# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

### February 19, 2023

### Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

### 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.



### LENT BEGINS Wednesday, February 22, 2022!!

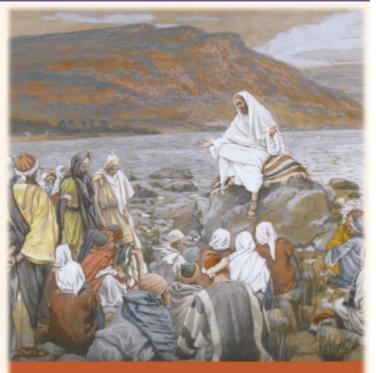
Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday Immaculate Conception 8:00 a.m. Mass w/ashes; Noon: Mass w/ashes 6:30 p.m. Mass w/ashes

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 8:30 a.m. Mass w/ashes 12:15 p.m. Prayer Service and Distribution of Ashes 6:30 p.m. Mass w/ashes

St. Agnes 7:30 a.m. Mass w/ashes Noon Liturgy of the Word, Service w/Ashes 6:30 p.m. Mass w/ashes

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 18 8:00 a.m. Jean Moorhead (Fischerkeller Family) 4:30 p.m. Tony Mauro (Wife) Sunday, February 19 8:00 a.m. Elyse-Alberts-Azzatta (Family) 10:00 a.m. Rottmund & Ruby Families (Family) 11:30 a.m. Mary Schilling (Husband) Monday, February 20 7:45 a.m. James Tempero (Daughters) Tuesday, February 21 7:45 a.m. Joanne Hensler (Hensler Family) 6:30 p.m. NO EVENING MASS



### 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

> ASH Wednesday, February 22 8:00 a.m. Liddie Blank (Sharyn & Jerry) Noon Barb Dubosky (Kathleen) 6:30 pm James Lesczynski (Sal & MaryJo) Thursday, February 23 7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family Friday, February 24 7:45 a.m. Gene Hope (Friend) Saturday, February 25 8:00 a.m. Joseph Perri (Family) 3:00p.m. Wedding Mansfield/Wunderly 4:30 p.m. Leonard D'Amico (Family) Sunday, February 26 8:00 a.m. Liddie Blank (Al & Kathy) 10:00 a.m. Anthony DeLaney (Family) 11:30 a.m. Joseph & Helen Balzer (Son)

308 SECOND STREET • IRWIN, PA 15642 • PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

CLOSED 12:00 NOON • 1:00 pm

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### IC's On The Corner Event Planner

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS – A LENTEN TRADITION

My favorite devotion is the "Stations of the Cross" - the commemoration of Jesus' passion in



"Stations of the Cross" - the commemoration of Jesus' passion in the fourteen steps to His death. The fourteen steps invite us to meditate, accompany and learn from Him the price of our souls and the depth of His love for us!!

With Lent approaching I wanted to assure you that we will have the stations twice every **Friday (Noon & 6:30 pm)** so that those who feel comfortable coming can attend.

Stations of the Cross will start Friday, February 24th!

**Christmas Decoration Removal Immaculate Conception Cemetery** - If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the decorations by March 1, 2022. **Anything left in the cemetery past March 1, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded by cemetery staff.** Thank you for your cooperation.



#### THE WELL, Diocesan Men's Conference, planned March 25

Men in the Diocese of Greensburg are invited to get out of their comfort zone and make it Catholicism a way of life at "THE WELL - BE NOT AFRAID," the Diocesan Men's Conference, Saturday, March 25 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. It will be a day of inspiring speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass celebrated by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available through the Diocesan Francis Fund. Register now at <u>DioceseofGreensburg.org/TheWell</u>. Registration forms are available on the counter in the back of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church.

#### One of the guest speakers is:

### Father John A. Moineau

Pastor - Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin Administrator - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon

*TOPIC* (Session B) - "5 Steps of Accepting the Cross in Comparison With the 5 Steps of Grief."

# This Week on the Corner FAIT

### Theology on the Vine

**Thursday - February 23rd 6:30pm** Come and join us for a presentation by Chris Peta "Soul-Ar Power". For more information please see Page 8 of this bulletin

### Christian Mother's/Women's Guild General Meeting

**Tuesday February 21 7:00 pm** We will be meeting in Our Lady's Plaza. Join us for Mass at 6:30 pm.





Children's Offertory Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those children who did not receive them at Faith Formation

classes. Please sign child's name and envelope number on the sheet provided. Thank you!

### IMG/IWG Men's and Women's Group

IMG Saturday - Feb. 25th 6:30am-8:00 am IWG Sunday - Feb. 26th 6:30 am-8:00 am Our next sessions will be next Saturday. February 25th for the men's group (IMG) and next Sunday, February 26th for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30am in Our Lady's Plaza. We will be starting Dr. Edward Sri's Lenten program "No Greater Love - A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, a biblical pilgrimage filmed in the Holy Land that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. This first session is entitled "The Prayer of the Agony - Jesus in Gethsemane." In this session, we begin our biblical walk through Christ's passion on the Mount of Olives in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus came with his disciples to pray. We will see that while Jesus came here to pray at other times during his time in Jerusalem for the Passover feast, this time things are very different. The Gospels immediately make it clear that Jesus' visit to Gethsemane on this night is no ordinary prayer time. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend!



### Night at The Races 2023

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Night at the Races was a great success. Thanks to all of our patrons, to those who donated baskets and supplies, and to our dedicated

volunteers. And a special thank you to all of our Sponsors. It was a night filled with fun and fellowship thanks to all.

### FAITH FORMATION -

#### Grades 1-2 - Faith Formation for Public School

**Students,** Saturday February 18th, 9:00 am - 10:30 am 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

**Grades 3-6 – Faith Formation for Public School Students**, Monday, February 20th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

7<sup>th</sup> **Grade Faith Formation**– Class will be Monday February 27th from 6:00-7:15pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation**– Class will be Monday February 27th from 7:45 to 9pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

### Calling Moms with young children!

Motherhood can feel like an isolating experience, especially when you are raising your children in the faith! We are looking to bring together mothers with young children are looking for community to support one another on the journey and encourage one another to grow in their faith. Children are welcome! Join us for our first gathering Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am in the Immaculate Conception Faith Formation office- in the IC Administration Building. We plan to meet every other Tuesday morning after the first gathering. Let Susan know if you have any <u>questions-skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u>.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**



What better way is there to spend an hour or two then in His presence of Eucharistic Adoration.

"When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, let us open our heart; our good God will open His. We shall go to him; He will come to us... It will be like a breath from one to the Other."

-Saint John Vianney (1786-1859)

A sign up sheet is available in the back of the church for you to sign up and spend some private time in prayer and in His presence. You can come after mass, for lunch and dinner. Bring a friend and/or bring the family after school. Just come!

Eucharistic Adoration is every Tuesday beginning after 7:45 am Mass. Any cancellations for Eucharistic Adoration will be noted in the bulletin. Funerals and emergencies are the exception to bulletin postings. When signing up please include a contact number so that we can notify you in case of an immediate change.

Notes from the Pastor

### **Receiving Ashes is Dangerous to your life!**

A powerful sign of a shared commitment to Christ and the call to conversion.

RNI Lent is a movement from ashes to the baptismal font. We dirty our faces on Ash Wednesday and are cleansed in the new waters of the Easter font. More profoundly, we embrace the need to die to sin and selfishness at the beginning of Lent so that we can come to fuller life in the Risen One at Easter.

When we receive ashes on our foreheads, we remember who we are. We remember that we are creatures of the earth ("Remember that you are dust"). We remember that we are mortal beings ("and to dust you will return"). We remember that we are baptized. We remember that we are people on a journey of conversion ("Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel"). We remember that we are members of the body of Christ (and that smudge on our foreheads will proclaim that identity to others, too).



Renewing our sense of who we really are before God is the core of the Lenten experience. It is so easy to forget, and thus we fall into habits of sin, ways of thinking and living that are contrary to God's will. In this we are like the Ninevites in the story of Jonah. It was "their wickedness" that caused God to send Jonah to preach to them. Jonah resisted that mission and found himself in deep water. Rescued by a large fish, Jonah finally did God's bidding and began to preach in Nineveh. His preaching obviously fell on open ears and hearts, for in one day he prompted the conversion of the whole city.

From the very beginning of Lent, God's word calls us to conversion. If we open our ears and hearts to that word, we will be like the Ninevites not only in their sinfulness but also in their conversion to the Lord. That, simply put, is the point of Ash Wednesday!

WARNING: Allowing the Ashes to be a mark of conversion may afford you the BEST LENT EVER!! Receiving ashes with this intention will destroy the life you know and fill it with a new life unburdened by sin and renewed in Grace.

The Distribution of Ashes are Scheduled as Follows

8:00 AM **During Sacred Mass** NOON **During Sacred Mass** 6:30 PM During Sacred Mass

### **REMINDER: ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE!!!!**

The Catholic Church marks this most solemn beginning of the Lenten Season not only with the outward sign of the Ashes received that day but a profound deep sense of preparation and conversion with honoring the Sacred Fast and Abstinence as well. What exactly is required and when in the Fast and Abstinence during Lent?

#### Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

These practices are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

Fasting: A person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Abstinence: A person must refrain from meat (Fish is not considered "Meat")



**Conversion: "A painful realignment to the Truth"** 

### No Parish Fish Fry this Lent



After meeting with our social and fundraising committees, we have decided not to resume a Lenten Fish Fry in the parish. Although we had great success in the past the effectiveness of this event in the future poses more challenges than solutions. The inflated cost of the product and supplies has made it obvious that it would be very difficult to make a profit that would reflect the hard work and planning of the event. Fish used to be a low-cost commodity but in our economic climate today that is no longer true. After researching prices and availability of product we have decided to move away from this Lenten fundraiser and concentrate on other fund raisers to support the parish mission.

### Count down: 3 days to lent

### LENTEN JOURNEY THROUGH THE SUFFERING OF JESUS

Two separate and great opportunities for spiritual growth this lent

#### Starting this Friday following the stations of the cross VERONICA: THE TRUE FRIEND OF THE SUFFERING CHRIST



This year I will share reflections on Veronica who sympathetically wipes the face of Jesus and is rewarded with the sacred image of His Divine face! We will explore who Veronica is and how she exemplifies the corporal works of Mercy. We will look at how we can imitate her and examine other Holy women who, throughout history, have followed her lead and see the face of Christ in the people of the world today.

The conferences will be held each Friday during Lent following the Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception. Each conference will be 45 minutes long. Please register by signing the registration sheet in the back of the church or by calling the Parish office at Immaculate Conception: 724-863-9550.

#### Friday Night Conferences presented by Father John Moineau

### The conferences will be held Every Friday in the IC church following the Stations of the Cross

### Will You Follow Jesus to Calvary?

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.



This presentation will be made at the men and women groups on Saturday and Sunday mornings 6:30 am and also in a new setting on Tuesday evenings following Sacred Mass at 6:30 pm.

### **TUESDAY EVENING PRESENTATION OF: "No Greater Love"**



Mark Downey, a parishioner of Immaculate Conception, has volunteered to lead the Tuesday night group! The group will meet in the Children's Liturgy of the Word room next to the body of the Immaculate Conception Church. Mark will supply the group members with "work books" that will provide a study and discussion guide that will be used for home reflections and group sharing.

A 30-minute video will be shared/viewed followed by discussion and sharing on each of the episodes through scripture meditations. The fifth session will conclude the study with last words of Christ from the cross. If you enjoy sharing or just listening and learning in a small group setting this is a perfect Lenten exercise for you! Bring a Friend/spouse along so that you can

have further conversation about the riveting series presented by Dr. Ted Sri.



#### Discernment Group for Grades 6-8

Parents and/or guardians are invited A morning of prayer, discussion and fellowship

This group provides the opportunity for middle-school-aged boys to explore ways to deepen their relationship with Christ as they also consider the various vocations of the Church.

### SATURDAYS 10:00-11:30 AM 2022 2023

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Saint James Church 306 Saint James Lane New Alexandria, PA 15670

## The Melchizedek Project

#### Discernment Group for Young Adults 18+

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An evening of prayer, discussion and fellowship

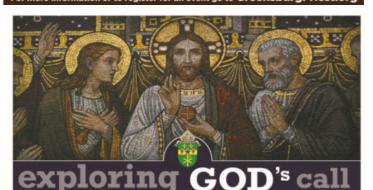
Join us if you are interested in learning how to discover God's will for our life and are open to learning more about the priesthood.

> 6:30-8:00 PM JANUARY 29 FEBRUARY 12 • 26 MARCH 19 APRIL 2 • 16 • 23

Saint Rose Church 4969 Route 982, Latrobe, PA 15650

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For more information or to register for an event go to GreensburgPriest.org



### Discernment Group for Grades 9-12

An evening with prayer, discussion, dinner and fellowship

Join us if you are interested in learning how to discover God's will for our life and are open to learning more about the priesthood.

#### 6:30-8:00 PM

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**Angels Corner** 

### Candles

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of John O'Connell

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Irene Magrey

**Divine Mercy Candle:** In Memory of Rick & Michael Scott Borland by Carol

**St. Peregrine Candle:** In Memory of Michael Scott Borland by Lin Wiltrek & Nancy Dupier

St. Joseph's Candle: In Memory of John Ott

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



February 19th - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 1 Corinthians Matthew 15:15-20 2:6-10 5:20-22; 27-28; 33-34; 37

#### February 26th - 1st Sunday of Lent Genesis 2:7-9: 3:1-7

 Genesis
 2:7-9; 3:1-7

 Romans
 5:12; 17-19

 Matthew
 4:1-11

#### **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 Feb 4-5, 2023	\$19,685.75
OSV Sunday Offertory Feb. 6-Feb. 12, 2023	\$2,843.85

Don't forget that Immaculate Conception has online giving available to our members. https://www.icirwin.org/giving/funds



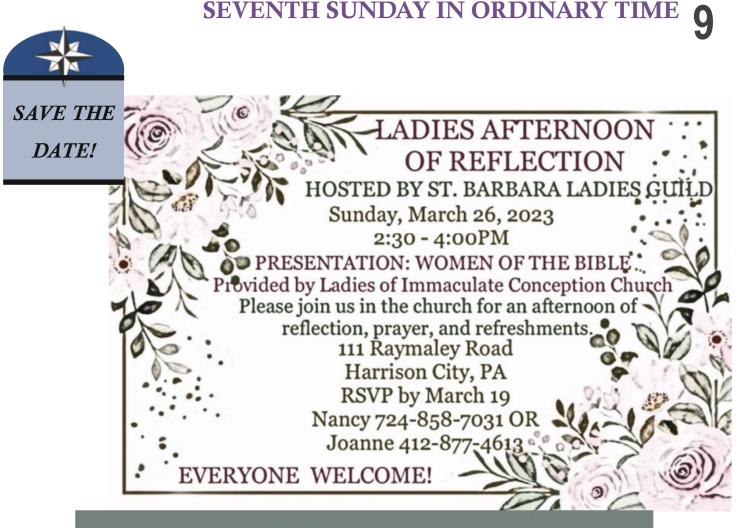
# Queen of Angels Dine to Donate Fundraiser Sunday, February 19th 5pm-9pm

Julie's Bubble Tea and Smoothies will donate 20% back with this flyer!

> 9391 US-30, Irwin, PA 15642

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## Men - Longing a Relationship with God?



CDS East Men's Emmaus Retreat Christ Our Shepherd Center 2900 Seminary Drive Greensburg, PA 15601 www.christthedivineshepherd.org **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH** 

**Irwin, Pennsylvania** Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

## **THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** February 19, 2023 - 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

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Tune: NICAEA, 11 12 12 10; John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

### 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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy. "You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 103 Keith Kalemba

### The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy. Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: God catches the wise in their own ruses, and again: The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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

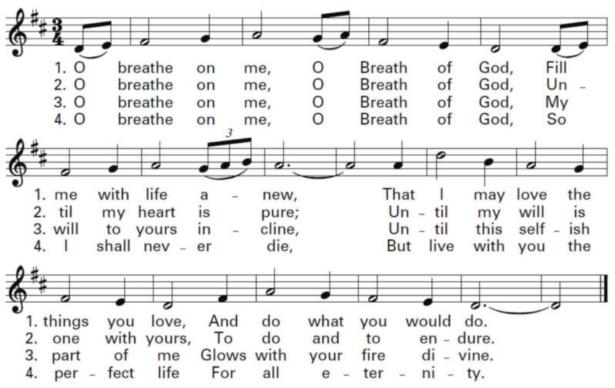
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

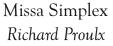


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Text: CM; Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889, alt. Music: trad. Irish.

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS





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### COMMUNION HYMN



#### Recessional Hymn

### O God, Beyond All Praising



Text: Michael Perry, 1942–1996, © 1982, The Jubilate Group (admin. by Hope Publishing Company) Tune: THAXTED, 13-13-13-13-13-13-13; Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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