



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



Parish Office Hours: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

Sacrament of Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

Confessions – Anytime by appointment

Tuesdays: 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm; Saturdays: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

March 14, 2021

The Second Sunday in Lent

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 14

- 7:00 am Jerold Gesmond (John & Patty)
- 8:30 am Nancy Sullivan (Botti Family)
- 10:00 am Cornelius McNeil (Family)
- 11:30 am Mary Skallos (Barkac)

Monday, March 15

- 7:45 am Bill Dezorzi (Family)

Tuesday, March 16

- 7:45 am Millie & John Fox (Family)
- 6:30 pm Patrick Newcomer (Family)

Wednesday, March 17

- 7:45 am Donnelly Family (Kathleen)

Thursday, March 18

- 7:45 am Patrick Newcomer (Family)

Friday, March 19

- 7:45 am Michele Ruby (Funeral Choir)

Saturday, March 20

- 8:00 am Michael Furlin (John)
- 4:30 pm Bernard Sanger (Dan & Betsy)
- 6:00 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 21

- 7:00 am All People in Need of Prayers (Cal & Kathleen)
- 8:30 am Helen Davidson (Family)
- 10:00 am Albert Ertman (Comfort Blanket Ministry)
- 11:30 am Jean Reiber Irwin (Salmon, Kurt, Renee, Braydon)





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724-691-3711

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

FIRST THREE STEPS TO A BLACK BELT IN HUMILITY!!

The first three steps to humility is a progression to a perfect love of God.

The **three gifts of the Holy Spirit** that correspond to the pursuit of selfless love of the Holy Trinity of persons are “**Fear of the Lord**”, “**Reverence**” and “**Wisdom**.”

The disposition of humility is set by a keen sense of our EQ and our desire to perform our CQ at Saintly proportions! (Please refer to last week’s bulletin for background.) This disposition awakens in us the above gifts of the Holy Spirit and beckons us to start the climb to humility. Imperfect love leads to selfless love and grows to an imitation of Jesus via obedience to His call to discipleship.

Placing ourselves at the foot of the ladder and lifting our foot is all the invitation that God needs to nudge us up the ladder to our black belt in humility. As each step is accomplished, perseverance will be sustained by the Holy Spirit and measured by the active virtues that are interiorly gained! So let’s get started and climb. **WARNING: Do not look up for height of the climb and the challenge will breed fear and failure!!**



Step 1. A first step is taken when one consciously obeys all of God’s commandments, never ignoring them but always holding within himself a **fear of God** in his heart.

Gift of the Holy Spirit: The fear of God means reverence for God; what we often forget is that by offending God, we offend ourselves. This gift enables a person “to avoid sin and attachment to created things out of reverence and love of God.” Primarily, this gift entails a profound respect for the majesty of God who is the supreme-being. Here, a person realizes a dependence upon God as the creator and never would want to be separated from Him, who is love. As such, this gift arouses in the soul a vibrant sense of adoration and reverence for God and a sense of horror and sorrow for sin.

Therefore, this gift **motivates** the person in three ways:

- ◆ to have a vivid sense of God’s infinite greatness
- ◆ to have a real sorrow for sin, even venial sins, and to do penance to atone for sins committed
- ◆ to be vigilant to avoid the near occasions of sin, to struggle against personal weakness and fight temptation.

The Virtues that follow:

⇒ The gift of fear brings to perfection the *virtue of hope*. A person respects God as God, trusts in His will, and anchors his life in Him. He believes in His promises of forgiveness of sin and eternal life in heaven.



⇒ The gift of fear also perfects the *virtue of temperance*, which seeks to use all things wisely and in moderation. Temperance is related to the gift of fear because one's respect for God, and one's awareness of being made in His image and likeness, and being redeemed by Christ motivate a person to give glory to God.

Step 2: Not my will, but Yours' O Lord (from John 6:38) This second step is achieved when one thinks not about pleasing himself but instead follows the mandate (way) of the Lord. This means that in order to be humble, we must avoid taking inordinate pleasure in our own wants and desires but always strive to do God's will before all else. Detaching ourselves from our own will (wants) frees us to be disposed to see with 20/20 vision of God's greater and more encompassing plan. Remember near-sidedness (self-centered vision) impairs our ability to see clearly from God's point of view.



The Gift of the Holy Spirit Reverence. Reverence is to have complete reliance on God out of the love for which He created us and directs us to His will which brings us to true Joy. The posture of reverence is one of kneeling, bowing or prostration which makes us small and insignificant before what is all good and holy.

Three Dispositions of Reverence:

- Reverence is a loving submission to Truth and knowledge that can only be blocked by our own desires and misdirected intentions.
- Reverence disposes one to a selfless love that depends on incorporating the attributes of Jesus.
- Reverence allows then to incorporate the love, forgiveness, patience, and desire to do the Father's will as it was embodied in Jesus.

The Virtues that Follow the Gift of Reverence:

- Virtue of temperance allows one to quiet personal appetites for solace of God's Truth
- Virtue of moderation that keeps the body longing for Jesus as the True sustenance.
- Virtue of meekness while self- pride and needs give way to the will of God.

Step 3. The third step is reached when **out of love of God**, one obediently submits to a *superior* in imitation of the Lord. A superior is a word we are familiar with in the religious life but not so in the secular life. A superior is the one, for the good of the soul, directs and assigns a religious to tasks and spiritual exercises. For the secular, our superior is dictated by our vocational call guided by the evangelical councils of obedience to the teaching of the church, poverty and chastity. It is in this obedience that we best live out our state of life as an image of Christ.



Gift of the Holy Spirit is Wisdom. Wisdom is simply to know as God knows! To be able to, once again, see the bigger picture and to remember that the road that leads into eternal life is the narrow way of a disciple. This vision reminds us that God's ultimate will for us is to follow His son Jesus with merciful and selfless love. This is not a matter of knowing our personal path or meaning of our life but a walking with Christ and being sent by Christ to spread the Gospel.

The Virtues that Follow the Gift of Wisdom:

- Virtue of Sincerity that gives genuine service as a disciple
- Virtue of Patience that gives the disposition to receive the least of our brothers
- Virtue of Generosity that allows our wealth to be given as alms



The following items are available in the back of the church or online, to help you make this your best Lenten journey:

- ◆ Audio CD's for "The Seven Sorrows of Mary" are available in the back of the church;
- ◆ Study copies of the DVD "The Chosen" are available in the back of the church;
- ◆ "The Chosen" can also be found on "YouTube"
- ◆ Extended hours and days for Penance Service are available in this week's and next week's bulletin.

Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of Patrick Newcomer by Family

Easter Flame Candle:

In Memory of Betty Lou Sullivan

Divine Mercy Candle:

In Memory of Charles Bassell, III

St. Peregrine Candle:

In Memory of Belvina Piotrowski

Altar Candles for the Month of March:

In Thanksgiving from Family

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel	16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ephesians	5:8-14
John	9:1-41

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah	31:31-34
Hebrews	5:7-9
John	12:20-33

Prayers and Sympathy

Please pray for Bette Ann Soisson whose mother Betty McConnell died recently. May she rest in peace.

Stewardship Corner:

Our Time, Talent and Treasures are the gifts that we share:
 Sunday Offertory
 The Week of February 28, 2021.....\$17,082.89
 Diocesan Online Giving February 16-22, 2021 \$1,401.00

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday starting after 7:45 am Mass and continuing all day until 6:15 pm; confessions (5:15-6:15 pm), and Mass (6:30 pm). There are special prayer booklets available containing Prayers for Vocations during adoration. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

Servants of Divine Mercy Outreach - The Servants of Divine Mercy pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick & dying. To request this beautiful Chaplet to be prayed for a specific person call 724-600-5007 or email kstynchula@msn.com



Immaculate Conception Landscaping Committee is having a work detail with a meeting following on Monday March 15 starting at 5:00 pm. New members welcome. Come when you can. For info call Sue at 724-864-6498.

HOLY WEEK 2021

Palm Sunday (March 28)

Regular Mass times are Saturday at 4:30 and 6:00pm, Sunday at 7:00; 8:30; 10:00 & 11:30 am.

Holy Thursday (April 1)

Join us for the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 6:30 pm.**

Good Friday (April 2) The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (also known as the Mass of the Pre-sanctified) **will be held at Noon and 3:00 pm on Good Friday.**

Holy Saturday (April 3)

Blessing of the Easter baskets—11:00 am

The Vigil Mass here at Immaculate Conception begins at 8:30 pm. We hope that you will be able to join us for this very special liturgy.

Easter Sunday (April 4) Mass schedule is 7:00 am; 8:30 am; 10:00 am and **11:30 am.**



Sunday Mass is aired @ 8:00 am on the "Operation Safe Mode with Father John" YouTube channel.

Reminder that the church is open for private prayer Daily. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.



Angel's Corner

Queens of Angels Catholic School



to our middle school students for their participation in this year's Virtual Science Fair!

They all did a **wonderful** job!



1st Place - "Rain, Rain Go Away"

by Wren Peters - Grade 6

2nd Place - "The Blue Light Fight"

by Kendalyn Umbel - Grade 8

3rd Place - "Does Childproof Actually Mean Childproof?"

by Nolan Althof - Grade 6

You can check out all of the projects by visiting the following website:

<https://www.tinyurl.com/qofasciencefair2021>



PARISH VOLUNTEERS - Updated Requirements for CPSL Virtus Clearances - if you have not yet completed the Virtus Recertification, please complete this as soon as possible.

- ◆ All clergy, employees, and all volunteers are required to complete VIRTUS training every five (5) years to continue to work or perform ministry in the Diocese.
- ◆ The initial course required for all employees and volunteers is "Protecting God's Children Awareness", which is already completed if you are a current volunteer.
- ◆ To meet the five-year update requirement there are two additional courses from which to choose, "*VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Re-Certification for Adults*" and "*Keeping the Promise Alive*". (**choose one** to complete now and the other class will be done after 5 years have passed).

These requirements can be completed online by going to: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org, and selecting the Youth Protection tab.

If you need any assistance or would prefer to make an appointment to renew your clearances please contact Sharyn Gesmond at 724-863-9550 or by email: sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Around the Diocese

Help Fr. John reach his goal! Each of the supporting pastors of Queen of Angels Catholic School are participating in the school's Virtual 5k/1 Mile Race and they need your help to reach their individual goals! The winner will receive bragging rights for the year and a small trophy. You may donate by clicking on the link below or you may send a check made payable to: Queen of Angels Catholic School -One Main St. North Huntingdon, PA 15642 with "Virtual 5K-Fr. John" in the memo. Thanks for your support!

<https://runsignup.com/frjohn>

Queen of Angels Catholic School's
Running on Faith
Virtual
5k & 1 Mile
Fun Run

April 24th- May 1st
Run anywhere you choose, while supporting a great cause!

REGISTRATION: Feb 22nd-April 18th
FEE: \$25 PER PERSON INCLUDES OFFICIAL T-SHIRT (if registered by March 26th)
REGISTER ONLINE: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/NorthHuntingdon/RunningonFaith>

5K RUN & WALK

MORE INFORMATION EMAIL CHRISTINA AT CTOROK@QUEENOFANGELSSCH.ORG

More with Photos/Walk.com



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14, 2021 - Order of the Mass

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Love Unknown"

Matthew H. Cori

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

My Song is Love Unknown

1. My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2. He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
me, Love to the love - less shown That they might
stow; But peo - ple scorned him; none The longed - for
love - ly be. Oh, who am I, That for my sake
Christ would know. But, O my friend, My friend in - deed,
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c.1624-1683, alt.

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN, 6 6 6 6 4 4 4; John Ireland, 1879-1962, © John Ireland Trust

KYRIE

Chant

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

(Then repeat the first Kyrie.)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects.

Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah:

“Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled.”

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing:

“Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137
Owen Alstott



SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved –, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
 “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
 so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
 so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”
 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
 but might have eternal life.
 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
 but that the world might be saved through him.
 Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,
 but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,
 because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
 And this is the verdict,
 that the light came into the world,
 but people preferred darkness to light,
 because their works were evil.
 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light
 and does not come toward the light,
 so that his works might not be exposed.
 But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,
 so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
 he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
 the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Mass of Charity and Love
Steven C. Warner

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Steven C. Warner
Music © 1960, 2010, WLP

AGNUS DEI

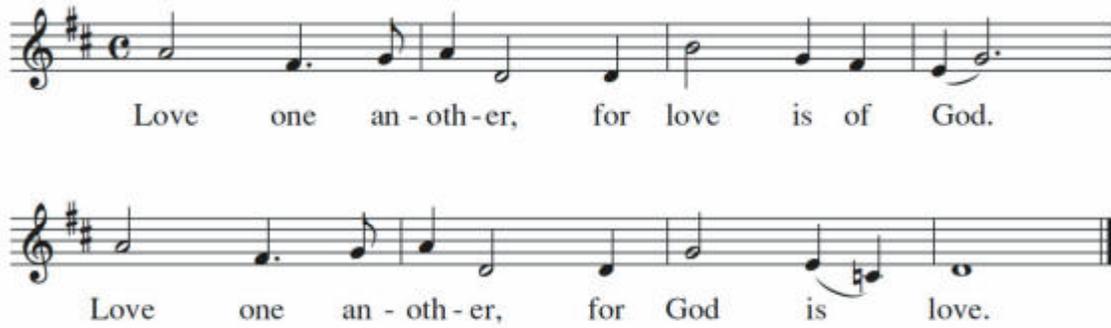
Chant, Mass XVIII

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. *(repeat)*
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Musice: Vatican Edition XVIII, acc. by Richard Proulx

COMMUNION HYMN

Love One Another

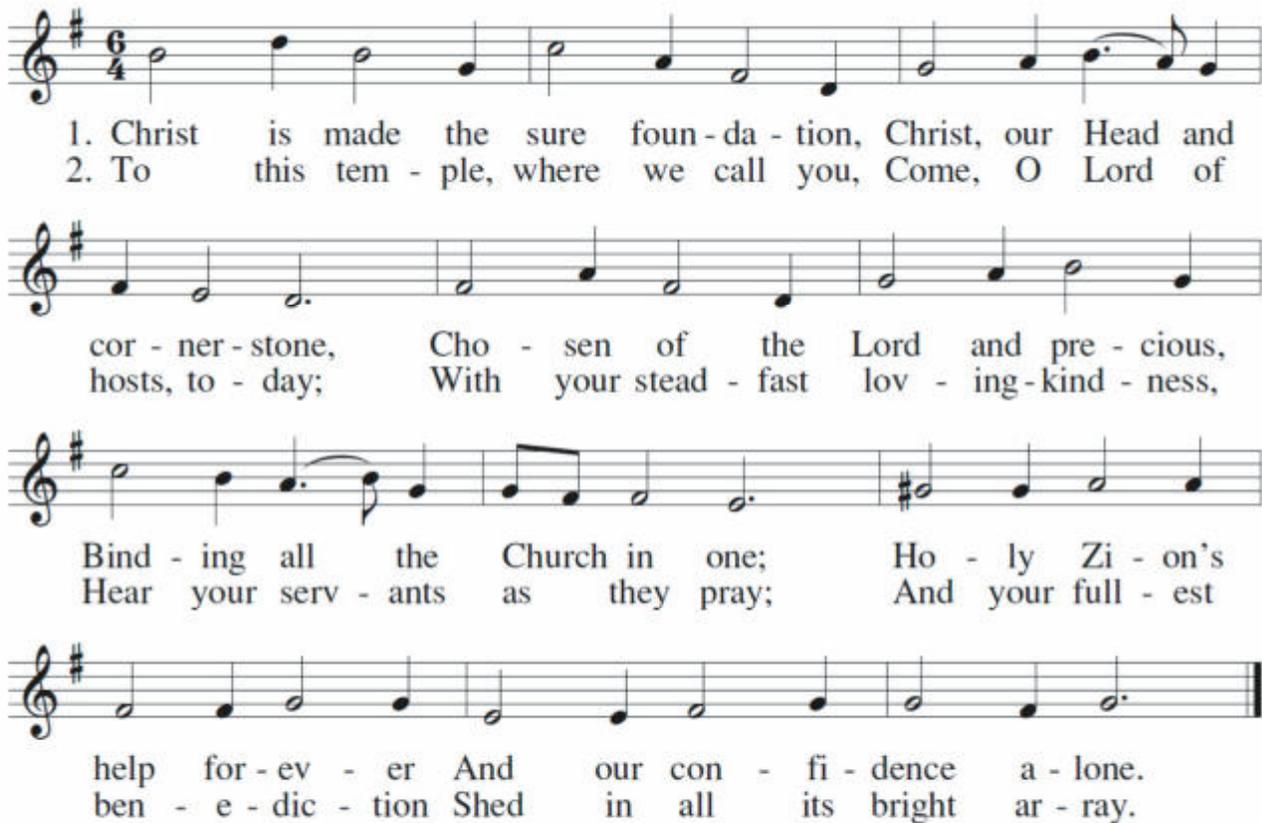


Love one another, for love is of God.
Love one another, for God is love.

Text: 1 John 4; James J. Chepponis, b.1956
Tune: James J. Chepponis, b.1956
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation



1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our Head and
2. To this temple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of
corner-stone, Chosen of the Lord and precious,
hosts, to-day; With your steadfast loving-kindness,
Bind-ing all the Church in one; Ho-ly Zi-on's
Hear your servants as they pray; And your full-est
help for-ever And our confidence alone.
ben-edic-tion Shed in all its bright array.

Text: *Angularis fundamentum*; 11th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, 8 7 8 7 8 7; adapt. from an anthem of Henry Purcell, 1659–1695, by Ernest Hawkins, 1807–1868

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Westminster Abbey”

J. William Greene



THE NORWIN HIGH SCHOOL
KNIGHTS FOR LIFE PRESENT:

HITTING FOR HOPE



Encouraging life with every swing!



HOW ARE DONATIONS USED?

Donations that are received will be used toward Love Boxes, to encourage women with unplanned pregnancies. Additionally, they will benefit the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, which purchases ultrasound machines for local pregnancy centers.



WHAT IS A LOVE BOX?

Each Love Box contains an invitation to a support group, a handwritten letter of hope, a journal, a 'Best Gift Ever' onesie, and a book of encouraging testimonies to offer hope. These boxes are gifted to women with unplanned pregnancies at local pregnancy centers.

More information at:
embracegrace.com/love-box



HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Want in on the fun? Fantastic! Please fill out the form below or visit hittingforhope.com/donate

One-time donations can be given at any time, and pledged donations will be collected at the end of the season. Any checks should be made out to 'Norwin Activity Fund' with 'Knights for Life' in the memo.



Hi, my name is Ryan Scavnicky. I am a senior infielder for the Norwin Knights baseball team and a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church. I am also the president of Knights for Life - a pro-life club at Norwin High School. This season, I am working to provide support and encouragement to women with unplanned pregnancies. For each hit that I tally, I will donate one "Love Box" to encourage a mother at a local pregnancy center. I ask that you would join me on our mission to provide encouragement to mothers and life to the unborn!

Through your support and the grace of God, my 16 hits in 2020 raised over \$5,000 to provide 280 "Love Boxes!" These were delivered to five local pregnancy centers, and each one will encourage a woman with an unplanned pregnancy!

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE IN 2021? SEE THE BACK PAGE FOR INFORMATION!

For more information, visit www.hittingforhope.com

Questions? Contact Ryan Scavnicky at hittingforhopeproject@gmail.com

MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Pledge per hit: \$1 \$2 \$5 \$10 other: _____

OR

One-time donation: _____

Checks payable to Norwin Activity Fund.
Please indicate "Knights for Life" in the memo.

Forms should be mailed to:

Knights for Life
c/o Norwin High School
251 McMahon Drive
Irwin, PA 15642

FOLLOW HITTING FOR HOPE ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MORE!



2021 Confession, Holy Week & Easter Schedules

ST. AGNES 2021 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

(Find Examinations of Conscience for making a good confession by going to stagneschurch.info, click on "Sacraments," and then click on "Penance").

Mon., March 22,	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Tues., March 23,	9:00am - 10:30am
Wed., March 24,	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Thur., March 25,	9:00am - 10:30am
Fri., March 26,	6:00pm - 7:30pm

Please see parish bulletin for additional Confession times.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON & IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 2021 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tues., March 23,	Noon - 1:30pm - SEAS 4:30pm - 6:15pm - IC 7:00pm - 8:00pm - IC
Wed., March 24,	Noon - 1:30pm - SEAS 5:30pm - 7:30pm - IC
Thur., March 25,	Noon - 1:30pm - SEAS 5:30pm - 7:30pm - IC

2021 MASS SCHEDULES

	<u>St. Agnes</u>	<u>Immaculate Conception</u>	<u>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</u>
Holy Thursday, April 1			
Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Good Friday, April 2			
Stations of the Cross	12:00 noon	—	7:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	1:30 p.m.	12:00 noon & 3:00pm	1:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy	3:00 p.m.	—	—
Rosary	—	—	—
Stations of the Cross & Veneration	7:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	—
Tenebrae	—	—	—
Way of the Cross	—	—	—
Holy Saturday, April 3			
Divine Mercy	11:30 a.m.	—	—
Blessing of Easter Baskets	12:00 noon	11:00 a.m.	12:00 noon
Easter Vigil	8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 4			
Masses	7:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. (no outdoor Mass)	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

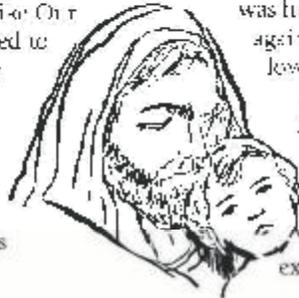
I have been crucified with Christ and the life I live now is not my own; Christ is living in me. I still live my human life but it is a life of faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.

~Galatians 2:19 – 20

St. Joseph – ordinary or extraordinary?

Why did Jesus choose Joseph to be His father on Earth? St. Joseph wasn't rich, powerful, or even sinless like Our Lady. Born ordinary, virtue and grace combined to make Joseph remarkable. In fact, by choosing him, Jesus gave us a model we can follow.

A man of faith. In spite of persecution and societal pressure, Joseph answered the call to live the two greatest commandments. He put God first and did all that He asked, no matter how incredible. And, Joseph put his family's needs before his own.



A husband. He respected that his primary vocation was husband to Mary. In fact, public opinion was against him when took pregnant Mary as his wife. He loved her anyway.

A father. As a devout Jew, he knew the psalms and the law of Moses. He didn't just teach his son a trade, Jesus was taught to be a faithful Son of God.

Like us, St. Joseph began ordinary but cooperated with God's grace to become extraordinary. That is possible for us, too.

from Scripture

Mark 14:1-15, 47, Make Jesus' Passion our own.

It's even more important to share in his suffering and great love during his Passion. St. Paul said, *"We hold this treasure in earthen vessels ... always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body"* (2 Corinthians 4:7-10).

He means that everything that happens in our lives – the good and the bad – can be part of our bond with Jesus.

Every day our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness and temptations can become ways in which we share in the

suffering and death of Christ.

Likewise, our joys, our good health, our family and friends are all important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection. The point is to offer everything to Christ.



St. Alphonsus wrote, "We should consider not so much the sorrows Jesus suffered as the love with which he bore them." Disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did and can share in his joy of Resurrection.

Q & A What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Wouldn't it be amazing to be face to face with Jesus? Imagine sitting with Him, talking together, thanking Him for His gifts, asking for favors. In many churches throughout the world,



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Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion that offers the opportunity to be in the presence of Jesus, under the appearance of the Eucharistic Host – the Blessed Sacrament.

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"Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil" (CCC #2628). There are many ways to adore God, but in Adoration, we are truly in Jesus' presence adoring him in person.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 1 – St. David of Wales (c. 600). St. David is the patron saint of Wales. He was born in a Welsh nobility, but instead chose to become a priest. He was later consecrated a bishop. He is best known for founding an ascetic monastery and ridding the area of the Pelagian heresy.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c.461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having

established the Church there.

March 19 – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (1st Century). Jesus' earthly father and husband to the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph is a model of fatherhood and a protector of families.

March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.



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