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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 4, 2024



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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 First Saturday Mass 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: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28 Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23 Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26 Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I will rain down bread from heaven for you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading: Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel: Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35).

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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https://membership.faithdirect.net/NY66 Thank you for your continued support!

MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
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
7/28/24	134	148	190	239	150	861

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
07/28/2024	Weekly Collection	\$13,806.00
07/30/2023	Weekly Collection	\$9,580.00
Thank you for your continuous support!		

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	August 3
5:00pm	Robert DeYoung (Fr. Ken)
Sunday	August 4
8:00am	Michael Betjemann (Fr. Ken)
9:30am	Dave Francescani (Fr. Peter)
11:00am	Susie Schmidt (Fr. Peter)
6:00pm	People of the Parish (Fr. Mike)
Monday	August 5
8:00am	Salvatore Nuzzo
Tuesday	August 6
8:00am	Brendan J. Rochford
Wednesday	August 7
8:00am	(Guild Mass) Marco Oliveri
Thursday	August 8
8:00am	Anne Cronin
Friday	August 9
12:00pm	Alo Conlon
Saturday	August 10
4:00pm	Confessions
5:00pm	Joan Livingston (Fr. Peter)
Sunday	August 11
8:00am	Heather McElroy (Fr. Peter)
9:30am	People of the Parish (Fr. Ken)
11:00am	Charles Palmer (Fr. Ken)
6:00pm	Aidan Garcia (Fr. Jorge)

MARRIAGE BANNS

- III Kenneth D'Auria to Shannon Suydam
- III Robert A. Maiorana to Anna G. Greer
- III Osman Milian Ortiz to Miriam Nunez
- I Estanislao Canel Nij to Paula Leon

PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED



Archer Dune Kim Sofia Willow LaFace

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	\$ 33,245.00
Payments Received	\$ 30,840.00
Donors: 70	% of Goal: 53.53%

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 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 1, 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

With hearts longing for the bread of life, food that will endure for eternal life, we raise our hearts and voices in the great prayer of thanksgiving.

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: The Transfiguration of the Lord Tuesday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan Wednesday: St. Dominic Thursday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Friday: St. Lawrence Saturday: St. Clare

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

Jesus wants us to come to Him with all our issues, concerns and gratitude. Find time this week to go to Eucharistic Adoration and gaze upon the Lord. What a beautiful opportunity you will have to be in the presence of Jesus.

Bulletin Reflection

As we continue to hear from the Bread of Life discourses, meditate on the Eucharist and pray for those who do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



What have I grumbled about this week on my journey through life? How can the Bread of Life sustain me through a difficulty or hardship like that?

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

"I am the bread of life," Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, "whoever comes to me will never hunger." We come to Jesus today, where we encounter him in God's word, proclaimed to our assembly. We see him in those who minister to us at this Mass. We realize his presence in each other as we pray and sing. Most significantly, we receive him in the Eucharist, when we receive the Bread of Life who satisfies our spiritual hunger, nourishing us for the mission he left us. Let us lift our hearts and voices in his presence.

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 Flowers this week are in loving memory of Salvatore Nuzzo

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 12, 19, 26, September 2, 9, 16, 23 Altar Flowers: August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 15, 22, 29 Sanctuary Lamp: August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

TEDDY'S CORNER



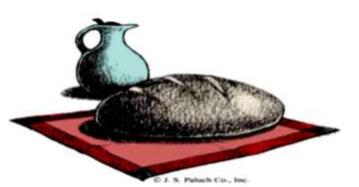
Fr. Ken's Teddy is OUR Teddy!

He loves our little parish and the many parishioners who so generously show their love for him!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Canned fruit, Juice, Toiletries (shampoo & soap), Juice Boxes, Rice, Beans, Cereal, Pasta, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Vegetables (all varieties), Tuna, & Condiments. THANK YOU!



Women's BIBLE STUDY

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.





BEACH MASS at the Swordfish Club Pavilion

last week was well attended by about 400 people! What a beautiful Mass it was. Thank you Fr. Peter for offering the Mass and thank you to all who participated!

We're looking forward to our next BEACH MASS Sunday, August 18th @ 8:30am Rogers Beach Pavilion We hope to see you there!







HOSTED BY THE WESTHAMPTON ARTHUR ELLIS HAMM AMERICAN LEGION POST 834.

BREAKFAST

8:00AM-1:00PM SUNDAY, AUGUST 11



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

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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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The call of marriage is to love, to be at peace with one another, to live according to God's will. We're having a weekend on September $20^{th} - 22^{nd}$ in Huntington. 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://www.neyli.org/.

Prayer for Unity to Overcome Division

Christ Jesus, who gave yourself for the good of all, we come before you as brothers and sisters but we are divided and at times, even hostile -tearing one another down. We approach the altar unworthily and ask for your forgiveness. Move us, instead, towards Encounter listening dialogue reconciliation, and a commitment to build your kingdom for the good of all. Heal us, restore us, unite your divided family, Lord. Through the power of the Eucharist, overcome our divisions. Give us sincere hearts that make us open, not closed, and willing to encounter, ready to listen. In your broken body, given for all, may we find unity and peace in you. Amen.



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BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

Recently, Immaculate Conception Parish kicked-off their Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center.



THE WEEKEND TO BRING THOSE FILLED BABY BOTTLES IN IS: August 24th & 25th

The Life Center consults women and men who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. They provide free pregnancy test kits, free sonogram referrals, maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals, medical care referrals, material aid, including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items.

Remember, all it takes is your change in a baby bottle and a heartfelt prayer to make a **<u>BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE</u>** for all those we serve.

(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

May every drop of a coin remind you to pray to save a preborn baby from abortion and give a mother the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!

REMEMBER TO BRING IN THOSE BABY BOTTLES!



The Role of the Church in American Political Life



The Church is the body of Christ, who reigns as king over all Creation. Everything, including political life, belongs to Jesus Christ, and so participation in political life belongs to the mission of the Church. Our mandate is to 'go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation' (Mk 16:15)... Here, 'the creation' refers to every aspect of human life... 'Nothing human can be alien to it.'

> Pope Francis, Evengelii Gaudium, no. 181, quoting Aparecida Document, no. 380

ur national tradition of religious freedom permits and encourages all people of faith to bring the insights of their religious traditions to bear on political matters. As Pope Francis affirmed during his visit to the U.S., "Religious liberty, by its nature, transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families.... Religion itself, the religious dimension, is not a subculture; it is part of the culture of every people and every nation."

"If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth.... A society is noble and decent not least for its support of the pursuit of truth and its adherence to the most basic of truths" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 207). The truths that guide public life can be known by natural reason. The sanctity of human life, the equal dignity of all individuals, the obligation to protect the vulnerable, the nature and purposes of sex, marriage, and family—these are not exclusively "religious" truths, but truths that all people of goodwill can come to know without the aid of revelation. Our Catholic faith sheds light on these truths, and so we have a duty to bring that light to our nation.

> "The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true."

Many Parts, All One Body

The bishops and their pastoral collaborators each have distinct roles in the Church's mission. The bishops have the responsibility to govern the society of the Church, hand on doctrine and tradition, and administer the sacraments. The laity are called to bring the gospel to bear on the world. While many laity are involved in roles of leadership and service within the Church, it remains primarily the role of the laity to advocate for justice, to serve in public office, and to inform daily life with the gospel. "The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful" (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29).

Participation in political life requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While bishops together with their coworkers help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity's responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Conscience is "a judgment of reason" by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling." Conscience—properly formed according to God's revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.² The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate's commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. Thus equipped, and further impelled by our sense of patriotism, we exercise our right and duty to vote and otherwise to participate actively in public life.3 By forming our consciences for faithful citizenship, we can better pursue the common good and thus obey the command of our Lord to love our neighbors.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023. Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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 Pope Francis, Meeting for Religious Liberty with Hispanic Community and Other Immigrants, September 26, 2015.
 Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World), no. 16. See also, Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1785.
 Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 223940. Town of Southampton Senior Services is

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