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**"TO WHAT SHALL
WE COMPARE THE
KINGDOM OF GOD,
OR WHAT PARABLE
CAN WE USE FOR IT?**

It is like a mustard seed that,
when it is sown in the ground,
is the smallest of all seeds on earth."

MARK 4:26-34

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 16, 2024**



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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: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7;
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16;
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18;
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34;
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17;
1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6;
Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I have lifted high the lowly tree
(Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading: Whether we are at home or away,
we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel: It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes
the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34).

MARRIAGE BANNS

II Scott Kubik to Christa Baker

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!

MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
5/19/24	119	131	127	167	150	694
5/26/24	185	196	169	242	150	942
6/2/24	116	202	140	190	150	798
6/9/24	139	194	128	207	150	818

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
06/09/2024	Weekly Collection	\$8,107.00
06/11/2023	Weekly Collection	\$7,683.50

Thank you for your continuous support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday June 15
5:00pm Rev. Msgr. Eugene Feldhaus
(Fr. Michael)

Sunday June 16
8:00am Andrew Clark (Fr. Peter)
9:30am Intentions of the Fenton's Friends & Neighbors (Fr. Ken)
11:00am Carol Pipito (Fr. Ken)
6:00pm People of the Parish (Fr. Mike)

Monday June 17
8:00am Joseph Repp

Tuesday June 18
8:00am Jane Cotter

Wednesday June 19
8:00am (Guild Mass) Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday June 20
8:00am Patricia Donovan

Friday June 21
8:00am George E. Summers

Saturday June 22
4:00pm **Confessions**
5:00pm John F. Goldsmith & Dr. James B. Tormey, Jr. (Fr. Ken)

Sunday June 23
8:00am Frank DiFazio (Fr. Ken)
9:30am Gregory Blanco (Fr. Michael)
11:00am Karen DeSonne Vitolo (Fr. Ken)
6:00pm People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Father's Day

Tuesday: St. Romuald

Thursday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga; Summer begins

Friday: St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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	\$ 28,825.00
Payments Received	\$ 26,321.00

Donors: 56 % of Goal: 46.42%

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

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 YEAR IS NOW UNDERWAY!

Registration forms have been given out or mailed to all families of current students and are due by July 1st.

Do you know of a child entering first grade?

If you do, it's time for them to enter their two-year process of preparing to receive First Holy Communion. Religious Education at Immaculate Conception Church begins in first grade and continues every year through tenth grade. If you have an incoming first grader, please contact the religious education office at (631) 288-4188 or email to religioused@iccwmb.org.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, June 22/23, we will take up a second collection for Maintenance. This will help defray the cost of maintaining our parish buildings and grounds. Thank you for your generosity!

SUMMER

One swallow maketh not summer.
~ John Heywood

A Father's Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,
as a father, help me
to follow your example
to be patient
to be caring
to be understanding
to be forgiving
to be firm
to be compassionate
to be a teacher
to be loving
to be a good listener
and most importantly
to be there as a parent,
as You are always there for me.
Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Courtney Cosentino, Blythe Fickenwirth,
Young Katie Kennedy, & Dick Nolan

Please call the Parish Office (631-288-1423) to add a name to the sick list. This list will be cleared bi-monthly.



NEWS ABOUT SOME PEWS

We have (4) 12' pews, originally from the Church, now housed in Our Lady's Hall, for anyone who would like them. Please contact the Parish Office if you're interested. Delivery NOT available – pick up ONLY.



Thank you to all the parishioners who have attended the VIRTUS Training sessions. We have added more classes for your convenience! Please register at VIRTUS.org.

All Volunteers are REQUIRED by the Diocese of Rockville Centre to attend 1 training class in order to volunteer in any parish. A background check, done by a reputable & safe agency through the Diocese, and a completed Code of Conduct are also needed and can be done on-line when you register for the class.

If you are NOT sure if you've taken the class, or if you have any questions, please contact the Parish VIRTUS Facilitator and Safe-Environment Coordinator:

Linda at 631-288-1423
Monday through Thursday, 9am-5pm.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

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.

Father's Day

Blessed is the Father who lets the Lord be his guiding hand, whose faith brings his family courage, whose wisdom comes from God and whose children stand and honor him.

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

As we await with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God, we raise our voices to God in a prayer of praise and thanksgiving. In holy remembrance, let us recall the good things God has done for us.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How do I walk by faith, showing my trust in God and things I cannot see? Can I recall a recent occasion in which I chose to put my trust in God?

TEDDY'S CORNER



Sssshhhh!
Never wake a
sleeping Teddy!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS We are in DIRE need of TOILETRIES & CANNED FRUIT

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

SACRAMENTALS

Altar Bread and Wine Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Lamp

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

Available Dates:

Altar Bread/Wine: June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Altar Flowers: June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28

Sanctuary Lamp: June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today's readings are especially timely at this point of the year. Two of the passages concern nature, specifically the growth of large trees and plants. As we head into summer, we can appreciate the shade from an expansive, leafy tree. On this Father's Day, a sturdy tree that provides shelter and comfort may remind us of our own father or fathers we know. Like trees and plants during the summer, like fathers who love us and care for us, the seeds we sow and nurture grow slowly and steadily, producing fruit that builds the kingdom of God in our midst.

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

REFLECTIONS

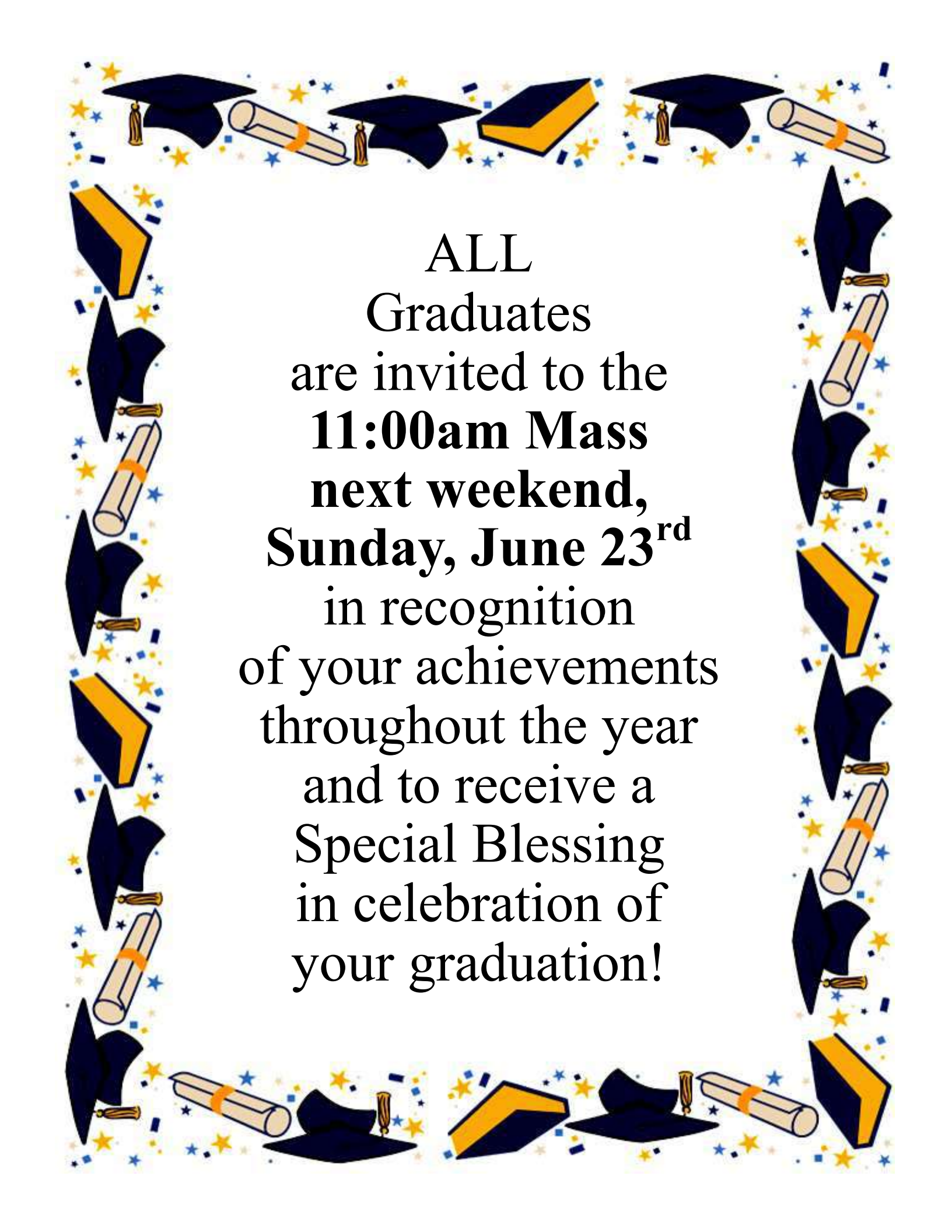
Living Stewardship

We are responsible for our actions and decisions. God has given us the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we can come to Him through His priests and be forgiven for the sins we have committed.



Bulletin Reflection

Meditate on the readings today that talk about Heaven and what happens after we die.

A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring blue graduation caps with gold tassels, rolled-up diplomas with gold ribbons, and yellow and blue stars and confetti.

ALL
Graduates
are invited to the
11:00am Mass
next weekend,
Sunday, June 23rd
in recognition
of your achievements
throughout the year
and to receive a
Special Blessing
in celebration of
your graduation!



Happy ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS

... to Bill & Judy Permakoff who are renewing their wedding vows at the 11:00am Mass next weekend, June 23rd, in celebration of 55 years of wedded bliss!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Father Joseph Slomski Council #7423
Color Guard Ceremony
in honor of Independence Day
Sunday, June 30th
9:30am and 11:00am Masses

If you would like to have the honor of carrying a flag into or out of Mass, please see an Usher upon your arrival, before Mass begins.



ANNUAL BEACH MASS
Sunday, July 21st, 8:30am
Swordfish Club Pavilion

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

We are looking for a volunteer to sit in as a substitute for various time slots at the First Friday Adoration.

This is **NOT** an every month commitment, just as needed. Please call Sue Kelly at 631-288-2960 if you can help or if you have any questions. Thank you.

PICTORIAL Directory

It's time for our NEW Parish Directory! Every family receives a FREE 8x10 family portrait and a printed directory!

It won't be OUR directory without YOU!



COMING SOON!

We're having a PARISH DIRECTORY made! A photographer will be at the Parish Center Wednesday, July 24th through Saturday, July 27th (by appointment only). If you'd like to be included in the Directory AND get a FREE 8x10 photo & a FREE Directory, or have any questions, please contact the Parish Office. Don't miss out ... be a part of Immaculate Conception Church history in the making!

All Parish Offices are **CLOSED**
Wednesday, June 19th
in observation of Juneteenth





“God is Love” Month of the Sacred Heart

June is known as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus because the solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated during this month. This year, the solemnity falls on June 16th. The date changes each year because it is celebrated on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave, or the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost. Here is some historical context about why June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart:

In 1673, a French nun named Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque, who belonged to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines) in eastern France, began receiving visions about the Sacred Heart of Jesus. During these visions, Jesus appeared to her and revealed ways to venerate His Sacred Heart. He explained the immense love He has for humanity, appearing with His heart visible outside His chest, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns.

The different ways to honor the Sacred Heart include partaking in a holy hour and receiving the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month. Jesus told Sister Margaret Mary: “My Sacred Heart is so intense in its love for men, and for you in particular, that not being able to contain within it the flames of its ardent charity, they must be transmitted through all means.” These visions continued for 18 months.

On June 16, 1675, Jesus instructed Sister Margaret Mary to promote a feast that honored His Sacred Heart. He also gave her 12 promises for all who venerate and promote the devotion of the Sacred Heart. Among these promises was the request for a special feast on the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi, dedicated to His heart. Jesus promised abundant graces and divine love to those who honored His Sacred Heart in this way.

Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque passed away in 1690 and was later canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 13, 1920. Although the Vatican was initially hesitant to declare a feast for the Sacred Heart, the devotion spread throughout France. In 1765, the Vatican granted the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to France. Then, in 1856, Pope Pius IX designated the Friday following the feast of Corpus Christi as the feast of the Sacred Heart for the universal Church. Since then, the month of June has been devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and His immense love for all of us.

Today, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a solemnity, the highest-ranking feast in the liturgical calendar, although it is not a holy day of obligation. The devotion to the Sacred Heart continues to inspire countless believers worldwide, inviting them to reflect on God’s boundless love and mercy.

Please be sure to find & take a Prayer Card to the Sacred Heart (found in the Church) and participate in this prayerful month of June!



WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH!

If you're new to the Parish and would like to register please contact the Parish Office (631-288-1423). We would love the opportunity to tell you about our great Parish and to give you a welcome packet.

Perhaps you've been here a while but never had the opportunity to register. We can do that easily over the phone, so give the Parish Office a call!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To find out how to nurture your relationship, check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. It will help your relationship and teach you tools to love one another more. This will transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. We are in **Huntington on June 21- June 23**. 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/>.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

God is
love.
1 John 4:8

The reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the acts of giving from our abundance and attending to the needs of the poor open us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

FATHER

Father! To God himself
we cannot give a holier name.
~ William Wordsworth

TAKE CATHOLIC THEOLOGY COURSES THIS SUMMER AT ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

There is still time to register!
Dates: May 29 through July 19

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Have a question? Call
(631) 288-3335 ext. 200

Adult:

Monday 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Teen/Tween:

Wednesday 2:30 pm-4:30 pm

Childrens:

Wednesday 4:30 pm-6:30 pm

LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej

For Scripture Reflection Series
on St. THOMAS the APOSTLE - Part III

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

Bible Study Verse

APOSTLE THOMAS
Touching the Wounded God
Gospel of John 20. 19-31

Encountering the Risen One

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM
link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your
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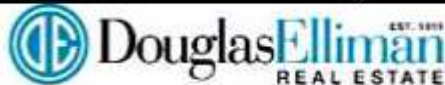
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