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**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
**December 28, 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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## PARISH COUNCIL

Michael Berdinka, Tom Day, Lori Francescani,  
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## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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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 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:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday:** Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## TODAY'S READINGS

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Revere your father, comfort your mother.*

*Psalm 128 "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."*

*Colossians 3:12-21 Clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy.*

*Matthew 2:13-15 Out of Egypt I called my son. 19-23*

Today's readings offer a number of lessons about family life. Ben Sira shares his wisdom about children's responsibilities to their parents, particularly as their parents age. Saint Paul's advice to the Colossians about how to treat each other teaches us well how to treat members of our own families. The Holy Family places their trust in the Lord as they fear for their safety in dangerous circumstances. May today's readings encourage us as we seek God's blessings upon families of every kind.



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Due to early bulletin submission requirements, the weekly collection figures from December 21 will be reflected in a future bulletin. Thank you.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday**

5:00pm

**December 27**

Intentions of the Presutti Family  
(Fr. Peter)

**Sunday**

8:00am

**December 28**

Robert Slover (Fr. Tom)

9:30am

Nancy Cappiello (Msgr. Mirro)

11:00am

Kathleen Barosa (Fr. Tom)

6:00pm

The People of the Parish (Fr. Jose)

**Monday**

8:00am

**December 29**

Clare Robb

**Tuesday**

8:00am

**December 30**

(Guild Mass) Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday**

8:00am

**December 31**

Intentions of the Guzman Family

**Thursday**

8:00am

**January 1**

Intentions of the Hebbard Family

12:00pm

Deacon Ken Geoghan

6:00pm

(Spanish) The People of the Parish

**Friday**

12:00pm

**January 2**

Peggy Ferguson

**Saturday**

4:00pm

**January 3**

**Confessions**

5:00pm

The People of the Parish (Fr. Tom)

**Sunday**

8:00am

**January 4**

James Lynch (Fr. Peter)

9:30am

Clare Robb (Fr. Peter)

11:00am

Kevin P. Fitzgerald (Fr. Tom)

6:00pm

Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jose)

All Parish Offices will be

**CLOSED**

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
in observation of  
New Year's Day

## 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 IN DECEMBER

**Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**NO CLASSES** — Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK



As this tumultuous year comes to an end, what can I do for those who are strangers in a strange land?

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Cathy Burch, Deacon Joseph Byrne, 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.



## 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 look towards the new year, think of ways you can be at service to others next year. Perhaps you can get involved in some parish ministries.



### Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, we can learn a lot from St. Joseph. Without saying a word, he listens to the angel and trusts in God. He hears God's will and does it.

## 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 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23

**Bread & Wine:** January 5, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16

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

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** St. Thomas Becket

**Wednesday:** St. Sylvester

**Thursday:** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; New Year's Day

**Friday:** Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

**Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord



## 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.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Whatever we do, in word or in deed, we should do in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. As God's family let us raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

On the Sunday after Christmas, we honor the Holy Family and hold them up as a model for our own families. From the start, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had to deal with hardships, uncertainty, and even danger. But together they placed their trust in God and grew ever stronger in their bond with each other. We too are called to trust in the Lord as we face the trials and difficulties of our own lives. As we continue our Christmas celebration, may our families be consecrated in the love of the Holy Family.

## NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are held in the Church

**New Year's Eve**  
**December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
8:00am

**New Year's Day**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
8:00am, 12:00pm,  
& 6:00pm Spanish

## 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!



Thank you to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class of Mr. Robert Duca at Quogue Elementary School who donated over \$1,500 worth of food to our Food Pantry ... and delivered it! Thank you so much!



### ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

Where did the child Jesus and his parents flee for safety?

- A. Ethiopia
- B. Syria
- C. Rome
- D. Egypt

Answer: D (See Matthew 2:13.)

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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



M/M Robert Cullen

R. Dillmeier

M/M Timothy Doubrava

M/M Joseph Fink

Robert Iberger

M/M Francis McElroy

Tina Young

## AROUND & ABOUT with the RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

### Merry Christmas to all

We've had a busy month here at Immaculate Conception. Father Tom is so thankful to all who made these moments possible. Enjoy these highlights!

### Eucharistic Adoration

The children/teens and their parents from our classes took part in our guided Christmas Adoration in the Church. It was wonderful to see the families who joined us as we took time to be with Jesus.



### Christmas Pageant

Our Christmas Pageant was sponsored by the generous support of the Knights of Columbus for which we are very thankful.

The children did an amazing job!!

Afterward, the children, their families and fellow parishioners enjoyed hot cocoa & yummy treats! We are so thankful to the families, and for all that shared their time and talents to make the Christmas Pageant possible:

Father Tom, Cathy, Vita, Mary Lou, Bobby, Kari, Carol, Luna, Loretta & her team, Juan & John



### Tree Lighting



Carlos and his team gave us a treat for our eyes by stringing the lights on our beautiful tree. Our Carolers (Bobby, Gail, Kari, Laura & Shawn) gave us a treat for our ears followed by hot cocoa & cookie treats for our tummies thanks to Loretta & her hospitality team!

## AROUND & ABOUT with the RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

### Christmas Concert

Our parishioners enjoyed the talents of Father Charles & Laurie Mangano at their beautiful Christmas Concert.



### Service Projects

Our Level 1-9 children donated toiletry items to support the families we serve in the community.



~ Thank you to all for your generosity.  
What a blessing has been given.

### Hay for Jesus!

Our students enthusiastically completed good deeds throughout the months of November & December. They recorded their good deeds on a tracker which they then "exchanged" for some hay to place in the Manger to create a soft bed for Baby Jesus' arrival on Christmas.

Enjoy reading some of the things they did.  
Hope it brings a smile to you as it did for us:

- ❖ Sal helped Grandma cook
- ❖ Leah stuck up for a friend at school
- ❖ Ella made a card for her Aunt after surgery
- ❖ Enzo helped a neighbor who was hurt
- ❖ Tessa shared a tangerine with Nana
- ❖ Grace asked a friend to play who was lonely
- ❖ Emery said thank you to "real life" veterans
- ❖ Amelia cleaned up her dogs' pee
- ❖ Nicolas prayed at night with intentions & gratitude
- ❖ Marvin picked up litter at the beach
- ❖ Reese helped her brother with homework
- ❖ Walter shared a lollipop with his sister



"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love"

~ St. Mother Teresa



# Blood Drive

Celebrating  
National Blood  
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## Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

580 Main Street, Westhampton Beach  
Our Lady's Hall

**Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00pm – 7:00pm**

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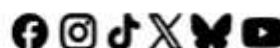


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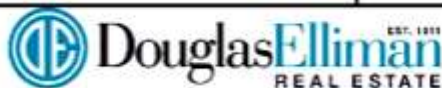
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