

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

“A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust”

March 5, 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent

## 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.



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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**A LENTEN TRADITION**  
**Fridays at Noon & 6:30 pm**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 4

8:30 a.m. MASS AT ST. ELIZABETH  
ANN SETON

4:30 p.m. Lynette McHugh (Cindy)

### Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Charleane Richardson  
(Kurt & Janet)

10:00 a.m. Elizabeth “Betty Ann” Thomas  
(Alan & Cheryl)

11:30 a.m. Maria Ferrari (Family)

### Monday, March 6

7:45 a.m. Mary Duffy (Family)

### Tuesday, March 7

7:45 a.m. Edward Iwanowski (JR & Pam)

6:30 p.m. Barb Dubosky (Barb B.)

### Wednesday, March 8

7:45 a.m. Mary Clougherty (Phyllis)

### Thursday, March 9

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

### Friday, March 10

7:45 a.m. Regina Rosky  
(Dorothy & Esther)

### Saturday, March 11

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

4:30 p.m. George Curley (Family)

### Sunday, March 12

8:00 a.m. Ann Poprocky (Torok Family)

10:00 a.m. Ed Fenton (Marylyn & Family)

11:30 a.m. Dolores Nese (Family)

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HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

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## Operation Safe Mode (OSM)

Sunday 8:00 am Mass  
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## Queen of Angels Catholic School

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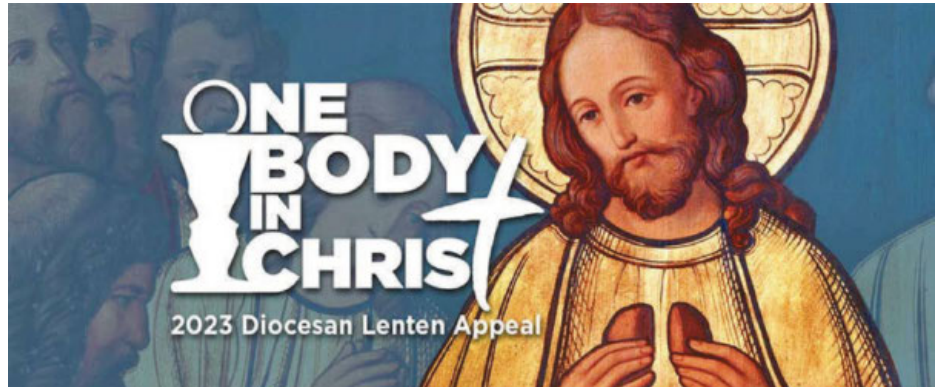
## Catholic Charities

724-837-1840

## St. Vincent DePaul

[www.svdpgreensburg.org](http://www.svdpgreensburg.org)  
724-691-3711

## IC's On The Corner Event Planner



For **2023** our parish goal is to raise **\$250,000.00**. This goal would help us in two ways: First to meet our Diocesan Target of **\$148,776.00** which would be used on the diocesan level to support the international priests, seminarian's education, faith formation programs, Catholic Charities, and other diocesan ministries. Secondly, the remaining **\$101,224.00** will be used here in our parish to aid the needy of our region with a **\$10,000.00** donation to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Remaining monies will be used to continue the development of Immaculate Conception Cemetery for future needs. Our intention is to add new signage, visitation parking, trees and ground cover throughout the cemetery. The landscaping will include improvements in the new Genesis sections and along the creek line. The addition of our new columbarium for cremains and development of the new sections we will provide 600 burial spaces for our parish families. Your gift to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal will enable us to fulfill the above projects. In the past 8 years, our active participation in DLA has been between **35% - 42%**. In **2022** **36%** of our parishioners donated to the DLA. Let us make 2023 the year we increase our participation by giving a gift to help both the diocese, our parish and our cemetery on the corner. Listed below is a summary of parish projects that were paid for with funds raised through our participation in past Diocesan Lenten Appeals... **\$690,937.04**

YEARPROJECT**2022**

Renovations &amp; upgrades to our church organ hardware and software system, replacing three of our church exterior doors, and installing parking lot lighting, Saint Vincent De Paul - \$10,000 donation

**2021**

Refurbished church pews, replaced pew &amp; kneeler cushions, brickwork on Admin. Building steps, addressed long-standing water problem in Our Lady's Plaza, and repaired the Regional Senior Youth Building.

**2020**

Installed a new HVAC system and upgraded the antiquated electrical system on 3rd floor of Administration building. Saint Vincent De Paul - \$10,000 donation.

**2019**

Church video and sound system upgrade. Saint Vincent De Paul - \$10,000 donation.

**2018**

Air Conditioning installed in Our Lady's Plaza. Saint Vincent De Paul - \$10,000 donation.

**2017**

Paving of back and lower parking lots. Saint Vincent De Paul - \$10,000 donation.

**2016**

New kitchen floor installed in Our Lady's Plaza. Saint Vincent De Paul - \$10,000 donation.

**2015**

New tables for Plaza. Chapel lighting replaced. Saint Vincent De Paul - \$10,000 donation.

**2014**

Reconstruct and pave main parking lot. New church A/C units. Plaza LED screen.

*Thank you to all who have already given a gift to the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal and to those who will give a gift.*

You are able to make your gift online at [dioceseofgreensburg.org/OneBody](http://dioceseofgreensburg.org/OneBody)

## Notes from the Pastor

**DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL: \$250,000**  
**DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: \$148,776.00 PARISH GOAL: \$101,224.00**

**The Bishop's Appeal:** BEING Faithful to honoring our theme of "One Body in Christ for the Diocesan Lenten Appeal we will honor our forbearers by continuing their tradition of looking out for one another and caring for those most in need. The Diocesan Lenten Appeal offers each of us a remarkable opportunity to touch the lives of so many who are a part of the body of Christ, whether it be a schoolchild in need of tuition assistance, a family who finds itself down on its luck, a retired priest or a young man who finds his way to God through our youth ministry efforts.

Lent is the perfect time for us to look to the future with Hope. As we await the Resurrection with great joy so should we be aware of the need to preserve such a faith into the future. The Diocese of Greensburg, established by the Holy See, assures us of the leadership needed for the Church in our area. Our support today promises the same for our children tomorrow.

**Pastor's Appeal:** As the proud pastor of Immaculate Conception I too support the mission of the Diocese for I see the great things that have produced fruit in our parish through their support. We are blessed to have an active growing parish in a time that many churches are struggling to stay open. We have a vibrant Catechetical program that provides for children through our Catholic School and formation programs. We have ongoing Catechetical opportunities for adults in many forms encouraging everyone to grow in Faith. We are blessed with facilities to house our worship, our formation and social gatherings. We are honored to have sacred ground dedicated for our deceased members at our cemetery. All of our programs are supported by diocesan leadership and your generous sacrificial offerings.

*While the Diocesan Appeal supports primarily the mission of the Bishop it indirectly serves our parish as an outreach of his mission through me and our parish staff. The diocesan assessment is our share in helping the Bishop tend to the whole diocese while the parish goal is set as an opportunity for us to further that mission in our parish.*

**Parish Appeal: Serve the Poor & Parish:** There continues to be a great need for the poor in our area as government assistant programs that started in Covid come to an end. The increasing cost of utilities, gasoline, heating fuel and groceries place a strain on fixed incomes and unemployed families. Our parish has a specific fund set up to help parishioners in times of trouble while our *Saint Vincent DePaul Society* helps people survive week to week.... Sometimes hand to mouth as well. The "poor box" money each month, and the Thanksgiving envelope helps to support Saint Vincent DePaul but often it is not enough especially in the winter months. That is why we have decided to set aside the first \$10,000 that we receive above the diocesan goal to serve the poor in our area. We also have recently been sending a group of men and women from the parish to volunteer in the food bank pantry.

**MAKING A PLEDGE:** If you participated in the Bishop's Diocesan Lenten Appeal last year and plan to do so again this year I thank you in advance. I challenge you to stretch your offering a bit further this year to help the poor. If each of us gave \$10 -\$25 more it would help extend the work we could do for the poor and our parish mission.

*If you did not make a pledge last year I would ask you to please consider to do so this year. Your simple gift of just \$10 -\$25 would significantly help us serve the poor and our parish mission. Think of it as the perfect Lenten sacrifice that has benefits for others!*

**PLEDGE AMOUNTS IN FASTING:** Praying for the poor is always an act of Mercy but when we add fasting that turns into alms giving we have the perfect trifecta! Consider the following: If your family goes out to dinner more than once a week, fast from one dinner each week and make that your DLA Pledge!! If you buy your lunch out or stop for a doughnut or coffee throughout the week, offer it up once a week during lent and add that to your pledge. Six meals, six lunches or six breakfast meals can make a nice pledge above the gift you have already thought to give.

This kind of fasting challenges us to recognize the good things that we have and perhaps take for granted. They are not sinful practices but they bring comfort and pleasure beyond fulfilling the need of nourishment. The fast then turns us to pray in thanksgiving for God's bountiful gifts and moves us to give alms to share such blessings to others.

**MY PLEDGE:** last year I made a pledge of \$2,500 for each of my parishes (\$5,000) I am adding another \$300 for each parish simply through the fasting formula above! It is that easy! I rather give it to the parish than to old McDonalds!!

**BEING SUCCESSFUL:** *Accomplishing both the Bishop's assessment and our parish goal is the obvious target of our efforts. But having everyone participate as a Lenten observance will make the difference!!*

I thank you in advance to help to make this appeal and our Lenten journey one that leads to a true sense of Easter Joy.



# 4 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

## THE TRANSFIGURATION

***Pastors Note: My Goal in this Lenten (Bulletin) Season is to find worthwhile articles to share a further reflection on the Sunday Gospel. There are so many talented writers and I feel that we can benefit from their insight. The “Crossroads Initiative” reflections are often very insightful... such as the one by Dr. Marcelino D’Ambrosio posted here today.***



One of the bible’s names for the God is “El Shaddai” or “God of the Mountains.” And from the very beginning of salvation history, we see that mountains are a special place to communicate with Heaven. Abraham ascends Mount Moriah to sacrifice his son (Gen 22). God reveals his name and to Moses on Mount Sinai (Ex 3). Moses later receives the 10 Commandments on that very spot (Ex 31:18). Elijah returns to the same mountain, also known as Horeb, to hear what God’s “still, small voice” has to say (I Kg 19:8).

So it is no surprise that Jesus brings His “pillars” (Gal 2:9) with Him up a high mountain to experience a special moment of communion with the Most High. It is this event that is commemorated by the Church each year on August 6. This Sunday’s gospel tells the story. As tradition has it, Mount Tabor is the place. Rising from the plain of Jezreel, its summit provides a spectacular view of all of Galilee. But, what Jesus intends for Peter, James, and John to see is not the countryside. He wishes to provide them a glimpse of who He really is. Jesus is a carpenter from Nazareth, true. He must have looked much like any other Jewish craftsman of that time and place. That much could be seen by the naked eye.

But this exterior appearance of His ordinary humanity was a veil hiding something more extraordinary—His glorious divinity. So on Tabor, God pulls back the veil. Moses and Elijah appear. These heroes of old had long since passed out of this world and gone to God. So what does it say about Jesus’ identity that they appear on His right and His left?

Jesus’ clothes suddenly appear dazzlingly white, “whiter,” notes Mark, “than the work of any bleacher could make them.” The first reading tells us the significance of this. In a vision, Daniel sees a vision of the “Ancient One.” How does He appear? With clothing that is snow bright. Then one like “a Son of Man” comes on the clouds to receive dominion, glory and kingship from the Ancient One.

On Tabor, a cloud comes and overshadows Jesus and a Voice from the Cloud proclaims that this particular Son of Man happens to be the beloved Son. What we have here is what is called a “theophany,” a manifestation of God. It is revelation, first of all, of the divinity of Christ. What the Creed says about Him could be viewed as a commentary on this very episode: “God from God, light from light, true God from true God.” But it is also a manifestation of the entire Trinity. The cloud that overshadows the apostles is the same one that overshadowed Mary. It is the glorious cloud of the Holy Spirit out of which the Father’s voice resounds. Father, Son, Holy Spirit, one God in three persons, prefigured in Daniel’s vision, revealed in the Transfiguration.

Suddenly, after a brief prostration, they get up and see only Jesus, looking the way He had always looked. The veil was now back in place. The five senses are wonderful gifts from God. But they are limited nonetheless. Often, we make the mistake of thinking that reality is nothing more than what our senses perceive it to be. So, God gives us occasional mountaintop experiences, glimpses into realities that our senses can’t normally detect. Jesus is always divine, regardless of His everyday human appearance. Jesus is always accompanied by saints and angels even when He appears to be alone. It was the entire Trinity who opened the eyes of the man born blind, even though it was only Jesus’ hand we could see touching the man’s eyes. Faith is remembering such moments of revelation and building our lives upon them. But it’s so much easier to forget such things and live according to what everybody can see.

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## This Week on the Corner

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

**IMG Saturday - March 11th 6:30am-8:00 am**

**IWG Sunday - March 12th 6:30 am-8:00 am**

We continue with Dr. Edward Sri's Lenten Program "No Greater Love - A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion". Last week we saw that Jesus was charged with blasphemy and condemned to death because he referred to himself as "the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven". We also saw that while both Peter and Judas were unfaithful to Jesus and both recognized their sin, one was eventually reconciled to Christ while the other ended in despair and death. In this third session entitled "The Trial Before Pilate", we will see that while the Sanhedrin have condemned Jesus to death, they do not have the authority to carry out capital punishment; they must work with Pontius Pilate and convince him to crucify Jesus, even though Pilate recognizes that Jesus is innocent. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend!

**Flowers will soon be blooming...**



**And the Landscaping Committee  
will be back to work!**

**Work sessions:  
2nd Monday of every month, at 5pm  
New volunteers welcome!**

**Come, get your hands a little dirty, make some new  
friends, and help keep our Church grounds beautiful!!**

**Questions? Text Lisa at 724-875-7730**

## FAITH FORMATION -

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

**Students**, Saturday March 4th, 9:00 am - 10:30 am 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

### Grades 3-6 - Faith Formation for Public School

**Students**, Monday, March 6th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation**— Class will be Monday March 13th from 6:00-7:15pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation**— Class will be Monday March 13th from 7:45 to 9pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

Registration is now open for **KNOW HIM: The Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist**, set for Thursday, March 9, at 2 and 6 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. This event is free of charge as part of the Diocese of Greensburg's Eucharistic Revival efforts. Seating is limited. The public is welcome. Visit [DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival) to register.



**Parish Office Closed**— The parish office will be closed on Thurs, March 9 in order that the staff may attend a staff Diocesan Eucharistic Revival event.

## Eucharistic Adoration

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

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.

**Thank you to all who have signed up!**



### THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES

will be selling tickets for \$10 after all masses. Each ticket comes with two chances to win! The winner will be drawn on St. Patrick's Day and take home \$1,000 cash and scratch-off tickets. This fundraiser benefits the group's trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November - which allows the teens to experience our Lord in a new way with 30,000 other teens! Thank you for your support!

### TUESDAY EVENING PRESENTATION OF: "No Greater Love" beginning February 28th after Mass

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. Please call the office to sign up at 724.863.9550 or email [esanger@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:esanger@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or [kfischerkeller@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:kfischerkeller@dioceseofgreensburg.org)



## Views on Vocations

### *A Put Out into the Deep Five Part Series*

By Tyler Randolph

### *Who Receives a Vocation?*

In our last article, we learned that “vocation” means a calling from God. Now we’re going to consider who is on the other end of the line to answer. Guess what? All of our “phones” are ringing! God calls each and every one of us – you, me, your cousin Stan, your Aunt Bev, and your neighbor down the street who you really don’t care for.

You’re probably thinking now, “What would He be calling me for?” or “I didn’t even hear it ring!” We are all called as members of Christ’s Body and to be holy. This is our “universal call to holiness.” Through the grace imparted to us by our Baptism,

- we are made sharers in God’s divine life  
reread that statement... we SHARE in His life, it is much deeper than a quick read might let on
- we become children of God,
- heirs of salvation,
- sharers in Christ’s three-fold mission of priest, prophet, and king.

There is so much that could be unpacked in that long run-on sentence!

The main idea I want to emphasize right now is this – our basic call from God is to be holy. Peter speaks to us in his first letter, “As he who has called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct.” (1 Peter 1:15) This references Leviticus 11:44 where God says “For I, the LORD, am your God. You shall make and keep yourselves holy, because I am holy.”

Holiness can’t be thought of as something just for others, it is for us all. It is a journey and certainly not something that will happen overnight. With the help of the grace we receive through the Sacraments (which is our participation in the life of the Church), we can grow in holiness and towards the goal of Christian perfection – the virtue of charity (love). This is a pretty tall order... so let us thank God for his endless love, mercy, and forgiveness!

## Senior Citizen Community Classes

**Senior Citizens Technology Classes**  
Available at **NO CHARGE.**

Technology skills and smartphone usage have become an important part of daily life for Americans of all ages, including senior citizens.

As a way of saying thanks to our senior citizens, Norwin School District is pleased to offer technology classes at NO COST to residents who are 62 and older. Classes are available for Norwin School District residents who live in Irwin Borough, North Irwin Borough, or North Huntingdon Township. Proof of residency is required.

The classes have been customized specifically for senior citizens. Classes will be taught by Mr. Jared Schultz and Mrs. Laura Swick, who are Norwin technology support teachers. Norwin High School students will help facilitate in order to lend helping hands when needed. This is an easy and casual way for older adults to learn about their technology.

Please register by submitting the form provided on the following page. Available class seats will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that the maximum class size is reached, registrants will be placed on a waiting list with the possibility of additional class dates being added.



### SPRING 2023 CLASS OFFERINGS

**HOW TO AVOID TECHNOLOGY SCAMS**  
Thursday, February 23, 2023 from 3:30-5:30pm

**IPHONE FOR SENIORS**  
Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 3:30-5:30pm

**IPAD FOR SENIORS**  
Thursday, March 23, 2023 from 3:30-5:30pm

**USING YOUR SMARTPHONE AROUND TOWN**  
Thursday, April 13, 2023 from 3:30-5:30pm

[Click here to complete the electronic Registration Form](#)  
[Click here to download the Spring Registration Form](#)

All classes will be held at Norwin High School, 251 McMahon Dr., North Huntingdon, PA 15642. For additional information, please contact Jennifer Fiegel, Guidance Secretary, at 724-861-3002.

## Senior Citizen Water Aerobics

**Coordinator:** Lynn Clark

**Days/Dates:** Wednesdays - March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th; April 5th, 12th

**Location:** Norwin High School Natatorium

**Time: Two Sessions:** 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM; 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Cost:** No Cost to Norwin Residents – Open to All Residents

Participants must complete and return the registration form in order to attend the session.

[Click here to complete the electronic Registration Form](#)  
[Click here to download the Registration Form](#)

## THE 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RACE FOR GRACE:

A 5k Run/Walk and 1-Mile Fun Walk, will be on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Norwin High School in North Huntingdon, PA. The Race For Grace benefits the Reflections Of Grace Foundation. To register for the Race, make a donation or learn more about the Foundation, visit [www.reflectionsofgrace.org](http://www.reflectionsofgrace.org).

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 7

## Candles

**Sanctuary Candle:** In Memory of Edward Iwanosky by Family

**Easter Flame Candle:** In Memory of Finley Grace Itle

**Divine Mercy Candle:** In Memory of Anthony Delaney by Family

**St. Peregrine Candle:** In Memory of Liddie Blank by Nancy Dupier

**St. Joseph's Candle:** In Memory of Month's Mind

**Altar Candles for the Month of February:**  
In Memory of James A. Salvatore by Luann & Mel Hunter

## Readings of the Week

### March 5th - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis	12:1-4a
2 Timothy	1:8b-10
Matthew	17:1-9

### March 12th - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus	17:3-7
Romans	5:1-2; 5-8
John	4:5-15; 19b-26; 39a; 40-42

## Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy for Sherri Widmaier on the loss of her mother Donna Jean Morack who died recently. May she 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 18-19, 2023	\$18,052.97
Ash Wednesday	\$6,033.75
OSV Sunday Offertory Feb. 20-Feb. 26, 2023	\$5,261.00

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

## Angels Corner

**Queen of Angels Catholic School** - It's picture time! All student's Pre-K 3 to Grade 8 will get their SPRING school picture taken on Thursday, March 9th. Any questions, please call the school office at 724 978-0144.

**Want to see a Pens game? Want to help Queen of Angels? Now you can do both.**

Join the Pittsburgh Penguins on Thursday, March 30th when they host the Nashville Predators for a 7pm puck drop. When tickets are purchased through the link below, a portion of each ticket sold will be donated back to Queen of Angels! If you have any question when purchasing tickets, please reach out to Philip Petit, our Pittsburgh Penguin representative, at [ppetit@pittsburghpenguins.com](mailto:ppetit@pittsburghpenguins.com)

This game is also their 2nd annual Faith and Family Night. Following the game, team Pastor Brad Henderson will lead a 30 minute discussion with select Penguins players and wives regarding their faith journey. Please feel free to share this post. There is no need to be affiliated with Queen of Angels to purchase tickets, anyone can purchase. All proceeds support our school. If you want to sit together with a group, please purchase tickets together.

<https://fevo.me/penguinsqueenofangels23>



**LADIES AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION**  
HOSTED BY ST. BARBARA LADIES GUILD  
Sunday, March 26, 2023  
2:30 - 4:00PM  
PRESENTATION: WOMEN OF THE BIBLE...  
Provided by Ladies of Immaculate Conception Church  
Please join us in the church for an afternoon of reflection, prayer, and refreshments.  
111 Raymaley Road  
Harrison City, PA  
RSVP by March 19  
Nancy 724-858-7031 OR  
Joanne 412-877-4613  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**





My name is Zachary Hoffman and I am a Life Scout in Troop 480. I am working on the rank of Eagle Scout and part of my rank requirement is to complete a project for the community. For my project, which was recently approved by Father John, I planned to construct and erect a "Blessing Box" at our church near the Food Bank Distribution Site on the side of the church behind Mary's garden. My project would allow people to obtain nonperishable food items as needed in the event of a food emergency between food bank distribution events. I've estimated that it will cost nearly \$500 to complete my project. If you would like to learn more about my project stop by and ask me after 1st mass which is when my family usually attends mass. If you would like to donate to help offset the cost of my project you can place an envelope in the collection basket on Sunday or mail to the office with either my name or "Blessing Box Project" noted on the outside of the envelope. - Zach Hoffman

## Lenten Fish Dinners

**Greensburg:** Our Lady of Grace Parish hall, fish fries Fridays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m., drive-thru only. Information: 724-836-8157 (call for preorder and payment option details).



**Greensburg:** St. Bruno Parish center, fish dinners Fridays, 4-7 p.m. (Good Friday, 2:30-7 p.m.), dine in or takeout. Information: 724-836-0690 or [ourladyofgracechurch.org](http://ourladyofgracechurch.org).

**Jeannette:** Sacred Heart Parish school cafeteria, fish fries Fridays (including Good Friday), 4-7 p.m., dine in or takeout. Orders: 724-527-9940 (beginning at 2 p.m.).

**North Huntingdon:** St. Agnes Parish hall, fish fries Fridays, 2-7 p.m., drive-thru only. Information: 724-863-2626 or [stagneschurch.info](http://stagneschurch.info).

**Crabtree:** St. Bartholomew's Parish & Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department, will partner together to have their annual Fish Fry. Come and check out our new location and our new renovated Kitchen. The fish fry will be in the bottom of Marian Hall (388 Cemetery Rd, Crabtree, PA 15624). Their Fish Fry will be on Ash Wednesday, February 22 and also every Friday in Lent. It will begin at 4:30 PM and will go until 7:00 PM. They will be offering Eat-In or Take-out. You can call 724-834-9789 or 724-834-1028 to place your orders.

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Saturday, March 18, 2023  
4:00 – 6:30 pm  
Mack Hall



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OR  
Marinara Sauce  
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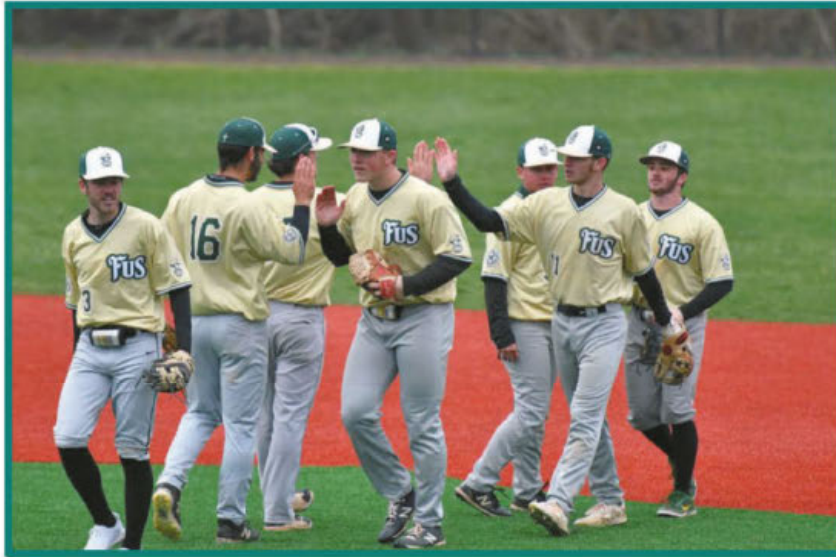
Cost  
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Tickets are available after all Masses at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton March 11 and 12th, 2023 or during business hours at the Church Office of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Contact Roseann Cieslewicz for more information  
[rcieslewicz@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:rcieslewicz@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

Come enjoy a home cooked meal and fellowship with us.





# HITTING FOR HOPE

## FRANCISCAN BASEBALL

### What is Hitting for Hope?

This season, Franciscan Baseball is raising funds to support women with unplanned pregnancies. For each game the Barons win this year, players, coaches, and families will be making a donation to pregnancy crisis centers in the Steubenville, OH and Pittsburgh, PA areas!

### What have we done?

Hitting for Hope was founded in 2020 by current Barons player Ryan Scavnicky. Since then, the project has raised \$20,000 to provide nearly 600 care packages to support women in the care of local pregnancy centers.

### How YOU can help!

Please consider making either a one-time donation or a pledge to donate per win the Barons have this season! If you are unable to donate, please consider sending this flyer to family and friends! Go Barons!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Ryan Scavnicky at:  
[hittingforhopeproject@gmail.com](mailto:hittingforhopeproject@gmail.com)

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 1235 University Blvd  
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If writing a check, please write out to **"Franciscan University Baseball"** with **"Hitting for Hope fund"** in the memo line!

Pledges can be made at  
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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

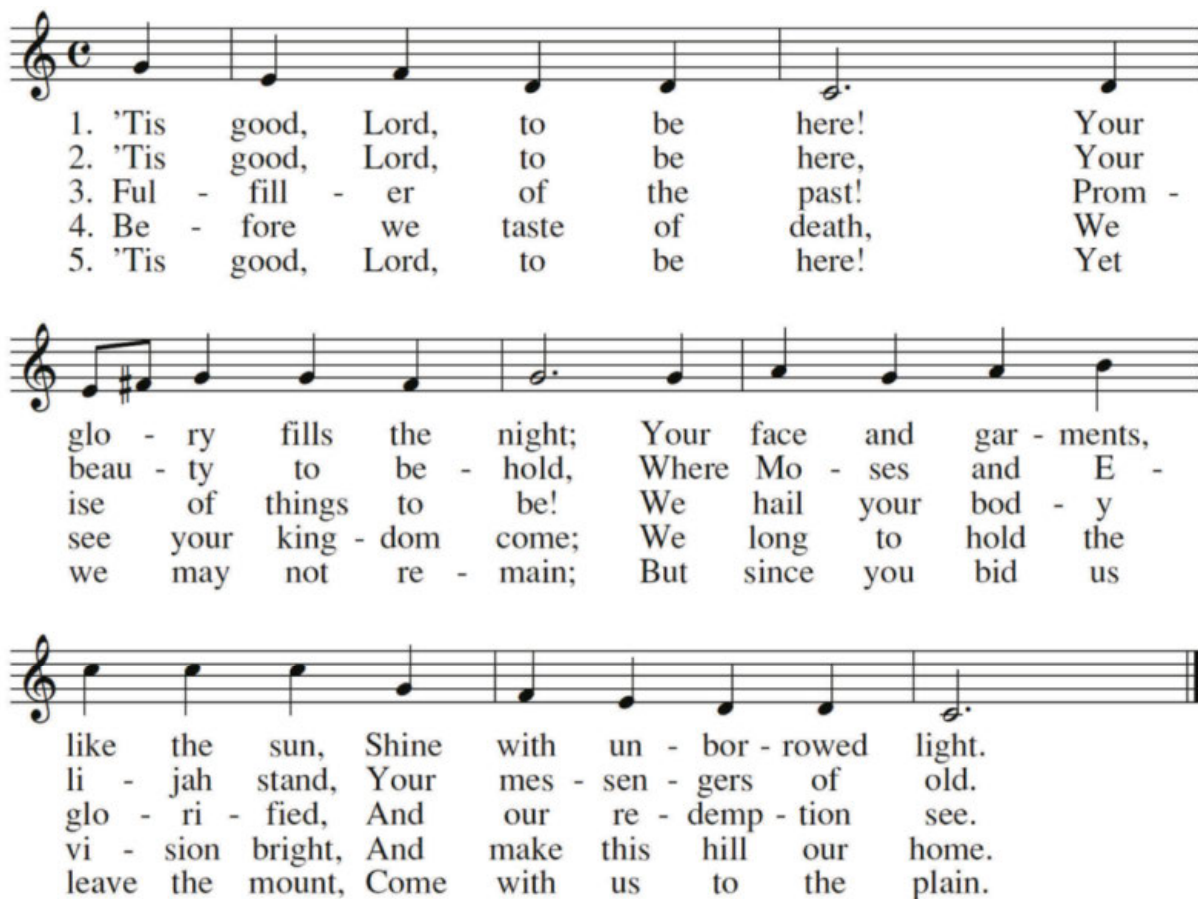
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## VOCATIONS PRAYER

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

'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here



1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your  
 2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your  
 3. Ful - fill - er of the past! Prom -  
 4. Be - fore we taste of death, We  
 5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet

glo - ry fills the night; Your face and gar - ments,  
 beau - ty to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E -  
 ise of things to be! We hail your bod - y  
 see your king - dom come; We long to hold the  
 we may not re - main; But since you bid us

like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 glo - ri - fied, And our re - demp - tion see.  
 vi - sion bright, And make this hill our home.  
 leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.



## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



(Then repeat the first Kyrie.)

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." Abram went as the LORD directed him.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33

Michel Guimont

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.*

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL READING

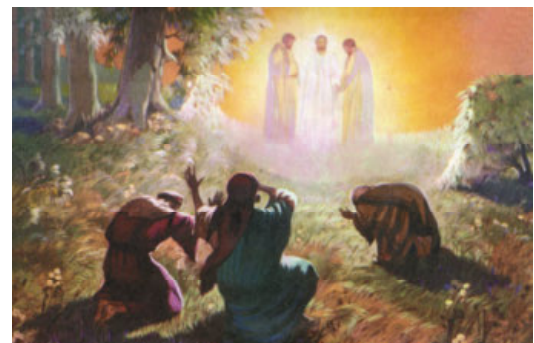
Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

## Transform Us



1. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured,  
 2. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured,  
 3. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured,

Stood a - part on Ta - bor's height.  
 Once spoke with those ho - ly ones.  
 Would not stay with - in a shrine.

Lead us up our sa - cred moun - tains,  
 We, sur - round - ed by the wit - ness  
 Keep us from our great temp - ta - tion—

Search us with re - veal - ing light.  
 Of those saints whose work is done,  
 Time and truth we quick - ly bind.

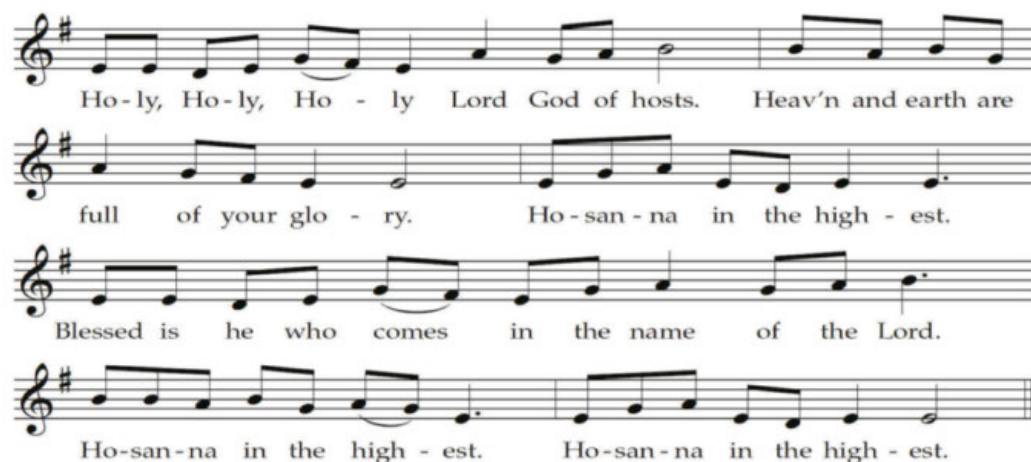
Lift us from where we have fall - en,  
 Live in this world as your Bod - y,  
 Lead us down those dai - ly path - ways

Full of ques - tions, filled with fright.  
 Cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.  
 Where our love is not con - fined.




## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Mass of Charity and Love  
Steven C. Warner



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

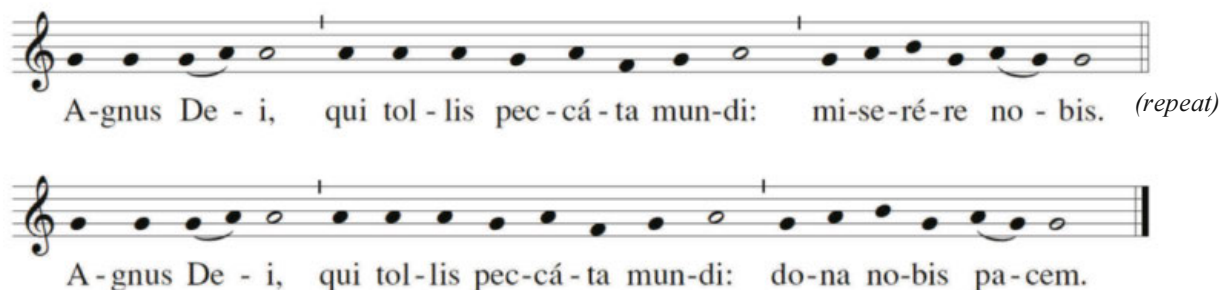


When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your  
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.  
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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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

Refrain



Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord, trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.

Break the chains that bind us; speak your heal - ing word, and

where you lead we'll fol - low. Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.

Text: Based on Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28b-36. Text and music © 2002, Bob Hurd.  
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1. The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
2. He by him - self has sworn, I on his oath de - pend;  
3. There dwells the Lord, our King, The Lord, our Right-eous-ness,  
4. The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.  
I shall, on ea - gle - wings up-borne, To heav'n as - cend.  
Tri - umph-ant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of peace.  
And "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - might - y King!

To him up - lift your voice, At whose su - preme com - mand  
I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,  
On Zi-on's sa - cred height His king - dom still main - tains,  
Who was and is the same, For all e - ter - ni - ty.

From earth we rise and seek the joys At his right hand.  
And sing the won - ders of his grace For - ev - er - more.  
And, glo - rious with his saints in light, For - ev - er reigns.  
To you, Lord God, the great I AM, All glo - ry be!"

Text: *Yigdal Elohim Hai*; ascr. to Daniel ben Judah Dayyan, fl.1400; para. by Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799, alt.  
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