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*"I have come
to set the earth
on fire,"*

Luke 12:49-53



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 17, 2025

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Parish Office Hours:

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

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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

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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: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 20:1-16; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10: Because he demoralized the people, Jeremiah is condemned to death.

Psalms 40: "Lord, come to my aid!"

Hebrews 12:1-4: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, who can teach us how to struggle for glory.

Luke 12:49-53: Jesus says: I have come to divide.

Today's readings are difficult to hear. Jeremiah's preaching so inflamed the people of Judah that he was thrown into a pit to die. Jesus warned his disciples that he came to inflame people so much that parents would turn against their children and vice versa. Nevertheless, says the author of Hebrews, we must persevere in our faith, endure our cross, and resist sin, so that one day we may find the joy that lies before us. As we suffer hardships on our journey to the Lord, may God's word encourage us to never give up.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, August 23/24, our second collection will be for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. This Appeal funds many ministries in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. 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. Please be as generous as your means will allow. Thank you!

MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
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
08/10/25	187	305	290	310	100	1192

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
08/10/2025	Weekly Collection	\$13,430.00
08/11/2024	Weekly Collection	\$10,804.00

Thank you for your continuous support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

6:00pm

Monday

8:00am

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Thursday

8:00am

Friday

12:00pm

Saturday

4:00pm

5:00pm

Sunday

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

6:00pm

August 16

Kathryn Carey Strom (Fr. Tom)

August 17

Heather McElroy (Msgr. Mirro)

George Herrmann (Fr. Tom)

Carol Cincotta (Fr. Peter)

The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)

August 18

Robert Doveala

August 19

William Thomas Spellman

August 20

(Guild Mass) Intentions of the Presutti Family

August 21

Donald Ross

August 22

Richard Dackow (Wedding Anniversary)

August 23

Confessions

Robert Ansalone (Msgr. Mirro)

August 24

Morgan Evan Leary (Fr. Tom)

Donald Ross (Fr. Tom)

Dave Francescani (Fr. Peter)

The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)



We're opening the
2026 Mass Book
on Monday, August 25th

Please visit the Parish Office
to schedule your Masses.

We're open Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm.

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	\$ 23,950.00
Payments Received	\$ 22,101.00

Donors: 65

% of Goal: 38.57%

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.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK



When has something I've said or done in accordance with my faith divided family or friends? How have I handled this? Could I have handled it better?

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), Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Hearty Soups, Condiments, Vegetables, Black Beans, boxed Mac & Cheese, & snacks for children.

Help us continue to continue to support our community in need! Our Food Pantry served approximately 30 families last month ... and your generous donations make all the difference!

THANK YOU!

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!

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

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

Like we hear in today's Second Reading, do not give up-- continue to run the race, keep Jesus in your sights. When you fall, go to confession. Strengthen yourself with prayer and the Eucharist.



Bulletin Reflection

Life is a journey that has ups and downs. Go through this life connected to God and with His Church.



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today's second reading speaks of a great cloud of witnesses, perhaps referring to the large number of Christians who gave witness to their faith through their words and actions. Baptized in the Lord, we are those witnesses now. Looking around and seeing our faith community gathered here today, let us think of ourselves as a "great cloud of witnesses," assured of each other's support and encouragement as we live out our discipleship to the Lord.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. John Eudes

Wednesday: St. Bernard

Thursday: St. Pius X

Friday: The Queenship of the BVM

Saturday: St. Rose of Lima

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: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

Altar Flowers: August 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

Around this sacred altar we gather in faith, surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Here we will taste of the heavenly banquet to come. With joy and thanksgiving we raise up this prayer of gratitude to God.



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.



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Immaculate Conception

Monday, August 18th
1:00pm – 7:00pm

Our Lady's Hall
580 Main Street, Westhampton Beach

To make an appointment:

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



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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.



Entering Canaan

A Woman's Weekend Retreat of Prayer & Healing

Friday, September 26, 2025 - Sunday, September 28, 2025



For those suffering
from a past abortion

Come begin your
healing journey!

His mercy and peace
are waiting for you!

For confidential
reservations call

Lorraine

c: 516-798-9100

Email: LGariboldi@LifeCenterLI.org

or

Deacon Fred Ferrara

c: 201- 481-0800

Led by the Life Center of Long Island

Lorraine Gariboldi, Director of Post Abortion & Pregnancy Loss Ministry

Theresa Bonapartis, Co-developer of Entering Canaan &

Director of Lumina/Hope & Healing after Abortion

**L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry
Invites You
To our Annual Retreat
At
St. Joseph Villa
Hampton Bays, N.Y.
October 10, 11 & 12TH, 2025
Guest Speaker - Patricia Molnar**



We hope your journey through Lent and Easter was guided by the Father's unfailing love, the Passion of our Savior, Jesus Christ and filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit! Now we continue our journey with God's Grace trusting in His perfect plan as we venture through Ordinary time.

John 15:16 says *"you did not choose me, but I chose you."* GOD CHOSE US! He wants to be a part of our lives. *"It is not as though God is off in the distance waiting for us to come crawling to Him; no, God is waiting to come and inhabit our hearts, but the problem is the landing ground is all cluttered"* Bishop Barron. How do we unclutter? Dominican writer, William Peraldus quotes *"Prayer is such an easy job! Fr. Paul Murray said "it is like breathing: we were born for prayer. To open the door to Christ is the easiest thing of all."*

What I do know, without a doubt, my heart may be open, and say not a word. Sometimes in tears or in silent ponder. Why? Because God knows! *"You have searched me, Lord, and You know me.... Before a word is on my tongue You, Lord, know it completely...."* Psalms 139. What more could I say? God Knows!

Many of you have experienced the eloquent ways and spiritual awareness that Patricia Molnar brings to our retreats. Please join us as she shares that deep conviction of God's perfect plan allowing God to enter our space and speak to our hearts, through the Power of the Mighty Three!

Date – October 10-12, 2025 - Check-in Friday at 5 p.m. Check out Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Place - St. Joseph Villa, Hampton Bays, New York

Cost - \$260.00 - Single Room & 5 Meals included.

Rooms are limited. Call to hold your reservation.

Total Due by September 13, 2025.

For more information, call: Yvonne Bracone (631) 398-4086 or Nina McGee (516) 449-6197

Tear here, print information and return with deposit. Share the information!

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Parish: _____

Please make check payable to: L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry

****Mail Check to: c/o Yvonne Bracone 32 Pondview Circle, Shirley, NY 11967**

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

- MARK 5:22-34



RETREAT DAY

Sobornost For The World
invites you to experience a day
of prayer, talks, community
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.

ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY REUNION

This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the founding of St. Michael School which became St. Michael Academy. The annual Reunion of the St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association (NYC) will be held this year at 12 Noon on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Connolly's Pub and Restaurant, 121 West 45th Street, New York City. It is open to ALL Alumnae but especially honors the Golden Anniversary Class of 1975 and the Silver Anniversary Class of 2000. ALL SMA Alumnae from all years are welcome to attend this special celebration. For further information and reservations please consult the website at:

https://www.saintmichaelacademy.com/index.php/Events/eview/annual_reunion or by email at:

smaaanyc@gmail.com or call: 516-437-6958. The cost is \$80 for the luncheon before August 31, 2024, \$90 thereafter. Cash bar.



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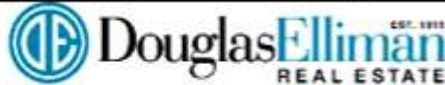
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