

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

January 9, 2022

The Feast of The Baptism of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 8 9:30 am Nancy Ponitz (Vicki) 4:30 pm Douglas Jordan (Carol) Sunday, January 9 8:00 am Our Parish Family 10:00 am Ed Straley (Rose & Chrissy) 11:30 am Clare & Ed Behr (Family) Monday, January 10 7:45 am Robert Moineau (IWG) **Tuesday**, January 11 7:45 am Peggy Kolin (Rosemary, Marlene & Carol) 6:30 pm Sarah Elizabeth Kuhar (Balcerek Family) Wednesday, January 12 7:45 am Tim Salopek (Family) Thursday, January 13 7:45 am Special Intention Ralph Ferrell (Friend) Friday, January 14 7:45 am Clarence Heidler (Lorraine) Saturday, January 15 8:00 am Harold Frazier (IMG) 4:30 pm Darrell Dole (Mary & Jim) Sunday, January 16 8:00 am Doug Jordan (Joe & Mindy) 10:00 am Kay Mason (Paula) 11:30 am Cynthia Milchick (IC Staff))

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD The Beginning of Jesus Priestly Ministry

This Sunday, the Feast of the baptism of the Lord brings the Christmas Season to a formal end. The readings these past weeks about Jesus' birth and infancy are followed rather abruptly by an account that takes place thirty years later. What connects today with the other feasts of this season is that it celebrates another dimension of Jesus' manifestation to the world as "Eternal High Priest". As I mentioned last weekend on the feast of the Epiphany, the gift of Frankincense, the perfume of the temple which was given by Casper, symbolized the important role of Jesus' ministry as teacher, healer and bridge between man and God.

It was not necessary for Jesus to be baptized, for He was free from original sin, but He insisted that He be baptized for other reasons.

 When John baptizes Jesus, it is the first time the two come into direct contact. The Evangelists Matthew, Mark and

Luke begin Jesus' public ministry with the preaching of John the Baptist. It is a clear call to repentance. When Jesus encounters John the Baptist at the Jordan, it is as though Jesus received the torch from His forerunner. Jesus begins His preaching with the same theme: "Repent, the kingdom of God is near."

2) Jesus' Baptism not only marks the beginning of His priestly ministry but reminds us of the perfect sacrifice in which this ministry would end... In His death. The water of baptism for Jesus as well as for us is a reminder that we die to this world so we can share in the heavenly Kingdom. As Jesus is immersed in the waters of the Jordan He dies to the simple notion that he is just a man. He ascends from the water with the epiphany of which the gift of myrrh calls to mind... He was born to die... to be the perfect and lasting sacrifice for sins... He is more than a man as the words of the Father proclaims: "This is my beloved Son".

These reasons of Jesus baptism calls us to *examine more deeply the meaning of our own Baptism*. While our baptism is necessary for cleansing of original sin it is only the beginning of what we are called to live. We too are expected to proclaim the Gospel and live as the Father's beloved changed from earthly desires to Hope in the Eternal.

Remember our vocation is sanctified in Baptism. We must find our path through our calling in life. That may be as a single, religious, priest or a married person... but all in all.. In the image of Christ and the hope of sharing forever with Him in Heaven.

BEING STEWARDS OF OUR BAPTISM

When we have died through the waters of Baptism we have died to the mundane things that hold us fast to the worldly desires and concerns. We participate in this truth by exhibiting acts of Faith, Hope and Charity. These virtues are the mainstream of our life in Christ.

FAITH

Faith is a gift that must be nurtured and shared. You are welcomed to share in the ongoing opportunities of devotion, study and prayer that the parish offers weekly.

Consider:

- 1) Tuesday Adoration, Confession and Evening Mass at Immaculate Conception. The 6:30 PM Mass on Tuesday evening is a great way to participate in a more intimate and quiet setting. Treat yourself to another opportunity to be renewed in the Word and Eucharist.
- 2) Sacrament of Anointing is offered at Sacred Mass the first Saturday of the month at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. The Mass is at 9:30 am and welcome all those who desire to be strengthen under the weight of the Cross of suffering. Suffering comes in many forms: Spiritual, physical and emotional all which hinders us from our mission in Christ. The grace of this sacrament helps us to know the healing power of God and His divine providence for us!
- 3) The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen, a new book of daily meditations that set us on a spiritual journey daily! There, of course are many daily meditation books that can also be used such as the "Magnificat"; "Daily Bread" and "Word among us"

HOPE - Being stewards of Hope means that even in the face of difficulties our eyes stay affixed on God.

ABORTION - One of the great difficulties is to see that abortion is still a part of the law and mind set of our Nation. Pray ardently for the end of this tragedy and support those, or join those, who will go to Washington this month for the Pro-Life March. There is a bus available leaving from Saint Agnes for all those who desire to go. The information is in this week's bulletin.

POVERTY - Jesus said that we will always have the poor among us and this is a sign of our call to reach out to others in their need. Those who we serve in their poverty build the Kingdom of God on the Virtue of Hope. We cannot end the worldly needs of others but we can instill in them the trust of God's love.

MATERIALISM - Worldly desires and pursuits distract us from the greater gifts. Jesus said "what does a man profit if he gains the whole world but loses his soul." This reminds us to instill hope in what is not obtainable through worldly pursuits but through discipleship in the Kingdom of God.

APOSTACY - Hope comes in not fulfilling our Ego or following our own decrees but to follow the truth of the Gospel. Many, who call themselves Christians, have forgotten the call to obedience and self sacrifice. Let us always be mindful, in our own pursuits, not to substitute what "works for us" for what Truth leads to the kingdom. The call to discipleship means accepting the way of the cross and following Christ's example.



MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP - Mark your calendars and plan to join us on the annual March for Life bus on Friday, January 21, 2022. The bus will leave from the St. Agnes parking lot at 6:00 a.m. (please plan to arrive and board the bus by 5:45 a.m.) and return late evening. Participants will travel to Washington DC for the National March for life, walk, and return home afterwards. The cost is \$15 for students and \$25 for adults and includes a bag lunch with a hoagie. The group will stop at a restaurant on the way home for dinner, which is on your own. To register, contact Mary Blythe at 412-996-2115; mblythe@dioceseofgreensburg.org. or call the Parish Office. All are welcome! If you

can't make the trip, but would like to support those who are going, please send donations towards the cost of the bus to the parish office. Mark Pro-Life bus in the memo line. Thank you for your continued prayerful support.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Dr. Michael Ropele by Sister

Easter Flame Candle: Special Intention of Ralph Ferrell by Friends

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Tom Kinsey, Sr. by Wife

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Donald Ruhe, Jr.

Altar Candles for the Month of January: In Memory of Richard Hensler by Family

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah	
Acts	
Luke	

42:1-4, 6-7 10:34-38 3:15-16; 21-22

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

 Isaiah
 62:1-5

 1 Corinthians
 12:4-11

 John
 2:1-11

Prayers and Sympathy

Please pray for Fr. Tom Dansak on the death of his brother Robert Dansak who recently died. May he rest in peace



Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday beginning after morning Mass. 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 Monday through Friday at 3:00 PM.

Stewardship Corner:

Our Time, Talent and Treasures are the gifts that we share: Sunday Offertory The Week of Dec. 19, 2021

The week of Dec. 19, 2021	\$20,525.65
Diocese of Greensburg Online Giving 12/1-12/7/21	\$1,437.50
OSV Sunday Offertory for Dec. 2021	\$13,915.20

2021 Offertory Statements. If you wish to receive a 2021 Offertory Statement, please call the Parish Office to request your statement. We will be happy to send you one . Thank you!

Christmas Decoration Removal Immaculate Conception Cemetery - If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the decorations by March 1, 2022. **Anything left in the cemetery past March 1, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded by cemetery staff.** Thank you for your cooperation.



PARISH NEWS

Grades 1-2 – Faith Formation for Public School Students, Saturday, January 8th, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Formation Center

Grades 3-5 – Faith Formation for Public School Students, Monday, January 10th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Formation Center

6th Grade Faith Formation- The next class will be Tuesday January 11th from 6-7:15 pm.

7th and 8th Grade Mathias Project - The next class will be Sunday January 9th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm (No Tuesday Class for 7th Grade and 8th Grade).

8th Grade Name Calling Retreat - The next class will be Sunday January 16th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm (No Tuesday Class for 7th Grade and 8th Grade).



Christian Mother/ Women's Guild Board Meeting – Tuesday, January11th, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Please join us for 6:30 pm Mass.

Looking for something to watch, read, or listen to?

Immaculate Conception now has a parish subscription to Formed.org- a website that has Catholic movies, educational series, ebooks and talks by many Catholic speakers. Access is FREE to all of our parishioners. To sign up go to <u>www.formed.org</u>. Click "sign up" then "I belong to a parish". Look up our parish by our zip code (15642), then put in your email address and start watching! Stay posted on Operation Safe Mode to find out what Fr John is watching on Formed!



SUPER BOWL RAFFLE TICKET SALE January 8, 2022 after all Masses and at the Parish Office

Ticket includes a Visio M- Series 50-inch TV, Steeler Commemoratives and \$500.00 Cash. Winner is taken from the First PA Lottery Pick 3 Evening Number on February 6, 2022. Tickets are \$10.00.

500 tickets sold. Benefits Immaculate Conception Church.

Thanks to everyone who took some time from their busy holiday schedules to help us decorate our church for Christmas...it looks beautiful! Of course, all things must come to an end. On Sunday, January 9, after 11:30 Mass, we could use your help disassembling and packing away the decorations, trees and nativity to prepare for Ordinary Sunday. Hope to see you there!



JANUARY 9, 2022



Conversations with Caffeinated Catholics:

The Culture Project-Social Media

Description: Come join us for another awesome event with the Culture Project! This time, we will be discussing social media. We hope you can come for a cup of coffee, a snack, and great conversation!

Where?

Immaculate Conception Church Social Hall, Irwin, PA 15642

When?: Saturday, January 29 10AM-12PM

Who?: Any young adult from the ages of 18-39



Children's Envelopes are available at the back of the church please take a box and enter your name and phone number on the sheet.



With the New Year on the horizon, Queen of Angels Catholic School is preparing for a new celebration of Catholic Schools.

National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Now entering its 48th anniversary year, CSW has tradi-

tionally been held the last week in January. We want to help showcase what makes Catholic schools the best when families are looking to find the right school for them. This year we will celebrate January 30 to February 5, 2022. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Excellence. Service

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Around the Diocese

Virtual Bible Studies Offered - Two virtual Bible studies are being offered over the Zoom platform: "The Acts of the Apostles," Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m., and "Samuel 1 and 2," Fridays from 9:30-10:45 a.m. There is no cost, but registration and a workbook are required. The studies are offered through Journeys Online Spiritual Ministry. For more information or to register, contact Molli Vassar at 724-366-9552 or molli.vassar@gmail.com.

Pro-life Essay Contest open to Westmoreland, Fayette Students - Alternatives. Yes pregnancy support center's 2022 essay contest is open to students in grades 6-8 in Fayette and Westmoreland counties. This year's theme is "Empowering Women to Choose Life." Essays must be 300-500 words, typed double-space, with name, grade, phone number, address and school name on the back or on a separate page. They will be judged on originality, creativity, grammar and neatness. Cash prizes are offered for first, second and third place and honorable mention. Submissions can be emailed to <u>pregnancysupport@zoominternet.net</u>, or mailed to or dropped off at Alternatives. Yes, 6 Frank Gallo Lane, Connellsville, PA 15425. Deadline is Jan. 22, 2022.

St. Anne Home, Greensburg, Accepting 2022 Mass requests - St. Anne Home, Greensburg, is accepting 2022 Mass requests, especially if a parish has more Mass requests than it can accommodate. The home has Mass at 9:30 a.m. daily. Weekly candles are available for \$2. For information, call 724-837-6070, ext. 3050.

Always God's Children hosts monthly meetings in

Latrobe - Meetings for Always God's Children, a ministry for LGBTQ Catholics and their families, are held in-person and virtually the second Thursday of every month from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe. For information, contact Kristina Davies, 724-539-8629, ext. 19, or <u>kristina.davies@stvincent.edu</u>.

Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools seek substitute

teachers - The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Greensburg are accepting applications for substitute teachers. Send current resume to the Office of Catholic Schools at <u>Catho-licSchools@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u>. For more information, call 724-552-2594.

Positions Available at Christ Our Shepherd Center -

Christ Our Shepherd Center, the Diocese of Greensburg's conference center and adjacent priests' retirement home, is seeking a part-time cook (culinary school education or equivalent experience in quantity cooking is desired; hours are mostly daylight). Forward a resume or standard application form

<u>HR@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u> or Human Resources, 723 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, PA 15601. For information, call 724-834-7350.





THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 10, 2021 - Order of the Mass

Organ Prelude

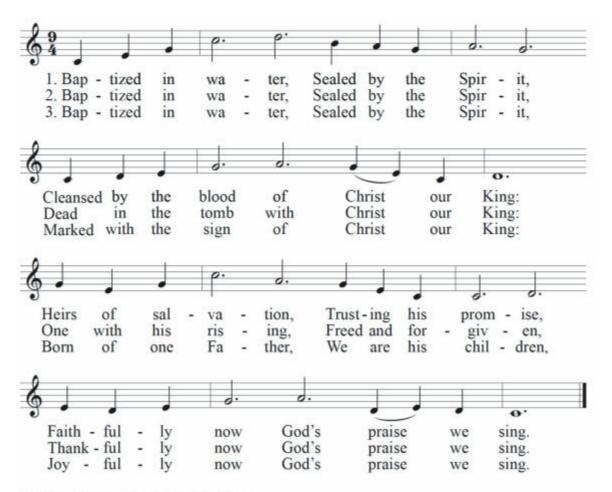
Chorale Prelude on "In Dulci Jubilo" Dietrich Buxtehude

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father: courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate, faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage. Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Baptized in Water



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Tune: BUNESSAN, 5 5 8 D; Gaelic melody; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon. those who live in darkness.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 29 Michel Guimont

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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



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

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

Behold the Lamb



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Mass for the City **Richard Proulx**



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Lamb of God



Holy Cross Mass David Clark Isele

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COMMUNION HYMN

The Spirit of God



RECESSIONAL HYMN

When John Baptized By Jordan's River



Postlude

Postlude on "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" Michael Helman

Norwin Lady Knights Basketball

Annual Purple Out Benefit

Thursday, January 27, 2022 7:30pm at The Norwin High School Gym.

We all know how much Father John enjoys basketball so come watch your Norwin Lady Knights take on North Allegheny Tigers.



*50/50 and Chinese Auction proceeds will be donated to Father John.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH 9TH ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RACES

Doors open-5:15 PM (Join us on the Corner for a nigl	Post Time-6:00 PM ht filled with friends, fun, food and prizes!)
For \$20	Join the Fun!
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50/50 raffle chances,	paint sticks, strip tickets will also be sold
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For more information email Sharyn Gesmond at <u>sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.or</u>, Courtney Ruby at <u>cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u> or call the Parish Office – 724-863-9550

NIGHT AT THE RACES - "IT IS GOING TO BE A BLAST!!!

We are happy to announce our ninth annual "Night at the Races" - Saturday, February 5, 2022. In addition to being a fund-raiser for Immaculate Conception Parish it will be a great night out!

But what exactly will take place... Let's review. How can one win money and also give a donation to the church! Following is an outline of the night's events so you can be sure of what to expect.

Registrants will receive one admission ticket, the ownership of a horse or jockey, great food, drinks and dessert – at a cost of \$20.00. The horse owners are entitled to the naming of a horse and have it entered into one of the 8 races for the evening. <u>NOTE: Once 80 horses have been sold the names of additional horses will become jockeys</u>. Each race will have ten horses and jockeys running for the roses! The winner of the race entitles the owner(s) to glean the \$40 prize for that race! Each race will be displayed on the TV screens in the hall and the race will be called "live" by our professional caller. He will provide 25 DVD races chosen randomly by one of our guests. The winner is disclosed only to the caller.

Placing Bets

Even though you may not be an owner of a horse or jockey in a particular race everyone is welcome to lay as many bets on whatever horse and jockey you fancy. Maybe you will bet on your friend's horse or jockey or a name that "sounds" like a winner! All bets will be taken at the betting windows and then the race is run. The odds will be figured out based on how many have bet on the winning horse and jockey leaving of course the house a purse as well. The winners will be notified of the payout and will pick up their winnings at the payout window. Then the windows will be open for the next race!

Other games of chance and other prizes!

Throughout the night there will be a 50-50, paint sticks, and strip tickets. You may want to take a chance on SUPER BOWL RAFFLE TICKET which includes a TV, other prizes and cash.

The Food Menu - There will be plenty of great food and of course dessert. The thirst for beer and soda will be satisfied! We encourage you to bring your own favorite food or beverage to share with your friends at your table.

Auction Race – At the end of the 8 races the excitement is only to begin when bets are taken for the auction race! Ten Horses will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Usually these horses are sold for well over \$100 which allows whole groups of people to pool their money to buy a horse. The winnings will be a straight 50-50 split with the house! It is very realistic to win over \$500 in this race!!

BRING PLENTY OF CASH WITH YOU TO INCREASE YOUR CHANCES TO WIN AND THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF OUR FUND RAISER!!!

You can make checks payable to "Immaculate Conception Church" in exchange for betting cash.

NO ATM MACHINES AVAILABLE !!!



