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you are anxious and worried about many things.

There is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part

and it will not be taken from her."



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 20, 2025

STAFF	Celebration of the Eucharist
<b>Rev. Thomas Pers, Pastor</b>	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
Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm	Vigil @ 7:00pm (Spanish Mass) Day @ 8:00am, 12:00pm, & 7:00pm
CLOSED Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays	<u>First Saturday Mass</u> Due to an issue with scheduling availability, we are
Parish Office 631-288-1423 Fax 631-288-5498 parishoffice@iccwhb.org	no longer able to offer the First Saturday Mass each month.
Religious Education 631-288-4188 Fax 631-288-8215 religioused@iccwhb.org	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
Queen of Apostles, Regional School 631-878-1033	Church.
Spanish Apostolate Rev. José Luis Tenas 631-914-1538	<u><b>Confessions</b></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 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: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42 **Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50 Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17 Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30 Sunday: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Genesis 18:1–10a: Sarah and Abraham receive God as a guest.

Psalm 15: "He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."

Colossians 1:24–28: The body of Christ suffers and rejoices in our sufferings and joys.

Luke 10:38–42: Martha and Mary received Jesus as a guest.

In the first reading, Abraham and Sarah offer hospitality to three travelers, one of whom foresees a momentous event. For Paul, the momentous event is Christ winning us salvation, salvation that is offered to all. In the Gospel, sisters Martha and Mary offer hospitality to Jesus, but take on different roles while he visits. Let us show God's word hospitality, listening attentively and prayerfully.



#### MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
06/22/25	144	175	119	326	100	864
06/29/25	178	210	181	282	165	1,016
07/06/25	162	290	243	287	100	1,082
07/13/25	160	240	192	236	100	928

#### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
07/13/2025	Weekly Collection	\$14,240.00
07/14/2024	Weekly Collection	\$10,415.00
Thank you for your continuous support!		

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	July 19
5:00pm	Bill Rowker (Fr. Tom)
Sunday	July 20
8:00am	Charles Eschmann, Jr. (Msgr. Mirro)
9:30am	The People of the Parish (Fr. Tom)
11:00am	Robert Kelly (Fr. Peter)
6:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jose)
Monday	July 21
8:00am	Intentions of Siobhan Fenton
Tuesday	July 22
8:00am	100 <sup>th</sup> Centenary of Rev. Pat Fitzgerald
Wednesday	July 23
8:00am	(Guild Mass) Stephen Huggard;
	Kenneth Paul Ducey
Thursday	July 24
8:00am	Billy Thorne
Friday	July 25
12:00pm	Dorothy Doyle
Saturday	July 26
4:00pm	Confessions
5:00pm	Kathryn C. Strom (Fr. Tom)
Sunday	July 27
8:00am	Mark Doyle (Fr. Tom)
8:30am	(Beach Mass) Jeannette Lederer
	(Fr. Peter)
9:30am	Kathryn Carey Strom (Fr. Tom)
11:00am	The People of the Parish (Fr. Peter)
6:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory (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	\$ 22,100.00
Payments Received	\$ 19,745.00
Donors: 58	% of Goal: 35.59%

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

Happy Summer from the Religious Education Office!! Our prayers to all for a safe summer. May it be filled with restful days, fun family memories enjoying all of God's beautiful creation ... and lots of ice cream!

#### **REGISTRATION:**

If you haven't already, please make sure to complete & send in your registration form—the deadline will come up fast! (7/31/25). Please take a moment to get everything squared away before those summer days take over ~Thanks!

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:**

We're still in **need of volunteers** for our Religious Education program! If you've been considering getting involved, now's the perfect time. Whether you're comfortable leading a class or lending a hand behind the scenes, your presence will make a real difference. Please prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to share your Faith with the children of Immaculate Conception Church. Come be part of something meaningful—we'd love to welcome you aboard! If you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please contact us at (631) 288-4188.



**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, Hearty Soups, Condiments & snacks for children.

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene Wednesday: St. Bridget Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhluf Friday: St. James Saturday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### **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.



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

We do not know when, where, or how our Lord will come to us. He could appear as a stranger, as someone in need whom we have never met before. Or maybe we'll encounter Jesus in a dream, while in deep reflection, or in prayer. We are assured of encountering him here and now in a number of ways: as an assembly gathered in his name, in the priest celebrating Mass, in each other, and certainly in the Eucharist, when we receive his Body and Blood. Our readings today remind us that the Lord comes in many ways and we are called to always respond with attention and kindness.

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Like Mary, we have listened to Jesus' words. Like Martha, we have prepared for a banquet. With rejoicing on this Lord's Day around this sacred altar we see God's face in the faces of one another, especially of those who are visitors among us.

# SACRAMENTALS

BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS, & SANCTUARY LAMP

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: July 28, August 5, 12, 19, 26 Bread & Wine: July 28, August 5, 12, 19, 26 Altar Flowers: July 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Please join us Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 8:00am Mass for a special prayer service for the Parishes on Long Island. All towns will be announced while we pray for the people of God within those parishes. The prayer will be led by Deacon Joe. We hope to see you there!

# REFLECTIONS

## Living Stewardship

As Catholics we are called to serve others. Identify some people in your neighborhood or family that you can serve this week.



## **Bulletin Reflection**

"He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."

SWORDFISH CLUB BEACH MASS NEXT Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am



# **SECOND COLLECTION**

Next weekend, July 27<sup>th</sup>, our second collection will be for the **MAINTENANCE** of all Parish buildings. Thank you for your generosity!

## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**



How am I hospitable to others in need of food or rest, or just some companionship? How can I see the Lord in such hospitality?

# PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Cathy Burch & Deacon Joseph Byrne

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



# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Annual Summer Book Club Invitation

**"The Red Tent"** by Anita Diamant A New York Times BEST SELLER

# Join us on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm in Our Lady's Hall

Please, come and join us for this interesting event as we discuss the themes and characters of this novel. All are welcome and all belong!

9:30am: Book swap, coffee, & conversation 10:00am-12:00pm: Book discussion on the themes & characters

R.S.V.P. by August 1<sup>st</sup> via email to <u>susanvalentino@yahoo.com</u> & <u>heyhose27@optonline.net</u>

"A richly imagined world.....Paints a vivid picture of what women's society might have resembled during biblical times." ~ Jewish Times

*"It celebrates mothers and daughters and the mysteries of the life cycle."* ~ Los Angels Times

**PLEASE NOTE:** The FALL Session for the Women's Bible Study will begin September 11<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady's Hall! More information will follow in the August Parish Bulletin.





**PRAY DAILY** Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour. ~ St. Francis de Sales



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