



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023—TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 23

8:00 a.m. Manning, Francese, & White Families
(Toots)

4:30 p.m. Mary Jane Sisteck (Cindy)

Sunday, September 24

8:00 a.m. Louise Noel Labbe (Nancy)

10:00 a.m. Margaret & Alfred Egnot (Paula)

11:30 a.m. Betty Eizenhafer (John, Rosemary & Jack)

Monday, September 25

7:45 a.m. Joseph Perri (Family)

Tuesday, September 26

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:30 p.m. John Knezovich (Friends)

Wednesday, September 27

7:45 a.m. Jeff Cole (Santimyer Family)

Thursday, September 28

7:45 a.m. Phyllis Valerio (Charlotte)

Friday, September 29

7:45 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
Stafura Family (The Salopeks)

Saturday, September 30

7:45 a.m. Stephen Pilipovich (Mike & Teresa)

4:30 p.m. John Mutschler (Patrice & Marcy Jo)

Sunday, October 1

8:00 a.m. Victor & Agnes Raspotnik (Michael &
Lorena)

10:00 a.m. Penny Palarino (Family)

11:30 a.m. Dennis Kisner (Family)

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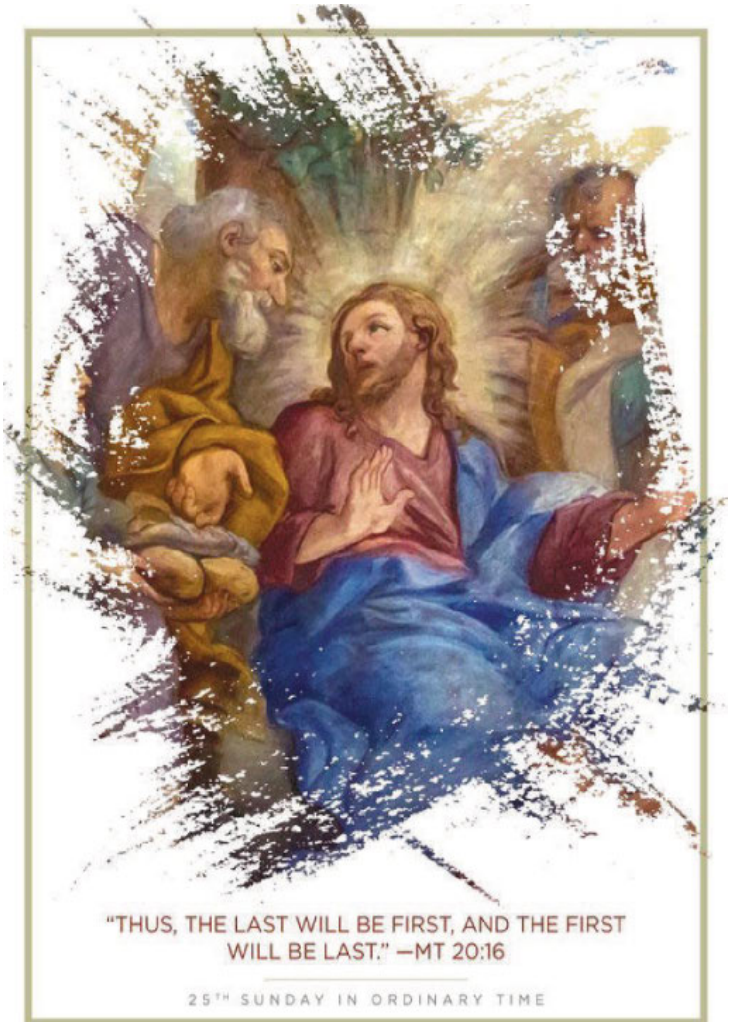
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Monday through Friday

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724-863-9550

HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER!



THE PARISH PICNIC WAS A GREAT SUCCESS DUE TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME AND ENJOYED THE AFTERNOON WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED CASES OF WATER AND SODA TOO!

Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019 -MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Monday September 25, 2023,

WHERE: St Agnes-Resurrection Hall.

TIME: 7:15 with the Rosary.

St Jude Council covers the parishes of IC, St Agnes, and St Elizabeth Ann Seton. If you are interested in joining the Knights, or would like to transfer to our Council, please contact—



Al Borgony at 724-864-3487 email - a.borgony@comcast.net ,or go to our website at kofc.org and join online.

**MATTHIAS PROJECT
7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS
THE FIRST CLASS BEGINS OCTOBER 2, 2023
6:00 PM FOR 7TH GRADE
7:30 PM FOR 8TH GRADE
HELD IN OUR LADY'S PLAZA
IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED,
PLEASE CONTACT:
SKCHEPLIC@DIOCESEOFGREENSBURG.ORG**

Below is our list of Catechists for our Faith Formation program:

Grade 1: Kim Povich

Grade 2: Judy Sawl

Grade 2 & 3: Lisa Sisteck

Grade 4: John Lenart

Grade 5: Lindsay Marco

Grade 6: Lee Eager

Grade 6: Brandon DePhillips

Grade 7: Bruce and Helen Sedlock

Grade 8: Fr. John

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Natalie DiVitti

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Stephanie Scavnicky



Grade 1 & 2—First Class: Saturday, September 23, 2023

Parish Admin. Classrooms

9-11 am



Grade 3, 4, 5, & 6—First Class: Monday,
September 25, 2023
Parish Admin. Classrooms
6-8 pm

THANK YOU CATHECHISTS!

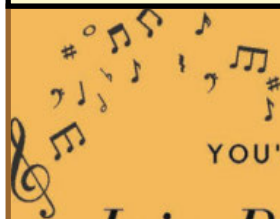
Immaculata Men's and Women's Groups

- Next meeting will be:

Saturday, September 30th for the men's group (IMG)

Sunday, October 1st for the women's group (IWG)

6:30am in Our Lady's Plaza. In this session, we will be watching and discussing Episode 4 of "The Chosen - Season 3". All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend!



YOU'RE INVITED TO

Join Parish Choir!

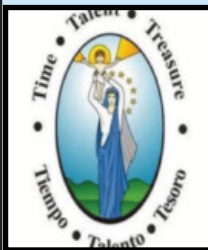
REHEARSALS BEGIN WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH
AT 7PM IN THE THIRD FLOOR MUSIC ROOM OF THE
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

*Previous experience or music literacy NOT
required*

Choir sings at most 10AM Masses

All voice parts and instrumentalists welcome!

Please contact Bridget Deveney (bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org) with questions



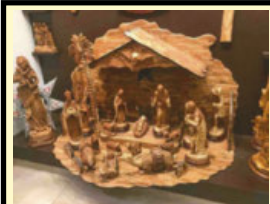
THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS WOMEN'S GUILD WILL MEET:

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
6:30 PM MASS AND MEETING
WILL BE IMMEDIATELY AFTER
IN OUR LADY'S PLAZA**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A REGISTRATION FORM,
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT:

724-863-9550, ALL ARE WELCOME!

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS
WITH DUES BEFORE THE MEETING, IF POSSIBLE.



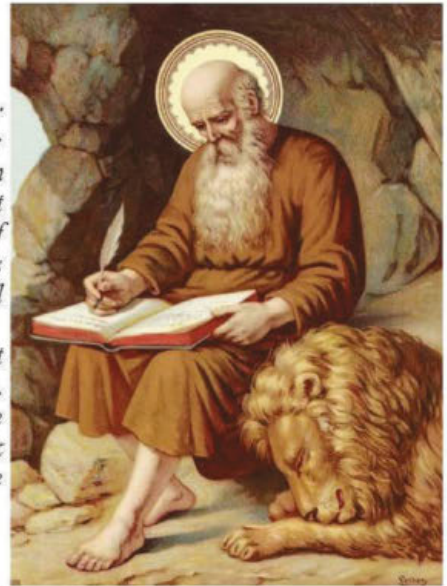
NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 30/OCTOBER 1- BEFORE & AFTER MASSES
Bethlehem Christian Families
will be Selling Items From the Holy Land.

PASTOR'S NOTES

GOOD, BETTER, BEST...
NEVER LET IT REST

UNTIL WHAT IS GOOD IS BETTER AND BETTER IS BEST

This little saying of Saint Jerome can be applied to so many parts of our spiritual lives. It is a constant reminder of what Jesus has asked us to do: "Be perfect and the Heavenly Father is Perfect" (Mt 5:48). Our Perfection is a progression in the life of grace which leads us to a purity of heart that resonates with the Will of God our Father. God is perfect in every sense of the word for he is omnipotent and has one resolve to be united with us, his people. So to be perfect above all else is to desire God's will for us and all mankind. Sometimes this calls us to act in the name of God on behalf of others through Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy. More intimately it challenges us to have purity of heart and soul...to perfect our interior life. For most, it seems to be an impossible task to overcome our fallen nature that calls us away from the intimate and pure spiritual love of God. A task that the devil will encourage us to give up on behalf of mediocrity. But the Saints follow the apostolic call of Jesus: "Trust in me for all things are possible with God."



LOST SHEEP AND COINS - In the time of Jesus your livelihood was measured in your crop, stock and buying power....Not much different than today. Buying and selling power is still the going rate in the free world. We also, like the times of Jesus, know how to cut our losses....We would recognize that losing one sheep while having ninety nine or losing a penny would be no reason to rip the house apart. But with Jesus there is no monetary value assigned to us...but the **IDENTICAL ETERNAL VALUE** of a soul. So he will seek us out and call us by name...He will wait for us to turn around and wander home...He will celebrate when he has us safely in His arms. The trick is not to wander away again...to change our desire to seek the world for the desire to become perfect in God's love.



COMING HOME TO THE LORD!!

There is an important sequence to "coming home to the Lord" and it is built-in like a GPS for souls. This process will lead to a "GOOD" spiritual life. So let's review this process to a "GOOD" Life.

LOST IN SIN - When we sin and wander away from God our Baptismal grace holds onto the voice of God and sends a very strong signal (via our conscience) for us to hear. This little "voice" is known as **GUILT**.

GUILT'S purpose is to remind us of what is good and pure....which is God's love and will for us. When we feel guilty it should make us want God more than to hide from Him. It should make us seek His love above our shame. It is more than a feeling of shame of our choice...it is an invitation to choose again His Mercy over Sin. The second phase kicks in after the bell of "Guilt" is rung and that is the gift of Redemptive Love called Contrition. When we have realized our sin and it's emptiness we are moved to contrition.

This is the sorrow of our soul that needs and wants to be reunited to God. Contrition then moves us to the next phase and that is the confession of our sin. We come to the words of the prodigal son: "I am sorry Father that I have sinned against you and my neighbor". This contrition and expression of guilt

is received in the beautiful sacrament of Reconciliation. The priest acknowledges the Guilt contrition and then he receives the sorrowful confession "Persona Christi" (in the person of Christ) waiting to extend the Good Shepherd's forgiving Love. Once absolution takes place the priest receives the intention of the penitent "to avoid the occasion of sin" Meaning to be aware of the devil's allurements away from the Shepherd. The final phase is that active presence of sanctifying Grace. This is the Grace that returns you to Original Holiness which is the full awareness of God's love and presence.... This is what it feels like to be hoisted on His shoulders as He celebrates your return. Coming Home to the Lord as a Catholic is carried out **PERFECTLY** in the sacrament of reconciliation.

PASTOR'S NOTES



A **"GOOD" PLACE** - This is a GOOD start to becoming totally in harmony of God's will for us. The "State of Grace" allows God's voice to resonate in our hearts and souls spurring us on to stay close and not to wander far away! But if this was enough then why do we sin again? Why do we go back to the edge "of his voice" and explore the places of our pitfalls? Because more needs to be done. To make that Good become a "Better" position in the presence of the Lord we must examine our accepted Vices and counter them with virtues. **The definition of a vice** is: An immoral or evil habit" **First it is immoral...** Which means it is a way of life that leads away from the love and perfection of God's presence... **It is Evil...** which is absence of God's Divine will of Love and Grace. **It is also a habit...** which means it has become a routine or "matter of fact" way of

living. It becomes a **"Character Flaw"**. This is why it is necessary to try to counteract a vice with a virtue. Vices can be summed up as the Seven Deadly Sins. So here is the list of Vices and the counter-love of Virtue.

Vice (Deadly Sins)

Lust (excessive sexual appetites)

Gluttony (over-indulgence)

Greed (avarice)

Sloth (laziness/idleness)

Wrath (anger)

Envy (jealousy)

Pride (vanity)

Virtue

Chastity (purity)

Temperance (self-restraint)

Charity (giving)

Diligence (zeal/integrity/Labor)

Forgiveness (composure)

Kindness (admiration)

Humility (humbleness)

A **"BETTER" life** in Christ is when we combat Vice with Virtue. Example: if we are lustful...if we spend time on the internet searching for pornography we need to combat this Vice with Chastity. A pure heart and love of neighbor who was created in God's image...and not as an OBJECT of our desire. Chastity of the eyes, though will lead to Chastity (purity) of intention and action. The list covers all the pit falls with a steel clad bridge of virtuous intention and life. Vice is focused on the valley away from the Shepherd while the virtue focuses on the intimacy of His presence and Love. True love does not have wandering intentions of "another". Substitute these virtues for these vices and you will know a **"BETTER"** life in Christ.

The **"BEST" life** in Christ and the further traveled road towards perfection is when we change our lifestyle. To every wayward life style there is a vocation...a call to holiness in prayer and intention to be disciples of Christ. "Alternative Lifestyle" are in direct contradiction of the life of Grace. This does not mean we condemn the persons who are on the wayward path but we certainly condemn the choice of action for which they live. We do not condemn the person but the sin. When we promise to avoid the near occasion of sin we are making a "Good" choice to begin to follow Christ. When we change our habits to virtue we have made a "Better" commitment to follow Christ. And when our sexuality; greed; laziness; wrath; envy or pride becomes perverted and accepted as a way of life we must remember our original vocation of Holiness and lead pure, chaste, prayerful, patient, kind and forgiving lives. This is the "Best" life as a disciple of Christ and assures us not to be lost but coheirs to eternal life!

Summary

The Process of Returning Home	THREE STEPS TO HOLINESS
GUILT to	For every SIN there is FORGIVENESS (GOOD)
CONTRITION to	For every VICE there is a VIRTUE (BETTER)
CONFESSION to	For every ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE there is a VOCATION (BEST)
FORGIVENESS to	
LIFE OF GRACE	

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Patrick Newcomer by Family

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Vincent Smith by Wife Nancy

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Jeffrey Cole by Divine Mercy Prayer Group

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Joseph Balzer by Wife

St. Joseph's Candle: In Memory of Norma & George Delose by Family

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

Readings of the Week

September 24th - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

October 1 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

Prayers and Sympathy



Please pray for the soul of Lida Benyak (Donna Fisher's mother) & Gladys Harvath and 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 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



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

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

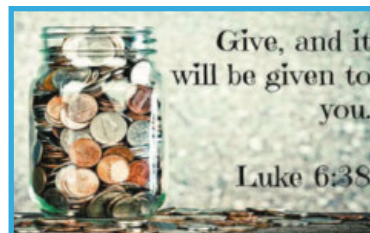
Parish offers

Online Giving

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

www.icirwin.org/giving/funds

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 -
Sept 9 to Sept 11-
\$16,106.96

Online Giving - Sept 11-17 - \$5,261.79

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.

CASH BASH
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
NOVEMBER 4, 2023
MACK HALL—ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON 5:00 PM

TICKETS ARE \$30 EACH AND INCLUDE FOOD, BEER, SODA & THE CHANCE TO WIN CASH PRIZES WITH TWO NUMBERS PER TICKET! WINNER DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN, HOWEVER, ONLY 250 SEATS AVAILABLE SO FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WORK THE ENTIRE TIME SO PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 724-863-9550, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!
DONATIONS NEEDED TOO, SUGGESTIONS: BASKET FOR AUCTION, LOTTERY TICKETS, GIFT CARDS, STEELER OR PENS TICKETS FOR RAFFLE!



ANGEL'S CORNER
QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

QofA STUDENTS - Get your smiles ready for school pictures on Wednesday, September 20th! All PK 3 - 4, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8 students will be photographed by Inter-State Studio and Publishing Company.

Growing hearts, growing minds, growing community!
Together we can make a big impact!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our upcoming auction is happening soon, from October 12th-October 19th!

Stay tuned and get ready to bid on exciting items including unique experiences, auction items exciting and wonderful raffles. There is something for everyone and it all benefits

Queen of Angels Catholic School students! Mark your calendar!

You can help us make our event a success! Here's how!

Donate – Do you have tickets to sporting events, concerts, or theater? Vacation rental? Does your business offer a service that you could donate? Do you know a business willing to make a donation (such as a gift card)? Any donation big or small is appreciated.

Be a Sponsor – Own or know a small business? Consider being a sponsor for the auction! Sponsors receive acknowledgement on the auction website, social media, and are tax deductible.

Bid and Share- When our auction opens on October 12th, we'd love your participation! Bid on some of our amazing auction items and share our event with your friends and family!

Please contact Christina at ctorok@queenofangelssch.org if you have any questions or would like sponsor or donate an item. We can't say enough how much we appreciate your participation and generosity!

All Adults 21 years or older are invited to

Theology on the Vine



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!



Thursday Sept. 28, 2023

Doors open 6:00 pm

OUR LADY'S PLAZA

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

A great opportunity for Catholic adults to meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith and how it affects our lives.

Wine, cheese and light beverages are served.

Food-Faith-Fellowship



**LAST SUPPER EXHIBIT WILL ALSO 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.

SPONSORED BY CHRISTIAN MOTHER WOMEN'S GUILD

Today We Celebrate Priesthood Sunday

We are truly blessed to have Fr. John and Fr. Louiegene as our wonderful shepherds.
Please offer your prayers in thanksgiving for them and their dedication to our parish families.



Gracious and loving Father, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Holy Spirit, give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
Amen.

Mary, Model of Vocations, pray for us.

St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us.

St John Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests, pray for us.

Today is the annual diocesan collection for our Seminarians, men preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, the ongoing formation of our clergy and our International Priests. Please be generous in supporting the needs of our Seminarians and clergy through this collection. In addition to your financial support, please pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and the religious life, so that the Lord may continue providing men with *Hearts for the Mission*.



Faithful Challenges Prayer for Vocations

Lord, you call each of us to service in your Kingdom. Through the intercession of Mary, we place before you all who are discerning your call. In a particular way, we pray for all men who are seeking to answer your invitation, "Come follow me." Please help them discover your plan for their lives. May they be open to priesthood, marriage religious or single life, and respond generously to your call.

Help them to know themselves.
Help them to overcome their fears.
Help them to want what you want.
Help them to trust you completely.

Send your Holy Spirit in their minds and hearts so they can see the gifts you have given them and hear your call to serve the Church. Increase their desire to bring others to you and help them reach heaven. Mary, Most Holy, Queen of Clergy, pray for them, that they can discover their vocation and have the courage to respond in faith.



Diocese of Greensburg

Amen



September Faithful Challenge: Pray for Vocations



The clergy shortage in the Diocese of Greensburg is widely known. In fact, in the next eight years, we will have fewer than 15 native-born priests to serve the Diocese of Greensburg. Without priests, there is no Eucharist. Without the Eucharist, there can be no Eucharistic Revival. This month, Bishop Kulick's Faithful Challenge is to pray for vocations. He encourages you to join him in prayer to spur the renewal of the Church.

This year, Bishop Kulick accepted three more men into the priestly formation program for the Diocese of Greensburg: Matteo Arcara, Thomas Oldenburg, and Ryan Scavnick. They are now in what is termed the Propaedeutic Stage, a new stage just recently added to the priestly formation program. During the Propaedeutic Stage, Arcara, Oldenburg and Scavnick will live in community with other seminarians. While introductory in nature, the Propaedeutic Stage is time for the three to grow in their relationship with Christ, trust in God and knowledge of the Catholic Church and Her teachings. This time helps seminarians to lay a foundation for a new way of life centered in Christ and in communion with his Bishop, presbyterate, and his local Church.

Our seminarians have a heart for the mission of our Church! Supporting the Seminarian Collection on September 23 and 24 helps to spur the renewal of our Church. To learn more about the formation of our future priests or donate visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/seminarian-clergy-formation-collection

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

OCTOBERFEST BINGO

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER, 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM GAMES START AT 6:45 PM

ADMISSION \$35—ST BARBARA CHURCH HALL

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

6:30 PM

ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON—PARISH CENTER

HOLIDAY CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

10 AM—2 PM

ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON—MACK HALL

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023 AT 2 PM

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

LAST BURGER BASH OF 2023

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

DRIVE-THRU 11 AM TO 1:30 PM

—SAVE—
THE DATE



Saint Charles



Borromeo Seminary

Summer Edition!

As many of you know, I spent the majority of my summer at my parish assignment, Our Lady of the Assumption in Coral and Lucernemines, "all the way" up in Indiana County! I had such a wonderful experience of parish life there under the guidance of their pastor, Capuchin Fr. John Pavlik as well as being stationed with my brother seminarian, Mario Porrecca. Now it is "back to the grind at St. Charles, beginning my second year of "Pre-Theology" with many philosophy classes, as well as Soanish and Greek! Enjoy some highlights from the summer!

Tyler



Fr. John Pavlik and myself before the organ recital that I played as a fundraiser for Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in June.

We got dirty, too, at the Youth Group "Color Run"!

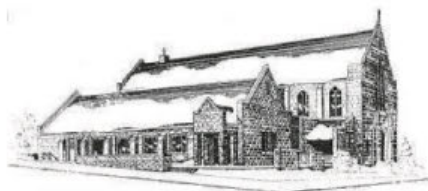


We cooked a large dinner for the parish, and the Bishop, too!

At the conclusion of the summer assignment, we held a "40 Hours" devotion over three days, ending with a Eucharistic Procession.



On Labor Day weekend, I brought a group of my friends from seminary who are from Arlington and Philadelphia home for a "grand tour" of Western PA!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24, 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

Lord of All Hopefulness



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel
forsake his way, and the wicked his
thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for
mercy; to our God, who is generous in
forgiving. For my thoughts are not your
thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says
the LORD. As high as the heavens are
above the earth, so high are my ways above
your ways and my thoughts above your
thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145
Steven Janco

The Lord is near to all who call on him.

SECOND READING Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be
magnified in my body, whether by life or by
death. For to me life is Christ, and death is
gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that
means fruitful labor for me. And I do not
know which I shall choose. I am caught be-
tween the two. I long to depart this life and
be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet
that I remain in the flesh is more necessary
for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves
in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a
Landowner who went out at dawn to hire
laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing
with them for the usual daily wage, he sent
them into his vineyard. Going out about
nine o'clock, the landowner saw others
standing idle in the marketplace, and he
said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard,
and I will give you what is just.' So they
went off. And he went out again around
noon, and around three o'clock, and did
likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the
landowner found others standing around,
and said to them, 'Why do you stand here
idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no
one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You
too go into my vineyard.' When it was
evening the owner of the vineyard said to
his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and
give them their pay, beginning with the last
and ending with the first.' When those who
had started about five o'clock came, each
received the usual daily wage. So when the
first came, they thought that they would
receive more, but each of them also got the
usual wage. And on receiving it they
grumbled against the landowner, saying,
'These last ones worked only one hour, and
you have made them equal to us, who bore
the day's burden and the heat.' He said to
one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not
cheating you. Did you not agree with me
for the usual daily wage? Take what is
yours and go. What if I wish to give this last
one the same as you? Or am I not free to do
as I wish with my own money? Are you
envious because I am generous?' Thus, the
last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

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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

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We Walk by Faith



1., 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight; No
2. We may not touch his hands and side, Nor
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
4. That, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; But in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound To call on you when
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you



none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, And seek where you are found;
as you are, With full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

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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.

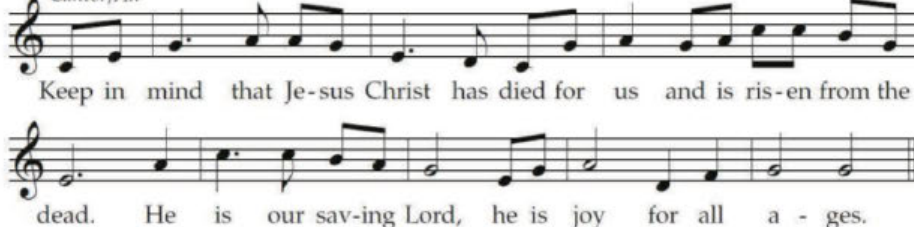
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COMMUNION HYMN

Keep in Mind

REFRAIN

Cantor/All



2 Tm 2:8-12

Lucien Deiss, 1921-2007
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Mary, Model of Vocations, Pray for us.

St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, Pray for us.

St John Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests, Pray for us.

RECESSIONAL HYMN


All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

Text: LM; Psalm 100; William Kethe, d. c. 1593. Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

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