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*For God so loved  
the world that he  
gave his only Son ...*

**John 3:13-17**

**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
**September 14, 2025**

## STAFF

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### Parish Office Hours:

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

CLOSED Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays

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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

Beth Hard & Linda O'Brien

## PARISH COUNCIL

Michael Berdinka, Tom Day, Lori Francescani,  
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& Amabilia Estrada Ruiz

## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Kevin Dwyer, Beth Hard, Daily Hill,  
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 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.



## 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 call.

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!

**For God  
so loved  
the world.**  
JOHN 3:16



## 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)**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Christopher Fencel (Marines)**  
**Joseph Ferraro III (Air Force)**  
**Thomas Hellman (USF)**  
**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!

  
**Exaltation**  
of the Holy Cross



**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](mailto: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](mailto:mtpilo.esq@gmail.com); [frankiernan@gmail.com](mailto:frankiernan@gmail.com); [kris0330@optonline.net](mailto:kris0330@optonline.net)

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





*Our Honorees*  
**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*

### ANNUAL GALA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

#### MUTTONTOWN CLUB

5933 Northern Blvd., East Norwich, NY 11732

**\$180.00 PER ADULT | \$100.00 PER STUDENT**

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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](http://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>TH</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](http://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](mailto: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



Register for a free gift | Walk-ins welcome  
For more information, please call (516) 705-3839

## St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests

The mission of St. Pius 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 Pius 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 campus."

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

**Thank You!** <https://www.stpiusresidence.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 comparten 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 Steve Pietrowski, nos dice:**

"Me llena de orgullo poder servir a los maravillosos sacerdotes que residen aquí en San Pio. 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 Pio nos apoyamos unos a otros. Este es nuestro hogar."



**Monseñor Ron Richardson:**

"Por muchos años viví solo por lo que me sentía algo aislado y lo sentí aún más durante el tiempo de Covid, pero hoy aquí vivo con otros sacerdotes con los que en años pasados coincidí haciendo servicio. Siempre me ha gustado caminar y hacer jogging. Disfruto 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!**

**¡Gracias!** <https://www.stpiusresidence.org/>

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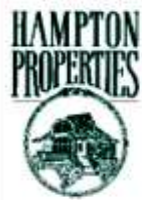
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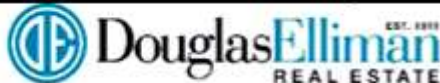


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