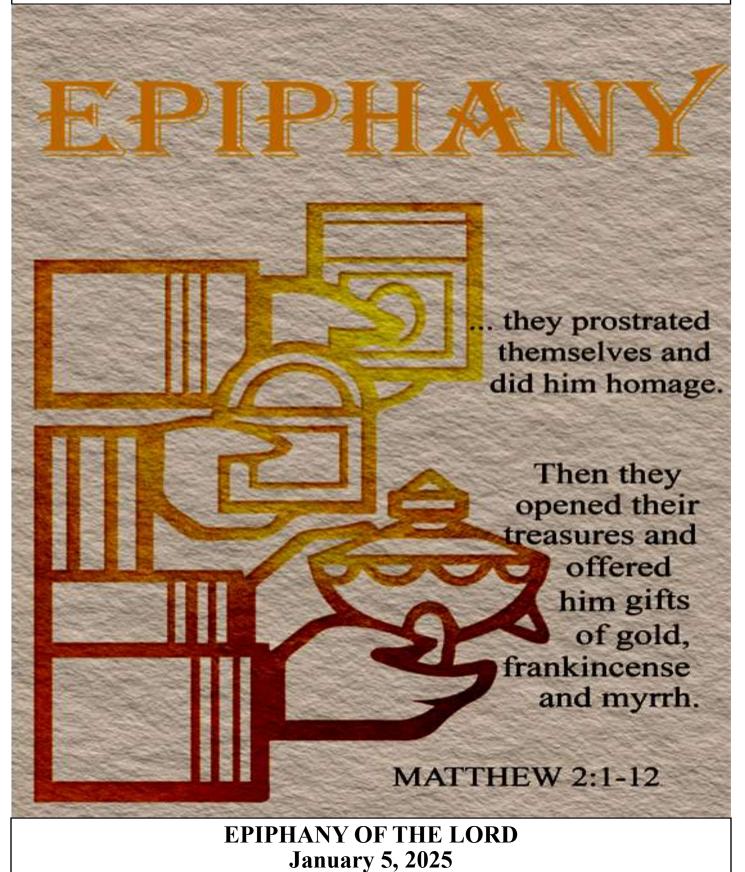
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#### Church of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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#### **STAFF**

| Rev. Kenneth Grooms, Pastor<br>Deacon Joseph Byrne<br>Deacon Mark Herrmann<br>Shawn Pinson, Sacristan<br>Bobby Peterson, Music Director<br>Donna Cosme, Director of Religious Education<br>Anne Dean, Assistant to Director of Religious Ed<br>Linda Geoghan, Parish Secretary<br>Juan Vicente, Maintenance Manager | Saturday<br>5:00pmVigil MassSunday<br>8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am<br>6:00pm (Spanish Mass)Daily Mass<br>8:00am Monday through Thursday<br>12:00pm Friday<br>The Rosary is recited immediately after daily Mass           |
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| Parish Office Hours:<br>Monday through Thursday<br>9:00am to 5:00pm<br>CLOSED Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & HolidaysParish Office631-288-1423<br>FaxFax631-288-5498   | Holy Davs   Vigil @ 7:00pm (Spanish Mass)   Day @ 8:00am, 12:00pm, & 7:00pm   First Saturday Mass   9:00am   Rosary starts at 8:45am   Eucharistic Adoration   First Saturday Day Saturday Mass                      |
| Religious Education 631-288-4188<br>Fax 631-288-4188<br>Fax 631-288-8215<br>religioused@iccwhb.org<br>Queen of Apostles, Regional School 631-878-1033   | The FIRST FRIDAYS (Novena & silent adoration to<br>Sacred Heart) of each month at 12:30pm and the<br>LAST MONDAYS of each month at 7:00pm in the<br>Church.<br><u>Confessions</u><br>Every Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm |
| PARISH TRUSTEES<br>Beth Hard & Linda O'Brien<br>PARISH COUNCIL<br>Michael Berdinka, Tom Day, Lori Francescani,<br>Lisa Guzman, Tara Hudson, Verna Merkel,<br>& Amabilia Estrada Ruiz  | Finance     PARISH FINANCE     COMMITTEE     Kevin Dwyer, Beth Hard, Daily Hill,     Christine Lennon, Linda O'Brien, Scott O'Brien,     Rich O'Hara, Joe Sala, & Michael Strebel                                    |

**Celebration of the Eucharist** 

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38

or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

#### **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



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      |
| 12/08/24<br>12/15/24 | 79<br>105     | 158<br>134 | 205<br>345 | 149<br>139 | 215<br>100 | 806<br>823 |
| 12/22/24             | NOT AVAILABLE |            |            |            |            |            |
| 12/29/24             | 109           | 142        | 114        | 137        | 100        | 602        |
|                      |               |            |            |            |            |            |
|                      | 4pm C         | 4pm PC     | 6pm        | 8pm        | 12mid      | TOTAL      |
| 12/24/24             | 383           | 420        | 302        | 312        | 63         | 1480       |
|                      |               |            |            |            |            |            |
|                      | 9:30am        | 11:00am    | 12:30pm    |            |            | TOTAL      |
| 12/25/24             | 290           | 275        | 195        |            |            | 760        |

| WEEKLY COLLECTIONS                     |                      |             |  |  |
|--|----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| DATE                                   | COLLECTION           | AMOUNT      |  |  |
| 12/15/2024                             | Weekly Collection    | \$6,339.00  |  |  |
| 12/17/2023                             | Weekly Collection    | \$6,070.00  |  |  |
| 12/22/2024                             | Weekly Collection    | \$6,980.00  |  |  |
| 12/24/2023                             | Weekly Collection    | \$3,721.00  |  |  |
| 12/25/2024                             | Christmas Collection | \$27,316.00 |  |  |
| 12/25/2023                             | Christmas Collection | \$40,800.00 |  |  |
| Thank you for your continuous support! |                      |             |  |  |

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

| Saturday                                     | January 4  |
|--|--|
| 5:00pm                                       | The People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)   |
| Sunday                                       | January 5  |
| 8:00am                                       | Nova Mary Birkmier (Fr. Peter)   |
| 9:30am                                       | Marco Oliveri (Fr. Ken)  |
| 11:00am                                      | Charles Collins (Fr. Ken)  |
| 6:00pm                                       | Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jorge)  |
| Monday                                       | January 6  |
| 9:00am                                       | David James  |
| Tuesday                                      |  |
| 9:00am                                       | January 7<br>Honry Arnold  |
|  | Henry Arnold   |
| Wednesday                                    | January 8  |
| 9:00am                                       | (Guild Mass) Poor Souls in Purgatory   |
| Thursday                                     | January 9  |
| 9:00am                                       | Jim Byrne  |
| Friday                                       | January 10   |
| 12:00pm                                      | Richard Dackow   |
| Saturday                                     | January 11   |
| 4:00pm                                       | Confessions  |
| 5.00   |  |
| 5:00pm                                       | Marco Oliveri (Fr. Peter)  |
| Sunday                                       | Marco Oliveri (Fr. Peter)<br>January 12  |
|  | January 12   |
| Sunday                                       | January 12<br>The People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:00am                      | January 12<br>The People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)<br>Walter William Thorne (Msgr. Mirro)                                |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>8:00am<br>9:30am<br>11:00am | January 12<br>The People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)<br>Walter William Thorne (Msgr. Mirro)<br>Charles Collins (Fr. Peter) |
| Sunday<br>8:00am<br>9:30am                   | January 12<br>The People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)<br>Walter William Thorne (Msgr. Mirro)                                |

#### PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Emil J. Misisco, Sr.



#### **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     | \$ 40,190.00      |
| Payments Received | \$ 40,105.00      |
| Donors: 91        | % of Goal: 64.72% |

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

#### **Dates to Remember for December:**

#### December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 8<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Break - NO CLASSES

#### 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

#### **MEDITATION** with Deacon Joe

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

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



#### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** ries (shampoo & soap) Juice

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

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

We are so happy to announce that Immaculate Conception Church Food Pantry has been selected again as a nonprofit partner in the **Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program.** We will receive \$1 for each specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of January 2025 at 194 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. Please shop Stop & Shop in January when shopping for flowers and support our Food Pantry at the same time. Thank you!

#### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**



Who can I ask for help in my search for the Lord? How can I overcome doubt or disappointment when I experience them?

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Following both the bright star in the western sky and centuries of wisdom from their tradition, the magi traveled from distant lands to search for the newborn king. What had been revealed to only a few nearby shepherds had now been made manifest to people from foreign nations. Today, two thousand years later, and here, many thousands of miles from Bethlehem, we celebrate that the Lord's birth has been made known all around the world for all time. O come, let us adore him!

#### **PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Kevin Chisholm, Lisa Falcone, Blythe Fickenwirth, Catherine Heffernan, Richard Hewes, Michael Hubbard, Young Katie Kennedy, Maureen Lawrence, Rosanna, Daniel Standing, & Robbie Urban.

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 the Christmas season comes to an end, be sure to keep alive the peace, joy, hope and love you cultivated throughout Advent and Christmas. Take what you have



received these seasons and live them your whole life.

#### **Bulletin Reflection**

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

#### SACRAMENTALS

#### The SANCTUARY LAMP, BREAD & WINE, 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: Sanctuary Lamp: January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24 Bread & Wine: January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24 Altar Flowers: January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading**: Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm**: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading**: The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel:** Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

#### **TEDDY'S CORNER**



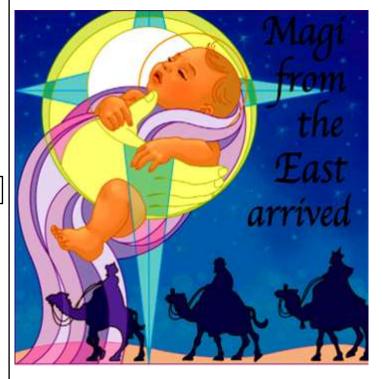
It pays to be the Pastor's beloved pet ... Anne Dean gifted Fr. Ken with a beautiful handmade blanket for Christmas ... and Teddy gets to share in the warmth! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

### From the DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

For anyone who believes they have a Sexual Abuse Claim against an Additional Debtor (parish) arising prior to December 3, 2024, the claim form to submit and related information can be found at <u>https:// dm.epiq11.com/case/drvc/info</u> under the "Proof of Claim Form" heading. The deadline for filing claims is January 13, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. prevailing Eastern time.

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord; Monday: St. André Bessette Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penafort;



#### INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Standing around this sacred altar, we lift heart and voice in a prayer of thanksgiving for the manifestation of Christ to the world.

Our weekday Mass Schedule will change slightly for the months of January, February, and March.

Morning Mass, Monday through Thursday, will be held at 9:00am

Happy New Year!



# Christmas Flowers



for the intentions of our living and our deceased ....

Intentions of Aracely Alvarado **Robert Barrett** Irene K. Barrow Joan Begila Intentions of M/M Thomas Betjemann Antonia & Thomas Bobryk Intentions of M/M Edward Bugge The Burger Family Intentions of M/M Devin Conneally Deceased Members of the Cosumano Family The Conway Family The Crowell Family John & Dorothy Cyrta The Cyrta Family **Richard Dackow** The Dackow Family Mario Dammacco Marie Dillon Martin Dillon Erasmo Drago Intentions of Elizabeth Fasciana The Ferry Family Robert & MaryAnn Fink Rev. Pat Fitzgerald Peter & Nora Frano Deceased Members of the Giglio/McGuire Families Pauline & Santo Golfo Salvatore Golfo Intentions of M/M Alfred Greenwald Joseph Grosseto The Haefeli Family Bridget Hand Michael Hand Donald Hefner James & Ellen Hunt **Carmine** Ingrassia Eve Ingrassia Maria Ingrassia Nicholas Ingrassia Andrew Jordan John & Sophia Karkut

The Karpovek Family Intentions of M/M Joseph Kelly Intentions of Robert & Rossann Kennedy William A. Ketcham Mary C. Ketcham Billy Ketcham The Kissel Family Sophie Krasnopolski Chester Krasnopolski Charlotte "Nana" Kuroski The Laadt Family John LaMura Nick LaMura Thomas LaMura Frank & Anne Lomaga Deceased Members of the Merlo/Colletti Families Josefa, Garedyct, Bernard, Gerwozy Michno The Mocarski Family Deceased Members of the Morrone Family Raymond Nethaway Ralph & Maria Nobisso The Pauzer Family James Penrose Paul Rohan (father) Paul Rohan (brother) The Rose Family The Rutkowski Family Intentions of M/M Jeff Schaeffer Intentions of M/M Stephen Schaffer Valerie Shaloo Intentions of Tierney & Bryan Smith Michael Stachnik, Jr. Michael Sr. & Katherine Stachnik The Susylo Family The Tocko Family Edward Truskolaski For the unborn Carol Vera The Verdon Family Al Warner Veronica Wilczak





# **Blood Drive**

Celebrating National Blood Donor Month

### Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

580 Main Street, Westhampton Beach Our Lady's Hall

## Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm – 7:00pm

To make an appointment: Scan the QR code, call 800.933.2566 or email Melissa at mgatto@nybc.org

#### Prepare to donate







Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form



Meet minimum weight requirements

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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Christmas 2024

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

Last Christmas, we celebrated the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that glorious and historic night when St. Francis of Assisi arranged the first Nativity creche scene in a small cave outside the Italian village of Greccio in Italy.

St. Francis was inspired to do this after visiting the historical place of Christ's birth on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land – the humble stable in a Bethlehem cave.

The large creche set in St. Peter's Square last year commemorated this 800th anniversary by having the figure of St. Francis of Assisi expressing adoration, awe and wonder across the Crib from Mary and Joseph.

Last September, we celebrated the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Francis receiving the gift of the "stigmata" – the mystical wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. In 2026, we will celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Francis' death.

There is always a powerful connection between the Manger Crib and the Golgotha Cross of our Savior. St. Francis of Assisi lived this connection so powerfully.

In Admirabile Signum, Pope Francis writes: "Indeed, the place where this first nativity scene was enacted expresses and evokes these sentiments...from the time of its Franciscan origins, the nativity scene has invited us to 'feel' and 'touch' the poverty that God's Son took upon himself in the Incarnation. Implicitly, it summons us to follow him along the path of humility, poverty and self-denial that leads from the manger of Bethlehem to the Cross. It asks us to meet him and serve him by showing mercy to those of our brothers and sisters in great need (cf. Matthew 25:31-46)." (3)

As we spiritually draw near to Bethlehem at the end of this year, we pray for those who suffer in the Holy Land and the Middle East, in Ukraine and all war-torn areas of the world.

We pray too for the persecuted Church around the world and we pray for religious liberty in our country and in all countries. St. Francis of Assisi understood the problems of the world and more than 800 years later, after he created the first creche, he is still close to the Church and to the world.

Many of you have seen the bronze statue of Atlas directly across from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

It was created by the sculptor Lee Lawrie and installed in 1937. The sculpture portrays the mythical ancient Greek Titan Atlas holding the burden of the heavens on his shoulder.

St. Francis of Assisi is no myth, but at times he has been compared with Atlas in how, through the centuries, he carried the burdens of the Church on his shoulders with his radical and pure Gospel witness.

In fact, Pope Innocent III, after meeting St. Francis, had a dream that St. Francis was holding up St. John Lateran Basilica, the visible sign and symbol of the universal Church, amidst the storms and earthquakes of history and crisis.

Configured to Christ crucified and having lived daily with the stigmatic wounds of Christ, St. Francis helps to animate and inspire the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church through the centuries.

St. Francis of Assisi intercedes for each of us at every moment to help rebuild the Biblical and Eucharistic evangelizing mission of the Church that Jesus Himself founded on Long Island and beyond.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

May the Light and Love of the Christ Child animate and guide our global Catholic Missionary Spirit this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend John O. Barres **Bishop of Rockville Centre** 



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11AM-1PM

-Grounded in our Catholic Faith & Service -Small, Individualized Educational Program -Special Education Program ✓ -Before & After Care ✓ -Financial Aid AND MORE... "We pledge to persevere in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life." - Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022

# Rosary for Life

#### JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

### Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom Click here for link Meeting ID: 811 9648 1100 Passcode: 20EWp7 Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

Email **lhonkanen@drvc.org** if you would like the link sent to you each month.



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