

The Parish of Immaculate Conception & Assumption of Our Lady

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Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Weekday Masses:

(recitation of the Rosary before Mass)

Monday - Friday:

7:30 AM at Assumption

8:30 AM • 12:00 PM at Immaculate Conception

Saturday: 8:30 AM at Immaculate Conception

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mondays and First Fridays after the 12:00 PM Mass
at Immaculate Conception
with Benediction at 7:00 PM

Weekend Masses

Saturday at Assumption: 4:00 PM

Saturday at Immaculate Conception: 5:00 PM

Sunday at Immaculate Conception:

8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 12:00 PM • 5:00 PM

Sunday at Assumption: 9:00 AM

Spanish Mass/Misa en Español:

11:30 AM at Assumption (*todos los Domingos*)

Bilingual Italian/English Mass/Messa in Italiano:

9:00 AM at Assumption (*first Sunday of the month*)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 3:30-4:00 PM at Assumption Church;

4:00-5:00 PM at Immaculate Conception and

anytime by calling the priest on duty: (914) 961-3643.



"Simeon's Prophecy to Mary," by Rembrandt, 1627; Oil on oak.

February 2, 2020



The Presentation
of the Lord

Prayers for our Parishioners

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, Vigil, The Presentation of the Lord

4:00 pm Esther Salvatore Mem.
5:00 pm Alyson and Christian Lambrelli Mem.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am Francisco Antonio Goncalves Mem.
9:00 am Luigi and Maria D'Aversa Mem.
10:00 am Caitlyn McLane Mem.
11:30 am Intentions of our Parishioners Mem.
12:00 pm Richard Sabatino Mem.
5:00 pm Leonardo Eramo Mem.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

7:30 am The Cervenka Family and Carmela Colaluca Mem.
8:30 am Camille Ackerman (deceased) and Edward Ackerman (living) Mem.
12:00 pm Mary, Tom, Shaun and Nancy Dowling Mem.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 am The Havrylkoff Family Mem.
8:30 am Josephine Cermele Mem.
12:00 pm Domenico Troncone Mem.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

7:30 am Joseph Jr., Anna Maria, and Joseph Martin Marinello Mem.
8:30 am Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ackerman; Mr. and Mrs. John Magazino Mem.
12:00 pm Fortunato Solano Mem.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

7:30 am Paul F. Costa Mem.
8:30 am Josephine Borrelli Mem.
12:00 pm The Deceased Members of the Cruz and Laiz Families Mem.

FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30 am Deborah Stewart Mem.
8:30 am Frank Zeolla Mem.
12:00 pm Antoinette and Kenneth Mower Mem.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:30 am Grace and Charles Dunn Mem.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, Vigil, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Joseph Jr., Anna Maria, and Joseph Martin Marinello Mem.
5:00 pm Lois Petrone and May & John Packes Mem.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Intentions of our Parishioners Mem.
9:00 am Carmela, Antoinetta, and Biagio Troiano Mem.
10:00 am Antonio Solano Mem.
11:30 am Ilidio Ferreira Mem.
12:00 pm Mickey Morgan Mem.
5:00 pm Joanna Gerenscer Mem.

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

A time to be Born: Baptisms ...

Franco Louis Alonge, Kayley Campoverde, Ava Rose Cesarini, Peter James DeStefano, Jr., Samuel George DiStefano, Ellie Ann Dura, Jack Gjon Frrokaj, Joseph Angelo Greenbaum, Petronella McGowan, Vanessa Oliveira, Angelina Serrano, and Alejandro John Heslop Valdez

A time to Die: Those who have died...

Donald T. Carroll, Constance Fernandez, Ralph Costello, Aggie Mignano, Rosalie Betti, Ann Doherty, Bernarda Hague, Robert Hunter, Rev. John Francis Dwyer, Matthew McDevitt, Phyllis Torzilli, John Tanzilli, Gaetano Randazzo, Raffaele Sozio, Patrick Francis Barry, Margaret Ruzza, and Camille Castellano

A time to Heal: Those who are ill...

Alma Verrigni, Peter Laterza, Vincent Bonnanzio, Sal Tesoro, Salvatore Mullins, Richard Piluso, Maria Rose D'Onofrio, and Nicholas DiMarzo

A time for War: And a time for Peace...

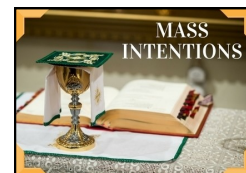
For those in the military who have died in the service of our country.

2021 Mass Book Now Open

The 2021 Mass Book is ready. Mass intentions will be recorded for the living and deceased for all of our Masses during the year 2021. Please note: At any given time, **no more than five Mass intentions** will be taken.

Please stop by the office to book your Mass(es). Announced Masses are \$20. Unannounced Masses (Masses said by our priests in schools or Missions) are always available for \$15.

Questions? Please call the rectory office: (914) 961-3643



From the Desk of Deacon Anthony Viola

The Presentation of the Lord

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast returns us to the Christmas season, focusing on the *person* of the Lord. Jesus is seen as a child, presented to the priests according to the Law of Moses. The Law was in response to the final plague upon the Egyptians, the killing of the first born. It forced them to free the people of Israel. If you recall, the Angel of Death came into Egypt but passed over the children of Israel. Since the first born of the people of Israel were spared the plague, they were seen as belonging to the Lord.

In Jesus' day, 40 days after birth was the traditional time to present the newborn child in the Temple. According to St Luke, this was a custom that Mary and Joseph observed. It would be an occasion for celebration. Every child is loved and celebrated, but the first child transforms the couple -- husband and wife -- into a family.

The child who is presented in the gospel is more than the joy of His parents; He is the joy of the world. This child is different from all the others. This child is the Lord.

What we celebrate today is an extraordinary meeting of God with God. The Temple, His dwelling place on Earth, is visited by the Holy One. Jesus' first action is to come to the privileged place of encounter between God and Man. And of course, where does God meet man most wonderfully of all? In the very person of Jesus Christ—true God and true man.



Another interesting sidelight is that you have a meeting between the young and the old. The old have been faithful and persevered in their faith and are, late in life, rewarded. Their hope is fulfilled. In their old age, they meet the eternally youthful Son of God.

At a time when society justifies euthanasia and it is presumed that a person of advanced years is worthless unless they are fulfilling some useful function, it is heartening to see the old so valued in scripture. Human life is sacred; it is not what we do, but what we are, that gives us value.

This Feast is very old and was celebrated in the East as early as the 4th century. It came to be celebrated in Rome at the end of the 7th century and spread through the Western Church from there. The Church has used candles throughout its history to symbolize Christ, the Light of the World. As the candle burns and gives light, so it consumes itself -- just as Christ gave His life as a sacrifice on the Cross for the salvation of all. Our task is to bring light to these dark corners, to proclaim Christ's Gospel of justice, love and peace.

Particularly relevant today is that we preach the Gospel of Life. We live in a society where abortion is regarded as quite acceptable; where euthanasia is increasingly finding a place; where war is still seen as a valid solution to differences; where the lives of the poorest people of the world are not regarded as being of the same worth as our own. This is a society that needs Christ.

Our Parish Mission Statement

The Roman Catholic Parish of Immaculate Conception and Assumption of Our Lady is a Eucharistic community: glorifying the Father, united with the Son, led by the Holy Spirit and protected by Mary. We are called to pray, educate and serve God's people in this life and in the hope of eternal life.



Sacraments and Liturgy

Unannounced Masses in January

Anthony Antonelli, Maria Ligabo, Delores Faustini,
Daniel Cestaro, Eileen Walsh, Marie McDonell, Victor Pagoni,
Joan Fastiggi, Nancy Regina, Caitlin Cullinan, Susan Laundrie,
Martin (Living), Elizabeth Connolly, Jim Connolly,
Tara Kean Jacobson, Will O'Connell, Ann Arlauskas,
John L. Flynn, Chester Thornton, Vito Secchiano,
Dominic Ciccone, Sr., Robert Hunter, George Grant Hagans,
Giovanni Cimaglia, Sook Kyung Lee, John Soscia

If you have a question about any aspect of our Catholic Church and faith, contact us and we will answer to the best of our ability.



227. "What can I do with distractions when I pray?"

There is no better way to stay close to God than through prayer. Yet, when we become distracted during our prayer, we can become discouraged and give up. Try these ideas for turning distractions into blessings:

Gently return. Start your prayer by placing yourself in the presence of God. When you wander, gently bring yourself back. Avoid shaking yourself like a wet dog. This was the advice given to me by a cloistered Trappist monk 40 years ago and is still the best advice I have ever received about distractions.

Develop the discipline of recall. St. Francis de Sales said, "When your mind wanders or gives way to distractions, gently recall it and place it once more close to its Divine Master. If you should do nothing else but repeat this during the whole time of prayer, your hour would be very well spent and you would perform a spiritual exercise most acceptable to God."

Make the distraction part of your prayer. If you start thinking about people and events unrelated to your prayer, pray about them and then return to the original subject of your prayer.

Pray out loud. When distractions overwhelm you, pray out loud. The sound of your voice helps to keep you focused.

Next Weekend's Celebrants

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Vigil, Saturday, February 8, 2020

5:00 pm: Fr. Silva

Sunday, February 9, 2020

8:00 am: Fr. Novio

10:00 am: Fr. Sorgie

12:00 pm: Fr. Silva

5:00 pm: Fr. Novio

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY CHURCH

Vigil, Saturday, February 8, 2020

4:00 pm: Fr. Sorgie

Sunday, February 9, 2020

9:00 am: Fr. André

11:30 am: Fr. Ulloa (Spanish)

Next Weekend's Readings

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Reading I: Isaiah 58: 7-10

The writer unknowingly anticipates Matthew's scene of the last Judgment, when the kindly acts mentioned here are the basis for judging how well we treated the poor and oppressed in our lifetimes.

Reading II: I Corinthians 2: 1-5

Paul focuses on the crucified Christ in his preaching as he admits to his weakness and fear as a preacher. But he also tells them he relies on the power of God for his task, and that they should do the same when their newfound belief is challenged.

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

The two metaphors of salt and light make for good teaching aids for Jesus. They had a genuine importance in the daily lives of people in the ancient world. Salt remains a preservative, and light is still most precious in the darkness of the long night.

Your Stewardship

The 5th BONANZA LOTTERY NEXT \$2,000 DRAWING IS FEB. 22

Great cash prizes are available to win by those purchasing tickets in our Bonanza Lottery. Each week for 32 weeks, two tickets will be drawn for two \$200 prizes. **Winning tickets will be reentered for all subsequent drawings!** Also, we have two big drawings of \$2,000 each left on Feb. 22 and May 31. There will be **64 winners** in total and **over \$18,000 in prizes** awarded. **Tickets are \$50 each** and available in the Parish Office, Sacristies, and the ICS and PREP offices.



This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year and your generosity helps defray expenses for the parish. **Thank you for your support!**

JANUARY 27 DRAWING WINNERS:

Diana Winocur; Ed Bruno

**AT PRESS TIME, 669 TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD
TOTALING \$33,450 IN REVENUE.**

Stewardship: Weekend of Jan. 26, 2020

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Church: \$16,043.00
WeShare: \$3,733.50
TOTAL: \$19,776.50

GOLD ENVELOPE DONATIONS for gym debt and extraordinary maintenance:

Church: \$618.00
WeShare: \$182.50
TOTAL: \$800.50

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK..... \$3,875

Peter's Pence Collection Next Weekend

Peter's Pence, which supports the good works of the Holy Father, is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with victims of war, natural disaster and oppression in their time of need.

Cardinal Dolan thanks us for our previous generosity and asks us to prayerfully consider a donation to this special offering as an act of mercy and charity. Please join our brothers and sisters around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the most marginalized in our world. Thank you.

Nativity Restoration Underway Antique Set from Assumption Church

Restoration has begun on Assumption of Our Lady Church's beautiful, large Nativity. As you see, there are still several figures/animals in the collection that need your help. If you wish to memorialize or honor someone by restoring a figure, please call Maria at the Rectory Office, M-F 8:30-4:30: (914) 961-3643.



Restoration/Memorial Pricing:

Baby Jesus w/Manger.....	TAKEN
Baby Jesus (Midnight Mass)	TAKEN
Mary	TAKEN
Joseph	TAKEN
Angel.....	TAKEN
Balthazar	TAKEN
Melchior	TAKEN
Gasper	TAKEN
Shepherd	\$500
Shepherd w/Boy.....	TAKEN
Shepherd Piper.....	TAKEN
Camel Driver.....	\$500
Sheep (5)	\$250 each
Donkey	\$250
Cow	\$250
Camel	\$250
Dog	\$250

Parish News and Events

Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

May 8-9, 2020;

Enrollment deadline February 15;

Only \$425 per person

We have enjoyed journeying with our fellow parishioners throughout Europe. Now, let's explore the incredible shrines we have here on the East Coast. We can easily overlook the blessings we have in our own backyard and so we have scheduled these few days to experience the awe and graces God has bestowed on us in the United States.

There are many historic landmarks and institutions important to our Catholic faith all down the East Coast. We'll travel to Washington, D.C., on this trip and visit the



National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the foremost Marian Shrine in this country and our own patronal church. We'll entrust the days we spend together to the Mother of God, our model for the pilgrimage of

our lives. Here is our itinerary:

DAY 1: Early morning departure from Immaculate Conception Church parking lot; visit to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America; celebrate Mass at the monastery; hotel check-in; independent dinner; 8-10 PM- Panoramic tour of our nation's capital.

DAY 2: Visit and tour the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, celebrate Mass, and eat lunch there; Visit the St. John Paul II National Shrine and special exhibit; afterward, return home.

Contact the Rectory Office for a brochure; registration needed by Feb. 15, (914) 961-3643.



Valentine Day Bake Sale

Next Weekend

Come support our teens!

On Sunday, February 9, our parish teen group, CYO The Flock, is hosting a Valentine's Day Bake Sale after the 8 AM, 10 AM, and Noon Masses at Immaculate Conception in the Lower Church.

Please support their efforts to raise funds for their activities.

A LOOK AHEAD

■ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Italian Mass	9 AM	Assumption Church
Hospitality After Mass	9 AM-2:30 PM	Fr. Fata Hall
Hispanic Choir Practice	10 AM	Fr. Fata Hall, Lower
RCIA	11 AM-12:30 PM	Rectory Conf. Room

■ MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Exposition & Benediction	12:30-7 PM	Immaculate Conception
Legion of Mary	7:30-9 PM	Lower Rectory

■ TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Morning Out!	10 AM	Fr. Fata Hall, Lower
PREP	4:15-5:30 PM	IC School
Choir	7:30-8:30 PM	Immaculate Conception
Rediscover the Saints	7:30-9 PM	Lower Church

■ WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

PREP	4:15-5:30 PM	IC School
Cenacles of Life	6-7 PM	Immaculate Conception
PREP	6:45-8 PM	IC School
Hispanic Choir	7-9 PM	Fr. Fata Hall, Lower
Bible Study	7:30-8:30 PM	Lower Rectory

■ THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Men's Group	7:30-9 PM	Lower Church
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■ FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Exposition & Benediction	12:30-7 PM	Immaculate Conception
Rediscover the Saints	10:30 AM-Noon	Lower Church

■ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

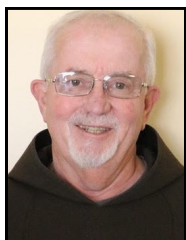
Valentine's Bake Sale: The Flock	8 AM	Lower Church
Assumption Altar Ros. Soc.	10-11:30 AM	Fr. Fata Hall
Hispanic Choir Practice	10 AM	Fr. Fata Hall, Lower
RCIA	11 AM-12:30 PM	Rectory Conf. Room

Parish News and Events

From Mercy to Mission

Our Lenten Mission March 9-11

The Synod on the Family convened by Pope Francis reminded us that, "The New Evangelization is synonymous with mission, *requiring the capacity*



Fr. Jack
Rathschmidt

to set out anew, go beyond boundaries and broaden horizons." Especially in the light of the sexual abuse scandal that has humbled our church, we will employ prayer, reflection, ritual, and preaching to explore how best we can be both signs of Good News as well as mercy and disciples of the New

Evangelization in the 21st century. To do this, we will ask three questions:

1. Have you ever thought of yourself or your parish as a community of missionaries?
2. Are you prepared, personally and communally, to start out anew in the service of God's Mercy?
3. What might it mean for you and your parish to go beyond boundaries and broaden your horizons as disciples of Jesus?

Fr. Jack Rathschmidt will be our speaker and details will follow. Save the dates and stay tuned!



The parish of Immaculate Conception and Assumption of Our Lady invites you to celebrate CARNEVALE at its 3rd Annual Dinner Dance on Sat., Feb. 22, from 6:30-10:30 PM, in, for the first time, the ICA Gymnasium.

The evening will consist of "passed" appetizers, a buffet dinner, dessert, beer, wine, soda, water, coffee, tea, and espresso. Also, there will be door prizes, assorted other prizes/raffles, and the second \$2,000 drawing of our parish Bonanza Raffle.

Tickets are \$75 ea.; Teen tickets are \$50 ea. All are welcome -- singles, couples, families. Seating will be round tables only, with 10 guests max per table. If you have fewer than 10, you will be seated with other friendly parishioners.

So, please save the date, reserve early, and come experience.....**VENICE IN TUCKAHOE!**

Submit a form with your check(s) to the rectory, ATTN: The Bandas. You will be notified when you can pick up your ticket at the rectory. Or, call the Bandas at (914) 740-7127.



Let's celebrate President's Day !

Join us for an all American pancake breakfast hosted by the Assumption Altar Rosary Society.

Date: Sunday February 16, 2020

Time: 10 AM

Cost: \$10 for adults \$5 for children 12 and under

RSVP: Argia Dallhoff, (914) 337-7190 (home);
(914) 629-5550 (cell)

Education

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Honoring First Responders

One of the themes of Catholic Schools Week 2020 was "Celebrate Community." ICS was proud to kick off the week with a Mass honoring our local Eastchester police, fire and EMS, as well as our very own parents who are First Responders. In fact, many of these First Responders are

alumni of Immaculate Conception School.

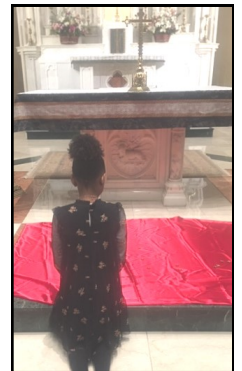
We truly appreciate our local community and all First Responders!



First Reconciliation Received Jan. 25

Congratulations to our children who celebrated First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 25. Thanks go to their catechists for helping them to prepare: Joanne Basile, Maria Denti, Lisa Frank, Ronnie Mellon, Annette Minozzi, Katie Skipper, and Jane Watson. And thanks to our priests who heard their confessions.

Families visited The Annunciation, thinking about Mary's "yes" to God (*top right*). Then, the Baptismal Font: Our "yes" to God. Sometimes we say "no" to what God wants so we go to Confession. After Confession, children prayed their penance with their families and received a cross (*right*), since it is through Jesus' death and resurrection that our sins are forgiven. Afterward, our families gathered to celebrate this special faith experience (*below*).



La Comunidad Hispana



La parroquia de La Inmaculada Concepción y de La Asunción de Nuestra Señora les invitan a celebrar, por primera vez en el Gimnasio de ICA, el CARNAVAL y su tercerer. Baile Cena Anual, el día sábado 22, de febrero de 6:30-10:30 PM.

Esa noche se servirán aperitivos, cena buffet, postre, cerveza, vino, gaseosas, café, té y expreso. También, ofreceremos premios en la puerta, además una serie de otros premios y la rifa de los segundos \$2,000 de la rifa Bonanza de nuestra Parroquia.

El precio de las taquillas es de \$75 cada uno y \$50 para adolescentes. Todos serán bienvenidos: parejas, o sin pareja, familias. Las mesas serán circulares con capacidad para 10 personas. Si usted tiene menos de 10 personas para su mesa, usted será ubicada con otros amigables parroquianos.

Separe esta fecha, haga su reservación temprano y experimente **VENECIA EN TUCKAHOE!**

Envíe su registracion a la Rectoría acompañado de su cheque con el correspondiente pago. Atención: Los Banda. Usted será notificado para cuando usted pueda retirar las taquillas, de la Rectoría. O llame a Los Banda al teléfono (914) 740-7127.

Pregúntale al padre

Si tiene preguntas acerca de cualquier aspecto de nuestra Fe o Religión Católica. Deje una nota o llámenos y le responderemos de la mejor manera posible.



227. "¿Que puedo hacer con las distracciones mientras rezo?"

No hay mejor manera para estar cerca de Dios que cuando rezamos. Todavía cuando tenemos distracciones durante el tiempo de oración podemos sentirnos desalentados y rendirnos. Trata las siguientes ideas para convertir las distracciones en bendiciones:

Retorno amable. Comienza tu oración ubicándote ante la presencia de Dios. Cuando divagues, gentilmente regresa a la oración. Evita sacudirte como un perro mojado. Este fue un consejo que recibí de parte de un monje Trappist enclaustrado desde hacen 40 años. Hasta hoy día es el mejor consejo que he recibido en cuanto a distracciones al rezar se trata.

Desarrolla la disciplina para recordar. San Francisco de Sales dice: "Cuando tu mente vagabundea y de lugar para distracciones gentilmente recuerda y ubícate una vez más cerca del Divino Maestro. No debes hacer más que repetir esto constantemente todo el tiempo que rezas. Tu hora de oración estará bien empleada, así estarás empleando el tiempo para los ejercicios espirituales de la manera más aceptable para Dios."

Haz de las distracciones parte de la oración, si te pones a pensar en hechos o personas no relacionadas con tu oración, reza por ellos y luego retoma el motivo original de tu oración.

Reza en voz alta. Cuando las distracciones te abrumen, reza en voz alta. El sonido de tu voz te mantendrá enfocado.