

Immaculate Conception Church

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday after Holy Mass or by appointment



THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST:

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 6:00 P.M.
Holy Days: Please check bulletin.
Weekdays and Saturdays: 8:00 A.M.
Except Thursday at 7:00 P.M. with Novena

DIVINE MERCY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday at 3:30 P.M. or upon request.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Sunday upon request. Prior arrangements must be made at the rectory for instruction for parents and godparents.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Arrangements should begin at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding to allow sufficient time for the marriage preparation program.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass and register at the Parish office. Kindly notify us if you change your address.

PARISH SECRETARY:

Bulletin - Lynn Dunham - 914-388-2643

ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Lauren Ingrassia - 845 - 419-5254
David Kwiecinski - 845 - 430-6022
Practice/rehearsal Tuesday 6:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Karen Wereszynski - 845-430-1314
Wednesday Classes from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

PARISH COUNCIL:

As announced

ROSARY SOCIETY:

Meets first Sunday after 10:30 AM Mass

MT. CALVARY CEMETERY

410 Flatbush Road, Route 32, Kingston, NY

Our church is accessible to those who are physically challenged

Dear Padre

February 22, 2026

I was taught that it is a requirement to fast at least one hour before receiving Communion. However, I've seen donuts out before Mass begins and hear candy wrappers being crumpled around me. This seems disrespectful to me.

It is important to use the correct words when describing a particular action. In this case, "requirement" does not really capture the full meaning and understanding of what the Church teaches. A better understanding is that it is a discipline and a practice of the Church to ordinarily observe the eucharistic fast for one hour before receiving holy Communion. If you are of a certain age, you may remember that there have been changes regarding the eucharistic fast. A "requirement" might suggest that the fast is integral to the sacrament itself. It is not.

The second part of your question seems to be a matter of perception. Based on your perception, you judge something to be not quite right. But, consider that there are many reasons why hospitality may be set up before Mass. The crumpling of wrappers could be something other than what you identify. Regardless, you are not required to assume the burden of policing what is taking place at Mass. It is much better to participate, celebrate, and be grateful for the sacrament that we gather to experience as a community of faith. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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We are the Immaculate Conception Parish in Kingston, New York. Our Baptismal vows commit us to know, love, and serve God. We are challenged by our present times to build a community of faith and love in the Holy Spirit. Our mission is to proclaim the word of God and serve His people.

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

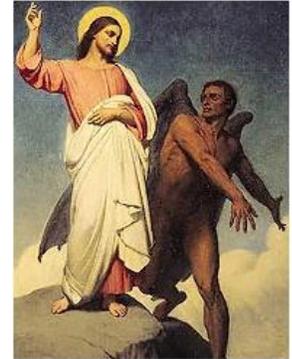
Saturday, February 21, 2026

4 PM – (Vigil) – Health & Blessings for Terry Noble by Jim & Linda Henry

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8 AM – Rose Ann Noble by the Reinhard Family
 10:30 AM – Orlando DeCicco (8th Ann.) by Ron & Teri Miles
 6 PM – Eileen Dederick Giebelhaus by Rosanne & Roger Yetzer

Mon. 8 AM - John & Alverta C. Melville by The Family
 Tues. 8 AM – Robert Carra – God’s Blessings on Birthday by Grazyna Kulesza
 Wed. 8 AM – Ruth Jones by Erin & Matt Loughlin
 Thurs. 7 PM - Nancy Witkowski by Joe & Jocelyn Witkowski
 Fri. 8 AM - Health & Blessings for Grazyna Kulesza by Joan Saehloff
 Sat. 8 AM - C. Joseph Styles (2nd Ann.) by Lillian Adams



Saturday February 28, 2026

4 PM – (Vigil) – Carol Geary by Paul Geary

Sunday, March 1, 2026

8 AM – 1) Rose Ann Noble by the Reinhard Family
 2) Ellen & Walter Woinoski by Joan Saehloff (Fr. Yaya)
 10:30 AM – Health & Blessings for Connie & Barbara Vendetti by Joan Saehloff
 6 PM – Michel & Jolana by Son



**Please note change in lector & EM schedule

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAOR. MINISTERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
Sat., Feb. 28	4 PM Frank Jablonski	Mary Ann Cwill	J. Kwiecinski
Sun., March 1	8 AM Jerry Gretzinger	Francine Gretzinger	M. Engracia
	10:30 AM Margaret Cahill	Richard Cahill, Jr.	D. Bujak
	6 PM Glenn Podgurski		G. Berardi
Sat., March 7	4 PM Jerry Gretzinger	Francine Gretzinger	J. Kwiecinski
Sun., March 8	8 AM Lynn Dunham	Kathy VanDine	M. Engracia
	10:30 AM Tom Kristian	Richard Cahill, Jr.	D. Bujak
	6 PM Marie Anderson		G. Berardi
Sat., March 14	4 PM Frank Jablonski	Mary Ann Cwill	J. Kwiecinski
Sun., March 15	8 AM Bruce McLean	Tom Glaser	M. Engracia
	10:30 AM Margaret Cahill	Richard Cahill, Jr.	D. Bujak
	6 PM Glenn Podgurski		G. Berardi

SACRAMENTALS



Chapel: 1) Available
 2) Available

Tabernacle: Zena Matera

O. L. Czestochowa: Available

Divine Mercy: Available

PASTORAL VISITATION

Please call the rectory if you wish to have a pastoral visitation.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for James J. Polacco, Jr. and all the deceased of the parish. *Requiescat in pace.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Pray for *Mary Scafidi, Frances Scafidi, Margie Santiago, Mimi & Louis DeGaetano, Carole Hanyak,, Pinley Soote, Janet Talbot, Deb DeAngelis, Joseph Petramale, Gabriel Romero, Mark Wangstad, Josephine Naccarato, Marianna Bittner, Nicholas Turck, Elizabeth Peterson, Diane Demskie, Urszula Marut, James Brown, Carolina Martinez-Brown, Carol Tubby, Allison Marie, Wanda Grochowski, David Argust, James Mateo, Bill Henry, Mary May, Jim Rioux, Carol Kelder, Peter Kearney, Carol Gregory, Diann Lindberg Keyser, Richard Shultis, Josh Katz, Mary Darlene Snyder, Waldemar Kulesza, Angela Houghtaling, Sarah Davis, Vince Kelder, Grazyna Bajerski, Janet Knott, Leon Swack, Gianni Sellers, Eugene Palladino, Francis Caprotti, Gloria Carolfi, Susan Gallagher, Susan Newell, Fr. John, Christine, Amber Collins, Irena Lukasiewicz, Zygmunt Pawlaczynk, and all who are not listed but who are in need of our prayers.*

LENT 2026

During the season of Lent, which is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving, let us spend some time praying for the Souls in Purgatory.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

During the season of Lent, the Church urges all the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of faith & abstinence.

- ❖ *Fasting* required one full meal be taken for the day and two smaller meals (ages 18-59);
- ❖ *Abstinence* prohibits the eating of meat on a particular day (ages 14 & older); Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat;
- ❖ *Good Friday is a day of fast & abstinence.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 6 PM followed by Benediction.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During Lent, designated classes will participating in Station of the Cross at 6:50 PM in the church. Pick-up will remain at 7:30 PM at the school.

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Our prayerful thanks and gratitude to those who have donated to the Appeal. To date, we have \$3,150.00 pledged towards our 2026 goal of \$20,000. Due to your generosity, donations received enable the Appeal to help care for our retired priests, assist in the continued evangelization of our faith, and help the poor. *Our Commitment Weekend is taking place next weekend.* Brochures and envelopes are available at the entrances to the church. *Thank you for your continued support of the Cardinal's Appeal and our parish!* To make a gift, visit cardinalsappeal.org or call 646-794-3300. *Thank you for your generosity & support!*

OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS

Our Lady's Rosary makers are meeting every Friday in the Immaculate Conception School from 8:45 to 9:45 AM. All are welcome to join us to learn or in making cord rosaries. *We continue to make for hospitals and overseas missions.* All supplies are provided. *Any donation towards the cost of mailing the rosaries overseas would be greatly appreciated.* Call Lorraine at 845-220-7806.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ANNUAL LENTEN ESSAY CONTEST

This year's theme is Lent – *A time for sacrifice and, more importantly, a time for growth and faith.*

Grades 1-3 – 2-3 sentences; Grades 4-6 – a full paragraph; Grades 7-8 – 2 full paragraphs. Essays must be sent to: Kpreinhardt64@gmail.com on or before March 11th. Monetary prizes will be awarded to one winner in each grade on April 6th.

THE STORY OF MOUNT ST. ALPHONSUS

A new book is available outlining 120 years of Christian Community and Schooling of Mt. St. Alphonsus. Content includes Redemptorist history, the move to Esopus, The Pell family, property, architect, convents, chapel, cemetery, seminary years and now the Mount Academy. The cost for the hardcover book is \$40. To order contact:

jonathanzimmerman@mountacademy.org or checks can be made to: Church Communities Foundation, Mount Academy, 100 Broadway, Esopus, NY 12429

POPE LEO XIV PROCLAIMS A "SPECIAL YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS"



To commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of the "Little Poor One of Assisi" on October 3, 1226, Pope Leo has proclaimed January 10, 2026, through January 10, 2027, as a "Special Year of Saint Francis." During this Franciscan Jubilee Year, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual* church or place of worship dedicated to Saint Francis, anywhere in the world, and meeting the following conditions: Make a Sacramental Confession Receive Holy Communion Pray for the Intentions of the Pope Watch the bulletin: We will announce local pilgrimage locations as they are identified by Archbishop Hicks. ****conventual: relating or belonging to a convent.*

ROSARY SOCIETY PENNY SOCIAL

SAVE THE DATE – The next Penny Social sponsored by the Rosary Society will be held Sunday, March 1. Donations of *new* items needed. Also, non-perishable foods and baked goods. Any questions, please contact Mary Ann Cwill at 845-331-6457.

2026 BIBLE STUDY PROGRAMS

*Location - Immaculate Conception School
471 Delaware Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401*

Tuesday – Times 10 AM to 12 Noon OR 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Friday – Times 10 AM to 12 Noon

Information regarding class content can be found on our website!

Call Lorraine Krasinski (845-834-6030 or 845-220-7806), Val or Ron Kintner (845-339-0475) or Dorothy McHugh (845-242-0114) to register or with questions – walk-ins welcome.

Registrants are assured of having a Study Guide book available for them.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL



The Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel of Ulster County is open 24/7 and welcomes new adorers to help worship and adore Jesus. **Please commit to a weekly hour and become a registered adorer to receive a key fob.** For more information visit immaculateconceptionkingston.com and click on the Adoration Chapel link.

HAVE A BLESSED AND HOLY LENT!

Thank you for celebrating the Eucharist with us. Please do not leave the Church before the final blessing.

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A very Happy Birthday, Name's Day or Anniversary to those celebrating during the month of February!

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