

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

“A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust”

November 27, 2022

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

### 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.

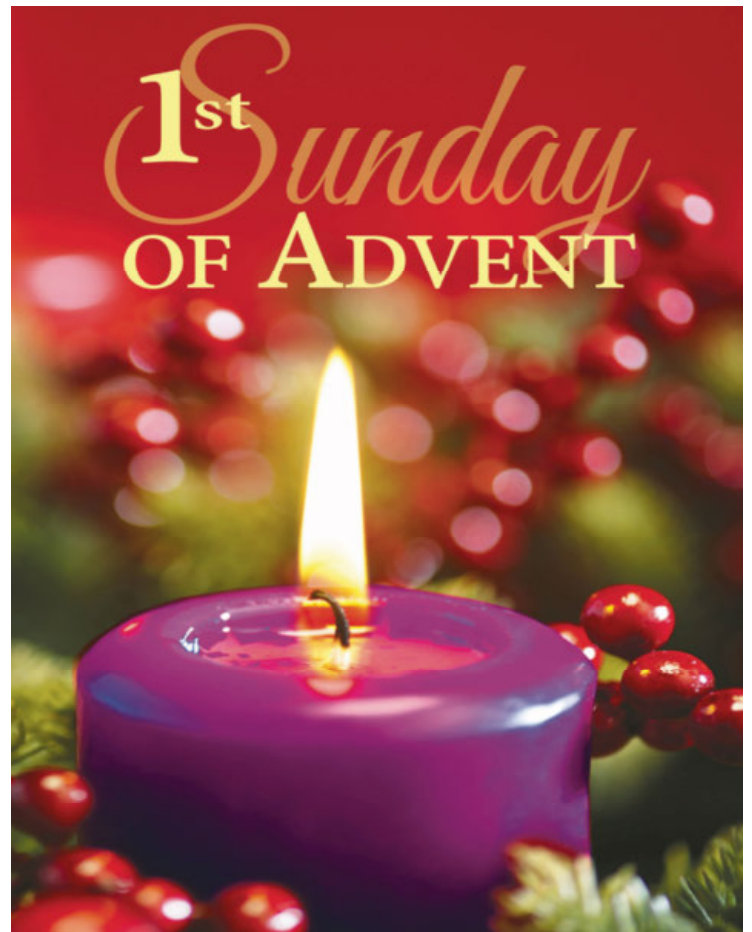
### BAPTISM

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.



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, November 26

8:00 a.m. Ethel Klassen (Cepec)

4:30 p.m. Esther Bertolina (Courtney)

### Sunday, November 27

8:00 a.m. Joan Noca (Family)

10:00 a.m. Bernard & Marion Arendas  
(Family)

11:30 a.m. Mary Jean Knarlesboro  
(Family)

### Monday, November 28

7:45 a.m. Robert Knarlesboro (Family)

### Tuesday, November 29

7:45 a.m. George Salopek (Children)

6:30 p.m. Lynnette McHugh (Cindy)

### Wednesday, November 30

7:45 a.m. Bob Dallara (Boccabella)

### Thursday, December 1

7:45 a.m. George & Margaret Tomasic  
(Rosemary, Marlene & Carol)

### Friday, December 2

7:45 a.m. Joseph Fontana (Cheryl)

### Saturday, December 3

8:00 a.m. HEALING MASS AT ST.

ELIZABETH ANN SETON

4:30 p.m. William Coates (Daughters)

### Sunday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Frank Bonifati (Family)

10:00 a.m. Al, Mary Lou & Mary Kay  
Lynn (Son)

11:30 a.m. William Kranitz (Andy &  
Marta)

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## IC's On The Corner Event Planner

### Coming in November and December...

Activities for everyone on the horizon so keep a watchful eye open for the following coming in November/December:

- ✓ Theology on the Vine - November 30th
- ✓ Breakfast with Santa - December 10th
- ✓ Advent Penance Service - See area schedule on page 9
- ✓ Lessons and Carols - December 18th
- ✓ Christian Mothers/Women's Guild Christmas Party - December 4th

### 2023 Lottery Calendars are still

**available** now for purchase at Immaculate Conception Parish Office. Each calendar is \$30 and offers chances to win each day of the year. Cash or checks (payable to St. Anne Home) are accepted. They make perfect gifts! Their sale expands programs and services for residents as well as their campus facility. Thanks for your continued support



The tradition of the Oplatki originated in Poland during Early Christian times. This Christmas Custom began with a simple white wafer, baked from flour and water. The wafers are wonderfully designed to display Christmas images, such as the Nativity.

### HOW TO CELEBRATE THE OPLATKI TRADITION

The Oplatki are enjoyed by families, typically right before the Christmas Eve meal. The entire family will gather around the table with the Oplatki. Generally the eldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing. This blessing can simply consist of what you desire for your loved one in the upcoming year – whether it be good health, success, or happiness. The purpose of this act is primarily to express ones unconditional love and forgiveness for each member of his or her family.

### THE SYMBOLISM

The significance of the Oplatki Christmas wafer is in that it shadows the Eucharistic meal that Catholics participate in at each Mass. Just as we share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ and receive Christ's love through the Eucharist, the Oplatki allows for one's immediate family to come together and share the love they have for one another. This symbolism is deepened by the fact that the name of the town where Jesus Christ was born, Bethlehem, means "House of Bread," which makes the Oplatki tradition an especially beautiful way to celebrate the charity and unity so characteristic of the Christmas season.

### A SYMBOL OF FAMILY UNITY

The Oplatki tradition is one that is easy, fun, and deeply meaningful to introduce to the family anytime during the long Christmas season. All it requires is a simple wafer paired with love and affection, and the willingness to share it. This is a heartwarming tradition that will complete your family's time together during the Christmas season

**Oplatki are located in the Hall of Memories!**

## This Week on the Corner

**Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019** - will have their monthly meeting on Monday November 28, 2022, at St Agnes, and Resurrection Hall. The meeting starts at 7:15 with the Rosary. St Jude Council covers the parishes of IC, St Agnes, and St Elizabeth Ann Seton. If you are interested in joining the Knights, or would like to transfer to our Council, please contact Al Borgony at 724-864-3487 or email [a.borgony@comcast.net](mailto:a.borgony@comcast.net), or you can check out our website at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and join online.



### Christian Mothers/Women's Guild Board Meeting

**Tuesday November 8th 5:30 pm - Carravagio Room - Administration Building**



- **NO BAKE BAKE SALE:** The annual Christian Mother/Women's Guild's "No Bake Bake Sale" envelopes will be distributed after Masses the weekend of November 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** **Christian Mothers/Women's Guild Christmas Party** will be held on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> after 11:30 am Mass. Invitations will be available in the Hall of Memories November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. RSVP by November 23rd.



### GET YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

Tickets will be on sale at

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Nov. 26 and Nov. 27th

Immaculate Conception Dec 3rd and Dec. 4th.

## \$\$ Holiday Cash \$\$

### FOUR DAYS TO WIN

Winning number taken from *First PA Pick 3 EVENING* Number drawing on

Dec. 24, 2022 - Win \$500.00 CASH    Dec. 25, 2022 - Win \$1000.00 CASH

Dec. 31, 2022 - Win \$500.00 CASH    Jan. 1, 2023 --- Win \$500.00 CASH

Benefits Immaculate Conception & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishes

**Donation \$10.00    500 Tickets Sold    SGOCLicense #269 and #326**

## FAITH FORMATION -

**Grades 1-2 - Faith Formation for Public School Students,** Saturday December 3rd, 9:00 am - 10:30 am 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

**Grades 3-6 – Faith Formation for Public School Students,** Monday, December 5th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation**– Class will be Monday December 12th from 5:30-7:30pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation**– Class will be Monday December 12th from 7:45 to 9pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

Advent Day of Reconciliation at St. Emma's, December 3, 2022 with Msgr. Gaston, \$35.00

- 8:15 A. M. Registration
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- 1:30 P. M. Conference
- 3:30 P. M. Depart

For reservations, call Florence 724 863-7291 by November 30.

### Breakfast with Santa

**Saturday - Dec. 10th 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend \$5.00 adults and free for children. Tickets will also be available starting on Tuesday, November 29th at the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Cheplic at [skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

Theology on the Vine presents  
**CATHOLIC TRIVIA**  
**Game Night**  
**WED NOV. 30**  
 OUR LADY'S PLAZA  
**WIN PRIZES!**  
**BRING YOUR TEAM OR JOIN ONE!**  
**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!**  
**DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM**

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## Thoughts from the Pastor

### IT'S CALLED CHRISTMAS WITH A CAPITAL "C"

*As a kid, and now even as an adult, I like Santa! I think Santa brings us to our child-like desire to be amazed and surprised and even excited for the unknown and the mystery of love. Santa of course has always reflected Saint Nick and the elves like angels watching whether you are naughty or nice. I think I was able to keep the myth alive in my heart as a child because mystery, love and excitement for the unknown, was what my Faith was about and certainly the birth of Christ. Could Santa fly with his reindeer? Could he really fit down a chimney? Did he eat the cookies? Did he read all the letters that we sent him? Oh it did not matter much... He always came and made us happy. But the mystery of Christmas was even more spectacular for me and held in that manner in our house. The Novena Prayer we said in preparation for the birth of Christ brought me to the mystery of Bethlehem and the miraculous love of Mary and Joseph. So ever before us was the truth of what we anticipated accompanied by putting our shoes out for the feast of St. Nicholas and reading the story of the kneeling Santa's visit to the Christ Child the secular was certainly in check and subservient to Christmas and the birth of Christ.... The Birth of our Salvation.*

### Secularism has led to Paganism

The sadness of the holy season of Advent is that the joyous anticipation has been changed into anxiety and stress over the gifts. It's funny... a kiss from "Kay" has even become more important than mommy's kiss from Santa... Santa is getting the big heave ho (not HO HO) for even this offends some of the nation's subjects! So Happy Holidays is more than just a way to cover all the bases. It is the very desire to distract from it. I think **BLACK FRIDAY** says it best... Black day of Calamity are ahead... spend money that you do not have and often enough for things no one needs. This has become the season of the almighty dollar and the boost of the economy. **What to do? Sing a Song!**

Christmas music is played in the stores but carefully without the lyrics of course... But we can still sing to ourselves and with each other. But a group of musicians decided to write a song that speaks the Truth of the Season and even challenges us to not be so accepting of the nonsense around us. The group is Go Fish. They write children's songs and bible songs with catchy tunes for kids to sing and learn of God's love. Recently they wrote a catchy tune called It's Called Christmas with a Capital "C" The words are as follows:

Well I went to the coffee shop To get a Mocha  
The lady at the counter said "Happy Holidays"  
I said thanks lady I am pretty happy  
But there's only one Holiday, that makes me feel that way

And it's Called Christmas  
What more can I say  
It's about the birth of Christ  
And you can't take that away  
You can call it something else  
But that is not what it will be  
**IT'S CALLED CHRISTMAS WITH A CAPITAL "C"**

God got a law  
And we pretty much destroyed it  
Were gonna be judged  
There no way to avoid it  
But Jesus came down  
To take away the punishment for me  
He did it for you too  
So maybe you can see why

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### ADVENT: FOR CHRIST'S SAKE!!

Last week as we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King I used, in my homily, a popular phrase I heard often from the Sisters of Saint Joseph when they wanted to challenge me to act accordingly they would say: "For Christ's sake, if not for mine, please listen... share.... Sit still... behave... fill in the blank. So often people may say this in a non-reverent way but it never was meant that way as the sisters challenged me. For Christ, the redeemer, the one who offered himself up for me, should be the focus of my behavior not simply to please the sisters or parents .... But for Christ's Sake. It took me awhile to come to the realization that it was pleasing to God when I acted out of respect of His son... To focus on his love became the best reason to behave. So it is more true now than ever for Christ the true king is disappearing from the scene in the secular world. That is never more apparent than during the season of preparation for his birth. He is "X'd" out as often as possible.

### HOW DID WE GET THE ABBREVIATION XMAS?

It is insane to think that anyone would truly "X" out Christ out from His own birthday. Well that was not originally the case. The abbreviation developed somewhat along the same lines as the dollar sign. The "\$" originally was the initials U. S. overlapped, and out of carelessness and impatience, it evolved into the symbol used by everyone to denote American currency. The "XP" (Chi and Rho) is a monogram of Christ, being the first two Greek letters of the word. They too were commonly seen overlapped.... I guess being careless and impatient during Advent can "x" Christ right out of the picture....

### OTHER SUGGESTIONS

Family prayer around the Advent wreath. The Christmas Novena is simple for everyone to learn and pray together as well.  
(copies are available on line).

Also get the Kneeling Santa book and Statue. Display it in your house ... read the story to your children. And if you do not have children give these items as a gift to a young family... it really helps to keep alive the true meaning.

Try to attend Tuesday evening or Saturday morning Mass as an extra opportunity of Grace... it makes the season come alive!!

## "ADVENT NOVENA": "A Family Prayer"



There is no doubt that the newspapers and the Malls are reminding you that Christmas is just around the corner. Most towns have already strung their lights and wreaths at each corner. You must know that there are only **28** shopping days left! What will you get for your family this Christmas?

If I could suggest: Get them a "Novena". A Novena is a prayer of petition that we offer for a series of days, showing our true desire for an answer from God. If we could only give what we would truly like to give ourselves, our loved one on our Lord's birthday, it would be an answer to a prayer!! Health, strength, grace, direction, or insight on what He wants for us in our lives. An answer to a prayer brings solace and peace, comfort and even joy! We are burdened in life with many difficulties, decisions, choices, and heavy crosses. To have understanding, wisdom and courage to confront life and its challenges would be the ultimate gift. So this Christmas give yourself in prayer.

I want to share with you the most beautiful Novena prayer that I know. It is a prayer that my family and I have said during Advent for as long as I can remember. We call it the "Hail and Blessed" Novena, or the "Advent prayer". The prayer is recited 15 times each day, starting on the feast of Saint Andrew (November 30<sup>th</sup>), until Christmas day. The prayer puts you in the setting of the incarnation, the very moment that our Lord enters into this world. It is at that moment that we petition the Child Jesus to hear, and answer us! The prayer is as follows:

***"Hail and blessed be the hour, and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, hear my prayer, grant my desire, in the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, and His Blessed Mother, Amen"***

To make a commitment in prayer the 24 days prior to Christmas, putting our needs before Jesus, we are certain that they will be heard and answered. Choose to pray this prayer as a family during Advent. Pray it by yourself. It will set the proper *tone* for this Christmas, and the gift you most desire this year will not be under the tree, but in your heart. A gift that will change your life!

## ***JESUS... THE PRESENT OF PRESENCE" A PARISH TRADITION!***

Developing the proper disposition in the Advent season is aided by a true focus of what this season of waiting is all about.... And that is that Jesus is the present of presence. The most important present, and the first that we should open as a family, is Christ himself. The tradition of putting a manger scene under the tree along with other gifts was to recognize that God gave the first gift that should be shared... His only begotten Son. And it is in the spirit of this gift that we share presents with each other.

### **THE FIRST GIFT WRAPPED ..... THE FIRST GIFT GIVEN.**

Mary's time of preparation and waiting for the birth of her son, our Savior, was interrupted by the demands of the world around her. She was subjected, along with Joseph, to travel to Bethlehem for the census demanded by the emperor Cesar Augustus. So it was on this journey that they focused, with anticipation, on the gift of God's presence instead of the anxiety and fear of the demands of travel. This gift of "presence" is all too often hidden from us in the season of advent. Perhaps if it was wrapped beautifully and placed on the mantle and then under the tree in the place of the manger we would see the beauty of the paper and be relieved that Christ is the only gift that matters.

**WRAPPING UP THE BABY JESUS AS A GIFT** - I am asking each family to take the baby Jesus from the nativity set that will be displayed in your house, place it in an appropriate size box and wrap it in the most glorious fashion! On the tag simply write to: Your family Name from: God our Father. Then display your nativity set, if not yet under the tree, in a prominent place within your home and while placing the wrapped present of the Christ Child within the center.

### **THE BLESSING OF THE STATUES OF BABY JESUS AT MASS**

**On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18th** I am asking all families to bring their wrapped statues to church to place at the altar for a blessing during Mass. Then each family, from the family community of the corner, will take home their present and place it under the tree. This way we will share in this gift together!!



# *Lessons and Carols*

Celebrate the birth of Christ through  
scripture and song at Immaculate Conception's  
Festival of Lessons and Carols

**December 18th, 7:00PM**



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## Candles

**Sanctuary Candle:** In Memory of Betty Lou Sullivan by Family

**Easter Flame Candle:** In Memory of Priscilla Volpe

**Divine Mercy Candle:** In Memory of Joe Roitz by Family

**St. Peregrine Candle:** In Memory of Sara Malaga

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

**ADVENT Candles In Memory of Joe, Jinny, Beverly, Mary Jo and John Ott**

## Readings of the Week CLM

### November 27th - 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah	2:1-5
Romans	13:11-14
Matthew	24:37-44

### December 4th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah	11:1-10
Romans	15:4-9
Matthew	3:1-12

### Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy for all of our dearly departed. 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 Nov. 12 - 13 2022 \$17,781.64

OSV Nov. 8 - Nov. 14, 2022 \$3,697.62

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

## Angels Corner

### Queen of Angels Catholic School

### NEEDED - RECYCLED INK CARTRIDGES

We know many of you have been and continue to work from home. We can recycle your ink cartridges. Ink jet and laser cartridges from computer printers are collected year-round. All of these items help our school to earn CASH and FREE educational materials. Thank you for your support! Please drop them off at Queen of Angels DOOR 4 - BUS DOOR. Any questions, please call the office at 724 978-0144 or Mrs. Noblick at 724 331-



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### The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas



The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas.

**Join us for this Advent Lesson Monday, December 12th Starting at 7:00p.m. in Resurrection Hall - St. Agnes**

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## PARISH GIVING TREE HELPING THE LEAST OF OUR NEIGHBORS

**A**s, in the past, the parish will be sponsoring a giving tree project to help families of our parish to cope with the overwhelming expenses of the Christmas Season. These families have been identified as in need of financial support in order to purchase gifts for their children and prepare a Christmas meal for the family.

In the Spirit of the wise men, who brought gifts to the infant child Jesus to reveal his divinity, we ask you to help be the giver of gifts that will allow the spirit of the Christ Child to be alive in the hearts of the needy. You will find upon our humble tree tags that you may select to purchase Giant Eagle & Walmart gift cards with a variety of denominations. You may also purchase gift cards through Queen of Angels School. Forms are on the next page of this bulletin and by the tree.

This tree will be displayed in the Hall of Memories. I want to thank you in advance for serving in the spirit of the Jesus Creed.

All gifts and monies need to be returned to parish office no later than Monday, December 12th.



If you would like to purchase a gift card from the Parish Giving Tree, please consider helping Queen of Angels Catholic School at the same time. You can help raise easy money for Queen of Angels Catholic School by purchasing your gift cards through the school's SCRIP program.

Complete These Three Easy Steps:

1. Fill out the form below
2. Include a check made payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School
3. Place both items in the collection basket.

No going to the store required!!!

Queen of Angels will fill the gift card orders that you purchased and return the gift cards to Immaculate Conception. The parish will then distribute the gift cards to area families in need

Giant Eagle:

Value	Quantity	Total
\$10	( )	\$ _____
\$25	( )	\$ _____

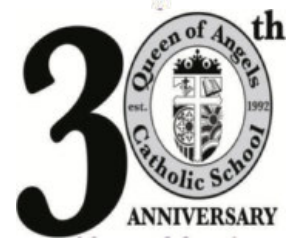
Walmart:

Value	Quantity	Total
\$25	( )	\$ _____

Kohl's:

\$10	( )	\$ _____
\$25	( )	\$ _____

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Please make checks payable to:  
Queen of Angels School

Thanks for Your Support!!!!

If you have any questions please call the school's office 724-978-0144 or contact Christina Torok at

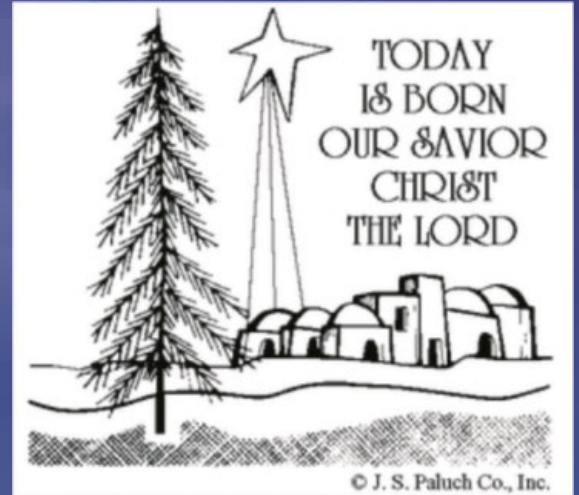


# Christmas Schedule 2022

**REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICES:**

- Tuesday, December 13 ..... 6:30 p.m.  
St. Agnes, North Huntingdon
- Monday, December 19 ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Immaculate Conception, Irwin
- Tuesday, December 20 ..... 6:30 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, North Huntingdon

*Please see parish bulletin for additional confession times.*



**REGIONAL MASS SCHEDULE:**

	<u>St. Agnes</u>	<u>Immaculate Conception</u>	<u>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</u>
<i>Christmas Eve</i> <b>Saturday, December 24</b>	(No Morning Mass) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & 12:00 midnight	4:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
<i>Christmas Day</i> <b>Sunday, December 25</b>	10:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
	<u>St. Agnes</u>	<u>Immaculate Conception</u>	<u>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</u>
<i>New Year's Day</i> <b>Sunday, January 1</b> <i>Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God</i>	9:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.



“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him *Emmanuel*” which means “God is with us”

-MATTHEW 1:23

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 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

From the Father's Throne on High



1. From the Fa - ther's throne on high Christ re - turns to  
 2. Dark - ened be the day at noon When the stars of  
 3. An - cient pow'rs of sin and death Shake to hear the  
 4. So be - hold the prom - ised sign, Sky and sea by  
 5. Come then, Lord, in light and pow'r, At whose word the



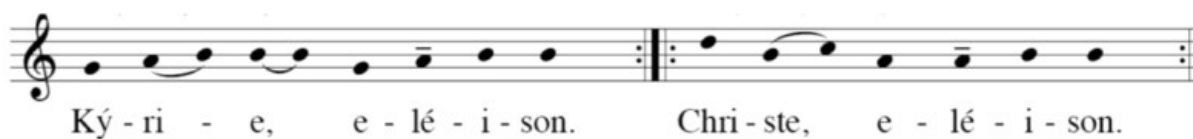
rule and reign. Child of earth, he came to die;  
 heav - en fall: Earth and sky and sun and moon,  
 trum - pet blown; From the winds' re - mot - est breath  
 tu - mult riv'n, And the King of kings di - vine  
 worlds be - gan. In the un - ex - pect - ed hour



Judge of all he comes a - gain.  
 Cloud - y dark - ness cov - ers all.  
 God will gath - er in his own.  
 Com - ing in the clouds of heav'n.  
 Come in glo - ry, Son of Man!

## KYRIE

Chant



(Then repeat the first Kyrie.)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 122

*Batastini/Gelineau*

*Let us go rejoicing, to the house,  
 to the house of the Lord.*

## SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct

ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

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

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

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

## The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And  
 2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To  
 3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And  
 4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By  
 5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the  
 suf - fer and to die, But crowned with glo - ry  
 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing  
 wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph  
 light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.  
 like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.  
 of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.  
 o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.  
 peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Heritage Mass  
Owen Asltott

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
Res-ur-rec-tion un - til you come, un - til you come a - gain.

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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

## Christ, Be Our Light

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your Church gath-ered to - day.

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Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, 9 8 9 6 with refrain; Bernadette Farrell, b.1957  
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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

## People, Look East

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the  
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more  
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the  
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more  
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ, who  
1. crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
2. seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to  
3. nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
4. light the bowl shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
5. brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley  
1. a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
2. nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
3. fro - zen Now for fledg - ing - time is cho - sen. Peo - ple, look  
4. weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
5. hum - ming With the word, "The Lord is com - ing." Peo - ple, look  
1. East, and sing to - day: Love the Guest is on the way.  
2. East, and sing to - day: Love the Rose is on the way.  
3. East, and sing to - day: Love the Bird is on the way.  
4. East, and sing to - day: Love the Star is on the way.  
5. East, and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

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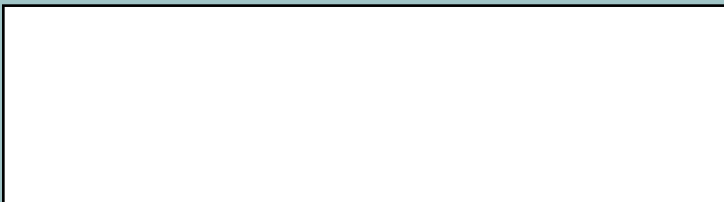
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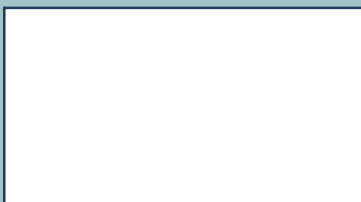


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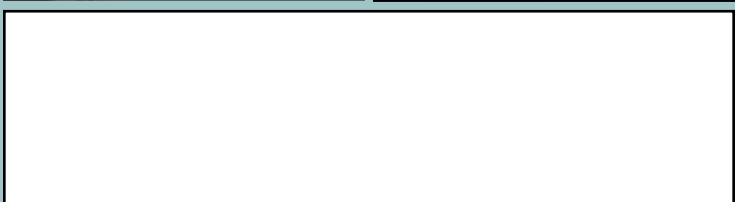


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