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"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

September 18, 2022

25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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SACRAMENTS

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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 thewedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

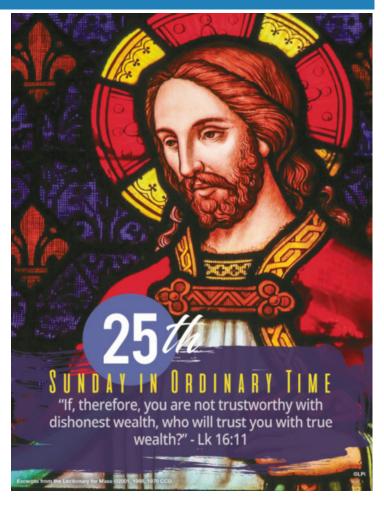
BAPTISM

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.



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 17 4:30 p.m. Patrick Newcomer (Family) Sunday, September 18

8:00 a.m. Dave Stitely (Ron & Darlene) 10:00 a.m. David Flading (Mom & Dad) 11:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

Monday, September 19 7:45 a.m. Matthew Kellerman (Family)

Tuesday, September 20

7:45 a.m. Harold Frazier (Al & Kathy) 6:30 p.m. Thomas C Poetain (Friends) Wednesday, September 21

7:45 a.m. Mary Lou Biondi (Family

Thursday, September 22 7:45 am Nicholas Colinear (Family) Friday, September 23

7:45 a.m. Manning, Francese & White

Families (Toots)

Saturday, September 24

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family 4:30 p.m. John Mutschler (Patrice & Marcy Jo)

Sunday, September 25

8:00 a.m. Frank Bonifati (Family) 10:00 a.m. Alfred & Margaret Egnot (Paula)

11:30 a.m. Joseph Perri (Family)

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Sunday 8:00 am Mass www.YouTube.com/operationsafemode

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IC's On The Corner Event Planner

October 1/2 of 2022 -

Roni Salsa representing the Bethlehem Christian Families; a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help many organizations and Churches in the Middle East. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. For more information, please see Website: www.landofpeace.org

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

Tickets are on sale after all masses and at the Parish Office. Tickets are \$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.

Theology on the Vine

September 29th Bishop Barron movie on St. John Neumann October 13th Relic of St. John Neumann program will be held in Church) November 30th TBD

PARISH CHOIR - Our Parish Choir will meet Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 pm on the third floor of the Administration Building, in the Choir Room. For more information, please contact Bridget Deveney at the Parish Office 724.863.9550 or by email at bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Christian Mother's/Women's Group Board Meetings at 5:30pm:

Tuesday October 25th Thursday November 17th



All parishioners are invited to attend a very special evening entitled "*Women of the Bible*" on Thursday, October 20th. Join us at 6:30 pm in the church for the rosary, followed by the presentation by the Immaculate Conception Christian Mothers/Women's Guild at 6:45 pm. See the flier in this week's bulletin and come out—bring the whole family—to hear the stories of these great women including Noah's wife, Pharaoh's daughter, and the Queen of Sheeba just to name a few.

General Membership Meetings Tuesdays following 6:30 pm Mass November 15th December 4th - Christmas Party

This Week on the Corner

New Office Hours –

Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. The Parish Office **IS CLOSED** for lunch between 12:00 to 1:00 pm

IMG/IWG Men's and Women's Group

IMG Saturday - Sept. 24 6:30am-8:00 am IWG Sunday - Sept. 25 6:30 am-8:00 am



Our next session will be next Saturday September 24th for the men's group (IMG) and next Sunday Sep 25th for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30am in Our Lady's Plaza. In this 3rd session of "The Chosen - Season 2" we will be

studying "Matthew 4:24" All are welcome as we continue following in the footsteps of Jesus!

Comfort Blanket Ministry

Monday - Sept. 19 6:30pm

The Comfort Blanket Ministry will be meeting Monday, September 19th at 6:30 PM on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building. Please enter by the side door located at the parking lot. We invite anyone who may be interested in joining our group to come and see our work.

September 24/25 -

Please welcome Father John Gillespie who will be with us to celebrate Masses. He will speak to us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-2 – Faith Formation for Public School Students: Saturday, September 24th, 9:00 – 10:30 am, 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

Grades 3-6 – Faith Formation for Public School Students, Monday, September 26th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

7th **Grade Faith Formation**– Class will be Monday September 19th from 5:30-7:30pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

8th Grade Faith Formation– Class will be Monday September 19th from 7:45 to 9pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

SEPTEMBER 2022 BURGER BASH SUMMARY

Platinum Sponsor – Christopher Pazak Plumbing

September Business Sponsorship - \$500.00 September French Fry Families - \$66.67 September Hot Dog Club - \$701.51

Thank you to everyone who supported September's Burger Bash. Our Total Profit for September's Burger Bash is: \$3,429.33

Due to Norwin's homecoming parade in downtown Irwin we need to change October's Burger Bash date. NEXT BURGER BASH IS OCTOBER 15TH

Please mark your calendars October 15th is the last Burger Bash of the 2022 Season!

October Sponsor

Dr. Carla Capozzi Orthodontics The Ramona D. Kinsey Charitable Fund

Thank you to Scozio Bakery at Giant Eagle in White Oak & Penn Township, our bun sponsor since 2006!

Thank you to Jordan Banana Food Service for their continued support!



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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.

...AND SO MANY OTHERS... Like Simon of Cyrene

In my recent articles I have shared, in a very specific way, the influence of certain Saints that became my companions on the journey through my participation in Cancer. Beginning with Our Lady of Lourdes, I shared the significance of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton; Saint Joseph and Saint Peregrine coming forth from the shadows of my devotions and experiences to being true guides in that time of the cross. There are so many others that I could write about as well who were no less important to me such as Simon of Cyrene who showed me how to carry and view the value of the cross as an intimate time with Jesus. I learned from Simon that there is only one cross that of Christ and what we perceive as our own cross is really just a sliver of His cross. What I came to understand is that if we think of our own suffering as a separate entity, distinct and different from Jesus' cross, then it can never be redemptive suffering ... It would just be suffering and the carrying of such a "burden" would be done out of self-perseverance and courage rather than



out of love and union with Christ. My cross was a share of His cross which made the act one of reverence, awe and privilege. The suffering I bore and the perseverance I displayed was for the souls of purgatory and those who need redemption. Simon taught me Jesus' yoke is easy and His burden is light when you recognize the immensity of redemptive value that came from His walk to Calvary! I learned what kindness can come from caring souls and I learned the necessity of being purified through humility. Walking so intimately with Christ is like being invited to an inside look of the Father's love of Jesus and the incredible desire of Jesus to accomplish the will of the Father for the salvation of Souls. It gave me new insight into the words: "Thy will be done" which leads to the submission necessary to be healed both body and Soul.

Yes Simon, my Carmelite name, has been my companion for decades and he too walked the extra mile with me with Christ. Simon left a changed man after experiencing the suffering Christ and I too have been blessed to be given a greater appreciation of the loving savior in the moment of my suffering.

A bunch of Guys Named "John" There is no need for me to go into detail about others who I "cried" out to during my time with the cross. But I will share a little of what I learned from some of the Greatest "Johns" in the history of the Church.

John the Baptist – Of course this is the "John" that I was named after and I always thought it came to fruition, living up to



his name, when I was ordained. I thought clearly that Proclaiming the coming of the Savior, the Good News, was accomplished with every homily I gave, with every class I taught and with every baptism I performed. But through my participation in cancer I learned the humbler role of John: "I am not worthy to untie the sandals on his feet" and "I must decrease as He increases." These sayings are the expression of true humility when you realize that He is the Christ and your life, love, sorrow and suffering is trivial to His and laying down your life means trusting only in His love and not your strength or will. Saint John the Baptist I thank you for the lesson of humility.

Saint John Vianney, the patron Saint of parish priest has been my hero since God called me to study to be a priest. St. Vianney struggled with his studies but trusted that if it was the will of God he would be ordained. That was my focus in the seminary. If it was God's will

for me to be ordained I would persevere in my studies. I too, by the Grace of God, made it through and was blessed with priesthood. A statue of Saint Vianney is enshrined in my confessional to remind me to always

desire to be a good confessor and bring the penitent sinner to reconciliation. But, while suffering the challenges of sickness and the fatigue from chemo therapy, I learned the deeper care of sinners by offering up the temptations of the devil and his torturous taunts of despair for real souls in despair and the pain of mortal sin. No moment of suffering was wasted on John Vianney but applied to the call for repentant sinners. I met some of those wayward souls in the past year that made all the suffering worthwhile and a blessing!

Saint John Neuman was always on my radar since my father's great devotion to him as an intercessor during his illness.



Saint Neuman was a guide to me as I was so often charged with a Catholic School and a teacher to me in the blessings of Eucharistic Adoration. As I began to honor him the more people around me shared their love and devotion for this great Saint. Those, like my dad, who found him as an intercessor and those who were connected to him as a parishioner of his place of enshrinement in Philadelphia. I visited there with my father once and never realized that as I looked at his body beneath the altar that so many Masses and prayers would be offered for me there in that sacred space. Every time I received a Mass card, or a candle was lit at the church I felt pulled into his humble love of God and His Church. I know that my Father has John Neuman's ear in heaven as many have here on earth. One more stepping out of the shadows to take my hand and guide me on the way.

Saint John Paul II – He was elected Pope in my Senior year of high school and we read his first Encyclical where he made his famous statement: **"Do not be Afraid"**

which called the whole Church to open wide the doors to Christ! I was

enamored by his youth and undeniable love of Christ, the Blessed Mother and the Church. He had a soft spot for the youth and the future of the Church. But over the years, as his health worsened, he taught all of us the dignity of life. He was unafraid to appear in public crippled up with Parkinson's disease. It may have been uncomfortable for people to see him in a broken and human state but he nevertheless did not hide from his people. Life is precious till the moment of death and truly showed us the signs of death but was "unafraid!" He gave me the courage to be humbled by my sickness and still go before you, as your pastor, even though my



youthful appearance was taken away. I knew that life was sacred, not always pretty, but never wanted to hide in fear but to go forth in hope. I prayed for his intercession for healing and courage to be humble. His example inspired me to love even more knowing that time was of the essence.

Saint John Henry Newman – I first encounter this great "John" while I was in college and the Catholic center was



named in his honor for he was a lover of the Faith and a model of study and intellect. In his pursuit to preserve the ways of the Anglican church Newman began the "Oxford Movement" to discourage a group of leaders in the Church of England from returning to some of the Catholic rituals and practices. While he was "trying" to disprove the position of the Catholic Church he found the Church as authentic in its teachings, rituals and practices. He then converted to Catholicism and died as a cardinal of the church. One of his commentaries that I found so profound was the doctrine of Divine Providence:

"God, the creator gives order to His creation and governs it. The Creator is a loving God who keeps creation and all being in existence and guides all things with His infinite knowledge and love."

These words have given me great comfort during my journey to priesthood and most recently during my journey through cancer. God has a plan!! We who submit to it can live with great joy for being participants in this Plan!

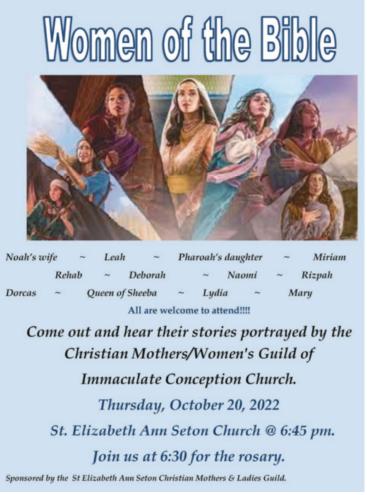
After the OSV article that was posted nationwide I received a call from a Deacon Jack Sullivan of Boston. He read the article and felt he needed to reach out to me. He was touched by the relic of John Newman and was completely healed of a degenerated spine. The healing was so miraculous that it was declared as the final miracle for the canonization of John Henry Newman! He said that he would be praying for me and knew that God would touch me with a healing. His story is so fantastic that we agreed that he would come to Irwin to speak and to have a healing service with the relic of St. Newman! (More on that next week).

So, I could go on and on but I think you get the point: "All the Saints that we know walk with us and when we ask them to intercede they step out of the shadows to take our hand and guide us to follow the Divine Providence of God!"

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Extra Extra





412Youth-

Our first ever FALLFEST is on Thursday, September 22nd at 7 PM at Saint Agnes Church. All teens (grades 7-12) and their families are welcome to attend our Adoration Holy Hour with Praise and Worship music, and stay for a bonfire with s'mores and apple cider after! What a great way to start a new season!

412Youth sponsors the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair as a fundraiser for our group. The Fair helps us pay for fun things like our upcoming retreat! The fair is on Saturday, October 1st, and there are three different times available to help out. If you need service hours, this is a great way to help. Sign up here to help: tinyurl.com/SYMcraft....

Make sure to mark your calendars for our first ever 412Youth exclusive retreat, called BEYOND on November 18-20 at Christ our Shepherd Center in Greensburg! There are two options to attend: 1) for the whole weekend for \$75 or 2) JUST Saturday for \$35. The BEYOND retreat is a great time to take a step back from the world, encounter Christ, make new friends, and grow stronger in your faith. Our theme is all about found peace BEYOND the chaotic world we live in.

Sign up here to attend BEYOND by October 22! https://osvhub.com/stelizabeth-ann-seton-church/forms/412youth-beyond



Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB is hosting a 2-day Unbound Conference with Neal and Janet Lozano (the Developers of the Unbound model) on October 7th (7:00-9:15pm) and October 8th (8:45-4:00pm) at Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601. Reclaim the freedom Christ wants for you! There will be some opportunities for individual Unbound prayer from 4-7 pm on Oct 8th. For more information contact Kim Hutchins at (412) 817-5465. Space is limited so register early at https://unboundpghgbg.ticketbud.com/oct7and8

Also - Father Boniface Hicks, O.S.B. will be coming to Holy Family to give a talk on Personal Prayer at Holy Family in Latrobe. Sunday, October 9th immediately following the 6pm community Mass. Refreshments will be served after the talk.

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Candles

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Bob Brackney by Irwin Lodge # 236

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Ellen Steel

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Mary Gaydik

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Andrew Duris

Altar Candles for the Month of September:

In Memory of George, Marie and Timothy Salopek by Family

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

September 18th- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

September 25th- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1a; 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy for the family of Francis Hoffman who died recently and for the families of Anne Mowry and Judith Steck 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 September 4, 2022 \$17,829.46 Diocesan Online Giving July 23–Aug 22, 2022 \$2,932.50 OSV Online Giving Sunday Offertory \$5,989.34 Aug 30—Sept. 12, 2022

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

Angels Corner

SAVE THE DATE! Our school's annual online auction will be held October 13th-October 19th!

Bid on unique experiences, fabulous items, and wonderful raffles. There is something for everyone and it all benefits Queen of Angels Catholic School students!

Help us make our event a success! Here's how!

- Donate –Vacation home you'd be willing to donate for the auction? Tickets to events like sports games, concerts, or theatre? Does your business offer a service that you could donate? Do you know a business that would be willing to make a donation (such as a gift card)? Any donation big or small is appreciated.
- ♦ Be a Sponsor Own or know a small business owner? Consider being a sponsor for the auction! Sponsors receive acknowledgement on the auction website and social media, and are tax deductible.
- **Bid and Share-** When our auction opens on October 13th, be sure to bid on some of our amazing auction items and share our event with your friends and family!

Please contact Christina at ctorok@queenofangelssch.org if you have any questions or would like sponsor or donate an item for our school's auction. We appreciate your participation and generosity!

It's Pizza and Cookie Time! We have exciting news and NEED YOUR HELP! Little Caesars® Fundraising is back for the QofA family and, brand new for 2022, we are introducing Mrs. Fields® Cookie Dough. Our goal is to reach 2,500 items – or about 10 items per enrolled student. Every order placed can help our school earn around \$20,000. This is an important schoolwide campaign, and many hands make light work! We need our school and parish family's participation if we are going to reach our goal. Even if you have not participated in the past, we ask you to please do so this year. On-line ordering at PizzaKit.Com Click "Products" then select "Shop" and then "Ship My Order to the Group" Our fundraiser ID is 411460 For "Oh, My Goodness" item ordering go to OnlineFundraisingStore.Com to register and take orders online. It is easy and takes just a few minutes. Our School / Group ID is PMGTF22QUEE. Register with your information and email address; you will receive a confirmation email in a few minutes. Follow that link to register student information/or designate school office. Customers can pay with a Visa or MasterCard and have their products delivered with our group order on delivery day. DO NOT write online orders on your paper order form.

All orders and money are due by Monday, September 26th

Put Little Caesars items on Little Caesars form and all Mrs. Fields brochure items on the single sheet. Please check your orders to make sure all Little Caesars items are on the Little Caesars order form! ORDER FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR BY CALLING 724 331-6216 FOR A COPY!

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A Word from Tyler





"The St. Charles Connection"

A few weeks before my departure for Philadelphia, out of curiosity I was going through some old Parish archives. While I was sifting through many photocopies and photos and only half-looking, I happened to see a copy of a program booklet from an anniversary

of the "Immaculate Conception Total Abstinence and Beneficial Society" from the 1910's. As I was flipping through the pages I stopped to read the write-up below, about Fr. Michael Murphy, who was the first resident pastor of our parish. I was so amazed to see that he, too, began his seminary journey coming to America to the "Diocesan Seminary of Philadelphia".... Which is St. Charles!

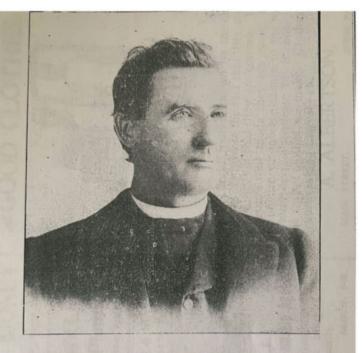
He transferred from St. Charles in 1863, which was the same year that Bishop James Wood purchased the land where the current campus was then built shortly thereafter.

As Fr. Murphy began his studies at the tail end of the former St. Charles campus, I am beginning my journey in the final two years of our current campus. The campus has already been sold and new facilities that better suit the needs of the seminary are going to be built on a new campus.

Even after only being here a few weeks, I am saddened at the thought of leaving this campus. Walking around you can just feel the presence of God, and of the long history of this place.

I hope that you enjoy this "tour of Saint Charles"!

Tyler



REV. FATHER MICHAEL PATRICK MARIE MURHPY, Founder of the Immaculate Conception Total Abstinence and Beneficial Society.

Father Murphy was born in Carnahan, County Derry, Ireland, in May, 1841. Having pursued his studies in the national schools of his native country, and, later, under the celebrated Irish linguist, Prof. John McClosky. He came to America and was entered in the clocesan seeminary of Philadelphia, from which he came to St. Michael's seminary at Pittsburg, about 1865. He completed his theological course at this institution, and was ordained in the seminary chapel on the 11th of May, 1877. He was first appointed assistant to the pastor of Summit, to which Gallizin was then attached, and after remaining there till 1876, he was appointed pastor of St. Malachy's congregation, Pittsburg. Just as the new church was completed, and before the dedication, he was transferred Irswin, and became pastor of the Immacculate Conception church. This church had been dedicated on Ascension Day, 1868. From the time of his appointment Father Murphy also administered to the congregation of St. Boniface, at Penn, but in the summer of 1873, he was relieved of the mission and confined his labors to Irwin. In April, 1875, he bought a large frame house for a residence which has since been given to the Sisters of Charity. He but himself another residence later. A frame hall was also put up for the use of the congregation, which was later changed into a scholouse. Rev. Thomas McErnue has improved the hall in late years, and today it is one of the handsomest Catholic school buildings along the Pennsylvania railroad. Father Murphy's health began to lail and he returned to his native land, where he died November 1. 1886, in the 48th year of his age, and the 23rd of his priesthood. Father Murphy was a man of medium height advert in the sacred ministry. Hundreds of Irwinites still remember him as the soul of honor, the founder of the Tempeyrance Soctety and a Chesterfield in manners.

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary



Lower left: The "Upper Campus,"
the home of the Theology
Division, the original building
on campus, built in the 1860s.
Above: My residence hall, St.
Edmond's Hall, built in 1913.
Upper left: Chapel of the
Immaculate Conception, on the
"Upper Campus."





The "Lower Campus," where the College Division is housed. The Chapel of St. Martin of Tours is seen above on the left, and on the right in the aerial view. The interior is seen in the upper right.

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 18, 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

For the Healing of the Nations



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

Amos 8:4-7 Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Hear this, you who trample upon the Needy and destroy the poor of the land! "When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!" The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 113 Steven Janco

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle — I am speaking the truth, I am not lying —, teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

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.

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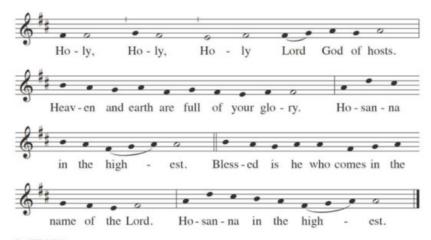


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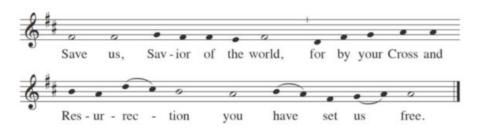
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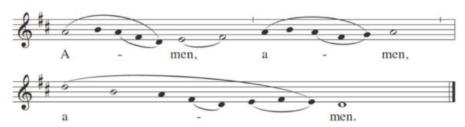
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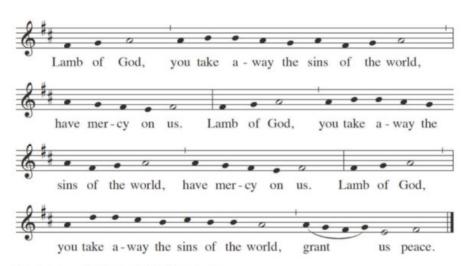
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