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

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.

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.



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 13 4:30 p.m. Frank Rinella (Nick & Toni) Sunday, August 14

8:00 a.m. Bob Brackney (Kurt & Janet) 10:00 a.m. Anthony & Therese Sciulli (Family)

11:30 a.m. Marty McHugh (Denise & Children)

Monday, August 15 7:45 a.m. Rose Dallara (Boccabella) Tuesday, August 16

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family
6:30 p.m. Irene Magrey (Regina)
Wednesday, August 17
7:45 a.m. Frank Rinella (Laber Family)

Thursday, August 18

7:45 am Pat Volpe (Dom)
Friday, August 19
7:45 a.m. Robert Kroeger (Wife)
Saturday, August 20
8:00 a.m. Ellen Donnelly (Kathleen)
4:30 p.m. Anthony McConnell, Jr

(Jerry & Sharyn)

Sunday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Harold Frazier (Wife) 10:00 a.m. Tim Saunders (Shiffler Family) 11:30 a.m. Joseph & Helen Balzer (Son Joseph)

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Operation Safe Mode (OSM) Sunday 8:00 am Mass www.YouTube.com/operationsafemode

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IC's On The Corner Event Planner

Theology on the Vine Schedule 2022

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 18thTom Jacobsen – President of Diocesan Central Council Society of
St. Vincent DePaulSeptember 29thBishop Barron movie on St. John Neumann
Relic of St. John Neumann (program will be held in Church)December 1stTBD

Christian Mother's/Women's Group

 Board Meetings Thursdays at 5:30pm: August 25th October 27th November 17th

General Membership Meetings **Tuesdays** following 6:30pm Mass:

→ August 16th – Election of Officers - New Date September 6th – Installation of Officers and New Members November 15th December 4th – Christmas Party

Registration for Matthias Project (7th and 8th grade formation) is now available!



If QR code does not work, please go to: <u>https://tinyurl.com/matthiasproject</u>

<u>8th Grade</u> has a mandatory parent/child meeting on Sunday August 21st at 6:30 PM at Immaculate Conception Church. Join our 8th grade remind text thread! Text **@8mp22** to 810-10

<u>7th grade</u> has a mandatory parent/child meeting on Monday September 12th at 5:30 PM. Join our 7th grade remind text thread! Text @7mp22 to 810-10

Any questions for Matthias Project Contact Jen Wilson at JNWilson@dioceseofgreensburg.org

412 Youth Ministries Fall Events!

Color War - Sunday August 14 - 6:00 pm Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Rain Date Sunday Aug. 21st

Kick-off Fall Mass and Family Meeting - Sunday Aug. 28th 6:00 pm Queen of Angels Auditorium

Glow in the Dark Kickball Night - Sunday Sept. 11th 6:00 pm Youth Building

Follow us on Instagram! @412YouthMin Email Jen Wilson at JNWilson@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Interested in volunteering. We have many opportunities to become involved: 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.

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This Week on the Corner



Eucharistic Procession August 14th/2:00 pm Please join us for the Second Annual Eucharistic Procession to be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Once

again, all servers are asked to participate. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex. This year, Fa-

ther John is also requesting that our First Communicants walk in the procession wearing their finest. This is such a beautiful event you will not want to miss it!

Theology on the Vine

Thursday August 18th/6:30 pm

Please join us as we welcome Tom Jacobsen President of Diocesan Central Council Society of St. Vincent DePaul. Please see page 8 of this bulletin for further details

Faith Formation Registration Grades 1-6 Registration for Faith Formation Grades 1-6 is Open!

You can register at https://tinyurl.com/FaithFormation2022. Letters were sent out in July, but if you have not received one please contact Susan Cheplic

skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org to make sure that we have the correct information for your child in our system. Classes for grades 1 and 2 are every other Saturday morning from 9am to 10:30 starting September 10th. Classes for grades 3-6 are every other Monday evening from 6 to 7:30 starting September 12th. See you in the fall!



Hoagie Sale! Saturday August 27th/after 4:30 pm Mass

Noah Kelly of the 412 Youth High School Ministry, in conjunction with

St. Barbara's Youth Ministry, is raising money to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Long Beach, California. NCYC is an immersive experience for highschool students that includes nationally known speakers, adoration, praise and worship, and faith-based workshops. They will also get to spend two days in Disneyland! In order to offset the cost, Noah will be selling hoagies after the 4:30 mass on Saturday, August 27th. The cost is \$7.00 each. Grab a delicious hoagie and help our youth grow closer to Christ!

Christian Mother's/Women's Guild



General Membership Meeting Tuesday - August 16th /Following the 6:30 pm Mass - PLEASE NOTE THE **NEW DATE**

Please plan to attend this important meeting for the election of officers. The meeting will be held in Our Lady's Plaza.

The Christian Mother/Women's Guild will be accepting nominations for the new Board of Officers. A ballot box and ballot sheets will be in the Hall of Memories. Nominations will be accepted through August 15th. Voting for the new officers take place at the General Membership Meeting scheduled on August 16th at 7:00 PM in Our Lady's Plaza. Join us for 6:30 PM Mass.



NEXT EKEND!!! The Parish Picnic returns.

Donations of pop and water appreciated. Please drop off donations at the Parish Office.

Volunteers needed to help work the picnic and for help in setting up and cleaning up are needed. Please contact the Parish office at 724.863.9550

Kick-Off Color War Sunday August 14th/6:00 pm

412Youth High School Ministry has our Kick-Off Color War this Sunday at 6 PM at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton back parking lot!!!

Every teen will receive a white 412Youth Shirt that will be completely tie-dyed by the end of the night! Please wear shorts/bottoms that you are okay getting dirty.

A Color War will be a battle of colored powder in various forms like balloons, cups, and water guns. It's a great way to meet everyone! After the Color War, we will have a bonfire with S'mores. Bring a friend, it will be great!!

***the forecast looks PERFECTLY CLEAR! However, if it rains, our Rain date is for August 21st, same place and time.

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Thoughts from the Pastor THE SAINTS: COMMPANIONS OF THE JOURNEY TO HEAVEN

By definition a companion is:

A wayfarer that travels with you. They are possibly the most important part of the journey. The sojourner may encounter others like them, known as companions, while exploring the life of faith in the journey. These companions may help the sojourner but cannot hinder them along the path.

Jesus reminds us that it is a narrow path that leads to eternal life. We know that the journey is hard and long and it must not



be traveled alone but shared with true guides of Faith and example. In the book by John Bunyan, "The Pilgrims Progress", this path is laced with many temptations, fears and choices that are hard to navigate without a companion. We know that Jesus shows us the way (the cross) and our earthly friends and families and priest guide us to keep our eyes on Christ. However, our greatest companions and guides are the ones who have completed the journey and have entered through the narrow gate. **These are the Saints**! They have run the good race and won the crown of the true victors and they desire, for all eternity, to help us accomplish the very same goal!

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: "Companion on My Journey"

"As I walk through valley of the shadow of death I fear no evil"

Little did I know that Mother Seton would walk hand in hand with me in the darkest days of my greatest challenge and cross! How significant she would be as a companion and intercessor through my participation in cancer!

I always looked to Mother Seton, as I do our Blessed Lady, one who understood that Joy comes from sorrow and Hope. I always said of the Blessed Virgin, the sorrowful Mother, that with every tear she cried it both burned her eyes with sorrow and cleared them to see with Hope. Mother Seton experienced great tragedy and heartfelt sorrows as she lost her mother at the age of three and after 18 years of marriage her husband succumbed to tuberculosis leaving her a widow with five children. Many other sorrows and illness would follow in her life but perseverance in Faith of her beloved crucified Savior and guided by the Blessed Mother's love and example she continued through the valley of darkness, not alone nor lost, but on the path to holiness.

When I was diagnosed I reached out to my companions to aid me in this walk to Calvary and I found great comfort in knowing that Mother Seton would guide me and show me through suffering the ever-abiding Divine Presence of the Lord. The path of the cross was one of familiarity as a bystander but this time I was fully engaged with Christ and His suffering. Joy was my desire through it all.... A joy that was formed in suffering and hope. Mother would be there to guide me and I would not be afraid.





Sister Gertrude Kerzendorfer – Canonization Miracle

In early 1934, Sister Gertrude ran the De Paul Psychiatric Sanitarium in New Orleans, Louisiana. Because of Nauseous and Pain, she had a gallbladder removed on April 5, 1934. After more attacks of pain, chills and fever, she was admitted again to the hospital on December 25, 1934. On January 5, 1935, it was determined that she had cancer of the pancreas, and that it was inoperable. The medical workers [who were also women of prayer] began a novena, and for nine days placed their petition for Sister Gertrude's restoration of health into the hands of Elizabeth Seton (1774-1821). Sister Gertrude recovered. This was one of miracles that brought Sainthood to Elizabeth Seton.

Not too long after I had shared my diagnosis, a faith-filled parishioner reminded me of Sister Gertrude and Her miracle through the intercession of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. I immediately remembered the story and went back and read about the miracle. I was amazed that such specific cancer (pancreatic) was the miracle of her canonization. I know more than ever that Mother Seton would be my constant companion and intercessor on this journey. I prayed for her intercession daily and I carried a first-class relic of the Saint in my pocket. I asked her to give me comfort in the pain and suffering of this journey, and asked, if it pleased the Lord, that she would intercede for me as she had for Sister Gertrude. I felt confident that this was not a mere coincidence but true Divine Providence that I was given Mother Seton as a companion on the way. So, I really began to believe that if I participated in this miracle and went through the treatments with Courage and Faith I would be healed. I did not ask for an immediate and full cure as she had blessed Sister Gertrude with but one that would be revealed in God's time.

GIVING THANKS AT THE SHRINE OF MOTHER SETON



I believe, and shared with you, that it is necessary to give thanks for prayers asked with the confidence that they were heard and would be fulfilled. It is a great act of Faith to do so before the physical healing has manifested. This approach allows one to reap the graces of intercessory prayer that begins deep in the soul.

We went to the shrine in Emmitsburg with the intention of giving thanks for Mother Seton's intercession. We went to Sacred Mass and I offered my communion in thanksgiving for prayers that were answered in my progressing healing with the confidence that my health would be restored.

After Mass we went down to the Historical "walk" display of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's life and I found myself before her canonization banner. This very picture was inserted in the hundreds of Mass cards that I received from the shrine on behalf of you my loving parishioners. As I stood before the banner I begged for a healing and then began my prayer of thanksgiving. What happened next was overwhelming and no less breath-taking than the waters of Lourdes. I felt her presence! I felt her envelop me in her loving embrace and I nearly dropped to the floor. The "washing" of Grace that overcame my body left me with no doubt that I was cured and would, like Sister

Gertrude, continue in my minister of Jesus Christ. My eyes filled with tears and with a silence that was deafening I mouthed the words: "Mother Seton I love you and thank you for walking with me through the valley of death! "Thank you for your intercession and love!"

I walked a bit further to the depiction of the final miracle of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton that was awarded to Sister Gertrude Kerzendorfer. I knew that we would be kindred spirits and I began, from that day on, asking her to be with me as a companion as well.

No Coincidences only Divine Providence – It was by no accident that I fell in love Our Lady's Mountain in Emmitsburg and she led me to the waters of Lourdes. It was by no accident that Mary pointed me in the direction of Mother Seton in the years I lived there to give me another companion on the journey towards eternal life. No, it was God's providence and desire to form me, prepare me and direct me through the love of His mother and those that love her. Friends of the Blessed Lady are friends of Jesus' and any friend of Jesus' is a friend of mine as well.

NEXT UP SAINT JOSEPH: A LIFETIME COMPANION

Next week I will share my story of my love for St. Joseph and his assistance as a companion on the journey.

Save the Dates!!!

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The Christian Mothers of The Visitation of the Blessed

Virgin Mother Parish have extended an invitation to Christian Mothers throughout the diocese to participate in a discussion group on August 25th at 6:00 PM at the Visitation Parish Community Center, 740 W. Walnut Street, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The focus is to share ideas for spiritual, social and intellectual activities, as well as fundraising and recruiting ideas. If anyone is interested in attending contact Jan Brooks (724-547-5356) by August 5, 2022 to register.

The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton & Immaculate Conception CASH BASH will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 in Mack Hall.

Tickets will be on sale beginning Labor Day Weekend. Tickets will be \$30 each and includes food, beer, soda AND the chance to win cash prizes with two numbers per ticket!!!!! There are 250 seats available for the event so be sure to indicate if you will be attending or not. First Come/ First served on seating availability. Winner need not be present to win.

Donations needed: If anyone has tickets to a Steelers or Penguin game tickets (scheduled after Oct 22nd) that they would like to donate for an auction basket item, please contact the parish office.

Also needed are Auction baskets (\$75-\$100 value) and/or gift cards or lottery tickets which can be used to create an auction basket.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sharyn Gesmond at Immaculate Conception 724.863.9550 or Julie Henry at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 724.864.6364.

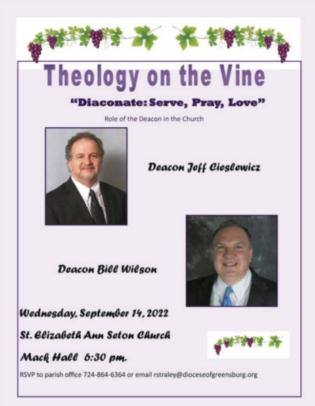


Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Irwin is hiring a part-time groundskeeper. The position is Monday – Friday, approximately 25-28 hours per week. Applicants are requested to submit a current resume to Courtney Ruby at:

cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org or by calling the parish office 724-863-9550. Candidates must have the ability to obtain all necessary clearances.

Position requires physical labor and includes but is not limited

- to:
- **Burial Maintenance**
- \geq **Ground Maintenance**
- ≻ Grass Cutting & Weed Trimming
- \geq Foundation/Memorial Maintenance
- \geq **Equipment Maintenance**
- Snow removal





Candles

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Rick Borland by Carol

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Warren West

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Frank A. Rinella by Laber Family

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Michele Ruby

Altar Candles for the Month of August: In Memory of the Langer & Raspotnik Families by Sandy

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

August 20th - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah Hebrews Luke

38:4-6; 8-10 12:1-4 12:49-53

August 21st - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah Hebrews Luke

66:18-21 12:5-7; 11-13-4 13:22-30

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy for Ron Surmacz on the death of his sister Patricia Surmacz and for Sharyn Gesmond on the death of her brother Joseph Fontana, Jr who all passed away recently. Also for Larry Leonard on the death of his sister Regina Haxel. 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 August 4, 2022	\$19,043.50
Diocese of Greensburg Online Giving for June 23 - July 22, 2022	\$2,925.00

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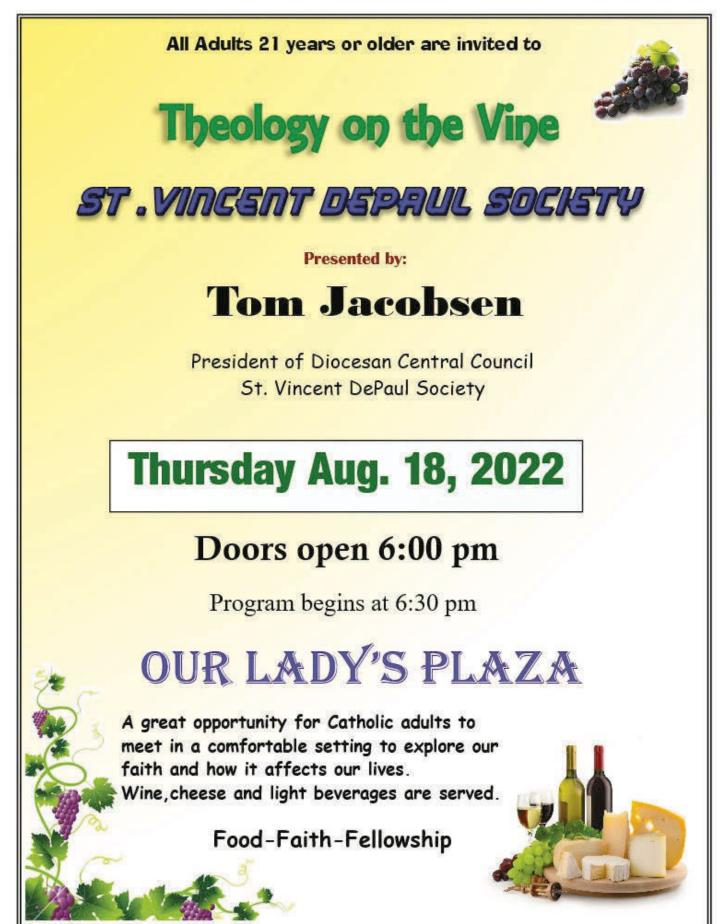
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o suddort Queen of Angels Catholic Schoo Wednesday, August 17th from 11:30am-8:30pm at The Firepit when 15% at to sales will be donated to our s with the presentation of Dine-in only.

*15% donation excludes tax, gratuity, and beverages

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Irwin, Pennsylvania Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 14, 2022 - Order of the Mass

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

A Mighty Fortress is Our God



Text: 87 87 66 66 7; based on Psalm 46; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890. Music: Martin Luther; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, alt.

Gloria

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 Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud. Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebedmelech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40 Luke Mayernik

Lord, come to my aid! Lord, come to my aid! SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her mother-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

> 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

How Firm a Foundation



Text: 2 Peter 1:4; John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Tune: FOUNDATION, 11 11 11 11; Funk's Compilation of Genuine Church Music, 1832; harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937-2010

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCHARISTIC ACCLMATIONS

Jubilation Mass James Chepponis



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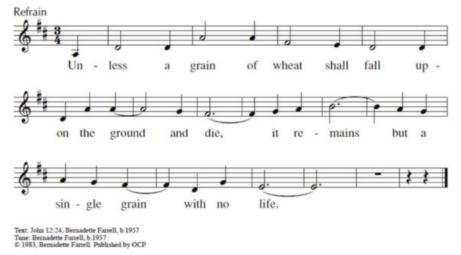
grant us

peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN



RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Kingdom of God



Text: Bryn A. Rees, 1911–1983, © 1973, Alexander Scott Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM, 10 10 11 11; Charles H. H. Parry, 1848–1918

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