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"FROM THE FULLNESS OF
THE HEART
THE MOUTH
SPEAKS."

LUKE 6 : 39-45

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
March 2, 2025

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:20-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2;
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 92-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10-13; Lk 4-13

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: In tribulation is the test of the just (Sirach 27:4-7).
Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).
Second Reading: Paul reminds us that power of victory comes from God (1 Cor 15:54-58).
Gospel: Jesus moves us to see that our inner lives are visible in our outer lives (Lk 6:39-45).

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Paul McCusker, Jr.

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
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
02/23/25	118	112	108	135	100	573

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
02/23/2025	Weekly Collection	\$4,967.00
02/25/2024	Weekly Collection	\$4,545.00

Thank you for your continuous support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00pm **March 1**
 Margarita & Epifanio Mercader (Fr. Ken)
Sunday 8:00am **March 2**
 Rosemary Scammell (Fr. Peter)
 9:30am George Wayne (Fr. Ken)
 11:00am The People of the Parish (Fr. Peter)
 6:00pm Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jose)
Monday 9:00am **March 3**
 Dick Drosch
Tuesday 9:00am **March 4**
 (Guild Mass) Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 9:00am **March 5**
 Donna McCoy
 12:00pm Deacon Ken Geoghan
 4:00pm Liturgy of the Word
 5:30pm (Spanish) The People of the Parish
 8:00pm Liturgy of the Word
Thursday 9:00am **March 6**
 Poor Souls in Purgatory
Friday 12:00pm **March 7**
 Patrick DeBrita
Saturday 4:00pm **March 8**
Confessions
 5:00pm Nellie & David Fenton (Fr. Peter)
Sunday 8:00am **March 9**
 Maureen Remitz (Msgr. Mirro)
 9:30am Joseph & Celia Maturando (Fr. Ken)
 11:00am Antonetta & Francisco Morrone (Fr. Ken)
 6:00pm The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)

PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED



Maiti Sofia Canel Choy
 Carlos Enrique Zapeta Cach

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 \$ 8,735.00
 Payments Received \$ 5,897.00

Donors: 17 % of Goal: 14.07%

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 9th
through
Tuesday, March 11th
7:00pm to 8:00pm
in the Church

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

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!!!!

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenton/Easter Season.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday at 12:30pm during Lent
beginning Friday, March 7th

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

LENTEN REGULATIONS FAST AND ABSTINENCE

There is a limit of one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat on those days and ALL Fridays in Lent.

Creative Ministries presents
**JOURNEY, CROSS,
& CRUCIFIXION**
Wednesday, April 16th @ 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.



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

MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 3rd

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

March 5th

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

March 9th

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.

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.

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, Morgan Leary, Rosanna,
& Daniel Standing.

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

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!

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:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Juice, & Vegetables (all varieties), Rice, & Beans.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Katharine Drexel

Tuesday: St. Casimir

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Friday: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

Saturday: St. John of God



TEDDY'S CORNER



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: March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28

Bread & Wine: March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28

Altar Flowers: May 11, 18, 25

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The love of God is a love that knows no end. Thanksgiving overflows as we prepare to break bread together and enter once again into the paschal mystery of Christ.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

As we approach the penitential season of Lent, we hear a warning from Jesus about sin. Don't focus on the sins of your brother, your sister, or your neighbor; look at your own sins. Every year, Lent affords us the opportunity to recognize our sinfulness and our need for God's forgiveness, which Jesus offers us most dramatically on the cross. Gathered for Mass today on the eve of Lent, let us commit ourselves to recognizing our own faults and failures, repenting of our sins, and resolving to follow the Lord more faithfully.

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



What beam in my eye will I remove this Lent? What fruit will I produce during Lent? In other words, what two concrete things will

I do to see more clearly and to contribute to Jesus' mission?

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift that not enough Catholics take advantage of. This Lenten season, return to the confessional and grow closer to God.



Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the importance of change and seeking God's forgiveness rather than pointing out the faults in others.

Due to an issue with scheduling availability, we are no longer able to offer the First Saturday Mass each month.

**Our neighboring Parishes:
St. John's in Center Moriches
and**

**St. Rosalie's in Hampton Bays
both hold First Saturday Masses.**

**We are sorry for your inconvenience
but are very happy that our neighbors can
provide you with the Mass.**



**LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING
here at Immaculate Conception Church
Saturday, March 29th
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.**



The Joseph Slomski Knights of Columbus Council (7423), based at Immaculate Conception Church recently held its annual free throw shooting contest at the Westhampton Beach Middle School. The winners, boys and girls ages 9 thru 14, received a certificate of achievement as well as a new basketball. In addition, all winners were invited to compete at the next level: the Suffolk County Championship to be held on Saturday, March the 9th at St. John the Baptist High School in West Islip.

The boy winners, by age, were: Griffin Kruk (9), Xavier Viera (10), Jaxon Reditus (11), Logan Rice (12), Blake Schaffer (13) and Kellen Magner (14).

The girl winners, by age, were: Shay Magner (9), and Raylee Krill (14).

ALCOLYTES WANTED

We're looking for adults who would like to serve at the table of the Lord on Sundays by helping the celebrant at the Altar during Mass.

Training is provided.

Please contact the
Parish Office
631-288-1423

if you're interested in serving
in this important NEW ministry
here at
Immaculate Conception Church.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

at Immaculate Conception Church
Thursday mornings at Our Lady's Hall
@ 9:30am
All are Welcome!

Share your Faith and Fellowship with other Ladies from the Parish while we learn more about

"THE BIBLE and the VIRGIN MARY"

BIBLE Study Guides are available at the meeting

NOTE: To Register and Reserve a copy of the Bible Study Book, please email at:
mtpilo.esq@gmail.com; frankiernan@gmail.com;
or Kris0330@optonline.net

The Women's Bible Study came together last Thursday to begin this year's study, "The Bible and the Virgin Mary". What a special day it was coming together again to share in fellowship and growth! Consider joining us next Thursday for scripture, study, & fellowship!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

12:30pm

The First Friday of each month
(Novena & Silent Adoration to the Sacred Heart)

Friday, March 7th



BIBLE READING PLAN: *From Death to Life*

During Lent, Christians observe 40 days of confession, prayer and renewal. Just as our Savior fasted and faced temptation in the desert for 40 days, we use this season to grow our faith and prepare to minister.

Use this Bible Reading Plan to follow Jesus to the cross and then rejoice at his empty tomb on Easter. Travel through Scripture to reflect on who Jesus is and what he lovingly endured to give us life.



The Dry Desert

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 [Ash Wednesday]
- Genesis 3
- Psalm 63:1-8
- Matthew 4:1-11
- Sunday: Hebrews 4:14-16



Hope on the Horizon

- Numbers 21:4-9
- 2 Samuel 7:1-16
- Job 19:23-27
- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Daniel 7:13-14
- Zechariah 9:9-17
- Sunday: Romans 8:22-30



Our Sacrificial Lamb

- Genesis 22:1-18
- Exodus 12:1-17
- Psalm 23
- John 1:1-34
- John 10:1-18
- 1 Peter 1:18-23
- Sunday: Revelation 5



Hatred & Persecution

- Psalm 22
- Jeremiah 20:7-13
- Matthew 24:1-31
- John 11:45-57
- John 15:18-25
- 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- Sunday: 2 Corinthians 4



Hosannas for a King

- Psalm 24:7-10
- Jeremiah 23:5-6
- Matthew 21:1-11
- John 18:33-40
- John 19:1-16
- Hebrews 1:1-12
- Sunday: Revelation 7:9-17



Journey to the Cross

- John 2:13-22
- Mark 14:1-11
- John 13:1-17
- Matthew 26:26-30
- Luke 22:39-46
- Mark 14:27-31, 66-72
- Palm Sunday: Ephesians 1:18-23



Victory Through Christ

- Isaiah 53
- Matthew 26:47-56
- Mark 15:16-20
- John 6:47-58 [Maundy Thursday]
- Matthew 27:32-54 [Good Friday]
- Psalm 16:5-11 [Holy Saturday]
- Easter Sunday: Luke 24:1-8;
- 1 Corinthians 15:47-57

Note: Sundays, known as "mini-Easters," are excluded from Lent's 40 days. But this reading plan includes verses for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.



Great Easter



EGG HUNT

Bunny
Photo Op



DJ Dance
Party



Face
Painting



Food
Truck

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
GOOD GROUND PARK
9A SQUIRETOWN RD.

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AND ACCESS THROUGH
CANNUSCIO TRAIL.

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