



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

DECEMBER 3, 2023—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Mass at Seton

3:00 p.m. Fico/Surmacz Wedding

4:30 p.m. Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Al, Mary Lou, & Mary Kay Lynn (Son)

10:00 a.m. Sue Thomas (Family)

11:30 a.m. Tom Stromp (Regina)

Monday, December 4

7:45 a.m. Jerold Gesmond (Family)

Tuesday, December 5

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:30 p.m. Bob Gutwald (Pat)

Wednesday, December 6

7:45 a.m. Tom Agnew (Jody)

Thursday, December 7

7:45 a.m. William Kranitz (Ron & Kerry)

6:30 p.m. Rick Borland (Carol)

Friday, December 8—THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:00 a.m. Dick Hensler (Hensler Family)

Noon Manning, Francese, White Families (Toots)

6:30 p.m. Stephen Pilipovich (Lucien & Karen)

Saturday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Robert Shoulder (Buzzy)

3:00 p.m. Duncan/Cox Wedding

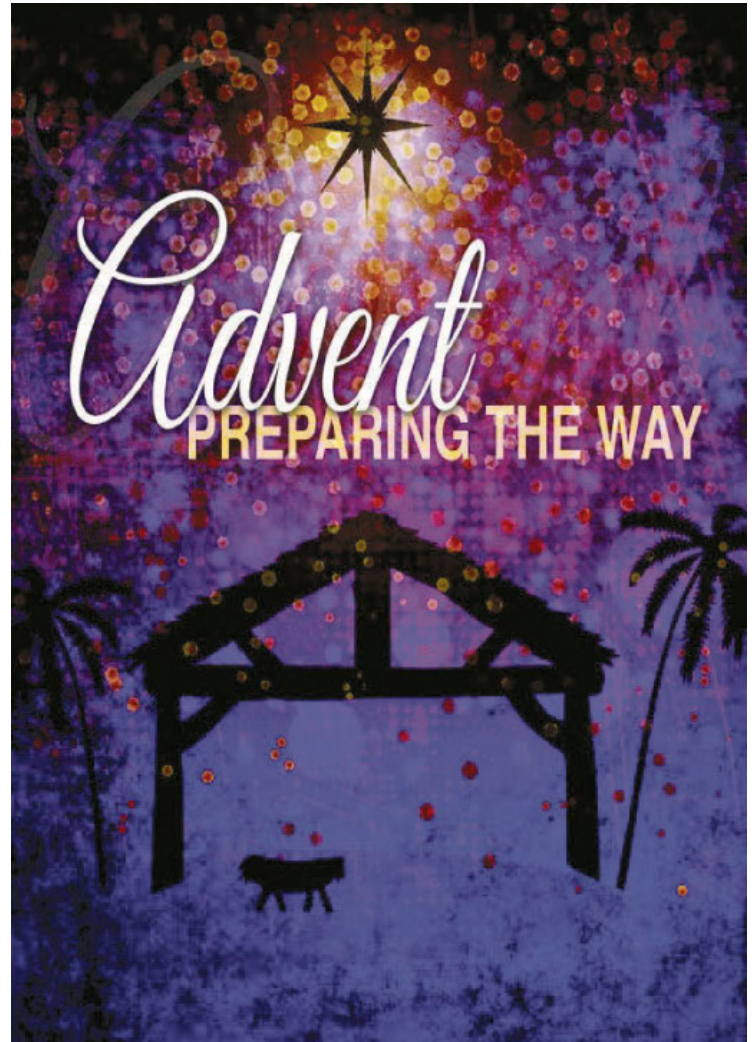
4:30 p.m. Elaine Baker (Dan)

Sunday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Bess & Russ Alberts (Family)

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

11:30 a.m. Darrell Dole (Wife & Family)



PARISH STAFF CONTACTS

Rev. John Moineau, *Pastor*
icfatherjohn@gmail.com

Rev. Louiegene Arnold Valdez, *Parochial Vicar*
lvaldez@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Courtney Ruby, *Business Manager*
cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Sharyn Gesmond, *Human Resources/Event Coordinator*
sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Bridget Deveney, *Director of Music Ministry*
bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Susan Cheplic, *Director of Faith Formation*
skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Kris Fischerkeller, *Parish Administrative Assistant*
kfischerkeller@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Queen of Angels Catholic School

Jennifer Filak, *Principal*
724-978-0144

jfilak@queenofangelssch.org
www.queenofangelssch.org

Diocese of Greensburg
www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

HELP LINES

St. Vincent DePaul

www.svdpgreensburg.org - 724-691-3711

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg
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 & AROUND THE DIOCESE!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

- ✠ Altar Candles are available for 2024, they are lit in memory of the person for a month and the cost is \$100. Please call the office at 724-863-9550
- ✠ Theology on the Vine— December 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Our Lady's Plaza
- ✠ Breakfast with Santa—December 9, 2023— 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Our Lady's Plaza
- ✠ Lessons and Carols—December 10, 2023 at 4 p.m.
- ✠ Advent Penance Service—December 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church
- ✠ Holiday Raffle Tickets available in the office until they are all sold for \$10 each
- ✠ We will be selling Gosia Pierogies during Lent in 2024! Details in bulletin closer to Ash Wednesday.

FAITH FORMATION PLEASE JOIN US FOR FAMILY MASS TOMORROW!

WHEN: DECEMBER 4, 2023

WHERE: IC CHURCH

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAY AFTERWARDS TO MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH

PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN AT:

SKCHEPLIC@DIOCESEOFGREENSBURG.ORG



Jesus is Our Christmas Gift

One of our parish family traditions reminds us that Jesus is our most important

Christmas present. Each family Festively gift wraps the Baby Jesus from their home manger Scene and brings Him to Mass the weekend of December 16/17. Father will bless the gifts, and each family can take their "present" home to be opened first thing Christmas morning!

Holy Day—December 8th

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Dec. 7th—Vigil Mass -6:30 pm

Dec. 8th —8 am, Noon, & 6:30 pm



'Tis the Season! We are looking for a few good men, women, teens to help the **Decorating Committee** for Christmas with lifting, climbing ladders, decorating trees, setup mangers etc.!

Thursday, December 21, 6:30 pm. Questions--call Sandy, 724-863-5860. Something for everyone!

Saint Catherine of Laboure: Two Day Conference

When: Monday, December 11 -12th

Time: 6:30 PM

**Where: Immaculate Conception Church
Presented by Fr. John Moineau**

Who was she?

Catherine Labouré, DC was a French member of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul and a Marian visionary. She is believed to have relayed the request from the Blessed Virgin Mary to create the famous Miraculous Medal of Our Lady of Graces worn by millions of people around the world.

Day 1:

- *Life Story of Saint Catherine of Laboure and her connection to our Parish of Immaculate Conception through the Miraculous Medal

Day 2:

- *At Mass during the Homily will focus on the Miraculous Medal
- *Blessing and reverence of the Relic
- *Placing of the relic in the altar
- *Miraculous Medals Blessed for all attending



Thursday, December 7

St Barbara Parish,

Harrison City Christmas Bingo

Admission starts at \$27/extra packages \$5. Packages include Regular, Special, Jackpot games, Magic Number and door prizes. Earlybirds, Quickies, All-Nighter, 50/50, Games of Chance available, payouts of \$140, \$150, & \$1400. open 5:00pm/games 6:45pm. Monitors & number boards are used for your convenience. Kitchen/Free Coffee/Handicap Accessible. 724-744-4594.



PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

STEWARDS OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL GARDEN

An Advent perspective

"Peace be with you!" This sums up the desire of our mental state. What we desire more than anything at all is to be at peace with ourselves, our lives and the people for that we experience day to day. This garden of our psyche deals with everyday mood swings, anxieties, fears and unfounded doubt in our self-worth. What no psychologist can provide is a true remedy for hope. At best we can be convinced that our past is subject to blame for our fears and inability to cope. We can be encouraged to fight through the anxieties and inability to deal with the reality of the world around us by creating a reality of our own that centers on the basic needs of our insecurities. Yet, all we have ever wanted is to be able to trust in one constant "one sure thing" that in the end will be there for us. We fantasize it will be a knight in shiny armor or meaningful employment, or social status and recognition that will dissipate the fear of being alone, insignificant and unworthy of love. Then all along, we come to realize that cultivating our belief, trust and love in Christ our Savior is the answer that no council nor medicine could provide.

Psychological Trauma of Mary, the Mother of God



Imagine the most neurotic experience of any one young woman who must come to believe that what was told her—nonetheless—by an Angel was true: That she would conceive a child by the Holy Spirit and at he would be the son of God. Can you even begin to imagine the anxiety and fear of the impossible that would envelope her in the days that followed such a dream experience? Who do you tell? Who do you trust to believe you? Do you even believe yourself? Then as time goes on it is certain that you are with child and you are truly the only one that knows that you "do not know man" yet have conceived. But being a good steward of her emotional state and not allowing it to overshadow her trust and love of God—she does the only thing that she can—she visits her cousin Elizabeth whom the Angel told her was with child "for nothing would be impossible for God." This journey to the hill country would give her a chance to reflect in hope "peace be with me" I believe that the will of God will be done through the life of suffering that is near at hand. When arriving in the house of Zechariah and finding what the angel had told was true her soul magnified the Lord and humbled her spirit!

Hope is the Remedy of Peace

The advent season is the opportunity for us to take hold of our greatest fears, anxieties, insecurities and low self-esteem and trade it in for the profound spirit of Mary's trust and love of God and the hope of Salvation. Yes, it is true we may always feel the anxiety of the future. We may always doubt our own ability to perform or worth in the realm of the material world but we can be at peace knowing that this young virgin-maiden has set the tone for a life that is much more meaningful than success, praise and status. Life in her son is eternal and the cross that we bear is the price of true discipleship.

Mental Health

Many times, it is true, that mental health is not as simple as an act of will. There is a keen awareness in this day and age of the many mental illnesses that can plague our lives. But nonetheless they can be tempered by the Faith of Mary's example and the overwhelming acceptance of Christ's love for us. We can struggle through life and lay awake at night in uncontrollable fear at times. But the reality that we seek is in the impossible truth that a God loves us so much that he shared—through His incarnation—even our mental capacity of fear anxiety and uncertainty that was exemplified in the garden, on the way to Calvary and on the cross. Jesus prayed: "Let this cup pass" as his sweat was blood. "My God my God why have you abandoned me" and he hung in crucifixion. These moments of great emotional stress and anxieties are proof that we are not alone. The very desire to do God's will and to be at peace at the outcome gives us hope to never give up on the one constant: God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son.



Irony in the approach to Christmas

More than ever we inflict ourselves with incredible undo stress as a part of our preparation for the celebration of our Salvation! The hustle and bustle of the x-mas experience is counter to the event that took place in Bethlehem. The peace and joy of the birth of a child in the manger is the peace of HOPE that can never be secured in this world. The child who

PASTOR'S NOTES

comes into the world in the most unlikely fashion—through a virgin woman—in a manger—as the salvation of the world. So be at peace and allow your anxieties and fears to be resolved in the love and trust of God through the example of Mary. She was tortured more with the reality of the unreal and allowed it to be played out in Faith.



XMAS and CHRISTMAS - by C. S. Lewis (abridged by Rev. John A. Moineau)

Over the past several years, we have become more acquainted with C.S. Lewis and his writings during our Lenten reflections where we read many excerpts from his great works. This reflection on how Christmas has taken Christ out of the celebration is still so relevant today. I have posted it here many a times but I believe it is worth repeating as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Enjoy!!

And Beyond this there lies in the ocean, turned towards the west and north, the island of Niatirb. These islanders, surpassing all the men of whom we know in patience and endurance, use the following customs.

In the middle of winter when fogs and rains most abound they have a great festival which they call Xmas, and for 30 days they prepare for it in the fashion I shall describe. First, every citizen is obliged to send to each of his friends and relations a square piece of hard paper stamped with a picture, which in their speech is called a XMAS CARD. But the pictures represent birds sitting on branches, or trees with a dark green prickly leaf, or else men in such garments as the Niatirbians believe that their ancestors wore two hundred years ago riding on sleds such as their ancestors used, or houses with snow on their roofs. The Niatirbians are unwilling to say what these pictures have to do with the festival, guarding (as I suppose) some sacred mystery. And, because everyone must send these cards, the market place is filled with the crowd of those buying them, so that there is great labor and weariness.

But having bought as many as supposed to be sufficient, they return to their homes and find there the like cards which others have sent to them. AND when they find cards from any to whom they also have sent cards, they throw them away and give thanks to the gods that this labor is at least over for another year. But when they find cards from any to whom they have not sent, then they beat their breasts and wail and utter curses against the sender; and having sufficiently enough lamented their misfortune, they put on their boots again and go out into the fog and snow and buy a card for them also. And let this account suffice about the Xmas Card.

They also send gifts to one another, suffering the same things about the gifts as about the cards, or even worse. For every citizen has to GUESS the value of the gifts which every friend will send to him so that he may send one of equal value, whether he can afford it or not. And they buy as gifts for one another such things that no man ever would buy for himself. For the sellers understanding the custom, put forth all kinds of trinkets, and whatever, being useless and ridiculous they have been unable to sell throughout the year they now sell as the perfect Xmas gift.

But during these thirty days the oldest, poorest and most miserable of the citizens put on false beards and red robes and walk about the market place; being disguised (in my opinion) as Cronies. And the sellers of the gifts no less than the purchasers become pale and weary, because of the crowds and the snow, so that any man who came into a Niatirbians city at this season would think some great public calamity had fallen on Niatirb. These 30 days of preparation is called in their barbarian speech the XMAS RUSH.

But when the day of the festival comes, then most of the citizens, being exhausted with the rush, lie in bed until noon. But in the evening, they eat and drink five times as much as on other days and become sick and intoxicated. And then on the day after Xmas they are very grave, being internally disordered by the supper and drinking and reckoning how much they have spent on gifts and wine.

Such then, are their customs about Xmas. But the few among the Niatirbians have also a festival, separate and to themselves, called Christmas, doing the opposite to the majority of the Niatirbians rise early one that day with shining faces and go before sunrise to certain churches where they partake of a sacred feast. And the churches set out images of a fair women with a new born child on her knees and certain animals and shepherds adoring the Child.

I myself conversed with a priest in one of these churches and asked him why they keep Christmas on the same day as Xmas; for it appeared to me inconvenient. The priest replied, it is not lawful for us to change the date of Christmas, but wished that the Niatirbians would change the day of Xmas, or not keep it at all. For Xmas and the Rush distract the minds of the few from sacred things. And we indeed are glad that men should make merry at Christmas; but in Xmas there is no merriment left.

For those who say that Xmas, and Christmas are the same, is not credible. For first, the pictures which are stamped on the Xmas Cards have nothing to do with the sacred story which the priest tells about Christmas. Secondly, the most part of the Niatirbians, not believing the religion of the few, nevertheless send the gifts and the cards and participate in the Rush and drink. It is not likely that man, even being barbarians, should suffer so many great things in honor of a God they do not believe in. Now, enough about Niatirb.

PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

"O MARY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN"

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the eleventh century, it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the eighteenth century, it became a feast of the universal Church.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church's teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary, as Bernard and Thomas Aquinas, could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They point out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE

In 1871 the Irwin Catholic Community, was officially recognized by the Diocese of Pittsburgh under the title of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Prior to this date, the parish was known as "St. Mary" (the Assumption). In December of that year, the parish celebrated their new Feast day for the first time. Thirty-nine years earlier, in Paris France, our Lady appeared to St. Catherine of Laboure instructing her to have a Medal made with her image upon it. Around the image of our lady, the words were inscribed: "Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." It is in these words that our parish family would always invoke her intercession. The official image of our Lady that the parish has embraced is that which appears on the medal. It is also the prayers of the Miraculous Medal that we have adopted as our Novena prayer, as well. In January 2005, I began the new tradition on the corner to conclude Mass, just before the final blessing, by seeking Mary's guidance and intercession by including the prayer of the Miraculous Medal. I said then, and believe it even more so today, that we must identify with our patroness with pride and love. It is with this pride and love for our Lady's title and our faith community that has allowed us to grow stronger as a family. The corner of Second and Oak belongs to Mary's son, our Lord Jesus Christ!

CELEBRATING WITH PRIDE

So when we gather for this holy day of obligation, with the Universal Church, let us remember that we have been blessed for our faithfulness to Mary's example and love of her son! As Mary, conceived without sin, becomes the new eve and the mother of the new creation through Christ her son, may we celebrate thirsting and hungering to be found blameless in holiness before our God, awaiting to share in the fruit of womb eternally in heaven!!

DECEMBER 3, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Dennis Clipper by Lois

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of
Bob & Mary Jane Sistik by Cindy & Lynnette

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Jerold Gesmond by
Dan & Joan

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Robert Griffen by
wife Kathy

St. Joseph's Candle: Month's Mind

Altar Candles for the Month of December:
In Memory of Ott and Yeager Families
By Family

Advent Candles—In Memory of Joe, Jinny, Beverly,
Mary Jo, & John Ott



December 3—First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8



Prayers and Sympathy

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

THE FOLLOWING SIX MASSES WILL BE
OFFERED BY THE PRIESTS AT
ST. VINCENT'S ARCHABBEY:

In Memory of Bill Shiffler, Jr. from the following:

Judy Coates	Judy Kunes
Regina Fenton	Emily Frazier
Paul, Jack & Julie Sofaly	Sweeney Family

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 OR 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, please email Susan at skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the parish office at 724-863-9550

Confession

Tuesday: 5:15-6:15 pm & Saturday: 9-10 am

Immaculate Conception

Parish offers

Online Giving

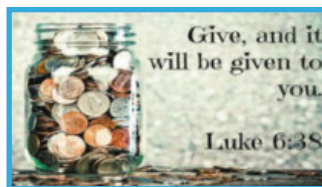
For additional information

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 office. Thank you!



WEEKLY OFFERING:

**Sunday Offertory -
11/18—11/19/23 -
\$19,236.26**

Online Giving - 11/12-11/19/23 \$7,662.70

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.

ANGEL'S CORNER QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PARISH GIVING TREE HELPING THE LEAST OF OUR NEIGHBORS

As, in the past, the parish will be sponsoring a **Giving Tree Project** to help families of our parish to cope with the overwhelming expenses of the Christmas Season. These families have been identified as in need of financial support in order to purchase gifts for their children and prepare a Christmas meal for the family.

In the Spirit of the wise men, who brought gifts to the infant child Jesus to reveal his divinity, we ask you to help be the giver of gifts that will allow the spirit of the Christ Child to be alive in the hearts of the needy. You will find upon our humble tree tags that you may select to purchase Giant Eagle & Walmart gift cards. You may also purchase gift cards through Queen of Angels School.

This tree will be displayed in the Hall of Memories. I want to thank you in advance for serving in the spirit of the Jesus Creed.

All gifts and monies need to be returned to parish office no later than -

Monday, December 11, 2023.

Join Queen of Angels Catholic School for our Winter Toddler Two Session -

from January 8th/10th to February 26th/28th. This "Toddler Time" Parent/Child Program is designed for children and their parent or caregiver to come together to play and learn. A typical session will include: Exploratory Play, Arts & Crafts, Circle Time (a gentle introduction to group time) and Snack.

Register online at

<https://forms.office.com/r/R3SC5w5cef>

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.



If you would like to purchase a gift card from the Parish Giving Tree, please consider helping Queen of Angels Catholic School at the same time. You can help raise easy money for Queen of Angels Catholic School by purchasing your gift cards through the school's SCRIP program.

Complete These Three Easy Steps:

1. Fill out the form below
2. Include a check made payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School
3. Place both items in the collection basket.

No going to the store required!!!

Queen of Angels will fill the gift card orders that you purchased and return the gift cards to Immaculate Conception. The parish will then distribute the gift cards to area families in need

Giant Eagle:

Value	Quantity	Total
\$10	()	\$_____
\$25	()	\$_____

Walmart:

Value	Quantity	Total
\$25	()	\$_____

Kohl's:

\$10	()	\$_____
\$25	()	\$_____

Total \$_____

Thanks for Your Support!!!!

If you have any questions please call the school's office 724-978-0144 or contact Christine Torok at

Made with PosterMyWall.com

ctorok@queenofangelsch.org



Please make checks payable to:
Queen of Angels School

Theology on the Vine presents

CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS

TRIVIA

Game Night

WED DEC. 6

OUR LADY'S PLAZA

WIN PRIZES!

BRING YOUR TEAM OR JOIN ONE!

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

DOORS OPEN 6:00 PM



Join us for a

Breakfast with SANTA

Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 9th

...9am to 11am...
Our Lady's Plaza,
Tickets are \$5 for Adults, free for children

Tickets available
After Mass November 25th and 26th
in the parish office starting November 28th

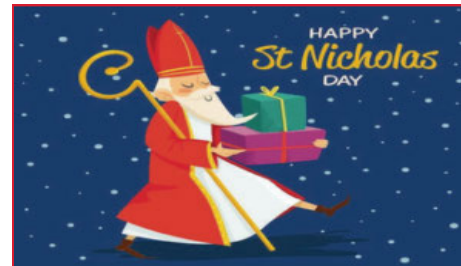
Contact Susan Cheplic with questions
skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR
SANTA BREAKFAST!!!**

HISTORY OF ST. NICHOLAS DAY—DEC. 6th

St. Nicholas derived from Nicholas of Myra and was a bishop in 4th century Greece. He was known for selling off his own items and then giving the money to the poor. He would commonly leave coins in people's shoes and dedicated his entire life to serving people who were sick and suffering. This is how he gained his saint status, and is what inspired St. Nicholas Day (also commonly known as Feast Day or the Feast of St. Nicholas).

As time passed St. Nicholas Day began in different ways. In Italy, this day was celebrated with feasts, gift-giving, and festivals. In other European countries like Germany and the Netherlands, children would leave their shoes or special St. Nicholas boot in front of the fireplace or front door at night and find presents in them in the morning. The history of St. Nicholas and his good deeds was part of the inspiration of the modern-day Santa Claus and Father Christmas, which is why there are some current traditions of leaving gifts in people's boots or shoes (or stockings).

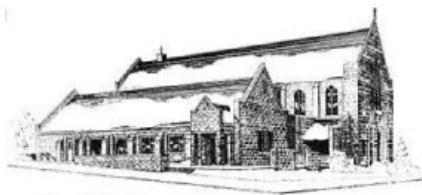



JOIN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FOR

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY DECEMBER, 10TH AT 4:00 PM

Featuring the Choirs of Immaculate Conception Parish



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy

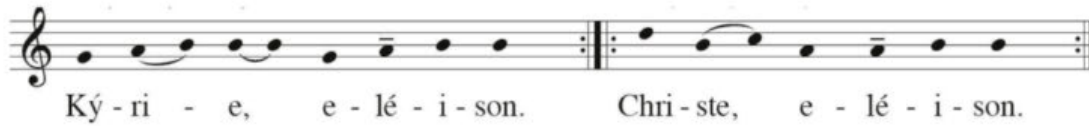
1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
2. ways to go.
3. ty and awe.
4. o'er the grave.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*,
Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.
Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode I.



(Then repeat the first Kyrie.)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80
Michel Guimont

*Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.*



©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"

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 King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
suf - fer and to die, But crowned with glo - ry
earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph
light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.
o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1857–1925, alt.

Tune: MORNING SONG, CM; Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813; arr. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

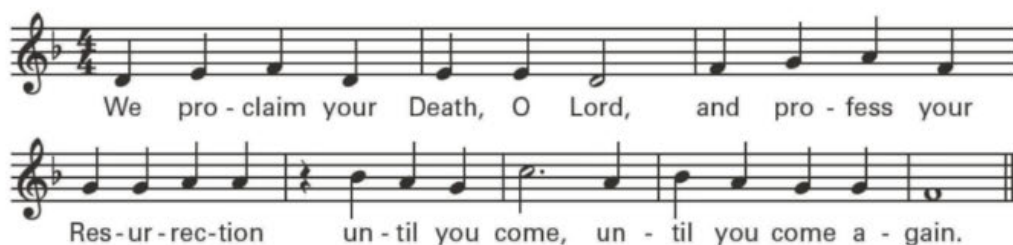
EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Heritage Mass
Owen Asltott



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

Text © 2010, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Music © 1978, 2009, OCP. All rights reserved.



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come, un - til you come a - gain.

Text © 2010, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Music © 1988, 2009, OCP. All rights reserved.

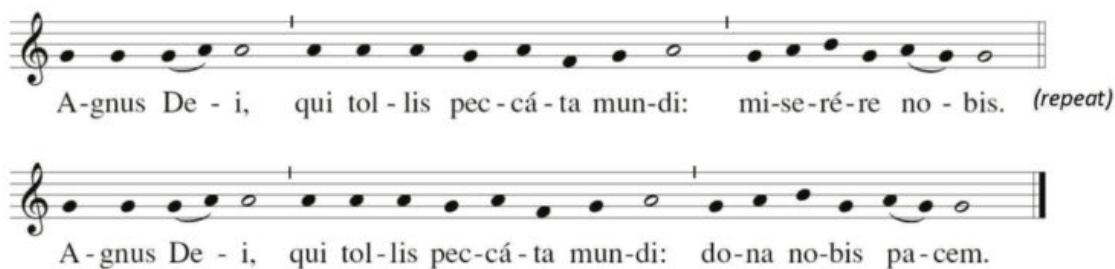


A - men, a - men, a - men.

Music © 1988, OCP Publications. All rights reserved.

AGNUS DEI

Chant, Mass XVIII



A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis. *(repeat)*
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Pronlx

COMMUNION HYMN

Eye Has Not Seen



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for
those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of
Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
© 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, Divine Messiah

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE

Verses



1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; The world in
2. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, Whom priest and
1. si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
2. proph - et long fore - told, Come, break the cap - tive's
1. tri - umph And sad - ness flee a - way.
2. fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.

Refrain

Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis-pel the
night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O
come, di-vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si-lence waits the day when
hope shall sing its tri - umph and sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: 78 76 with refrain; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877.
Music: Trad. French Carol, 16th cent.

LABUDA Farm Service 

724.446.7231
3208 Clay Pike - Herminie
John Labuda, Parishioner
LanudaFarmService.com

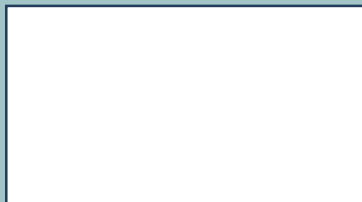
 **William Snyder**
FUNERAL HOME, INC.
— William Snyder, Supervisor —
J. William Snyder • David E. Mahlstedt

*Family Owned
and Operated
Since 1869*




Since 1945  Commercial & Residential

LIKAR
ROOFING COMPANY, INC.
(412) 823-1561

RED ROCK FENCE Company
412 751-4090



RIVERVIEW

**ROUTE 30
IRWIN**

412-271-3100
RIVERVIEWAUTOGROUP.COM

\$10 OFF w/coupon

Sewer/Gas/Water Lines PA License 019959
Fixtures
Water Heaters
Video Inspections
Excavation
Backflow Certification

ZONA Plumbing, Inc.
(412) 754-1824

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO 

4lpi.com/adcreator

 **JORDAN BANANA**
ESTABLISHED IN 1890

(412) 469-1007
www.jordanbanana.com


 **PHILLIPS MONUMENT COMPANY**

720 State Route 130 Trafford, PA
412-372-7000
A monument company for over 60 years.

DOWLING INSURANCE AGENCY

(724) 864-7157  Erie Insurance®

www.dowlinginsuranceagency.com

Daniel A. Szekely Jr., DMD
Family Dentistry
Cosmetic & Preventive Care
"Win with a great grin" 

(724) 864-7307 or 861-8000
8800 Barnes Lake Rd., Suite 300
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

 **ELITE Inc.**

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

MARK MULARSKI
Ph: (724) 446-1375
Fax: (724) 446-1501
129 CROSS STREET
IRWIN, PA 15642
elitehvac.irwin@gmail.com

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

 **OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**
OCTOBER EDITION

 Scan to contact us!

Visit lpicommunities.com

 **Campbell's Service Center**

1111 Clay Pike • North Huntingdon
(724) 863-9964
Full serve at self-serve prices
Free state safety inspections

 **ZONA CONSTRUCTION & REMODELING**
PA 019649

Room Additions • Game Rooms • Garages
Bathrooms • Roofing/Siding • Windows
Soffit & Fascia • Decks

Greensburg: 724-837-6001 | North Huntingdon: 412-754-2517

 **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY**
GENESIS SECTION - NOW OPEN
SINGLE-DOUBLE-FAMILY LOTS AVAILABLE
LAWN MAUSOLEUM - A NEW OPTION
CALL: (724) 863-9550 FOR INFORMATION



LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Sue Novosel

snovosel@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6318

 **Ott Funeral Home Inc.**

Honest • Dignified • Caring
Jeffery T. Hite, Supervisor
724-863-8900 • www.ottfuneralhome.com

LARRY LINT FLOORING



724-446-0480 111 Notch Lane Wendel, PA #PA004471



SERVING THE MCKESPORT AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1912

John Haughey & Sons Plumbing

General Plumbing | Drain and Sewer Cleaning
Sewer Line Repair and Replacement | Gas Line Repair and Replacement
Water Heaters | Dye Testing | Backflow Testing

 **412-678-6382** 

www.HaugheyPlumbing.com

Registered Master Plumber - HP 2868

 **St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store - Jeannette**

25% OFF TOTAL ORDER
Present coupon for discount

Hours: Tues - Fri 10:00 - 3:00 • (724) 527-5776
Plus, first Saturday of each month
372 N 1st St at Rt 130, Jeannette, PA 15644

**ROOFING • SIDING
GUTTERS**



GERKEN
ROOFING & CONTRACTING LLC

724-515-5551
CallthePickle.com

PETRILLO JONES, LLC
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Mary Ann Petrillo, Esq.
Tyler J. Jones, Esq.

Protecting Families, Seniors & Children

**PROBATE • ESTATE PLANNING
ADOPTION • ELDER LAW**

\$450 Estate Planning Services
with this ad

412 Main Street • Irwin, PA 15642

724-861-8333 • www.MaryAnnPetrillo.com

**BUYING OR SELLING?
CALL SKIP MAJIROS**

**O: 724-863-3300
C: 724-331-8488**

ASSOCIATE BROKER
NORWIN OFFICE



SKIPMAJIROS@HOWARDHANNA.COM Real Estate Services



"Skip is terrific, I would highly recommend him."
- BARBARA BALCEREK

Carwen's Boarding and Grooming
COMPASSIONATE, EXPERIENCED ANIMAL LOVERS SPECIALIZING IN GROOMING AND BOARD

101 Buttermilk Hollow Rd., Irwin • **724-864-2742**



carwensboardingandgrooming.com

TR&C Thomson, Rhodes & Cowie, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
www.trc-law.com

Margaret M. Hock, Esquire
WILLS & ESTATE PLANNING
412-316-8647 • mhock@trc-law.com

Matt Wirtz, CFP®, AAMS®
Financial Advisor

200 2nd St. • Irwin, PA
724-864-6214
www.edwardjones.com

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING Member SIPC



 **SHAFFER Memorial**

We care, because you care. Trust Shaffer Memorial.

920 Industrial Blvd., Loyalhanna, PA 15661
(724) 539-2926 • shaffermemorial@aol.com
www.ShafferMemorial.com

**WEST HEMPFIELD
SELF STORAGE**

724-446-3378

 **24 Hour Electronic Gate
and Lighted Surveillance**

3286 Route 136 • Darragh, PA

Providing Expert Medical Care For Decades.
Westmoreland Center for Internal Medicine-UPMC
New Patients Welcome.

 **UPMC**
LIFE CHANGING MEDICINE

Call **724-572-3230**
or scan QR code to
schedule online.





UPMC PRIMARY CARE

 **WALL WORKS
HARDSCAPE LLC**

Craig Ferguson • 412.235.8658

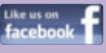
RETAINING WALLS • CONCRETE • PAVERS
EXCAVATION AND MORE!
wallworkshardscape.com

 **Dr. Carla
CAPOZZI**
ORTHODONTICS

"We Create Smiles in Countless Ways"

3520 Rte. 130, Ste. 4001, Penn Twp., Irwin, PA 15642

Phone: (724) 744-4074
E-Mail: drc@drcapozzi.com
Website: www.drcapozzi.com

Diplomate American Board of Orthodontics 

**FREE MEDICARE AND
INSURANCE HELP**



Confused about Medicare?
Medicare's Annual Election Period is
Oct. 15-Dec. 7 when you can make a
change to your Medicare for January 1st.

**Need Health Insurance or Help with
your current Pennie plan?**
The Health Insurance Open Enrollment
Period is Nov. 1 - Jan. 15 when you can
enroll/make changes to Pennie.

I'm your local Medicare/Insurance Advisor - **Chris Visco**
Call me to set up your appointment today!
724.972.7591 • Chrisvisco12@gmail.com

**COMPREHENSIVE
ASSURANCE**

*I will make sure you
are on the RIGHT
plan for you!*

Joseph J. Wawrzeniak DMD
Family Dental Care

13370 Route 30
N. Huntingdon, PA 15642
(724) 863-2077

 **WHISTLER
CONSTRUCTION CO.**

Bob Fisher
1300 Braddock Ave • Braddock, PA
412.225.6562 Cell

 **Erie
Insurance®**

Bock Agency
11799 Route 30
724-863-4619

www.BockInsurance.net



**LITTERINI
PLUMBING**
REGISTERED MASTER
PLUMBER

—724-864-1653—
Insured

Heat Retentive

 **KUSTUM KRETE SP®**
CONCRETE POOL SYSTEMS

724-515-7560
www.wcpoolpros.com

 **Davis Financial Group**
Total Financial Solutions for Choice Individuals

Wealth Management
Keith C. Davis
Certified Financial Planner™

100 Pennsylvania Avenue
Irwin, PA 15642
724.864.8600

**LITTERINI
PLUMBING**
REGISTERED MASTER
PLUMBER

—724-864-1653—
Insured