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Church of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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. JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000.

They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

LUKE 9:11b-17

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST June 22, 2025

STAFF	Celebration of the Eucharist
Rev. Kenneth Grooms, Pastor	Saturday5:00pmVigil Mass
Deacon Joseph Byrne Deacon Mark Herrmann	<u>Sunday</u> 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am 6:00pm (Spanish Mass)
Shawn Pinson, Sacristan 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	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)
<u>Parish Office Hours:</u> Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm CLOSED Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays	First Saturday Mass Due to an issue with scheduling availability, we are no longer able to offer the First Saturday Mass each month.
Parish Office 631-288-1423 Fax 631-288-5498 parishoffice@iccwhb.org	Eucharistic Adoration The FIRST FRIDAYS (Novena & silent adoration to Sacred Heart) of each month at 12:30pm and the
Religious Education 631-288-4188 Fax 631-288-8215 religioused@iccwhb.org	LAST MONDAYS of each month at 7:00pm in the Church.
Queen of Apostles, Regional School 631-878-1033	<u>Confessions</u> Every Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm
PARISH TRUSTEES Beth Hard & Linda O'Brien	PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE
PARISH COUNCIL Michael Berdinka, Tom Day, Lori Francescani, Lisa Guzman, Tara Hudson, Verna Merkel, & Amabilia Estrada Ruiz	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: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-2
Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2;
Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Mk 12:28b-34
Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11;
Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 2:41-51
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-17

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 14:18–20: Over bread and wine the mysterious Melchizedek blessed the Lord. Psalm 110: "You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek."

1 Corinthians 11:23–26: Every time we eat the Lord's body and drink his blood, we proclaim his life -giving death.

Luke 9:11b–17: The feeding of the multitudes.

In the first reading and the responsorial psalm, we are reminded of Melchizedek, the first priest mentioned in the Bible. He brought Abraham bread and wine, the same food and drink that Jesus transformed into his body and blood. The Gospel story of the feeding of the multitudes through the multiplication of five loaves and two fish reminds us that God's generosity is overflowing, able to satisfy us all. Let us listen to God's word, so we can go out and become the body of Christ for a world hungering for God's goodness.

MARRIAGE BANNS

Ш Amanda Morici to Thomas Callaghan

MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
05/25/25	223	279	195	270	159	1126
06/01/25	152	160	135	172	100	719
06/08/25	162	198	135	210	190	895
06/15/25	187	167	151	197	150	852

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
06/15/2025	Weekly Collection	\$8,735.00
06/16/2024	Weekly Collection	\$9,792.00
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	June 21
5:00pm	Donald Ross (Fr. Ken)
Sunday	June 22
8:00am	Steve Haniostis (Fr. Ken)
9:30am	Gregory Blanco (Fr. Ken)
11:00am	Mary Byrne (Fr. Ken)
6:00pm	The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)
Monday	June 23
8:00am	Allan Byrnes, Sr.
Tuesday	June 24
8:00am	Intentions of Krzysztof & Ann S.
Wednesday	June 25
8:00am	(Guild Mass) Marco Oliveri;
	James Cappy
Thursday	June 26
8:00am	Donald Ross
Friday	June 27
12:00pm	Tess Cesare
Saturday	June 28
4:00pm	Confessions
5:00pm	Marco Oliveri (Fr. Tom)
Sunday	June 29
8:00am	Robert Duarte (Fr. Peter)
9:30am	Albert Conway (Msgr. Mirro)
11:00am	Daniel Reilly (Fr. Tom)
6:00pm	The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)

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 Thank you for your continued support!

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	\$ 21,850.00
Payments Received	\$ 18,614.00
Donors: 57	% of Goal: 35.19%

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

Registration for the 2025-26 Religious Education school year is now underway!

Registration forms to all families of current students have been mailed out and are due back by 7/31/2025.

Do you know of a child entering first grade? If you do, it's time for them to enter their two-year process of preparing to receive First Holy Communion. Religious Education at Immaculate Conception Church begins in first grade and continues every year through ninth grade. If you have an incoming first grader, please contact the religious education office at (631) 288-4188 or email to religioused@iccwhb.org.

Volunteers are Needed!

As another great school year in our religious education program has concluded, we are excitedly planning for next year. Our program relies on the commitment of our wonderful volunteers. **How Can You Help?** We have various roles available, including Catechists (Levels 1-9), Substitutes, Hall Monitors and Coordinators. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or new to this, there's a place for you.

Why Volunteer with Us?

By volunteering, you directly impact the spiritual formation of the students. Your presence matters! Volunteering is an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth. You'll learn, connect, and be part of something meaningful. We will provide everything you need. Interview & VIRTUS training is required of all volunteers. Contact the religious education office at (631) 288-4188 with any questions and/or to get started!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Toiletries (shampoo & soap), Juice Boxes, Cereal, Pasta, Tuna, Hearty Soups, & Condiments.

The Pantry is in <u>DIRE NEED</u> of: Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Deodorant, & Size 6 Diapers.

A special thank you to Janet of St. Anne's Church in Brentwood. Janet is the Outreach director there and she graciously gave us 9 crates of canned goods that they had a surplus of. Our Food Pantry certainly could use the help!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



During the week ahead, how will I offer myself in imitation of Jesus to nourish or sustain someone else?

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Tuesday: Nativity of St. John the Baptist Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

Find time this week to sit in silence before the Lord in Adoration (or before the Tabernacle). Praise God for the Eucharist, where He is truly present.



Bulletin Reflection

Jesus feeds the multitude.

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.

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today we come to both celebrate and receive the Body and Blood of Christ. In doing so, as we hear Saint Paul say today, we proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again. Yes, we proclaim Jesus' death on the cross—difficult as it was to accept at the time, and still painful to consider—for it led to his triumph over sin and death. Our sin, our death. The Body and Blood of Christ, which we receive and celebrate today, is our path to new life, to life in him. Like a procession with the consecrated host, the Body and Blood of Christ is a sign and symbol of our journey to new life in Christ.

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In sharing these gifts, we have our first taste of the heavenly banquet where the hungry will be fed in abundance, where all our wants will be satisfied. For this we give thanks this holy day.

SACRAMENTALS

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** this week will burn in loving memory of

Marco T. Oliveri

To arrange a sacramental in loving memory of or for the intentions of your loved one, please visit the Parish Office.

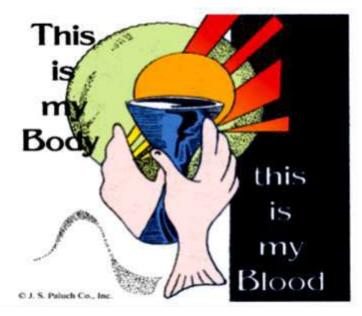
> Available Dates: Sanctuary Lamp: June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28 Bread & Wine: June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28 Altar Flowers: June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

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





USHERS NEEDED

We are looking for Ushers for all Masses on Saturdays and Sundays. Ushers help with the collections & bulletins at the Masses. Please contact the Head Usher, Joe Sala at 516-359-3901 or Joesala5@ msn.com, if you would like to join this important ministry.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LECTOR?

Do you like to read? Volunteer your time and talents to join the Lector group! You'll receive a Lector book that gives you a deeper dive into the day's readings as well as pronunciation guides. You will be scheduled for the Mass time you prefer, and you'll read on average 2 Masses a month, possibly more during holidays and holy days. You'll read the announcements, the readings, and the Prayers of the Faithful.

Please contact Beth at 631-495-5931 or <u>bethflanagan@optonline.net</u> if you'd like to participate in this ministry.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



Once the early Christians realized that Christ's coming in glory was delayed, there was a need to provide for the governance and everyday needs of the church. The various "orders" within the church carried forward the apostles' ministry but also allowed for a measure of creativity. The sacrament we call "holy orders" evolved somewhat slowly. At

first, it made sense for Christians to use the forms they knew, adapting them to new situations. Synagogues, for example, were administered by a board of "elders," translated into Greek as presbyteros. We know from the Acts of the Apostles that a system of presbyters was a normal feature of church life from earliest days. They stood in relationship to another order, that of "overseers," translated into Greek as episkopos, giving us the English "bishops." The bishop was the shepherd, the faithful tender of the flock, one who offered the Eucharist, forgave sins, and maintained the bond of charity. Just as the deacons were the chief advisers for the charitable life of the church, so were the presbyters meant to advise the bishop on the spiritual life of the faithful. They were trusted advisers at first, not pastors or priests as we understand those terms today.

CALM WATERS

In calm waters, every ship has a good captain. \sim Swedish proverb

LAST WILL AND

TESTAMENT

FED BY THE LORD

Jesus' words "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" were only part of his table blessing. Jesus twice said: "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24, 25).

This is the good news of today's solemnity. Like the five thousand hungry souls, we are fed by our Lord. This is not food that satisfies for only a short time, until the next meal. It is food that lasts and changes us. It is food for sharing in much the same way as Melchizedek did when he brought bread and wine to the returning Abraham.

As children of God's reign, we are blessed to be able to receive and share God's gift. And we do so in the way most appropriate to our state in life—as parents, children, husbands, wives, or religious.



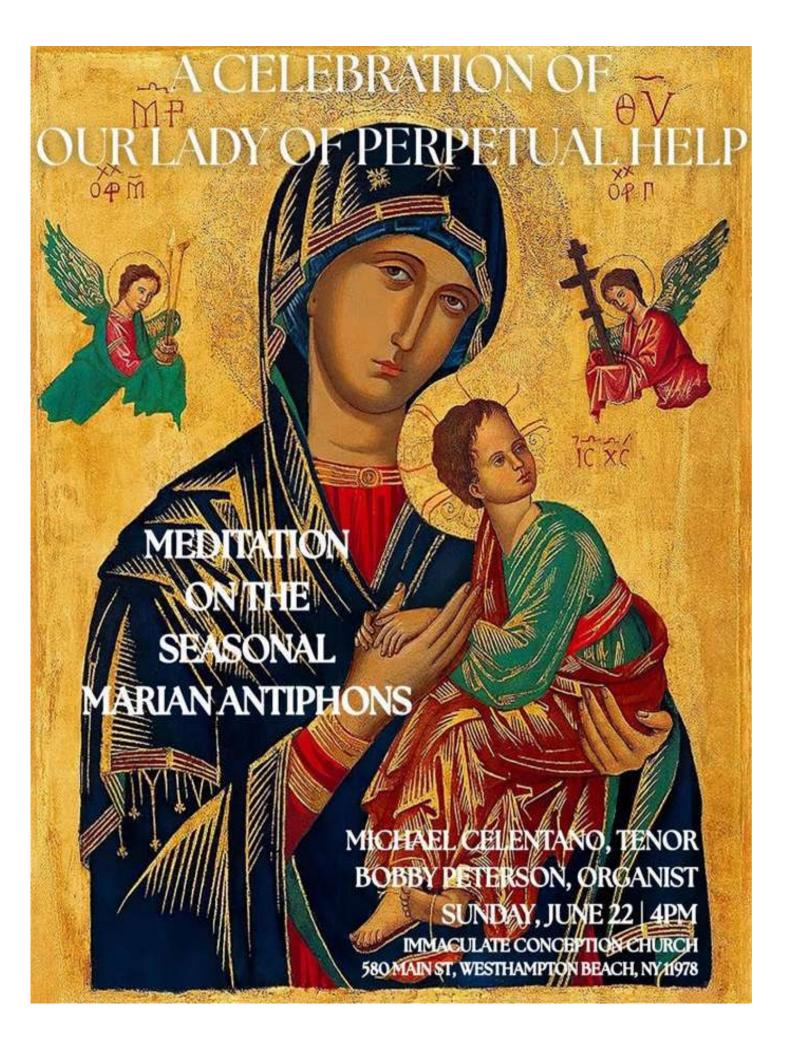
FAITH IS ... Faith is not merely praying Upon our knees at night; Faith is not merely straying Through darkness into light . . . Faith is the brave endeavor, The splendid enterprise, The strength to serve, whatever Conditions may arise. ~ Anonymous

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