

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**October 1, 2023**

The Parable of  
**TWO**  
SONS



MATTHEW 21:28-32

STORIES  
THAT  
CHANGED  
THE  
WORLD



## Church of the Immaculate Conception

580 Main Street

P.O. Box 1227

Westhampton Beach, NY 11978-7227

### STAFF

**Rev. Kenneth Grooms, Pastor**

Rev. Richard Hoerning, in Residence

Deacon Joseph Byrne  
Deacon Mark Herrmann

Shawn Pinson, Sacristan  
Donna Cosme, Director of Religious Education  
Anne Dean, Secretary of Religious Education  
Linda Geoghan, Parish Secretary  
Lyubov Pechenyuk, Rectory Cook  
Kalina Mrmevska, Music Director

#### **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday

9:00am to 2:00pm

CLOSED Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays

#### **Parish Office**

631-288-1423

Fax 631-288-5498  
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631-288-4188

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### Celebration of the Eucharist

#### **Saturday**

5:00pm Vigil Mass

#### **Sunday**

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

5:00pm (Spanish Mass)

#### **Daily Mass**

8:00am Monday through Friday

#### **Holy Days**

Vigil @ 7:00pm (Spanish Mass)

Day @ 8:00am, 12:00pm, & 7:00pm

#### **First Saturday Mass** 9:00am

Rosary starts at 8:45am

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

FIRST FRIDAYS of each month following the 8:00am Mass and LAST MONDAYS of each month at 7:00pm in the Church

#### **Confessions**

Every Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm

**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 Parish Office to set up an appointment. Pre- Cana classes are 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 8:00am Mass. All those who are seriously ill, including those preparing for surgery or a hospital stay, are invited to receive the Sacrament.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;  
Mt 18:1-5, 10  
**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56  
**Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62  
**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;  
Lk 10:1-12  
**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9;  
Lk 10:13-16  
**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37;  
Lk 10:17-24  
**Sunday:** Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20;  
Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

**Psalms** — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

**Gospel** — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).



## eGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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!

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
09/24/2023	Weekly Collection	\$7,070.00
09/27/2022	Weekly Collection	\$7,466.10

Thank you for your continuous support!

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday** **September 30**  
5:00pm Patrick Biancone & Vin Zorbo (Fr. Michael)  
**Sunday** **October 1**  
8:00am Michael Betjemann (Fr. Peter)  
9:30am Patricia Kilkenny Donovan (Fr. Richard)  
11:00am Julie Halloy Kapec (Fr. Ken)  
5:00pm People of the Parish (Fr. Maurizio)  
**Monday** **October 2**  
8:00am Intentions of Kevin Graham (Fr. Ken)  
**Tuesday** **October 3**  
8:00am Madison Gerhard (Fr. Ken)  
**Wednesday** **October 4**  
8:00am Dick Herzog (Fr. Richard)  
**Thursday** **October 5**  
8:00am Memorial Mass (Fr. Peter)  
**Friday** **October 6**  
8:00am Christopher Keesee (Fr. Richard)  
**Saturday** **October 7**  
9:00am Mary Jane Sheehan Kroon (Fr. Ken)  
4:00pm **Confessions** (Fr. Richard)  
5:00pm Intentions of the Fitzgerald, McGuire, & Giglio Families (Fr. Ken)  
**Sunday** **October 8**  
8:00am John Lowe & Charles Newell (Fr. Michael)  
9:30am Gunther Schmidt (Fr. Peter)  
11:00am Patricia Donovan (Fr. Richard)  
5:00pm People of the Parish (Fr. Mike)

Please check the website for an updated Presider schedule.

## PEACEFUL HEART

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.

—St. Francis of Assisi

## MARRIAGE BANS

**II** Malachy Mahon to Kaitlyn Curtin  
**I** Philip Lopresti to Emily Snyder

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Lt. Cameron Worden  
Lt. Col. William Robesch

Please contact the Rectory @ 631-288-1423 to add a loved one to the military list.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Patricia Gillin, Theresa Heffernan, Gina Hil, Elizabeth Kotz, Bill Masterson, Daisy Helen O'Neill, & Kendra Seth

\*Please call the Parish Office (631-288-1423) to add a name to the sick list. This list will be cleared bi-monthly.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday  
**Monday:** The Holy Guardian Angels  
**Wednesday:** St. Francis of Assisi; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset  
**Thursday:** Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos  
**Friday:** St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher; First Friday  
**Saturday:** Our Lady of the Rosary; First Saturday

## INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Christ emptied himself for us that we might have life in him and through him eternally. Let us confess always and everywhere that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Family members attending weekend masses for a loved one and who would like to bring up the gifts, should see an usher before Mass begins.

## R.C.I.A.



Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith? Would you like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation:

Communion and Confirmation? Maybe you're not baptized yet and feel drawn to be. The parish of the Immaculate Conception is offering classes to any adult to prepare you to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please call the Parish Office at 631-288-1423 and we'll be happy to answer any questions you may have and get you headed in the right direction!

## ATTENTION LECTORS

The 2024 Lector Workbook has arrived!

Please pick your book up at the Parish Office.

## 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? We have 29 prayer warriors praying, please call Charles Schmidt at 631-288-4243 and leave a message with your prayer request.

## SACRAMENTALS

### Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Flowers, and the Sanctuary Lamp

These sacramentals are available for intentions each week. The offerings are:

<b>Altar Bread and Wine</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Sanctuary Lamp</b>	<b>\$20</b>

To arrange one of these in loving memory of or for the intentions of your loved one, please contact the Parish Office at 631-288-1423.

*Altar Bread/Wine available dates:* October 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20

*Altar Flowers available dates:* October 8, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19

*Sanctuary Lamp available dates:* October 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20

## REFLECTIONS

### Living Stewardship

As Catholics, we are called to put our faith in action. Put yourself at the service of others. Perhaps you have an elderly friend or family member who could use your assistance with something or you know someone who is lonely who could enjoy some company—show your Christian love to all!



### Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the importance of doing God's will. Walk the walk, don't just talk the talk.

## MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

Tuesdays at 2pm in the Parish Center  
Try this spiritual practice, it will surprise you!  
(masks encouraged)

## ANGELIC

The reason angels can fly is because they take themselves lightly.  
—G.K. Chesterton

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How would my behavior change if I reorient myself toward others and away from myself? What could I do this week that I hadn't planned to do and for whom?

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear ICC family,

I'm happy to announce that **Anne Dean** will be our new Religious Ed Secretary! As you know, **Anne** is a lifelong parishioner and a great person. She's hard-working and organized and works well with everyone. We are blessed to have her in part because she knows the parish so well. Along with **Linda**, our new Office Secretary, and **Donna**, our new Director of Religious Education, our office staff is one of the nicest and most helpful you will meet!

God's Blessings,

*Fr. Ken*



Hello Dear Parishioners!

My name is Anne Dean and I am the new Religious Ed Secretary here at Immaculate Conception Church. I've been blessed to be a part of the Parish my entire life. I enjoy volunteering here – singing, teaching religion, and being part of our Consolation Ministry. I am very excited to be assisting Donna with the Religious Education Program and look forward to seeing everyone when the program begins.

God bless,  
Anne

Donna Cosme, Director of Religious Education  
Anne Dean, Secretary of Religious Education



### Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the sick is offered the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month **after the 8:00am Mass** or you may contact the rectory for an appointment.

**The Sacrament will be offered again on:  
Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in the Church**

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religious Education Office Hours are:**  
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday  
9am to 5pm  
631-288-4188

### Religious Ed School Year 2023-2024

We are looking forward to the start of the new Religious Ed school year. Religious Ed classes will begin this week. At this time, all registered families should have received their parent packet which includes the calendar, handbook & guidelines for the 2023-2024 year.

**Enrollment for Registration closed as of 9/20/23.  
Registrations received at this time will be moved to the 2024-2025 school year.**

### CATECHISTS ARE STILL NEEDED

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to teach for this upcoming school year. At this time we are still in need of catechists for Level 8, 9, and evening Hall Monitors. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Religious Education office at 631-288-4188 or stop by during our office hours.

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**  
**We are in DESPERATE NEED**  
**of pasta & canned vegetables!**

Canned fruit, Toiletries (shampoo & soap), Juice Boxes, Rice, Cereal, Pasta, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Vegetables (all varieties)

## USHERS



Ushers are needed for the 8am Mass.  
Please contact Joe Sala at 516-359-3901 if you can help.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY'S  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 11am

Sacred Heart is a Proud Catholic,  
All-Girls, College-Preparatory High School

Choosing Your High School is an important decision.

The banner features a photograph of a statue in front of a school building and the Sacred Heart Academy logo.

**KELLENBERG**  
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

**OPEN HOUSE**

**SATURDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2023**

**10AM - 1PM**

**KELLENBERG.ORG**

The poster includes three small images: a graduate receiving a diploma, a priest at an altar, and students in a classroom.

**CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL**

**COME VISIT US!**

Tours are offered weekdays during and after school. Scan the QR code or visit [www.chaminade-hs.org/admissions](http://www.chaminade-hs.org/admissions) to sign up!

The poster features the Chaminade High School logo and three small images: a student in a classroom, a soccer game, and students in a library.

## LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

Are you drawn to the Word of God? Would you like to become a reader at Mass? Perhaps you're more drawn to serve at the Table of the Lord by becoming a Eucharistic Minister in the Parish. The Diocese is offering training for these two important ministries of the Church. For more information on training dates/times, please call the Parish Office at 631-288-1423.

## WELCOME MINISTRY

### Are you new to Immaculate Conception Church?

If so, we'd like to give you a Welcome packet! Please call the Parish office at 631-288-1423 or stop by to pick one up!

**THE DEADLINE TO HAVE  
SOMETHING PUT IN THE BULLETIN  
IS NOON ON MONDAY.**

**Please contact the Parish Office  
with any questions.**

## DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?

Can you spare an hour every week to water the MANY plants here in the Parish Center? If so, WE NEED YOU!!!! Please give the Parish Office a call (631-288-1423) or stop in to chat about it. Thank you!



**NYS Eucharistic  
Congress**

October 20-22, 2023  
Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY

Join 10,000 Catholics to worship at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.

## EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops
- Confessions
- Great Speakers!
- Eucharistic Adoration and Procession

To register and find out more, visit [nyseucharisticcongress.org](http://nyseucharisticcongress.org).



## All are Welcome!

You are invited to join the Fall Session for Women's Bible Study. Invite a friend - we meet on Thursday mornings in Our Lady's Hall.

This year we are using the Bible Study

Book: *"Peter: Keys to Following Jesus"*

9:30am Chat/Coffee/Tea

10:00am Bible Study Program starts promptly.

\*Zoom is also available for those unable to attend in person.

Share your Faith and Fellowship with other Ladies from the Parish. Our Bible Study book features "the tumultuous and inspiring life of St. Peter - from his 'Yes' to Jesus's call along the Shore of the Sea of Galilee, to his denial of Jesus, through his preaching of Jesus Christ, to his martyrdom in Rome." Also included in this Bible Study Guide are prayers and meditations, along with fabulous colorful Religious artwork from Masters of the Renaissance and other time periods! We also discuss the artwork and how the Church uses Religious Paintings and Art to teach and inspire. *"PETER" Study Guide is a keepsake!*

We hope you will decide to join us on Thursdays for our Women's Bible Study. It is a wonderful way to engage with other women who want to learn, discuss Scripture, share ideas, laugh, find comfort in shared life stories, enhance your knowledge of CHRIST and ST. PETER, while nurturing your spirituality.

To Register or for more information:

516-356-6200 or 410-493-8407

[mtpilo.esq@gmail.com](mailto:mtpilo.esq@gmail.com); [frankiernan@gmail.com](mailto:frankiernan@gmail.com);

or [Kris0330@optonline.net](mailto:Kris0330@optonline.net)



26th  
Annual  
*Food Pantry  
Fundraiser  
Dinner*



FATHER BLOMER COUNCIL  
**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE - IN SERVICE TO ALL



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Westhampton Rotary Club, & Kiwanis Club

**Saturday, October 21st, 2023**

**5:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

**Immaculate Conception Parish Center**  
18 Ocame Avenue, Quogue

**Continuous Serve Buffet Prepared By**  
**Sydney's Taylor Made Cuisine**  
**SHOCK Ice Cream & Hampton Coffee**

**Adults \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door - Children 12 & under \$10**

**Family discount: 3rd & 4th child FREE**

With one adult and two paid children's tickets

**Children's Halloween Costume Parade**  
**Face Painting – fun raffle – Silent auction**

Tickets are available at  
Immaculate Conception Parish office, Lynne's Cards & Gifts, Rubio Premier Motors

**Please bring a non-perishable food item or toiletry for the Food Pantry.**

**This is Greatly Appreciated.**



# Westhampton Food Pantry

26th Annual Fundraiser Dinner

Saturday, October 21st, 2023

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 5:00 - 8:30 PM



The Westhampton Rotary Club, in partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Greater Westhampton and the Knights of Columbus Father Joseph Slomski Council, will hold the annual Food Pantry Community Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, October 21st at the Immaculate Conception Church's Parrish Center. The Food Pantry is an outreach program providing food and support to those in need in our area. The proceeds from this event go entirely to the Food Pantry.

We offer sponsorship opportunities in the form of **Tabletop Sign** or a **Key Sponsor Wall Sign** (13'x19'). These signs will be prominently displayed at the dinner typically attended by many area residents. There is a limit to the number of **Key Sponsor Wall Signs** that can be posted due to wall space considerations. These are **available on a first come, first serve basis**. Please send in your order as soon as possible.

**Questions? Contact Philip DeBrita at 516.818.3300 or pdebrita@optonline.net**

Please mark your preference for the following choices:

Tabletop Flag Sign Only	\$50 _____
Key Sponsor Wall Sign Only	\$100 _____
Tabletop Flag Sign and Key Sponsor Wall Sign Combination	\$125 _____

Please complete

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name to appear on sign \_\_\_\_\_

**Submission Deadline is Thursday, October 19th**

Please make checks payable to **Knights of Columbus** and mail to:

Knights of Columbus  
P.O. Box 415  
Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

**Thank you for your support of the food pantry. We hope to see you at the dinner!**

# Blessing - of the - ANIMALS



October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi and Immaculate Conception Church will once again offer a special Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis. Fr. Ken is happy to offer this blessing on 2 different dates!

The event commemorates the life of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals who was known for his love of animals and allegedly even preached to birds. All pets are welcome and must be on a leash or otherwise contained.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> @ 3pm**

or

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> @  
7pm**



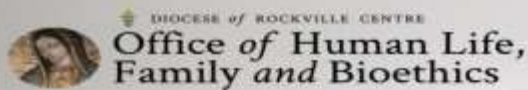
**at the St. Francis Statue**



# Gabriel's Courage



*A program of comfort and support for families who receive a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis.*



[www.drvc.life.org](http://www.drvc.life.org)  
631-314-4562



**HEALING  
MASS  
Monday  
October 9<sup>th</sup>  
8am  
in the Church**

## PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE



America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God." As a result, America is suffering a societal collapse. It is urgent that we heed Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're doing the Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

**JOIN US FOR THE  
PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE**  
right here at Immaculate Conception Church on  
Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon!  
For more information, please contact:  
Janet Atkinson at 516-761-6571



**2023**  
**CATHOLIC**  
**MINISTRIES**  
**A P P E A L**  
DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*One Family - Journeying together in  
Communion, Participation and Mission*



“Each one will be like a **shelter** from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.” (Isaiah 4:6)

October 2023

As we enter the beautiful season of autumn, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the spiritual growth and expansion of our faith, especially as we approach the culmination of our liturgical year. I pray that you and your loved ones are well and that you have a blessed holiday season with them. I would like to express my gratitude to you and your fellow parishioners for the prayers and support that have been offered on behalf of our parish.

It is evident that when we come together as a parish, we can reap the benefits of many ministries and services that one person cannot do alone. This holds true for our diocese as well; when our Parishes come together as *One Family* we sow the seeds of the love of our faith with others and journey with those in need.

Long Island is known for its quality of life; it is hard to believe that there are many people who must make difficult decisions on basic living expenses. Although inflation has eased a bit, the rising prices of food, gas at the pump, utilities, and of course housing continue to negatively impact a family's budget.

Support for those in need is crucial for many families, especially our senior community. Our Long Island community has had a 25% to 30% increase in the senior demographic, leading to an increase of 65% of these seniors living in poverty. Your donation allows Catholic Charities to provide affordable safe housing to senior citizens, operating 16 housing facilities in Nassau and Suffolk counties, totaling more than 1,329 units.

Additionally, it ensures the physical, social, and spiritual well-being of residents. Housing programs are also available for those with developmental disabilities and our veterans in need. Through our Parish Social Ministry programs, we bring food and hope during these challenging times. I would like to share a comment from a senior and resident of Bishop Ryan Village, Hampton Bays with you:

*“My neighbors and I often say that we are tremendously relieved to have dignified, affordable housing and are very grateful to this ministry of the Church assisting us in our time need.”*

Your gift to the CMA also provides funding to educate our seminarians and provide faith formation to our young people and lay leaders, more than 600,000 are served each year. If you have not had an opportunity to make a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift. *Please know that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal and every gift makes a difference in the lives of others no matter the amount.*

May God bless you and your loved ones.



“Cada uno será como un **refugio**; que sirva de sombra contra el calor del día y de protección contra la lluvia y la tempestad” Isaías 4:6

Octubre 2023

Al comenzar la hermosa estación de otoño, también nos acercamos al final de nuestro año litúrgico, por lo que es tiempo propicio para reflexionar sobre nuestro crecimiento espiritual y cómo estamos aumentando nuestra fe. Elevo mis oraciones para que usted y sus seres queridos se encuentren bien y que juntos puedan compartir las bendiciones de las festividades. A nombre de la parroquia, quiero agradecer a usted y a todos nuestros feligreses por sus oraciones y por su apoyo.

Cuando las personas nos juntamos, agrupándonos como una parroquia, podemos beneficiarnos de muchos ministerios y servicios que una persona por sí sola no podría ofrecer. Algo similar sucede con nuestra diócesis; cuando las parroquias nos juntamos, agrupándonos como *Una Familia*, podemos sembrar en otras personas la semilla del amor por nuestra fe y caminar junto a los más necesitados, acompañándolos y auxiliándolos.

Long Island se caracteriza por su calidad de vida; por ello es difícil creer que existen tantas personas que deben tomar decisiones drásticas para afrontar gastos básicos. Si bien la inflación ha cedido un poco, los aumentos en el precio de alimentos, gasolina, utilidades y vivienda continúan teniendo un impacto negativo en el presupuesto familiar.

La ayuda destinada a aquellos que tienen pocos recursos es crucial para muchas familias, especialmente para los adultos mayores. Aquí en Long Island, la población de ancianos se ha incrementado 25% a 30%, lo cual ha ocasionado un aumento de 65% en la cantidad de ancianos que viven en situación de pobreza. Con su donativo, Caridades Católicas puede continuar operando 16 locaciones de vivienda digna y asequible para ancianos, un total de 1,329 unidades habitables en los condados de Nassau y Suffolk.

Además, incluyen actividades físicas, sociales y espirituales para los residentes. Los programas de vivienda también se ofrecen a otras personas necesitadas, como veteranos y a personas que tienen discapacidad del desarrollo. A través de los programas de Alcance Social Parroquiales, entregamos alimentos y esperanza durante tiempos difíciles. Quisiera compartirles este mensaje de un anciano que reside en la casa Bishop Ryan Village en Hampton Bays:

*“Mis vecinos y yo siempre decimos que para nosotros es un gran alivio tener una vivienda digna y asequible. Estamos sumamente agradecidos a este ministerio de la iglesia que nos ayuda con esta necesidad”*

Su aporte a favor de la Campaña de Apoyo a Los Ministerios Católicos (CMA) también provee fondos para la educación de nuestros seminaristas y para la formación de fe de jóvenes y líderes laicos, más de 600,000 personas reciben ayuda cada año. Si usted aún no ha colaborado, le pido que en oración considere hacer donativo. *Tenga presente que el 100% de cada dólar recaudado se usa únicamente para sostener los programas, objetivos, y misión de la Campaña de Apoyo a los Ministerios Católicos y todos los donativos, todas las cantidades grandes o pequeñas, marcan la diferencia en la vida del prójimo.*

Que Dios los bendiga a usted y a sus seres queridos



## IMMIGRATION RESOURCE FAIR



### Featuring:

- Long Island Care Mobile Food Assistance Unit, will be on site at 5:00pm offering emergency nonperishable food bags to any family in need of emergency food. \*limited bags available first come, first serve
- Assistance with filling out applications for health insurance and public benefits
- Brief legal consultations (first come, first serve)
- Presentations will be in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole!

**When:** October 2, 2023  
5:00pm - 8:30pm

**Where:** Uniondale Public Library  
400 Uniondale Avenue  
Uniondale, NY 11553

### PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE:

**5:10pm- Know Your Rights: Tenants**  
Presented by Nassau Suffolk Law Services

**7:10pm- Know Your Rights: Immigration-Related Issues**  
Presented by CARECEN

**6:10pm- Know Your Rights: Information on Navigating Public Benefits and SNAP Benefits**  
Presented by the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island and Nassau Suffolk Law Services

**7:50pm- Know Your Rights: Domestic Violence-Related Issues**  
Presented by The Safe Center of Long Island



Sponsored by CARECEN, Nassau Suffolk Law Services, The Safe Center LI Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, Long Island Cares Inc.

## ARCHDIOCESAN MUSICIANS' BREAKFAST Honoring Fr. Anthony Sorgie

Musicians and music aficionados are invited to the First Annual Archdiocesan Musicians' Breakfast, to be held on Saturday, October 28, from 9-11am, at Saint Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers. Meet local parish musicians, listen to performances by Saint Joseph's Seminary's *schola cantorum* and young musicians who study in the archdiocesan Vocalist and Organist Training Programs, and pay tribute to Rev. Anthony Sorgie, who will be the first recipient of the Saint Gregory the Great Award for Distinguished Service in Sacred Music. Musicians, parishioners, friends, family, and all musical enthusiasts are welcome!

St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers  
\$30pp

### Online registration:

<https://parishmusiciansbreakfast.eventbrite.com>

### More information:

[liturgy@archny.org](mailto:liturgy@archny.org)/914-968-6200, ext. 8177

## CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Catholic Pilgrimage with daily Mass to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, December 8<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. \$2599 per person includes air from JFK, all sightseeing, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. For a flyer or more detailed information please call Mike Milano at 631-569-2620.

## St. Kilian Parish Bereavement Group

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, it is helpful to be supported by others who have gone through a similar experience in their own life. St. Kilian Parish Bereavement group will be starting the fall meetings on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the St. Faustina -a/Media room in the church basement. The group will run for 8 weeks. If interested in joining or would like more information, please contact the rectory at 516 249-0127.



## ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES

Want to fall in love again? Here's a chance to get away for the weekend and focus on your spouse to renew and refresh your relationship. To help your good marriage be great!!

- Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage?
- Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage on a World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend
- Every relationship is a journey - the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.
- This experience will help you listen, share and connect more deeply.



Our next weekend experience will be -  
November 10-12, 2023

At the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington  
Register at [WWME.org](http://WWME.org) or contact: Kevin & Regina Hickson (516) 554-3835



**Because no marriage is beyond hope...**

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

**Retrouvaille can help.**

Our Next Weekend is **November 3-5, 2023**  
at The Immaculate Conception Seminary  
Huntington

**To register or for more information:**  
**1-800-470-2230 ... [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)**

**Retrouvaille** is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

**Retrouvaille** is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

**Catholic** in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

**Please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to our Parish.**

For more information about remembering Immaculate Conception Parish in your Will or Living Trust, or to request a brochure, please contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 x257 or email [bkilarjian@drvc.org](mailto:bkilarjian@drvc.org).



The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville  
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## Autumn Evening Event

The Sisters of St. Dominic will host their Autumn Evening Event on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY.

This year we are proud to honor Robert Walker, Esq., Trial Attorney & Partner - Gallagher, Walker, Bianco, Plataras, LLP and Sister Lenore Toscano, OP, Educator and Former Executive Director of The Opening Word Program.

Proceeds from the event help the Ministry Support Fund, which provides funding to many of the Sisters' ministries caring for those most in need here, in Puerto Rico, and in El Salvador.

For more information about event tickets, 50/50 raffle or sponsorship opportunities, please contact The Office of Advancement at (631) 842-6000 x 246 or visit: <https://sistersofstdominic.org/2023autumnevening>

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