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"Do not be afraid any longer,
Little Flock,

FOR YOUR FATHER IS PLEASED
TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM."



LUKE 12:32-48

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 10, 2025

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Parish Office Hours:

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

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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

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

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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- Cane 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: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,
131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9;
Jn 12:24-26
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62;
Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32;
Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4;
Lk 12:49-53

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 18:6-9: On the long-awaited Passover night, God's children offered the paschal sacrifice.
Psalms 33: "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12: By faith we join our ancestors in faith, as together in hope we journey toward our homeland.
Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40: The Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour.

Today's selections from scripture celebrate our forebears for their faith. Abraham's faith was so strong that he was willing to sacrifice his beloved son. Centuries later, the Chosen People have faith sufficient to courageously make their escape from bondage. Jesus asks his disciples to have faith in his return, for which they should always be prepared. May today's readings remind us to ask ourselves what we need to do to prepare ourselves for that day.

MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
07/13/25	160	240	192	236	100	928
07/20/25	157	229	203	305	100	994
07/27/25	145	205	252	310	100	1012
08/03/25	168	360	187	302	100	1117

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
08/03/2025	Weekly Collection	\$13,980.00
08/04/2024	Weekly Collection	\$12,455.00
Thank you for your continuous support!		

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday
5:00pm Intentions of Ray O'Brien (Fr. Tom)
Sunday
8:00am Gwen DiMiceli (Fr. Tom)
9:30am Kathy Carey Strom (Fr. Peter)
11:00am Santo Golfo (Fr. Peter)
6:00pm The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)
Monday
8:00am Steve Berke
Tuesday
8:00am Intentions of Mary Ellen Fenton
Wednesday
8:00am **August 13**
(Guild Mass) Bill Rowker; Intentions of the Guzman Family
Thursday
8:00am **August 14**
Jim Alexander (Msgr. Mirro)
7:00pm The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)
Friday
8:00am **August 15**
Maryann Miller (Fr. Tom)
12:00pm Louis Siani (Fr. Jose)
7:00pm Salvatore Mastropaolo (Fr. Tom)
Saturday
4:00pm **August 16**
5:00pm **Confessions**
Kathryn Carey Strom (Fr. Peter)
Sunday
8:00am **August 17**
Heather McElroy (Msgr. Mirro)
9:30am George Herrmann (Fr. Tom)
11:00am Carol Cincotta (Fr. Tom)
6:00pm The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)

BAD MEMORY

The recollection of an injury is . . .
a rusty arrow and poison for the soul.
~ St. Francis of Paola

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	\$ 22,950.00
Payments Received	\$ 20,817.00

Donors: 61 % of Goal: 36.96%

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:

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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

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.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**A Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, August 15th**

All Catholics are obliged to attend
Mass for the Holy Day
Thursday, August 14th @ 7:00pm
(Spanish)

Friday, August 15th @ 8:00am,
12:00pm, & 7:00pm

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.

BE NOT DECEIVED

Do not be disturbed by the clamor of this world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let the false delights of a deceptive world deceive you.

~ St. Clare

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.**

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!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



What can I do to build and deepen my faith?
Whom can I wait on while I wait for the Lord's return?

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

In this day and age when we can look up just about anything online and determine what is true and what is real, it's tough to have to rely on faith. But this is what God has asked us to do for thousands of years. One day our time on earth will come to an end—or the world itself will come to an end — and no internet source knows when that will be. We should be prepared at all times, just in case. Let us pray that when we gather together each week to worship God with our community of faith, our own faith is strengthened so that we can face our future with hope and resolve.

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

How we have treated others during this lifetime, is an important thing that will matter in the next. Pray today and ask God how He wants you to be at service to others.



Bulletin Reflection

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Clare

Tuesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Wednesday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus

Thursday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Friday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary; BVM

SACRAMENTALS

BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS, & SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
in loving memory of

Geraldine Nobile

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 18, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Bread & Wine: August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Altar Flowers: August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 14, 21, 28

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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Our souls wait for the Lord. Let us lift up this prayer of thanksgiving in joy and in expectation of the coming of the Lord.



BIRTHRIGHT OF PECONIC

Birthright of Peconic in Hampton Bays is seeking passionate individuals to volunteer as board members. Our mission is "To uphold at all times, that every pregnant woman has the right to whatever help is needed to bring her child to term." Birthright is non-political and interdenominational. Please Email Susan at susan.berdinka@gmail.com.

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.



With the increase in costs throughout the nation, more and more of our neighbors are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. While we all want to donate with a generous hand, it's important to know exactly where our dollars go and who they are helping.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal funds many ministries in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Your donated dollars go directly toward funding ministries such as Campus Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Youth Ministry, Catholic Charities, Faith Formation, Respect Life, Vocations, and many of our parishes use their CMA rebate to fund their Parish Outreach programs.

But where and how you may ask is this money used?

A Place To Worship

Campus Ministry connects students with a Catholic community on campus, so their faith thrives in college and beyond. At one of the campuses on Long Island, students didn't have a sacred place to pray so they worked together with our Office of Campus Ministry to convert a storage closet into a chapel. *"Our job at Hofstra Campus Ministry is to evangelize, and we do that by forming relationships with people, being visible to them, celebrating mass on Sundays and Wednesdays, praying the rosary. Faithful young people are present here and they are on fire and they deeply desire to find Christ. They are seeking the truth and they will find it here in the Church."* Gina, Campus Minister at Hofstra University.

Growing Faith

The CMA funds Faith Formation programs that include baptismal, pre-Cana, and RCIA programs. By providing leadership training, guidance, evaluation, resources, and programming. The Office of Faith Formation strives to support our pastors, clergy, catechetical lay leaders, and volunteers in their efforts to be joyful, hopeful witnesses to the Gospel and agents of evangelization.

Supporting our Seminarians

Your gifts help support the formation of our Seminarians. Ordained in 2024 Fr. Joseph Lettieri heard the call to the priesthood early on and his calling grew in the practice of Eucharistic Adoration. *"My principal goal as a priest in our diocese is the salvation of souls. To lead the people of God on their way to heaven – to bring them closer to the Lord and ultimately to eternal life. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is so important to the life of our Catholic community. Giving to the Appeal cements the future of our Diocese with good priests and good formation as well as many other important ministries for the life of the Church on Long Island,"* shared Father Lettieri

Paying Forward

"My support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal is based on one philosophy: Paying Forward. While growing up, my mom always taught us that if God has been good to us, we should share our blessings with others. The Catholic Ministries Appeal reminds us that when the Lord was on earth, He fed the hungry. And we feed the hungry in so many ways. We not only provide for their basic needs, but we also provide for their spiritual needs. The Catholic Ministries Appeal responds to so many needs on Long Island and if it weren't there, so many people would be without basic needs." -Marcy, Volunteer PSM

Thank You! Your Gifts Make a Direct Impact on so Many in Our Community!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Annual
Summer Book Club
Invitation

“The Red Tent”
by Anita Diamant
A New York Times BEST SELLER

**Join us THIS Thursday, August 14th from 9:30am-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!

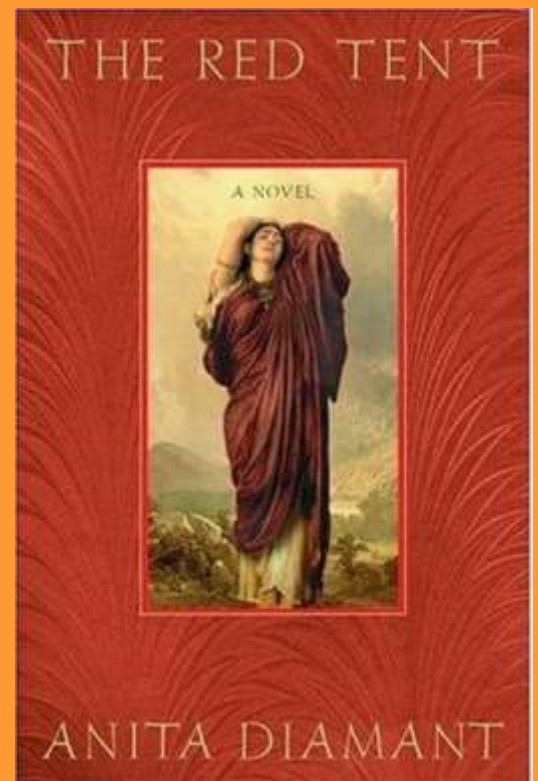
9:30am: Book swap, coffee, & conversation

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

“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: September

Frequency: Sundays

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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Contact Info



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

parishoffice@iccwahb.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.



The Fair Trade Movement, begun just a few years after the end of World War II, is a trade arrangement designed to help producers in developing countries, in particular coffee and cocoa bean growers, achieve sustainable and equitable conditions. The Fair Trade Movement urges the paying of higher prices to exporters and improving social and environmental standards. Not only are agricultural cooperatives helped, but local villages are as well, through the implementation of good drinking water, among other initiatives.

A Fair Trade table of coffee will be available for your support after the Sunday morning Masses this weekend during our Hospitality in the Narthex of the Church. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Immaculate Conception

Monday, August 18th
1:00pm – 7:00pm

Our Lady's Hall
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- Click [Here](#)
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- Contact Melissa at (917) 566-8537 or mgatto@nybc.org



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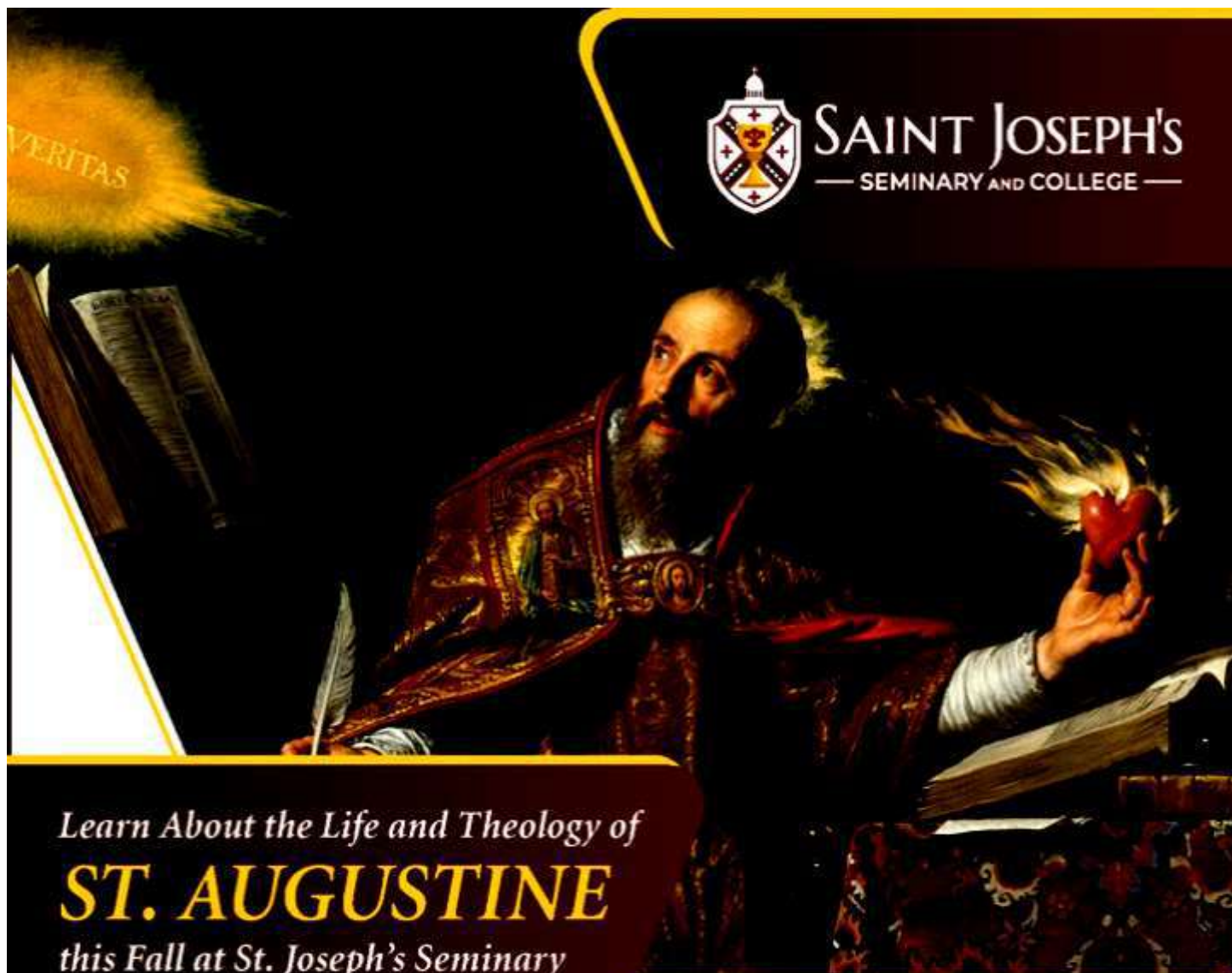


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Classes begin September 8
Registration begins June 1

To learn more, go to
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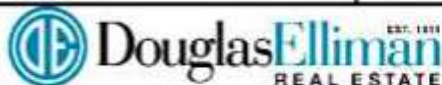
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