

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 28, 2024



Church of the Immaculate Conception 580 Main Street P.O. Box 1227 Westhampton Beach, NY 11978-7227

STAFF Rev. Kenneth Grooms, Pastor	Celebration of the Eucharist
Deacon Joseph Byrne Deacon Mark Herrmann	Saturday5:00pmVigil Mass
Shawn Pinson, Sacristan Bobby Peterson, Music Director Donna Cosme, Director of Religious Education Anne Dean, Assistant to Director of Religious Ed Linda Geoghan, Parish Secretary Juan Vicente, Maintenance Manager	 <u>Sunday</u> 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am 6:00pm (Spanish Mass) <u>Daily Mass</u> 8:00am Monday through Thursday The Rosary is recited immediately after daily Mass
<u>Parish Office Hours:</u> Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm CLOSED Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays	Holy Days Vigil @ 7:00pm (Spanish Mass) Day @ 8:00am, 12:00pm, & 7:00pm <u>First Saturday Mass</u> 9:00am Rosary starts at 8:45am
Parish Office 631-288-1423 Fax 631-288-5498 parishoffice@iccwhb.org Religious Education 631-288-4188 Fax 631-288-4188 Fax 631-288-8215 religioused@iccwhb.org	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
Queen of Apostles, Regional School 631-878-1033	

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 12:00pm 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: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35 **Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21: Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53 Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12 Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said (2 Kings 4:42-44). **Psalm:** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading: Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6). Gospel: Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted (John 6:1-15).

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.

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MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
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
7/21/24	260	228	195	244	176	1103

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
07/21/2024	Weekly Collection	\$16,842.00
07/23/2023	Weekly Collection	\$9,189.00
Thank v	ou for vour continuous	support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

July 27
Clarence "Jake" Blake (Fr. Peter)
July 28
Dorothy Doyle (Fr. Ken)
(BEACH MASS) Susie & Chris
Schmidt; Gunter Schmidt (Fr. Peter)
Lucilla Eschmann (Fr. Ken)
Deceased Members of the Keary &
Tolan Families (Fr. Peter)
People of the Parish (Fr. Jorge)
July 29
Brigid Hennessy
July 30
Dave Francescani
July 31
(Guild Mass) Heather McElroy;
Joan Gilhooley
August 1
Peter Gambino
August 2
Leigh Farrell
August 3
Joseph J. Hewes
Confessions
Robert DeYoung (Fr. Ken)
August 4
Michael Betjemann (Fr. Ken)
Dave Francescani (Fr. Peter)
Susie Schmidt (Fr. Peter)
People of the Parish (Fr. Mike)

MARRIAGE BANNS

Π Kenneth D'Auria to Shannon Suydam Π

Robert A. Maiorana to Anna G. Greer

Π 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	\$ 32,145.00
Payments Received	\$ 29,977.00
Donors: 67	% of Goal: 51.76%

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.



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 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 <u>twenty</u> <u>days</u> either before or after the reception of Communion, as the <u>Holy See's Apostolic Penitentiary</u> 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.





Blood Drive

Saving lives one pint at a time.

Immaculate Conception

Monday, August 19th 1pm – 7pm

Our Lady's Hall 580 Main Street, Westhampton Beach

To make an appointment:

- Scan QR Code
- Go to <u>nybc.org/donate</u>
- Contact Melissa at (917) 566-8537 or mgatto@nybc.org

For more information, please contact: Jennifer at jen.ashley@me.com

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Visit nybc.org/coronavirus for COVID-19 safety protocols. Join us to donate and receive a voucher for a **beverage** at a participating venue.

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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 & 9.

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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Five barley loaves and a few fish became a banquet for multitudes. With our prayer of thanksgiving, these simple gifts of bread and wine will become food to sustain us in our efforts to feed the hungry.

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 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!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: St. Peter Chysologus Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola Wednesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori Thursday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard Friday: First Friday Saturday: St. John Vianney; First Saturday

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

As St. Paul reminds us today in the second Stewardship reading, live your life with humility, gentleness and patience. Let the actions and words in your life attract others to the Church.



Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds the multitude with just five barley loaves and two fish. Trust in Jesus!

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

From five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus was able to provide a wonderful feast for thousands of people. All of them had plenty to eat and what was left over filled twelve wicker baskets. The people realized they had just witnessed a miracle, a sign to bring them to faith. We gather today for the Eucharistic feast, where we are invited to have our fill of the bread of eternal life. May the miracle we witness today bring us to a deeper belief in the Lord and his saving gift to us.

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!

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: August 5, 12, 19, 26 Altar Flowers: August 4, 11, 18, 25 Sanctuary Lamp: August 5, 19, 26

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



What can I offer this week, without expecting anything in return, that could provide more than it would if I kept it for myself?

TEDDY'S CORNER





PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS We are in DIRE need of Size 5 & 6 Diapers

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

STAND FIRM

In time of desolation, one should never make a change, but stand firm in the resolutions and decisions that guided one the day before the desolation. ~ St. Ignatius of Loyola



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 <u>susanvalentino@yahoo.com</u>

P.S. Women's Bible Study will resume weekly starting in September. More to follow in future bulletins.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL REUNION

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Michael School which became St. Michael Academy. The annual Reunion of the St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association (NYC) will be held this year at 12:00pm on Saturday, September 28th at Connolly's Pub and Restaurant, 121 West 45th Street. New York City. It is open to ALL Alumnae but especially honors the Golden Anniversary Class of 1974 and the Silver Anniversary Class of 1999. ALL SMA Alumnae from all years are welcome to attend this special celebration. For further information and reservations please consult the website at: https:// www.saintmichaelacademy.com/index.php/Events/ eview/annual reunion or by email at: smaaanyc@gmail.com or call: 516-437-6958. The cost is \$80 for the luncheon before August 31st, \$90 thereafter. Cash bar.



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
- Offered in person or online Zoom in from any location to join a class
- 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 <u>www.dunwoodie.edu</u> or email: <u>sjs.academics@dunwoodie.edu</u>



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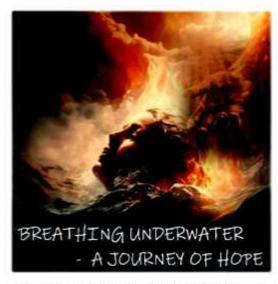
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2024-25

ADMISSION REGISTER NOW



L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry Invites You To our Annual Retreat At St. Joseph Villa Hampton Bays, N.Y. October 11, 12 & 13TH, 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 Th	13, 2024– Check-In Fr	iday at 5 p.m. Che	ck out Sunday at 1:00 p.m.	
Place - St. Joseph	Villa, Hampton Bays, I	New York		
Cost - \$260.00 - Si	ngle Room & 5 Meals i	included. Rooms	are limited.	
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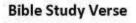
LECTIO DIVINA

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- Oratio
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Join Bishop Andrzej For Scripture Reflection Series on JESUS and NICODEMUS Tuesday, July 30, 2024

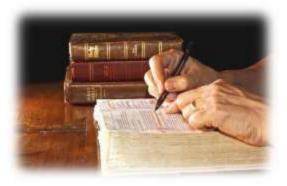
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



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. Send your email to: <u>westernvicariate@drvc.org</u> or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.





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