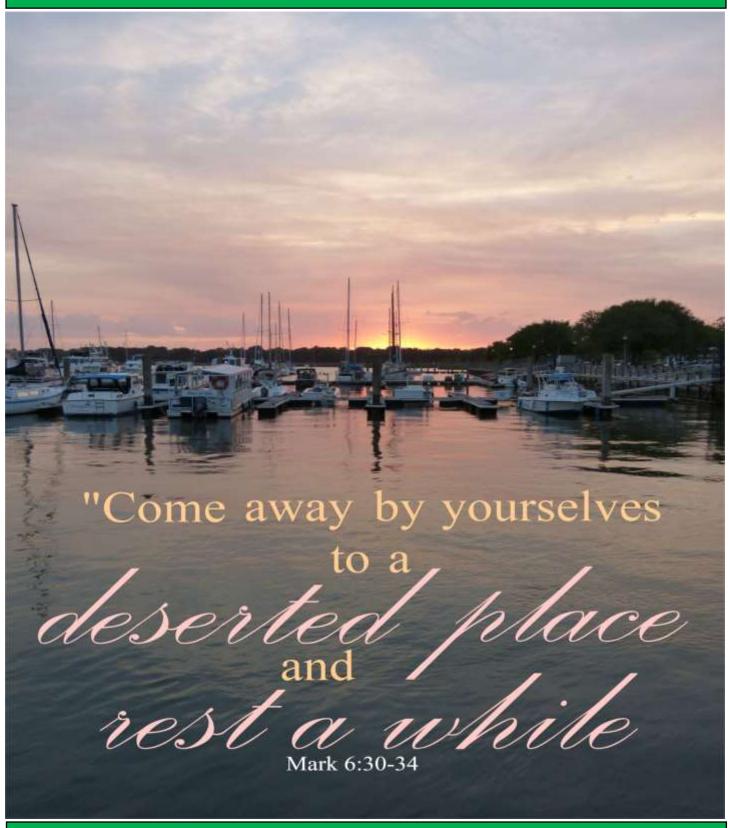
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 21, 2024



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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 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: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8;

Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6;

Mt 20:20-28

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11;

Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11;

Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18;

Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6). **Psalm**: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading: In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel: When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

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!

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DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6рт	TOTAL
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
7/14/24	212	240	169	222	150	993

WE	EKLY COLLECTION	ONS			
DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT			
07/14/2024	Weekly Collection	\$10,415.00			
07/16/2023	Weekly Collection	\$ 10,417.00			
Thank you for your continuous support!					

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday July 20

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)

Monday July 22

8:00am Rev. Pat Fitzgerald (Birthday in Heaven)

Tuesday July 23 8:00am Kathy Gobbi Wednesday July 24

8:00am (Guild Mass) Intentions of

Siobhan Fenton

Thursday July 25

8:00am Peggie & Frank McElroy

Friday
12:00pm
Saturday
4:00pm
July 26
Robert Mott
July 27
Confessions

5:00pm Clarence "Jake" Blake (Fr. Peter)

Sunday July 28

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8:00am Dorothy Doyle (Fr. Ken)

8:30am (BEACH MASS) Susie & Chris Schmidt;

Gunter Schmidt (Fr. Peter)

9:30am Lucilla Eschmann (Fr. Ken)

11:00am Deceased Members of the Keary &

Tolan Families (Fr. Peter)

6:00pm People of the Parish (Fr. Jorge)

MARRIAGE BANNS

- Kenneth D'Auria to Shannon Suydam
- I Robert A. Maiorana to Anna G. Greer
- I Osman Milian Ortiz to Miriam Nunez

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
 \$ 31,525.00

 Payments Received
 \$ 29,268.00

Donors: 64 % of Goal: 50.76%

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.

Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!

This weekend, **July 20th & 21st**, Immaculate Conception Parish is 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 24TH AND 25TH

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!

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.

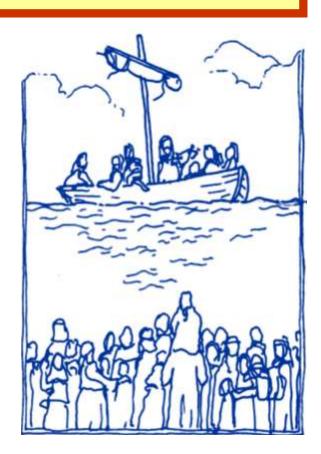
In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, 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.

Please visit the Narthex after Mass THIS WEEKEND to see these beautiful works of art.



People were crying when
Bobby, our music minister, and Laura sang "The Prayer" at last Sundays Mass! How blessed we are to have two of the best musicians on Long Island!



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 should have been handed in for the returning children and teens as of July 1st. If you have not done so and need a new form, please contact the Religious Education office. You can also print the form from the parish website iccwhb.org and return. Our registration period will close on 9/3/24. As we have a limited number of catechists, we encourage families to register as soon as possible to ensure placement in a class for September.

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

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to teach for this upcoming school year. Currently, we are still in need of more catechists for Levels 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 &

Our mission to nurture faith, inspire growth, and build a strong community relies on the commitment of our wonderful volunteers. If you can give some time to be a catechist, we would greatly appreciate it. 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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bridget

Tuesday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf

Wednesday: St. James

Thursday: Ss. Joachim and Anne Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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

This weekend, July 20th/21st, 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.

Next weekend, July 27th/28th, we'll take up a second collection for the Maintenance of all Parish buildings. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you in your giving!

SOLITUDE

Settle yourself in solitude, and you will come upon God in yourself. ~ St. Teresa





2025 MASS BOOK

The 2025 Mass Book will be open to schedule Masses this Monday, July 22nd.

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.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bentley (Navy)
Julia Blake (Navy)
Thomas Hellman (USSF)
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.

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The vast crowds gathered around Jesus, savoring his every word. We gather at this table in praise and thanksgiving, waiting to savor the very bread of life.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How can I put aside a half hour a week to reflect on how I am living as a disciple and pray for God's assistance? Can I face the Lord honestly with my shortcomings and failures?

TEDDY'S CORNER



As the hazy, hot, & humid weather continues ... Teddy is trying to stay cool in his pool!

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today we hear Jesus invite his disciples, who have just returned from their mission, to travel with him to a deserted place to rest a while. Sounds like the perfect thing for us to do at this time of year! Even Jesus realized the need to rest and recharge. But then Jesus sees the crowds that sought him out, so he changes his plans and begins to teach them, for they were "sheep without a shepherd." May it comfort us to know that Jesus always has time for us. We need never feel lost or forsaken.

MUCH-NEEDED PRAYER

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

~ St. Francis de Sales

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

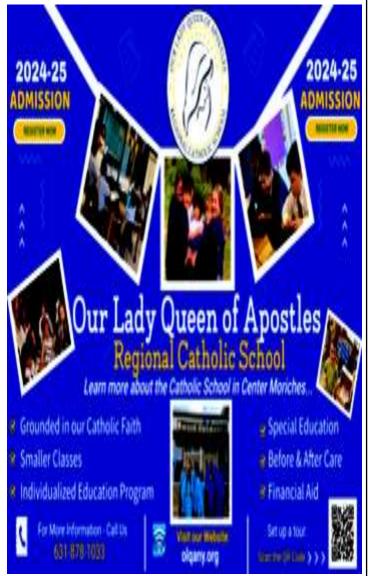
Jesus wants to have a relationship with us. He loves us and wants to communicate with us (which means that we LISTEN as well as talk). This week, make a point to pray an extra five minutes, or read a Scripture verse every day, or learn a new prayer. Build upon your relationship with the Lord.

Bulletin Reflection

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

PRAYER FOR CIVILITY Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where uncivil words prevail, show me how to model love. Help me remember the God-given dignity of all and invite others to do the same. Show me how to build bridges and not walls and see first what unites us rather than how we diverge. Let me seek to understand before asking to be understood. Give me a listening heart filled with empathy and compassion. May I be clear in sharing my own position and respectful and civil in describing those of others. Let me never tolerate hateful ideas. May I invite all to charity and love. Lord, help me to imitate your compassion and mercy. Make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.





WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONE-DAY BOOK CLUB AUGUST 22nd

"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 22nd 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!

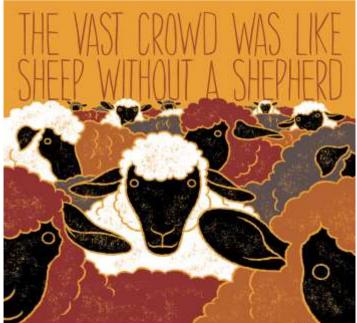
What would happen if we called on God for help and God actually appeared?

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 susanvalentino@yahoo.com

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





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 20th-22nd. 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/.

KELLENBERG MEMORIAL



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



CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Catholic Pilgrimage with daily Mass to the Shrines of France. September 23 - October 4, 2024. Lourdes, Lisieux, Nevers, Chartres, Mont Saint Michel, Paris and more! \$6199 per person includes air from JFK, all sightseeing, breakfast and dinner daily. For a Flyer and more detailed information please call Mike Milano at 631-569-2620.



TAKE CATHOLIC THEOLOGY COURSES THIS SUMMER AT ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY There is still time to register – now thru July 19th!

Courses are:

- Open to qualified lay men and women, clergy, and consecrated religious
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- Reasonably priced Affordable tuition rates!
- 50% tuition discount for new students, alumni auditors, diocesan and parish employees
- Taught by world-class faculty Fulfilling for mind and spirit.

To learn more about our schedule of classes for summer, go to www.dunwoodie.edu or email: sjs.academics@dunwoodie.edu



Save the Date

43RD ANNUAL LAWN PARTY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024





L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry
Invites You
To our Annual Retreat
At
St. Joseph Villa
Hampton Bays, N.Y.
October 11, 12 & 13TM, 2024
Guest Speaker - Eileen Benthal

My journey through Ash Wednesday, Easter Triduum and Pentecost, flew by! Now we are in Ordinary Time. However, our journey should never stop there. I ventured through these days in good times and bad, with joy and sadness, in pain, in prayer and self-emptying, all with the knowledge that Jesus is with me every day. If you have the desire, God will give you the strength!

God enables us through the Power of the Holy Spirit to move towards holiness. If you have the desire, God will show you the way! "Johanna was the Lord's answer to my prayers for holiness for our entire family," says Eileen, "before she was conceived, I told the Lord to do whatever He needed to do to make us holy." What better way to experience one thriving towards holiness then to have Eileen Benthal share her journey through practical and specific strategies and prayers. Eileen is an author, speaker, and a worship leader and coordinator for Magnificat Ministry/Suffolk County Chapter. Please see more information about Eileen Benthal in our Newsletter.

We are looking forward to seeing you this year. Get your reservation in as soon as possible.

Date - October 11-13, 2024- Check-in Friday at 5 p.m. Check out Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Place - St. Joseph Villa, Hampton Bays, New York

Cost - \$260.00 - Single Room & 5 Meals included. Rooms are limited.

Commuter - \$150.00 - 5 Meals included

To hold your reservation:

Return the bottom portion with your non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 by August 10, 2024.

The Balance - Due by September 10, 2024

For more information, call: Yvonne Bracone (631) 398-4086 or Nina McGee (516) 449-6197

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LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
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Join Bishop Andrzej

For Scripture Reflection Series on JESUS and NICODEMUS

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

Bible Study Verse

NICODEMUS the PHARISEE

Invitation to Life of Faith

Gospel of John 3. 1-21

Reborn in Water and Spirit

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

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

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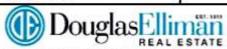
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