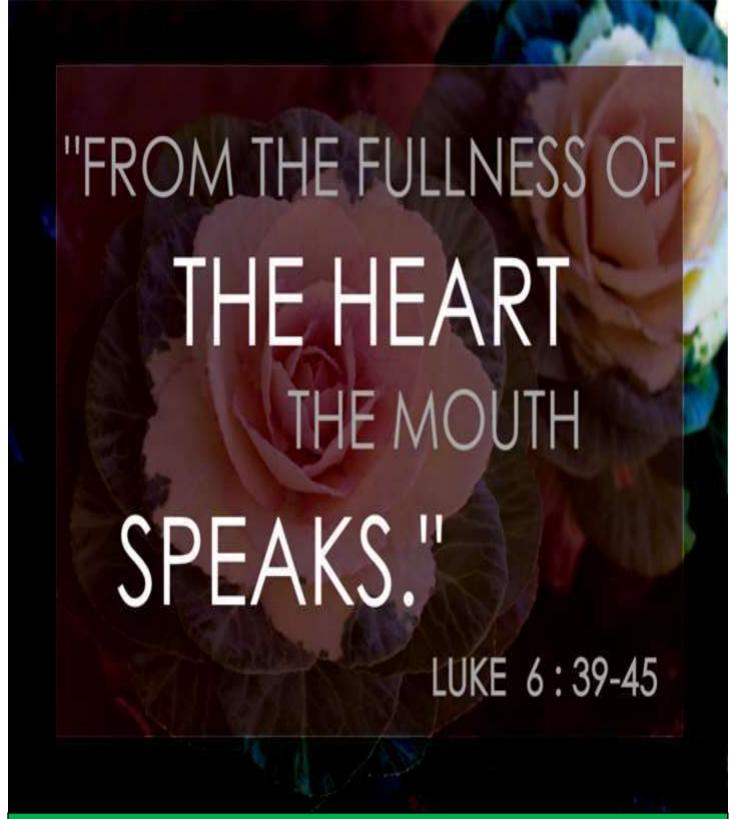
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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME March 2, 2025

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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

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

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

Beth Hard & Linda O'Brien

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Michael Berdinka, Tom Day, Lori Francescani, Lisa Guzman, Tara Hudson, Verna Merkel, & Amabilia Estrada Ruiz

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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: 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 a



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MASS ATTENDANCE							
DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6рт	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 March 1

5:00pm Margarita & Epifanio Mercader

(Fr. Ken)

Sunday March 2

8:00am 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 March 3 9:00am Dick Droesch Tuesday March 4

9:00am (Guild Mass) Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 9:00am Donna McCoy Deacon Ken Geo

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 March 6

9:00am Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday March 7
12:00pm Patrick DeBrita
Saturday March 8
4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Nellie & David Fenton (Fr. Peter)

Sunday March 9

8:00am 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 ACTIVITES

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.



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.



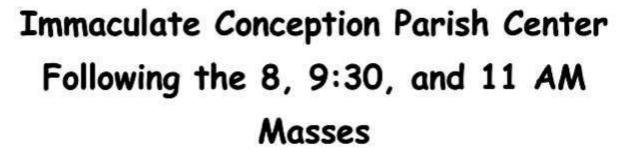
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

And



Ministry Fair

Sunday, March 9



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

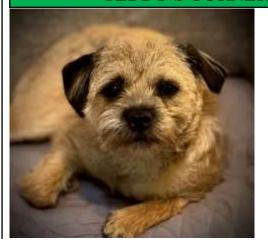
Monday: St. Katharine Drexel

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 Redius (11), Logan Rice (12), Blake Schaffer (13) and Kellen Magner (14).

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









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!









EUCHARISTIC 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
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- 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.



Bays Easter EGG HUNT

Bunny Photo Op DJ Dance Party Face Painting Food Truck

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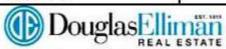
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