



Immaculate Conception Church

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday after Holy Mass or by appointment

Dear Padre

December 21, 2025

I went to confession, and then, months later, my priest was removed for alcoholism and theft. Is my confession still worthy?

Your confession is not dependent on the worthiness or the unworthiness of the priest. Your confession is made to Jesus; the priest is a witness who pronounces the words of absolution that Jesus intended in the sacrament. "From the moment that a sacrament is celebrated in accordance with the intention of the Church, the power of Christ and his Spirit acts in and through it, independently of the personal holiness of the minister" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1128).

The question of the efficacy of the sacrament and the unworthiness of the minister who performs the sacrament in the name of the Church is not new. During the time of persecution, in the early centuries of the Church, some people, including priests and bishops, avoided martyrdom by offering the required oblation to Caesar. Later, they repented and returned to the Christian community, a community that included the surviving family and friends of the men and women who were martyred. The question was asked, and with some animated energy, "How could these ministers who sinned to save their own lives now represent the Church?" The answer, arrived at with patience and discernment, is that the minister is only the representative of the sacrament, not the source of the sacrament. Jesus is faithful, even when his ministers have been unfaithful. ●

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

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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

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.

DECEMBER 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 20, 2025

4 PM – (Vigil) – C.K. “Bud” Howe (19th Ann.) by Lillian Adams

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8 AM – Living & deceased of Kulesza, Roszkowski & Mosćiki Families
 10:30 AM – Janet & Joseph Loughlin by Mary & Chuck Crummie
 6 PM – Health & Blessings for Claudia Dusang by Elisa Schnur

Mon. 8 AM - Mary Pliego by Betty Draminski

Tues. 8 AM – Health & Blessings for Joan & Henryka Kutrzuba

Wed. 8 AM – Bob Saehoff by Joan Saehoff

Vigil at Christmas, Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Vigil – 3:30 PM - Parishioners

Vigil – 5:30 PM – John DeKoskie by Wife Lois

The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas, Thursday, December 25, 2025

Midnight Mass (Pasterka) – Living Members of the Rosary Society

8 AM – Helen Lonegran by Husband

10:30 AM – Laura Wallach by Sons, Stephen, Jacob, Jason & David

NO 7 PM MASS



Fri. 8 AM - Charles & Lillian Styles by Daughter

Sat. 8 AM - Deceased of Cioffi & Lombardi Families by Arlene Post

Saturday December 27, 2025

4 PM – (Sunday Vigil) – C. Joseph Styles by Sister

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8 AM – Marianna Kulesza

10:30 AM – James Gorman (47th Ann.) by Family

6 PM – In memory of Mary Slater by Rosanne & Roger Yetzer

**Please note change in lector & EM schedule



<u>DATES</u>	
Sat., Dec. 20	4 PM
Sun., Dec. 21	8 AM
	10:30 AM
	6 PM
<u>Wed., Dec. 24, Christmas Eve</u>	
Vigil	3:30 PM
Vigil	5:30 PM
	12 Midnight
<u>Thurs., Dec. 25 Christmas Day</u>	
	8 AM
	10:30 AM

<u>LECTORS</u>	
Frank Jablonski	
Lynn Dunham	
Margaret Cahill	
Marie Anderson	
Frank Jablonski	
Lynn Dunham	
Margaret Cahill	
Jerry Gretzinger	
Jim McCasland	

<u>EXTRAOR. MINISTERS</u>	
Kathy VanDine	
Tom Glaser	
Richard Cahill, Jr.	
Mary Ann Cwill	
Richard Cahill, Jr.	
Francine Gretzinger	
Robert Messa	

<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	
J. Kwiecinski	
M. Engracia	
D. Bujak	
G. Berardi	
J. Kwiecinski	
J. Kwiecinski	
D. Bujak	
M. Engracia	
G. Berardi	



SACRAMENTALS

Chapel: 1) Orlando DeCicco

2) For all living & deceased adorers

Tabernacle: Alice M. Houghtaling

O. L. Czestochowa: For all living parishioners

Divine Mercy: For all deceased parishioners

PASTORAL VISITATION

Please call the rectory if you wish a pastoral visitation.

CHRISTMAS WAFER – OPLATKI

Oplatki is now available at the church entrances. A *donation of \$4 per package is requested.* Thank you!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GREETING AND PRAYERS



As we gather this Advent and enter the Holy season of Christmas, my heart overflows with joy and gratitude for each one of you, the faithful members of our parish family. This sacred time invites us to reflect deeply on the miraculous gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ – God made flesh, who chose to dwell among us in humility and love.

In the quiet of the manger, we discover the profound message of Christmas: that God's love knows no bounds. Amidst the twinkling lights and joyous carols, may we remember that Christ is the true light who dispels all darkness and brings hope to the world. His birth is a testament to God's unending mercy, peace and promise for all humanity.

This year, we rejoice together, let us also reach out to those in need – the lonely, the sick, the poor, and the forgotten. Let our actions reflect the compassion of Christ, not only during these festive days, but throughout the coming year. I encourage you to open your hearts and homes, to share generously, and to let Christ's peace reign in all your relationships.

My gratitude and thanks to so many who make Christmas special; those who decorated our churches so beautifully and assembled the Crib and trees. I thank the Choir, Organist, Musicians, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers. Special thanks to the children from our CCD program who participate in the Vigil of Christmas and Midnight Mass Procession and our CCD Coordinator. Also, thank you to the Church Guild for the flower arrangements, the Holy Rosary Society and to the Divine Mercy Chapel Adorers who are so faithful. A very special thanks to Fr. Louis Yaya, who continues to offer his on-going pastoral support to me. Also, to Fr. John Borzuchowski who in the past has been here to support and help. We wish him blessings and good health for the new year. Lastly, thank you to all my dedicated parishioners, friends and visitors who make Christmas here so warm and special. Without your prayers, your kind words and support, none of this would be possible. May this Christmas season fill your homes with love, your hearts with faith, and our lives with hope. Let us welcome Jesus with open arms and renewed spirits, trusting in His guidance for the new year ahead.

Bless you all during this season of Christmas and throughout the New Year, Fr. Mirek

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, Gionni Sellers, Eugene Palladino, Francis Caprotti, Gloria Carolfi, Susan Gallagher, Susan Newell, Fr. John, Christine, Amber Collins, Irena Lukasiewicz, Zygmunt Pawlaczek, and all who are not listed but who are in need of our prayers.*

2026 CALENDARS

A limited amount of 2026 calendars are available at the entrances to the church. Please only one calendar per person as supplies are limited. Our parish thanks Harry VanVliet of Gilpatrick-VanVliet Funeral Home for the donation of our calendars every year.

THANK YOU

Donation in memory of Katrina Dudek Bunce & Judy Haber (\$200) from Catherine M. Haber.

HAVE A BLESSED & HOLY ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

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

Please take the bulletin with you and patronize the advertisers listed on the back of the bulletin.

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

Please consider your parish in your will. Thank you to everyone for the on-going support of our parish.

FLOWER COLLECTION

This weekend, the second collection will be taken for our Christmas flowers and decorations. Thank you to everyone who already given their envelopes.

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.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

The Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel of Ulster County is open and welcoming new adorers to help worship, accompany 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; emailing dmac.iccny@gmail.com; or by calling Fr. Mirek at 845-331-0846.

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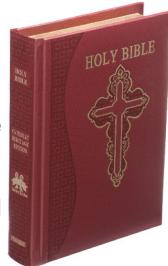
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