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**"Two men will be out
in the field; one
will be taken and
one will be left."**

MATTHEW 24:37-44

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 30, 2025**

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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 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

Beth Hard & Linda O'Brien

PARISH COUNCIL

Michael Berdinka, Tom Day, Lori Francescani,
Lisa Guzman, Tara Hudson, Verna Merkel,
& 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 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:

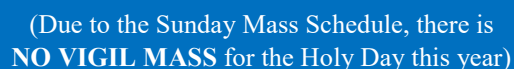
Emergency calls for the Sacraments for the seriously ill may be made any time of the day or night, every day of the year. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be celebrated every second Friday of the month at the 12:00pm Mass. All those who are seriously ill, including those preparing for surgery or a hospital stay, are invited to receive the Sacrament.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

TODAY'S READINGS

Jesus paints a scary picture of his second coming in today's Gospel, warning his disciples to be ready always. We too must prepare our-selves, not only for his return at any time, but also for his coming into our hearts in a deeper way at a time we least expect. The words of the prophet Isaiah and the apostle Paul can help. "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ," Paul says, or, as Isaiah puts it, "Let us walk in the light of the Lord." May God's word inspire us to prepare our hearts so that we may all "go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal

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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

During this season of anticipation, we are reminded that Jesus didn't come into the world only once, as a newborn baby over two thousand years ago, but also comes into the world—and our hearts—throughout our lives. Furthermore, as we hear in today's Gospel, he will return to the world without warning on the day of judgment. Therefore, over the Advent season we have a great incentive to prepare our hearts for his coming. May Jesus' words to his disciples resonate with us today: "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How can I prepare my heart this Advent to receive Jesus whenever he comes?



INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

With expectant longing we await the coming of the Lord. Around this holy table we raise our voices in thanksgiving for the justice that is ours and in longing for the peace that is to come.

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!

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

Do some reading about Advent traditions and pick some traditions up for this year (especially if you are a family with small children.)



Bulletin Reflection

Advent starts today. The season of Advent is a beautiful liturgical season that invites us to grow in our Faith before Christmas. Let us wait in joyful anticipation for Our Lord!

SACRAMENTALS

BREAD & WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS, and SANCTUARY LAMP

Wondering what to give that hard-to-buy-for loved one for Christmas? Having a Mass said or arranging a Sacramental for the living is a beautiful way to say "I love you!"

Visit the Parish Office to arrange yours today!

Available Dates:

Sanctuary Lamp: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Bread & Wine: December 1, 8, 15, 22

Altar Flowers: January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier

Thursday: St. John Damascene

Saturday: St. Nicholas

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.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office Hours are:

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

Happy Advent!!

Here is a family prayer as we begin this season of hopeful anticipation:

Lord Jesus, as we begin Advent, help us prepare our hearts for Your coming. Fill our home with hope, peace, joy, and love. Come, Lord Jesus, be with us. Amen.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN DECEMBER

Saturday, December 6th

Christmas Tree Lighting after 5pm Mass

Sunday, December 7th

Level 8 Mass @ 9:30am in Church

Monday, December 8th

NO CLASSES: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
A Holy Day of Obligation – please see bulletin for Mass schedule

Sunday, December 14th

Level 2 & Level 9 Mass @ 9:30am in Church

Monday, December 15th – Wednesday, December 17th

Adoration w/ parents in Church (Levels 1-9)

Monday, December 22nd – Wednesday, December 31st

NO CLASSES

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY

Some items our Food Pantry needs are:
RICE (2, 3, or 5 lb. packages), BLACK BEANS, CANNED VEGETABLES, TOILETRIES, HEARTY-TYPE SOUPS, CONDIMENTS, & #6 DIAPERS. But ANY food/toiletry is welcomed!

On behalf of the many families in need that we serve here at Immaculate Conception Parish ... THANK YOU and may God bless you in your giving!

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.
~ John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.



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



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!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

8:30am

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

Friday, December 5th



★ *You're Invited!!*

Join us to celebrate

A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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Our Religious Education Children

Come and celebrate the joy of the season
as our young stars bring the story of
Christmas to life through scripture & song.

DECEMBER 1ST | 6:30 PM

Parish Center



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FATHER CHARLES AND LAURIE MANGANO PRESENT

A Christmas Concert



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631-288-1423

*No tickets will be sold only
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH ✦ 7:00 P.M.

We hope you can join us for a wonderful evening of beautiful Christmas music, featuring many of the classics we have come to treasure as we focus on the true meaning of Christmas, as well as some "new" favorites. Please invite a friend, as it will be an uplifting evening for all.



Father Charles and Laurie have united their gifts to praise God and minister to His people in a very special way. They have been singing for the Lord since childhood, and together they have touched the hearts of thousands with their meditative and inspirational music. In addition to producing 13 albums, a DVD and music video, Father Charles and Laurie have also co-hosted their own TV show on Telecare for many years. They have sung at countless venues and benefit concerts. In addition, through their music ministry, they continue to donate to many charities. This beautiful Christmas Concert on Friday, December 12th is ***guaranteed to be most uplifting!*** It is our hope that through this experience we will come to know, love and trust the Lord Jesus in a deeper and more intimate way, leading us to serve the Lord with gladness.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Please join us for a festive evening as we light our
Christmas Tree in front of the Church
after the 5:00pm Mass on
Saturday, December 6 at 6:00pm.

We'll have carols & refreshments.

Let's come together and welcome
the Christmas season!



BLESSING OF BABY JESUS

Bring Baby Jesus
from your Nativity
to the 9:30am Mass
on Sunday, December 14
and have him blessed!

What a wonderfully
precious tradition
for your family!





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

ADVENT REVIVAL NIGHT

with adoration, a talk, live music & candlelight procession

at

Saint Joseph Church

130 5th Street, Garden City, NY 11530

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025



7:30pm Holy Hour

with a reflection by

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will
be available in the church until midnight.

**Upcoming
Revival
Nights**

Monday, December 8 (en español)

Saint John of God Church, Central Islip

Monday, December 15

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Church, Montauk

Monday, December 22

Saint Ignatius Loyola Church, Hicksville



Help Us, Help Our New Mom's this Christmas Season!!!

Gift Cards Greatly Appreciated!



We hope you might be able to assist The Life Center this year with a donation of various Gift Cards, so that we can support our families in need with Christmas gifts and experience the Spirit of Christmas especially with their new babies.

In preparation for Christmas, we ask if you are able to donate Gift Cards or other items, please contact your respective center for either drop-off or pick-up information to help with our families this Christmas Season.



Please deliver Gift Card donations to any of our locations by Monday, December 8th.

Massapequa (516) 798-9100

Hempstead (516) 408-6300

Deer Park (631) 243-2373

Smithtown (631) 656-0441

Thank you in advance, for making a new Mom's Christmas Special!
Merry Christmas from The Life Center



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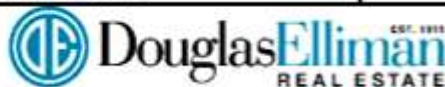
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