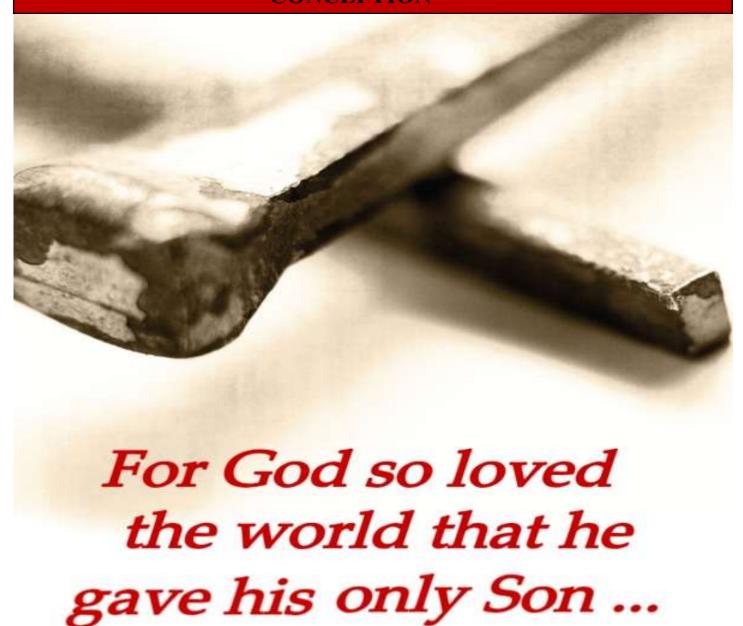
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# Church of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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John 3:13-17

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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

### PARISH TRUSTEES

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### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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**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:** 1 Tim 2:1-8; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tim 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday: 1 Tim 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35 Thursday: 1 Tim 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50 Friday: 1 Tim 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3 Saturday: 1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8;

Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

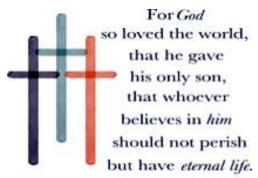
### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**Numbers 21:4b–9:** Moses fashions a saraph and mounts it on a pole.

**Psalm 78:** "Do not forget the works of the Lord!" **Philippians 2:6–11:** Jesus emptied himself for our salvation.

**John 3:13–17:** God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.

In today's first reading, God has Moses make a bronze serpent, mount it on a pole, and lift it up so that those who were bitten by venomous snakes could look upon it and live. Centuries later, Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up in a similar way so that all who look upon him as their salvation will live. On this feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, let us consider that what Jesus did for us on the cross to save our immortal souls recalls what God had Moses do in the desert to save the Chosen People's mortal lives.



John 3:16

MASS ATTENDANCE						
DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6рт	TOTAL
08/17/25	190	300	227	-	100	-
08/24/25	177	235	220	295	100	1027
08/31/25	201	305	246	270	100	1122
09/07/25	175	206	187	210	100	878

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS				
DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT		
09/07/2025	Weekly Collection	\$11,438.00		
09/08/2024	Weekly Collection	\$8,085.00		
Thank you for your continuous support!				

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	September 13
5:00pm	The People of the Parish (Fr. Peter)
Sunday	September 14
8:00am	Morgan Evan Leary (Fr. Tom)
9:30am	Joseph & Celia Maturando (Fr. Tom)
11:00am	Robert Barrett & Susan Barrett
	Malone (Msgr. Mirro)

6:00pm Gustavo Lozano (Fr. Jose)

**Monday** September 15

8:00am Intentions of the Giglio & Fitzgerald

**Families** 

**Tuesday** September 16

8:00am Intentions of Krzysztof S. & Family

Wednesday September 17

8:00am (Guild Mass) Robert Mott

**Thursday** September 18

8:00am Kathleen & Bruce Gobbi

Friday September 19

12:00pm Intentions of Ann C. & Grace C.

Saturday September 20 4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm James Clarke (Fr. Tom)

Sunday September 21

8:00am The People of the Parish (Fr. Peter) 9:30am Rose Sala (101st Birthday) (Fr. Peter)

11:00am Janelle Cleary (Fr. Tom)

6:00pm Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jose)

### MARRIAGE BANNS

III Katharine King Mullen to Ryan Limquiaco Cabahug

I Katherine Lauren DiConza to Edward Joseph Delaney

### **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
 \$ 24,800.00

 Payments Received
 \$ 23,297.00

Donors: 69 % of Goal: 39.94%

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

We have been busy preparing to begin our Religious Education program which begins at the end of September. How quickly that came up!

At this time, all registered families should have received their parent packet which includes the calendar, parent handbook & guidelines for the 2025-2026 year. If you have already registered for this year and have not received the packet, please give us a

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon!

### VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!

We're still in need of CATECHISTS for our Religious Education program -especially for Levels 3, 5, 6 & 8. Please prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to share your Faith with the children of Immaculate Conception Church. If you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please contact us at (631) 288-4188.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows Tuesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

Wednesday: St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of

Bingen

Friday: St. Januarius

Saturday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong

Ha-sang, and Companions

### 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!

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 4<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. More Ways to Give: Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

Keep an eye out for more information soon!



### REFLECTIONS

### **Living Stewardship**

Look upon the Cross of Christ and mediate on His love for you. When you are down, worried, afraid or just in need of some encouragement—go to the Cross and just look at your Savior. Make a habit of gazing upon the Cross.

### **Bulletin Reflection**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, September 13/14, our second collection will be for **CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**.

Next weekend, September 20/21, our second collection will be for **ST. PIUS X FACILITY**.

Thank you for your kind generosity & support for these collections.



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 & chocolate will be available for your support after the Sunday morning Masses this weekend during our Hospitality in the Narthex of the Church.

Come join us for coffee!

# INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the Eucharistic Prayer, we recall the marvelous deeds God has accomplished throughout history. Let us remember the one act that stands above all others: the saving death of Christ upon the cross. For this great gift we offer praise and thanks.

### 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.

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bentley (Navy)
Julia Blake (Navy)

1st Lt. Christopher Fencel (Marines)
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

By his crucifixion, Jesus transformed the cross from a profane instrument of execution to a symbol of triumph. Jesus sanctified the cross, making it holy, by sacrificing his life to win our salvation. We exalt the holy cross in a special way today, but we also exalt it every time we make the sign of the cross to express and bear witness to our faith. May the cross be a sign for us of Christ's power to overcome death and give new life.

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**



How can I imitate Christ by helping someone else carry their cross, as he helps me carry mine?

### **SACRAMENTALS**

# BREAD & WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP, and ALTAR FLOWERS

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 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27 **Bread & Wine:** September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27 **Altar Flowers:** September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.





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Last Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Knights of Columbus meeting, Fr. Tom Pers was installed as chaplain for Fr. Joseph Slomski Council. Congratulations!

Pictured L to R: District Deputy James Kaan, Fr. Tom Pers and Grand Knight George Motz.



# WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH!

If you're new to the Parish and would like to register, please contact the Parish Office at 631-288-1423. We would love the opportunity to tell you about our great Parish and to give you a welcome packet.

Perhaps you've been here a while but never had the opportunity to register. We can do that easily over the phone, so give the Parish Office a call!





### 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.



### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Thursdays in Our Lady's Hall Now thru December 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Chat/Coffee/Tea

**10:00am** Bible Study Program starts promptly Zoom is also available for those unable to attend in person

**DO YOU KNOW** what Mary's life was like in Jerusalem before the Annunciation? Or her role in Christ's ministry or at his first miracle at Cana? What was the inspiration for the Hail Mary prayer? Who was Christ's first disciple? Why is Mary called the Ark of the New Covenant?

**JOIN** us on this journey where we will learn about MARY's life through scripture, through Marian Art of the Catholic Church, through music and prayers honoring Mary, rediscovering the Rosary mysteries and the BVM's Role in Salvation History, all designed to inspire and to enhance our understanding and our devotion to the Mother of God!

Bible Study Guide: "THE BIBLE and the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY" written by Scott Hahn, an amazing Theologian, speaker and writer!

- •This study includes Hail Holy Queen, also written by Scott Hahn.
- •The Videos about the Blessed Mother are engaging, informative in an intriguing way and promises to provide us with many new topics to discuss at our meetings.
- •In addition, each week we will focus on one of the Rosary mysteries, learn about Renaissance works of Art depicting the BVM, scripture readings, and meditations, after which we pray one decade!

**JOIN** this amazing, inspiring, humorous and welcoming group and share your faith and fellowship with other ladies from our Parish. We look forward to seeing you and hope that you will decide to join us on Thursdays for our Women's Bible Study!

Please email us with your information so that we may order books for you and have them available at our first meeting!

**NOTE:** To register and reserve a copy of the study, or any questions: mtpilo.esq@gmail.com; frankiernan@gmail.com; kris0330@optonline.net

Invite a Friend! We'd love to meet you! All are Welcome!









Our Flonarces
Fr. Fidelis Moscinski
Franciscan Friar
of the Renewal
Pardoned by President Trump



John Hinshaw Pro-Life Warrior Pardoned by President Trump



Jay Smith Pro-Life Warrior Pardoned by President Trump



Our Guest Speaker
Ruth Akosua Yeboah
CEO, Founder
Precious Life Center of Ghana

# Life Center of Long Island

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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#### To Make Your Reservation:

Register by Mail or Call Lauren (516) 798-8746

Please make checks payable to the Life Center of Long Island

Mail to: 35 East Willow Street, Massapequa, NY 11758



#### Register Online:

Scan the QR to the left OR Visit our website at www.lifecenterli.org, click on the donate tab, select one-time payment option; select Gala reservation in drop down menu

KINDLY RSVP NO LATER THAN SEPT. 8<sup>111</sup>, 2025 INQUIRIES: CALL (516) 798-8746.

# EAST END HOSPICE Seeks HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

### Who are hospice volunteers?

Adults who . . .

- v Are caring and friendly
- v Are good listeners but comfortable with silence
- v Can have friendly conversation or just sit quietly
- v Can assist with errands or help with shopping
- v Can be a positive presence even in difficult times



### Are you that someone?

### If you are, East End Hospice needs YOU.

East End Hospice is a New York State certified hospice dedicated to improving lives across Eastern Long Island through expert care, comfort and compassion for terminally ill patients and their families. (www.eeh.org)

This October, East End Hospice will offer a comprehensive training via live Zoom sessions and self-study to prepare you to be a hospice volunteer. Training is mandatory for volunteers who visit with patients and their families, assist at our Kanas Center for Hospice Care, or assist campers at Camp Good Grief.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering with East End Hospice, please call Susan in the volunteer office at 631-288-8400 or email volunteers@eeh.org before September 10 to schedule an interview and register for the volunteer training program.

# Free Community Health Fair



# Healthy fun for all ages

# Saturday, September 20, 2025

(rain date September 21)

10 am - 2 pm

245 Old Country Road, Melville

### Free health screenings

- · Blood pressure
- Cholesterol
- Diabetes/glucose
- Body Mass Index
- · Foot screening

### Healthy eating and nutrition

### Kid's activities

Teddy bear clinic

### Catholic Health specialties

- Cardiac services
- CPR/First Aid demonstrations
- Substance abuse management Free Narcan kits available
- Psychological/ Chemical Dependency
- · Pastoral Care

- Family Care Center
- · Breast Health
- Sleep disorders
- · Talk with a doctor
- · Rehabilitation/Physical Therapy
- · Smoking Cessation Programs
- Mother/Baby & Lactation
- Home Care Services
- Oncology
- · Wound Care
- · Reproductive medicine
- Pediatrics
- Hospice services
- Neurology/stroke
- Diabetes
- Trauma

### Additional resources

Catholic Charities











# St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests

The mission of St. Plus X Residence is to provide a nurturing environment that respects and cherishes the lifelong commitment of our beloved priests. The Residence strives to create a warm and supportive community where they can enjoy their retirement years with dignity, surrounded by like-minded individuals who share their dedication to faith.

As our elderly priests enter this stage of their life, they often experience ongoing challenges that require added care and attention, and because of you, the St Plus X Residence is there for them. Even in retirement, our priests continue to make a profound impact on the spiritual and personal lives of Catholics of all ages. When they are able, they celebrate Mass in area parishes, visit the sick and homebound, and bring God's Word to those in prison.

### Please support our beloved priests in their retirement years.



### Fr. Steve Pietrowski, Rector

"I am so proud to be able to serve all the wonderful priests residing at St Pius. This house provides a place for our priests who have a need for care and help for daily activities. It's a safe place to age gracefully. Here at St. Pius, we provide for one another. We call this place home," shared Fr. Pietrowski.



### Msgr. Ron Richardson:

"When I was living on my own for a number of years, I felt a sense of isolation, especially during Covid but here I am with many of my fellow priests who I served with at times throughout the years. I've always been a walker, most of my life I've walked and jogged. I love the outdoors and I am so grateful to be here at this gorgeous camous."

The special collection for retired priests living at St. Plus X Residence will take place next weekend. Please be as generous as possible!

Thank You! https://www.stpinsresidence.org/

# Residencia San Pio X para Sacerdotes Jubilados

La Residencia San Pio X tiene como misión ofrecer a nuestros queridos sacerdotes un ambiente edificante, en donde se respeta y aprecia su compromiso de vida. Esta Residencia se enfoca en crear un ambiente cálido y de hermandad donde puedan disfrutar su jubilación dignamente, rodeados de otras personas que companien su misma dedicación a la fe.

Al comenzar esta etapa de vida, nuestros sacerdotes ancianos avanzan en edad, por lo que requieren cuidados y atenciones adicionales, y gracias a su aporte es que la Residencia San Pio X les puede brindar esa ayuda. Aun cuando ya se jubilaron, nuestros sacerdotes continúan teniendo un profundo impacto en las vidas espirituales y personales de católicos de todas las edades. Cuando les es posible, ellos celebran la Santa Misa en parroquias cercanas, visitan a los enfermos y los que están confinados en sus casas, y llevan la Palabra de Dios a los encarcelados.

# Por favor colabore con un donativo a favor de nuestros queridos sacerdotes jubilados.



### El Rector, Padre Stave Pietrowski, nos dice:

"Me llena de orgulio poder servir a los manavillosos sacerdotes que residen aquí en San Plo. Acogemos a nuestros sacerdotes cuando ellos necesitan cuidado y ayuda con sus actividades diarias. Este es un sitio seguro donde ellos viven dignamente esta etapa de sus vidas. Aquí en San Plo nos apoyamos unos a otros. Este es nuestro hogar."



### Monsefor Ron Richardson:

"Por muchos años vivi solo por lo que me sentía algo aislado y lo sentí aún más durante el tiempo de Covid, pero hoy aqui vivo con otros sacerdotes con los que en años pasados coincidi haciendo servicio. Siempre me ha gustado caminar y hacer jogging. Distruto del aire libre y estoy muy agradecido de vivir en este hermoso lugar."

El próximo fin de semana será la colecta a favor de los sacerdotes jubilados que viven en la Residencia San Pio X. ¡Por favor sea tan generoso como sea posible! ¡Oracias! https://www.sipiarcolecc.org/

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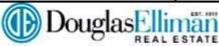
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