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LUKE 12:13-21

*"Thus will it be for all
who store up treasure
for themselves but are
not rich in what matters
to God."*



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 3, 2025

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Deacon Mark Herrmann

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Parish Office Hours:

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

CLOSED Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays

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Queen of Apostles, Regional School 631-878-1033

Spanish Apostolate
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

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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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office Hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
9am to 5pm
631-288-4188

REGISTRATION:

Registration is now overdue! If you haven't already done so, please be sure to complete & send in your registration form as soon as possible.

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@iccwmb.org

VOLUNTEERS:

We're still in **need of CATECHISTS** for our Religious Education program! 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.

PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED



Roma Irene Capurso
Nicolas Daleo II

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.

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 Sauce, Tuna, Hearty Soups, Condiments, Vegetables, Black Beans & **snacks for children.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. John Vianney

Tuesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Wednesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Thursday: St. Sixtus II and Companions

Friday: St. Dominic

Saturday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross; BVM

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

St. Paul tells us this day that we have been formed anew in the image of our creator. The differences among us are reflections of the diversity of Christ, because, as Paul says, Christ is everything in all of us. And for this we give thanks on this Lord's Day.

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

"You can't take it with you." It's a reminder that the wealth we accumulate in this world does not transfer to the next. In our secular society, this saying often implies that you should spend your wealth now while you can enjoy it, but our faith demands that we look at wealth differently. Building up material wealth is irrelevant to our vocation as disciples and can distract us from what is truly important. Let us lift our hearts and raise our voices to God, who is the source of our true wealth.

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 bethflanagan@optonline.net if you'd like to participate in this ministry.

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

God wants us to cultivate habits and lifestyles that help us to grow closer to Him. This week, practice reading the Bible for just 5 minutes a day and try to build a daily habit of reading Scripture.



Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that our spiritual wellbeing is more important than our financial wellbeing.

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 12, 19, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Bread & Wine: August 12, 19, 26, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Altar Flowers: August 10, 17, 24, 31, September 7, 14, 21

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Cathy Burch, Deacon Joseph Byrne, Jeffrey Davis, Millie Ferrin, Gerri Martin, & Barbara Storer

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

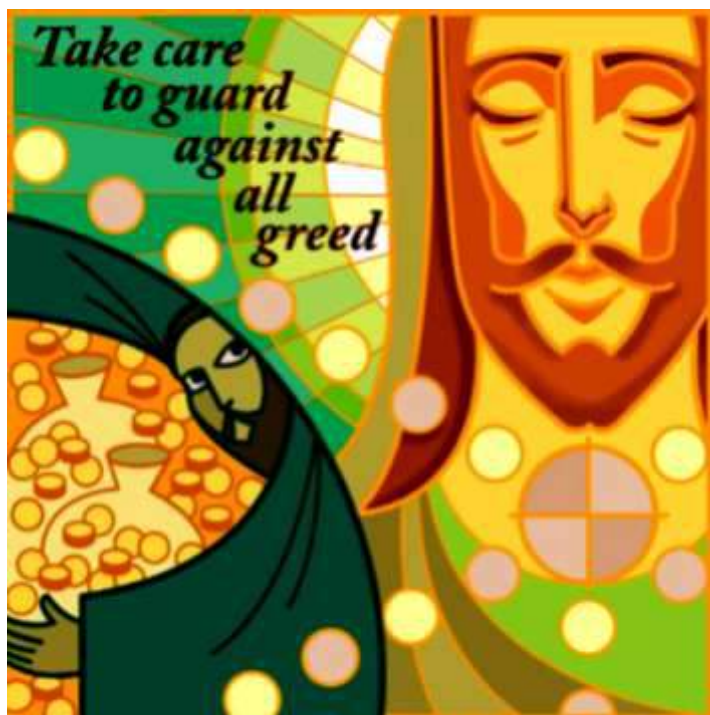
Congratulations to
Charles & Vita Pulver
who are celebrating their
50th Wedding Anniversary

by renewing their vows this weekend. You are blessed to share your love for 50 years and we are blessed to witness it! Happy Anniversary!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



What or whom have I thought of when I have received an unexpected bounty? How can I be a more generous person?





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 14th 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

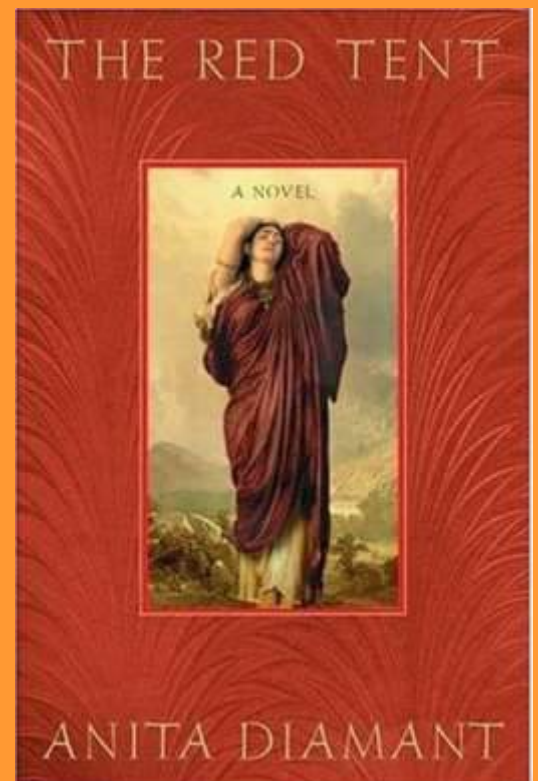
10:00am-12:00pm: Book discussion on the themes & characters

R.S.V.P. by August 1st via email to susanvalentino@yahoo.com & 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 Angeles Times*

PLEASE NOTE: The FALL Session for the Women's Bible Study will begin September 11th 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

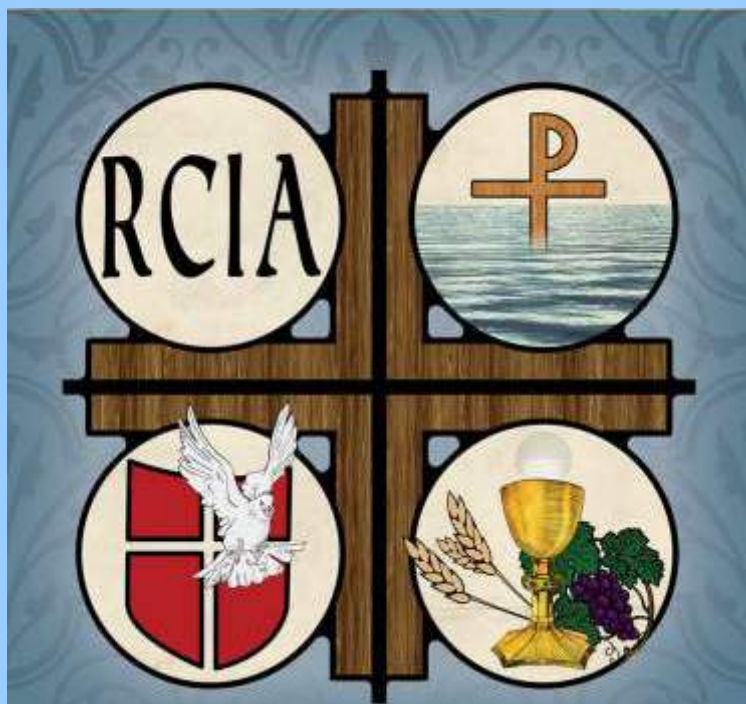
Frequency: 3-4 times a month on Sundays

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.





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The Parish Office would like to update parishioner **email addresses, mailing & phone numbers.** You may call or email your information to:

parishoffice@iccwhb.org

If you're not yet registered with the Parish and wish to do so, we can do that quickly over the phone with you as well. Please call the Parish Office at 631-288-1423 Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm.



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Monday, August 18th
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Our Lady's Hall
580 Main Street, Westhampton Beach

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- Click [Here](#)
- Scan QR Code
- Contact Melissa at (917) 566-8537 or mgatto@nybc.org



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If I Shall But Touch His Garment, I Shall Be Made Whole"

- MARK 5:22-34



RETREAT DAY

Sobornost For The World
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and living the mission of Christ
in our world today.



Rev. Dr. Felix Phiri SMM, Retreat Speaker

Where Shrine of Our Lady of the Island

Conference Room
258 Eastport Manor Road
Manorville, NY 11949

When Saturday, August 30, 2025

9:30 am to 3:00 pm/Mass 11:30 am
Light refreshments offered

What

What might be holding you back from going out into the world with joy, courage and hope? What stands in your way and prevents you from moving toward others? This retreat will explore how reaching out to touch the tassel of Christ's garment in our need is an act of faith which can change our lives forever.

Register (Suggested Donation \$35.00)

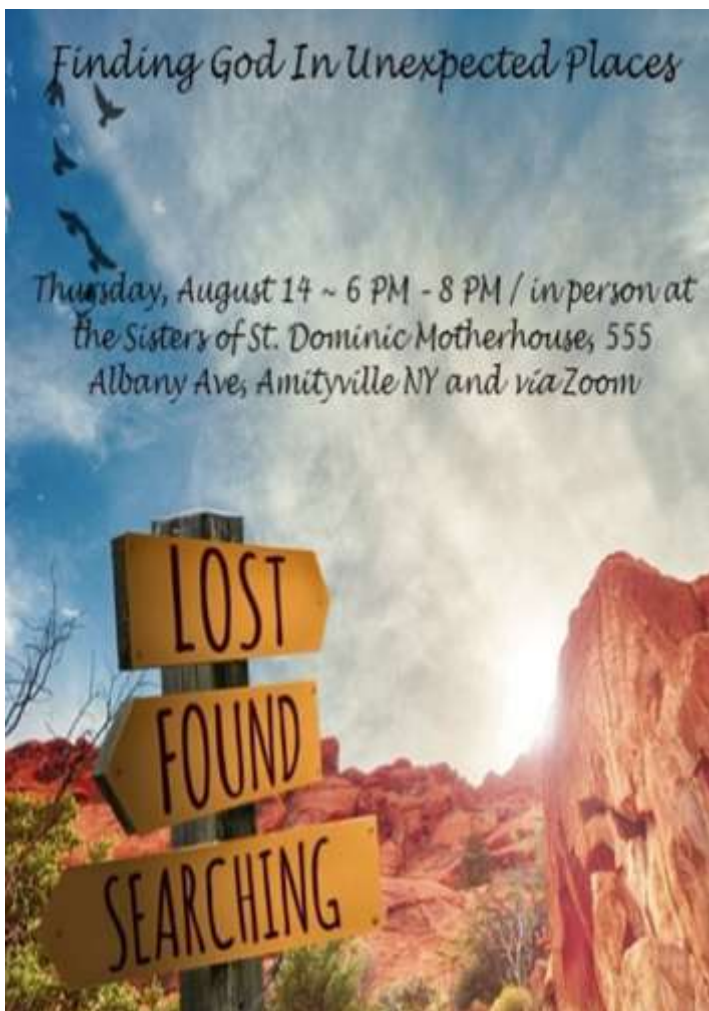
Text to **631-680-2892** or email
janinejankowski12366@gmail.com

A Fair Trade table of products will be available to support the Sobornost Foundation missions.

What to expect

The members of Sobornost For The World have been sharing the joy of Christ's mission on Long Island and around the world since 2003 following Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25 where He says, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Each helps those who are in severe poverty around the world with what is given to share. Sobornost members believe this is the way to live a joyful life.

Father Felix Phiri SMM, is serving at Our Lady of the Island Shrine, and originally from Zambia. He holds a doctorate in Sacred Theology from Boston College and until his appointment as an Assistant to the Superior General of his Order, he taught Systematic Theology and Liturgy at Hekima University College, a Jesuit School of Theology, Peace and International Relations in Nairobi, Kenya. Sobornost is honored and looking forward to partnering with Fr. Felix in this retreat day.



FINDING GOD IN UNEXPECTED PLACES

**Thursday, August 14
6-8pm (in-person & via Zoom)
Sisters of St. Dominic Motherhouse
555 Albany Ave, Amityville**

Combining the practice of contemplative prayer and the exercise of found poetry, participants will practice deep listening and being present to the Spirit to hear what God is asking or saying to each of us; and will create a prayer using different media sources such as newspapers, songs, and/or Bible Passages.

Register for In Person: Send email to: Reservations@WMFT.org with your name, email, cellphone (in case of cancellation)
Register for Zoom: <http://bit.ly/4eyDPvG> (click on link)

Note: Pizza, soda, snacks will be served!
This event will be held BOTH in person (all materials will be provided) and via Zoom. We ask that all those joining virtually through Zoom have a printed medium (newspaper, magazine, scripture passages, etc.), a pen/pencil and a marker to be able to participate fully in the experience!!

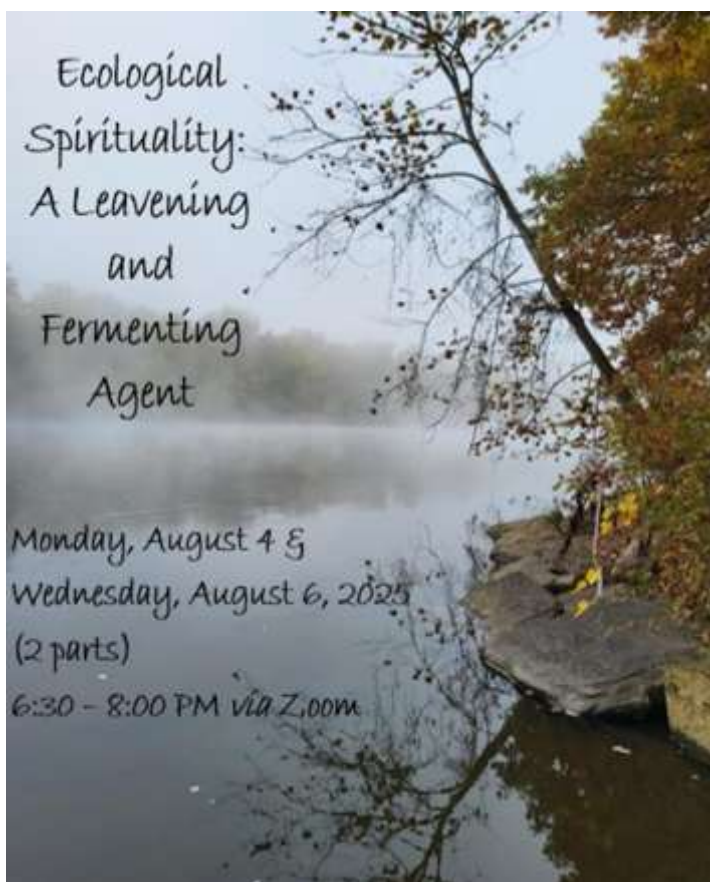
A LEAVENING AND FERMENTING

**Monday, August 4 & Wednesday, August 6, 2025
(2 parts)
6:30 - 8:00pm via Zoom**

Presented by Sr. Margaret Galiardi, OP

Come explore a world view which holds that, "The Universe unfolds in God who fills it completely; that there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a poor person's face." (Laudato Si # 233) We'll explore the field of ecological spirituality not only intellectually but also affectively through suggested activities which will open your heart to the reality, "that the Divine and the human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God's creation, in the last speck of the dust of our planet." (LS#9)

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/442SATR>



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