

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**February 18, 2024**

The background is a collage of desert landscape photographs. On the left, a vertical strip shows a blue sky, mountains, and a body of water. The central part features a semi-transparent orange rectangle containing text. To the right, another vertical strip shows a bright sunburst over a desert valley. The bottom of the collage shows dry, scrubby vegetation.

*the*  
*Spirit*  
drove Jesus  
**OUT INTO**  
*the*  
*desert.*

Mark 1:12-15



## Church of the Immaculate Conception

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### STAFF

**Rev. Kenneth Grooms, Pastor**

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Linda Geoghan, Parish Secretary  
Deacon Ed Karan, Facilities Manager  
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### Parish Office Hours:

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

CLOSED Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays

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parishoffice@iccwhb.org

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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 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:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;  
Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).  
**Psalm:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).  
**Second Reading:** The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).  
**Gospel:** This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

## 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
02/11/2024	Weekly Collection	\$5,141.00
02/12/2023	Weekly Collection	\$4,801.00

**Thank you for your continuous support!**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>February 17</b> People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	<b>February 18</b> Michael Betjemann (Fr. Ken)
9:30am	Nicholas Coscia (Fr. Michael)
11:00am	Dave Francescani (Fr. Ken)
6:00pm	Salvatore Golfo (Fr. Mike)
<b>Monday</b> 8:00am	<b>February 19</b> Robert Delovo
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00am	<b>February 20</b> Christopher Schmidt
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00am	<b>February 21</b> (Guild Mass) Trudi & Don Lyon; Elizabeth Griffin; John Cyrta (Fr. Ken)
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00am	<b>February 22</b> Joanne Raicovich
<b>Friday</b> 8:00am	<b>February 23</b> Edward J. Reinoso
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00pm	<b>February 24</b> <b>Confessions</b>
5:00pm	Irene Barrow (Fr. Ken)
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	<b>February 25</b> People of the Parish (Fr. Peter)
9:30am	Jim Canale (Fr. Roy)
11:00am	Kerwin Baker (Fr. Michael)
6:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Mike)

All Parish Offices  
will be **CLOSED**  
Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>  
in observation of President's Day

### ADORATION

Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
Because of the Parish Lenten Mission,  
7:00pm evening Adoration is cancelled.

## 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	\$ 42,535.00

Donors: 108

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

Dear ICC Family,

In order to prepare for Easter, we are having a **LENTEN RETREAT** led by Fr. Roy from the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday through Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Church.

In addition we are going to have “double Holy Hours” at 12:00pm AND at 7:00pm as well on March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>. The reason we are having two Holy Hours is that some people feel more comfortable driving during daylight...while others work during the day and can only come at night. Soo...we’re hoping to give everyone a chance to come adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

Please join us as we prepare for Easter!

Fr Ken

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### HELP WANTED!

I need to find a pet sitter for Teddy for my day off. I usually leave Wednesday afternoon and return Thursday evening 8:00pm. I go to Corpus Christi Church in Mineola every week. It’s an hour travel each way and Teddy is not a big fan of the car! I will provide everything you need (food, bed, toys, etc.) and will pay you \$30! I can drop him off and pick him up at your house!

Teddy is a great dog. He is house trained and sleeps through the night. His “game” is that he can play as much as you want, but he can also be a couch potato! He LOVES people...kids, etc. He needs about an hour of exercise day...walking or playing in a (fenced in) backyard. Teddy is an awesome dog. I know a lot of people around here look down on purebred dogs, but there’s something to be said about the temperament of a well-bred dog! I think (and know) you will LOVE Teddy! Please call or text me. My cell is (516) 462-5325. Thank you so much!

Fr. Ken



## FROM DEACON MARK'S DESK

Have you ever walked past a Cinnabon stand in an airport, taken a whiff of that sweet smell and decided you just had to stop and taste one of those buns? Or have you passed a pizza place, caught the aroma of the sauce and decided you just had to go in and buy a slice? Well, that is the same kind of action that sacramentals are meant to perform for us and our faith.

Sacramentals are different from the seven sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick. Those offer sanctifying grace in themselves. Sacramentals, with an emphasis on the “al.” do not carry grace, but they are intentionally designed to make us take an inspired step toward the sacraments—and into deeper devotion.

The Vatican document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* says that sacramentals are “sacred signs that bear a resemblance to the sacraments.” Included among the wide array of sacramentals in Catholic life are prayers, religious objects, gestures and activities. Among them are blessings, crucifixes, bells, rosary beads (and saying the rosary) and praying the Angelus.

Those and many more are included in the new book, “Compendium of Sacramentals” by Shaun McAfee, a convert to the Catholic faith, a lay Dominican and the founder and editor of [EpicPew.com](http://EpicPew.com).

It is particularly timely to think about sacramentals during Lent, when they are at the forefront of our worship. Ashes on Ash Wednesday are arguably the most popular sacramental, judging by the attendance at church worldwide on that day. Lent also features the Stations of the Cross and palms on Palm Sunday. Here are other sacred signs:

- ♦ Holy Water dates back to Apostolic times.
- ♦ Making the Sign of the Cross is the chief sacramental, McAfee writes.
- ♦ Chalk is a sacramental used at homes on Epiphany.
- ♦ Blessed salt is used in several rituals, such as blessing of water to make it holy and in the Extraordinary form of Baptism.
- ♦ Holy oils are used in several sacraments and are blessed on Holy Thursday or another day during Holy Week.
- ♦ Scapulars come in several colors: brown, green, white, blue and black, each having been established after a separate and specific vision.

There is no doubt that people are drawn to sacramentals. Once, I was doing baptisms on St. Blaise Day, Feb. 3 and explained that it is an occasion to bless throats, using unlit candles (which also are sacramentals). Everyone in the church came up for that blessing, including young children and the professional photographer who was there to record the baptism for one family.

Sacramentals are a rich source of our Catholic tradition. We, as church, should make them as available as we can. We, as the faithful, should make use of them as often as we can. They lead us to the sacraments and they help us focus on God, who always is focused on us.

Deacon Mark





## THE STAFF'S CORNER

Each month a highlight from a different Staff member will be found here. We hope you will enjoy getting to know your parish staff a little more through this column.

This month, we hear from Donna Cosme, our Religious Education Director.

I've been thinking a lot about the "Domestic Church," a phrase I have often encountered since taking on the role of DRE this past fall. So, what is the Domestic Church? Simply put, it is the family ... shining a light to God.

My grandmother was and still is (from Heaven) my family's domestic church. Her life was a testament to her faith in the Good News of the Gospel. I'd like to share a little bit about her.

Independent, strong and driven, my grandmother was born on Easter Sunday and was both devout & feisty (I loved that about her). She had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother, St. Francis, and St. Padre Pio (she actually met Padre Pio while visiting my grandfather's family in Italy). As a child, I saw grandma praying the rosary (and knitting) every day. Every morning & night she read from her worn out prayer books (which I now humbly have and treasure). She loved to tell us stories of the times she met angels and saints (yes, angels and saints). Sundays, Christmas, Easter, and birthdays at her house were wonderful celebrations meant for the family to come together to eat, talk, laugh...and eat some more.

Grandma was a member of the Catholic Daughters of the America's and a Third Order Franciscan. I have a beautiful picture of her from the day she was welcomed into the profession – she was so happy. She was deeply committed to volunteer work and always looked for ways to share her talents (of which she had many). My grandmother visited the local shrines often and Holy Thursday was an opportunity to visit 3 churches after Mass to spend time with Jesus at each one. It is still such a special day for me. The reality of Jesus' tremendous love for us is so incredible.

But for all her joys, she also had many hardships. Through it all though, she never lost her faith. My mom would later be that same beautiful witness to suffering with grace. What incredibly remarkable ladies they both were.

My Grandmother lived to the age of 98 and died in my arms. At the moment of her passing, she looked toward the window in her bedroom (next to which hung pictures of The Divine Mercy and The Resurrected Christ), opened her eyes wide as if she saw somebody she recognized and smiled. My mom and I believe that it was Jesus who she saw, coming to take her home.

Families come in many shapes, sizes, and wonderful forms. But the world is pulling families apart. Parents struggle for time and to make ends meet. Kids are pulled at the seams by the demands of modern culture. Extended family may not live close by. Sadly, the simplicity of the Gospel message is being overshadowed, and so the Domestic church is struggling. We as parents need to let our faith shine so that our children can be strengthened to face the challenges that we all must and know that God is standing right beside them always.

My grandmother passed on the treasure of the knowledge of God's love to our family. She and my parents were great examples of the Domestic Church in action—love, kindness, generosity, and respect. They taught me that no one is perfect. But God meets us in our brokenness and carries us through...if we let him. I pray that I continue to pass that treasure on to my children, grandchildren, and the families I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve as DRE.

God's Blessings on you all!

Donna Cosme



LENT



# PARISH LENTEN MISSION



**PARISH LENTEN MISSION  
THE JEWISH ROOTS OF:  
BAPTISM, PENANCE & EUCHARIST**  
Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
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.

## PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent

8:30am in the Church

(Sign-up sheet in the Sacristy for those who would like to lead)

## SACRAMENTALS

What better time to arrange a Sacramental Remembrance for Lent/Easter? We have many available dates to arrange a remembrance of a loved one or in honor of those living. 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:** March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Altar Flowers:** April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16

**Sanctuary Lamp:** March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>. Those donations received after the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

NO CLASSES

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

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.

Congratulations to the following young parishioners who received Honor Roll certificates for the Second Quarter at St. Anthony's High School:

Jaiel Lindo-Jean Louis  
Isabella Pinto  
Christian Pinto

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How will I minister to others during these forty days of Lent? Who is in need of my help?

## INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We have been granted the grace to enter a new season of renewal. Let us come before God now with renewed hearts filled with praise and 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

This Lenten season, dig deeper into your prayer life. Attend the Stations of the Cross, go to confession and pick up a new prayer habit. Also, during this Lenten season, you can read a Catholic spiritual or apologetics book.



### Bulletin Reflection

Jesus suffered death for our sins. We are called to carry our crosses, and while we do so, let us never forget how much He loves us.

## MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending

**Monday:** Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent

**Wednesday:** St. Peter Damian

**Thursday:** Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday

**Friday:** St. Polycarp; Abstinence



## TEDDY'S CORNER



Organist,  
Jean Killourhy,  
got to have some  
snuggle time with  
Teddy!



# Knights of Columbus®

## 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.

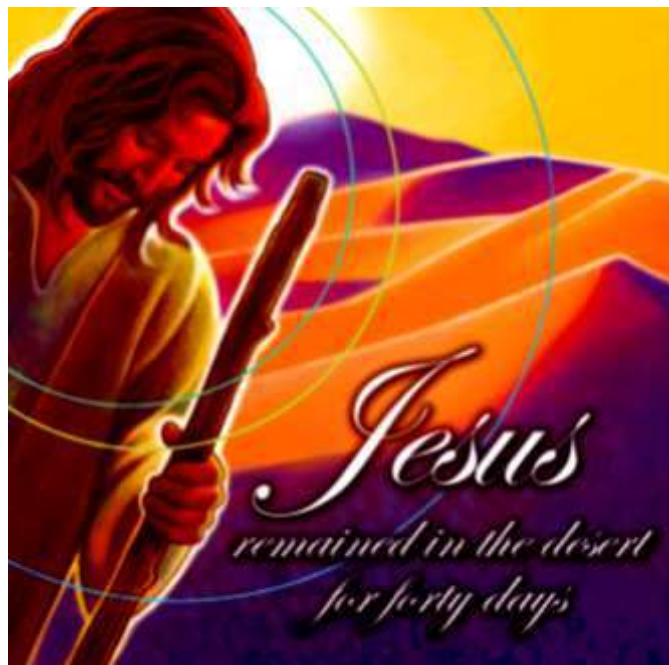
Knights of Columbus offers financial solutions that help protect your family's financial security and plan for your retirement while working with an organization that shares your faith and conducts itself in accordance with Catholic principles. That is the Order's commitment to you.

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](mailto:JOESALAS@MSN.COM)



## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let your marriage be filled with life in the Holy Spirit. Learn the five tools for a more fulfilling marriage by signing up and attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will be glad you did! The next weekend is June 21-23 in Huntington.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Kevin & Regina Hickson at 516-554-3835 or <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

## GOD'S POWER

We are not in our power,  
but in the power of God.  
—St. Perpetua



# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

at Immaculate Conception Church

**Thursday mornings at Our Lady's Hall**

**First session is February 29<sup>th</sup> @ 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 29<sup>th</sup>

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





**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 9<sup>th</sup>**

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](http://www.jfaweb.org/2024/03-09-ny); or

LICL: [www.prolifeLI.org](http://www.prolifeLI.org) or [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org) or 631-243-1435 (speak clearly).

***The preborn babies need your voice!***





# **COFFEE with JESUS**

## **Lenten Series via Zoom**

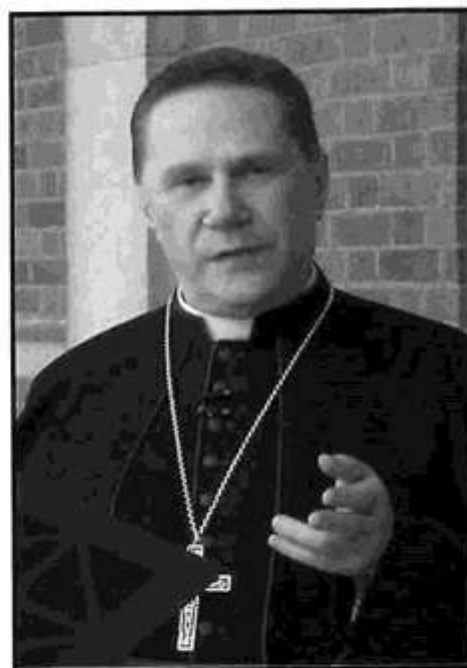
### **Join Bishop Andrzej**

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

**February 23, March 8 and March 22**

Online Lenten Reflections  
on Scripture Readings,  
with the special emphasis  
on the Last Words of Jesus.

Join this great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind,  
spirit and heart in preparation for Easter.



To register,  
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850  
or email [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org).

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the  
ZOOM information prior to each session  
of this Lenten series.

Westhampton Free Library

*Now*  
**OPEN  
FOR LUNCH**

This February  
join us at the library  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
12 to 1 PM for  
**Grab and Go or Grab and Stay**  
for fellowship

Senior Lunch program

To ensure a meal is ready for you,  
please sign up by the Friday  
before the lunch service.

Email us at  
[seniorlunch@westhamptonlibrary.org](mailto:seniorlunch@westhamptonlibrary.org)

OR call us at  
**631-288-3335 x161**  
to sign-up!





# Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School Spring Basket Auction and Food Extravaganza



Saturday, March 9th  
6:00 PM

Doors open at 5:30

Tickets \$35 each

(Ticket price includes food to try from various restaurants)

**CALL TO PURCHASE  
YOUR TICKETS!**

Tickets available till March 6th  
or  
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# **Young Adult Holy Hours**

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**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**