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**Church of the  
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"To you who hear I say,  
*Love*  
your enemies,  
*do good*  
to those who hate you,  
*bless*  
those who curse you,  
*pray*  
for those who mistreat you."

Luke 6:27-38

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
February 23, 2025**

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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

9:00am Monday through Thursday (January-March)  
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

## PARISH TRUSTEES

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Michael Berdinka, Tom Day, Lori Francescani,  
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## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

**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:** Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29  
**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37  
**Wednesday:** Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40  
**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50  
**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12  
**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16  
**Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** The Lord will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).  
**Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).  
**Second Reading:** The first Adam was earthly. The second Adam was heavenly (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).  
**Gospel:** Do to others as you would have them do to you (Luke 6:27-38).



### 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
01/26/25	102	106	235	139	100	682
02/02/25	109	119	83	126	100	537
02/09/25	120	38	49	119	50	376
02/16/25	130	123	79	165	100	597

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
02/16/2025	Weekly Collection	\$4,816.00
02/18/2024	Weekly Collection	\$6,126.00

**Thank you for your continuous support!**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 22</b>
5:00pm	Teresa Harton (Fr. Ken)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 23</b>
8:00am	Rosemary Scammell (Fr. Ken)
9:30am	The People of the Parish (Fr. Ken)
11:00am	Mary Zella (Msgr. Mirro)
6:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jorge)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 24</b>
9:00am	William Delmore
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 25</b>
9:00am	Sandra Kayser
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 26</b>
9:00am	(Guild Mass) Michael Merlo
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 27</b>
9:00am	William Simpson
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 28</b>
12:00pm	James Gilhooley
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 1</b>
9:00am	Mark Stevens
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
5:00pm	Margarita & Epifanio Mercader (Fr. )
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 2</b>
8:00am	Rosemary Scammell (Fr. )
9:30am	George Wayne (Fr. )
11:00am	The People of the Parish (Fr. )
6:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. )

### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Deacon Joseph Byrne, Kevin Chisholm, Alexa Dalton, Brian Dalton, Lisa Falcone, Blythe Fickenwirth, Catherine Heffernan, Richard Hewes, Michael Hubbard, Young Katie Kennedy, 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.

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

#### The 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal is happening 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	\$ 4,100.00
Payments Received	\$ 3,425.00

Donors: 4 % of Goal: 6.60%

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.

## LENTEN ACTIVITIES

### LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm to 8:00pm

This year's Lenten Parish Mission will be given by Michael Grogan. Michael is a legally blind lay missionary working with gang members and at risk youth in the toughest city in America, Kensington Philadelphia. Michael's preaching is dynamic, down to earth and filled with exciting stories. Please come with your entire family and invite neighbors and friends. **YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!!!**

To learn more about our speaker go to [Ithirstministry.com](http://Ithirstministry.com)

#### THEMES OF THE MISSION:

Sunday: God's passionate love for you.  
Monday: How to pray like a prophet.  
Tuesday: How to love like Jesus.

Don't miss this parish mission.... Better than the super bowl.... Buckle up and prepare for a Holy Ghost touchdown!!!!



### STATIONS of the CROSS

Every **Friday at 12:30pm** during Lent  
beginning Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>



### ASH WEDNESDAY

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

**March 5, 2025**

Ashes will be offered at the following times:

9:00am Mass

12:00pm Mass

4:00pm Liturgy of the Word

5:30pm Mass (Spanish)

8:00pm Liturgy of the Word

#### Creative Ministries presents **JOURNEY, CROSS, & CRUCIFIXION**

**Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm**

Step back in time and walk alongside Christ in Journey Cross & Crucifixion, a powerful live reenactment of the Stations of the Cross that brings the Passion story vividly to life. This immersive experience combines heartfelt music, soul-stirring singing, and graceful liturgical dance to guide you on a journey that transcends time. You'll feel as though you are witnessing these moments for the first time, becoming one with Christ and the people who walked with Him.

Through a seamless blend of music, narration, dialogue, and poignant silences, the Journey draws you into the emotional depths of the Passion. You'll experience the devastation and heartbreak of Mary, the inner turmoil of Simon, John's profound isolation, Pilate's battle between justice and self-preservation, and the unimaginable suffering of Jesus as He carries the Cross to Calvary.

For over 30 years, this deeply moving Lenten tradition has touched hearts in churches and schools across Long Island. Volunteer actors, singers, and musicians bring their talents to this extraordinary performance, offering a unique opportunity to reflect on the Passion story in a way that is both personal and transformative. Join us for this unforgettable prayerful experience.



The Knights of Columbus  
cordially invite you to our

# Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

And

# Ministry Fair

Sunday, March 9



**Immaculate Conception Parish Center**

**Following the 8, 9:30, and 11 AM**

**Masses**

**Admission is free!**

**Breakfast is on us!** It is our way of thanking the Immaculate Conception Parish community for its generous support of our activities. Contributions will be deeply appreciated. Contact Jack Laadt at 631 495 2239 for additional information..

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

### **FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **February 24<sup>th</sup>**

Level 10 Confirmation Teen & Sponsor and/or Parent Meeting @ 7:30pm in the Parish Center

#### **February 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**

Parent & Child gathering at 4:00pm in the Church

### **MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Level 8 Retreat in the Parish Center

#### **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Level 9 Blessing of the Confirmation Candidates & their Sponsors @ 9:30am Mass in the Church

#### **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Parent Meeting @ 7:00pm in Parish Center for children receiving First Holy Communion this year

#### **March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** All families please attend a Service or Mass today. No Classes

#### **March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**K of C Pancake Breakfast and Ministry Fair:**  
We have exciting ideas & plans for the 2025-26 school year but Volunteers are needed!! Please stop by the Religious Ed table after Mass to get more info.

#### **March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Level 9 Confirmation Teen & Sponsor and/or Parent Meeting @ 7:30pm in the Parish Center

#### **March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Level 10 Blessing of the Confirmation Candidates & their Sponsors @ 9:30am Mass in the Church

#### **March 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**

Penance during class time for Levels 3-10

#### **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

First Reconciliation in the Church

## MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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

#### **The Pantry is in NEED of:**

Canned Fruit, Juice, & Vegetables (all varieties), Rice, & Beans.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Thursday:** St. Gregory of Narek

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary; Ramadan begins



## 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

## TEDDY'S CORNER



**Teddy LOVES the snow!**

## 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:** February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Bread & Wine:** February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**Altar Flowers:** February 23, March 2

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

As disciples of the Lord, we stand around this table to offer praise and thanksgiving.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

In our world today, you don't have to look far to see a lack of respect for human life. War, mass shootings, abortion, and capital punishment make a mockery of what should be a basic principle for us all: every life is precious. Let us keep in mind what Saint Paul teaches the Corinthians in the portion of his letter that we hear today: we shall bear the image of Christ in heaven. Every human life is precious if only because every life holds the promise of resurrection and the heavenly image of Christ. We come together today to thank God for all human life and the promise of eternal life.

## 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.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Which is the most difficult challenge for me: turning the other cheek when I have been hurt or wronged, refraining from judging others, or giving without repayment? How will I change my thinking and my behavior?

## REFLECTIONS

### Living Stewardship

We are called to love others, including those who do not love us back. Today's Gospel reading gives us many examples of how to live like a Christian.



### Bulletin Reflection

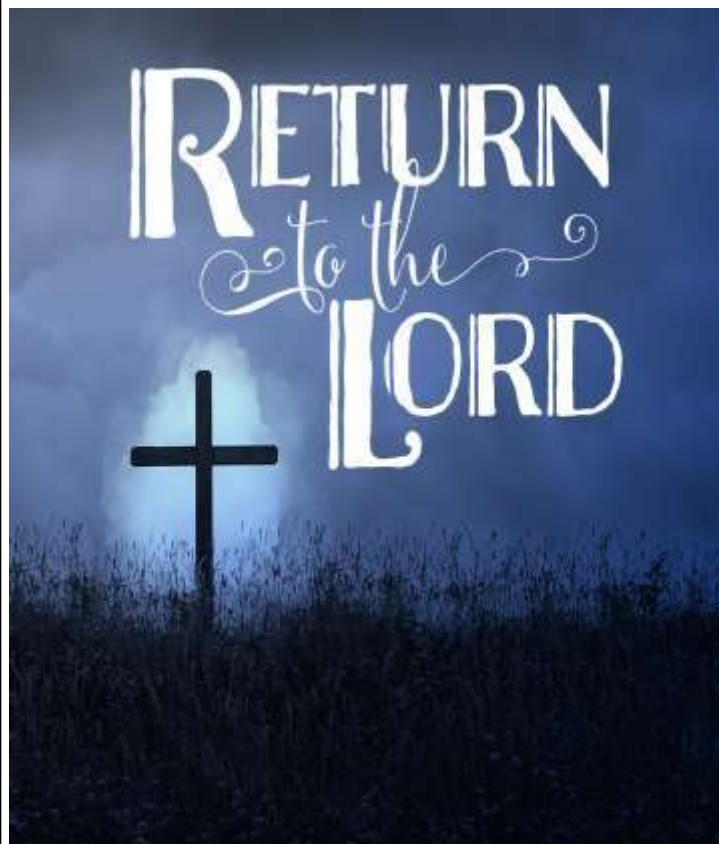
In today's Gospel, we hear about Jesus' Sermon on the Plain.

## LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING here at Immaculate Conception Church Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy  
Communion Training  
Part A (Basic) & B (Homebound)

Lector Training

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend the training here. A written request from the Pastor to the Bishop is required in order to attend.





## All are Welcome!

Women's Bible Study  
Thursday mornings  
in Our Lady's Hall

To register and reserve a copy of the Bible Study Books, or have any questions, please email one of the following:  
[mtpilo.esq@gmail.com](mailto:mtpilo.esq@gmail.com); [frankiernan@gmail.com](mailto:frankiernan@gmail.com); or  
[Kris0330@optonline.net](mailto:Kris0330@optonline.net)

### This year, both Spring and the Fall, we'll study **"THE BIBLE and the VIRGIN MARY"**

This Bible Study, written by Dr. Scott Hahn, has a new format.

\*This study requires an additional book (will be provided), "Hail Holy Queen," also written by Dr. Scott Hahn, a renowned theologian and author.

\*The Videos are engaging, informative in an intriguing way, and promise to provide us with many new topics to discuss at our meetings.

\*In addition, each week we will focus on one of the Rosary Mysteries, the artwork, scripture, readings, and pray one decade!

Filled with intriguing chapter heading, questions, and information these two books (\$25) will be used for both the Spring Session and the Fall Session!

JOIN us on this journey, which involves us in learning about:

\*MARY's life through Scripture.

\*What her life was like in Jerusalem before the Annunciation, and after.

\*Her role in Christ's Ministry and in his first miracle at Cana, and much more.

\*Marian Art of the Catholic Church through music and prayers honoring Mary.

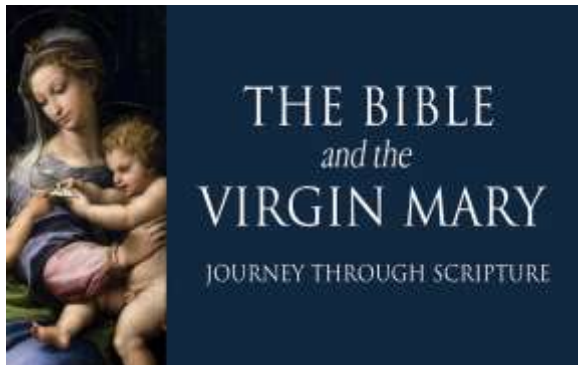
\*rediscovering the Rosary Mysteries, and the BVM's role in salvation history.

Share your Faith and Fellowship with other Ladies from the Parish, while we learn about Mary, her life, her devotion to God and to Christ!

Bible Study Guides and Hail Holy Queen, are available.

NOTE: To Register and Reserve a copy of the Bible Study Books, or If you have any questions:  
[mtpilo.esq@gmail.com](mailto:mtpilo.esq@gmail.com); [frankiernan@gmail.com](mailto:frankiernan@gmail.com) or [Kris0330@optonline.net](mailto:Kris0330@optonline.net).

All are Welcome! Invite a Friend! We'd love to meet you!

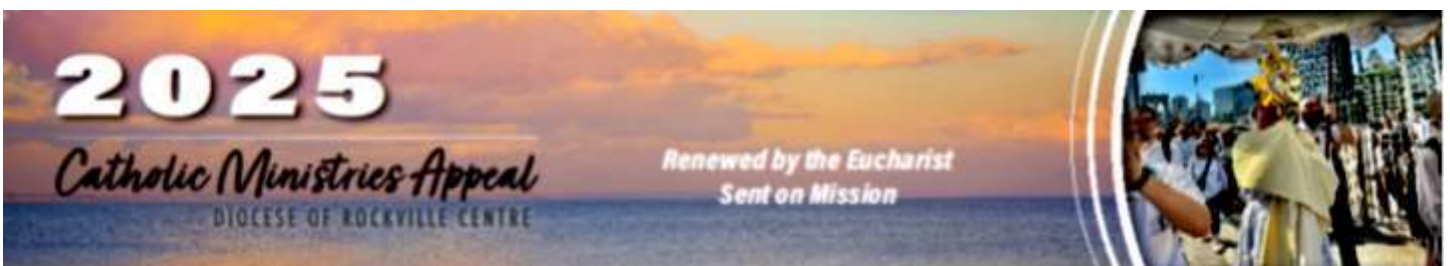




# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

7:00pm

The Last Monday of each month  
(Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>)



## A Message From Bishop John O. Barres

The Eucharistic Revival has enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful. The final phase “Going out on Mission” encourages us to go out and share the love of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist to transform the world.

Faith is alive in our parishes and schools, soup kitchens and housing programs, on street corners and in churches. It is lived through people of all backgrounds, from every neighborhood. People everywhere come together to support one another. It is in this spirit that the Catholic Ministries Appeal exists: to bring support and build strong communities through faith and your generosity.

Every year, because of your support, the Annual Catholic Appeal gives us an opportunity to realize the difference we can make when we act together in God’s love. By serving the Lord with gladness, we can see the impact it has on so many lives, including our own. The ministries that rely on the Appeal are wide-ranging and have a direct impact on the Church and people of God throughout the Diocese.

I personally invite you to continue this mission by joining me again this year in making a gift to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Together we will embrace our apostolic roots and show the world how beautiful it is to be Catholic!

Thank you for your support.



Sincerely in Christ,

*+ John O. Barres*

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



FKM presents...

# Aging in Place

**What you should know and how to prepare!**

Our panel of experts will discuss the details of aging in place safely, who pays for what, and available options. You won't want to miss this free seminar presented by Feldman, Kramer & Monaco, P.C.

Refreshments will be served.  
Wheelchair Accessible.

## WHEN / WHERE

DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2025  
TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Cafeteria of St. John the Evangelist Church  
ADDRESS: 546 St. John's Place  
Riverhead, NY 11901

Seating is limited, please RSVP to [Jlanders@fkmlaw.com](mailto:Jlanders@fkmlaw.com) or call 631-487-9641



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# Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School Spring Basket Auction and Food Extravaganza



Saturday, March 29th  
6:00 PM  
Doors open at 5:30  
Tickets \$40 each

(Ticket price includes food to try from various restaurants)

**CALL TO PURCHASE  
YOUR TICKETS!**

Tickets available till March 7th  
or  
we are sold out

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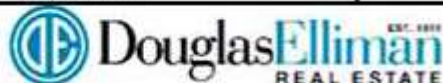


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