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"A great prophet
has arisen
in our midst,"

and

"God has visited
his people."

Luke 7:11-17

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
November 2, 2025

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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 TRUSTEES

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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 1st Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Baptisms take place the 1st 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.

Psalms 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 act of sharing it with each other console us in our grief.

MARRIAGE BANNS

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Jesus Alisandro Catalan Catalan

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	6pm	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

5:00pm

November 1

Margarita & Epifanio Mercader
(Fr. Tom)

Sunday

8:00am

November 2

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)

6:00pm

Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jose)

Monday

November 3

8:00am

Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday

November 4

8:00am

Ronald Burns

Wednesday

November 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

November 8

4:00pm

Confessions

5:00pm

William Rowe (Fr.)

Sunday

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 15th/16th. 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!



They glorified God,
saying,
"A great prophet has
arisen among us!"

Luke 7:16

QUESTION 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 EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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.



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<https://membership.faithdirect.net/NY66>

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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 11th

NO CLASSES – Veteran's Day

November 16th

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

November 17th - 19th

Saint Fair (Levels 1-6)

November 24th - 26th

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
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November 2025 at 194 West
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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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Fundraiser
Dinner*



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Saturday, November 8th, 2025

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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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 4th

9:30am Chat/Coffee/Tea

10:00am Bible Study Program starts promptly

Zoom is also available for those unable to attend in person



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

8:30am

The First Friday of each month
(Novena & Silent Adoration to the Sacred Heart)

Friday, November 7th



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FIRE SAFETY DAY!



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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 www.ncbcenter.org and www.fathertad.com.



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