



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

NOVEMBER 5, 2023—THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 4

8:30 a.m. Mass at Seton

4:30 p.m. All Souls

Sunday, November 5

8:00 a.m. All Souls

10:00 a.m. All Souls

11:30 a.m. All Souls

Monday, November 6

7:45 a.m. Tom Kinsey, Sr. (Wife)

Tuesday, November 7

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:30 p.m. All Souls Mass

Wednesday, November 8

7:45 a.m. Joseph & Philomena Fontana (Family)

Thursday, November 9

7:45 a.m. Stephen Ference (Family)

Friday, November 10

7:45 a.m. Dan Ritter (Family)

2:00 p.m. Flaherty/Wilcher Wedding

Saturday, November 11

8:00 a.m. Betty Eizenhafer (Family)

4:30 p.m. Paul Duffy (Family)

Sunday, November 12

8:00 a.m. Nancy Gasparro (Fabyanic Family)

10:00 a.m. Dolly Simon (Simon Family)

11:30 a.m. Alfred Bilesimo (Family)

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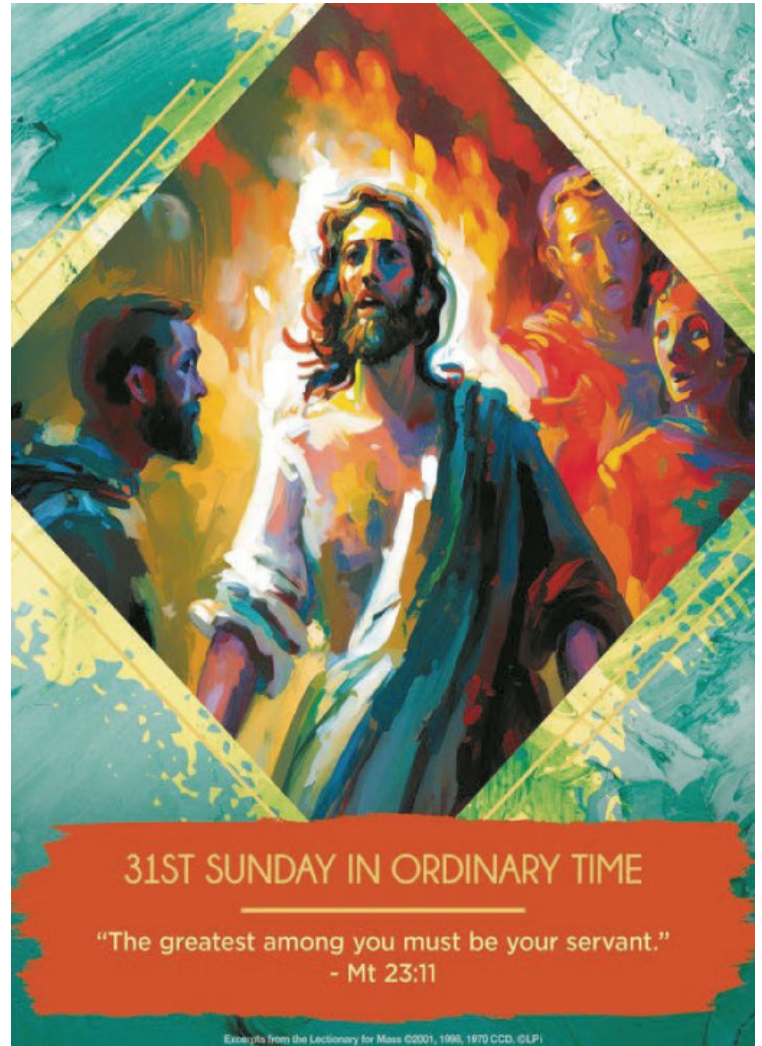
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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The greatest among you must be your servant."
- Mt 23:11

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St. Vincent DePaul

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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!

ATTENTION LECTORS

Please pick up your workbook for the Liturgical Year "B", before/after all Masses in the Gathering Room in church. Please sign your name on the provided sheet that you received your book. 2023 Year "A" Book ends Sunday, November 26th.



THE PARISH
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH.

HOLIDAY CASH—RAFFLE TICKET

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE NOV. 18/19th BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES. (SEE SAMPLE BELOW) tickets available now in the parish office!



Holiday Cash

FOUR DAYS TO WIN



Winning number taken from First PA Pick 3 EVENING Number drawing on

Dec. 25, 2023 - Win \$2000.00 CASH

Dec. 26, 2023 - Win \$1000.00 CASH

Dec. 31, 2023 - Win \$1000.00 CASH

Jan. 1, 2024 - Win \$1000.00 CASH

Benefits Immaculate Conception Parish

Donation \$10.00

1000 Tickets Sold

SGOC License #409

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Christian Mothers Women's Guild (CMWG)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

7 pm—JOIN US FOR 6:30 pm MASS

OUR LADY'S PLAZA

**QUESTIONS: CALL THE PARISH OFFICE -
724-863-9550.**

ADVENT ITEM SALE

**WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 11/12 AND WEEKEND OF
NOVEMBER 18/19 in CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROOM.**

JOIN CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC SACRAMENTAL RECOVERY AND
FOLLOWING FOR THOSE SEEKING FREEDOM FROM
ADDICTIONS, COMPULSIONS, AND
UNHEALTHY ATTACHEMENTS.

SUNDAYS @ 7:00 PM

IC CHURCH—CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROOM

QUESTIONS: CONTACT GREG W. AT 412-403-4542



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED

**VETERANS DAY IS NOVEMBER 11th
DON'T FORGET TO SAY THANK YOU!**

TIME CHANGE!—On Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 a.m.
local time, our clocks will go back an hour.

ANNUAL CHRISTIAN MOTHERS WOMEN'S GUILD (CMWG) NO BAKE BAKE SALE

BEGINS THE WEEKEND OF NOV. 4/5 AND ENDS THE
WEEKEND OF NOV. 25/26. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
SUPPORT THE BAKE SALE, ENVELOPES WILL BE
AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE BACK OF THE
CHURCH. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Over 450 "Santa Shoe Boxes" donated for the People of Appalachia!

Thanks to you—the parishioners of SEAS, IC and
St. Agnes—461 boxes of personal hygiene and
gift items—were collected during our local St.
Vincent DePaul Society's 6th Annual "Shoebbox
Santa" Program. That's 80 MORE than last year!
So, here's how YOUR donations get to Appala-
chia: The St. Vincent DePaul Society will
transport them to Moundsville, WV. From there,
an organization called "Appalachian Christmas
Project" in Cameron WV, transports and distrib-
utes your Santa Shoebboxes in December to the
people of Appalachia. In 2022, they went into 32
different areas—traveling over 3600 miles—
delivering 17,000 Santa Shoebboxes to the needy.
THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO DONATED!

St. Anne Home in Greensburg

**2024 Lottery Calendars sponsored by the
Felician Sisters are available for \$30 each in
the Parish Office.**

**Winners are determined by the 3-digit PA
Lottery 7p.m. Daily Number (Pick 3).**

**Questions, please call the parish office.
724-863-9550.**

PASTOR'S NOTES

"GIVE TO CAESAR TO WHAT IS CAESARS...GIVE TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S"



Tending to the Political Garden of our Lives

Two weekends ago the Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21), we find Jesus' answer to whether a Jew should pay the Roman Tax. This text is often used to defend the necessity to keep separate Church and State affairs. Jesus would agree as long as being a loyal member of society in which we live does not compromise our loyalties to building His kingdom in its midst. Our constitution protects the right of religious bodies to teach, profess and practice a living faith in Christ. It allows us, in public forum also to desire those beliefs to be reflected

in the laws that govern our land as well. Tending to the Political Garden of our life is aided by the works of our own Bishop and those of this country. Let us follow their lead.

USCCB Pastoral Letter: A Call to Faithful Citizenship



The Bishops state: "One of our greatest blessings in the United States is our right and responsibility to participate in civic life. It is increasingly apparent that major public issues have clear moral dimensions and that religious values have significant public consequences. Our nation is enriched and our tradition of pluralism enhanced when religious groups contribute to the debate over the policies that guide the nation."

"As members of the Catholic community, we enter the public forum to act on our moral convictions, share our experience in serving the poor and vulnerable, and add our values to the dialogue over our nation's future. Catholics are called to be a community of conscience within the larger society and to test public life by the moral

wisdom anchored in Scripture and consistent with the best of our nation's founding ideals. Our moral framework does not easily fit the categories of right or left, Democrat or Republican. Our responsibility is to measure every party and platform by how its agenda touches human life and dignity. Saint John Paul II also encourages us to do the same: "For the Christian people of America conversion to the Gospel means to revise "all the different areas and aspects of life, especially those related to the social order and the pursuit of the common good." It will be especially necessary "to nurture the growing awareness in society of the dignity of every person and, therefore, to promote in the community a sense of the duty to participate in political life in harmony with the Gospel." **These words were echoed by Pope Benedict VI upon his visit to our country in 2014.**

As Catholics, we should embrace our citizenship not *merely* as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity to participate in *building* the culture of life in the image of the eternal kingdom. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power.

A Consistent Moral Framework

The *Word of God and the teaching of the Church* give us a particular way of viewing the world. Scripture calls us to "choose life," to serve "the least of our brothers". It is with this in mind that we should approach the upcoming elections. As Catholics we need to share our values, raise our voices, and use our votes to shape a society that protects human life, promotes family life, pursues social justice, and practices solidarity. These efforts will strengthen our nation and renew our Church.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person



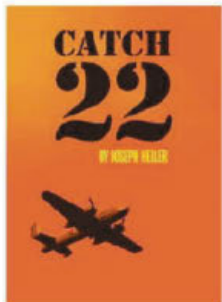
Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. The conviction that human life is sacred and that each person has inherent dignity that must be respected in society lies at the heart of Catholic social teaching. Calls to advance human rights are illusions if the right to life itself is subject to attack. We believe that every human life is sacred from conception to natural death; that people are more important than things; and

that the measure of every institution is whether or not it enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Voting with a Moral Consciousness

The Bishops urge Catholics to support those who are willing to promote laws and social policies that protect human life and promote human dignity to the maximum degree possible. Laws that legitimize abortion, assist suicide, and euthanasia are profoundly unjust and wrong. We support constitutional protection for unborn human life, as well as, legislative efforts to oppose abortion and euthanasia.

The Greatest Catch 22 Saying of Jesus



By definition a "Catch 22" is a paradoxical situation from which an individual cannot escape because of contradictory rules or limitations. The term was coined by Joseph Heller, who used it in his 1961 novel Catch 22. Simple example of such a quandary is that a father tells a child that they cannot have a bike until they learn how to ride. How can the child learn if she does not have a bike to learn how to ride? These types of Catch 22 experiences can go around and round as a vicious cycle with no way to overcome.

Last Sunday's Gospel is a type of a Catch 22 paradox but in a good sense of the experience. Instead of the inability to escape contradictory rules and limitation one is forced into a situation that two rules complement each other so well that the one cannot be adhering to without also accepting the second rule.

When Jesus is asked which is the greatest commandment He states two equals but distinctly different commandments.

"This is the greatest commandment: Love God with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength. Okay love God above all things... got it!! Then He immediately says: "The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself!" these two commandments are distinctly different but yet impossible to live separate from each other once you understand the first and its effect on the second command.

PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

Before I explain, I like to call this command a vicious circle of infinite love! It begs the very nature of who we are and how we were created in the image and likeness of God. So, let us first set some ground rules here for our reflection. Let us first define some necessary terms and relationships that make these commands truly what Jesus says they are: "The basis of all the commandments".

First, the word "commandment" always carries with it a negative connotation based on I am sure, our experience of commands as a child. Commands are usually set up to restrict freedom and confine ones will. Perhaps that is a case in a dictator relationship but not in a loving Fatherly relationship for which God intends and desires. Remember always that a command that God gives is of Love and Truth!! He first commanded all of creation into existence. It was out of love and the Divine Truth of His omnipotent nature that it HAPPENED! One cannot look upon creation and not be awe stricken by love and the truth of God's Divine plan! Jesus commanded the evil spirits to come out of the demoniac and demanded that seas calm and quiet and that bread and wine become His body and blood! All these commands were spoken as love and Truth. Out of love a greater truth is revealed for those who follow His way! It is not surprising that when Jesus was asked to "set limits" on

man by invoking the greatest commandment Jesus chose not to limit but challenge to greater heights of love. His command was not a negative restriction but an empowerment of becoming like Him the source of love itself.

These commands also beg the reality of Jesus as the second person of the Divine Trinity!! Remember Jesus became like us so that we could become like Him. Like Him, how? Well first as witness to the love of the Father. The word became flesh so we could hear the voice of the Father calling us into His love. To do the Will of the Father is to incorporate His plan of love and eternity. We can know this and share in this only because Jesus took on Flesh. We know ultimately Jesus will prove His love for the Father by accepting the cross. But Jesus will also show us His love for us when he offers Himself upon the Cross. See how the two commandments already begin to be the same. The consequences of loving the Father is a desire to love our neighbor.

The lesson of infinite love: "The First Great Commandment"

If we take the commandment love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength as it is written, it is plenty challenging. This first takes a submission of ones will. To choose to love God with our whole life, with every thought and seek Him above all fulfillment and submit to trust in His strength and not our abilities would be daunting! That kind of selfless desire would certainly humble us and build an intimate relationship with God. But the problem is that our ability to love with a human heart, human intellect, the human soul (tainted by concupiscence) and human strength would make us super pleasing to God perhaps but not like Him in His Divine nature. If this is a lesson of infinite love then the limitations must be removed and an infinite ability must be cast upon us! So what does that look like and what do these words of the first and greatest commandment really mean? The words mean that we must trade in our human desires and abilities and be transformed into the real thing: God himself!

Trading up for the Better Part -



TRADINGUP

The deeper meaning to these words is a plea to trade in our human abilities for Divine abilities! Yes, now we can talk about being transformed into His likeness. Our prayer and intention would be to discard our hearts and take His most Sacred Heart that burns for His Father's love.

It would also be to take our intellect and its finite way to reason, think, and experience and change it in for the one directed by the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the Holy Spirit! And again to take our soul which has been tainted by sin and free choice of appetite and trade it in for one that resonates with eternal bliss! And also, to take the courage of the Holy Spirit, the infinite power of the Father's creative vastness and the persevering strength of the Crucified Christ and give away our human strength so we could have the formula of loving God with our whole being! Remember loving God is not simply a response or the perfect consequence to His love of us but the desire to imitate Him as we were created to do!

This love of God transforms us from the weak sinful self-absorbing person that we are in our fallen nature, to the original Holiness that we are called to through grace, virtue, and desire! Now we are on our way of understanding what the command to love God will do for those who desire to be pleasing to the Lord!



The Vicious Cycle Now Begins! - Once we understand that the meaning of loving God is a desire to be like Him then we begin to believe the value of our own life and the image for which we were created! Many people spend most of their lives looking at their deficiencies and fail to realize the blessedness of self and holiness that exist within. Satan wants us to reflect on the broken nature of our being and distract us from the beauty of who we are in the eyes of God as our creator! But when we strive to be "like" Him then there is no shame to love ourselves as God loves us!! This is where we gain the confidence of considering loving our neighbor as we love our self. For we are "lovable" when sharply tuned in to His image! So, loving your neighbor is a call to love them into the image and likeness of God which they have been created. To love

them is to see God in their heart, soul, mind, and weakness. We love them until they are transformed with the same love that transformed us!

When we are so overwhelmed and empowered by love we in turn love! The act of loving another equates with an act of creation for it lifts one up from the broken state of the human condition and restores it to the image for which God created that person! When we love our neighbor, we bring about the disposition that allows another to know what it means to be loved. The first experience of God's love for us comes through an act of love of another human person. Think about how many people came to know the love of the Father because they experienced the love of Jesus in the incarnate word!! So Jesus gives us the commandment that loving God with our whole being transformed by Him becomes the vehicle of others learning of His love and gift of Salvation. That is the mission of these two commandments.

PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

NEXT WEEK we look at how this "catch 22" syndrome changes the Humanitarian into a Christian and a Good Christian into a Saint!!! I will also share with you the particulars through another parable and how to sustain the syndrome of lining the perfect commandments of Love!!!

ANGEL'S CORNER QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Queen of Angels Catholic School will once again be selling Christmas Sarris candy.

You can find a brochure on the back tables. Please make note of the following dates:

October 25, 2023 – December 6, 2023

ORDERS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE Friday, November 10th

* Pickup is Wednesday, December 6th from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Gym Door #12

*Make your check payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School.
One check is recommended... not cash please!



ON-LINE ORDER www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com #10-1221

Our Goal this year is to sell over \$12,000 in sales. Please help us reach our goal!
Thank you!

Please support our local school by ordering sweets for the holidays. Candy makes great gifts for all, including teachers, co-workers, babysitters and clergy.

If you are interested in ordering:

Please complete your order form along with payment (checks payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School) and mail to Queen of Angels School or return to the parish office in an enveloped marked, "Sarris Candy Order".

Pick up is scheduled for December 6th at the Queen of Angels gym.

QUEEN OF ANGELS WILL BE SELLING GIFT CARDS AGAIN THIS YEAR FOR OUR CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 18/19. DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN UPCOMING BULLETINS!



NOVEMBER 5, 2023 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Lou & Irene Kubish
by Family

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Barbara Hillwig
by Janet & Bill Mach

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Deceased of the Uderman
& Palmieri Families by Uderman Family

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of James Lavelle
by Anne

St. Joseph's Candle: Month's Mind

Altar Candles for the Month of November
In Memory of Langer & Raspotnik Families
by Sandy

Readings of the Week

November 5 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Matthew 22:34-40

November 12- Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16

Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Prayers and Sympathy



Please pray for the family and friends of Brian Conboy 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 them 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 pm & Saturday: 9:00-10:00 am

Immaculate Conception

Parish offers

Online Giving

For additional information

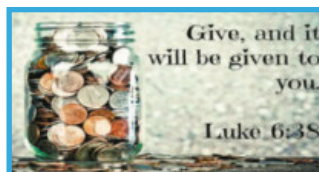
visit our website at:

www.icirwin.org/

giving/funds or scan the QR Code



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



WEEKLY OFFERING:

Sunday Offertory -

Oct 21/22 \$16,463.79

Online Giving - 10/23-10/29 \$4,784.90

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.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Christmas Choir

NO SUNDAY COMMITMENT!
SING ONLY FOR LESSONS AND CAROLS
AND CHRISTMAS EVE


REHEARSALS BEGIN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

5:45-6:30 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

7:00-8:00 PM ADULT CHOIR

Please contact Music Director, Bridget Deveney, at bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org or by calling the parish office with any questions or to register you or your child



LET'S GIVE THANKS TOGETHER AS A PARISH FAMILY

Before we join our families around our tables Thanksgiving Day, I invite you to gather as a parish family around the table of Christ for Mass, on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30 p.m., followed by a reception in Our Lady's Plaza. The "Eucharist" means thanksgiving. There is no better way to count our blessings!

Parish Tradition

We celebrate Mass on Thanksgiving Eve, followed by a social reception afterwards in Our Lady's Plaza. Parishioners (groups of five families) plan a special table of "thanks" (finger foods... hot and cold hors d'oeuvres) including plates and napkins to share with everyone that attends. If you have not attended in the past please plan to join in the gathering.... It is truly peaceful to see so many sharing in thanks for our parish community.

LOOK FOR DETAILS IN UPCOMING BULLETINS

PRAYER AND PERFECT PAIRINGS

VOTE NOW FOR YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE

Proceeds Support Eucharistic Revival



Bishop
Larry J. Kulick's
Cranberry Mango Chutney



Monsignor
Raymond Riffle's
Roasted Pepper Bruschetta



Monsignor
Michael J. Begolly's
Romaine Salad with
Roasted Brussels Sprouts



Father
Daniel J. Ullishney's
Pierogi



Father
Tyler J. Bandura
Seminarian Mario Porecca's
Basque Burnt Cheesecake

How to participate:

Our Priest Chefs are featured in videos with *The Catholic Accent* team showcasing one of their favorite recipes. They are counting on their parishes and friends, far and near, to show support. Each vote is \$10. Vote as many times as you like. Voting will continue until December 16.

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

Diocese of Greensburg
Office of Communications
and Evangelization
723 E. Pittsburgh
Greensburg, PA. 15601

Each week, we will update the total votes for each Priest Chef's recipe. You can see the update on the Diocesan Facebook page. The Priest Chef who has the most votes by 8 p.m. on December 16, 2023 is the winner.

You can win, too!

Vote now for a chance to win a smoked ham, pierogies, and a cheesecake!

Vote online or watch our Priest Chefs prepare a recipe at:

DioceseofGreensburg.org

Proceeds from the voting assists the Diocese of Greensburg's evangelization, outreach and communication efforts as part of our Eucharistic Revival and programs like the *KNOW HIM* series. These free experiential and immersive events have touched and brought multi-generational audiences of nearly 3,000 people closer to knowing Christ.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Each vote is \$10.00 Check the name of the recipe(s) you wish to vote and the amount (ie 3 votes = \$30)

- ☐ Bishop Larry J. Kulick's Cranberry Mango Chutney \$ _____
- ☐ Monsignor Michael J. Begolly's Romaine Salad with Roasted Brussels Sprouts \$ _____
- ☐ Monsignor Raymond Riffle's Roasted Pepper Bruschetta \$ _____
- ☐ Father Daniel J. Ullishney's Pierogi \$ _____
- ☐ Father Tyler J. Bandura/Seminarian Mario Porecca's Cheesecake \$ _____

Pay by Check or Credit Card

Total Amount: \$ _____

CHECK:

Make Check payable to the Diocese of Greensburg

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Cardholder name: _____

Card number: _____

Visa American Express Discover MasterCard

Expiration: _____

Month: _____

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Christmas: A Reason for Hope

Grief Share

How planning benefits you

The holidays can be unpredictable in grief, but having a simple, flexible plan will help give you a bit of control over your emotions.

Will the holidays always hurt this much?

H. Norman Wright, counselor and traumatologist who faced the death of his wife and two children, answers this question.

Join us for an afternoon with others that are struggling the loss of a loved one this holiday season.

November 12, 2023

3 PM to 5 PM

Our Lady's Plaza



UNBOUND - Freedom in Christ Conference

**Sts. Martha and Mary Parish
at St. Richard's Church Hall**

3841 Dickey Rd, Gibsonia PA 15044

Saturday Nov 18, 8:45 am - 4:45pm
(Optional Mass at 8 am and Parish Mass at 5 pm)



Teachings by Fr. Boniface Hicks OSB
Based on UNBOUND by Neal Lozano

Unbound is a simple, gentle, & powerful prayer ministry where you will learn from the basic gospel message how to be free from resentments, loneliness, addictions—anything that limits your life. This event is sponsored by the Unbound Pittsburgh-Greensburg Team.

**Registration
\$50
(lunch included)**

TICKETS: <https://unboundpghgbg.ticketbud.com/unbound-conference-nov-18>

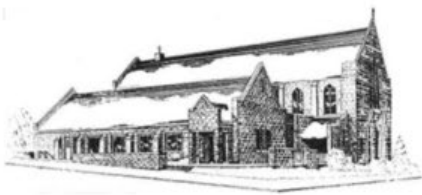
OR - Mail Registration & check to Rose Parente 8131 Aber Rd, Verona PA 15147

Make Checks Payable to Diocese of Greensburg



Name _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Parish _____

For more information, contact:
Rose Parente 412-551-0101
UnboundPittsburgh@gmail.com



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 5, 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 of Christ in Every Age



1. The Church of Christ in ev - 'ry age Be - set by
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic-tims
3. Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing
4. For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve In full o -



change but Spir - it led, Must claim and test its her - it -
of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for bread to
Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to share our
be - dience to our Lord: To care for all, with - out re -



age And keep on ris - ing from the dead.
eat, And nev - er live un - til they die.
fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
serve, And spread his lib - er - at - ing Word.

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 Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 131 Steven Janco

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Brothers and sisters: We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we

proclaimed to you the gospel of God. And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

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

CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

The Servant Song



1., 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant,
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney,
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing;
5. When we sing to God in heav - en



Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may
We are trav - lers on the road; We are here to
In the night - time of your fear; I will hold my
When you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your
We shall find such har - mo - ny, Born of all we've



have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant, too.
help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear the load.
hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.
joy and sor - row 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.
known to - geth - er Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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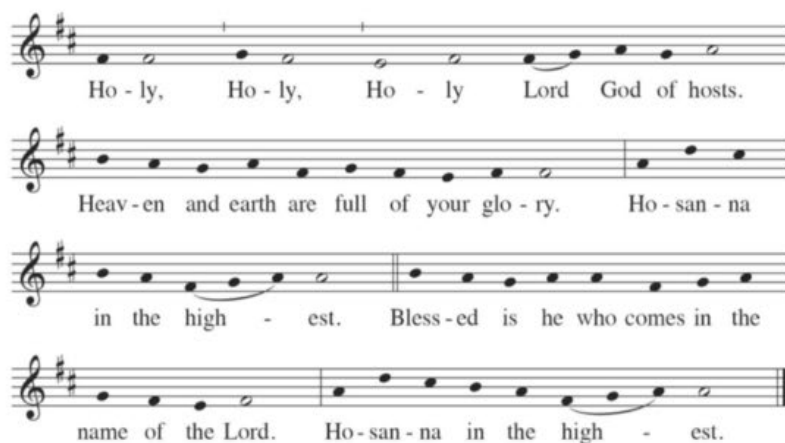
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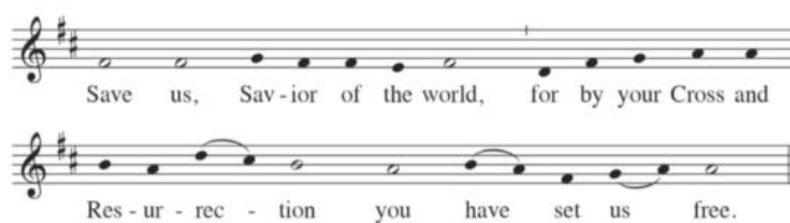
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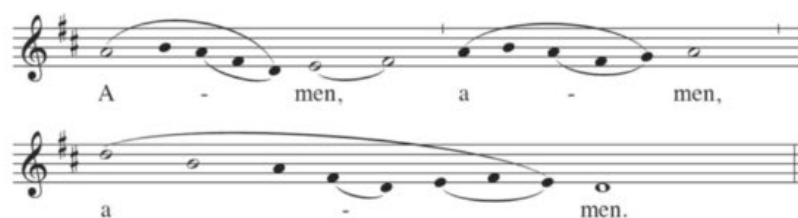
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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

Make of Our Hands a Throne

REFRAIN




Make of our hands a throne to hold the bread of heav-en,
 make of our hearts a home to hold the ver - y wine of
 life, in this mys - t'ry, Lord, make us one with you.

Steven C. Warner
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Virtue of Humility



1. The vir - tue of hu - mil - i - ty Re - vokes the
 2. On vir - tue's lad - der, Gos - pel friend, By climb - ing
 3. How quick are we to cov - et fame And draw the
 4. Ac - cept - ing our hu - man - i - ty, As - cend - ing

law of grav - i - ty, Makes low be high and
 down - ward we as - cend; By count - ing all our
 glo - ry to our name? But Je - sus gives the
 by hu - mil - i - ty, From Je - sus let us

high be low, Turns up - side down the world we know.
 gain as loss, We come to glo - ry in the cross.
 ac - id test: "The great a - mong you serve the rest."
 learn the art Of serv - ing God with hum - ble heart.

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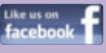
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