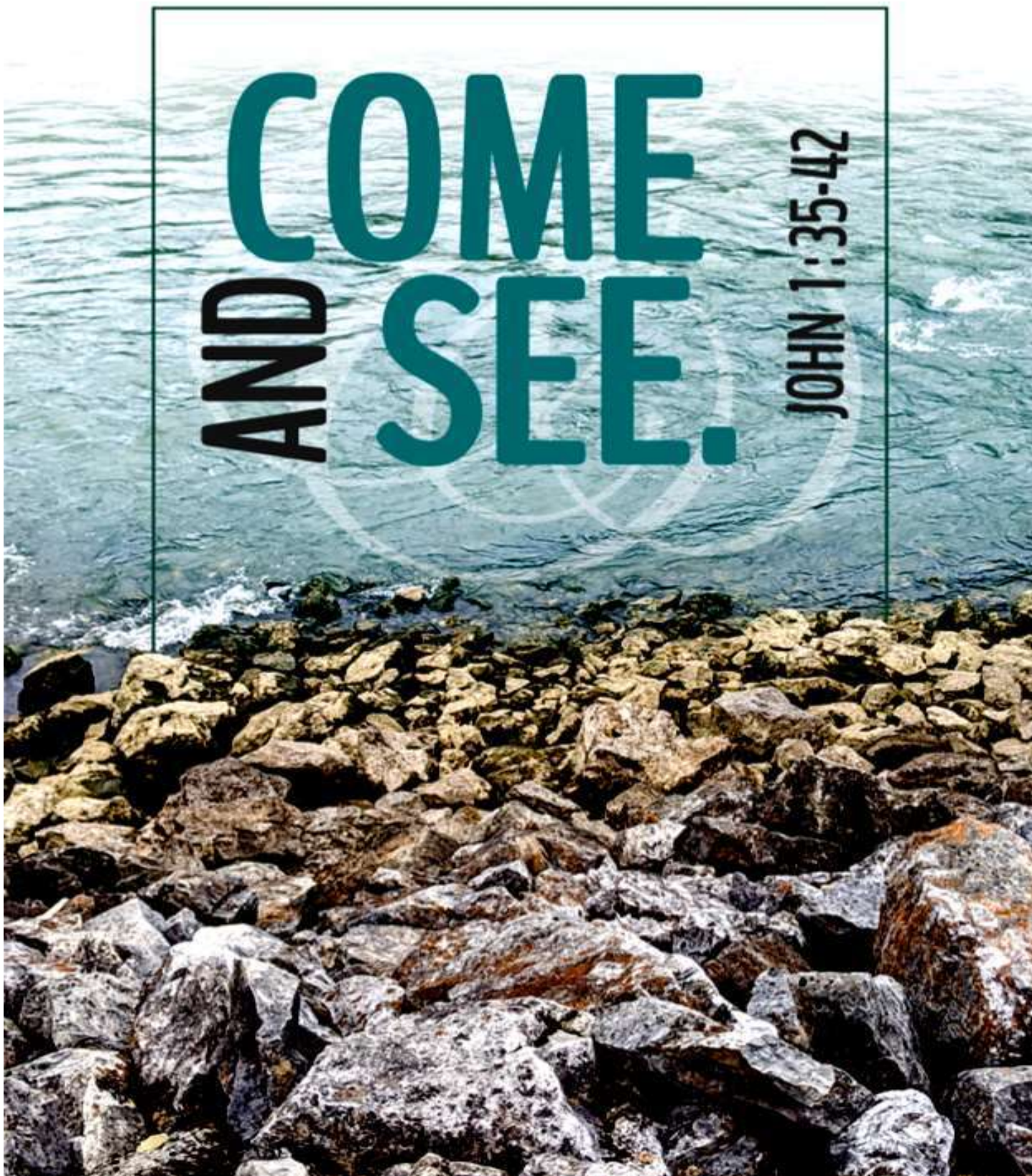


**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**January 14, 2024**

**COME  
AND SEE.**

**JOHN 1:35-42**





## Church of the Immaculate Conception

580 Main Street

P.O. Box 1227

Westhampton Beach, NY 11978-7227

### STAFF

**Rev. Kenneth Grooms, Pastor**

Deacon Joseph Byrne  
Deacon Mark Herrmann

Shawn Pinson, Sacristan  
Bobby Peterson, Music Director  
Donna Cosme, Director of Religious Education  
Anne Dean, Assistant to Director of Religious Ed  
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  
Fax 631-288-8215  
religioused@iccwhb.org

**Queen of Apostles, Regional School** 631-878-1033

### Celebration of the Eucharist

#### Saturday

5:00pm Vigil Mass

#### Sunday

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am  
6:00pm (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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
Mk 2:18-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;  
Mk 2:23-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51;  
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;  
Mk 3:7-12  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;  
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21  
**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31;  
Mk 1:14-20

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Speak, for your servant is listening  
(1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

**Psalm:** Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will  
(Psalm 40).

**Second Reading:** Do you not know that your body is  
a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?  
(1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

**Gospel:** Andrew found his brother Simon and  
brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

All Parish Offices are

**CLOSED**

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## 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
01/07/2024	Weekly Collection	\$4,186.00
01/08/2023	Weekly Collection	\$6,514.50
12/25/2023	Christmas Collection	\$36,663.00
12/25/2022	Christmas Collection	\$69,211.00

**Thank you for your continuous support!**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday**  
5:00pm Robert Callahan (Fr. Peter)  
**Sunday**  
8:00am People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)  
9:30am Elisabeth Mansfield (Fr. Michael)  
11:00am Josephine Caiaccio (Fr. Peter)  
6:00pm Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Mike)  
**Monday**  
9:00am Ellen A. Gioia (Msgr. Mirro)  
**Tuesday**  
8:00am Vera Merlo (Fr. Peter)  
**Wednesday**  
8:00am **January 17**  
(Guild Mass) Intentions of the  
Smallwood Family Tree (Fr. Michael)  
**Thursday**  
8:00am **January 18**  
Gerald Gordon (Fr. Peter)  
**Friday**  
8:00am **January 19**  
Martin Gately (Fr. Michael)  
**Saturday**  
4:00pm **January 20**  
5:00pm **Confessions (Fr. Peter)**  
Anna Houlihan (Fr. Peter)  
**Sunday**  
8:00am **January 21**  
9:30am Richard J. Franks (Fr. Peter)  
11:00am People of the Parish (Fr. Ken)  
6:00pm Frank DiFazio (Fr. Michael)  
Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Mike)

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Richard John Dackow  
Felipe O. Ganguzza

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Tyler Accardi, Karl B., Blythe Fickenwirth,  
Joe Giglia, Patricia Gillin, Theresa Heffernan,  
Gina Hil, Elizabeth Kotz, Daisy Helen O'Neill,  
Paul Ramondetta, Kendra Seth, & Ed Silvia

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	\$ 42,450.00
Payments Received	\$ 42,330.00

Donors: 107

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.



### St. Sebastian Patron Saint of Athletes

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Sebastian, January 20<sup>th</sup>, we're welcoming children to the **9:30am Mass NEXT Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** 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!

### MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

### INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Each week we lift our voices with praise and thanksgiving over these gifts. As this new year unfolds, let us pray that what we celebrate at this holy table will transform our suffering world.

### 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 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26  
**Altar Flowers:** January 21, 28, February 4, 11  
**Sanctuary Lamp:** January 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:** Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

**Wednesday:** St. Anthony

**Thursday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

**Friday:** Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

**Saturday:** St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

## REFLECTIONS

### Living Stewardship

As Catholics, we are called to bring others to the Church. Brush up on Church teachings and ask God to help you evangelize.



### Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear of Jesus attracting followers, including St. Peter and St. Andrew.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK



What will I do during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be one with other Christians?

## SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, January 20/21, our second collection will help defray the cost of Fuel to heat all our parish buildings. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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.

# **WORD OF GOD SUNDAY**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

*"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Lk 24:45).*

**Come celebrate with Bishop Andrzej.**

## **HOLY HOUR AND REFLECTION**

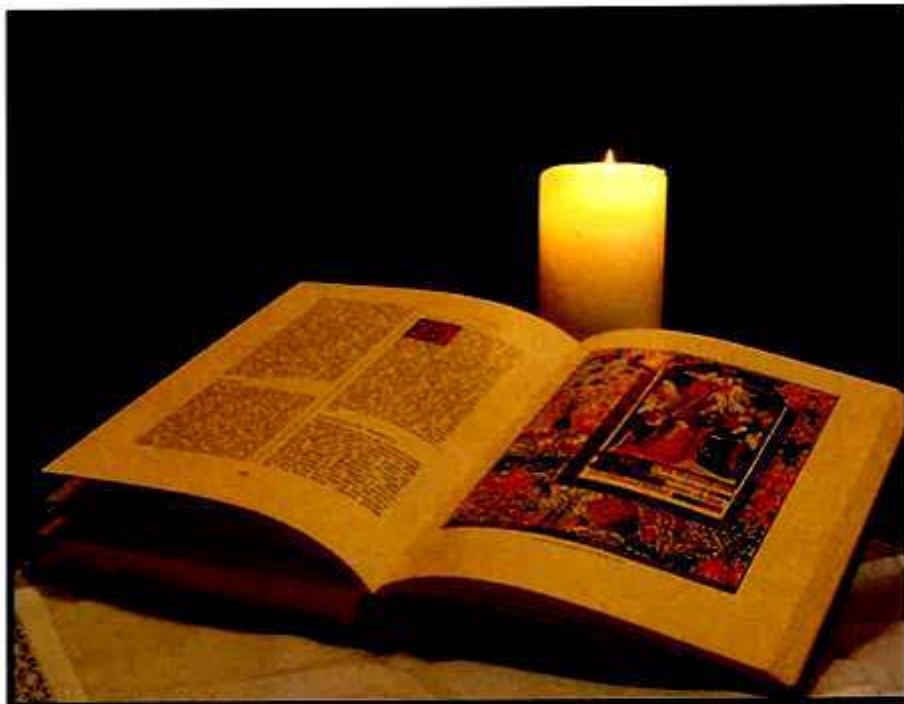
**Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 3 pm**

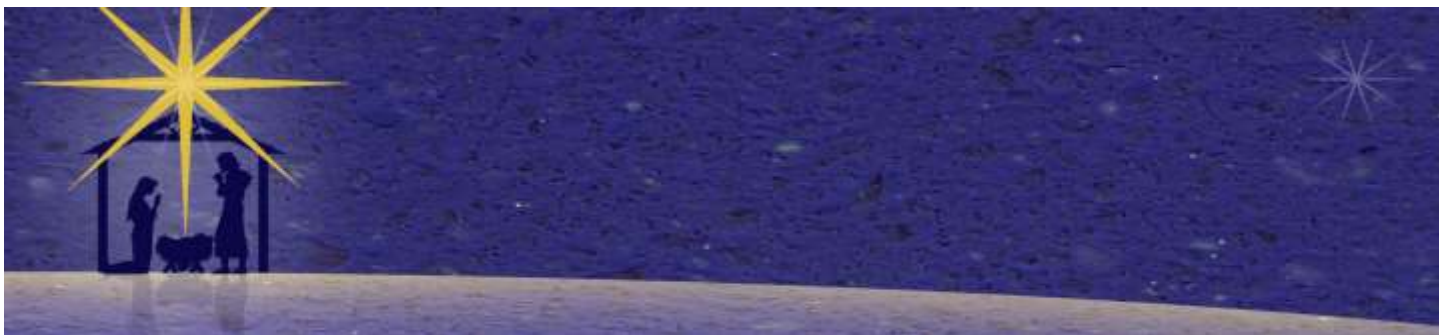
**Church of St. Paul the Apostle**

**2534 Cedar Swamp Road, Brookville, NY 11545**

**[www.stpaulsbrookville.org](http://www.stpaulsbrookville.org)**

**All are welcome!**





January 5, 2024

Dear Friends,

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, the Community Outreach Program and Adopt-a-Family were able to deliver over 75 Thanksgiving Baskets throughout the Greater Westhampton Area to families and individuals that needed the help. In December, we were able to deliver 80 Christmas Baskets with gifts to families, shut-ins, individuals down on their luck, and single parents with children who are struggling. Through coordination and cooperation of all the local churches, charitable organizations, and community members the Adopt-A-Family project was able to make sure those in need received gifts and food to brighten their holidays and give a special Christmas to many children.

First and foremost, we would like to thank the individuals who contributed or adopted a family this year. We greatly appreciate all the love, time, and effort that you put into every donation. We are truly blessed by your help and generosity, without which none of this would be possible. The community members consistently demonstrate remarkable warmth and compassion, leaving us inspired and touched by their collective spirit.

We would also like to thank the following churches, organizations, and people for their support, generosity and participation: The Church of the Immaculate Conception, especially Linda, Victor, Carol, Donna, Anne, Mary, and Charlie, Westhampton Presbyterian Church, especially Tracy Speed, St. Mark's Church, SOA of Southampton Town, WHB Ladies Auxiliary, Southampton Town PBA, Quogue Village PBA, Westhampton Kiwanis, Live Your Cor Foundation, Westhampton Women's Club, Hospice, WHB Rotary Interact Club, WHBHS Student Government, WHBHS Key Club, WHBES Student Council, WHB School District, Quogue Elementary School, Remsenburg-Speonk Elementary School, Quogue Library, WHB Library, WHB Fire Department, Speonk Lumber, Julie's Storybook Nursery School, Saint Mark's Bright Beginnings, Compass Real Estate, Saunders & Associates, Father Joseph Slomski Knights of Columbus Council # 7423, IC Bible Study, Pepperidge Farm, Hank Hulse Farms, Stop & Shop, Rico's and Justin's Chop Shop for the delicious turkeys and hams.

With special thanks to all the amazing elves that helped put the food baskets together, organized gifts, and loaded Santa's Sleigh. A special thank you to Paddy Smith and Rachel Gonce.

In loving memory of Gordon Werner, you are forever in our hearts. We love you and know you are always here with us in spirit.

In Appreciation,

Kristin Kalisak  
Adopt-A-Family  
Westhampton Beach



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***Enrich your marriage!!!***



For 2024  
Live your best life in love!  
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***WWME Virtual Experience***

Thursday evenings 7:00 PM\*(EST)  
February 8, 15, 22, 29, and  
March 7, 14, and 21

Via Zoom

\*Each Session lasts @ 2—2.5 hours

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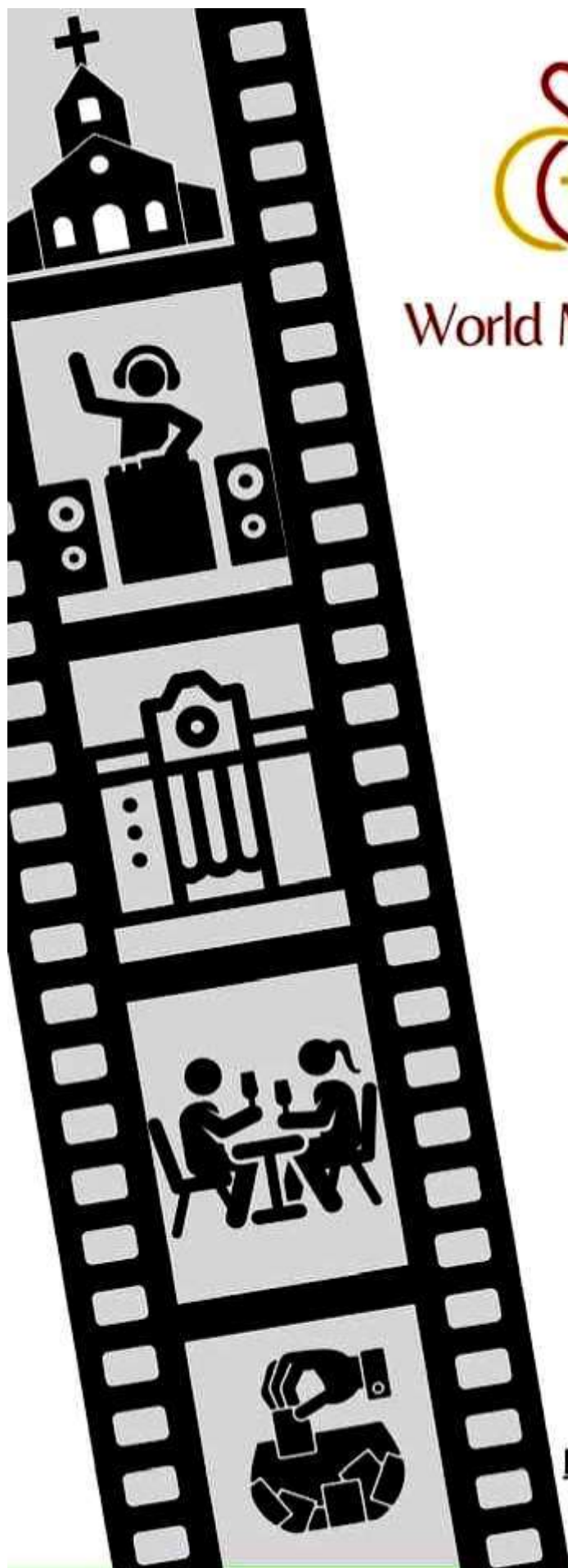
Call: 646-642-7463

Email: [jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwme.org](mailto:jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwme.org)

Visit: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)



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## World Marriage Day Dance 2024



**Saturday February 3rd**

**Mass at 6pm**

**followed by Dinner & Dancing  
until 11pm**

**Price per couple: \$175**

**3 Course Sitdown Dinner**

**Open Bar**

**DJ & Photo Booth**

**Raffle Baskets and 50/50**

**Venue:**

**O'Connell Gardens**

**2985 Kenneth Pl**

**Oceanside, NY 11572**



**Scan QR code or Register at:**

**<https://wwmenyli.org/enrichment.php>**

**Need help? call**

**Maria & Chuck Reiss (631) 486-8607**



## Community Outreach Bus

Free health screenings with a brief cardiac history, blood pressure, simple blood test for cholesterol, and diabetes screenings for clients above 18 years old.

**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Tuesday, 1/16**

Patchogue Medford Library  
54-60 E Main Street  
Patchogue, NY

**Thursday, 1/18**

Emma Clark Library  
120 Main St  
Setauket, NY

**Friday, 1/19**

Tanger Outlets  
200 Tanger Mall Drive  
Calverton, NY

For more information  
call 516-629-2013



## TEDDY'S CORNER



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



"Ordinary Time" began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecorated the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ's birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don't enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

## MASS TIME CHANGE

Effective immediately,  
the 5:00pm Spanish Mass on Sunday  
will now be held at  
**6:00pm every Sunday.**

## FROM THE SACRISTAN

If you would like to be part of the Eucharistic procession for a specific Mass (date & time) there will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church. Then just prior to the Mass starting, please see an Usher and confirm your arrival. You will then proceed to the rear of the Church at the offertory to bring up the gifts.



## English Classes / Clases de Inglés

**Mondays, January 22 - February 26 (exc Feb 19), from 5:30-6:30 PM**

This class is in person. Please register for classes.

**Los lunes, 22 de enero - 26 de febrero (sin 19 de feb), a las 5:30-6:30PM**

Esta clase se va a llevar a cabo en persona. Por favor registrarse para las clases.

**Events Calendar /  
Calendario de eventos**



## How to Register / El Registro

1. Use the QR code below to access our Events Calendar / Utilice el código QR a continuación para acceder a nuestro Calendario de Eventos
2. Select 'Basic English' classes / Seleccionar 'clases de inglés básico'
3. Use your name and phone number or email to sign up for classes / Utilice su nombre y su número de teléfono o correo electrónico para inscribirse en clases
4. You do NOT need a library card to register for classes / NO necesita una tarjeta de la biblioteca para registrarse en las clases.







## Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION:  
(631) 878-1033  
OLQANY.ORG



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Sunday, Jan. 28 @ 11AM-1PM  
following the Catholic Schools Week Mass @ 10AM  
at St. John the Evangelist in Center Moriches

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