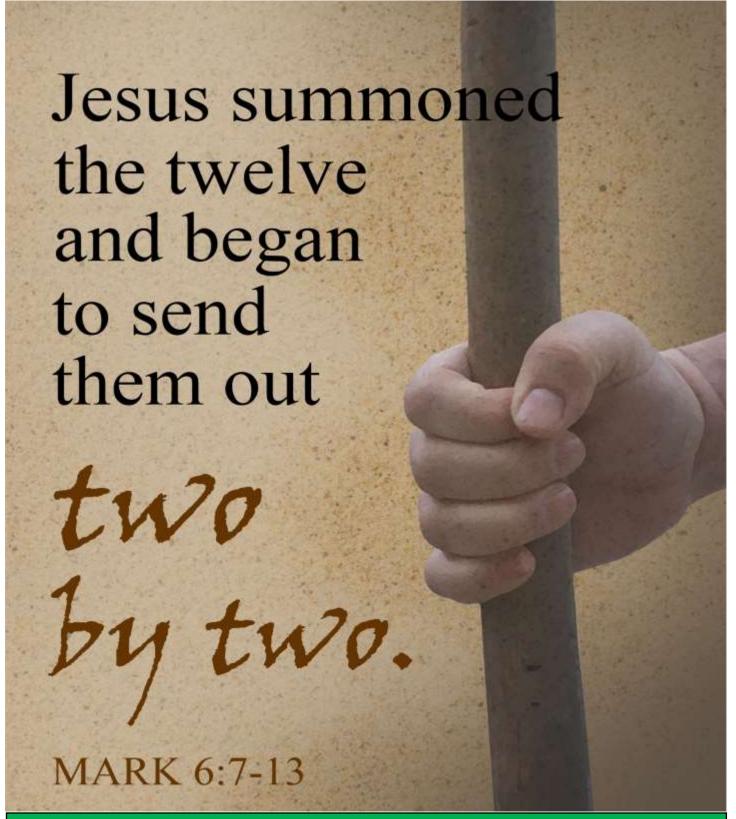
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 14, 2024



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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 Thursday
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**

The FIRST FRIDAYS of each month at 12:30pm and the 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:** Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;

Mt 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24 **Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15;

Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16;

Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21 **Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18;

Mk 6:30-34

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** Amos said, "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people" (Amos 7:12-15).

**Psalm:** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading**: The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

**Gospel**: Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

### **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	6рт	TOTAL	
6/16/24	115	242	210	239	135	941	
6/23/24	139	238	200	211	107	895	
6/30/24	159	230	184	236	130	939	
7/7/24	165	230	120	195	150	860	

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS						
DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT				
07/07/2024	Weekly Collection	\$11,331.00				
07/09/2023	Weekly Collection	\$10,141.00				
Thank you for your continuous support!						

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday July 13

5:00pm Rev. Msgr. Eugene Feldhaus (Fr. Ken)

Sunday July 14

8:00am Michael Betjemann (Fr. Ken)
9:30am Michael James Merlo (Fr. Peter)
11:00am People of the Parish (Fr. Ken)
6:00pm Intentions of Paloma Steingard

Monday (Fr. Jorge)
July 15

8:00am Intentions of Paloma Steingard

Tuesday July 16

8:00am Intentions of Paloma Steingard

Wednesday July 17

8:00am (Guild Mass) Intentions of Paloma

Steingard; Ralph & Mary Nobisso

Thursday July 18

8:00am Intentions of Paloma Steingard

Friday July 19

12:00pm Intentions of Paloma Steingard

Saturday July 20 4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Intentions of Paloma Steingard

(Fr. Ken)

Sunday July 21

8:00am Intentions of Paloma Steingard

(Fr. Peter)

9:30am Intentions of Paloma Steingard

(Fr. Peter)

11:00am Gunter G. Schmidt (Fr. Ken) 6:00pm People of the Parish (Fr. Mike)

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Wednesday: St. Camillus de Lellis

Friday: St. Apollinaris

Saturday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi;

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
 \$ 31,325.00

 Payments Received
 \$ 28,833.00

Donors: 62 % of Goal: 50.44%

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

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSTALLATION

Dear ICC Family,

The **Knights of Columbus** Father Joseph Slomski Council 7423 at our parish installed a new slate of officers last Sunday, including myself as Chaplain and **Mike Doyle** as **Grand Knight**.

The K of C is one of the pillars of our Church, and the guys in our parish provide an invaluable free service to all of us. I am honored to have been chosen as their Chaplain and look forward to working with our new Grand Knight, **Mike Doyle**, just as I did with the former Grand Knight, **Joe Sala**. Both are great Christian family men who always go above and beyond for our parish!

I would also like to thank their wonderful wives, **Audrey Sala** and **Diane Doyle**, for their great support behind the scenes and also for making the sacrifice necessary for their husbands to do such great things for our parish!

Here is a complete list of new officers:

Chaplain -- Father Kenneth Grooms Grand Knight -- Michael Doyle Deputy Grand Knight -- George Motz Financial Secretary -- Daily Hill Treasurer -- Joseph Giaquinto Recorder -- Phillip DeBrita

Chancellor -- Raymond Hayes Advocate -- James Thorne

Warden -- Christopher Cordella

Inside Guard -- Anthony Veraldi

Outside Guard -- Raymond Evans

Lecturer -- Richard Lore

Trustees -- Thomas Day, Robert Giglio, Joseph Sala

Please pray for all of us that we may be worthy of this great honor! God bless you!

Fr. Ken



Congratulations to Fr. Ken as he accepts his appointment as Chaplain to the Knights of Columbus, Father Joseph Slomski Council 7423.

Congratulations to our new Grand Knight and his wife, Mike & Diane Doyle!



### **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.

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@iccwhb.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

Richard Adrian, 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 occasionally.

### SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, July 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>, we take up our **Annual Summer Collection**. This second collection helps defray the costs of air conditioning, landscaping, and other summer necessities for our parish buildings. Thank you for your continued generosity. May God continue to bless you in your giving!





### 2025 MASS BOOK

The 2025 Mass Book will be open to schedule Masses on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

To schedule a Mass for the deceased or for the intentions of the living, please visit the Parish Office Monday through Thursday, 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Individual Masses are \$20 each and Guild Masses (multiple) are \$10 each.

### **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

Please join us after all Sunday Masses THIS WEEKEND for coffee, muffins, & conversation in the Narthex of the Church.

### **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.

# INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In Christ's blood, we have been given the gift of redemption. In praise and thanksgiving we bless God for this great gift.

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**



Can I accept the challenge the Twelve did? What "unclean spirits" do I see that I can try to drive out? For what do I see myself calling for repentance? To whom can I bring healing?

### **TEDDY'S CORNER**



The "Dog Days of Summer" are tough on our Teddy! But he is surely enjoying the coolness of his pool water!



### PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



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

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:** July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26 **Altar Flowers:** July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25 **Sanctuary Lamp:** July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 19, 26

# INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist today, we are reminded that we are the Lord's disciples. In today's Gospel, the twelve apostles are sent out on their own for the first time. Jesus instructs them to preach repentance, cure those who are sick, and drive out demons. Jesus did not accompany them in person, but he was surely with them in spirit. This is our calling now. With the spirit of the Lord—and the Holy Spirit—in us, Jesus calls us to preach the Good News, to bring his healing touch to those in need, to confront evil, and to forgive wrongs. Let us listen to his instructions today.

# **MEDITATION** with Deacon Joe

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

### **REFLECTIONS**

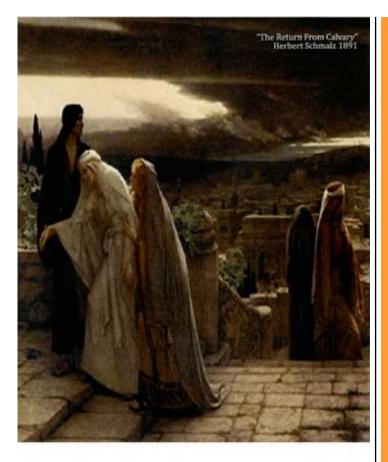
### **Living Stewardship**

We, too, are called to go forth and spread the Word of God to all we meet. Meditate on this quote from Padre Pio: "Do good everywhere, so that everyone can say: This is a son of Christ."



### **Bulletin Reflection**

In today's Gospel, Jesus commissions his disciples to go forth and preach repentance.



# Prayer for Healing

Diocese of Rockville Centre Office for the Protection of Children/Young People

Please join us **Tuesday**, **July 16**<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00am Mass for a special prayer service for the Parishes on Long Island. All towns will be announced while we pray for the people of God within those parishes. The prayer will be led by Deacon Joe. We hope to see you there!

# PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS

Due to an extremely low interest, we will NOT be conducting a Parish Directory this year. We may try again next year if there is enough interest. If you made an appointment to be photographed, you will be notified by email of our discontinuation. For those who wanted to participate, we share in your disappointment and are truly sorry it didn't come to fruition this year.



### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONE-DAY BOOK CLUB AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>

"The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom

The ICC Women's Bible Study invites you to their one-day summer book club event on August  $22^{nd}$  at Our Lady's Hall. We gather in Our Lady's Hall at 9:30am for chat, coffee, tea, dessert, and fruit! Our book discussion begins at 10:00am – please bring your book!

### What would happen if we called on God for help and God actually appeared?

In Mitch Albom's profound new novel of hope and faith, a group of shipwrecked passengers pull a strange man from the sea. He claims to be "the Lord."

We hope you will join us for this one-day event at Our Lady's Hall and invite your friends! All are welcomed. We are also offering this event on ZOOM, please let us know if you prefer to join us electronically when you register.

### Please Register at <a href="mailto:susanvalentino@yahoo.com">susanvalentino@yahoo.com</a>

P.S. Women's Bible Study will resume weekly starting in September. More to follow in the bulletin next month.



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### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

With the benefits from God, listening, and prayer, He can give you peace and he will prepare you and increase your desire to make your couple relationship greater.

Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. It will enrich your relationship and teach you tools to love one another. This will transform your marriage. We will be in Huntington on September 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. 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://wwwmenyli.org/.





Join us for a day of golf on the North Shore!

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

Kellenberg Memorial High School's

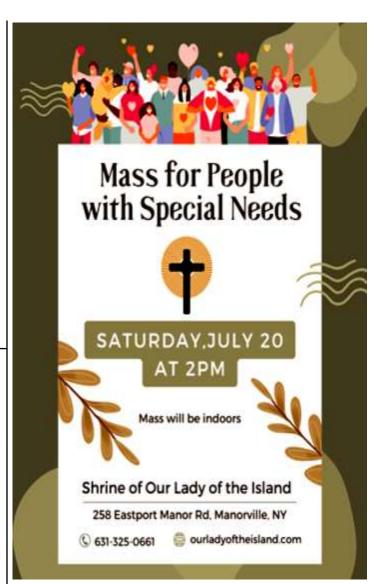
32nd Annual One Heart One Mind
Benefit Outing & Gala will take
place at North Hills Country Club,
The Mill River Club,
and Nassau Country Club.

PICKLEBALL!

All are welcome!

To register, purchase raffles, or explore sponsorship/underwriting opportunities, please visit: www.kellenberg.org/benefit







# Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!

Next weekend, July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, Immaculate Conception Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island.



The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide?

- · Free pregnancy test kits
- Free sonogram
- · Maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- Medical care referrals
- Material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items
- Male advocates available to speak with fathers

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation. (Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

# PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup>

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.

Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart to give the gift of life to her preborn baby!



# Save the Date

43RD ANNUAL LAWN PARTY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

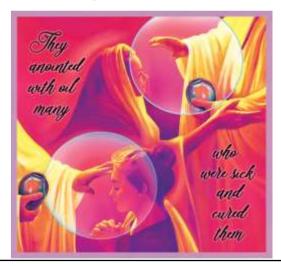


Please join us for



# EVENING PRAYER ON THE SOUND

at Villa Immaculata House of Prayer
3560 Sound Avenue, Riverhead
Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm until sunset
(Rain date: Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>)
Bring your lawn chair for an evening of
praise and worship through
music and prayer!
Please register at 631-727-5122



### GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM OLIVEWOOD HANDCRAFTED FROM THE HOLY LAND

### A Traditional Art and Livelihood for holy Land Christians

The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work.

In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in the Land. Sixty-five years ago the Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide.

Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

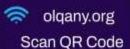
You will get a chance to see these beautiful works of art and given the opportunity to make a purchase next weekend, July 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>, at all the Masses in the Narthex. Please stop by and say hello.



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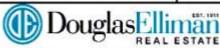
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