

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 11, 2024



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Church of the Immaculate Conception

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

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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: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading: Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel: The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

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
02/04/2024	Weekly Collection	\$5,928.00
02/05/2023	Weekly Collection	\$5,685.50

Thank you for your continuous support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	February 10
5:00pm	John Ansalone (Fr. Ken)
Sunday	February 11
8:00am	Robert E. Mims (Fr. Ken)
9:30am	Lorraine Moje (Fr. Michael)
11:00am	David Francescani (Fr. Michael)
6:00pm	People of the Parish (Fr. Mike)
Monday	February 12
8:00am	Marian Bartsch
Tuesday	February 13
8:00am	Rev. D. McGann
Wednesday	February 14
8:00am	Susie Schmidt (Fr. Ken)
12:00pm	Jane Campbell (Fr. Michael)
4:00pm	Liturgy of the Word (Dcn. Joe)
5:30pm	(Spanish) People of the Parish (Fr. Jorge)
8:00pm	Liturgy of the Word (Dcn. Mark)
Thursday	February 15
8:00am	(Guild Mass) Susie Schmidt; Leonard Riggs
Friday	February 16
8:00am	James Gilhooley
Saturday	February 17
4:00pm	Confessions
5:00pm	People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)
Sunday	February 18
8:00am	Michael Betjemann (Fr. Ken)
9:30am	Nicholas Coscia (Fr. Michael)
11:00am	Dave Francescani (Fr. Ken)
6:00pm	Salvatore Golfo (Fr. Mike)

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Marilyn Reilly

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, February 17/18, we will take up a second collection to help defray the cost of fuel to heat our parish buildings. Thank you for your generosity.

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	\$ 42,610.00
Payments Received	\$ 42,490.00

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HOLY HOUR COMPLAINT

Dear ICC Family,

I recently received a complaint because I allowed Shawn, our sacristan, to expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament during Holy Hour. Although Shawn is not an ordained minister (a priest or a deacon) he is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. According to canon law 943, an EM is allowed to expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament when a priest or deacon is not present. They can't do benediction (bless people with the monstrance), but they can take the large Host out of the Tabernacle and place it into the monstrance on the altar.

Back story: We have Holy Hour on the last Monday of each month from 7:00-8:00pm. We average two people. Sometimes, only one person is there. At that point, the Holy Hour, though publicized, resembles a private devotion more than liturgy (public worship). Now, technically speaking, when I say night prayer in my room before I go to bed, it's "liturgy" because I'm praying on behalf of the whole church. But to have just one or two people at Holy Hour doesn't seem like much of a parish event to me. Am I wrong?

Anyway, canon law notwithstanding, I told Shawn that I would repose the Blessed Sacrament from now on. And, in order to get more people to attend Holy Hour, I went to the Spanish Mass this weekend and invited them to attend the regular Holy Hour. The Spanish already have a Holy Hour as part of their charismatic service, and I hear (not surprisingly) it is well-attended. If only a couple of Spanish people attended the regular parish Holy Hour, that would *double* the normal attendance.

I promised the person who complained that I would put something in the bulletin to encourage better attendance at Holy Hour. So, here goes...

Pope Francis recently said he wants, "Catholics throughout the country to discover anew the sense of wonder and awe at the Lord's great gift of himself and to spend time in the celebration of the Mass and in personal prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament."

Here are 12 Biblical reasons I found for Eucharistic Adoration on the internet, courtesy of the Catholic News Agency:

1. He is really there! "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven." (Jn 6:35)
2. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of his Infinite love for you! "Behold I will be with you always even to the end of the world," because "I have loved you with an everlasting love, and constant is my affection for you." (Mt 28:20; Jer 31:3)
3. The specific way that Jesus asks you to love him in return is to spend one quiet hour with him in the Blessed Sacrament. "Where your treasure is, there is your heart...." "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 6:21; 26:40)
4. When you look upon the Sacred Host, you look upon Jesus, the Son of God. "Indeed, this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day." (Jn 6:40)
5. Each moment that you spend in His Eucharistic Presence will increase his divine life within you and deepen your personal relationship and friendship with him. "I have come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly." "I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him shall bear much fruit because without me, you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)
6. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen his divine peace in your heart. "Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." "Cast all of you anxieties upon the one who cares for you..." "My Peace is My Gift to you." (Mt 11:28; Pt 5:7; Jn 14:17)

7. Jesus will give you all the graces you need to be happy! "The Lamb on the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water." (Rev 7:17)

8. Jesus is infinitely deserving of our unceasing thanksgiving and adoration for all he has done for our salvation. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor, glory and praise." (Rev. 5:12)

9. For peace in our country! "When my people humble themselves and seek my presence... I will revive their land." (2Chr 7:14)

10. Each hour you spend with Jesus on earth will leave your soul everlastingly more beautiful and glorious in heaven! "They who humble themselves shall be exalted...." "All of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into his very image." (Lk 18:14; 2Cor 3:18)

11. Jesus will bless you, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. "Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe..." "Faith can move mountains..." "What is needed is trust..." "Behold I come to make all things new." (Jn 20:29; Mk 11:23; Mk 5:36; Rev 21:5)

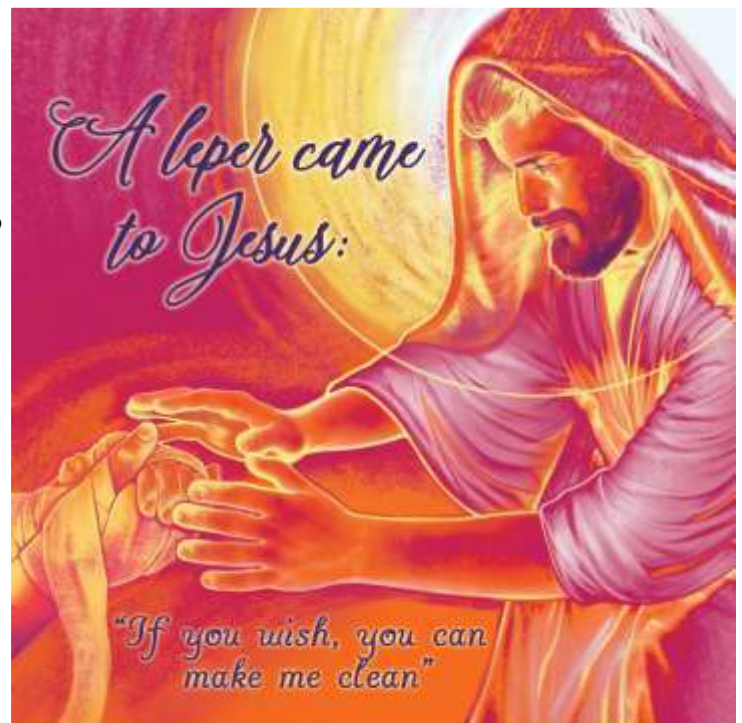
12. Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure, and delight to his Sacred Heart! "My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you." (Prov 8:31)

Please, if possible, take time to attend our monthly parish Holy Hour on the last Monday evening of each month from 7:00 to 8:00pm in the church. (P.S. Holy Hour was originally 8:00 to 9:00pm when I arrived in June, but I changed it to a more reasonable hour in the hopes of getting more people to attend.)

Thank you, and God bless you!

Fr. Ken

P.S. I made a mistake and announced at the Spanish Mass that the Holy Hour was the 1st Monday instead of the last Monday. **THIRTEEN** Spanish people just showed up! That's **6 TIMES** the normal amount of people we have at the regular Holy Hour! God bless them! They have such faith! They put the rest of us to shame! I apologized to them, and they were so understanding, even laughing about it. AND they promised to return on the 26th! We are blessed to have the Spanish in our parish. They truly are the future of the Church! One family, whose son is a seminarian, came from Riverhead!



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



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 3:30pm
631-288-4188

IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY

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!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Who can I reach out to in order to help make my family/community/world whole?
How can I go about doing so?

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In union with the entire Church throughout the world, with saints and sinners, with those who hunger and thirst for justice, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving.

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

Is there something in your life that is causing you stress or discomfort? Come to Jesus in prayer (especially before the Blessed Sacrament) and bring your troubles to Him.



Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals the leper who came to Him for help.

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 19, March 4, 11, 18, 25

Altar Flowers: April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26

Sanctuary Lamp: February 19, March 4, 11, 18, 25

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick

Monday: Lincoln's Birthday

Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day; Fast and Abstinence

Friday: Abstinence; Chinese New Year 4716

Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

TEDDY'S CORNER



Altar Server,
Claire Robesch,
giving Teddy some
puppy-love!



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and

virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.



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Fr. Slomski FRATERNAL BENEFIT EVENT

Dear Immaculate Conception Parishioners,

As Catholics, we look to our faith and morals to guide our decisions for our families, for our work, and for our communities. Our financial decisions should be guided in a similar way.

Knights of Columbus offers financial solutions that help protect your family's financial security and plan for your retirement while working with an organization that shares your faith and conducts itself in accordance with Catholic principles. That is the Order's commitment to you.

Our field agent, Patrick McGuire will be holding a Fraternal Benefit Event on March 4th, 7:00, at Our Lady's Hall, the to talk about Estate Planning. The featured speaker will be Elder Law and Estate Planning attorney Fred Kramer.

Please reach out to Grand Knight, Joseph Sala to register.

Fraternally,

Joseph Sala, GK
(516) 359-3901
JOESALAS@MSN.COM

A BOOK TO READ

There is a great difference between
the eager person who wants to
read a book and the tired person who
wants a book to read.

—G. K. Chesterton



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

at Immaculate Conception Church

Thursday mornings at Our Lady's Hall

First session is February 29th @ 9:30am

All are Welcome!

We gather at 9:30am for chat, coffee, and conversation. Bible study begins promptly at 10:00am. Zoom is also available for those unable to attend in person.

Share your Faith and Fellowship with other Ladies from the Parish while we learn more about "PETER: Keys to Following Jesus" [by Dr. Tim Gray, a highly respected Bible Scholar and Author] and Scripture from the Bible.

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 book 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" BIBLE Study Guide is a keepsake!

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

Come enjoy a cup of Coffee, or Tea with us!

All are Welcome!

Invite a Friend! We'd love to meet you!

BIBLE Study Guides are available at the first meeting on February 29th

NOTE: To Register and Reserve a copy of the Bible Study Book, please email at: mtpilo.esq@gmail.com; frankiernan@gmail.com; or Kris0330@optonline.net

"To fall in Love with GOD is the greatest Romance.

To seek Him, the greatest Adventure.

To find HIM the greatest human achievement."

~ St. Augustine

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





**Knights of Columbus Father
Joseph Slomski Council
7423
Westhampton Beach
Annual Council & District
Free Throw Championship**



Who: Boys/Girls ages 9 thru 14. **Copy of Proof of Age Required**

When: 5:30 pm Monday February 26, 2024

Where: WHB Middle School Gym
340 Mill Road Westhampton Beach

Participation T-Shirts, Champion prizes

Questions: Contact Robert Montpetit, 631-871-6209

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“Creating Dialogue on Abortion to Reach Hearts and Minds”

Sometimes pro-lifers find themselves wrestling to find the right words to respond when a friend, coworker, family member or stranger brings up the

sensitive topic of abortion. The LI Coalition for Life invites you to this interactive workshop to learn how to have a constructive conversation on abortion. Presented by Steve Wagner, Executive Director of Justice For All, who has been engaging abortion-choice advocates and training pro-lifers for more than 20 years.

SATURDAY MARCH 9th

Sons of Italy Hall, 2075 Deer Park Ave., Deer Park

Part I: 9:00am - Noon (Check-in 8:45am)

Pizza lunch Noon - 12:45pm (no charge for participants)

Part II: 1:00PM - 3:00PM (Check-in 12:45pm)

Attend either one or both sessions (different content). No admission fee. Freewill donation at the event (\$10 or any amount) to support the LICL. Registration preferred (for food & materials planning) - contact: Justice For All LICL link: www.jfaweb.org/2024/03-09-ny; or

LICL: www.prolifeLI.org or info@prolifeLI.org or 631-243-1435 (speak clearly).

The preborn babies need your voice!

Lenten Day of Prayer

"Lifting Ourselves Up in Prayer"

Sunday
March 10, 2024



9:30 am
to
3:30 pm



Rev. Patrick J. Griffin, CM

Executive Director

Vincentian Center for Church & Society
St. John's University

✧ Schedule ✧

9:30 am	Registration
10:00 am	Presentation I
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am	Presentation II
Noon	Lunch, Confession
2:00 pm	Presentation III
2:45 pm	Mass

Reflections ✧ Lunch ✧ Confession ✧ Mass

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Reply by March 4, 2024 ♦ \$60.00 per Guest ♦ Member of Friends

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NAME _____ NO. ATTENDING _____

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Wednesday, February 14th

GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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.



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

Thursday, 2/15
Riverhead Library
330 Court St
Riverhead, NY

For more information
 call 516-629-2013





Diocese of Rockville Centre Young Adult Ministry

**Church of St. Patrick
400 Main Street Huntington, NY**

Young Adult Holy Hours

January 25

February 22

April 25

May 23

June 27

Adoration with live music 7:30 PM

Fellowship with food provided 8:30 PM

Ages 21-39

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See What We've Been Up To!

Catholic Schools Week

OPEN HOUSE: We were happy to kick off Catholic Schools Week with our Open House on Sunday, January 28, following the 10AM Mass at St. John the Evangelist. We're grateful for all who came! If you are interested in finding out more about our Catholic in Center Moriches, contact us via the information above or scan the QR Code for a tour!

