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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 27, 2025

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# **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm

CLOSED Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays

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Rev. José Luis Tenas 631-914-1538

# **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

# **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 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:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28 **Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;

Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24;

Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12 **Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;

Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

# **TODAY'S READINGS**

Genesis 18:20–32: Abraham bargained with God for the safety of the innocent.

**Psalm 138:** "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me."

Colossians 2:12–14: God nailed our sins to the cross of Christ

Luke 11:1–13: Jesus teaches us to pray and reminds us to persevere in prayer.

Before we hear Jesus teach his disciples to pray, we see Abraham persistently petition God to show mercy toward the people of the city of Sodom. In the Gospel, Jesus confirms how important it is to show this kind of persistence. Our Father in heaven, Jesus teaches us, is generous beyond human generosity, having given the Holy Spirit to be with us always, and so we should freely ask for our needs, assured that we will be heard.

## **LOOK AROUND YOU**

To see the world in a grain of sand and a heaven in a wildflower, hold infinity in the palm of your hand and eternity in an hour.

~ William Blake

MASS ATTENDANCE						
DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6рт	TOTAL
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
07/20/25	157	229	203	305	100	994

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS					
DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT			
07/20/2025	Weekly Collection	\$10,212.00			
07/21/2024	Weekly Collection	\$16,842.00			
Thank you for your continuous support!					

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday July 26

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)

Monday July 28

8:00am Frances Cimino

Tuesday July 29 8:00am Donald Ross Wednesday July 30

8:00am (Guild Mass) Pasquale Zamboli

Thursday 8:00am Don Ross
Friday August 1
12:00pm Ria Meade
Saturday August 2
4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Thomas & Lucy Toscano (Fr. Peter)

Sunday August 3

8:00am Michael Betjemann (Fr. Peter)
9:30am Kathryn Carey Strom (Fr. Tom)
11:00am Peter Gambino (Msgr. Mirro)
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
 \$ 22,450.00

 Payments Received
 \$ 20,165.00

 Donors: 60
 % of Goal: 36.15%

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:**

If you haven't already, please make sure to complete & send in your registration form—the **DEADLINE TO AVOID A LATE FEE is July 31st!** 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.

# **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.

# **SECOND COLLECTION**

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

# **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, Vegetables, & snacks for children.

# SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Sts. Mary, Mary, and Lazarus Wednesday: St. Peter Chrysologus Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola Friday: St. Alphonsus Liguori

Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian

Eymard; Blessed Virgin Mary



# INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Father in heaven gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask him. Let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we lift our voices in this great thanksgiving prayer.

# 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

When we want something from a friend, whether it's something they have or a favor they could do for us, we normally just go ahead and ask. Jesus tells his disciples today that we should approach God the same way. He assures us that the Father in heaven listens to our prayers and that we should persist in prayer, for we are a needy people, ultimately dependent on God. Our lives are in God's hands and so we pray that God watches over us, forgives us, and has mercy on us, as we proclaim when praying how Jesus taught us.

# **REFLECTIONS**

# **Living Stewardship**

Take time this week to really pray AND LISTEN to God. Say the Rosary or practice Lectio Divina. "For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds..."



# **Bulletin Reflection**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us about the importance of prayer. He also teaches us the "Our Father."

# **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:** August 5, 12, 19, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **Bread & Wine:** August 5, 12, 19, 26, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **Altar Flowers:** August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, September 7, 14, 21

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

# **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Over the coming week, take time each day to persistently ask God for a need of yours or a friend's. At the end of the week, answer this question: What have I learned by persisting in prayer daily for this need?

# PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Alyce Touroul

# **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.

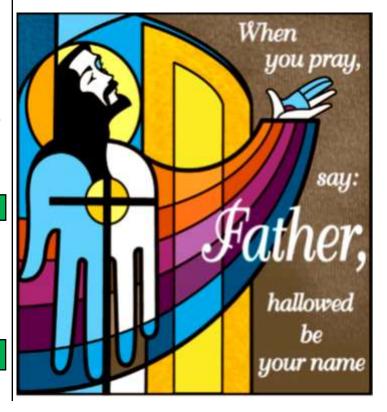
# THE MARK OF THE MAKER

If things created are so full of loveliness, how resplendent must be the One who made them!

The wisdom of the Worker is apparent in such handiwork.

~ St. Anthony of Padua

Family members attending weekend masses for a loved one and who would like to bring up the gifts, should see an usher before Mass begins.





# 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> &

heyhose27@optonline.net

"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.



# Are You A Fully Initiated Catholic?

The Parish of the Immaculate Conception welcomes any adult non-Catholic who would like to find out more about the Catholic Church or any Catholic who would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion, & Confirmation.)

# RCIA PROGRAM

# at Immaculate Conception Church

Start Date: October

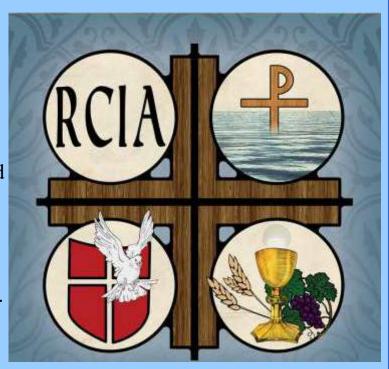
Frequency: 3-4 times a month on Sundays

Where: In the Parish Center

Sacraments will be received at Easter Vigil/Pentecost 2026

A \$25 Materials Fee is requested at time of registration at the Parish Office. A copy of your Birth Certificate & any applicable Sacramental Certificates are required at time of registration.

Please call or visit the Parish Office 631-288-1423 with any questions and/or to register.





Our Joseph Slomski Knights of Columbus Council #7423, headquartered right here at Immaculate Conception Church, recently elected a new slate of officers to lead them in their new Columbian Year beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Key appointments, pictured above with their fellow brothers, include: Grand Knight George M. Motz, Deputy Grand Knight Anthony Veraldi, Chancellor Christopher Cordella, Treasurer Joseph Giaquinto, and, on the right, District Deputy James Kaan, who presided over the ceremony.

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

7:00pm
The Last Monday of each month
(Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>)







It's time to do something different ...

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# Attend an upcoming WWME experience!

Sept. 19-21, 2025

Friday evening—Sunday afternoon

# The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Huntington, NY

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Additional info or help with
application??

Call: 646-642-7463

Visit: www.wwme.org

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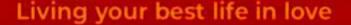


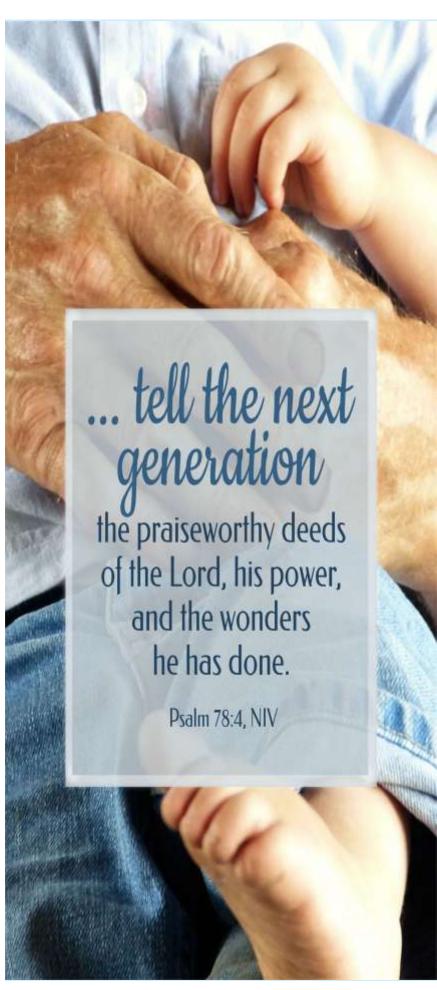
# Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply.

There's no group discussion.

It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you get be





# World Day for GRANDPARENTS and the ELDERLY Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

Loving and Eternal God, we thank you for the gift of our grandparents and all the elderly—those who have gone before us in faith, those whose lives have shaped our families, our Church, and our communities.

Bless them with peace, joy, and the comfort of your presence. May their wisdom guide us, their stories inspire us, and their love remind us of your enduring grace. Heal their bodies, soothe their minds, and fill their hearts with hope.

Let us never forget their dignity nor overlook their needs. Make us attentive to their voices, patient with their years, and generous with our time. In a world that often moves too fast, help us pause and cherish the gift of their presence.

May the witness of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, be a model for us— to honor the generations before us, to build bridges between young and old, and to walk together toward the fullness of life you promise.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



Sometimes when bishops are consecrated, they are not given the care of a diocese as an "ordinary." A very old tradition, however, assures that they are invested with a "see," a link with a local church. Many hundreds of places around the world were dioceses at one time but are no longer. In England, for example, some of the historic dioceses such as London, Salisbury, and Manchester ceased to be Catholic at the Reformation and their cathedrals passed to the Church of England. The reestablishment of the Catholic Church in the nineteenth century meant that new dioceses had to be created, such as at Liverpool and Westminster. Similarly, in Scandinavia the ancient Catholic dioceses vanished under Lutheranism. In North Africa, tiny dioceses

disappeared under the sands or were swept away by Islam.

In the United States, some original dioceses never really developed as population centers, such as the old dioceses of Bardstown, Vincennes, Sault Ste. Marie, or Walla Walla. The tradition of "titular sees" assures that the ancient churches are always held in prayer, as the bishop celebrates Mass in its memory a few times a year.



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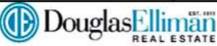
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