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**"LORD,
will only a few
people be
SAVED?"**

Luke 13:22-30

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 24, 2025**

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Monday through Thursday
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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

PARISH TRUSTEES

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Lisa Guzman, Tara Hudson, Verna Merkel,
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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- 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5;
Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;
Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;
Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21;
Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 66:18-21: Outcasts will be gathered home by God as a precious offering in glory.
Psalms 117: "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News."
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13: Discipline strengthens what is weak.
Luke 13:22-30: The doorway into the kingdom is narrow.

God reveals to Isaiah that people from far and wide will be welcomed to the holy city, Jerusalem. The psalmist also invites people of every nation to glorify God. Centuries later, Jesus affirms that people from every point of the compass will be welcomed into the kingdom of God. That having been said, getting in is not easy and some will be sent away. May we embrace God's discipline, in the spirit in which it is explained in the second reading today, recognizing that it is offered out of God's great love for us.

Neither Father Tom, nor any other staff member, will ever contact you asking for money via email or text. Please do not respond or reply to any such requests.

MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
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
08/17/25	190	300	227	-	100	-

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
08/17/2025	Weekly Collection	\$14,931.00
08/18/2024	Weekly Collection	\$14,440.00

Thank you for your continuous support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday August 23
5:00pm Robert Ansalone (Msgr. Mirro)
Sunday August 24
8:00am Morgan Evan Leary (Fr. Tom)
9:30am Donald Ross (Fr. Tom)
11:00am Dave Francescani (Fr. Peter)
6:00pm The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)
Monday August 25
8:00am David Bernhart
Tuesday August 26
8:00am Mary & Jack Geraghty
Wednesday August 27
8:00am (Guild Mass) Matthew Doyle;
Gary Alexander; Intentions of the Nobisso Family
Thursday August 28
8:00am Patricia Tolan
Friday August 29
12:00pm Pasquale Zamboli
Saturday August 30
4:00pm **Confessions**
5:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Roy Bjornson (Fr. Tom)
Sunday August 31
8:00am Kathleen & Patricia Tolan (Fr. Tom)
9:30am Henry Waldron (Fr. Tom)
11:00am Patricia Comer (Fr. Peter)
6:00pm The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)

MARRIAGE BANS

I Delaney Lucas to Richard D'Angelo

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Sandra Courtenay

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	\$ 24,500.00
Payments Received	\$ 22,801.00

Donors: 67 % of Goal: 39.45%

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

This 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!

Next weekend, August 30/31, our second collection will be for the **Maintenance** of all parish buildings and grounds. This collection helps defray the costs of landscaping, air conditioning, and the general maintenance on all buildings. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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!

FAITH DIRECT NEWS

We're excited to share that Faith Direct will soon be upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving—our new, secure giving platform. This upgrade will happen automatically and securely. No action is required from you—your gift schedules and payment details will carry over seamlessly.

What's new about ParishSOFT Giving?

- **Weekly Giving:** If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.
- **More Flexibility:** Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you—not just the 4th or 15th.
- **More Ways to Give:** Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

We're committed to making this a smooth transition. You'll receive more information as we get closer to launch.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz

Wednesday: St. Monica

Thursday: St. Augustine

Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

Treat people the way God wants you to.
Live a life that gives glory to God.



Bulletin Reflection

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Anyone who has driven often on highways can recall times in which traffic has slowed to a standstill because of a bottleneck, when multiple lanes of traffic must funnel down to a single open lane. This contemporary phenomenon is analogous to Jesus' words today about getting into heaven. Jesus says people will come from every direction but must pass through a narrow gate to enter. Let us accept this challenge, patiently following that narrow path.

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Jesus tells us that people will come from east and west, north and south, and recline at the table in God's kingdom. Joining our voices with millions around the world and with the choirs of angels and saints, we offer this prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



What must I do to grow in the discipline of being a good disciple of the Lord?
What can strengthen my "drooping hands and weak knees" (Hebrews 12:12)?

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

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.

SACRAMENTALS

The **SANCTUARY LAMP**
will burn this week in loving memory of
Kenneth Paul Ducey

→
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: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Altar Flowers: August 31, September 1, 8, 15, 23, 29

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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

Please visit the Parish Office
to schedule your Masses.

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



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.

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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**The Last Monday of each month
(Monday, August 25th)**



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.



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- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

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Entering Canaan

A Woman's Weekend Retreat of Prayer & Healing

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



For those suffering
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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 Bonaparte, 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 Verducci quotes "Prayer is such an easy job!" St. 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..." Psalm 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) 388-4886 or Nina McGee (516) 448-6187

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

Name: _____ Address: _____

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