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**"MASTER, TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?**

*You have
the words
OF ETERNAL LIFE."*

JOHN 6: 60-69

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 25, 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: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5;
Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;
Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5;
Mk 6:17-29
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;
Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21;
Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5;
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The LORD, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).
Psalms: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).
Second Reading: Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).
Gospel: We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

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
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
8/18/24	161	195	186	333	100	975

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
08/18/2024	Weekly Collection	\$14,440.00
08/20/2023	Weekly Collection	\$12,854.00

Thank you for your continuous support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday August 24
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)
Monday August 26
8:00am Bob DeYoung
Tuesday August 27
8:00am Matthew Doyle
Wednesday August 28
8:00am (Guild Mass) Mary & Jack Geraghty
Thursday August 29
8:00am Marco Oliveri
Friday August 30
12:00pm Henry Waldron
Saturday August 31
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Jessica Gabriel (Fr. Ken)
Sunday September 1
8:00am Ralph Scott Johnson (Fr. Ken)
9:30am Martha Parry (Fr. Peter)
11:00am Intentions of Matthew Biondi
(In celebration of his Confirmation) (Fr. Peter)
6:00pm People of the Parish (Fr. Mike)

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Winifred Cardo
Michael Louis Rossi

MARRIAGE BANS

III Sean Keber to Amanda Ricard
I Patrick Jessop to Megan Borowski

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 \$ 31,799.00

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.



1ST ANNUAL ROGERS BEACH MASS

Thank you to all who came out to attend Mass with the beautiful sounds of the beach. About 100 people attended despite the clouds. Perhaps next year we will try a Sunday evening Mass ... stay tuned!



TEDDY'S CORNER



Tammy & Teddy, true love!

TRUST
I may trust Jesus too little,
but I can never trust him too much.
~ Anonymous



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 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

Committed to sharing the bread of life with those who hunger for the Lord, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving.

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

To be the best versions of ourselves, to be the best Christians we can be, we need to have a solid prayer life. If prayer is not something you do on a daily basis, or if your prayer life is lacking, take time this week to start building that pillar in your life.



Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, many people turn away and leave Jesus because His teaching is "hard". Being a disciple of Christ is about being faithful to His teachings and turning from sin. With God's help, we can live a good, faithful life. And when we slip, we can always run to God's mercy in Confession.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Monica

Tuesday: St. Augustine

Wednesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Life is difficult. We struggle each day as we try to balance our check-books, our time, and our obligations. We come here to worship each week when we could be somewhere else, doing something else. Our faith, our sense of what God is calling us to do, and the Holy Spirit draws us here instead. But each Sunday it is ultimately our decision. We have made the decision to give this hour to the Lord. We are not the first to have to make this decision. The readings we hear today remind us that each of the Chosen People and each of Jesus' disciples were faced with the same decision. May their response inspire 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.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, August 31st/September 1st, we'll take up our Summer Collection, which helps defray the cost of summer upkeep of all Parish buildings ... air conditioning, landscaping, etc. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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: September 2, 9, 16, 23
Altar Flowers: September 1, 15, 22, 29
Sanctuary Lamp: September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How do I sacrifice my will to follow God's? What have I committed to do or what will I commit to do in order to serve God and to serve God's people?

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 for your on-going generosity!

BEREAVEMENT



BEREAVEMENT GROUP

at
Immaculate Conception Church

A 5-week Bereavement Group is being offered here at the Parish Center for those experiencing grief due to death. We will meet Thursday evenings from 6pm to 7pm beginning September 12th through October 10th. Attendance at every group is strongly suggested. There will be prayer, talks, and discussion. Please be at least 6 months in your grieving process.

Group size is limited, so call today to register!
Contact the Parish Office (631-288-1423), Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm.



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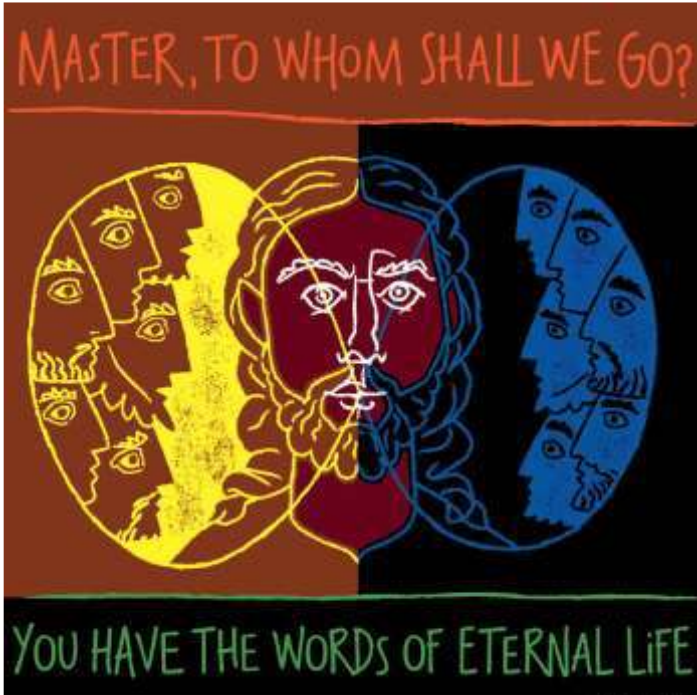
USHERS NEEDED

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 Joosala5@msn.com, if you would like to join this important ministry.

OCCUPANCY

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place.

~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux



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
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HOUSEHOLDS IN GOD'S SERVICE

In the ancient world, "household" was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live, and wouldn't think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how far-ranging the "households" of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, roommates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many "strangers" every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are "next door" to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a "household" that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



This is the height of vacation season, but as anyone who has ever been to Rome in the summer knows, no time to visit there! The city is sweltering, and in a pre-air-conditioned world

long ago, Romans figured out that they needed a break in the surrounding hills. Even the pope clears out. His destination is usually Castelgandolfo, a lovely little hill town southeast of Rome, overlooking a tranquil lake. It has been a papal possession since about 1600, and in 1929, when most of the papal states were finally lost, the papal dwelling was given "extraterritorial rights," meaning that it is an extension of Vatican City and not under Italian rule. The Vatican observatory maintained telescopes here for decades, far from the glare of the city lights of Rome, but although the observatory offices remain here year round, the telescopes are in Arizona. Pope Francis spends less time here than his predecessors, though he still slows down the pace of his work in Rome.

Vacations can help us visit friends and relatives, and revive those human contacts that the pace of our lives keeps us from cultivating. The pope needs a break, and so do you. Vacation comes from a word meaning to empty oneself. There's still time to clear the calendar for at least one golden summer day even if you don't have a personal castle in the hills!

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Fall Fundraiser Gala

Thursday, October 17, 2024

6-10pm

Giorgio's of Baiting Hollow

Honoring Mary Terry

Information and Tickets found at

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