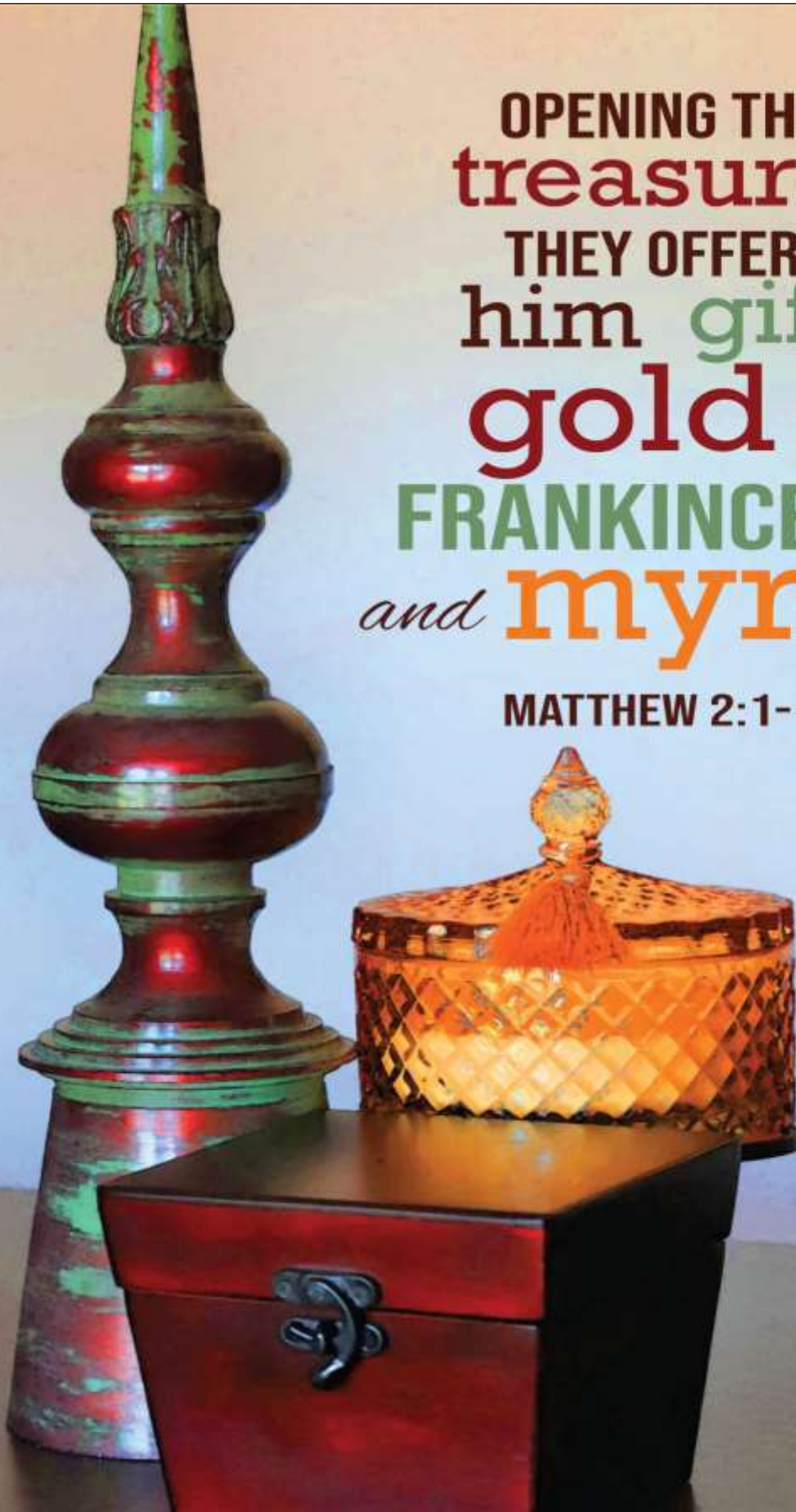


THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 2024

OPENING THEIR
treasures,
THEY OFFERED
him gifts,
gold *and*
FRANKINCENSE
and myrrh.

MATTHEW 2:1-12





Church of the Immaculate Conception

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Deacon Mark Herrmann

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Linda Geoghan, Parish Secretary
Deacon Ed Karan, Facilities Manager
Victor Nicotra, Maintenance Assistant
Lyubov Pechenyuk, Rectory Cook

Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
9:00am to 5:00pm

CLOSED Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays

Parish Office 631-288-1423
Fax 631-288-5498
parishoffice@iccwhb.org

Religious Education 631-288-4188
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Queen of Apostles, Regional School 631-878-1033

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
The Rosary is recited immediately after daily Mass

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. To register for Baptism, please 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: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading: The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel: The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

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 use of envelopes. Visit:

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

Thank you for your continued support!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
12/17/2023	Weekly Collection	\$6,070.00
12/18/2022	Weekly Collection	\$5,643.00
12/24/2023	Weekly Collection	\$3,721.00
12/25/2022	Weekly Collection	\$4,021.00
12/25/2023	Christmas Collection	\$34,083.00
12/25/2022	Christmas Collection	\$69,211.00
12/31/2023	Weekly Collection	\$5,872.00
01/01/2023	Weekly Collection	\$5,872.00

Thank you for your continuous support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

5:00pm

Monday

9:00am

Tuesday

8:00am

Wednesday

8:00am

Thursday

8:00am

Friday

8:00am

Saturday

4:00pm

5:00pm

Sunday

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

5:00pm

January 6

Intentions of Tony Altimari (Fr. Ken)

January 7

Ray Nethaway (Msgr. Mirro)

Frank DiFazio (Fr. Peter)

Intentions of Sr. Kathryn Schlueter, CSJ (60th Anniversary) (Fr. Michael)

People of the Parish (Fr. Mike)

January 8

Gloria Smith (Msgr. Mirro)

January 9

Jane Campbell (Fr. Peter)

January 10

(Guild Mass) Anthony Fiore; Marvin Schechter; Raymond Guarini; Patricia Laupy; Edward Laupy (Fr. Michael)

January 11

Ellen Gioia (Fr. Peter)

January 12

Intentions of the Birkmier Family (Fr. Michael)

January 13

Confessions (Fr. Peter)

Robert Callahan (Fr. Peter)

January 14

People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)

Elisabeth Mansfield (Fr. Michael)

Josephine Caiaccio (Fr. Peter)

Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Mike)

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Blythe Fickenwirth, Joe Giglia, Patricia Gillin, Theresa Heffernan, Gina Hil, Elizabeth Kotz, Daisy Helen O'Neill, Paul Ramondetta, & 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.**

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal is on-going in our parish and in parishes across the Diocese. Please give prayerful consideration to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by this appeal.

Goal	\$ 62,100.00
Total Pledged	\$ 40,950.00
Payments Received	\$ 40,676.00

Donors: 100

The parish will receive 20% of the goal once all pledged payments are received. The parish will receive an additional 80% of monies pledged & received over goal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

WEATHER REMINDER:

For weather related cancellations, all parents and volunteers will receive notification through "Remind" text message. Also, the notice will be on the local TV – channel 12.

PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED



Dilan Andy Canales Amaya



St. Sebastian Patron Saint of Athletes

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Sebastian, January 20th, we're welcoming children to the **9:30am Mass on Sunday, January 21st** and inviting them to wear their sports uniform to Mass to receive a special blessing. Baseball, football, basketball, soccer, cheerleading, running/track, bowling ... what's your sport? Wear your uniform to Mass!

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Let us join our prayer with the angels and saints and offer praise and thanks to God.

SACRAMENTALS

Altar Bread and Wine
Altar Flowers
Sanctuary Lamp

To arrange one of these in loving memory of or for the intentions of your loved one, please visit the Parish Office.

Available Dates:

Altar Bread/Wine: January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26
Altar Flowers: January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11
Sanctuary Lamp: January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week; Julian Calendar Christmas

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

This week, be sure to see Jesus in everyone you come across. As the Magi gave gifts to Jesus, may we give love and compassion to our neighbors.



Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear about the Magi offering gifts to the Newborn King.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Have I had an epiphany, a sudden insight, after an experience where I've recognized an encounter with Christ? If I cannot recall one, can I imagine how it could happen?

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bentley (Navy)
Lt. Cameron Worden
Lt. Col. William Robesch

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

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.

National Blood Donor Month

Donate blood and be a lifesaver



BLOOD DRIVE

Immaculate Conception Church

580 Main Street, Westhampton Beach

Our Lady's Hall

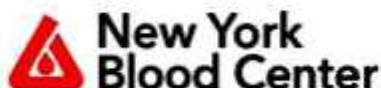
Monday, January 8, 2024

1:00pm – 7:00pm

To make an appointment:
scan the QR code, call 800.933.2566
or email Melissa at mgatto@nybc.org



Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Visit nybc.org/coronavirus for COVID-19 safety protocols.



800.933.BLOOD • nybc.org [#nybloodcenter](https://twitter.com/nybloodcenter)



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Our Christmas Flowers are for our loved ones ...
those still with us and those we hold in our
memories ... a blessed Christmas to all!



Gina & Michael Araujo
Michael Betjemann David Bregy

Kathleen Burke

David Bernhart

Patricia & William Dalton

Dawn & Jessica Felshman

The Ferry Family

M/M Giglio

Salvatore Golfo

Paulina & Santo Golfo

James K. Haney, Sr.

Louise Haney

Stephen Huggard

Margaret & Michael Kearns

LaMura Grandparents

The Laadt Family

Josefa, Benedyct, Gerwozy, & Bernard Mschno

Mary & Ralph Nobisso

James Penrose

Richard & Camille Thackray

Kathleen Tolan

Margaret & Matthew Tolan

Weronske & Josef Wilczek



TEDDY'S CORNER



Teddy's
new friend:
James
Robesch.
Photo by
Maureen
Finke



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
before the sages, to the rising Sun,
here cease thy course,
and wonder that the cloud
of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

—Sir John Beaumont



OPEN TO ALL AGES

Art Contest

Suffolk County District Attorney's Office of Community Affairs

Calling all Suffolk County Youth

2024 Open Call for Artwork & Photography

✨ **Submit Your Masterpiece!** ✨

Represent **Hope, Love, and Unity** in the Community.
Selected Artwork Will Be Featured in the SCDA 2024
Annual Report!




 **REGISTER NOW**



Questions?

scdacommunityaffairs@suffolkcountyny.gov
631 853 4732

 **Submission Deadline:**
January 11th, 2024

Fill out the form by scanning the QR code or
clicking the link:

<https://forms.office.com/g/wxkQtmbk9i>