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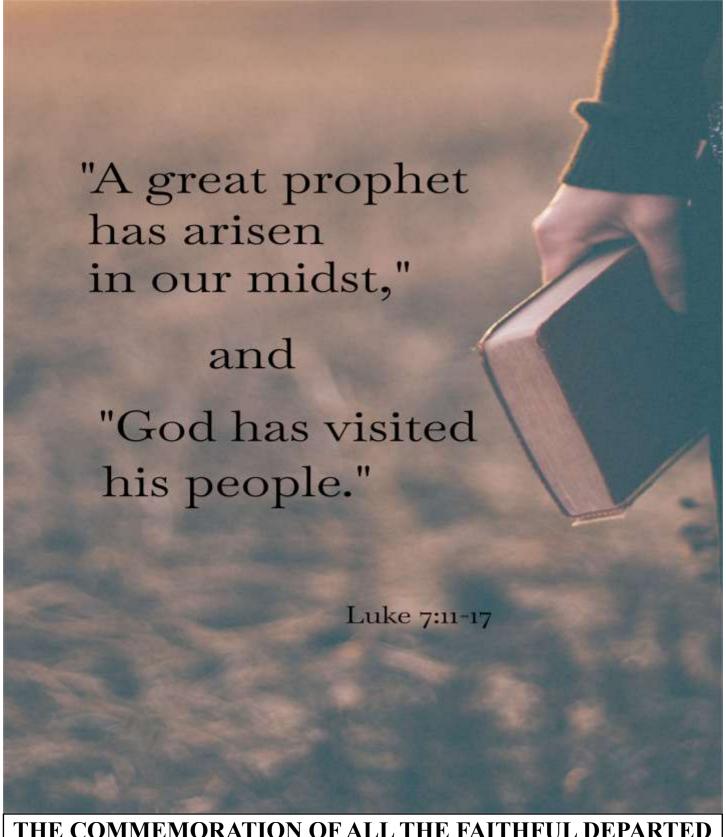
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Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm

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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 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 8:30am and the LAST MONDAYS of each month at 7:00pm in the Church.

#### **Confessions**

Every Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm

#### 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. Baptisms take place the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. 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: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10 Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15 Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;

Jn 2:13-22

#### TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 3:1–9 (1): No torment shall touch the souls of the just.

**Psalm 23 (1):** "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

Romans 5:5–11 (1): Justified by his blood, we will be saved through Christ from the wrath.

John 6:37–40 (8): Everyone who believes in the Son will have eternal life.

Over thousands of years, God's word has given comfort and hope to those who mourn. May our faith in a loving and merciful God, whom we hear portrayed in today's readings, dispel our doubts and calm our fears of death. May our faith in the Resurrection and in the redemption Jesus won for us assure us of the promise of eternal life in the kingdom. May the faith we share and the

grief.

#### MARRIAGE BANNS

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Family members attending weekend masses for a loved one and who would like to bring up the gifts, should see an usher before Mass begins.

	MASS ATTENDANCE					
DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6рт	TOTAL
10/05/25	123	183	185	162	185	838
10/12/25	175	178	139	165	100	757
10/19/25	170	156	120	181	100	727
10/26/25	155	181	277	169	160	942

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS					
DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT			
10/26/2025	Weekly Collection	\$6,177.00			
10/27/2024	Weekly Collection	\$6,836.00			
Thank you for your continuous support!					

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	November 1
5:00pm	Margarita & Epifanio Mercader
-	(Fr. Tom)
Sunday	November 2
8:00am	Kathleen & Patricia Tolan (Fr. Peter)
9:30am	The People of the Parish (Fr. Tom)
11:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Fr.
	Joseph Slomski Council Knights of
	Columbus (Fr. Tom)
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6:00pm Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jose)

Monday November 3

8:00am Poor Souls in Purgatory

TuesdayNovember 48:00amRonald BurnsWednesdayNovember 5

8:00am (Guild Mass) Intentions of Joan B.

Thursday November 6 8:00am Kevin Oates, Jr. Friday November 7

8:00am Michael F. Padovano

Saturday
4:00pm
5:00pm
Sunday

November 8
Confessions
William Rowe (Fr.)
November 9

8:00am Anthony Mydarz (Fr. )
9:30am Christopher Arsenault (Fr. )
11:00am Thomas Mullens (Fr. )

6:00pm The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)

#### SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, November 8/9, our second collection will be for the Military Services. Thank you for your kind generosity!

#### **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
 \$ 26,780.00

 Payments Received
 \$ 25,608.00

Donors: 78 % of Goal: 43.12%

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.



## Thanksgiving & Christmas ADOPT-A-FAMILY

program at Immaculate Conception Church

Kristin Kalisak, Program Director, will be handing out lists of families in our community who are in need this holiday season after all Masses the weekend of November 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to make those

Masses and wish to adopt-a-family, please email her at adoptafamilywhb@gmail.com and she will send you the name of a family in need.

Thank you to all those who participate in this important ministry. Because of your generosity, a child's Christmas will be made brighter and happier! God bless you in your giving!





#### **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!

#### **OUESTION OF THE WEEK**



Who do I remember in a special way today? Throughout this coming week, can I commit to unite myself with them in prayer?

## INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

On this day of remembrance, we do what the Lord Jesus commanded: we take bread and wine and offer our prayer of thanksgiving. Here, at this sacred altar, we catch just a glimpse of the heavenly banquet. It is here that we are most closely united with those who have gone before us. For this immense gift, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Jesus told his disciples, "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." Today we mourn all those who have died, especially those we love, those who are close to us. But we indeed are comforted: by our memories of them, by sharing our grief with our loved ones, and by our faith, which tells us that death is not the end. Their souls are in the arms of God, forever comforted from the suffering and hardships they faced in life. Our faith in the Resurrection allows us to be pilgrims of hope in this life, placing our trust in God's love and mercy.

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Martin dePorres Tuesday: St. Charles Borromeo Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

#### **Religious Education Office Hours are:**

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9am to 5pm 631-288-4188

#### DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER:

#### November 11<sup>th</sup>

NO CLASSES – Veteran's Day

#### November 16<sup>th</sup>

Level 4 & Level 9 Mass @ 9:30am in Church

November 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

Saint Fair (Levels 1-6)

November 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> NO CLASSES – Happy Thanksgiving!!

#### **FORGIVENESS**

Those who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they themselves must pass. ~ Confucius

#### **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:** November 11, 25, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **Bread & Wine:** November 11, 18, 25, December 1, 8, 15, 22 Altar Flowers: November 16, 23

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

#### MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

Tuesdays at 2pm in the Parish Center Try this spiritual practice, it will surprise you!

#### 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.

#### PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



#### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Toiletries (shampoo, soap, & toothpaste), Cereal, Rice, Hearty Soups, Condiments, canned Vegetables, Black Beans, & Mac & Cheese.

#### The Pantry is in DIRE NEED of: RICE

**Immaculate Conception Food Pantry** has been selected by the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good

Program and will receive a \$1 donation for every specially marked \$11.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during November 2025 at 194 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. Thank you for your support when buying your loved one a bouquet!



#### REFLECTIONS

#### **Living Stewardship**

In honor of today, pray for all the souls in purgatory. Offer up a Rosary for them all.



#### **Bulletin Reflection**

Jesus died for our sins, so that we may rise with Him.

#### PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Nicholas Eliseo Cruz Elianna Rose Cruz Escalante Madison Alexandra Ajuix Saban Adalynn Charlotte Rosante Stella Gabriella Ciamillo

#### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

NAVY: Ethan Bentley, Julia Blake, Michael J. DiLeo, William Robesch, RJ Ruggiero, Matthew Worden, & Cameron Worden

**MARINES:** Christopher Fencel AIR FORCE: Joseph Ferraro III **USSF:** Thomas Hellman

Please contact the Rectory @ 631-288-1423 to add a loved one to the military list

#### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Cathy Burch, Deacon Joseph Byrne, Noelle Ciolino, Claire Cowcer, Jeffrey Davis, Millie Ferrin, Rev. Dan Fitzpatrick (& fellow Jesuits in Nursing Home), 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.



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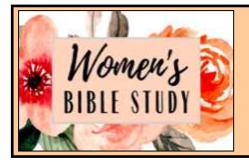
With one adult and two paid children's tickets

## Face Painting - fun raffle - Silent auction

Tickets are available at Immaculate Conception Parish office, Lynne's Cards & Gifts, Rubio Premier Motors

Please bring a non-perishable food item or toiletry for the Food Pantry.

This is Greatly Appreciated.



### **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

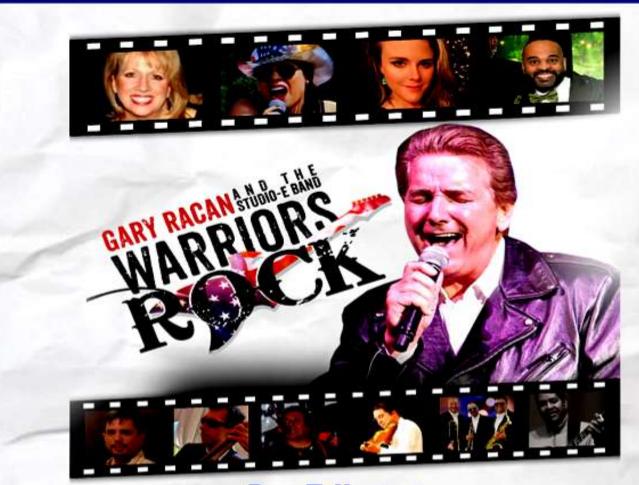


# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

8:30am
The First Friday of each month
(Novena & Silent Adoration to the Sacred Heart)
Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>



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#### Laws Providing Cover for Unethical Actions in Medicine

In recent decades, lawmakers have been pressured to provide legal cover in the form of "immunity from prosecution" for medical personnel who participate in various unethical practices.

One involves physician-assisted suicide. Politicians and lawmakers in many jurisdictions are drawn into the process of creating legal "carve outs" to insulate health care professionals from lawsuits and liability when they help patients commit suicide.

For example, Colorado in its 2016 "End of Life Options Act" puts the exception this way: "No person shall be subjected to civil or criminal liability or professional disciplinary action solely for participating in good faith in the death with dignity process or for any other action taken in good faith compliance with this article" (§25-48-119).

Writing a prescription for a toxic dose of a drug to help a person commit suicide, of course, involves a fundamental contradiction for a medical professional whose mission and work are directed to healing and saving lives. By supporting the suicide of his patient, the medical professional upends the delicate relationship of trust at the heart of the physician-patient relationship and abuses his position of authority. To exempt him on principle from such medical malpractice, and to provide professional and legal cover for patient abandonment, is a morally indefensible course of action.

In his famous encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (On the Gift of Life), Pope St. John Paul II recognizes this legislative trend as a particularly devastating form of cultural decline:

"The fact that legislation in many countries, perhaps even departing from basic principles of their Constitutions, has determined not to punish these practices against life, and even to make them altogether legal, is both a disturbing symptom and a significant cause of grave moral decline. Choices once unanimously considered criminal and rejected by the common moral sense are gradually becoming socially acceptable. Even certain sectors of the medical profession, which by its calling is directed to the defense and care of human life, are increasingly willing to carry out these acts against the person. In this way the very nature of the medical profession is distorted and contradicted, and the dignity of those who practice it is degraded."

Another form of legal protection for unethical practices involves laws that encourage "anonymous abortion pill prescriptions."

California Governor Gavin Newsom recently signed a measure allowing doctors anonymously to prescribe abortion pills. This means that the prescribing doctor remains anonymous — even to the patient receiving the abortion pill — and the physician's identity is accessible only via a subpoena within California. Pharmacists who dispense the abortion drug are also legally allowed to omit their names, as well as the names of the patient and prescriber, from the label on the medication bottle.

Such policies constitute another example of patient abandonment. Health care professionals have a responsibility to provide careful medical supervision and oversight to patients seeking dangerous pharmaceuticals. This requires significant interaction with the patient in the form of medical testing, interviews, and in-person exams. That attentive oversight vanishes as lawmakers and politicians start promoting misguided laws to bolster anonymous prescriptions, undermining sound medical practice and depersonalizing both the medical professional and the vulnerable patient.

Politicians, the media, and many in the medical profession have decided that abortion deserves an entirely different and much lower standard than the rest of medicine. We would never sanction such an undisciplined approach with other potent pharmaceuticals like opioids or cancer medications.

Rather than treating women and doctors as anonymous entities, pregnant women deserve the supportive medical care and focused attention of their health care team. Ideally, such personal care should help them feel strengthened and empowered to bring their pregnancies to term rather than defaulting to a fear-driven and desperate attempt to end their baby's life.

A third example involves in-vitro fertilization. The State of Alabama in 2024 passed legislation that protects IVF providers and patients from civil and criminal liability for death and damage to human beings who are still embryos. It gives a pass to the infertility industry by granting near total indemnity with regard to a host of potential medical malpractices.

We have to wonder why such carve outs are tolerated at all, given that the legal establishment has long defended the rights of those who bear the brunt of serious malpractice by medical personnel. When it comes to the most vulnerable classes of human beings at the beginning and end of life, we should be especially vigilant not to relax accountability.

As a society, we cannot overlook or grant a pass to those who systematically campaign for the legalization of corrosive medical practices like physician-assisted suicide, abortion and the production, freezing and destruction of embryonic human beings. Seeking to provide legal cover for medical personnel in the form of "immunity from prosecution" inflicts a serious wound on medicine, society and culture, especially when those efforts are spearheaded, as Pope St. John Paul II has noted, by political leaders, lawmakers and public policy experts "who ought to be society's promoters and defenders."

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as Senior Ethicist at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See <a href="https://www.ncbcenter.org">www.ncbcenter.org</a> and <a href="https://www.fathertad.com">www.fathertad.com</a>.



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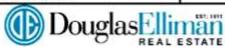
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