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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil Eucharist: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday Eucharist:

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. Spanish Mass

Weekday Eucharist: 8:00 A.M. (Mon-Fri)

Holy Days: Vigil: 7:00 P.M.

Day: 8:00 A.M., 12 Noon, 7:00 P.M.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least 1 year in advance. Marriage dates may be made only with the priest after he interviews the couple.

Please call the rectory to set up an appointment. Pre-Cana classes required.

BAPTISMS: Parents are required to attend one evening class before Baptism; and are encouraged to attend class during pregnancy. Baptismal class is held on the 1st Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. For more information contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK:

Emergency calls for the Sacraments for the seriously ill may be made any time of the day or night, every day of the year. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be celebrated every second Friday of the month at the 8 A.M. mass. All those who are seriously ill, including those preparing for surgery or a hospital stay, are invited to receive the Sacrament.

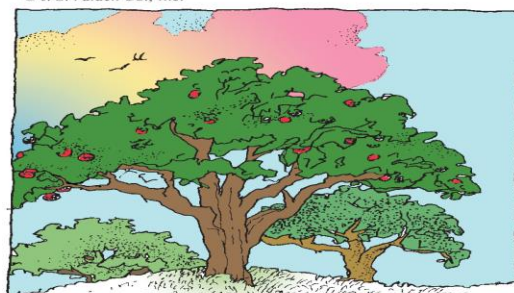
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

FIRST FRIDAYS of each month
Following the 8 AM Mass



And
EVERY MONDAY DURING ADVENT
at 8 PM
IN THE CHURCH

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**Be patient until the
coming of the Lord**

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
5:00 P.M. Irwin Billman
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
8:00 A.M. Michael Betjemann
9:30 A.M. Anthony Mineo
11:00 A.M. Antonetta & Frank Morrone
5:00 P.M. People of the Parish
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12
8:00 A.M. Robert Fink
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13
8:00 A.M. Edmund Stains
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14
8:00 A.M. James Rush
Rosemary Rush
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15
8:00 A.M. Susan Barrett Malone
Robert Barrett
James Rush
Rosemary Rush
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16
8:00 A.M. Theresa Tami Eddy
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
5:00 P.M. Maureen Leck
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
8:00 A.M. James Rush
9:30 A.M. Robert Davies
11:00 A.M. Michael Ferrara
5:00 P.M. People of the Parish

HONOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY
Lt. Cameron Worden

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED
ESTELLE WILCZEWSKI GREG MENSCH

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
EVERY MONDAY
DURING ADVENT AT 8 PM

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.

Monday, December 18
Following the 8 A.M. Mass until 9 A.M.
4:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Penance Service with confession at 7:00 P.M.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Prayers are requested for: Dorothea Villano, Sebastian Ross, Evan Cotter, Barbara Mietzner, Kurt Mietzner, Jamison Soluk, Shaun Matthews, Fritz Ross, Kevin Mansfield, Linda Murphy, Maggie Ward, Stan Kuczynski, Michael Klecan, Brayden Stowell, Jake Daniels, Patricia Klecan, William Krammer, Mary Kearns Lehman, Lynne Handville, Michele Cavuto, Cathy Burch, Marianne Giglio, Rosemary Ann Varade, John C. Mansfield, Leisa DeCarlo, Francis X. O'Connor, Gwen DiMiceli, Louise Sangiorgio, John McAuley, Michael Fish, Sue Dwyer, Hannah G, Karen Landau, Dr. Marcus Cockerill, Carmen Miranda, Claudette Tully King, Josephine Nobisso, Morgan Leary, Ryan Dodt, Phil Pennisi, Pamela Rae, Barbara Ann Mietzner, Gair Betts, Thomas Buys, Joseph Geli, Steve Chmela, Edward Joyce, Elizabeth Van Hook Mansfield. Colette Guydish, Brad Russell, Susie Schmidt, James Malachowsky, Mae Biancone, Louise Wall, Nicole Kienzle, Irene Barrow, Gerri Simon, James Crumlish, Timothy Mahr, Tanner Morales, Ruth Baker, Lois Netter, Pauline Albarano, Bill Pugh, Linda Restaino Merola, Joe Burton, Rev. Jerry Fitzsimmons, Norman Gunderson, Eleanor Larkin, Father Michael Flynn, Arthur Duarte, Marolyn Dente, Daisy Helen O'Neil, Alisa, Jennifer, Carl Frost, Kevin Fitzgerald, Peter Burger, David Roller, Christopher Keese

STEWARDSHIP

A Way of Life

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus tell St. John the Baptist's disciples of the good work He has done.

***LIVING STEWARDSHIP
PILLAR of PRAYER***

When you read and hear of Jesus' works, have courage to turn to Him in prayer and ask Him to help you with what you are struggling with.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT



DECEMBER 4, 2022 \$ 5,621

Fundraiser for Homebound Streaming \$23,225

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Walking with the Lord

Annual Report

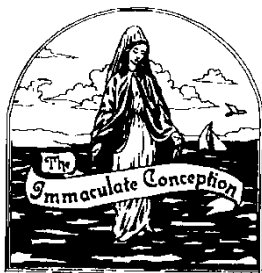
Every year, we put together a short report of the progress and position of the parish from a financial, physical and spiritual perspective. It is meant to show how the resources of the parish are being used for the proclamation of the Gospel both to our parish family and the wider community at large. For now, we continue our walk with the Lord.

Caminando con el Señor

Reporte Anual

Cada año, elaboramos un breve informe del progreso y la posición de la parroquia desde una perspectiva financiera, física y espiritual. Está destinado a mostrar cómo los recursos de la parroquia se están utilizando para la proclamación del Evangelio tanto a nuestra familia parroquial como a la comunidad en general. Por ahora continuamos nuestro camino con el Señor.





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2022 Annual Report Of Parish Life

December 2022

Dear Parishioners,

We continue to try to be good stewards of the resources we have and to enhance our ability to serve our parish community. This year we were able to refinish the Bell Tower and install two new boilers in the parish center. All of this has taken place with your generosity, cooperation and prayer. In all of this we have a lot to be thankful for. This report is meant as a summary of all the good works and ministry we have done together as a parish. This year, the investments of the parish took a hit as did the stock market as a whole. I look forward to praying and working with you to continue to build up this great parish of Immaculate Conception.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Michael J. Bartholomew

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Spiritual Report

The celebration of the sacraments is the most important work of a parish. Every parishioner is part of that work. In bringing the Grace of God to our children and those who are ill, we are caring for our brothers and sisters most in need of Him

The Year is From January 1 to December 31

	2020	2021		2020	2021
Baptisms	29	48	Marriages	5	19
First Penance	45	50	Anointing of the Sick	179	212
First Communion	45	54	Communion to the Sick	626	1395
Confirmations	46	50	Funerals	43	40
Enrollment in Re. Ed.	467	462			

Charity Report

In addition to providing food for more than 250 families over the course of the year, the parish took part in the Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach, providing holiday meals and gifts to every needy person we could. Led by Kristin Werner Kalisak, and joining with our entire community, we once again provided for them a holiday they could not have had without us.

Outreach provided direct aid to persons in need of housing, transportation, electricity, fuel oil, propane, water and other needs, we distributed \$31,500.00

We thank God for his great gifts to us that enable us to help others. May we in the coming year increase our efforts for those in need.

Annual Report
Immaculate Conception Church

	Year ended August 31,		
	2022	2021	Variance
Sunday, Holyday, all other regular collections	567,939	489,861	78,078
Fundraising {CM Appeal, Phantom Beach Party,etc.)	9,370	28,676	(19,306)
Parish Programs {Religious education, etc.)	66,028	80,832	(14,804)
Auxiliary revenue{Perquisites, special donations, etc.)	219,685	181,518	38,167
Diocesan & Other Collections	28,952	15,794	13,158
Interest, dividends, investment gains/(losses)	(260,572)	212,831	(473,403)
Extraordinary Revenue	17,417	205,301	(187,884)
Total Operating Revenue	648,819	1,214,813	(565,994)
Expenses			
<i>Salaries:</i>			
Clergy	16,314	16,120	194
Extra Priest	21,930	17,495	4,435
Office Personnel & Household	107,084	104,320	2,764
Plant Operation & Maintenance	54,664	55,095	(431)
Religious Education	38,610	38,610	-
Music	42,382	51,425	(9,043)
Fringe Benefits(health ins, pensions, etc.)	89,120	81,903	7,217
Fundraising/development	9	10,502	(10,493)
Parish programs{Rel.Ed., Ministries, etc)	71,349	69,545	1,804
Regional School{OLQA Center Moriches)	58,783	56,571	2,212
Printing and Office	59,890	52,677	7,213
Auxiliary Expenses{Missalettes, charity, etc.)	65,340	66,630	(1,290)
Rectory Expenses	23,330	18,548	4,782
Diocesan & Other Collections	28,952	15,794	13,158
Building & Maintenance(Utilities, repairs, etc.)	180,536	163,581	16,955
Total Expenses	858,293	818,816	39,477
Net Ordinary Revenue Over Expenses	(209,474)	395,997	(605,471)
Extraordinary Repairs & Renovations	24,205	165,501	(141,296)
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(233,679)	230,496	(464,175)

Catholic Ministries Appeal

2021		2022	
Goal:	\$62,800.00	Goal:	\$62,800.00
Pledged:	\$47,071.00	Pledged:	\$61,302.78
Paid to date:	\$45,786.18	Paid to date:	\$60,307.78
Rebated to Parish:	\$0	Rebated to parish:	\$11,178.00

Parish Stewardship

Parish reserves are established for capital improvements and funding the parish operations during the winter months when our parish membership is a lot lower.

As of this report we encourage you to continue to be good stewards. We would like our parishioners to know that we are doing our best with the donations you have made and continue to provide. While your continued support is necessary, it is very encouraging.

Parish Reserves as of August 31, 2022

Savings/Money Market	\$151,548
Checking	\$175,606
Unitas Funds	\$59,545
Other Investments	<u>\$1,083,284</u>
Total Reserves	<u>\$1,469,983</u>

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a great power in prayer. It is our lifeline to God. Through it we communicate with God, and people are strengthened, helped, and made whole'

Do you know of some concern, or of some person with a special need for whom we ought to pray? If so print out this form and place it in the offering basket or return it to the parish office.

PLEASE PRINT

Please pray for

Because of

- () Please list in next bulletin
() Please place on prayer chain

Signed _____

MEDITATION WITH DEACON JOE TUESDAYS, 2PM, PARISH CENTER MASKS SUGGESTED

Try something new this year. Spend an hour in peaceful meditation with the Lord.
He will bless you for it.

eGiving makes it easy to give, anytime, anywhere.

To continue lifesaving ministries and outreach in our parish community, we depend on generous online donations from our church family. We prayerfully invite you to use eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

FAITH DIRECT

Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Immaculate Conception with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes.

Visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/NY66>

Thank you for your continued support

HELP US

We could use your help keeping our Prayers for the Sick and Military list up to date. If you know of any changes, please let us know. Thank you.



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ANYONE WISHING TO ADOPT A FAMILY
SHOULD CONTACT

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DONATIONS OF GIFT CARDS FROM
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CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas wreaths after each Mass. Support a great organization and beautify your house at the same time.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

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Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

4:00 P.M. in the Parish Center and in the Church

6:00 P.M. in the Church

8:00 P.M. in Spanish in the Church

En Espanol en la Iglesia

Midnight in the Church

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.

All in the Church

NO EVENING MASS CHRISTMAS DAY



Food Pantry Needs

Peanut butter, canned fruit, toiletries, juice, juice boxes

CONFESSIONS

DECEMBER 17
4:00 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
Confessions following the 8:00 A.M. Mass until 9:00 A.M.
4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M. Penance Service with Confessions

**To Assist You In Your Preparation For The
Sacrament of Penance We Offer the Following:**

Examination of Conscience:

The Ten Commandments:

1. **I am the Lord, your God, you shall not have strange gods before me:** The occult or superstition; denial of faith in Jesus, His teachings and church; allowing others to belittle our faith; fully participating in other religions (receiving communion in non-catholic churches); not praying.
2. **You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain:** Cursing, blasphemy, swearing; invoking the name of Christ and God irreverently.
3. **Keep holy the Lord's Day:** Not participating in the Mass on Sundays or Holy Days; unnecessary work on this one day meant for God, family and rest; receiving Communion without Confession when aware of a serious sin.
4. **Honor your father and your mother:** Young children must obey and respect their parents; all must respect and aid parents; respect those in authority, obedience to just laws, parents and all in authority must live honorable lives.
5. **You shall not kill:** anything to do with abortion which is murder; suicide, euthanasia; serious injury of health by drugs, alcohol, etc.; violence in deed or word against another person.
6. **You shall not commit adultery:** Any physical expression of sexual love outside of marriage; pornography; immodesty; within marriage sexuality is the expression of love and openness to life.
7. **You shall not steal:** Stealing; destruction of property; fraud; unfair wages; cheating on tests or homework; doing less than paid for; neglect of the poor; gambling which causes hardship.
8. **You shall not bear false witness:** Lying; speaking damaging truth about another to someone who has no right to that knowledge; gossip.
9. **You shall not covet your neighbor's wife:** Lustfully considering another person as a sex object.
10. **You shall not covet your neighbor's goods:** Jealousy and envy of another's talents and goods.

The Great Commandment: *You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your strength and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

To receive the Sacrament of Penance one should first examine your conscience and try to remember when your last confession was. There is no sin and time that cannot be forgiven! When you approach the priest, either anonymously or face to face, you may use a formula such as "Bless me father, for I have sinned; it has been (how long) since my last confession." Or just tell the priest you are unsure and he will help you. The priest will give you your penance (prayers to say or something to do) and ask you to recite an Act of Contrition (this may be a memorized prayer, "O my God, I am heartily sorry...", or any version; as simple as "Jesus have mercy on me a sinner," or something from the heart.) After the priest gives you absolution, carry out your penance as soon as possible. Remember, if a priest yelled at you 40 years ago, he's dead a long time or you might have needed it. But primarily, the priest is there to represent the Lord who loves you and forgives you.

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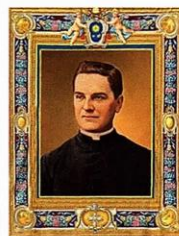
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