



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023—TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, September 9

8:00 a.m. Stephen Pilipovich (Parish Staff)

4:30 p.m. John Kubacka (Susan)

### Sunday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Danielle Medvan (Friend)

10:00 a.m. Robert Crupie (Family)

11:30 a.m. Catherine DiCristofaro (Dorothy)

### Monday, September 11

7:45 a.m. Kathy Montrose (Family)

### Tuesday, September 12

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:30 p.m. **PENANCE SERVICE—NO  
ADORATION OR MASS**

### Wednesday, September 13

7:45 a.m. Edward Matava (Family)

### Thursday, September 14

7:45 a.m. Dennis Clipper (Lois)

### Friday, September 15

7:45 a.m. George Curly (Family)

### Saturday, September 16

8:00 a.m. Bob Brackney (Mark & Michelle)

4:30 p.m. Darrell Dole (Wife & Family)

### Sunday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Daniel W. McCarthy (Family)

10:00 a.m. Anne & Danne Kapanak (Lorainne & Dennis)

11:30 a.m. Andy & Bobbie Bruno (Fischerkeller Family)



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For where two or three are gathered together  
in my name, there am I in the midst of them."  
- Mt 18:19-20

Excerpts from the Lctionary for Mass (©2001, 1996, 1979 CCC, SILPI)

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www.svdpgreensburg.org - 724-691-3711

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724-837-1840

**Parish Office Hours - 8am to 4pm**

*Monday through Friday*

**308 Second Street - Irwin, Pa 15642**  
**724-863-9550**

## HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER!

### SAVE THE DATE:

- ⇒ **TUES., SEPT. 12, 6:30 PM—PENANCE SERVICE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
- ⇒ **TUES., SEPT. 26, 6:30 PM—Christian Mothers Women's Guild—General Membership Meeting—Installation of New Members**
- ⇒ **THURS., SEPT. 28—THEOLOGY ON THE VINE—OUR LADY'S PLAZA—6:30 PM**



### FAITH FORMATION KICK-OFF! GR. 1-8

**WHEN: SEPT. 11, 2023**

**TIME: 6:30 PM**

**WHERE: IC CHURCH**

This is for all students and families to enjoy mass together and then meet their teachers! Snacks will be provided!

If YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 724-863-9550 OR EMAIL [SKCHEPLIC@DIOCESEOFGREENSBURG.ORG](mailto:SKCHEPLIC@DIOCESEOFGREENSBURG.ORG)

### Immaculata Men's and Women's Groups -

September 16th for the men's group (IMG)  
September 17th for the women's group (IWG)  
6:30am in Our Lady's Plaza.

We will be watching and discussing:

"The Chosen: Season 3" episode 2 - "Two by Two"  
All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend!

### Our regional Mom's of Young Children Group will be starting again on Tuesday, September 19th -

Every other Tuesday from 9:30 am to 11am in the Faith Formation office in the Administration Building at Immaculate Conception. This is a time for moms to come and share in community and prayer with other Catholic moms in the area!

Children are welcome to come along. Please contact Susan - [skchePLIC@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:skchePLIC@dioceseofgreensburg.org) with any questions!



### SAVE THE DATE! IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON'S CASH BASH!

**NOVEMBER 4, 2023**

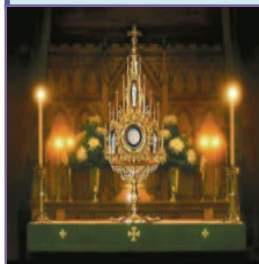
**TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
BEGINNING SEPT 23 & 24, 2023—AFTER ALL  
MASSES AND ALSO IN THE PARISH OFFICE!**

### ATTENTION IMMACULATE CONCEPTION USHERS:

CPR/AED TRAINING BY ERIC FRIEZ, CERTIFIED TRAINER IN CPR WILL HOLD A CLASS:

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023  
10 AM  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROOM  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
CHURCH.

COST: \$20  
CONTACT MARK LERCH -  
[mflerch027@gmail.com](mailto:mflerch027@gmail.com) to register



**NO ADORATION OR  
MASS  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 12  
DUE TO PENANCE  
SERVICE AT 6:30 PM**

## The Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist



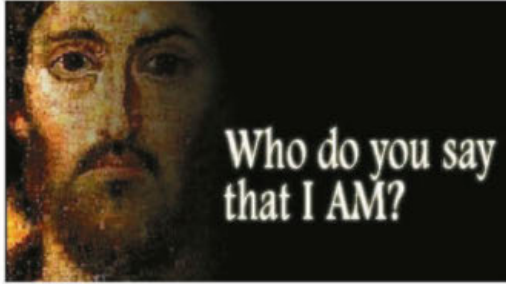
Join us for a one-of-a-kind experience about The Last Supper mural painted by Leonardo da Vinci! Vatican Art Historian Dr. Elizabeth Lev recorded a captivating talk for you about the scriptural nuances of this historic piece of art. This is a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in the Eucharistic Revival!



**LAST SUPPER EXHIBIT WILL BE IN OUR  
LADY'S PLAZA  
Saturday, September 30 before and  
after 4:30 Mass (3-7)  
Sunday, October 1 after 8am Mass until  
1:30.**



# PASTOR'S NOTES



*Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. Matthew 16:13*

On Sunday, August 27th in my homily, I shared a reflection on this particular Gospel passage that came from the retreat that was given to my senior class, before graduation, by Father Henne our religion teacher. The retreat was one that I had all but forgotten about until I came across the notebook from the retreat among some effects that were stored away in my high school memorabilia. The notebook brought back a flood of memories from that day as I paged through the handouts and the notes that I scribbled down in the book. **It was a reminder to me that the mind stores memories until the heart and the soul are ready to use them again.** Some of the things that I wrote down have been my mantras over the years that I shared in homilies but only recently recalled where they originated!! Finding this notebook was like finding the source of the personal relationship that I have developed over the years as I grew in Faith and ministry. These reflections are based on answering the question that Jesus posed to Simon Peter: "Who do you say that I am?" Last week we looked at the first slide from Father Henne's presentation: The Nativity. This week we will look at the following slides and share a meditation: Baptism of Jesus by John and the women caught in adultery.

## Slide 3: The Baptism of Jesus by John



**Who do you say that I am?** Next to this picture I wrote curiously: "**My Cousin**". Now this must have been the first thought that came to mind since I was very much aware of the role of John the Baptist in the life of Jesus. As you know John the Baptist is my name sake and I chose that name again in confirmation. So with much study of John I always thought of the intimacy (closeness) that John and Jesus must have had growing up. To be the cousin of Jesus but yet to come to realize that he was the Messiah was such a cool thought for me. I remember often wondering how I would have carried out the mission as the precursor of Jesus if I was REALLY John the Baptist? Would I have been so excited to share him with others and prepare them well for the message that he would bring?

Being a cousin would have afforded me to tease him perhaps, and at the same time be in awe of Him, as well. Would I have asked Him all kinds of questions? Like: What's heaven like? What is it like to be God but still be like me? Stupid kid stuff I guess, but interesting thoughts.

The next thing that I had written next to this caption was more focused on the situation and the question that Father Henne was asking. The answer seemed too obvious with the dove in the sky and the voice of the Father that

Jesus was the son of God and came to redeem us. So I must have realized that Jesus was one that I was to listen to and trust in all his words/teachings that he shared. So I wrote "**One that I must listen to and obey!**" I know as I reflect back, that it was always how I saw Jesus... one that I should listen to, and allow him to guide me through the many decisions I needed to make everyday. I think that is why having a moral code to follow is different than having rules and good advice shared by a parent, teacher or coach. See, moral code denotes a relationship with God that is centered in love. To listen to Jesus meant to love myself as he loved me! Not to do right and wrong because it was expected but to do it to "become" like him and to be like cousins, brothers in the love of the Father in heaven. Personal relationship was what drew me to try and do what was right. The image of the Sacred heart as a young man in college seemed to beckon me to place my head on His chest and to listen to His heart of love.



# PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

But now when I look at the slide (Jesus' baptism), I realize the power of the gift of baptism that I impose on so many over the years, over 2,000 baptisms! Father Henne would be proud of me, I often muse, to see that I came to understand the importance of answering that question of who Jesus is for me. But I think in a special way, it comes to my own approach of baptism. When I baptize and take the child from the mother's arms to present him to all that are present, I kiss the child on the head and whisper, "Please always listen to Him!" I then ask the Holy spirit to always hover over the child as a sign of God's Divine presence within! Who is Jesus in this meditation? He is the one to listen to and to become like the Father in heaven, as intended, from the beginning of time. Yes the baptism of Jesus revealed His divinity but it also gave us a teacher, redeemer and a friend. So when you imagine the baptism of Jesus by John, do you see yourself as one of those on the bank of the Jordan watching intently to the scene that unfolds? To imagine seeing the sky torn open with the Holy spirit hovering and the Father Saying, "this is my Beloved son listen to him?" Do you see Jesus in that Divine Light and also see him as one to follow with a desire to become a friend and companion? Are you ready to listen to him as Mary, Lazarus' sister, did at the feet of Jesus and find nothing better than His words?



When you see this picture of the baptism of Jesus by John, how do you respond to the questions: Who do you say that I am? Jesus asks...Right then and there who is He to you? Can your answer change your life? Does it make you desire a deeper love of truth as it comes to as a lesson of morality and love? Take time to answer such questions and give him your answer!!

## Slide 4: Women Caught in Adultery

"Who do you say that I am"? Scratched in my notebook I had



written: **Lover of Sinners!** I also wrote **Healer of Souls!** As I remember correctly, these were part of a Sacred Heart litany that my grandmother used to offer as part of her morning prayers. She had this old prayer book that had so many different holy (funeral) cards along with well worn novena prayers and litanies. These all held together with a "gum band" and sat by her wheel chair where she would pray as she lived with us during my Senior year. The Sacred Heart pamphlet was always on the outside of the book not tucked away with the others. On the front it had the Sacred Heart and the words: Healer of Souls and Lover of Sinners. For the *quid pro quo* (something for something) exercise that Father Henne had us doing it must have been the first thing that came to my mind. I always wanted to believe that Jesus loved me in my sinfulness but I was always embarrassed to be a sinner. But since a child and growing up with going to confessions once a month, I did know for sure that he was a lover of sinners. I always felt fresh and with a new start when I walked out the confessional box.

To think of Jesus as a lover of sinners made me realize that we would never be abandoned from His love. In college I often thought of the difference between Simon Peter and Judas. Simon was embarrassed by his sins but Jesus reassured him of His love. This allowed Peter to become strong and Holy. Judas could not have believed that Jesus was a lover of sinners, for he would have never taken his own life. Jesus loving us as we are, speaks to His complete understanding of the poison of sin and the effect that it has on our trust in Him. Jesus had to love sinners or He would not have taken the cross and died for our sins. His desire to heal souls is caught up in His love of sinners!



# PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED



Hate the sin and love the sinner! As a priest this becomes an important mantra to live by in the image of Jesus.

Hate the sin of every person and every circumstance. This means do not dismiss it or excuse it away. This kind of approach leads to relativism and just accepts people as they are and not as sinners. This is a great way to understand what it means that Jesus loves the sinner. A sinner is someone who understands that they have made a moral choice not to live in His love and by that choice, they are experiencing (guilt) the pain of a broken relationship. That person can come to forgiveness...they will receive it and be reminded to "go and sin no more!" This was the message that he gave the women caught in her horrible sin...choose the new life I give you and trust in my love! If people don't account anything as a "sin" then they cannot claim a love with Christ, they cannot even claim a need for him as redeemer. This is how Satan twists the hearts and lives of the people of the world today. Take away the reality of our sinful nature, then the relationship with the Healer of Souls is diminished. As a confessor, I relish the image of the Divine Mercy that hangs outside of my confessional. I love that it is the image that the penitents meditate upon as they wait for that gift of mercy to be related from the heart of Christ through the gift of my priesthood. I receive every penitent with the love of sinners that Jesus does and

as I exist myself. The Divine Mercy of the Healer of Souls pours forth like that which the Adulterous women received that changed her life! The Women caught in Adultery. "Who do you say that Jesus is?"

I often ask: think of your worst sin...and now think of being caught in the very act of that sin! Yes that is the feeling that this women had and now is brought forth for judgment. That sin, your worst sin is where Jesus befriends you and allows you to experience Him as the Healer of Souls! Who do you say that He is? Can you trust in His Divine Mercy to be what you need Him to be to change your life and be the redeemer?

## ANGEL'S CORNER QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### 2024 brings us another great "Pot of Gold" Lottery Calendar and 365 chances of winning!

Calendars are \$30 each and run from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. 365 prizes totaling over \$13,000 and ranging from \$25 to \$200 are available. The three digit Daily Number of the PA Lottery 7:00 PM drawing (excludes Double Draw second drawings) will determine the winner.

Our lottery calendars make wonderful gifts for the holidays; it's never too early to shop. Support our school and give a gift that keeps on giving throughout the year!

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Ann Noblick Calendar Coordinator, at [rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org](mailto:rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org) or 724-331-6216. YOU CAN MAIL YOUR REQUEST & INCLUDE INFO BELOW:

**Queen of Angels Catholic School**  
**c/o Mrs. Ruth Ann Noblick – Calendar Coordinator**  
**One Main Street**  
**North Huntingdon, PA 15642**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to stop in the school office to pick-up my calendars, please call me when they are ready for pick-up.

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ calendars X \$30.00 (each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR STUBS & PAYMENT IS NOVEMBER 17, 2023**



### **DO I NEED TO GO TO THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION?**

At first, we may think that we have been doing quite well since our last confession. We look at the Ten Commandments and

at first glance they seem not to apply. Well if you have any question whether receiving sacramental forgiveness is necessary for you take a look at the examination of conscience below... If none of these apply to you then count yourself among the Saints... but if you find that some or all apply to you then Tuesday night is for you.

## **PENANCE SERVICE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 6:30 P.M.**

### **MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

Am I faithful to daily prayer?  
Am I faithful to Sunday Mass?  
Am I going to Mass and say my prayers just to fulfill an obligation?

#### **Ask yourself further and our Lord Further:**

Do I trust God's loving care for me?  
Do I read Scripture, so I may know and hear God?  
Do I try to seek God's will, not mine, in prayer?  
Am I angry with, or afraid of God? Why?

### **MY RELATIONSHIP WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS**

Have I failed to respect a family member, Friend?  
Have I failed to accept anyone just as he/she is?  
Have I been patient with another's differences?  
Have I been tolerant of others shortcomings?  
Have I been sensitive to another's needs?  
Can I be forgiving, Lord as you forgive?  
Am I nursing a grudge?  
Do I criticize and find fault?  
Do I show positive acts of kindness?

### **MY RELATIONSHIP WITH EVERYONE**

Do I despise any group of people?  
Do I discriminate against any group of people?  
Do I consider groups or individuals inferior to me?  
Have I refused to help someone in need?

### **MY RELATIONSHIP WITH CREATION**

Have I spoiled any part of creation?  
Have I abused animals by cruelty or neglect?  
Have I been wasteful?  
Am I too fond of money?  
Do I see my gifts as a way to share love?  
Am I generous  
Do I drive responsibly and considerately of others?  
Do I make positive contributions to the community?  
Do I take my vocation seriously and fulfill my responsibilities?

### **MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MYSELF**

Do I feel angry often?  
Do I act as If I am God?  
Do I expect others to do what I want, when I want?  
Do I accept God's love for me?  
Am I seeking to know God's will?  
Am I unwilling to say "yes" to God's will?  
Do I prefer my own plans?  
Do I cherish and care for my body as a gift of God?  
Have I been lustful?  
Have I abused drugs or alcohol?  
Have I misused my sexuality?  
Have I viewed pornography?  
Have I been impure with myself ?  
Have I been greedy?  
Have I been lazy?

# SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

## CANDLES

**Sanctuary Candle:** In Memory of Anthony & Therese Sciulli  
by Family

**Easter Flame Candle:** In Memory of Delores Mellinger

**Divine Mercy Candle:** In Memory of Ethel Klassen

**St. Peregrine Candle:** In Memory of Dennis Clipper by Lois

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

**Altar Candles for the Month of September:**  
In Memory of Harold Frazier by Emily



### September 10th - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Romans 13:8-10  
Matthew 18:15-20

### September 17th - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7  
Romans 14:7-9  
Matthew 18:21-35

## Prayers and Sympathy



Please pray for all of our dearly departed. May they rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon them.

## GRIEF-SHARING GROUP

Monday evenings from August 21, 2023  
through

November 20, 202 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.  
Children's Liturgy room in the church.

Gerri Dornin at [gdornin@comcast.net](mailto:gdornin@comcast.net) to register  
or for more additional information.

## Homebound Ministry

If you know of any family, neighbors, or fellow parishioners who are homebound and would like to have a Homebound Minister bring the Holy Communion, please call Sharyn Gesmond at the Parish Office 724.863.9550 or  
Email her at: [sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org)



**We have many opportunities to become involved:**

If you are interested in volunteering or planning to resume volunteering for our parish ministries and parish activities please contact Sharyn Gesmond at [sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

724-863-9550 to update and/or obtain your clearances.

## 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 the parish office one year in advance of the wedding.

### Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Preparation.

### Confession

Tuesday: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

### Immaculate Conception

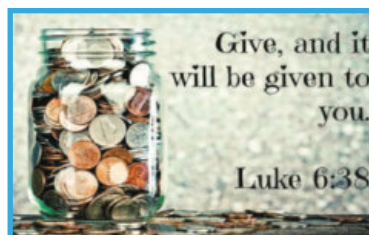
### Parish offers

### Online Giving

For additional information, or to sign up, visit our website at:

**[www.icirwin.org/giving/funds](http://www.icirwin.org/giving/funds)**

If you decide to switch to online giving and would like to discontinue your envelopes please contact the parish office. Thank you!



## WEEKLY OFFERING:

### Sunday Offertory -

Aug 26/27-\$15,324.93

**Online giving –Aug 28-Sept 3-\$5,378.10**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

### Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.



**JOIN US FOR  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION'S  
ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023  
TIME: AFTER 4:30 PM MASS UNTIL DARK  
WHERE: IN THE CHURCH  
PARKING LOT!**

**HOT AND COLD FOOD,  
DESSERT, WATER AND SODA  
ALL PROVIDED!  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
BALOON TWISTING FUN FOR  
THE KIDS!!!**



**TOV PARISH PICNIC PLANNING COMMITTEE  
WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP!  
WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO HELP SET UP  
AFTER 1 PM ON THAT DAY AND ALSO FOR TEAR DOWN.  
WE MAY ALSO NEED SOME HELP DURING THE PICNIC!  
IF YOU ARE WILLING AND ABLE,  
PLEASE CALL  
THE PARISH OFFICE AT 724-863-9550.**

**DONATIONS OF SODA &  
WATER CAN BE DROPPED  
OFF AT THE GARAGE IN THE  
CHURCH PARKING LOT!  
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**







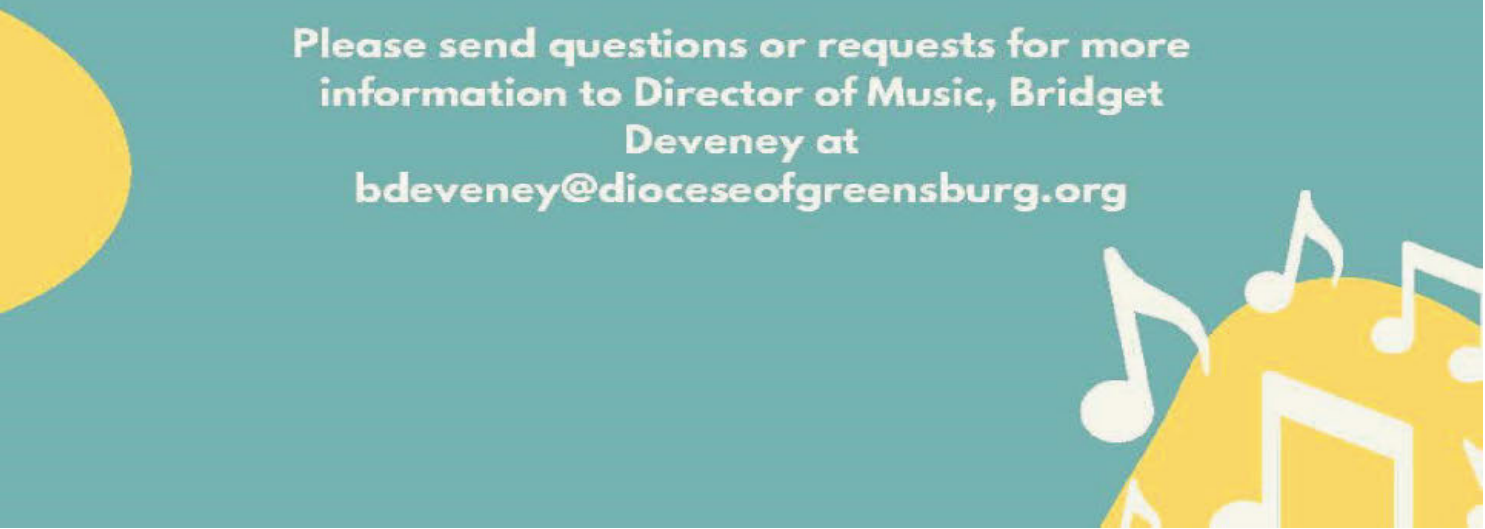
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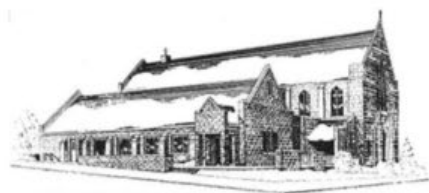
# ***CHILDREN'S CHOIR***

- Open to children grades 2-8
- Choir will sing once a month at the 10 AM Mass and at Lessons and Carols
- Rehearsals are each Wednesday from 5:45-6:30 PM

**First Rehearsal: Wednesday,  
September 20th at 5:45 PM in  
Administration Building**

Please send questions or requests for more  
information to Director of Music, Bridget  
Deveney at  
[bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org)





## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

# THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 10, 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

All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
3. Let us build a house where love is found In

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -  
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -  
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,  
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness  
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus.

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the  
And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as  
Is re - vealed in time and space: As we

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
share in Christ the feast that frees us. All are wel - come.

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.



## 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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die, " and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95

*Proulx/Genineau*

*If today you hear God's voice,  
harden not your hearts.*

### SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet, " and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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

  
For where two or three  
*gather in  
my name,*  
there am I with them.  


Matthew 18:20

## 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

#### Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1. Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, For when  
2. As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er In the  
3. All our meals and all our liv - ing Make as

hum - bly in your name Two or  
name of Christ to sup, Then with  
sac - ra - ments of you, That by

three are met to - geth - er, You are in the  
thanks to God the Fa - ther Break the bread and  
car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing, We may be dis -

midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
bless the cup. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
So now bind our friend - ship up.  
We will serve with faith a - new.



# EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

## New Plainsong Mass

David Hurd

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

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Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and  
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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A - men, a - men,  
a men.

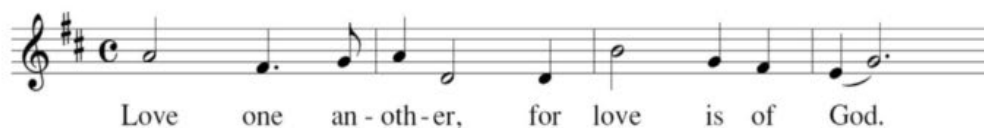
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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# COMMUNION HYMN

# Love One Another



Text: 1 John 4; James J. Chepponis, b.1956  
Tune: James J. Chepponis, b.1956  
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# RECESSIONAL HYMN

# Help Us Accept Each Other



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life  
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us So that we may be moved  
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,



Teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, Each per - son to em - brace.  
We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.  
In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;  
Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For jus - tice, and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, And bring us to be - lieve:  
Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some;  
To prac - tice your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart  
We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:



We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.  
To love them as we find them, Or as they may be - come.  
The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
Re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

Text: Romans 15:7; Fred Kaan, 1929–2009, © 1975, Hope Publishing Company  
Tune: AURELIA, 7 6 7 6 D; Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810–1876



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