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"WHERE IS THE NEWBORN
KING OF THE JEWS?"

WE SAW HIS
STAR AT ITS RISING
AND HAVE COME
TO DO HIM HOMAGE."

Matthew 2:1-12

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 4, 2026

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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

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6 The glory of the Lord shines on all people.

Psalms 72 "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

Matthew 2:1-12 The magi come with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Jesus, the light of the world, draws foreigners from all over the earth to bring gifts and proclaim their reverence. Isaiah foresees the light from Jerusalem attracting people from faraway lands, bringing gifts and praising the LORD. Paul himself travels to distant regions, preaching the message that Jesus came to Jews and Gentiles alike. The magi come from the east to pay homage and offer treasures to the newborn king. As God's word is proclaimed, may we show our reverence.

MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
12/07/25	155	169	148	160	160	792
12/14/25	165	59	57	80	140	501
12/21/25	130	157	138	160	165	750

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
12/21/2025	Weekly Collection	\$7,815.00
12/22/2024	Weekly Collection	\$6,980.00
Thank you for your continuous support!		

Due to early bulletin submission requirements, the weekly collection figures from December 25th and December 28th will be reflected in a future bulletin. Thank you.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday
5:00pm
Sunday
8:00am
9:30am
11:00am
6:00pm
Monday
8:00am
Tuesday
8:00am
Wednesday
8:00am
Thursday
8:00am
Friday
8:00am
Saturday
4:00pm
5:00pm
Sunday
8:00am
9:30am
11:00am
6:00pm

January 3
The People of the Parish (Fr. Tom)
January 4
James Lynch (Fr. Peter)
Clare Robb (Fr. Peter)
Kevin P. Fitzgerald (Fr. Tom)
Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jose)
January 5
Kenneth G. Merkel
January 6
Clare Robb
January 7
(Guild Mass) Richard Dackow (BD in Heaven); Margaret & Matthew Tolan
January 8
Robert McPherson
January 9
Thomas Cahir
January 10
Confessions
Michael Thomas Triolo (Fr. Peter)
January 11
The People of the Parish (Fr. Tom)
Peggy Ferguson (Fr. Tom)
Mary Schell (Msgr. Mirro)
Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jose)



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	\$ 28,285.00
Payments Received	\$ 28,060.00

Donors: 83 % of Goal: 45.55%

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

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR JANUARY

January 1st - 9th

NO CLASSES -

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

January 10th

Level 9 Retreat

January 11th

Level 3 & Level 8 Mass @ 9:30am in Church

January 19th

NO CLASSES - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 25th

Level 5 & Level 9 Mass @ 9:30am in Church

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please call the Parish Office (631-288-1423) to add/delete a name to the sick list. This list will be cleared occasionally.

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

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

As we near the end of the Christmas season, be sure to keep Christ alive in your hearts. Don't let all the good deeds you performed and all the spiritual formation you developed during the Advent and Christmas seasons stay there- live the meaning of Christmas throughout the year, throughout your life.



Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the magi.

SACRAMENTALS

BREAD & WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP, and ALTAR FLOWERS

There are many opportunities to have the Sanctuary Lamp burn a week in memory of ... or perhaps having the Bread & Wine in someone's honor for a week. After Christmas Flowers are done, we also have Altar Flowers that can be in your loved ones name for the week. Visit the Parish Office to arrange yours today!

Available Dates:

Sanctuary Lamp: January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23

Bread & Wine: January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16

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

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



What will I do this week to manifest the presence of Christ in me to others?

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: St. John Neumann

Tuesday: St. Andre Bessette

Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort

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

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!



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Today we commemorate the day when Jesus Christ was made manifest to the wider world. The magi, who were not Jewish and not from that region, were guided by the star, which eventually led them to Bethlehem. There they paid him homage and offered their finest treasures as gifts. In many cultures and traditions, today is the day Christians travel to be with loved ones and exchange gifts, often celebrating Epiphany as the high point of the Christmas season, for it marks the manifestation of the Lord to the whole world.

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



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!

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Standing around this sacred altar, we lift heart and voice in a prayer of thanksgiving for the manifestation of Christ to the world.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas Flower donations
in loving memory of or in prayer for ...

M/M Alfred Greenwald
M/M Hugo Raymundo Medrano
Carol Sue Thorne
James Tolan



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LECTOR?

Do you like to read? Volunteer your time and talents to join the Lector group! You'll receive a Lector book that gives you a deeper dive into the day's readings as well as pronunciation guides. You will be scheduled for the Mass time you prefer, and you'll read on average 2 Masses a month, possibly more during holidays and holy days. You'll read the announcements, the readings, and the Prayers of the Faithful.

Please contact Beth at 631-495-5931 or bethflanagan@optonline.net if you'd like to participate in this ministry.



Blood Drive

Celebrating
National Blood
Donor Month



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

580 Main Street, Westhampton Beach
Our Lady's Hall

Tuesday, January 13th
1:00pm – 7:00pm

To make an appointment:

- Scan the QR code
- Contact Melissa at:

917.566.8537 or mgatto@nybc.org

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and hydrate



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photo ID



Feel good and
symptom free



Meet minimum
weight requirements

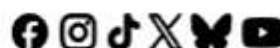


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- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

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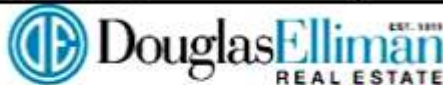
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