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**PALM
SUNDAY**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
March 29, 2026**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office Hours are:
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
9am to 5pm
631-288-4188

IMPORTANT DATES

March 29th - April 4th

Holy Week - NO CLASSES

Please attend at least one Holy Week Mass/Service. Consider bringing your child to the Holy Thursday Mass (the celebration of the Lord's Supper) @ 7pm in the Church. Holy Thursday begins the Triduum and is a very unique Mass. The children will likely be struck by the symbolism of watching Father lead the foot washing & question why the altar is stripped at the end of Mass.

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In solemn remembrance we have called to mind the passion of the Lord. We now lift our voices in a prayer of endless thanksgiving for the gift of salvation inaugurated upon the cross.

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.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Jeffrey Davis, Millie Ferrin,
Eve McNeil, Fay Mack, & Nancy Ruffell

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

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

As we enter Holy Week, the Church provides us with many opportunities to grow closer to Christ, especially during the Triduum. This is the perfect opportunity to invite a friend to Mass or the Good Friday service with you. Or perhaps you can assist an elderly person with transportation to church this week.



Bulletin Reflection

Jesus died for you. Jesus Christ, God the Son, was beaten, mocked and crucified because He loves you and wants to spend eternity with YOU.

SACRAMENTALS

ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY LAMP

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. We also have Altar Flowers that can be admired in your loved ones name for the week. Visit the Parish Office to arrange yours today!

Available Dates:

Sanctuary Lamp: April 6, 13, 20, 27

Bread & Wine: April 6, 13, 20, 27

Altar Flowers: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday: Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week; Passover begins

Thursday: Holy Thursday

Friday: Good Friday; Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday: Holy Saturday

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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Thank you for your continued support!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY

Some items our Food Pantry needs are: TOILETRIES, HEARTY-TYPE SOUPS & JELLY. But ANY food/toiletry is welcomed!

We have really great news! The Food Pantry here at Immaculate Conception Church, has been selected again as a nonprofit partner in the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program. The Food Pantry will receive \$1 for each specially marked \$11.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of April 2026 at Stop & Shop at 194 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. Help feed those in our community by purchasing your flowers at Stop & Shop in April! Thank you!



All Parish Offices will be **CLOSING @ 1:00pm** on Holy Thursday, April 2nd and will also be **CLOSED** on Monday, April 6th in observation of Easter Monday

APRIL 1

This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.
~ Mark Twain

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Will I keep watch and pray during the Triduum? When have I accompanied someone during a difficult time, if only to ensure they are not facing it alone?



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
at
Immaculate Conception Church
in Our Lady's Hall

ALL ARE INVITED Every Thursday!
9:30am Chat/Coffee/Tea
10:00am Study begins promptly
Zoom is also available for those unable to attend in person



These cheerful "palm trees" make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

What you need:

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



What you do:

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

Scripture Tie-In:

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
—Matthew 21:9 (NIV)



The Knights of Columbus
Joseph Slomski Council #7423
Present their Annual

PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 29th
following the morning Masses
in the Parish Center Main Hall

ADMISSION IS FREE!!

Breakfast is on us!

**It is our way of thanking the Parish community
for its generous support of our activities.**

Contributions will be deeply appreciated.

**Contact Jack Laadt at 631-495-2239 with any
questions.**

50/50 Raffle

\$5 each or 5 for \$20

Drawing to be held at the Breakfast

HOLY WEEK

EASTER SCHEDULE 2026

Special Day of Reconciliation Monday, March 30th

2pm – 4pm, 6pm – 9pm

Holy Thursday April 2nd

8am Morning Prayer
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

Good Friday April 3rd

8am Morning Prayer
12pm Stations of the Cross
3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
4pm Bi-lingual LIVING Stations of the Cross – PC Parking Lot
8pm Spanish Prayer Service

Holy Saturday April 4th

8am Morning Prayer
10:30am Blessing of the Food
7pm Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

Easter Sunday April 5th

8am Parish Center
9:30am Church and Parish Center
11am Church and Parish Center
6pm Church (Spanish)

LENTEN REGULATIONS FAST AND ABSTINENCE

There is a limit of one full meal on Good Friday for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat on that day and ALL Fridays in Lent.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flowers can be dedicated to or in memory of your loved ones. Their names will be printed in the bulletin after Easter. A minimum suggested offering is \$25. You may use the envelopes you receive in the mail or use envelopes you may find in the lobby of the Church and you can place them either in the collection baskets during Mass or drop off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday from 4-4:45pm

Special Day of Reconciliation

Monday, March 30th
2-4pm & 6-9pm

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Our Collection on Good Friday supports the Christian communities in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

Invitation to the Blessing of Branches

We begin today's liturgy in joy. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, he did so in triumph, as a hero would when returning from a victorious battle. What the crowds did not truly realize - but we do today - is that Jesus' battle was just beginning. More importantly, the battle would look to be lost when he dies on the cross, when instead this was his victory over sin and death. Therefore, as we hold these branches high and sing hosannas to acclaim our king, we do so not only with heaviness in our hearts for Jesus' suffering and death, but with joy as well, for it is on the cross that Jesus redeems us from our sins.





FATHER SLOMSKI
COUNCIL #7423

Easter Cross Sale



The Knights of Columbus will be at the weekend Masses selling Palm Crosses this weekend. Please support our Knights & the good works they do!



Please join us for a
50th Anniversary of Ordination
celebration for

Monsignor Joseph A. Mirro

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
will be celebrated

on Sunday April 26, 2026

at 11:00 am

St. Anthony of Padua

20 Cheshire Place

East Northport, NY

A reception will follow
immediately after Mass

Liturgical Minister Training- Spring 2026

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance, with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**

Tuesday, April 21 – St. Elizabeth/Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

Monday, April 27 – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center; 7 pm – 10 pm

You may ask your pastor to register you for EITHER the Lector Workshop OR Extraordinary Minister training at these sessions.

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**

Saturday, May 30 – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach – Parish Center; 9:00 am – 12 noon. There is NO Lector Workshop offered at his session.

You may only be registered with your Pastor's nomination. Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.

End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health.

These sessions will run from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Monday, May 4 - St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall / RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center

Tuesday, May 26 – St. Elizabeth/Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall pm

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.



CYOLI East End Spring Programs Open Registration

Programs beginning in mid-late March...

Art



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Programs beginning in mid-April...

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Kickball



Kids Activity Club



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Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Triumphant Entry

- Reading: Matthew 21:1-11
- Activity: Make palm crosses or a palm-themed craft.



Monday

Cleansing the Temple

- Reading: Mark 11:15-18
- Activity: Take a reflective walk, silently praying about what you wish to eliminate from your life or discussing obstacles that hinder your time with God.



Tuesday

Speaking in Parables

- Reading: Matthew 22:1-14
- Activity: Choose a Gospel and count how many parables Jesus uses. For a challenge, identify which parables are in each Gospel book.

Wednesday

Silent Wednesday

- Reading: Psalm 46
- Activity: Engage in a quiet challenge, focusing on prayer, Scripture or silent activities with minimal speaking.



Thursday

The Last Supper

- Reading: John 13:1-20
- Activity: Re-create a foot washing ceremony by washing each other's feet.



Good Friday

The Crucifixion

- Reading: Isaiah 53
- Activity: Draw, paint or write about the theme of sacrifice or caring.



Holy Saturday

Day of Preparation

- Reading: Luke 23:50-56
- Activity: Prepare for Easter by decorating or cooking traditional foods like bread.



Easter Sunday

Jesus Is Risen!

- Reading: John 20:1-18
- Activity: Celebrate the Resurrection with joy and fellowship by singing worship songs or sharing a meal.



A Brief Examination of Conscience

Based on the Ten Commandments

I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the LORD's Day.

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother.

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal.

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

Christ's Two Commandments

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments'" (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8).



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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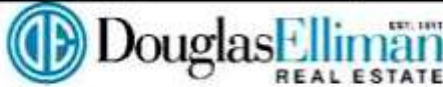
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