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*Your faith has saved you.*



*Go in peace and be cured  
of your affliction.*

**Mark 5:21-43**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**June 30, 2024**





## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### NO FRIDAY MASS

Dear ICC Family,

Beginning this week (**Friday, July 5, 2024**) there will no longer be a Friday Mass. I need a day off, and the three other (retired) priests cannot do it because of scheduling conflicts. It is standard practice for one-priest parishes (like those on the North Shore) to eliminate one weekday Mass per week.

Also, as a consequence, there will no longer be a first Friday Adoration following Mass. However, there will continue to be last Monday Adoration from 7:00-8:00 PM. Usually, there are only a couple people, but all are welcome.

Thank you for your understanding and God bless you,

Fr. Ken

P.S. Any Friday Mass intentions previously arranged will be rescheduled. If you've arranged a Friday Mass for the remainder of 2024, please contact the Parish Secretary and she will help you choose a new date.

#### AMERICAN FLAG

This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation.  
~ Woodrow Wilson



#### INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS

Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm

Let's come together on July 4<sup>th</sup>  
to sing patriotic songs and give thanks to  
God for our great country!



Trevor Hayes received a special blessing at the end of Mass last Sunday. As soon as he graduates from WHB HS he will drive down to Annapolis MD to begin training and studies at the U.S. Naval Academy. Our prayers are with him and all our graduates who are beginning the next chapter in their lives. Congratulations to them all and may God richly bless them! Fr. Ken



## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Every first Saturday of the Month parishioners here at Immaculate Conception have the opportunity to participate in First Saturday Devotion also known as the Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This devotion aims to console the Immaculate Heart of Mary and make reparation for sins. Doing so fosters spiritual growth and is an occasion to respond to Our Lady's call for conversion and peace in the world. The efficacy of this devotion is that the Blessed Mother promised to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation.

**First Saturday Devotions at Immaculate Conception begin at 8:45am (July 6) with the praying of 3 decades of the rosary then mass is celebrated followed by 2 decades of the rosary. The devotion is completed in approximately 35 minutes.**

## HISTORY

The ancient practice of honoring the Blessed Mother on Saturdays dates back to a Benedictine monk Alcuin (735-804) living in Northumbria. He assigned a collection of set forms or formulas to Saturday in honor of Mary. The practice was embraced by both clergy and laity. Fast forward to 1889 when in Rovigo Italy the practice of "Communion in Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary" was endorsed by Bishop Antonio Polin of the Diocese of Adria. The practice spread across Italy and beyond. In 1905, Pope Pius X approved and granted indulgences for the practice of First Saturday for twelve consecutive months. Twenty years later in 1925 in Pontevedra, Spain Our Lady appeared to Sister Lucia dos Santos, the only surviving seer of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady requested that devout Catholics observe "communion of reparation" on five consecutive First Saturdays of each month to make reparations for the offenses endured by the Immaculate Heart of Mary due to human ingratitude and blasphemies.

## REQUIREMENTS

According to Catholic Answers these four steps are requirements to fulfill this devotion:

- Go to confession
- Receive Holy Communion
- Say five decades of the rosary
- Keep Mary company for fifteen minutes meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the rosary

The sacramental confession can be received within [twenty days](#) either before or after the reception of Communion, as the [Holy See's Apostolic Penitentiary](#) has decreed, provided the communicant is in a state of grace for Communion. Reception of Holy Communion must take place within twenty-four hours of the first Saturday. The reception of Communion need not be part of participating in a Mass.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religious Education Office Hours are:**  
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday  
9am to 5pm  
631-288-4188

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### ***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](mailto:religioused@iccwmb.org).

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

As another great school year in our religious education program has concluded, we are excitedly planning for next year. Our mission to nurture faith, inspire growth, and build a strong community relies on the commitment of our wonderful volunteers.

### **Why Volunteer with Us?**

**Impact:** By volunteering, you directly impact the spiritual formation of our students. Your presence matters!

**Growth:** Volunteering is an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth. You'll learn, connect, and be part of something meaningful.

**Support:** We will provide training, resources, and ongoing support.

**How Can You Help?** We have various roles available, including catechists (Levels 1-10), classroom assistants, hall monitors and coordinators. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or new to this, there's a place for you.

**Next Steps:** Please contact the Religious Education Office at 631-288-4188 or stop by during our office hours to obtain a form to sign up and get more info. VIRTUS training is required. Please pray about this and see if the Holy Spirit may be guiding you to this opportunity to share your faith with our young learners.

## 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.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday:** St. Thomas

**Wednesday:** Independence Day

**Thursday:** St. Elizabeth of Portugal;

St. Anthony Zaccaria

**Friday:** St. Maria Goretti; First Friday

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

## NEWS ABOUT SOME PEWS

We have (3) 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.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend, June 29/30, our second collection is for Peter's Pence. Thank you for your generosity!

## INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In his death and resurrection, Jesus has destroyed death and restored life. In the name of Christ the healer, we offer praise and thanksgiving.

## MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How does my faith affect the way I anticipate death? How can it increase my courage? How can I encourage others to keep the faith?

## TEDDY'S CORNER



## 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

The Altar Flowers this weekend were donated in celebration of the Baptism of  
**Henry Chodhari**  
Congratulations little one!

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:** July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26

**Altar Flowers:** July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25

**Sanctuary Lamp:** July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 19, 26

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

"Do not be afraid," Jesus says in today's Gospel to Jairus, whose daughter is dying, "just have faith." Difficult as it was for Jairus, it may seem to be even harder for us now. When we are in mourning for a loved one we've lost, or anxious about our health or that of someone close to us, or worried about the state of the world or our country, can we find faith strong enough to calm our fears? Gathered here today to give thanks and praise to God, may the words from Wisdom encourage us. God is good and imperishable and made us to be the same. Let us place our trust in God.

## REFLECTIONS

### Living Stewardship

Have faith! No matter what is going on in your life at this moment—trust in God.

Stewardship



A Way of Life

### Bulletin Reflection

In the Gospel, Jesus raises Jairus' daughter. Like last week, we are taught to trust in Christ—no matter what.

Coming Soon!

# OUR NEW Directory!



*It's time for a new parish pictorial directory. It won't be our directory without you!*

*Look for more information to follow.*

**BOOK NOW**



## **COMING SOON!**

We're having a PARISH DIRECTORY made! A photographer will be at the Parish Center Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> (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!

**The Parish Secretary will be at all the Masses the weekends of June 30, July 7, & July 14 to take appointments. Please visit the Narthex on your way out of Mass those weekends or you can call the Parish Office during the week to schedule your photo appointment as well.**



## SUNDAY MASS at the PARISH CENTER

Due to our influx of summer parishioners, our 8:00am Sunday Mass will be held in the Parish Center beginning next weekend, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Summer!

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP

St. John the Evangelist (Riverhead) will be providing Vacation Bible Camp, July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00pm-8:30pm, grades 1-6 at 546 St. John's Place (cafeteria). Cost: \$10 for 1<sup>st</sup> child; \$25 for two or more children. REGISTER by July 10<sup>th</sup>: 631-727-6774 or [stjohnsyouthministry25@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsyouthministry25@gmail.com)



Due to a change in the Swordfish Calendar, our **BEACH MASS** has been changed to **Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am**. We hope to see you there!

## Save the Date

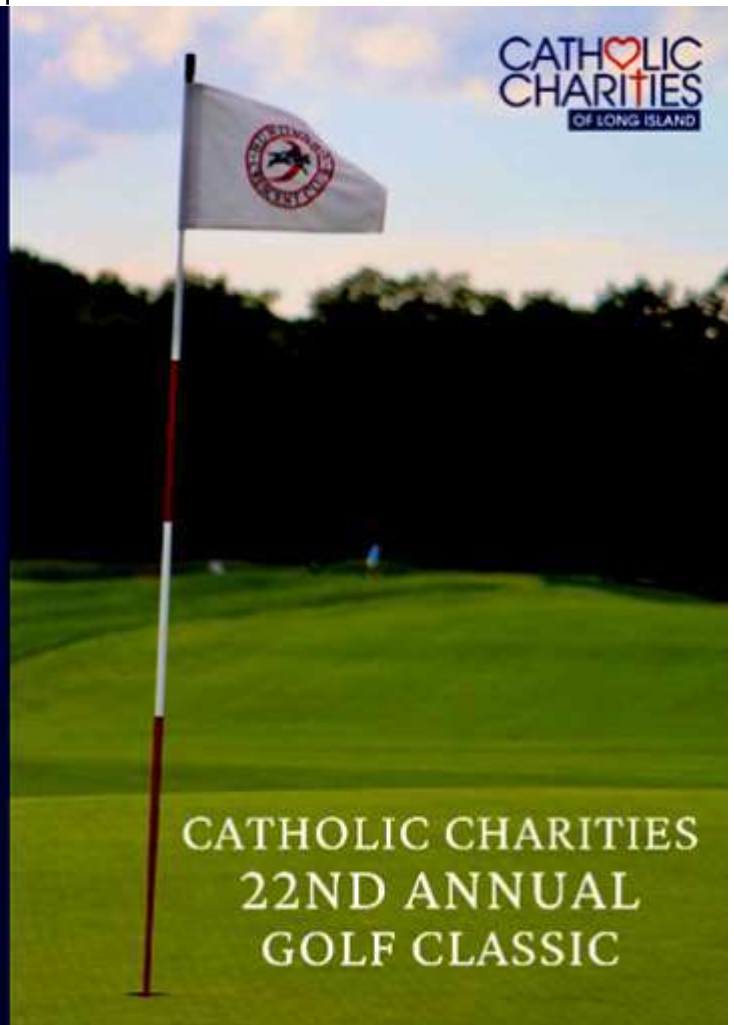
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INVITATION TO FOLLOW



"We pledge to persevere in prayer,  
fasting and witnessing to the  
sacredness of every human life."

- *Bishop Barres' statement regarding the  
U.S. Supreme Court Decision in  
Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022*



# *Rosary for Life*



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## SOBORNOST DAY

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"If I shall touch but his garment, I shall be made whole."

Mat 9:20-22

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**Register** 631-730-6210 or please email  
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**When** SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024  
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**Suggested Donation** \$40.00 a person  
(lunch included)

**What** SOBORNOST FOR THE WORLD  
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**FACE THE TRUTH**

**Pro-Life Event**

**DEFEND THE FREEDOM TO BE BORN**

Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> - 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Lake Grove - Route 347, public sidewalk near Staples (opposite Smith Haven Mall)

America has turned its back on hundreds of millions of preborn babies for decades and continues to do so. Pro-lifers are encouraged to participate in this peaceful outreach to stand against abortion and for the unalienable RIGHT TO LIFE for preborn children. Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life (631-243-1435; [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org)).

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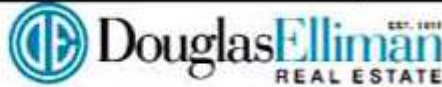
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