



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

OCTOBER 8, 2023—TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 7

8:30 a.m. Mass at Seton

3:00 p.m. Szarmach/Pikar Wedding

4:30 p.m. Andy Duris (Ron)

Sunday, October 8

8:00 a.m. Anthony DePaulo (Kathy)

10:00 a.m. Rick Borland (Family)

11:30 a.m. Peter & Anna Colinear (Family)

Monday, October 9

7:45 a.m. Mary Agatucci (Patty & Paul)

Tuesday, October 10

7:45 a.m. Mila Sacramento (Family)

6:30 p.m. **NO ADORATION, NO
CONFESSIONS, NO MASS**

Wednesday, October 11

7:45 a.m. **NO MASS**

Thursday, October 12

7:45 a.m. **NO MASS**

Friday, October 13

7:45 a.m. Almeda Brentzel (Denise)

Saturday, October 14

8:00 a.m. Jeffrey Cole (Carleta)

3:00 p.m. Pozzuto/Sporio Wedding

4:30 p.m. Bob Gutwald (Family)

Sunday, October 15

8:00 a.m. Danne & Anne Kapanak (Dennis & Lorainne)

10:00 a.m. Ashley Jones (Uncle Corky)

11:30 a.m. Cathy Brutout (Glenn, Lisa & Amy)

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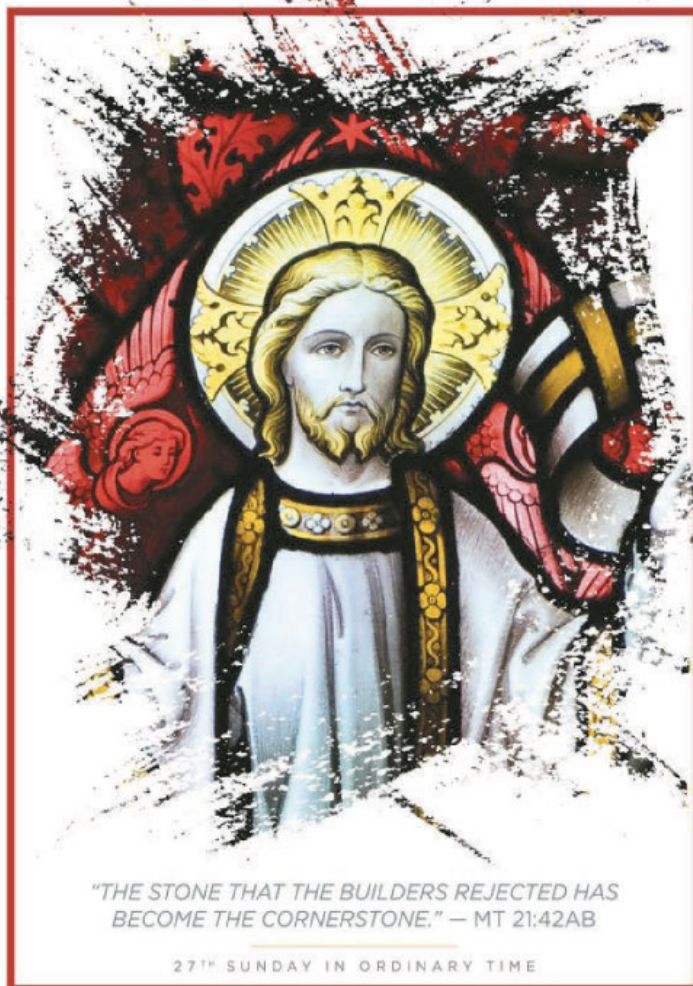
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724-837-1840

Parish Office Hours - 8am to 4pm

Monday through Friday

308 Second Street - Irwin, Pa 15642

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HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER!

The Comfort Blanket Ministry will meet this coming Wednesday, Oct. 11th at 6PM - 2nd floor, Administration/Faith Formation Bldg. We invite anyone who may be interested in joining our ministry to attend. All are welcome!! Questions call Mary Ann At 724-515-7645.

Queen of Angels Catholic School –
October is the month dedicated to the rosary and we would like to invite you to “The Living Rosary” on Tuesday, October 10th at 1:45 PM in the school auditorium. We invite grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, community friends or anyone else who may want to witness such a prayerful event. Time goes by so fast; and this is one way that makes our Catholic School so special. Events like these are priceless and are remembered in our children’s hearts forever. Please join us! Any questions, please call the school office at 724-978-0144.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH!
THERE **WILL** BE 7:45 AM MASS
BUT, THERE **WILL NOT** BE
ADORATION, CONFESSIONS OR
MASS AT 6:30 PM .



Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019 - Will be collecting used American Flags during October. Bins will be placed in the back of the church and all flags collected will be properly retired in November.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS & ALTAR SERVERS:

- ✚ Please submit your schedule requests for November & December by October 15, 2023.
- ✚ Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on a Sunday this year, so kindly include your requests for them too.
 - +CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING (regular Sunday)
 - +DECEMBER 31st (regular Sunday mass)
- ✚ There will be a sign-up sheet for Christmas Vigil, Christmas Day and New Year's Day Masses.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND
COMMITMENT TO YOUR MINISTRY!**
sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Immaculate Conception

Parish offers

Online Giving

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

www.icirwin.org/giving/funds

Or use QR Code

**IF YOU ARE NOT USING YOUR
ENVELOPES, PLEASE LET US
KNOW.**

724-863-9550



Well Read Mom meets this week!

We will be discussing *Charis in the World of Wonders* by Marly Youmans. There will be time for fellowship and refreshments. To register today, or find out more, visit **WellReadMom.com**

Date/Time: October 8, 2023@ 8:30 P.M.

Location: Immaculate Conception Administration Building - Caravaggio Room

Host: Natalie DiVietri 703-479-6125

The Gospel today is a great example of saying, “actions speak louder than words.” The number of calls to the helpline for assistance with utility shut-off notices has increased. As the temperature starts to fall, some will lose their heat source. Your continued support helps those who are frightened and feel abandoned. As you continue to support and pray for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** and our neighbors in need, know that you are putting your faith into action. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

A SIMPLE HOUSE MISSIONARY WILL BE AT OUR PARISH THIS WEEKEND—OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR THEIR MISSION—OR TO DONATE ONLINE:

**[https://osvhub.com/icirwin/giving/funds/
mission-cooperation](https://osvhub.com/icirwin/giving/funds/mission-cooperation)**

A Simple House missionaries live radically Christian lives in voluntary poverty and in service to the poor in Washington, DC and Kansas City, MO. Missionaries build real, deep friendships with the poor while meeting their material and spiritual needs. Each person is met, listened to, and loved. The missionaries live a simple and prayerful lifestyle in community, attend daily Mass, and pray morning and evening prayer from Liturgy of the Hours. **THANK YOU!**

PASTOR'S NOTES

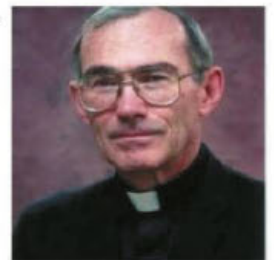
Diocesan "Increase Offertory Program"



This year the "thanks GIVING" program was developed by the diocese to help all priest to reach the people of the parish both in the pew and beyond. The mailings that will follow the post card that you received from me will give a snap shot of the parish life and how your Stewardship of Time Talent and Treasure has furthered the spiritual and corporal works within our parishes through ministries and charity. Of course, recognizing the good works that have been done also denotes the need of continual support financially to maintain buildings, programs and staffing of parish life. But Stewardship should encompass all parts of our lives and give us a broader understanding of the "Garden of our lives. So, I will be sharing with you the following "Theology of Stewardship with you during this "thanks-GIVING campaign this Fall.

Theology of Stewardship

*The following is pastoral letter that was written by Bishop Robert Morneau of the Diocese of Green Bay. His presentation gives a fresh look at stewardship as gardens of our lives. This approach broadens our understanding of our gifts and how they apply to the work of the Church. I believe that what you read here will help in your understanding of stewardship as an **act of witness and joy** in furthering the Kingdom of God. It certainly has helped me to see it in this way! **Note: The following will be the first of two parts. We will then continue in the upcoming weeks to meditate on the gardens of stewardship.***



Overview of Stewardship



Stewardship is a way of life. For Christians who follow in the way of the Lord Jesus, stewardship is an expression of discipleship. When we recognize that God is the origin of all life, the giver of everything that we have and are, the source of our freedom and giftedness, the healthy person responds by thanking God through prayer, by serving God and God's people through ministry, by sharing our financial resources

with those in need. Stewardship is a way of life based upon conversion of heart.

Why conversion? Because too often our hearts lack the vision and compassion that makes us true followers of Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament the prophet Ezekiel, speaking for God, makes this statement: "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26). Our God is a promise-maker; our God is a promise-keeper. When the Holy Spirit breaks into our lives our hearts become prayerful, our ministry joyful, and our generosity extravagant.

Stewards, according to the pastoral letter Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, do four things:

- receive God's gifts gratefully
- nurture God's gifts responsibly
- share God's gifts justly and charitably
- return those gifts to God abundantly

Gratitude is the cornerstone of stewardship. All is a gift for those who see life with the eyes of faith. God gives us our existence and talents, our time and our treasure, our family and friends. Stewards express their gratitude by a life of generosity.

PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

Stewards are serious about naming and developing the gifts and talents given to them for the sake of the community. As one poet asks: "What have you done with the garden entrusted to you?" (Antonio Machado) Responsibility and accountability are part of our call as disciples.

Stewards share. What has been given to us is not simply for our own use. Recipients are to become benefactors. So, we return to the Lord and our needy sisters and brothers a just and sacrificial portion of all that comes our way. A theology of stewardship looks to the future. Our lives here on earth are relatively short. One day we return to the Lord from whom we came. If we have lived in Christ and in the Spirit, then we will bear fruit, abundant fruit.

- Stewards yield a rich harvest.
- Stewardship as a way of life based upon conversion of heart is broad in its range and demanding in its claim.
- Stewardship embraces all of life and challenges us to be faithful to our calling.

The following passage from the pastoral letter Stewardship: A Disciple's Response articulates the range of this way of life:

"Stewardship plays an important role in the lives of people who seek to follow Christ. In particular, Christians must be stewards of their personal vocations, for it is these that show how, according to the circumstances of their individual lives, God wants them to cherish and serve a broad range of interests and concerns: life and health, along with their intellectual and spiritual well-being and that of others; material goods and resources; the natural environment; the cultural heritage of humankind."

Using the image of a garden we might ask ourselves the question - how well have we or are we tending the following gardens of our life?

- the garden of our body (physical garden)
- the garden of family - friends (social garden)
- the garden of the globe (ecological garden)
- the garden of choices (moral garden)
- the garden of our emotions (psychological garden)
- the garden of the city/nation (political garden)
- the garden of the "chip" (technological garden)
- the garden of history (historical garden)
- the garden of mind (intellectual garden)
- the garden of the arts (cultural garden)
- the garden of money (economic garden)
- the garden of our soul (spiritual garden)



Obviously, these gardens overlap and intersect. But each of them calls for a certain amount of tending and care. Each person must decide on how we allocate our limited time and resources in attempting to be good stewards of these many gardens.



Parking Lot Pass!!

In the Immaculate Conception parking lot handicap parking was marked at the top of the lot behind the administration building in order to keep rental neighbors from parking there and keeping these key parking spaces available.

So if you like to park in those spaces, as I do, and walk down the alley to Mass then just cut out this handicapped sign and leave it on your dashboard.

OCTOBER 8, 2023 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Edward Iwanosky by Family

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Beverly J. Sporio by Leah Sporio & Matthew Pozzuto

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Timothy Salopek by Family

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Beverly J. Sporio by Leah Sporio & Matthew Pozzuto

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

Altar Candles for the Month of October:
In Memory of George, Marie & Timothy Salopek (Family)



October 8- Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

October 15 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14



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 to register

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

Father, you are the unfailing refuge of those who suffer—bring peace and comfort to the sick and the infirm. Give all those who look after them knowledge, patience, and compassion. Inspire them with actions which will bring relief; words which will enlighten; and love which will bring comfort.

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.

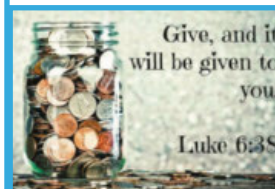
Baptism

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.

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.



WEEKLY OFFERING:

Sunday Offertory - Sept 23/24 - \$13,964.32

Online Giving - Sept 9/25-10/1 - \$6,047.99

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY MEET AT IC IN CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROOM EVERY SUNDAY AT 7 PM—ALL ARE WELCOME! CONTACT: GREG W.—412-403-4542 OR WWW.CATHOLICRECOVERY.COM

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.

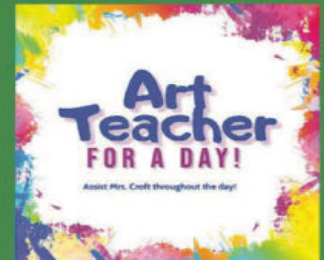
**ANGEL'S CORNER
QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



*Queen of Angels Catholic School's
Annual Online Auction*

GROWING HEARTS. GROWING MINDS. GROWING COMMUNITY.

OCTOBER 12-19TH
BIDDABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:



**Scan to
participate!**



Queen of Angels Catholic School's Annual Online Auction opens on October 12th and runs through October 19th and we hope you'll join us to support our school's largest fundraising event of the year. Buy your raffle tickets online now! Our amazing raffles are already open and our items to bid on open on October 12th! You won't want to miss your chance to win a sealed pack of \$30 lottery tickets, a hard-to-find bottle of Blanton's bourbon, or your student the opportunity to be Principal for the Day! Whether it's Penguins tickets, Steeler tickets, Panera Bread for a Year, or a beautiful patio set, we're sure we have something you'll want to bid on! Simply scan the QR code to see everything!

LAST CALL FOR BURGER BASH FOR 2023 DON'T MISS IT!!!



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

MARK THE DATES

May 19, 2023

June 16, 2023

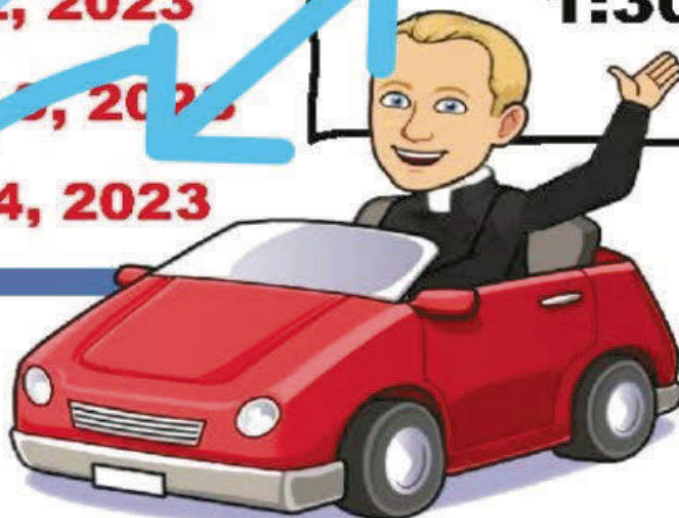
July 7, 2023

August 12, 2023

September 9, 2023

October 14, 2023

**"Drive Thru"
2nd Saturday
of the month
11:00 AM
to
1:30 PM**



October 16, 2023 PA MARCH FOR LIFE

JOIN US on five luxury buses, funded by the Knights of Columbus, with 13 pick-up locations taking Greensburg Diocesan Parishioners to the PA March for Life. All ages are encouraged to join Bishop Larry Kulick on this peaceful and uplifting March supporting the unborn. Use the link or QR code to register.

General Itinerary:

11:00 – Bus arrival in Harrisburg

12:00 – 1:00 March

3:00 to 3:45 – Meet with representatives and photo 4:00 – Bus departure for home

TBD – Stop for Dinner, Drop-off at same pick-up location

Early AM – Bus Pick-up at 13 Parishes

11:00 – 12:00 Rally (Eat lunch during the rally.)

1:30 to 2:15 – Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/714945169247?aff=oddttdcreator>

<https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/>

Questions? Email:

ccerilli@dioceseofgreensburg.org



2023 SHOE BOX SANTA FOR ADULTS

Once again, our St. Vincent De Paul Society (St. Agnes Conference) which serves all 3 parishes (St. Agnes, Immaculate Conception & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) is sponsoring the "Shoe Box Santa Project" for people of Appalachia. If you would like to participate, please fill a shoebox with some of the items listed below—items from both columns.

Please wrap the shoebox in Christmas paper and put a signed Christmas card inside the shoebox to add to the recipient's holiday cheer!

Please mark the left side on the top of each box with 'Male' or 'Female.'

Drop off your wrapped shoebox at church starting Monday, October 9th, through Sunday, October 22nd. **Kindly place your wrapped shoebox on the marked tables in the Narthex of the church.** Your generous donations will be collected by St. Vincent De Paul Society members and distributed to people in need in Southwest West Virginia and Kentucky.

If you have any questions, please call **Carl Becker** of our local St. Vincent De Paul Society at **412-751-5019**. Thank you so much for your time and consideration for this worthwhile project!

PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Razors and Blades
Shaving Cream and After Shave
Q-Tips and Cotton Balls
Hand Lotion
Corn Plasters, etc.
Soap (bar or liquid)
Shampoo
Toothbrush and Toothpaste
Hand Sanitizer
Denture Cleanser and Adhesive
Mouthwash/Dental Floss
Deodorant
Nail Clippers, Sets
Hairbrush or Comb
Tweezers
Purse Sized Tissues

GIFT ITEMS

Large Print Playing Cards
Stamps
Chewing Gum
Note Pads, Pens, Pencils
Hose (one size fits all)
Socks
Jar Grips
Dominoes, Checkers, etc
Magnifying Glass
Band Aids
Calendars
Puzzle Books
Perfume
Folding Umbrella
Gloves (one size fits all)
Greeting/Note Cards

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN! HOWEVER, THE \$30 DOES INCLUDE FOOD, BEER & SODA IF YOU DO ATTEND! SEATING IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE! THERE ARE 250 SEATS AVAILABLE!

SAVE THE DATE

ST. ELIZABETH/IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CASH BASH

November 4, 2023

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Mack Hall - Doors open at 5:00 p.m.



Seating is limited. We only have 250 seats available. Buy early to ensure a seat!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Are you attending? Yes No

SEAS/IC Cash Bash 11/4/23

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Immaculate Conception

CASH BASH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Mack Hall ~ 200 Leger Road, North Huntingdon

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. ~ Food served 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Only 250 seats available – first come, first served

6:00 p.m. - \$300	7:00 p.m. - \$300	8:00 p.m. - \$200
6:15 p.m. - \$200	7:15 p.m. - \$200	8:15 p.m. - \$300
6:30 p.m. - \$300	7:30 p.m. - \$750	8:30 p.m. - \$200
6:45 p.m. - \$200	7:45 p.m. - \$300	8:45 p.m. - \$1000

Food, beer, and soda are included in ticket price ~ BYOB ~ Must be 21 to attend
Winner need not be present to win. Winners will be notified. SGOC #269 and #326

Donation: \$30.00 per person

TWELVE chances to win cash prizes – two numbers per ticket

How can you help?

We need **VOLUNTEERS** to work the event (you **Do Not** have to work the entire time).

Please call Immaculate Conception Parish Office 724-863-9550

DONATION suggestions:

Basket for our Auction, lottery tickets, gift cards,

Steeler or Penguin tickets for our special raffles

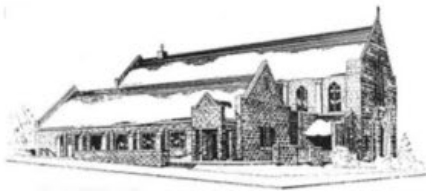
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AVAILABLE TO WIN:

- LARGE ITEM AUCTION
- TWENTY TIMES YOUR MONEY ENVELOPE
- SMALL GAMES OF CHANCE, PAINT STICKS 50/50, REGULAR 50/50
- BASKET RAFFLE

Tickets are available to purchase at the parish office during office hours.





IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 8, 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

The Church's One Foundation



1. The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the
3. Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her
4. Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in



Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter
earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one
war; She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for -
One, And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose



and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her To
faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par -
ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her
rest is won. O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord,



be his ho - ly bride; With his own blood he
takes one ho - ly food, And to one hope she
long - ing eyes are blessed, And the great Church vic -
save us by your grace That we, like saints be -



bought her, And for her life he died.
press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
fore us, May see you face to face.

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 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 80

Michel Guimont

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,

whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

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

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

The Keeper of a Vineyard

1. The keep - er of a vine - yard dreamed Of
2. The keep - er had a child, first - born, Who
3. And then the plant, fresh charged, would be It -

vines a - live with fruit And tend - ed vine and
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nect - ing child and foe and friend, Co -

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blood, once spilled like wine, Would soak deep down in -
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COMMUNION HYMN

Unless a Grain of Wheat

Refrain



Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground and die,
it re-mains but a sin-gle grain with no life.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ, our Head and
2. To this tem-ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of
3. Here be-stow on all your ser-vants What they ask of
4. Praise and hon-or to the Fa-ther, Praise and hon-or

cor-ner-stone, Cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious,
hosts, to-day; With your stead-fast lov-ing-kind-ness,
you to gain; What they gain from you, for-ev-er
to the Son, Praise and hon-or to the Spir-it,

Bind-ing all the Church in one; Ho-ly Zi-on's
Hear your serv-ants as they pray; And your full-est
With the bless-ed to re-tain; And here-af-ter
Ev-er three and ev-er one: One in might and

help for-ev-er And our con-fi-dence a-lone.
ben-e-dic-tion Shed in all its bright ar-ray.
in your glo-ry Ev-er-more with you to reign.
one in glo-ry While un-end-ing a-ges run!

Text: *Angularis fundamentum*, 11th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
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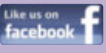
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