


FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 4, 2024



Rising very early before dawn,
he left and went off to a deserted place,
where he prayed.

Mark 1:29-39



Church of the Immaculate Conception

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Parish Office Hours:

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

CLOSED Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays

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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 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: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading: I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel: Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Bernard R. Mancuso
Matthew Ritter

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
01/28/2024	Weekly Collection	\$4,489.00
01/28/2024	Church In Need	\$2,030.00
01/29/2023	Weekly Collection	\$4,897.00

Thank you for your continuous support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

6:00pm

Monday

8:00am

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Thursday

8:00am

Friday

8:00am

Saturday

4:00pm

5:00pm

Sunday

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

6:00pm

February 3

Joseph Zawrotniak (Fr. Ken)

February 4

Martin J. Gately (Fr. Michael)

Irene Barrow (Fr. Michael)

Patrick Fenton (Fr. Ken)

People of the Parish (Fr. Mike)

February 5

Nancy Chleborowicz

February 6

Jean Czajkowski

February 7

(Guild Mass) Kathleen Mary DeBrita

February 8

Cathryn Block

February 9

Alixandra Merkel

February 10

Confessions

John Ansalone (Fr. Ken)

February 11

Robert E. Mims (Fr. Ken)

Lorraine Moje (Fr. Michael)

David Francescani (Fr. Michael)

People of the Parish (Fr. Mike)

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Tyler Accardi, Karl B., Blythe Fickenwirth,
Joe Giglia, Patricia Gillin, Mary Sipp Green,
Theresa Heffernan, Gina Hil, Stephen Jensen,
Elizabeth Kotz, John McAuley, Daisy Helen O'Neill,
Paul Ramondetta, John Ritter, 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.

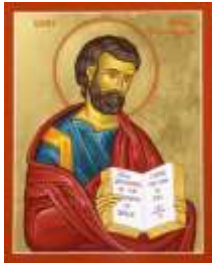
Sometimes Negative is a Positive!

Dear ICC Family,

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support during my recent bout with COVID. I had it once before, so it was no big deal for me. It just felt like a little cold, but I was in lockdown for several days until I tested negative for 3 days.

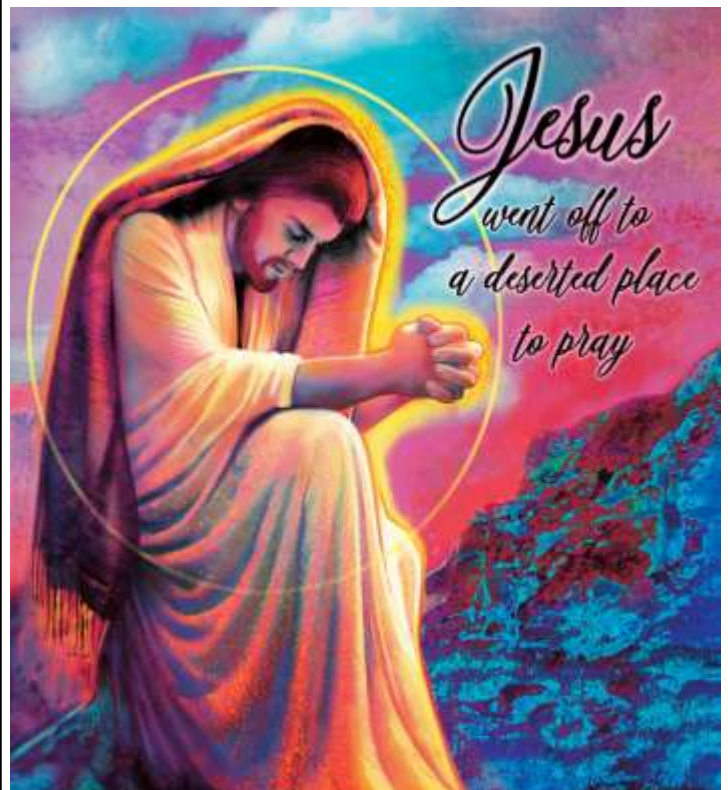
Special shoutout to Verna Merkel who brought me lots of food, including homemade soup and chocolate mousse...the best mousse I ever had!

Teddy kept me good company, although he missed all of you!



TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.



LENT



PARISH LENTEN MISSION



**PARISH LENTEN MISSION
THE JEWISH ROOTS OF:
BAPTISM, PENANCE & EUCHARIST**
Monday, February 26th thru Wednesday, February 28th
7:00pm in the Church



Fr. Roy Tvrdik, S.M.M. will be with us at the Masses the weekend of February 24/25 to invite us to our Parish Lenten Mission. We will grow in our love and appreciation of what Jesus has done for us when we discover the Jewish origins of these three sacraments. Each evening will run about an hour long and a free-will donation will be taken at the end of each evening. We hope you will consider spending this time to enrich your Lenten experience and prepare for Easter.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE Wednesday, February 14th

8:00am	Mass with Ashes
12:00pm	Mass with Ashes
4:00pm	Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
5:30pm	Spanish Mass with Ashes
8:00pm	Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.
—John Henry Newman



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent
(beginning February 16th)
8:30am in the Church
(Sign-up sheet in the Sacristy for those who would like to lead)

EASTER FLOWERS & REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES

Easter Flowers can be dedicated to or in memory of your loved ones. Their names will be printed in the Easter bulletin if received by March 14th. Those donations received after the 14th will be printed in future bulletins. A minimum suggested offering is \$20.

You may use the envelopes you received in the mail or use envelopes you may find in the lobby of the Church and you can place them either in the collection baskets during Mass or drop off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office Hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

9am to 5pm

631-288-4188

IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY

February 7th

7:30pm in the Parish Center

Level 10 Sponsor/Parent & Teen Meeting

February 14th – Ash Wednesday

Please attend an Ash Wednesday Mass or Service

February 19th – 21st

NO CLASSES

February 28th

7:30pm in the Parish Center

Level 10 Rite of Election Mass w/Parents

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.

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

Tuesdays at 2pm in the Parish Center

Try this spiritual practice, it will surprise you!

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Around this table we are given a glimpse of the life to come in God’s heavenly dwelling place. Here, we are called to become bearers of God’s word, giving everyone we meet a glimpse of the glory of God.

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.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are in **DIRE** need of

Rice & Cereal

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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bentley (Navy)

Lt. Cameron Worden

Lt. Matthew Worden (Navy)

Lt. Col. William Robesch

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

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.

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

As Catholics, we should remember that we are Christ’s hands here on Earth. We are called to help those in need and protect the vulnerable (the unborn, the poor, etc.).

Talk to your pastor or contact the parish/diocese to see if there any ways you can volunteer your time and practice the pillar of hospitality.



Bulletin Reflection

In today’s Gospel, we hear how Jesus healed the sick and drove out demons.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How do I best learn more deeply about Jesus?

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scout Sunday

Monday: St. Agatha

Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

Saturday: St. Scholastica

TEDDY'S CORNER



Meet Corinne VanHoesen & her grandson, Enzo. I gave Enzo my Lion prop but he wanted Teddy!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange

by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

SACRAMENTALS

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: February 12, 19, March 4, 11, 18, 25
Altar Flowers: February 4, 11, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26
Sanctuary Lamp: February 12, 19, March 4, 11, 18, 25



This LENT
do something special!
Enrich your marriage!!!



For 2024
 Live your best life in love!
 Attend a
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

Additional info?

Call: 846-642-7463
 Email: jimmy.benice.acevedo@wwme.org
 Visit: wwme.org



Scan Code to go directly to application!



St. Patrick School in Smithtown presents:

Military Bridge

If you've never learned to play Military Bridge,
it's easy to learn in minutes!
No experience necessary!



**Friday, February 9th
at 7:00 PM**

in St. Patrick School's Canning Hall

Join as a team of four, or let us assign you to one!
Payment of \$15.00 per person can be made via check
made payable to St. Patrick School.

Water, coffee and cake will be provided, but you're
welcome to bring your own beverages and snacks.

Please let us know you will be attending by February 5th.

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Total registrants _____ X \$15.00 each = _____

Questions? Please email Liz Russell at lizard829@earthlink.net
or call the school at 631-724-0285

The Diocese of Rockville Centre

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre

Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski

Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Register online at drvc-faith.org

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drvc.org





Join us for an Elegant Evening with Monsignor James C. Vlaun

REAL FOOD LIVE

Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm

at St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School in Monsignor Code Auditorium
101 Maple Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

\$125.00 per ticket includes dinner



*To purchase tickets, sponsorships, journal ads or raffle tickets ONLINE,
SCAN THIS QR CODE. To register via phone, contact 516-334-0021*



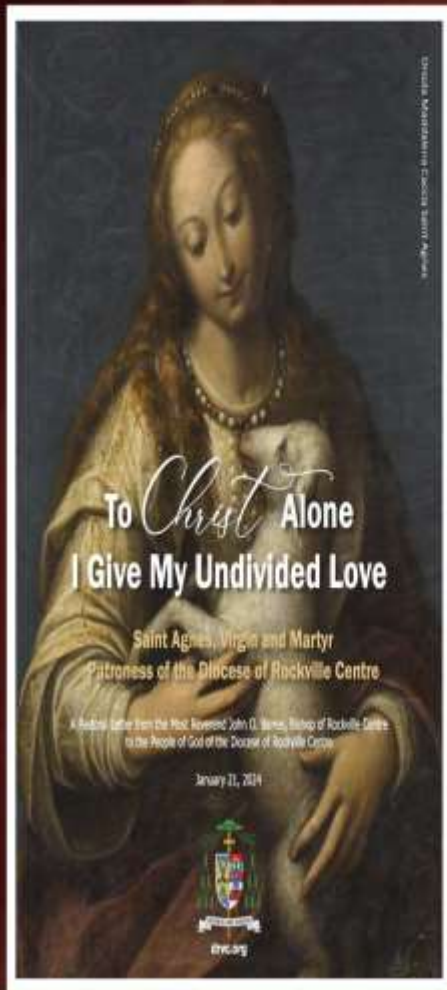
St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School is a Catholic elementary school located in Westbury, Long Island NY. We offer outstanding programs for children from 2-years-old through 8th Grade. Our school is one of the top performers on Long Island, based on test results from the Department of Education.

Learn more or schedule a visit through our website, www.StBOLH.org

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To Christ Alone I Give My Undivided Love

A Pastoral Letter from
Bishop John Barres on St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr and Patroness
of the Diocese of Rockville Centre

**Available January 18th
at www.drvc.org.**



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