

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



Parish Office House: 8:00 am to 4:00 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

January 16, 2022

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

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) Monday, January 17 7:45 am Our Parish Family Tuesday, January 18 7:45 am John Jaroslav (Frances) 6:30 pm Rick Borland (Mom Brooks)

7:45 am Mary Patricia Carlson (Druschel)
Thursday, January 20
7:45 am Margaret Keane & Nancy Tarantini (Family)
Friday, January 21
7:45 am Patricia Courtney (Marie)
Saturday, January 22
8:00 am Coleman P. Keane Sr. & Jr (Family)
4:30 pm Our Parish Family
Sunday, January 23
8:00 am Harold Frazier (John & Patty)
10:00 am Bob West (Nancy)
11:30 am Rottmund/Ruby Families (Charles & Denise)

Wednesday, January 19

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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Note From The Pastor

Happy New Year and Thank You!

As we move into the "Ordinary Time" of our Liturgical Season I look back to the end of 2021 celebrating the Christmas Liturgies with great joy and look ahead to celebrating another year with you! I know that 2020, 2021 and now 2022 seem to be all the same with the Covid Virus challenging our health and sanity but the one constant through all of this is our Faith and the community of believers that bring strength to these ongoing challenges. I am well pleased each week to celebrate Sunday Mass in your presence and to have the Holy Eucharist be our true remedy in working through day to day life.

I want to thank everyone for all the wonderful cards, gifts, cookies and prayers over the Christmas Holy Season! I read each card prayerfully and I am so thankful for your generosity. With so many well wishes and prayers for my health I cannot be anything but hopeful for what God has instore for me this year.

New Year Reminders: Sacramental Sponsorship and Cremation with Reverence

Two themes that I feel that are worth to repeat on a regular basis is the responsibility, as a Catholic, to take seriously the call to be a sponsor to Baptism and Confirmation as well as the proper interment of cremains of our loved ones with proper burial. The more that the secular practices take hold of our society we must remember that our call in the Life, Death and Resurrection of Christ must be reflected in how we nurture Faith and prepare for the final day in the Resurrection! Having good sponsors in Faith for our children at Baptism and again at Confirmation is paramount to preserving the purity and holiness of our life in Christ. The proper interment of cremains is also paramount in showing the reverence and hope in the restoration of our lives in the resurrection. So I am posting two articles that everyone should read and pass onto others who may have a questions on these two issues.

Following the celebration of All Saints and All Souls days this past November the question always arises about proper burial and internment of the deceased. The question usually concerns the Church's position on cremation and if it is permissible within the Catholic Church. This is a legitimate question in our world today. I think that it is very important that we, as Catholic Christians, know the what, where, how and the why we tend to the deceased in the way we do as a matter of Faith. The explanation below is what we should consider prayerfully and respectfully. Also, please pass this article on to those who may need the following explanation as well.

Principles Regarding Cremation:

Reverence for the Sacredness of the Human Body:



Because the human body is integral to the human person, it is difficult to think of a person apart from their body. "Thus, the Roman Catholic Church's reverence and care for the body grows out of a reverence and concern for the person whom the Church now commends to the care of God." The long-standing practice of burying the body of the deceased in a grave or tomb *continues to be encouraged as a sign of Christian faith.* However, the Church does not forbid cremation as a means of disposition of the body, unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Church teaching.

Preference for the Presence of the Body: The body of a deceased loved one forcefully brings to mind the mystery of life and death. As Christians, the body of the deceased speaks

also to our belief that we are destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead. Therefore "the Church *clearly prefers and urges* that the body of the deceased be present for its funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in its rites."

Funeral Rites: When cremation is chosen, the Church prefers that the body be cremated after the Funeral, thus allowing for the presence of the body at the Funeral Mass. When circumstances require it, however, cremation and committal may take place even before the Funeral liturgy. All the usual rites which are celebrated in the presence of the body of the deceased may also be celebrated in the presence of the cremated remains.



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The primary symbols of the Roman Catholic funeral liturgy are retained even when the funeral liturgy is celebrated in the presence of the cremated remains. The *cremains must be treated with the same dignity and respect as the body*. They may be carried in procession and/or placed on a table where the coffin normally would be. The Paschal Candle and sprinkling with holy water are primary symbols of baptism and should be used during the Funeral Mass. However, the pall is not used. *Photographs and other mementos may be used at the vigil, but are not appropriate for the Mass.*

Final Disposition and Memorialization of the Cremated Remains :

"Cremated remains may be buried in a grave, entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium or even buried at sea." The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground is not permitted. Likewise, "keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires." The principle of respect for the cremated remains of a deceased Christian mirrors the respect afforded their body. The body is always laid to rest with solemnity and dignity.

All references taken from the Order of Christian Funerals, Appendix: Cremation; 1997.

Note: If you are aware of members of your family who have not properly interned the cremains of your beloved please share with them the above. It is out of respect for the relationship of the deceased, with their eternal design, that there be proper interment.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY HAS CREMATION AND BURIAL PLOTS AVAILABLE

I am pleased, as a Pastor, to have a wonderful cemetery to serve our Faithful Departed. In the past several years we have made great improvements to the cemetery by adding two new sections for the "Catholic" community of the Norwin area to intern their loved ones. The cemetery has both crematory and burial plots to offer the families of our community. If you have not yet made arrangements for yourself or loved ones I would encourage you to visit our cemetery or call for more information and availability @ 724-244-5831. Jerry Kunkle, the Cemetery Manager, will help you with all your questions and needs.

"GOOD STEWARDS OF BAPTISM" The Role of Godparents

The excitement that surrounds a birth generates a great desire to invite others to share in the life of the child. Many times the choice of Godparents is based on the relationship of the parents with their own brothers and sisters or life-long friends. Choosing from this group is most logical for they will have the greatest contact with the child throughout their lives. But the role of Godparent is more than an honorary one for it demands one to represent the Church and a life of Faith.

Godparents: "Are you ready to help these parents in their duty as Christian Mothers and Fathers?"

(Rite of Baptism) "For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents' help is important. So too is the role of godfather and godmother, who must be <u>firm believers</u>, able and ready to help the newly baptized on the road of Christian life. Their task is a **truly** ecclesial function (officium). The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at Baptism, but is secondary to the parents and godparents." (Catholic Catechism)

An Ecclesial function denotes sponsorship based on the profound faith and active life in the Church by one who is to fulfill the role of godparent.

Prerequisites of the (sponsor) god parent to fulfill the role:

- ✤ Sponsors are to be at lest 16 years of age
- They must be Catholics who are already confirmed and have received the Holy Eucharist.
- They must be leading a life of faith in harmony with the duty that they are undertaking, (valid sacramental marriage and weekly Mass attendance).
- They must have the qualification for and intention of carrying out this duty.

Note: The proposed sponsor must be approved by their Pastor according to the Canonical Law before they can be admitted as a Godparent.

BEFORE YOU ASK...BE A GOOD STEWARD!

Many times parents fail to investigate whether the person in which they desire to be the Godparent of their child meets the above criteria. This can cause great disappointment for the parent as well as the potential Godparent if they are not properly disposed or qualified to act as sponsor. Before you ask... Make sure they are more than a close friend or relative, make sure they a good practicing Catholic who can aid your child in accomplishing Eternal Life.

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Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Donald Graham, Sr.

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Anna Mae Filkosky

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Joseph Veltre

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Mary Stewart

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

Second Sunday in	Ordinary Time
Isaiah	62:1-5
1 Corinthians	12:4-11
John	2:1-11

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Nehemiah

8:2-4a; 5-6; 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Prayers and Sympathy

Luke

Please pray for the families of Mary Fenton, Lorraine Heidler, Stephanie (Ursiny) Stepanik, Audrey (Fedeline) Bost and Stephie Whalen who died recently. May they 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 December 26, 2021	\$14,980.10
The Week of January 2, 2022	\$17,855.54
Diocese of Greensburg Online Giving 12/12 - 12/1	19\$1,170.00
Diocese of Greensburg Online Giving 12/26	\$642.50

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.



On the Corner



Grades 1-2 – Faith Formation for Public School Students, Saturday, January 22nd, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Formation Center

Grades 3-5 - Faith Formation for Public School Students, Monday, January 24th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Formation Center

In the month of January there will be no in person faith formation classes for 6th, 7th & 8th grades.

Please check the following website on Tuesday's for class content.



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

SUPER BOWL RAFFLE TICKET SALE 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 Num-

ber on February 6, 2022. Tickets are \$10.00.

500 tickets sold. Benefits Immaculate Conception Church.



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

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!

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Queen of Angels Corner

Registration is now open for the Queen of Angels CYO Girls Volleyball program. Jr JV - Grades 3-4, JV - Grades



5-6, and Varsity - Grades 7-8. Children interested in playing must attend Queen of Angels

School **or** be an active member of one of the local Catholic Churches to be eligible for the programs. Please send your registration form along with your **\$75.00** registration fee to the school office. More information and sign-ups can be found on our Queen of Angels Catholic School website. If you are interested in coaching or have any questions, please contact Jim Pepke at 724 454-6926.

Around the Diocese

The Substance Addiction Ministry (SAM) will host the next Rosary and prayers for recovery on Wednesday, January 19th at noon.

Pray with us the 3rd Wednesday of each month as we gather for a time of prayer and support for those afflicted or affected by substance abuse.

Please use the following link:

https://wiu7.zoom.us

Meeting ID: 999 4710 8646 Password: 250 763

If you would like a copy of the prayers we use, email Jennifer Macioce at Jenn.macioce@gmail.com

Buses, events planned for March for Life

Buses will take Diocese of Greensburg pilgrims to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., Friday, Jan. 21. Those wishing to attend should contact one of the following bus captains:

- Mary Blythe, St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, 724-863-2626 or 412-996-2115
- Bill Ager, Indiana County, 724-465-4522
- Caitlin Craig, Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, 724-733-8870, ext. 114
- Father Timothy J. Kruthaupt, St. Peter Parish, Brownsville, 724-785-7781.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate Mass at the Immaculate Heart of Mary chapel at the National Shrine at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome (first come, first seated).

There are several opportunities for those who cannot attend but would like to participate:

- St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg, will host an event Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 2:30-5:30 p.m. that will include prayers, Eucharistic adoration, a reflection and vespers. For information, call 724-834-3060.
- The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women will host a "Pray for Life" day Friday, Jan. 21, from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center. The day will include a rosary for priests, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, a rosary for life, Stations of the Cross for life, a Divine Mercy chaplet and a litany for life. For information, call 724-537-2064.
- The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be a hybrid event inperson for local youth only and virtual for others. The events will be livestreamed on the YouTube channel for the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington. Visit <u>adw.org/youth-rallymass-life/</u> for details.

Parishes seek receptionist/bulletin editor - The partner parishes of St. John de La Salle, Delmont, and St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Export, are seeking a part-time receptionist/ bulletin editor. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (20 hours). The receptionist/editor will provide support services to the pastor, deacon and parish staff and coordinate office volunteers, as well as collaborate with the pastor, deacon and other staff in implementing the mission of the parish. The specific focus is on the parish's goal of being welcoming and hospitable to parish members and visitors to the parish office and ensuring a smooth office and timely, professional, effective communications. A knowledge of computer applications (Microsoft Suite), social media platforms and the ability to write routine reports/correspondence is preferable. Cover letter and resume can be sent to Father Daniel J. Ulishney at dulishney@dioceseofgreensburg.org or Michele Bloch at

<u>mbloch@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u>. The parish center is located at 5900 Kennedy Ave., Export, PA 15632.

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>CatholicSchools@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 parttime 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.

Bingo Resumes at St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney - St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, will resume its monthly bingos the first Sunday of each month, beginning in February. Upcoming dates are Feb. 6, March 6 and April 3. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., with bingo at 2. Refreshments are available. For information, call 724-423-3777.

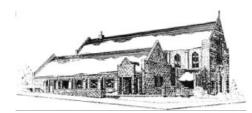
Winter Breakfast Jan. 16 at St. James Parish, New

Alexandria - The Holy Name and Rosary Altar societies of St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will host a winter breakfast Sunday, Jan. 16, from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (free for those 6 and younger.

Virtual Workshop on St. Francis of Assisi Jan. 22 - A virtual workshop on "St. Francis of Assisi – His Life and His Times" is set for Saturday, Jan. 22, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. There is no cost and no materials are required. To register, contact Molli Vassar, molli.vassar@gmail.com.

Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance Feb. 5 at St. James Parish, New Alexandria - St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will hold a Valentine's Day dinner/dance Saturday, Feb. 5, from 6-9 p.m. A DJ will provide music. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for ages 12 and under. To register, call 724-668-2829 or visit www.stjamesnewalexandria.org; deadline is Feb. 1.

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 16, 2022 - Order of the Mass

Prelude

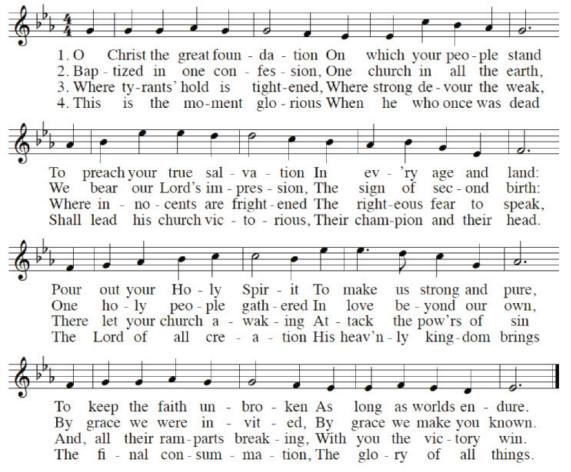
"Air" in c minor Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Christ the Great Foundation



Text: Timothy T'ingfang Lew, 1891–1947, alt., © 1977, Christian Conference of Asia, admin. by GLA Publications, Inc. Tune: AURELLA, 7 6 7 6 D; Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810–1876 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless, you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet. until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96 Steven Janco

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from – although the servers who had drawn the water knew –, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

> 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

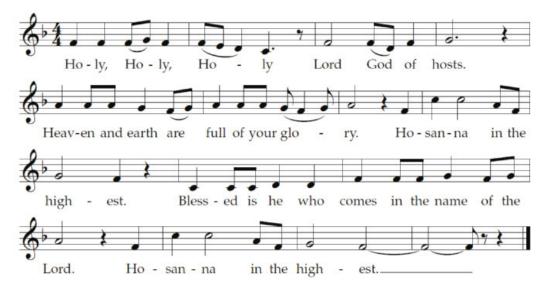
God in the Planning



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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

SANCTUS



Mystery of Faith and Amen

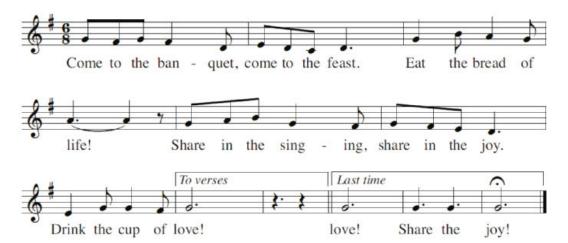
Danish Amen Mass David Kraehenbuehl,



Lamb of God

Sing Praise and Thanksgiving Mass J. Michael Joncas

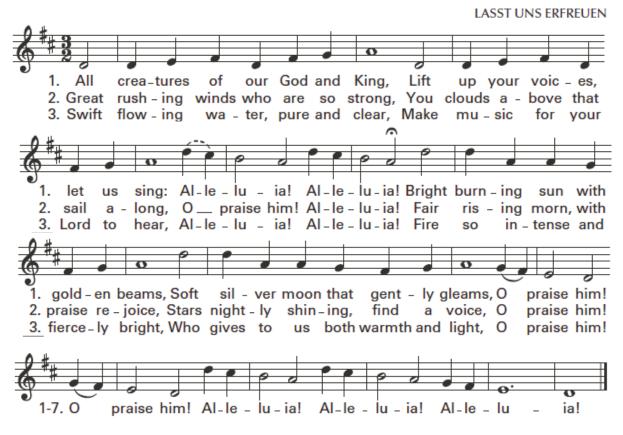




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Recessional Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King



Text: LM with additions; St. Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; Laudato sia Dio mio Signore; tr. by William H. Draper, 1855–1933, alt. Music: Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623.

Postlude

Andante Maestoso Samuel Sabastian Wesley

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Holy Father Asks Us All to Share Ideas **In Survey, Town Hall Listening Sessions**

Diocese of Greensburg announces "Synod" participation opportunities

The Diocese of Greensburg is undertaking a massive effort to listen to a broad range of people throughout our faith community and discuss major issues together with a goal of hearing where the Holy Spirit is calling the Church. These efforts include a pastoral connectivity survey and a series of both in-person and virtual town hall meetings at which Bishop Larry J. Kulick will be present.

What is a synod?

A synod is a gathering of church leaders, both clergy and laity. In April 2021, Pope Francis initiated a synodal journey of the whole People of God, to take place in individual Dioceses in 2022 and culminating in October 2023 in the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

The USCCB says this "Synod on Synodality" is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, to warm hearts, and to restore strength to our hands for our common mission.

How you can participate:

1. Take the Pastoral Connectivity Survey.

This short survey is open to everyone and can be taken online at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/synod (click on "Take Pastoral Connectivity Survey"). Or, take the paper survey included in your parish bulletin on "Survey Saturday/Survey Sunday, January 22-23. The paper survey will also be available in the January 20 issue of The Catholic Accent. Please mail your response to: Office of Communications, 725 E. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601.

2. Attend an in-person Town Hall Listening Session.

For a complete listing, check your bulletin or log on to www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/synod for more information.

3. Participate in a Zoom Town Hall Listening Session.

Check your bulletin or log on to www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/synod for more information.

Diocese of Greensburg

A Synod on Svnodality Your Input is Needed!

All parishioners are invited to participate in town hall meetings, including our young people! Youth ministry leaders will be present to facilitate small group sessions.

Town Hall Meetings

Wednesday, February 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. St. James Parish 306 St. James Lane New Alexandria, PA 15670

Thursday, February 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish 200 Clairvaux Drive Indiana, PA 15701

Tuesday, February 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. St. Rita Parish 116 South Second Street Connellsville, PA 15425

Thursday, February 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish 101 West High Street Kittanning, PA 16201

Wednesday, February 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. Our Lady of Grace Parish 1011 Mt. Pleasant Road Greensburg, PA 15601 Albanese Hall Interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing

Thursday, February 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. St. Margaret Mary Parish 3055 Leechburg Road Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Tuesday, February 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. St. Joseph Parish 180 Old Walnut Hill Road Uniontown, PA 15401

Zoom Town Halls

Wednesday, February 9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Zoom Town Hall for Young Adults ages 18-30 Register for Zoom Link at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall

Sunday, February 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Zoom Town Hall for Youth Under 18 Register for Zoom Link at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall

Monday, February 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Zoom Town Hall for all parishioners Register for Zoom Link at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/townhall

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is asking that we assemble in a "synod" by sharing our thoughts on the pastoral connectivity of our Church.

Synod 2021

2023

9TH ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RACES

	day, February 5, 2022 – Our Lady's Plaza (age 21+) Doors open-5:15 PM Post Time-6:00 PM us on the Corner for a night filled with friends, fun, food and prizes!) For \$20 Join the Fun!
	8 Horse races with multiple opportunities to win cash prizes
	Great food, dessert, soft drinks and beer
RA	50/50 raffle chances, paint sticks, strip tickets will also be sold
R	Purchase Super Bowl Raffle tickets: for chances to win a 50-inch TV, Steeler commemoratives and \$500.00 cash
Admiss	sion Ticket includes: your horse/jockey and meal
	The owner of every winning horse/jockey will be awarded \$40 . Every horse/jockey will be called throughout the night.
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Hov (Please return to p	attend Yes No w many are attending x's \$20.00 = \$ parish office or in an envelope in the offertory collection marked: NIGHT AT RACES January 21, 2022. Make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Parish)
~~~~~~	DONATIONS OF SOFT DRINKS AND WATER WILL BE APPRECIATED DROP OFF AT PARISH OFFICE OR GARAGE.
For more information email	I Sharyn Gesmond at <u>sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.or</u> , Courtney Ruby at <u>cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u> or call the Parish Office – 724-863-9550

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. *NOTE: Once 80 horses have been sold the names of additional horses will become jockeys.* 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!!!

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