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*Jesus said,
"Now is the*

**SON
OF
MAN**

Glorified."

JOHN 13:31-33a, 34-35

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 18, 2025**

STAFF

Rev. Kenneth Grooms, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Byrne
Deacon Mark Herrmann

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Bobby Peterson, Music Director
Donna Cosme, Director of Religious Education
Anne Dean, Assistant to Director of Religious Ed
Linda Geoghan, Parish Secretary
Juan Vicente, Maintenance Manager

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

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

PARISH COUNCIL

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

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 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: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 14:21–27: The missionaries Paul and Barnabas complete their journey.

Psalms 145: “I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.”

Revelation 21:1–5a: Like bride and groom, God pledges everlasting love.

John 13:31–33a, 34–35: Jesus’ followers live by a new commandment: love one another.

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another. As his disciples now, we are commanded to do the same. May listening to God’s word—of Paul and Barnabas making disciples all over Asia Minor, of John’s vision of God dwelling with the human race, and of Jesus’ words to his disciples—strengthen our spirits as we live out that command.

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.



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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Due to early bulletin submission requirements, the weekly collection figures from May 10/11 will be reflected in next week’s bulletin. Thank you.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday May 17

5:00pm Ann Mary Windels (Msgr. Mirro)

Sunday May 18

8:00am The People of the Parish (Fr. Peter)

9:30am Catherine Mineo (Fr. Ken)

11:00am Rich Hill (Fr. Ken)

6:00pm Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jose)

Monday May 19

8:00am Bob & Anna Jentz

Tuesday May 20

8:00am Intentions of those in need in our Community

Wednesday May 21

8:00am (Guild Mass) Intentions of the Volunteers in our Parish

Thursday May 22

8:00am Kenneth Beck

Friday May 23

12:00pm Winifred & Martin Barry

Saturday May 24

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Karl Bonawandt (Fr. Ken)

Sunday May 25

8:00am Nova Mary Birkmier (Fr. Peter)

9:30am Miriam Arnold (Msgr. Mirro)

11:00am Robert Barrett & Susan Barrett
Malone (Fr. Ken)

6:00pm The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)

MARRIAGE BANS

III Lauren Procaccino to Vasilios Lolis

II Camryn LaSala to Kyle Sheehan

I Lisa Langiulli to John Lovett

CHURCH

“Church” in Greek means convocation, or assembly in Latin, because all are called to be members of it.

~ St. Isidore

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 \$ 18,320.00

Payments Received \$ 15,793.00

Donors: 48 % of Goal: 29.50%

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.



DEACON MARK HERRMANN

25 years of service
to the people of God

Immaculate Conception Church is happy to invite all parishioners
to a celebration in honor of

Deacon Mark's 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate

**Sunday
May 18th
at the 11:00am Mass**



**A Luncheon
Celebration will follow
immediately in
Our Lady's Hall**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter; Julian Calendar
Palm Sunday
Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena
Wednesday: St. Christopher Magallanes
Thursday: St. Rita of Cascia



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Aurora Antunes, Deacon Joseph Byrne,
Kevin Chisholm, Rev. Simplicio D'Sousa,
Alexa Dalton, Brian Dalton, Lisa Falcone,
Blythe Fickenwirth, Richard Hewes,
Young Katie Kennedy, Rosanna, Daniel Standing
& Patricia Tolan.

Please call the Parish Office (631-288-1423) to add/delete 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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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

The Pantry is in DIRE NEED of:
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste,
Deodorant, & Size 6 Diapers.

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

This week, think of ways you can show love to others. Perhaps reach out to someone who could use some company and spend some time with them.



Bulletin Reflection

Jesus gives us a new commandment in today's Gospel: love one another.

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Who is entrusted to me in love? What have I done to reinforce and strengthen that bond between us?

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.

TEDDY'S CORNER



Teddy is enjoying these new warm days. Oh to be a pampered puppy!



INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Upon this holy table God gives us the gift of Jesus Christ. Our hearts filled with Easter joy, and united with all the saints, we offer our thanks and praise.



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Spring can be a delight for our senses. We see trees starting to bud, flowers poking their heads out of the ground, and grass turning a lovely shade of green. We hear migrating birds and feel the warm sun on our faces. God's words in Revelation seem especially apt: "Behold, I make all things new." Much as we can behold spring making all things new, when God raised Jesus, freeing our lives from sin and death, we too were made brand new. Let us give thanks to God for continually renewing our world and our lives.



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COLOR GUARD CEREMONY

in honor of Memorial Day
at the 11:00am Mass
on May 25th

If you would like to have the honor of carrying a flag into or out of Mass, please see an Usher upon your arrival, before Mass begins.

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:

Sanctuary Lamp: May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Bread & Wine: May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Altar Flowers: May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



The French Revolution swept the church in France away in an astonishing way, stripping the nation of every possible vestige of the faith, not merely shuttering churches, but using them as staging areas for pagan raves and romps. While millions of faithful simply went underground and hung on for the ride, even the seven-day week was demolished along with the names of the months. What emerged from the chaos was the Napoleonic Code of 1792 governing church life, and therefore marriage law in France, French Canada, and elsewhere. The code makes civil marriage mandatory for all citizens.

In practice, when the faithful marry, they go first to the City Hall. There, the mayor performs the civil marriage, usually accompanied by a patriotic speech about the duties of the citizen, particularly in the rearing of children. Then, typically after a lunch, everyone goes off to change into more festive attire for the wedding liturgy, featuring consent, the exchange of rings, and the nuptial blessing. Sadly, only a minority of citizens today celebrate even the civil form of the rite, and a fraction of those continue on to the church. For those who do celebrate the liturgy of marriage, however, there is near certainty that the spouses are active worshipers, and that they will later present their children for baptism.

NEEDED

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS for the HOMEBOUND

Immaculate Conception Parish is in need of Trained Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound Ministry. If you would like to join us in serving Communion to individuals at the Westhampton Care Center and/or individuals in their homes who cannot attend mass, please contact susanvalentino@yahoo.com.

ICC Anti-Abuse Policy

No one is allowed to be abusive in any way to any parishioner, staff member, or member of any ministry at Immaculate Conception Church. Anyone being rude or verbally abusive will be asked to leave the premises. While positive feedback is always welcome, any negative critique or opinion that is not kind in nature should be shared (directly or indirectly) with the Pastor, Fr. Ken. A good rule-of-thumb: If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Father Joseph Slomski Council #7423

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Eligibility: The candidate must be a high school senior who has been accepted and will attend an accredited four or two year college or vocational program beginning in the fall of 2025. In addition, the candidates family must be registered parishioners in the Immaculate Conception Parish. A completed application must be submitted to the Parish Office in the Parish Center by the close of business on May 27, 2025. The candidate must complete the application and submit it along with a copy of their high school transcript and a copy of their college essay or similar personal statement that will help us to better understand their goals and unique qualifications.

Student / Family Information

Student Name _____ High School Attended _____

Home Address _____ Parent / Guardian Name _____

Year of Graduation _____ School or College you will attend _____

Community Service activities _____

Extra Curricular activities _____

Athletic activities _____

Please drop off your completed application at the Parish Office in the Parish Center (or outside in the Religious Ed. Mailbox outside the front entrance), or mail it to :

Immaculate Conception Church

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PO Box 1227 Westhampton Beach, NY 11978



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, May 31

Opening Mass at St. Therese Montauk
10:00 am
Procession through Montauk
11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Opening Mass at St. Agnes Cathedral
5:00 pm
Procession to St. Christopher, Baldwin
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Procession from Our Lady of Poland to
Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary,
Southampton
6:00 pm

Sunday, June 1

Mass at St. Isidore, Riverhead
10:30 am
Procession to St. John, Riverhead
11:30 am

Mass at Cure of Ars, Merrick
7:30 am
Procession to St. Barnabas, Bellmore
8:30 am

Mass at St. Barnabas, Bellmore
10:30 am
Procession to St. William the Abbot Seaford
12:00 noon

Monday, June 2

Mass at St. Raphael, East Meadow
7:30 am
Procession to Holy Trinity High School
8:30 am

Tuesday, June 3

Sts. Philip and James, St. James
Procession to St. Patrick, Smithtown
11:00 am

Wednesday, June 4

Mass at Corpus Christi, Mineola
7:30 am
Procession to Chaminade High School
8:45 am

Thursday, June 5

St. John of God, Central Islip
Procession to St. Anne, Brentwood
6:00 pm

Friday, June 6

Mass at St. Gertrude, Bayville
8:30 am
Procession to St. Dominic, Oyster Bay
9:30 am

Saturday, June 7

Closing Mass at St. Hugh of Lincoln,
Huntington Station
8:30 am

Closing Procession and Benediction
St. Patrick, Huntington
11:00 am

Walk with Jesus

Mark your calendars for days of public
witness, walking with Jesus on the
roads of Long Island.



Learn more and see the full schedule at drvc.org/congress



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

REVIVAL NIGHTS

PRAY WITH JESUS. WALK WITH JESUS.

NASSAU

Saturday, May 31

8:00 pm

Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport

Sunday, June 1

7:00 pm

Maria Regina, Seaford

Monday, June 2

7:00 pm

Holy Family, Hicksville

Tuesday, June 3

7:00 pm

Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead

Wednesday, June 4

7:00 pm

Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park

Thursday, June 5

7:00 pm

Notre Dame, New Hyde Park

Friday, June 6

7:00 pm

St. Patrick, Glen Cove

SUFFOLK

Saturday, May 31

7:00 pm

Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, South Hampton

Sunday, June 1

7:00 pm

St. John the Baptist, Center Moriches

Monday, June 2

7:00 pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue

Tuesday, June 3

7:00 pm

St. Patrick, Smithtown

Wednesday, June 4

7:00 pm

St. Joseph, Babylon

Thursday, June 5

7:00 pm

St. Anne, Brentwood

Friday, June 6

7:00 pm

St. Philip Neri, Northport

Each night will have:

- Eucharistic Adoration
- Eucharistic Preaching and Catechesis
- Eucharistic Processions
- Nocturnal Adoration



Learn more and see the full schedule at drvc.org/congress

 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS BEHOLD 2025

with Guest Speakers:



Dr. Edward
Sri



Father Pierre
Toussaint, CFR



Father Jose
Diaz



Sister Mary
Gabriel, SV



Father Daniel
Rivera

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY
JUNE 8**



10AM-5:30PM

Saint Anthony's
High School,
South Huntington



Admission is free but registration is required.

All are invited for a day of prayer, catechesis, Adoration, and Holy Mass with Bishop John O. Barres. This congress will deepen devotion and equip attendees to share the graces of the Eucharist through inspiring talks, witness testimonies, worship, fellowship, and the culmination of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

**For registration, schedule,
and more details, visit:**

www.drvc.org/congress

CYO of Long Island - East End

FAMILY FUN DAY

12PM - 2PM JUNE 1ST

Join CYO as we open our East End office
& kick off the 2025-26 season.
Everyone is welcome to attend.
There will be fun and games
for the children.
St. John Paul II Fields



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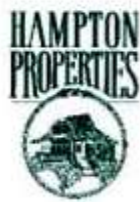
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