

Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel
Immaculate Conception Church
467 Delaware Ave, Kingston, NY 12401

Visiting Jesus

In this world I cannot see the most high Son of God with my own eyes, except for his most holy Body and Blood.

St. Francis of Assisi

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Through the Eyes of Faith

“When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”

– St. Teresa of Calcutta

“Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with desire to come into your heart.” – St Therese of Lisieux

“If we really loved the good God, we would make it our joy and happiness to come and spend a few moments to adore Him, and ask Him for the grace of forgiveness; and we would regard those moments as the happiest of our lives.” – St. John Vianney.

“God is as really present in the consecrated Host as He is in the glory of heaven.” – St Paschal Baylon.

“The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host.” – Archbishop Fulton Sheen

“Lord God, if I truly appreciated the majestic humility of the Eucharist...it would change my life forever.” – Mother Angelica



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Peace and Easter Joy to all. This is a prayer of faith, and an invitation as well as a challenge to all faithful Catholics. Hopefully it will inspire you to more fully appreciate Jesus' gift of the Holy Eucharist and inspire a deeper understanding of the mystery of Jesus' institution of the Blessed Sacrament, that is, His Real Presence.

R. Jared Staudt's wrote a new book titled: "How the Eucharist Can Save Civilization" This is a bold claim about the Eucharist.

In the forward, he includes two quotes which I would like to share: The first is by then Cardinal Ratzinger from his book "The Spirit of the Liturgy": "The Eucharistic Presence in the tabernacle does not set another view of the Eucharist alongside or against the Eucharistic celebration, but simply signifies its complete fulfillment. For this Presence has the effect, of course, of keeping the Eucharist forever in church. The church never becomes a lifeless space but is always filled with the presence of the Lord, which comes out of the celebration, leads us into it, and always makes us participants in the cosmic Eucharist. What man of faith has not experienced this? A church without the Eucharistic Presence is somehow dead, even when it invites people to pray. But a church in which the eternal light is burning before the tabernacle is always alive, is always something more than a building made of stones. In this place the Lord is always waiting for me, calling me, wanting to make me "Eucharistic." In this way, he prepares me for the Eucharist, sets me in motion toward his return."

Cardinal Ratzinger (who became Pope Benedict XIV) talks about history itself, not just the Church, being "alive" because of the Eucharist.

Another quote is from J. R. R. Tolkien who proclaimed, His Eucharistic Presence is "the one great thing to love on earth": "Out of the darkness of my life... I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. ...There you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth, and more than that: death: by the divine paradox, that which ends life, and demands the surrender of all, and yet by the taste (or foretaste) of which alone can what you seek in your earthly relationships (love, faithfulness, joy) be maintained, or take on that complexion of reality, of eternal endurance, that every man's heart desires."

Staudt continues his theme, "We want God!" This was the answer chanted by the crowd of more than a million people gathered in Warsaw to welcome Pope Saint John Paul II back home when Poland still suffered Communist oppression. Pope Saint Paul VI called our distance from God the "drama of our time," framing it as a "split between faith and culture." God has become absent from our culture because we have built a self-sufficient world based on science and technology that thinks it has no need of the divine. Pope Benedict XVI pointed out that this split enters also into the lives of Christians who, even if they attend Mass, still "live as though God did not exist." He called this a kind of practical atheism, a secularism that undermines the Christian life by holding faith as "irrelevant to daily life." Many Catholics live no differently than pagans except for fulfilling their Sunday obligation. They keep their faith private rather than sharing it with the world."

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD DISPLAYED IN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, KINGSTON NY

Immaculate Conception parish is now displaying 28 panels of the Carlo Acutis Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World.

I will be spotlighting one of these each month to whet your appetite to visit the exhibition and experience what Carlo Acutis, possibly the first millennial Saint, devoted his life to. It is there along with Jesus in the tabernacle for your meditation.

These Eucharistic Miracles have occurred all over the world. Carlo did this to increase devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As Catholics, we are unique in all religions in many ways one of which is devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament that Jesus instituted at the Last Supper and was prefigured throughout the Bible. These miracles are God's manifestation of the true and awesome nature of the Eucharist.

The panels are best viewed beginning with the first panels at the front of the church to the left of the altar. Follow them toward the back of the church, then proceed from the back of the church on the right side of the church up to the front to the right side of the altar.



The first miracle: Lanciano, Italy in 750 AD. (2 panels pictured above)

The miracle: **An inscription in marble from the 17th century describes this Eucharistic miracle which occurred at Lanciano in 750 at the Church of St. Francis. "A monastic priest doubted whether the Body of Our Lord was truly present in the consecrated Host. He celebrated Holy Mass and when he said the words of consecration, he saw the host turn into Flesh and the wine turn into Blood. Everything was visible to those in attendance. The Flesh is still intact and the Blood is divided into five unequal parts which together have the exact same weight as each one does separately.**

The Flesh and the Blood of Lanciano therefore are just the same as they would be if they had been drawn that very day from a living being.

The investigation: **Dr. Edward Linoli, director of the hospital in Arezzo and professor of anatomy, histology, chemistry, and clinical microscopy, to perform a thorough scientific examination on the relics of the miracle which had occurred twelve centuries earlier. On March 4, 1971, the professor presented a detailed report of the various studies carried out. Here are the basic results: 1. The "miraculous Flesh" is authentic flesh consisting of muscular striated tissue of the myocardium. 2. The "miraculous Blood" is truly blood. The chromatographic analysis indicated this with absolute and indisputable certainty. 3. The immunological study shows with certigreat interest in the scientific world. 4. The proteins contained in the blood have the normal distribution, in the identical percentage as that of the serous-proteic chart for normal fresh blood. 5. No histological dissection has revealed any trace of salt infiltrations or preservative substances used in antiquity for the purpose of embalming. Professor Linoli also discarded the hypothesis of a hoax carried out in past centuries. This report was published in The Slavo Notebooks in Diagnostics (Collection #3, 1971) The medical commissions of the UN and the WHO reviewed this and could not refute these findings.**

To learn more about the Eucharistic Revival, a nationwide movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States, please see the website: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>