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**Church of the
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CONCEPTION**

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**I am the living bread
that came down from heaven.
Whoever eats this bread will
live forever.**

John 6:51-58

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 18, 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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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 (Novena to Sacred Heart) 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 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab;
 Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
 Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
 Jn 1:45-51
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;
 Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading: Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

Gospel: I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

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>

MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
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
8/11/24	155	322	190	305	100	1072

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
08/11/2024	Weekly Collection	\$10,804.00
08/13/2023	Weekly Collection	\$9,935.00

Thank you for your continuous support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday August 17
 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)
Monday August 19
 8:00am William Thomas Spellman
Tuesday August 20
 8:00am Dorothy & Matthew Doyle
Wednesday August 21
 8:00am **(Guild Mass)** Eileen Lugano
Thursday August 22
 8:00am Richard Dackow
Friday August 23
 12:00pm Peggy Stevenson
Saturday August 24
4:00pm Confessions
 5:00pm Robert Ansalone (Fr. Peter)
Sunday August 25
 8:00am Christopher Schmidt (Fr. Peter)
 9:30am Carmen Dolores Reichardt (Fr. Ken)
 11:00am Stella Gnutzman (Fr. Ken)
 6:00pm People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Engeline Kok
 Susanne Neppell
 Walter William Thorne, Jr.

MARRIAGE BANNS

III Estanislao Canel Nij to Paula Leon
II 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.



R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This program is for adults who:

- Would like to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, & Confirmation
- Are already baptized Catholic but would like to receive Communion & Confirmation
- Have a Christian Baptism but would like to convert to Catholicism by receiving Communion & Confirmation
- Are preparing to be a Sponsor in Baptism or Confirmation (An unconfirmed Catholic cannot stand up as a Sponsor)
- Or perhaps you just want to strengthen your faith by learning more about Catholicism!

Classes will begin in the fall at the Parish Center on Sundays from 2pm to 4pm. Classes run from September through May/June and are given by Deacon Joe. The Sacraments will be received at the Easter Vigil or Pentecost.

Please contact the Parish Office (631-288-1423) with any questions or to register for classes.



Blood Drive

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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 nybc.org/donate
- Contact Melissa at (917) 566-8537 or mgatto@nybc.org



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



Join us to donate and receive a voucher for a beverage at a participating venue.

Learn more at nybc.org/pint



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.

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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

The Lord Jesus is the living bread that came down from heaven. As we raise our voices in prayer, let our hearts be filled with gratitude for the great gift of the Eucharist.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Henry Arnold, 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

As Christians, we are called to live a life that shows we are Christians. One way is to be at service to others. We have so many opportunities to care for others—be they friends, family, neighbors, or those in need we may never meet.



Bulletin Reflection

In the first two readings today, we hear that we are called to forsake our sinful ways and live a life pleasing to God.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bernard

Tuesday: St. Pius X

Wednesday: The Queenship of the BVM

Thursday: St. Rose of Lima

Friday: St. Bartholomew

Saturday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz; BVM

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Do I look to the Holy Spirit for guidance? Do I take the time to discern God's will? Will I add that to my decision-making process now?

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

What a wonderful gift we have been given by our Lord! He has given himself—his very flesh and blood—for the life of the world. We are invited to this place each Sunday to receive this wondrous gift, which sustains us and nourishes us on our journey to God's kingdom. How appropriate that the Greek word for this meal—*eukharistia*—means thanksgiving, reminding us how eternally thankful we are for the opportunity to receive the Body of Christ, our bread of life.

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.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

The effect of receiving the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

~ Pope Saint Leo the Great

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

SACRAMENTALS

ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD & WINE and THE 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 26, September 2, 9, 16, 23

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

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

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor are with us this Sunday, August 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



Thank you to all those who so generously responded to our plea for help with our Food Pantry. You have gone above and beyond to help those in need in our community. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and kindness.

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 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.

Immaculate Conception Parish

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

The Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center of Long Island will be completed with collection of the filled bottles next weekend:

AUGUST 24TH AND 25TH

**Please continue to say the
prayer attached to the bottle.**

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. Be assured it is making a **BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE** with the mothers and fathers served by our pregnancy care centers!





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

2nd Annual Fall Gala

Birthright of Peconic, Hampton Bays
Thursday, October 17th at 6:00pm
Giorgio's of Baiting Hollow

honoring Mary Terry, Birthright's Founding Director
Raffle prizes, gift baskets and silent auction. \$100 per person - cocktail hour, plated dinner, wine, beer and soda, coffee and dessert. Help us to continue our "Ministry of love to Mom and their Babies" and honor Mary Terry and all she did for our Ministry. Go to birthrightgala.com for information and tickets.

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defelice.toni@catholiccharities.cc

631-589-4144



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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes the heat of summer translates into unrest in a city's streets. In the summer of 1834, popular sentiment against the presence of the Ursuline nuns near Boston reached a boiling point. An influx of Irish laborers had an impact on the work force in the city, and a deep-seated resentment against Catholics fueled the fire. The nuns supported themselves with a school, and most of the young women students were drawn from patrician Protestant families. Nevertheless, rumors fed by the saga of an unhappy junior sister and a later episode of a senior sister fleeing the place increased tensions. The city's selectmen were given a tour by the disgruntled sister, who by then had returned, and found all things in good order. That didn't please the mob, and the mother superior didn't help matters when she said that the bishop had platoons of Irishmen at hand, twenty thousand strong, to do marauders harm. By August 11, the convent had been invaded, ransacked, and burned to the ground. The nuns fled to Maine and Canada. The diocese attempted to recover losses, but the commonwealth offered only ten thousand dollars, which was rejected. Years later, a legislative bill for the state to rebuild the convent and school was roundly defeated. Yet the enterprise of Catholic education had great resilience, and in 1946, more than a hundred years after the riots, the Ursulines returned to Boston to re-establish an academy that endures to the present day.



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9AM**

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THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a

feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!



**Sobornost For The World
hosts:**

**"One Person Behind One
Product"
Fair Trade Event**

**Saturday, August 24, 2024
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Our Lady of the Island Shrine
258 Eastport Manor Road
Manorville, NY (conference
room)**

**A deeper look into Fair Trade
and how it helps our
brothers
and sisters around the world**

**Fair Trade Sale
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**Contact: Pattye Pece
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