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**AND THEN THEY WILL
SEE THE 'SON OF MAN
COMING IN CLOUDS'
WITH GREAT POWER
AND GLORY.**



MARK 13:24-32

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 17, 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 & silent adoration 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: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day-Suggested: Sir 50:22-24;
 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
 Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
 Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;
 Jn 18:33b-37

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).
Psalm: You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).
Second Reading: Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).
Gospel: Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

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 |
|----------|-----|-----|--------|------|-----|------------|
| 10/20/24 | 119 | 183 | 168 | 178 | 100 | 748 |
| 10/27/24 | 125 | 151 | 133 | 190 | 100 | 699 |
| 11/03/24 | 120 | 181 | 226 | 180 | 100 | 807 |
| 11/10/24 | 135 | 137 | 130 | 190 | 100 | 692 |

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

| DATE | COLLECTION | AMOUNT |
|------------|----------------------------|------------|
| 11/10/2024 | Weekly Collection | \$4,951.00 |
| 11/12/2023 | Weekly Collection | \$5,329.00 |
| 11/10/2024 | Catholic Ministries Appeal | \$1,456.00 |

Thank you for your continuous support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday November 16
 5:00pm Marco Oliveri (Fr. Ken)
Sunday November 17
 8:00am Joseph Mattone, Sr. (Fr. Peter)
 9:30am Leigh Farrell (Fr. Ken)
 11:00am Antonetta & Francisco Morrone (Fr. Peter)
 6:00pm The People of the Parish (Fr. Jorge)
Monday November 18
 8:00am Beatrice Schmaeling
Tuesday November 19
 8:00am Nicholas Grant
Wednesday November 20
 8:00am (Guild Mass) Susanne M. Windels;
 Rosemary C. Scammell
Thursday November 21
 8:00am Ann Nowak
Friday November 22
 12:00pm Intentions of Sr. Catherine Theresa
Saturday November 23
4:00pm Confessions
 5:00pm Dave Francescani (Fr. Peter)
Sunday November 24
 8:00am The People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)
 9:30am Florence Herrmann (Fr. Ken)
 11:00am Leigh Farrell (Fr. Ken)
 6:00pm Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Mike)



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.

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| Goal | \$ 62,100.00 |
| Total Pledged | \$ 37,815.00 |
| Payments Received | \$ 36,571.00 |
| Donors: 81 | % of Goal: 60.89% |

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.

IMPORTANT PARISH COMMITTEES

Our parish is blessed with a special group of parishioners who work behind the scenes to help me shepherd this parish. Their presence is integral to these ministries as they help bring the needs of the Parish to me directly. Each of the following groups plays a crucial role in the overall health and functioning of the parish, ensuring that it can meet both spiritual and practical needs effectively.

Thank you and may God bless these volunteers of the Parish!

Fr. Ken

Parish Trustees play a significant role in the governance and administration of a parish. They are typically lay members of the parish who are appointed to oversee the financial and administrative affairs of the church. Their responsibilities can vary but generally include managing parish property, finances, and ensuring that the parish's legal and financial obligations are met. These trustees work closely with the pastor and other parish staff to ensure that the parish operates smoothly and effectively, allowing the clergy to focus more on spiritual leadership. It's a role that requires a good deal of responsibility, trust, and a commitment to the well-being of the parish community.

Our **PARISH TRUSTEES:**
Beth Hard & Linda O'Brien

The Parish Finance Committee is an advisory group that assists the pastor in the administration of the parish's financial affairs. The committee is usually composed of parishioners who have expertise in finance, accounting, and business management. The Parish Finance Committee works closely with the pastor to maintain transparency and accountability in the parish's financial matters, ensuring that the parish can effectively support its spiritual and community activities.

Our **PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Kevin Dwyer
Beth Hard
Daily Hill
Christine Lennon
Linda O'Brien
Scott O'Brien
Rich O'Hara
Joe Sala
Michael Strebel

The Parish Pastoral Council is a group of parishioners who advise the pastor on various aspects of parish life. This council plays a critical role in promoting the pastoral activity of the parish and ensuring that the parish meets the spiritual and communal needs of its members. The Parish Council is usually composed of a diverse group of parishioners who bring different perspectives and expertise, working together to support the overall well-being and growth of the parish community.

Our **PARISH COUNCIL:**

Michael Berdinka
Tom Day
Lori Francescani
Lisa Guzman
Tara Hudson
Verna Merkel
Amabilia Estrada Ruiz
Tony (Nancy)



2025 Lector Workbooks have arrived!
Please pick your copy up at the Parish Office
BEFORE November 18th.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

at Immaculate Conception Church
**Thursday mornings at
Our Lady's Hall @ 9:30am**
All are Welcome!
Zoom is also available for those
unable to attend in person.

THANKS

One act of thanksgiving when things go wrong
with us is worth one thousand thank-you's
when things are agreeable to our inclination.

~ St. John of Ávila

**Please consider continuing your
lifelong stewardship by leaving a
bequest to our Parish.**

For more information about
remembering Immaculate
Conception Parish in your Will or
Living Trust, or to request a
brochure, please contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678
-5800 x257 or email bkilarjian@drvc.org.



Adopt-a-Family



make those Masses and wish to adopt-a-family, please email her at adoptfamilywhb@gmail.com and she will send you the name of a family in need.

Thanksgiving & Christmas ADOPT-A-FAMILY program at Immaculate Conception Church

Kristin Kalisak, Program Director, will be handing out lists of families in our community who are in need this holiday season after all Masses the weekend of November 16th/17th. If you are unable to

Thank you to all those who participate in this important ministry. Because of your generosity, a child's Christmas will be made brighter and happier! God bless you in your giving!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office Hours are:
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
9am to 5pm
631-288-4188

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR NOVEMBER:

Monday-Wednesday, November 18th – 20th
4:00pm - Level 1-6 Saint Fair in the Parish Center.

Tuesday & Wednesday, November 26th & 27th
Thanksgiving Break – NO CLASSES

FAITH DIRECT

Why not make a change this fall in the way you support our parish?

This season, rich in the symbolism of harvest and sowing, offers a beautiful reminder: your acts of generosity reverberate, touching countless lives. Sign up for eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering. Making either one-time or automatic contributions through Faith Direct will also save valuable time for both you and our parish staff.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY66 or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757.

TEDDY'S CORNER



Our very own Verna Merkel looks like she's taking Teddy for a drive ... no speeding Verna – Precious Cargo!

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

We know neither the day nor the hour that we will be called home. Start improving your relationship with the Lord now and let it continue to grow.



Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us about the end times.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Cecilia

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today and next Sunday we celebrate the final Sundays of the liturgical year. The readings at this time of year traditionally focus on the last days: the time when this world will come to an end. Consequently, we hear of tribulations and horrors, of “a time unsurpassed in distress.” We may scoff at such “The world is ending!” paranoia, but in the back of our minds we know that one day, one way or another, the earth will be no more. May our trust in a loving and merciful God console us.

THE GLORIOUS BIBLE

It is one of the glories of the Bible that it can embrace many meanings in a single passage.
~ St. Thomas Aquinas

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord Jesus, our great High Priest, offered himself as a sacrifice for our sins. In thanksgiving for this gift of redemption, we raise our hearts and voices in prayer.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How do I balance the vigilance I am called to exercise in anticipation of the end of the world with the comfort I take in God's merciful presence?

SACRAMENTALS

BREAD & WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP, ALTAR FLOWERS

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: November 25, December 2, 9, 16

Altar Flowers: November 24

Sanctuary Lamp: November 25, December 2, 9, 16, 23

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kevin Chisholm, Lisa Falcone, Blythe Fickenwirth,
Catherine Heffernan, Richard Hewes,
Michael Hubbard, Young Katie Kennedy,
Maureen Lawrence, Dick Nolan, & Rosanna.

Please call the Parish Office (631-288-1423) to add a name to the sick list. This list will be cleared occasionally.

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bentley (Navy)
Julia Blake (Navy)
Joseph Ferraro III (Air Force)
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

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, November 16th/17th, we will take a second collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Home Missions**. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Toiletries (shampoo & soap), Juice Boxes, Cereal, Pasta, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tuna, Hearty Soup, & Condiments.

The Pantry is in DIRE NEED of:
Canned Fruit, Juice, & Vegetables (all varieties),
Rice, & Beans.

Thank you for your on-going generosity!

Neither Father Ken, nor any other staff member, will ever contact you asking for money via email or text. Please do not respond or reply to any such requests.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



November is a month of remembrance for the dead, and cemeteries have long been a focus for prayer. Our tradition holds great respect for bodily remains, since the body was created and redeemed by God, was once

the “dwelling place of the Holy Spirit,” and has a destiny of life with God in glory. The funeral practices of the early church contrasted greatly with those of the pagans, who had a great dread of the dead body. The ancient Christian funeral liturgy ended with the relatives and friends giving a final kiss to the body. It expressed affection and showed their faith that the grave would not be the last word. This kiss horrified pagans, who thought that any contact with the dead was degrading.

Every year on their loved one’s “birthday to life,” the Christians would return to the place of their burial to mark their profound communion with those whose lives were hidden in Christ. Typically, they buried the dead with their faces turned toward the east, symbolizing the rising of the Sun of Justice, Christ, at the end of days. They were attracted to the catacombs or burial grounds just as we are today. They would often celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb. Before long, as soon as Christians were allowed to build places for worship, they relocated cemeteries from beyond the city walls to surround the church. This was not so much because the church made the ground holy, but because the bodies of the saints hallowed the ground on which the church was built, a subtle but beautiful difference.



Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule
Thursday, November 28th
10:00am



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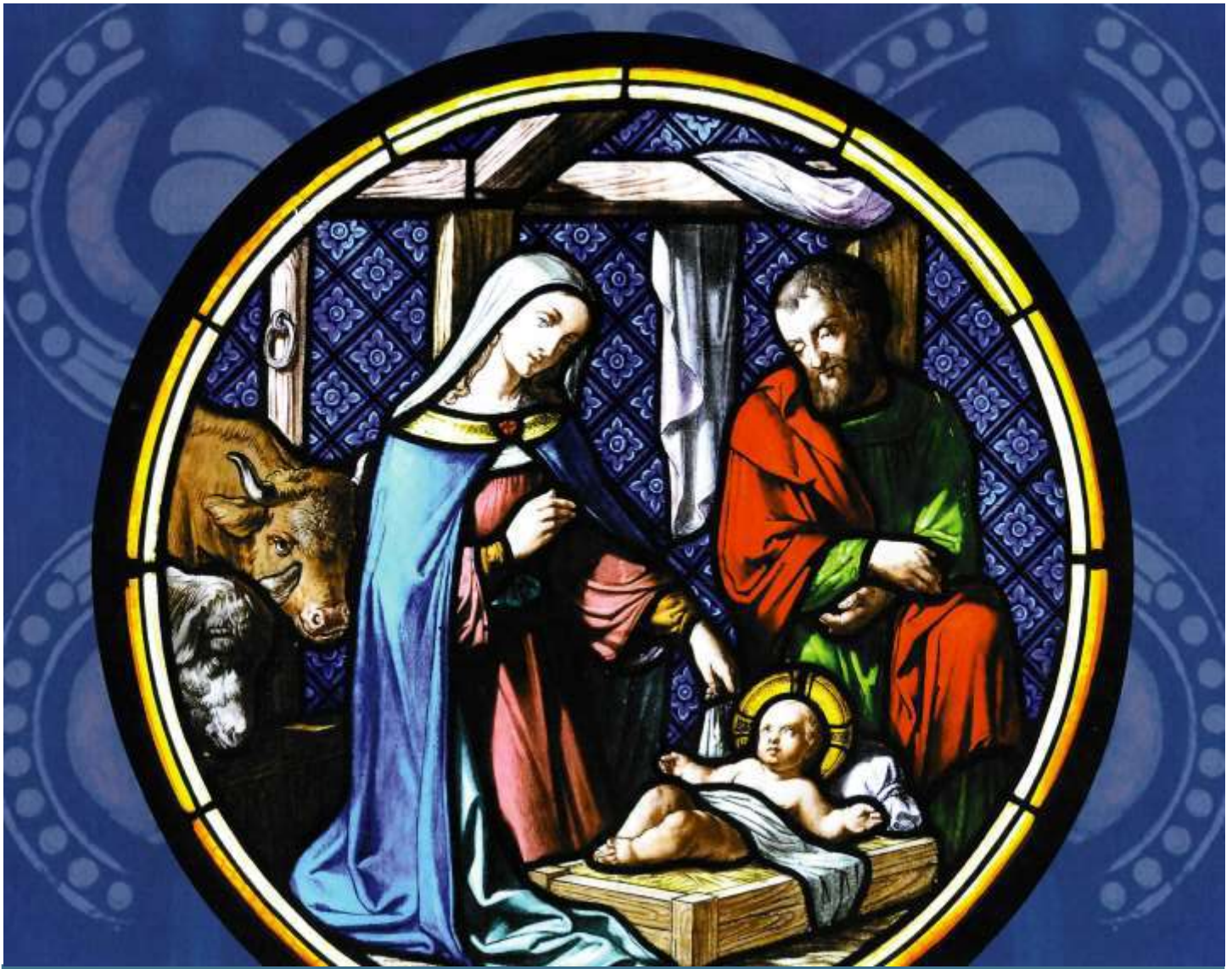
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Date: Nov 30 & Dec 1, 2024

Time: After all the weekend Masses

Location: Immaculate Conception Church Narthex

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Knights of Columbus
Father Slomski Council

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The contest is open to all students, Kindergarten through eighth grade. The application is available at the Religious Education Office. Deadline for submissions is Monday, November 25th.



Fr. Joseph Slomski Council

Knights of Columbus

The Knights are back this year selling Christmas Wreaths and Cemetery Pillows after every Mass beginning the weekend of December 1st. You can pre-order yours today. Please contact Joe Sala at 516-359-3901 to place your order today! Thank you for your support!

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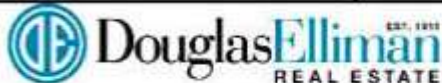


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