IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

May 7th, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SACRAMENTS

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

MATRIMONY

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of 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. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

is held every Tuesday beginning after 7:45 am 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 6

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
4:30 p.m. Joseph & Marcy Voyna (Patrice)
Sunday, May 7
8:00 a.m. Victor & Agnes Raspotnik (Michael & Daughter Lorena)
10:00 a.m. Almeda Brentzel (Barb)
11:30 a.m. Angie Serwonski (Patty & Paul)
Monday, May 8
7:45 a.m. Robert & Mary Jane Knaresboro (Marlene & Terry)
Tuesday, May 9
7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:30 p.m. Dirling & Skoretz Families (John & Judy)



Wednesday, May 10 7:45 a.m. Edward Matava (Family) Thursday, May 11 7:45 a.m. Charles Heil (Barbara & Bruce) 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Friday, May 12 7:45 a.m. John Ott (Arendas Family) Saturday, May 13 8:00 a.m. Mary Pollock (Charlie & Toni) 4:30 p.m. For All Mothers Sunday, May 14 8:00 a.m. For All Mothers 10:00 a.m. For All Mothers 11:30 a.m. For All Mothers

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

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Prayer for a Child's First Communion Lord Jesus, Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

Next Saturday - May 13th First Burger Bash of the Season!!! 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Come Join Us!!!!



Get Ready, Immaculate Conception's Drive Thru Burger Bash 2023 is just around "The Corner"



Tickets are available in the parish office during regular office hours (724.863.9550). We will be selling after all Masses the weekend of May 6/7.



The Parish Office will be closed Monday May 8 & Wednesday May 10th. Staff is attending the Eucharistic Congress.

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IMG/IWG Men's and Women's Group IMG - IWG Summer Series 6:30 am-8:00 am

Summer series for the IMG & IWG Groups will begin on Saturday May 13th.

It's that time of the year when burgers are cooking on the corner and the Men's and Women's groups are meeting together over the summer months. On **Saturday May 13th** both groups will gather in Our Lady's Plaza at 6:30AM. Father John will be showing a video. You are encouraged to bring a friend. Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

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Graduating Seniors SAVE THE DATE – Baccalaureate Mass is Sunday, June 4, at the 10 am Mass. Invitations have been mailed out to graduating Seniors. If you have not received a letter AND you are a graduating student in 2023 please call the Parish Office at 724.863.9550

St. Vincent de Paul Report

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Our food distribution was held on April 15. We served 100 families, 12 are families of 5 or more. There were 32 volunteers to support the day for a total of 123 hours. A lunch bag containing juice boxes, individual serving containers of food, and other donated lunch items are distributed to all of the children. A

free-share table with donated clothing, household items, baby items, furniture, toys, and books is available to those we serve. Our next food bank distribution is May 13. We are concerned that there will be an increase in need in the coming months due to the discontinuation of the supplemental food stamps given during the COVID relief program. It will be a struggle for many to adjust and we will do our best to help out where we can.

We recently aided a wheelchair-bound man for a much-needed ramp. He was unable to access the main floor of his home. Busy Beaver and Home Depot donated half of the lumber and we purchased the remaining lumber from donations received from you.

Thank you for all you do to assist with our mission!



Just wanted to send you all a Thank-You for all your help and support with our Youth Ministry program this past year! We were even able to sell out of all our hoagies this past weekend thanks to you all! I know the teens graciously appreciate all that you do for them. Thank you all so much!

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SUNDAY MAY 14TH: FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR OUR CANDIDATES FOR CONFRIRMATION!!

On Wednesday and Thursday, May 10 & 11th Ninety 8th grade students from the parishes of **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Immaculate Conception** will be confirmed by Bishop Kulick. This Sunday, May 14th is the Feast of Saint Matthias of who are confirmation program is named. We are inviting everyone to remember to pray for our students through the intercession of Saint Matthias patron Saint to our confirmation program. Each of our candidates is choosing a confirmation name and as their second name they will take "Matthias" to connect them as a class who prepared together for this great Sacrament. Please find below a reflection on the meaning of our program.

What is the Matthias Project?



The Parishes of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Immaculate Conception announce a new Confirmation program for 8th grade students under the name: *"Matthias Project."* The program focuses on the call of Saint Matthias to take the place of Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus, and become the Faithful 12th Apostle of Christ!

The election of Saint Matthias takes place in the Acts of the Apostles 1:12-26. Recognizing that the role of the 12th apostle must be filled, Peter lead by the Holy Spirit, calls for the election based on some very important criteria:



<u>"Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the</u> <u>Lord Jesus came and went among us,</u> beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection."

The criteria of becoming an Apostle are the same for those who desire to be fully initiated into the life of Christ through the Holy Spirit. This is what Confirmation means: To "raise" up those who, through their life time, have been followers of Jesus (through baptism) and formed by His word, nourished in the Eucharist in hope of the resurrection. These members are called to be empowered by the Holy Spirit so that they may "act" in His name.

The Matthias project is the process for our students to understand the important role of the 12th apostle.

The students, in the face of so many unfaithful baptized, must desire to meet the challenge of becoming witnesses to the love of Christ and His Church. They are training to embrace the Call of the Holy Spirit to be extraordinary in Faith and Holiness.

The Meaning of the Matthias Project Symbols

The Matthias Breast plate symbolizes how St. Matthias lived and died

The book of the Gospels represents the preaching that he did to spread the word of God's Love

The F of Fire and the Dove are Signs of the Holy Spirit.

The Hatchet is the instrument of death that was used to behead this great Saint

Our Students will become aware, over time, how important the Holy Scriptures will be in their instruction The Gifts of the Holy Spirit will, in turn, empower them to share the Good News to others

The hatchet will be a reminder of the courage it takes to be faithful to the TRUTH even in the midst of adversity

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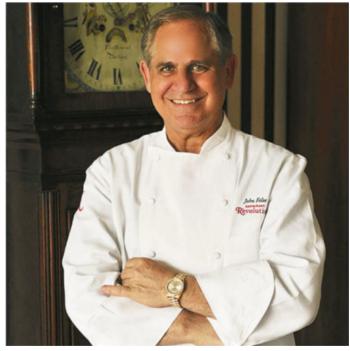
No it is not a new element on the periodic table but it represents the Saint Matthias will be the patron Saint of the Class. The 12th power represents the students who will be forever linked as one (as a class) to the call of discipleship through the power of the Holy Spirit



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World-renowned Louisiana TV chef, inspired by Father John's cancer journey, to cook for Queen of Angels Fundraiser

Note: This article appeared in the Catholic Accent as a promotion for this very special dinner that Chef Folse and I are hosting for the Queen of Angels School. This is a celebration of God's Divine Favor, through your prayers, for me in recovery from cancer. I would really appreciate if you joined us at this dinner in thanksgiving of my health and the needs for our Catholic School. Please read and join us!!



Chef John Folse is known as "Louisiana's Culinary Ambassador to the World" after appearing on international television and radio, writing 10 books and helping to found a culinary institute, as well as opening restaurants and serving dinners worldwide. In fact, he was the first non-Italian chef to create a Vatican State Dinner in Rome and opened a Cajun-style restaurant in Moscow's World Trade Center during the Presidential Summit between Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev.

Folse is coming to Westmoreland County to cook up a fundraiser at Westmoreland Country Club, with club chef Mark Henry, for Queen of Angels Catholic School, North Huntingdon, June 28. The event will celebrate Father John A. Moineau's recovery from pancreatic cancer. Folse has been following his cancer journey on social media from the very beginning.

Father Moineau is pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, North Huntingdon, and serves on the board of pastors for Queen of

Angels Catholic School. In 2021, he was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer that spread to his liver. Father Moineau stayed connected with parishioners during the COVID-19 lockdown with weekly YouTube videos and inspired many to return to Mass as the pandemic subsided.

"Your individual prayers and community prayers outside of Mass are awesome, but there is nothing that gives me more solace than to know that you are filling the churches and going to sacred Mass, especially when, during my treatments, I may not be able celebrate Mass," he said in one YouTube video, which had more than 10,000 views.

In July 2022, Father Moineau posted a jaw-dropping message on social media: "I wanted to share with you the good news regarding my PET scan on July 14. The scan came back completely CLEAN!!! No indication of any cancer!!! This is truly a miracle, and all of your prayers and support have brought us to this point!"

Of Father Moineau's many thousands of social media followers who saw that post, one is Folse. He was elated by the news. He connected with fellow restaurateur Barbara Braun, who co-owned Chesterfield's in North Huntingdon with her late husband, chef Jack Braun. She arranged for the two to meet.

"I think Chef Folse was really touched by Father John's passion for forming disciples and his commitment to Queen of Angels Catholic School. So he wanted to do something to help the cause," Braun said. "The goal is to raise \$100,000 for the school that night."

The event includes hors d'oeuvres and a five-course dinner. The attire is business casual. Visit <u>http://bidpal.net/</u> <u>tasteoflouisiana</u> for ticket and sponsorship information.

2023 BURGER BASH SPONSORS

FRENCH FRY FAMILY & HOT DOG CLUB ARE BACK AGAIN FOR THE 2023 BURGER BASH

As we prepare for the Drive-Thru Burger Bash people often ask if there is a way that they can help. Many have donated beverages in the past. However, the drive -thru format makes purchasing beverages difficult. Instead of donating beverages consider making a monthly monetary donation to offset the cost of the burger bash expenses. You can be a member of the "French Fry Family" or "Hotdog Club".

Last year donations from French Fry Family & Hot Dog Club helped with 32% of our expenses.

- ✓ "French Fry Family" Sponsorship donations for \$49.00 & under
- ✓ "Hotdog Club" Sponsorship donations for \$50.00 & over

Your donations can be mailed, dropped off to the parish office, dropped in the offertory basket or placed online at:

https://osvhub.com/icirwin/funds/burger-bash.

Please write attention "Burger Bash Sponsorship" on the envelope.

Thank you in advance for your support of the "*Almost Famous*" Corner Burger and our parish family!!

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Erench Fry Family	Hot Dog Club
	Your sponsorship will be for the following month's Burger
	Bash.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MASS TUESDAY, MAY 23 AT 6:30PM

- CELEBRATING -

THE ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE,

MAY CROWNING BY OUR FIRST COMMUNION CLASS,

AND

IN THANKSGIVING FOR FR. RONIEL'S MINISTRY TO US!







A reception will follow in Our Lady's Plaza.

If you are planning on attending the reception, kindly RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday, May 19 by calling (724) 863-9550.

Candles

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Donnelly Family by Kathleen

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of John Palicka

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Almeda Brentzel by Cindy & John

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Norma Jean Swope by DeCesere Family

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

Altar Candles for the Month of May: In Memory of the Fedornak Family

Paschal Candle: In Memory of John Ott by Annette



May 7th - 4th Sund	ay of Easter
Acts	6:1-7
1 Peter	2:4-9
John	14:1-12
May 14th - 4th Sun	day of Easter
Acts	8:5-8; 14-17
1 Peter	3:15-18
John	14:15-21

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy for all of our dearly departed. May they rest in peace.

Stewardship Corner

Weekly Offering

Sunday Offertory Week of April 22-23, 2023 \$14,776.26

OSV Sunday Offertory Apr. 24-Apr. 30, 2023

\$4,552.75

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal update as of April 29th

- ➢ We have reached our Parish Target of \$101,224.00!!!
- We have reached our Diocesan Target of \$148,776.00!
- Total pledged is \$257,080.00
- \$108,304.00 will be returned to Immaculate Conception Parish which will be used to aid the needy of our region with a \$10,000.00 donation to Saint Vincent de Paul Society. The remaining \$98,304.00 will be used to continue the development of Immaculate Conception Cemetery.
 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/

Queen of Angels Corner

Support Queen of Angels and enjoy delicious tacos with Moe's Taco Kits!

Orders must be placed by Monday, May 8th at 12 PM (noon) and Pickup is Wednesday, May 10th in the auxiliary gym from 5:00-5:30 *Kits are delivered ready to eat. Includes your choice of two (2) proteins, lettuce, shredded cheese, pico de gallo, southwest seasoned rice, black beans, sour cream, and a bowl of Moe's famous queso to share. As usual, the chips and salsa are on us! Thanks for your support!

Order here- https://form.jotform.com/230823738058157



Thanks for your support!

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 7, 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

Now the Green Blade Rises



Text: John M. C. Crum, 1872–1958, Oxford Book of Carols, alt., © Oxford University Press Tune: NOËL NOUVELET, 11 11 10 11; French carol; harm. by Thomas Foster, b.1938 9

10 Gloria

A New Mass for Congregations Carroll Andrews



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FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33 Guimont/Gelineau

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

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame. Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall. They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

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

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

> 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

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain

GAUDEAMUS PARITER faith-ful, raise the strain Come, ye Of tri um - phant glad-ness; 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ has burst his pris - on, Now the queen of sea-sons bright With day the of splen-dor, Nei-ther could the gates of death, the tomb's dark por - tal, 4. Nor 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we To our King im - mor - tal, cry 1. God has brought his ls - ra - el In - to from sad-ness; joy 2. And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en; 3. With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its to joy ren - der; 4. Nor the watch-ers, nor the seal Hold him as a mor - tal; 5. Who, tri - um-phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal; 1. Loosed from Pha-roah's bit - ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters; 2. All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark is fly - ing 3. Comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts Who with true af - fec - tion 4. But to - day a - mong the twelve Christ ap-peared, be - stow - ing le - lu - ia!" with the 5. "AI Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing; -Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters. 2. From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing. 3. Wel-come in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion. 4. Last - ing peace which ev - er - more Pass - es hu-man know-ing. 5. "Al - le - lu - ia!" yet a - gain To the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: 76 76 D; based on Exodus 15; St. John of Damascus, 8th cent.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: Johann Horn, ca. 1495–1547.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Mass for the City Richard Proulx



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Lamb of God

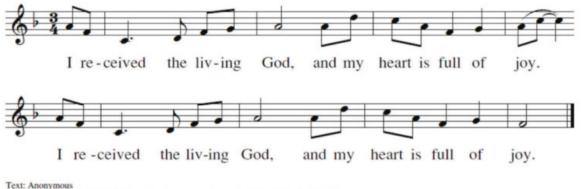
Holy Cross Mass David Clark Isele



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COMMUNION HYMN



Tune: LIVING GOD, 7777 with refrain; Anonymous; harm. by Richard Proulx, b.1937



I Know That My Redeemer Lives



Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799 Tune: DUKE STREET, LM; John Hatton, c.1710-1793



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