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**Church of the
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'NO ONE CAN
COME TO ME
UNLESS THE FATHER
WHO SENT ME
DRAW HIM, AND

*I
Will
Raise
him*

ON THE LAST
DAY'

JOHN 6:41-51

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 11, 2024**



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Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
9:00am to 5:00pm

CLOSED Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays

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parishoffice@iccwhb.org

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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
12:00pm Friday
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 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: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,
131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;
Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57;
Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62;
Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32;
Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20;
Jn 6:51-58

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).
Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).
Second Reading: Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30-5:2).
Gospel: Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:41-51).

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:

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Thank you for your continued support!

MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
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
8/4/24	155	223	199	240	100	917

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
08/04/2024	Weekly Collection	\$12,455.00
08/06/2023	Weekly Collection	\$11,305.50

Thank you for your continuous support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday August 10
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)
Monday August 12
8:00am Intentions of MaryEllen Fenton
Tuesday August 13
8:00am Robert Jentz, Sr. (Birthday in Heaven)
Wednesday August 14
8:00am **(Guild Mass)** Santo & Paulina Golfo;
Ed Carins; Gunther Schmidt;
David Francescani; Jack Rogers
(Spanish) People of the Parish
7:00pm
Thursday August 15
8:00am Dave Francescani
12:00pm Sylvia & Pasquale Biancone
7:00pm Anthony LaMastro
Friday August 16
12:00pm Beth Pouder
Saturday August 17
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Robert Gnutzman (Fr. Ken)
Sunday August 18
8:00am Maggie Sisk (Fr. Peter)
8:30am **(Beach Mass)** Poor Souls in Purgatory
(Fr. Ken)
9:30am George Herrmann (Fr. Peter)
11:00am Rev. Msgr. Eugene Feldhaus (Fr. Ken)
6:00pm People of the Parish (Fr. Jorge)

MARRIAGE BANS

II Estanislao Canel Nij to Paula Leon
I Sean Keber to Amanda Ricard

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	\$ 33,865.00
Payments Received	\$ 31,460.00

Donors: 72 % of Goal: 54.53%

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.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation
This Thursday, August 15th

Our Mass Schedule is:

Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00pm (Spanish)
Thursday, August 15th at 8:00am, 12:00pm, & 7:00pm



BEACH MASS

Next Sunday
August 18th
8:30am

Rogers Beach Pavilion

Please join us at our 2nd Beach Mass this summer!



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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 icwhb.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@icwhb.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

Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God. We join our prayer to the Lord Jesus and, in thanksgiving, offer this sacrifice of praise.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Richard Adrian, Lisa Falcone,
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.

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship


Our Catholic Faith is so beautiful and important. We are called to share this Good News with everyone. Let the light of Christ shine through you this week and invite others to experience the wonders of our Faith. Invite someone to Mass with you, or to a Bible study or prayer group. Encourage your Catholic friends to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

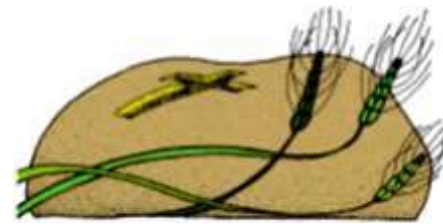


Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear from the Bread of Life discourses. Jesus loves us so much that He gave His life for us. He continues to feed us with His body, which we receive at Mass.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

 How does receiving Christ in the Eucharist strengthen me to overcome obstacles on my journey to the kingdom?



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

We may live in a part of the country where the heat that's accumulated by this time of year is overwhelming. If so, the first reading will resonate with us. Just one day into his journey across the desert, the great prophet Elijah is so hot and tired and hungry and thirsty that he actually prays for death. Whether due to extreme temperatures or something else, sometimes we may feel at the end of our ropes. May Elijah remind us that God comes to us in our hour of need, most significantly by sending us Jesus, the Bread of Life, whom we receive today in the Eucharist and who is with us always, accompanying us and sustaining us in our suffering.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bentley (Navy)
Julia Blake (Navy)
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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

The Sanctuary Lamp
will burn this week in loving memory of
Veronica Palamidessi

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 19, 26, September 2, 9, 16, 23

Altar Flowers: August 18, 25, September 1, 15, 22, 29

Sanctuary Lamp: August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be with us next weekend, August 17th/18th to appeal on behalf of their mission of hospitality for the Elderly Poor at Queen of Peace Residence in Queens Village. The Little Sisters rely on the generosity of benefactors for the needs of their Home. They will be available at each Mass and are deeply grateful for your assistance. Please visit their website at www.littlesistersofthepoorqueens.org.

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!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus

Tuesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Wednesday: The Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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 future bulletins.

RAFFLES AND
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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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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Thank You! *Your Gifts Make a Direct Impact on Those in Need!*



The cost of living has increased on Long Island and throughout the nation causing many to find it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. While we all want to donate with a generous hand, it's important to know exactly where our dollars go and who they are helping.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal funds many ministries in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Your donated dollars go directly toward funding ministries such as Campus Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Youth Ministry, Catholic Charities, Faith Formation, Respect Life, Vocations, and Multi-Cultural Diversity.

But where and how you may ask is this money used?

A Place To Worship

Campus Ministry connects students with a Catholic community on campus, so their faith thrives in college and beyond. At one of the campuses on Long Island, students didn't have a sacred place to pray so they worked together with our Office of Campus Ministry to convert a storage closet into a chapel.

Growing Faith

The CMA funds Faith Formation programs that include baptismal, pre-Cana, and RCIA programs. By providing leadership training, guidance, evaluation, resources, and programming, The Office of Faith Formation strives to support our pastors, clergy, catechetical lay leaders, and volunteers in their efforts to be joyful, hopeful witnesses to the Gospel and agents of evangelization.

Supporting our Seminarians

Your gift of \$1,000 may help support the formation of our Seminarians. Ordained in 2014, Fr. Joseph Scolaro answered the call to serve when he began the program of priestly formation at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in 2010. "I know firsthand how important the Catholic Ministries Appeal is. It helped to support my formation and gave me the freedom to really focus on my studies. Now as a Priest in the Diocese, I feel blessed that God has chosen me to make the Body and Blood of Christ present on the altar and to bring that gift to the people, bring God to the people – the same people who helped to bring me to this point by their support." -Father Scolaro

Healing After Loss

Project Rachel is a dedicated network of specially trained and compassionate caregivers who are ready to offer support to those who have experienced the pain of abortion loss. With a deep understanding of the emotional and spiritual turmoil that individuals may go through, this project provides a safe and non-judgmental space where healing and restoration can begin. Their commitment to helping those in need is a testament to the power of empathy and understanding the process of recovery. "They couldn't have been more kind or loving. Thanks to Project Rachel, I am me again. I know now that God was there, all along, offering His love." - anonymous

Paying Forward

"My support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal is based on one philosophy: Paying Forward. While growing up, my mom always taught us that if God has been good to us, we should share our blessings with others. The Catholic Ministries Appeal reminds us that when the Lord was on earth, He fed the hungry. And we feed the hungry in so many ways. We not only provide for their basic needs, but we also provide for their spiritual needs. The Catholic Ministries Appeal responds to so many needs on Long Island and if it weren't there, so many people would be without basic needs." -Marcy



USHERS NEEDED

We are looking for Ushers for all Masses on Saturdays and Sundays. Ushers help with the collections & bulletins at the Masses. Please contact the Head Usher, Joe Sala at 516-359-3901 or Joesala5@msn.com, if you would like to join this important ministry.

Prayer for Healing

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

Prayer for Healing led by Deacon Joe
Wednesday, August 21st
After the 8:00am Mass in the Church



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Careful readers of the “Treasures” will have noticed that the two columns about the oldest monastic communities in the United States refer to the colonial states. The Louisiana Purchase gained a great treasure for our nation, the Ursuline monastery of New Orleans. Among the greatest pioneers of that city were nuns who came from France on a perilous voyage in 1727, pestered by pirates and tossed by fearsome storms. These were genteel, well-educated Ursulines, yet their first task was to roll up their sleeves and open a hospital to care for the pestilence-ridden colony. Next, they opened a school for girls and launched a plan to educate the women being shipped over from France to marry settlers. In this way, they had enormous influence in molding patterns of family and domestic life.

At Christmastime in 1814, the threat of a British assault on the city was growing. On the terrifying night of January 7, 1815, the women of New Orleans gathered in the monastery chapel to pray that the city be spared from destruction in battle. The mother superior made a vow to have a Mass of Thanksgiving on that date every year should the Americans win. That night, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, to whom the nuns had great devotion, became the protector and patron of this great city. The convent in the French Quarter is the oldest standing building in the Mississippi valley, and the only surviving building of the French colonial period. The nuns relocated in 1824, but their old monastery is preserved as a museum and archives for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The school the nuns began, Ursuline Academy, is the oldest continuously operating Catholic school, and school for women, in the United States.



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YEAR END TAX SAVING TIPS FOR YOUR IRA

by Mark Henry



Every year parishioners pay too much in taxes without realizing that they did not need to overpay. For the financially savvy, tax planning with retirement accounts like IRAs and 401(k)s can enable them to support charities like the Church with tax-wise giving strategies.

For many people, a retirement account like an IRA or 401(k) may be the most significant source of assets accumulated in their lifetime.

Others may find that, due to their other resources and investments, they are not in need of all the funds accumulated in their retirement accounts. For those who wish to give to the Church, a natural question is whether they can donate retirement assets—and if there are any tax advantages for doing so.

There are a couple of options for donating retirement assets. One way is to donate during your lifetime. In order to donate retirement plan assets during your lifetime you would need to take a distribution from the retirement account, include the distribution in your income for that year, account for any taxes associated with the distribution, and then contribute cash to the charity—with one exception. People who are age 70 ½ or older can contribute up to \$100,000 from their IRA directly to a charity and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution. This is known as a *qualified charitable distribution*. It is limited to IRAs, and there are other exclusions and considerations as well.

Another way to donate all or a portion of your retirement asset is through your estate plan. There can be significant tax advantages to donating retirement assets to charity as part of an estate plan. When done properly, charitable donations of retirement assets can minimize the amount of income taxes imposed on both your individual heirs and your estate.

Give yourself a present in the New Year by reducing your taxes now.

With simple strategies, you can reduce your taxes and finish the tax year by helping the Church. You worked hard for what you have. Don't give it away in taxes without knowing all the possibilities for reducing the tax bite.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre has tools available to you for free and with no obligation. We would be happy to provide you or your advisor with information that can help you reduce your taxes, achieve your financial goals while helping the Church.

For more information on tax-wise planned gifts, contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org

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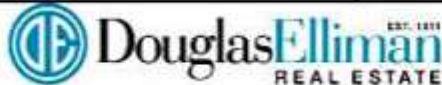
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