone Tree PC, the internal system clock was set to Berlin, Germany Time and not Daylight Savings Time for the Eastern United States. This of course threw the Phone Tree System off by the time difference from Berlin, Germany and New Bern, NC. All other settings for calling Start and Stop times were set correctly. Regardless of the cause, I do apologize for the error and accept responsibility for the inconvenience and any problems it caused. GK Leo Minervini

## July Knight of the Month: SK Michael Haynes

"...as always an excellent and very professional publication, it does our order proud."

That is the quote from our State Secretary, Greg Kent, describing "The Knightlighter". As is the common response from our superiors, "The Knightlighter", our local KofC official publication is once again getting the attention that we all know it deserves, for the professional manner in which it is edited and published. This is no small feat. To show our appreciation for creating this work of art that we all look forward to reading each month, to acknowledge the time and effort to produce what is obviously a joyful pursuit, and to use his gifts from God to bless us with our monthly communication, let it be said, that for the month of July 2010, Worthy Brother and Sir Knight Michael Haynes is the Msgr. Jones Council 3303 Knight of the Month. Please congratulate Brother Mike, not only for being Knight of the Month, but also for his well done vehicle of communication.



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## Notes from the Faithful Navigator

The Fraternal Year (2010/11) got off to a good start with the success of our Yard Sale. The sale made possible numerous contributions which we made in August to our Church, School and the Marine Corp. at Cherry Point.



Looking forward there are two events that I would like to tell you about. The first is the 2010 Exemplification and the other event is one planned by Honor Flight Southeastern North Carolina.

Let's first turn our attention to the meaning of our order and when it came about. On February 22, 1900, the first Exemplification of the Fourth degree took place with 1100 knights participating. The purpose of this new unit was to add patriotism to the three original principles of our Order: charity, unity and fraternity.

This year, 2010, is the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fourth Degree. Today, there are fewer than 18 percent of total Knights of Columbus (1,703,307) who are Fourth Degree (292,289). At the Father Kenneth I. Parker Assembly 1820, we have 155 active members. The officers and members of our assembly would like to encourage more Third Degree members to join, and we are committed to assisting you.

To be eligible to become a Fourth Degree Knight, a Third Degree member must be in good standing and have received his First Degree at least 6

months prior to applying for membership. Fourth Degree members must also retain their Third Degree membership in our Council.

All of the details of this year's Exemplification are not available as I am writing this report. However, I do know that the date will be November 6, 2010, at the Renaissance Charlotte Suites Hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina. The cost is \$70 per candidate which includes a baldric, pin, certificate and one (1) banquet ticket. This does not include hotel or a banquet ticket for any guest. I will have detailed information from our State Assembly regarding the Ladies Luncheon, babysitting, etc. shortly. In the meantime, I encourage all Fourth Degree members to talk to Third Degree Brothers.

If you are considering joining our Assembly this year please let me know. I can be reached at home (252-633-1855) or on my cell (252-675-8778).

The second event is one being sponsored by Honor Flight Southeastern North Carolina (HFSENC), which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to giving thanks to World War II veterans.

On September 22, 2010, an aircraft has been scheduled to leave New Bern at approximately 7:30 AM to transport World War II Veterans to Washington D.C. While there, they will visit the World War II and other military memorials. Guardians will assist them with mobility and medical problems.

On their return to New Bern, HFSENC would like to have "ALL" of the area Honor Guard personnel in full regalia lining the way from the airplane to the terminal doors. Arrangements are being made with security to allow this to happen. ALL SIR KNIGHTS with

regalia should contact Donald Monk, the Color Corps Commander (252)671-0794. If you are unable to reach Monk, please call me at home or on my cell. Please mark you calendar and save the date – September 22, 2010.

Our next meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup>, and I encourage all of you to come. In the meantime, come out on Tuesday mornings and help us get ready for the next yard sale 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

God Bless You All, Jim Whetzel, FN

## Sir Knight of the Month: Donato "Danny" Gennantonio, PGK - PFN

In recognition of his many outstanding accomplishments and contributions, Sir Knight Donato "Danny" Gennantonio, PGK – PFN, is enthusiastically recognized as the Fr. Kenneth I Parker Assembly Sir Knight of the Month for August.

Sir Knight Donato is a Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator and is currently serving as a member of the Assembly's Color Corps and Officer Rank as the Faithful Pilot. He is actively involved in the church being a member of the Finance Committee, an Usher at Mass, an Eucharistic Minister, and Head of the Cemetery Committee. He also serves as the Chairman of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Yard Sale Committee where he spends countless hours a week insuring donations are properly handled and displayed for the next impending yard sale. Through his efforts many charitable community organizations benefit directly from these sales both monetarily and with useful household furnishings. This makes the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus visible in the local community and recognized as a philanthropic organization.

His dedication to the Order, his Assembly, and his fellow Knights, along with his commitment to Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism make Sir Knight Donato Gennantonio truly deserving of this award.

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## Charitable Donations Team is Formed

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and our GK Leo Minervini, Jr. have the same goal this fraternal year: to increase the Knights' participation in Charity, the first principle of our Order. To foster this spirit and make it happen at our Council level, GK Minervini has established the Charitable Donations Team, or CDT.

The purpose of the CDT is to identify charitable entities, evaluate and prioritize requests, determine available funding and submit to Council Officers for appropriate action. For approved requests for funding, a follow up is performed to determine effectiveness of charitable donation.

The GK has appointed Mikie Casem as Chairman and three (3) Team members; Lud Hartung, John Scharf, and Bart Spano. The Team is in the process of developing a brief Operations Guide which will define its guidelines and process. As we roll out this new Council facility over the coming weeks, we will make every effort to inform folks that we're here, and where possible, available to serve the needy of the New Bern community.

Look for future articles in the Knightlighter, regular monthly reports at Council Business meetings, and a link to the CDT from the Council's homepage ([kofcnewbern.org](http://kofcnewbern.org)). Meanwhile please direct all requests for charitable donations from the Council to the CDT (Mikie Casem, Chairman) at 633-5700 or email:

[hicottn@embarqmail.com](mailto:hicottn@embarqmail.com) -

Mikie Casem, Charitable Donations Team, Chairman.

## Dear Knights of Monsignor Jones Council 3303

As most of you know my wife Anna has been ill recently. My wife Anna and I would like to thank all of you for your fervent prayers for Anna. We

recently received a card notifying us of the prayers the Council offered for Anna. So often we all pray at our meetings and are reminded of those who need intervention and prayerful assistance. These times are part of who we are as Knights! Through your prayers you all tend the sick. I have yet to pass a Knight, who knows about Anna's condition, that has not stopped to have us understand your kindness. It is our strength!

We know through your prayers that our Christ is within each of you and you each assist us through Him. How amazing the power of our Knights! His will is done through each of you and we in return pray for you and yours. God Bless us all and keep us in His care.

Vivat Jesus!

C.J. and Anna Brooker

## Special Olympics 2010

September is a very busy month for the Special Olympics and our many wonderful athletes. We start with bowling on Thursday, Sept 9 at 4:30 PM. It is held weekly at the Strike Zone on Hwy. 17. We will start Bocce on Monday, Sept. TBA 4:30 PM and it is held weekly at Creek Side Park. Our Youth Swimming program will start on Thursday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 PM at the YMCA. Our Adult Swimming program will start on Friday, Sept. 10 at 1:00 PM at the YMCA.

Special Olympics Promotional effort will take place at the Cultural Fair, to be held at Union Point Park on Saturday, September 18. "Craven's Got Talent" is the Special Olympics major funds raiser event. The concert will be held Saturday, September 25. We need the help of all Knights in promoting the event. Tickets are \$5 each and the committee promised that this year the talent will be top shelf. The program will last from 6 to 9 PM. The Knights of Columbus Color Corps has been requested to present the Colors and lead the athletes into the auditorium at Grover C Fields for this musical event. We need to fill the hall.

The Special Olympics Spaghetti Dinner is set for Thursday, October 14 at the K of C hall from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. As in the past we will offer eat in or carry out. Plan to be part of this event and sign up to help at the carry out station, hall service, or being part of the clean up team.

The Bowling competition for our elementary school athletes will be held on October 20 at the Strike Zone starting at 10 AM. The middle and high school competition will be held on October 27 at the Strike Zone also starting at 10 AM. Please sign up for a lane assignment to help the athletes do their thing. The adult competition will be held on November 3 at the Stars & Stripes on Cherry Point at 10 AM. This event is staffed by the Marines.

Thank you,  
John Scharf, Special Olympics  
Home 633-6766  
Email [olddog1@embarqmail.com](mailto:olddog1@embarqmail.com)

## Knights of Columbus Shrimp Boil

The annual Shrimp Boil will be held on Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the K of C Hall. Doors will open at 5:00 PM and dinner is at 6:00 PM. SK Jim Whetzel and his helpers are completing the plans for a delicious Shrimp Dinner. He has been keeping a sharp eye on local shrimp prices since the problem that impacted the seafood industry in the Gulf Region. Local shrimp are still plentiful and there is no problem with the quality. The price for the Shrimp Dinner will be the same as last year at \$25.00 per couple, \$13.00 for singles, and \$8.00 for Children. Tickets can be purchased from:

Patrick Rocco 514-0405

Danny Gennantonio 637-2322.

Hope to see you all there. GK Leo Minervini

## Welcome to our new Priest, Father Vic Gournas

Most of you have already met Father Vic Gournas and have found him to be a real breath of fresh air. Father Vic is the son of Johnny and Helen Gournas, and was raised in Raleigh, North Carolina. Father was baptized in the Episcopal Church. Father attended NC State University and in 1987 received his masters in Textiles. After this he pursued a career in the *active-wear apparel* industry. His first career he worked in the manufacturing and sales of athletic apparel. The second career was in the engineering field, where he provided support for various engineering standards pertaining to electrical equipment placement in manufacturing plants worldwide.

Father's conversion to the Catholic Faith began about 1996. In 2000 he began the RCIA Program and wanted to go through the proper procedures to enter the Roman Catholic Church. He joined the Catholic Church for a myriad of reasons. Among them were the history and tradition of the Catholic Church, the Eucharist, and the Apostolic Succession of the Church, i.e., the Popes and Bishops can be traced back to Peter. Through prayer, reading, and study Father came to believe that the Roman Catholic Church was the Apostolic Church founded by Jesus Christ. After spending two years as a Catholic, Father began to follow a call to Holy Orders for the Priesthood which became clearer during the illness of his mother.

During this time Father made many visits to his mother while she was in assisted living. It was then that he shifted his attention to what was really important. Father started thinking about what was the definition of success, was it career and material success? He discovered he wasn't really happy. While caring for his Mother, when she was ill, he felt a beautiful fulfillment in the giving of one's self for others. During this time God's action seemed to really manifest itself in his

life, which prompted Father to contact the Diocese of Raleigh Office of Vocations.

In 2004 Father left his duties with the engineering society and spent one year of pastoral duties at St Mary's Church in Wilmington, NC before beginning seminary. Father attended St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore from 2005 to 2007. Next he attended St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia from 2008 to 2010.

Father is very humbled to have the opportunity to minister to the sick and the gift of offering the Sacraments to the people of God. When offering the Sacraments and nourishing the people you are not walking alone. God, with His abundant grace, is always working through any situation in pastoral ministry. When offering the Gifts to the people, Father enjoys the interaction and feels Blessed to have a role in the lives of people. He is pleased that people come to him, and God gives him the needed confidence and grace to work in this Ministry. The Catholic Church teaches that when you are baptized you receive a "seal" marking you for Christ. When you are ordained you are "configured to Christ", so that when offering the Sacraments, the Priest becomes "Persona Christi" (which means "acting in the person of Christ").

Father Vic has lived in New York City and various other points in the North and South. He loves living in New Bern, a smaller town aspect, and the atmosphere here. Not by any surprise Father is a beach person.

We are all blessed to have Father Vic here at St. Paul and hope he will have many rewarding years with us.  
Sandy and Nancy Stewart



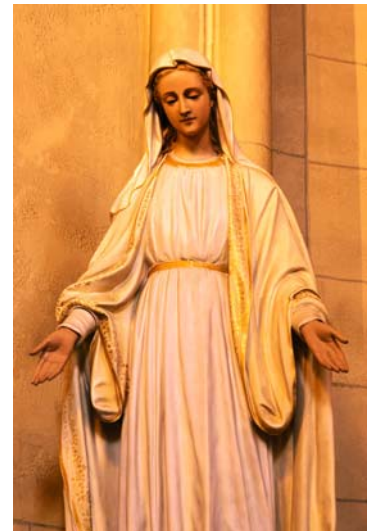
Fr. Vic at his desk

## K of C Soccer Challenge

Msgr. James R Jones Council # 3303 will hold their annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge on Sunday Sept. 26, 2010 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Lawson Creek Park. All children ages 10-14 are encouraged to participate.

Volunteers are needed to keep score, register participants, etc. Please contact Jeff Ross at 252-474-0063 to help.

Jeff Ross, Youth Coordinator



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