

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

“A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust”

MARCH 5, 2022

| FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



SACRAMENTS

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.

CONFESSION

Anytime by appointment

Tuesday: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.; Saturdays: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 5

8:00 a.m. No Mass
Healing Mass at Seton
4:30 p.m. Dolores Chismar
(Patty & John)

Sunday, March 6

8:00 a.m. Dolores Koluder
(Nancy)
10:00 a.m. Joseph & Johanna Shigle
(Family)
11:30 a.m. Sue Thomas
(Debbie)

Monday, March 7

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

Tuesday, March 8

7:45 a.m. Mary Duffy
(Family)
6:30 p.m. Month's Mind

Wednesday, March 9

7:45 a.m. Charleane Richardson
(Toni)

Thursday, March 10

7:45 am Elizabeth Hock
(Friends)

Friday, March 11

7:45 a.m. Kathy Montrose
(Ethel)

Saturday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Robert Brackney
(Gesmonds)
4:30 p.m. Sharon Strus
(Ginny)

Sunday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Frances & Cornelius
McNeil (Family)
10:00 a.m. Mary Fenton
(Ray & Rose)
11:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

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Operation Safe Mode (OSM)

Sunday 8:00 am Mass
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Thoughts while Distributing Ashes”

As I walked down to the step of the sanctuary to distribute ashes to “mark” the beginning of LENT 2019 I uttered a silent prayer for my patron saint of Ash Wednesday. I say “my” patron saint (with a little “s”) because he is not canonized nor even recognized by any other soul on this day but me. His name is Father Henne and he was the pastor and Chaplin of Saint Joseph High School. Father Henne, suffering from Parkinson’s shook terribly with his hands twitching without control. But on Ash Wednesday, when he was to distribute ashes, by himself (ministers did not help at that time) would surmount a courageous effort to raise his hand and mark the foreheads of all of his parishioners and the entire student body. Resting his four fingers on your temple he would direct his thumb in the form of a cross with ashes while saying:

“REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN”

His voice shook and he perspired profusely through his effort. But you could not help to notice the reality of those words while his eyes were fixed on yours. Lent was officially “open” and for the next forty days, even after the symbolic mark was gone the image of Father Henne remained with me.

The prayer that I whisper is simply: “May I be humble in my ministry, steadfast in my devotion and pure in my intentions as a priest this Lent as your dear priest, oh Lord, Father Henne.

Marking foreheads with ashes is an intimate exchange with the church and each individual who receives it. It is such an important sign of intention to change and the commitment to strive for the mortal nature to be clothed in the immortality as we journey through the physical offering of Christ Jesus on the cross that marked the end of sins power over us and a call to perfection in sharing the resurrection. Even though receiving ashes is just a sacramental and the day is participation in the liturgy it is not obligatory. It is seen and experienced very differently to those who so faithfully make their way to church that day. We are all humbled by the mark of ashes for it takes away the perfectly groomed outward image of our self and “brings” to the surface all of our flaws, weaknesses and sin.



But You are not Alone – Once again the community of the Faithful comforts us in the reality of our humanity as it carries the sign for which we will be cured, forgiven and raised up. I always joke at the end of Mass as I look out at the congregation: “You look marvelous” for smeared in ashes there is no hiding our illness and our need for the great physician. Lent will challenge us to a conversion- a painful realignment to Truth- and bring us the peace of knowing that our mortal nature will be changed to be like His, immortal and perfect, capable of eternal life.

Sharpie markers make a better outward sign – I often teased that we should replace the use of ashes with a sharpie marker. The permanence of the sign may last the forty days of Lent and make our penitential resolve all the more visible. Many people receive the ashes at the end of the day and never have a chance to witness to this mark of Christ in public. I remember in college, after receiving ashes at early morning Mass, people would point to my face and quietly inform me that I had some “dirt” on my forehead. To the gracious inquirers I would simply say: “Oh those are ashes... it’s Ash Wednesday... Lent begins today.” Others would see the ashes and with great grief lament that they had forgotten to stop at church that morning... but for them it was not too late to start the period of Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving. But if the mark was more permanent it would remind not only onlookers but each individual every time they looked in the mirror that Lent is more than a one day promise but a season of perseverance in self-sacrifice. Marked by a permanent sign of Christ’s love through the cross is carried out on many in the sign of a tattoo. The image of the cross is the most expressed tattoo in America.... That should give us all hope!!

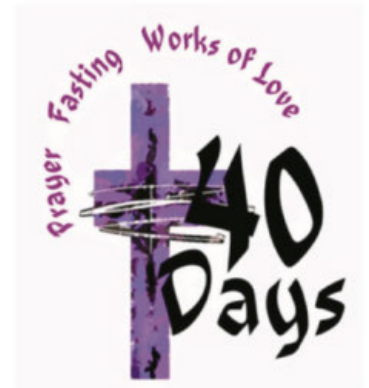


So just remember that the sacramental sign might be long removed from sight via a wash cloth and soap but the commitment was made. By the Grace of God may your Lent be carried out during these days of Lent so that your Easter joy may be complete!!!

Disciplines of Lent: An Investment in the Theological Virtues of Faith Hope and Love

The disciplines of Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving have long been the staples of a good and holy Lent. Not only do they help us to become unattached to worldly things and they lead us to an increase of Divine Grace as well. Here is an easy formula to follow this Lent.

PRAYER, intimate and personal communication with God, leads to an increase in the virtue of Faith. To believe in a God can easily be an exercise of the mind. One can be taught about the presence and love of God simply by reading Sacred Scripture and see it in nature. The basic acceptance of God can remain intellectual and impersonal unless one prays. The idea of prayer in Lent is to increase your love quotient of a God that you “know” to a personal and intimate companion. Every type of prayer begs in Faith to share in the life of the God who created us. Jesus’ incarnation is the sign of such a personal friend and a window into the will of God. So praying during Lent should not be a babbling of words but a courtship with God in Faith.



FASTING, the conscious choice to abstain from earthly sustenance and pleasure, can lead for a hunger of the virtue of Hope. The desire to be “filled” in this world via food, power, praise and wealth shows that we place our hope in the here and now. “Eat, Drink and be Merry for Tomorrow we Die” epitomizes our fallen nature’s narrow sightedness and meaning of our existence. Fasting forces us to empty the hold of the worldly things so that we can Hope in the heavenly things. To hunger in the absence of human fulfillment and pleasure (poor in spirit) leads to the peace filled reality of the heavenly satisfaction of heaven. Why eat junk food when you have received an invitation to beautiful and luxurious dinner that is prepared and waiting for you to eat?

ALMSGIVING, the act of charity that comes from your heart, leads to an increase in the virtue of Love. Love is the sharing of God’s presence with others who may have doubted their worth as a member of His body. Alms giving is not a surplus giving but a sharing of your blessings and gifts that you attribute to God’s call of stewardship and discipleship. The virtue of love is a sharing in the joy of knowing what is given in Christ name is a gift gained and not lost.

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for

A Lenten Evening of Reflection

Wednesday, March 16
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
North Huntingdon – 6PM
Topic: Transfiguration

Diocese of Greensburg

Candles

Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of Anthony DeLaney by Family

Easter Flame Candle:

In Memory of Vincent Lagrotteria

Divine Mercy Candle:

In Memory of Patricia Krebbs

St. Peregrine Candle:

In Memory of Geraldine Lane

Altar Candles for the Month of March:

In Memory of Betty McConnell by Rae Bearer

First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy	26:4-10
Romans	10:8-13
Luke	4:1-13

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis	15:5-12; 17-18
Philippians	3:17-4:1
Luke	9:28b-36

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy for Al Klaus on the death of his brother Carl who died recently and for the families of Colleen Lissey and Linda Taylor 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

Weekly Offering

Sunday Offertory Week of February 13, 2022 \$18,255.19

Diocesan Online Giving 02/01 - 02/15/2022 \$2,140.00

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE AT

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY - The position is Monday-Friday, approximately 25-28 hours per week and requires physical labor. For more information please contact Courtney Ruby, Business Manager, at (724) 863-9550.

Don't forget that Immaculate Conception has online giving available to our members.

On The Corner

FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-2 – Faith Formation for Public School Students:
Saturday, March 15th, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Formation Center

Grades 3-5 – Faith Formation for Public School Students:
Monday, March 21st, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Formation Center

8th Grade Confirmation - Return to in-person sessions on March 1st and 8th, NET Retreat on Friday, March 25th, and Decision Making retreat on April 3rd.

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Christian Mother/ Women's Guild Board Meeting

– Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Please join us for 6:30 pm Mass. The meeting will take place in the Caravaggio Conference Room.



Christian Mother Women's Guild Applications If anyone has any applications that are completed, please place in collection basket or drop off at Church office. Any questions call Carol 724-527-3663.

Christian Mothers/Women's Guild Card Party which will be held on Thursday, May 19th



Dedication to the Sacred Heart of Mary Statue - Tuesday, March 8th 6:30 pm Mass

Pray for our First Communion Class – The Christian Mothers/Women's Guild will be praying the rosary for our students preparing for their First Communion on **Tuesday, March 8 at 5:45 PM**, before evening mass. We invite the students, their families, and the entire parish to join us. Bulletins will be in the back of the church after Tuesday if you want to pray at home. We will also pray the rosary for the Confirmation class on March 22 at 5:45.

Attention All Volunteers:

If you are interested in volunteering or planning to resume volunteering for our parish ministries and parish activities please contact Sharyn Gesmond at sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-863-9550 to update and/or obtain your clearances.

Months Mind Mass is being offered March 8th - 6:30 pm for the following:

✠ Stephanie Stepanik	✠ Charleane Richardson
✠ Lorraine Heidler	✠ Dolores Delaney
✠ Mary Fenton	✠ Timothy Soisson
✠ Anthony Crupie	✠ Michael Dopkosky
✠ Shawn Teamann	✠ Bob Brackney
✠ David Stitely	

Please remember them and all of our faithful departed loved ones in your prayers.

Angels Corner

Queen of Angels is once again selling **Sarris Candy** for Easter. All orders and payment are due to the school office before Thursday, March 10th. Please support our local school by ordering sweets for the holidays. Candy makes great gifts for all, including teachers, co-workers, babysitters, and **clergy**. If you are interested in ordering, please complete your



order form (forms can be found on the tables in the church) along with payment (checks payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School) and return to the school office in an enveloped marked, "Sarris Candy Order". On-Line Order information is www.sarris Candies fundraising.com our ID code is #10-1221. Pick up is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th at the Queen of Angels gym.

Any questions, please contact Ruth Ann Noblick in the school office at (724) 978-0144. Thank you for your patronage, we appreciate your support!

In and Around the Diocese

Level Green Ladies Want You To Be A Lucky Leprechaun! - LEVEL GREEN, PA – The Community Women's Club of Level Green is celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a Lucky Leprechaun Raffle! It will be a real GAS!



Raffle tickets are being sold with one winner to receive four (4) gift cards: a \$125 Sunoco gift card, a \$125 Speedway gift card, a \$125 Sheetz gift card and a \$125 GetGo gift card. That's \$500 worth of gas that should help fill your tank for the upcoming summer vacation season! There are two 3-digit numbers per ticket and the raffle drawing will be based on the 3/17/2022 evening three-digit PA lottery drawing. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any CWCLG member.

The money raised will be used to benefit community charities as well as service projects the club provides such Safety Town and Light Up Level Green. Visit the Community Women's Club of Level Green Facebook page or website: www.levelgreenwomensclub.org for more information.

In and Around the Diocese

Saint James Parish, New Alexandria will be presenting a Lenten Young Adult & Adult Faith Formation series titled Symbolon four Tuesdays in March from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Church Social Hall. Each week with a different topic. This series presents the Catholic Faith in a systematic presentation leading participants through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith using the creed as a guide. The first Tuesday evening, March 8th topic is: **Why Do I Need the Church? - The Mystery of the Catholic Church.** This video reviews the following topic: **Some people say, "I am spiritual, but not religious" or "I like Jesus, but don't need a Church." Yet, one cannot fully love the King and reject his Kingdom. Jesus did not save us as isolated individuals. He calls us to enter the communion of the Church.** Everyone is welcome to attend. This a perfect opportunity to grow in your faith this Lenten season. Childcare will be provided if needed, please email:

CBailey@dioceseofgreensburg.org to reserve a space for your child. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 724-668-2829.

Spaghetti dinner March 19 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon

The Christian Mothers of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon, will sponsor a spaghetti dinner Saturday, March 19, from 4-6:30 pm in Mack Hall. Dinner will include spaghetti with choice of homemade meat sauce and meatball or marinara sauce, salad, bread and butter, beverage, and dessert. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 4-12 and free for 3 and under, and must be purchased in advance; prepaid takeout will be available. Tickets can be purchased after Masses March 5, 6 12 and 13 or during business hours at the church office. A basket raffle is also planned. For information, call 412-266-8383.

Night at the Races April 2 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon, will host a 21-and-over Night at the Races Saturday, April 2, in Mack Hall. Cost is \$25 per person and includes food, dessert, unlimited soft drinks, beer, and naming rights to one horse/jockey/stable. Doors open at 5 p.m., with dinner served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and races to follow. Attendees are welcome to bring snacks and beverages. Auction baskets, a 50/50 raffle, paint sticks and more are planned. Winners need not be present to win. Registration forms are available on the parish website www.seasnh.org and in the parish office. For information, contact Julie McNamara at 412-310-1505 or the parish office at 724-864-6364.

Knights of Columbus plan Mass March 19 in Murrysville

The Diocesan Chapter and the Manordale Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a festive Mass Saturday, March 19, at Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, celebrating the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer and Protector of the Church. The Rosary will be prayed at 8:30 a.m. with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by the Litany of St. Joseph and the Prayer of Consecration and a reception in the social hall.

Lenten afternoon of reflection and prayer April 3 at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City

The Ladies Guild of St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City, will host a Lenten afternoon of reflection and prayer Sunday, April 3, from 1-3 p.m. Deacon William M. Newhouse will be the presenter. Refreshments will be served. Reservations are due March 27 by calling 724-744-3171 or 724-744-1019.



For 2022 our parish goal is to raise **\$233,116.00**. This goal would help us in two ways: First to meet our Diocesan Target of **\$138,116.00** which would be used on the diocesan level to support the international priests, seminarian's education, permanent diaconate program, Catholic Charities, and other diocesan ministries. Secondly the remaining **\$95,000.00** will be used here in our parish to aid the needy of our region with a **\$10,000.00** donation to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Our other projects will include overdue renovations & upgrades to our church organ hardware and software system, replacing church alley door, refurbishing our church exterior doors, and installing parking lot lighting. Your gift to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal will enable us to fulfill the above projects.

In the past 7 years our active participation in DLA has been between **35% - 42%**. In **2021 36%** of our parishioners donated to the DLA. Let us make 2022 the year we increase our participation by giving a gift to help both the diocese and our parish on the corner. Listed below is a summary of parish projects that were paid for with funds raised through our participation in past Diocesan Lenten Appeals... **\$585,762.04**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
2021	Refurbished church pews, replaced pew & kneeler cushions, brick work on Admin. Building steps, addressed long standing water problem in Our Lady's Plaza, and repaired the Regional Senior Youth Building.
2020	Installed a new HVAC system and upgrade the antiquated electrical system on 3 rd floor of Administration building. Saint Vincent De Paul - \$10,000 donation.
2019	Church video and sound system upgrade. Saint Vincent De Paul - \$10,000 donation.
2018	Air Conditioning installed in Our Lady's Plaza. Saint Vincent De Paul - \$10,000 donation.
2017	Paving of back and lower parking lots. Saint Vincent De Paul - \$10,000 donation.
2016	New kitchen floor installed in Our Lady's Plaza. Saint Vincent De Paul - \$10,000 donation.
2015	New tables for Plaza. Chapel lighting replaced. Saint Vincent De Paul - \$10,000 donation.
2014	Reconstruct and pave main parking lot. New church A/C units. Plaza LED screen.

Thank you to all who have already given a gift to the 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal and to those who will give a gift.

You are able to make your gift online at dioceseofgreensburg.org/SharingOurGifts

MARCH 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		01	02	03	04 Noon and 6:30 pm  Lenten Conference 7 pm	05 IMG Lent Series 6:30 am Bishop Barron's 7 Deadly Sins / 7 Lively Virtues
06 IWG Lent Series 6:30 am Bishop Barron's 7 Deadly Sins / 7 Lively Virtues	07	08	09	10	11 Noon and 6:30 pm  Lenten Conference 7 pm	12 IMG Lent Series 6:30 am Bishop Barron's 7 Deadly Sins / 7 Lively Virtues
13 IWG Lent Series 6:30 am Bishop Barron's 7 Deadly Sins / 7 Lively Virtues	14	15	16	17	18 Noon and 6:30 pm  Lenten Conference 7 pm	19 IMG Lent Series 6:30 am Bishop Barron's 7 Deadly Sins / 7 Lively Virtues
20 IWG Lent Series 6:30 am Bishop Barron's 7 Deadly Sins / 7 Lively Virtues	21	22	23	24	25 Noon and 6:30 pm 	26 IMG Lent Series 6:30 am Bishop Barron's 7 Deadly Sins / 7 Lively Virtues
27 IWG Lent Series 6:30 am Bishop Barron's 7 Deadly Sins / 7 Lively Virtues	28	29	30	31		

AN EVENING PRESENTATION PRESENTED BY DEACON JEFF WILL BE HELD AT SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON!

In order to give another opportunity for these wonderful discussions of the Deadly Sins and Lively Virtues, Deacon Jeff invites you to join him on Monday evenings during Lent at 6:30 pm at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Please call the Parish Office at 724.864.6364 to register. We will determine if it will be held in Mack Hall or the Parish Center. A sign up sheet will also be available in the back of church Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

There will be six sessions starting on March 7th ending Monday of Holy Week. The location will be announced.



St. Agnes 2022 Drive-thru Fish Fry

PLEASE COME! INVITE FAMILY
AND FRIENDS
DRIVE-THRU TAKE OUT ONLY

6 Fridays during Lent
**March 4, thru
April 8, 2022**
from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Resurrection Hall

St. Agnes 2022 Fish Fry

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DRIVE-THRU TAKE OUT

6 Fridays during Lent
March 4 thru April 8, 2022
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Resurrection Hall.

This year's Menu:

- * BAKED COD DINNER...\$13.00
- * FRIED COD DINNER....\$13.00
- FISH SANDWICH.....\$9.75
- BAKED FISH.....\$9.00
- FRIED FISH.....\$9.00
- SANDWICH BUN.....\$1.25
- HALUSKI.....\$3.25
- HOMEMADE SOUP (CUP)...\$3.25
- HOMEMADE SOUP (QUART)...\$10.00
- FRENCH FRIES.....\$3.25
- PIEROGI.....\$3.25/THREE
-\$9.00/DOZEN
- COLESLAW.....\$1.25

**New this year:
Homemade
Dessert of the
Week
\$2.00**



Come enjoy...
Chef-seasoned Panko
hand-breaded fried cod or
Parmesan-crusting baked cod.

Homemade Soups of the Week

- Week 1 - Potato & Tomato Basil
- Week 2 - Gourmet Cream of Mushroom & Potato
- Week 3 - Broccoli Cheese & Potato
- Week 4 - Potato & Tomato Basil
- Week 5 - Gourmet Cream of Mushroom & Potato
- Week 6 - Broccoli Cheese & Potato

* **Complete Dinner includes:** Baked or Fried cod, choice of one side dish (French fries, haluski or pierogis), coleslaw and sandwich roll. All other items are à la carte as priced above.

We accept debit and credit cards.

NOTE: Prices may vary due to market volatility

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Christian Mothers Sponsored Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, March 19, 2022
4:00 – 6:30 pm
Mack Hall

Includes Spaghetti
with choice of Homemade
Meat Sauce & Meatball
OR
Marinara Sauce
Salad, Bread & Butter, Beverage and Dessert

Prepaid Tickets Only

Cost
\$12.00 for Adults
\$6.00 for kids 4 to 12 years
Free for 3 years and under
Prepaid takeout available

Tickets available after all Masses
March 5 -6, 2022
March 12 – 13, 2022
Or during business hours at the church office.

A basket raffle will take place during the dinner.

For additional information contact:
Roseann Cieslewicz (412)266-8383

Come enjoy a home cooked meal and fellowship with us.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

4:00 to 7:00 PM
724.527.9940

Menu

- FRIED FISH SANDWICH \$8
- FRENCH FRIES \$2.50
- SHRIMP (6P) \$7.50
- PIEROGIES (3) \$3.50
- WHOLE PIZZA (CH/WH) \$8
- COLE SLAW \$1
- APPLE SAUCE \$1
- POP \$1
- BOTTLED WATER \$1
- DESSERTS \$1

**EVERY FRIDAY THIS LENT
INCLUDING GOOD FRIDAY
TAKEOUT ONLY!
CALLS BEGIN AT 2PM
FOR PICKUP AFTER 4PM**

All Menu items will be served a la carte. Watch for weekly specials.

Sacred Heart School Cafeteria | N. 7th Street, Jeannette
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 6, 2021 - Order of the Mass

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Heinlein"

Edward Kerr

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

Forty Days and Forty Nights



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights You were fast - ing
2. Shall not we your sor - row share And from world - ly
3. Then, if Sa - tan on us press, Flesh or spir - it



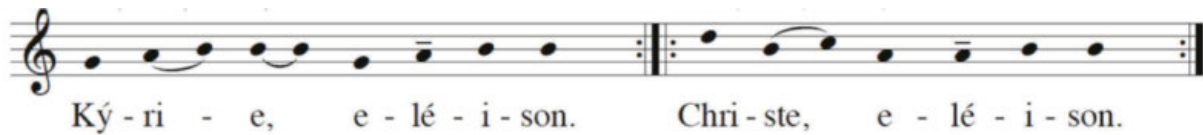
in the wild; For - ty days and for - ty nights
joys ab - stain, Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer,
to as - sail, Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness,



Tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
Strong with you to suf - fer pain?
Grant we may not faint nor fail!

Text: George H. Smyttan, 1822–1870, alt.

Tune: HEINLEIN, 7 7 7 7; attr. to Martin Herbst, 1654–1681, *Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch*, 1676



(Then repeat the first Kyrie.)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

"The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God,

'My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien.

But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.'

And having set them before the Lord, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 51
Michel Guimont

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*—that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

For the Scripture says, *No one who believes in him will be put to shame.* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*"

Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*"

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

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

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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

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Text: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Tune: *DEUS TUORUM MILITUM*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

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
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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.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

COMMUNION HYMN

On Eagle's Wings

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the
breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Led By the Spirit

1. Led by the Spir - it of our God, we go to fast and
2. Led by the Spir - it, we con - front temp - ta - tion face to
3. Led by the Spir - it, now draw near the wa - ters of re -
4. Led by the Spir - it, now sing praise to God the Trin - i -

1. pray With Christ in - to the wil - der - ness; we join his
2. face, And know full well we must re - ly on God's re -
3. birth With hearts that long to wor - ship God in spir - it
4. ty: The Source of Life, the liv - ing Word made flesh to

1. pas - chal way. "Rend not your gar - ments, rend your hearts. Turn
2. deem - ing grace. On bread a - lone we can - not live, but
3. and in truth. "Who - ev - er drinks the drink I give shall
4. set us free, The Spir - it blow - ing where it will to

1. back your lives to me." Thus says our kind and
2. nour - ished by the Word We seek the will of
3. nev - er thirst a - gain." Thus says the Lord who
4. make us friends of God: This mys - t'ry far be -

1. gra - cious God, whose reign is lib - er - ty.
2. God to do: this is our drink and food.
3. died for us, our Sav - ior, kin and friend.
4. yond our reach, yet near in heal - ing love.

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POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Heinlein"
Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

Growing in Faith™

“Giving up” or “giving for?”

Lent implies deprivation and uncomfortable penances, but it can be more meaningful. Consider turning your offerings into gifts of gratitude for God’s gifts:

Give time in prayer: God, who created the universe, wants to spend time with you. Whether it’s reading Scripture, praying the Rosary, or attending daily Mass, know that God is delighted you’re spending time with Him, and will give you all the graces you need to stay close to Him.

Give small gifts with great love: St. Therese of Lisieux was expert at turning small sacrifices into



powerful deeds by her love. Our Lenten sacrifices, entrusted to God, do immense good that we’ll see fully in Heaven. Whoever knew that our simple Lenten offerings can be part of God’s saving work?

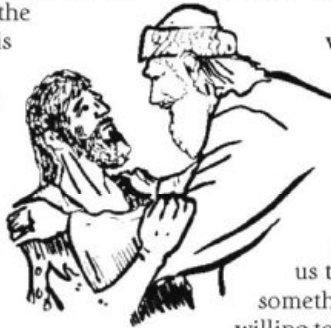
Give half your cloak: According to legend, St. Martin of Tours gave half of his cloak to a cold beggar. That night, Jesus appeared to St. Martin in a dream, wearing the cloak. When we serve others, it is Jesus who ultimately receives our gift.

from Scripture

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32, The Father’s heart

In this Gospel reading, Jesus told the story of the Prodigal (or reckless) Son. It goes like this. One day, the younger son demanded his father to give him his share of the estate. He left to squander it far from home.

When his money was gone, his situation grew desperate and he returned to his father, humbled and asking for mercy. The father was overjoyed to have his son back and threw a huge party. The older son, however, resented his brother’s welcome and complained to his father that he didn’t get a reward to celebrate



his obedience—and he was the “good one!”

Jesus promised that when we approach God with a truly repentant heart, we can always come home. It’s not that God wants us to feel bad, but, like any parent, he wants us to understand we did something wrong and be willing to change. Through this parable, Jesus shows us that God is a loving, generous Father whose deepest nature is merciful, forgiving love. We are reminded that we can always come home.

Q & A How can I get over my fear of Confession?



For many Catholics, going to Confession is unsettling. Facing and admitting our faults to another person – even in a confidential setting – is uncomfortable, even painful. In this case, the priest is acting in the person of God and it takes courage and humility to present ourselves before God. In Confession we say to God, “Please forgive me for intentionally rejecting You and Your love.”

If you feel uncomfortable while waiting in the Confession line, it’s a good sign. It means your conscience is healthy and working. Remember that God sees us standing in line and He is ready to welcome us back. He isn’t angry or brooding, or smug because our poor choices proved He was right. In fact, when we are sincerely repentant, He and all of heaven celebrate because we’re returning to Him (Luke 15:10). When the priest says the words of absolution, imagine God embracing you, saying, “My child, your sins are forgiven you...Go and sin no more.” We receive powerful graces, and are asked to make amends where possible. Rejoice in the chance to start again.

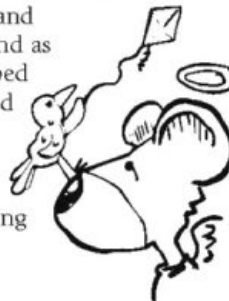
Feasts & Celebrations

March 2 – Ash Wednesday. First day of Lent. Ashes from burnt palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two smaller meals that together don’t equal a full meal.

March 5 – St. John Joseph of the Cross (1734). St. John joined a group of Franciscans called the Reform of St. Peter of Alcantara. Despite his elevated position and spiritual gifts, he remained humble, doing menial tasks around the monastery.

March 8 – St. John of God (1550). Originally, St. John was a soldier known for his violence and immorality. After nearly dying in battle, he converted and dedicated his life to serving the poor and sick.

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.




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