



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH FEBRUARY 18, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, February 17, 2024

8:00 a.m. Bonnie Poff (Fidazzo Family)

4:30 p.m. Esther Wurzell (Mary & Jeff)

Sunday, February 18, 2024

8:00 a.m. Elyse Alberts (Azzato Family)

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
Music Ministry (Bridget & Tyler)

11:30 p.m. Tony Mauro (Wife)

Monday, February 19, 2024

7:45 a.m. Mary Schilling (Bud)

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:30 p.m. Gloria Fischerkeller (Family)

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

7:45 a.m. Maryann & Frank Felice
(Kathleen)

Thursday, February 22, 2024

7:45 a.m. Colleen Lissy (Tyler)

Friday, February 23, 2024

7:45 a.m. Bonnie Arnold (Carol)

Saturday, February 24, 2024

8:00 a.m. Kevin Ianni (Anna)

4:30 p.m. James Tornblom (Galla Family)

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:00 a.m. Fr. Alvin Cabungcal ("The 12")

10:00 a.m. Fink & Bayles Families (Bill &
Marie)

11:30 a.m. Joseph Perri (Family)

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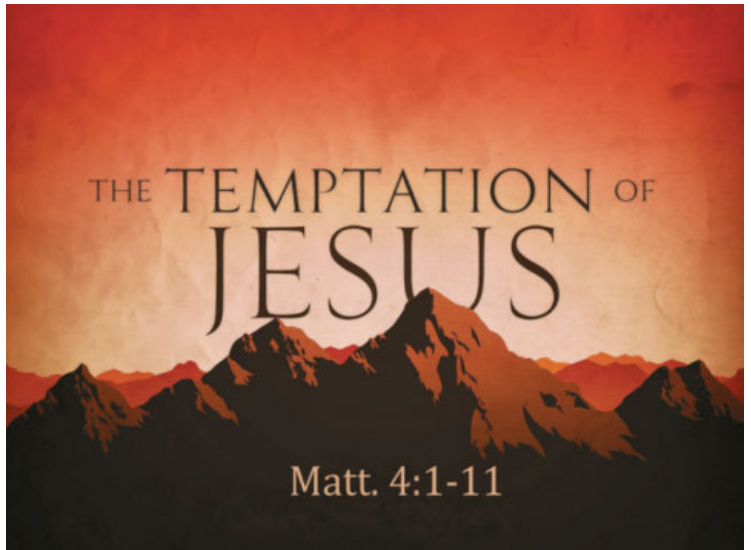
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After 40 days and nights of
fasting, Jesus faces three
temptations from Satan...
LOOK INSIDE FOR THE
PASTOR'S NOTES FOR SOME
THOUGHTS FROM FR. JOHN.



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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 & AROUND THE DIOCESE!



Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent—Noon and 6:30 pm
Fr. John's Lenten Conference—after Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30 pm
Immaculata Men's and Women's

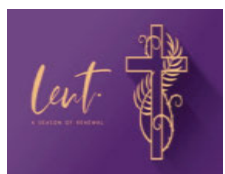
Groups - next meetings will be next Saturday, February 17th for the men's group (IMG) and Sunday, February 18th for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30am in Our Lady's Plaza. Lenten Program - Bishop Robert Barron's "Untold Blessing: The Three Paths to Holiness". All are welcome!
Theology on the Vine—February 22nd –6:30 pm
 Our Lady's Plaza



If you are returning to Eucharistic Minister or Lector, please contact the Parish Office (724-863-9550) or email sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org so you can be added to the schedule. We are using a new software package for scheduling. Thank you!

WHAT IS A "MARTHA"?

There is a group at our parish that refresh the church once a week on Wednesdays immediately following the 7:45 am Mass. What does refresh mean? Dusting, vacuuming, etc. It usually takes an hour and is very much needed and appreciated! If you would like to join "The Martha's" but can't commit to every week, that's ok, you can help whenever your schedule allows. Anyone interested, please call the Parish Office at: 724-863-9550.



God of goodness and mercy,
 Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May

humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day. Amen

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024
 OFFICE OPENS AT 10 AM AND
 CLOSES AT 4 PM.



ATTENTION Directory Ministry Photos

Following all Masses on the 17th and 18th of February, ANYONE that participates in

serving at Mass in any capacity (ushers, lectors, cantors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, acolytes, and crossbearers) are invited to stay for a GROUP photo that will appear in the directory to highlight the members of our congregation who volunteer their time. Remember to wear your Sunday best! (please note: there will not be separate days and times scheduled for each ministry as done in the past). THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

On the First Sunday of Lent, the people of the Diocese of Greensburg gather with Bishop Kulick and those seeking either Baptism or full Communion with the Church to celebrate another step on the journey. Today we send **Laci Kingerski**, seeking Baptism and to be counted as a member of "The Elect" and **Tyler Laughery, John Scholl, and Kristie Shaffer** seeking full Communion with the Catholic Church to participate in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop Kulick. In these Rites, "the Church makes its 'election,' that is, the choice and admission of those catechumens who have the dispositions that make them fit to take part...in the sacraments of initiation" (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA], 119). In addition, those baptized Christians who seek to "complete their Christian formation and become fully integrated into the community..." (RCIA, 410) come before the bishop who, on behalf of the Church, officially recognizes their "desire to have a place at Christ's Eucharistic table" (RCIA, 454).

All will then enter into a period of "Purification and Enlightenment" during Lent as they continue their journey to the Easter Vigil.

THE GRIEF SHARE PROGRAM begins Monday, Feb. 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm here at Immaculate Conception. You are welcome to begin attending our Grief Share group at any point. Each session is "self-contained" so you do not have to attend in sequence. Please register by emailing Gerri Dornin at gdornin@comcast.net or by calling the Parish Office. **Group meets weekly in the Children's Liturgy Room next to the restrooms.**

PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

Here is a personal reflection by Robert Berry II that you may find welcoming and challenging:

For many of us, the idea of making Daily Mass is a luxurious thought. We so quickly dismiss the idea without truly contemplating the real benefits of 'sacrificing' a portion of our day. I was one of those people...until I started going to Daily Mass.



Dedicated Time for Prayer
Pray daily. Sounds simple enough but give it a try. In an ideal world I would say that we all aspire to pray regularly, but how often do we remember? The number one cause of neglected

prayer isn't the busyness of life (that's the 2nd cause), it's actually the 'lack of response' most of us feel as though we suffer from. More people actually avoid prayer altogether because they don't believe it actually works. Daily Mass gives us ample opportunity to restructure our prayer life.

So, Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them."

John 6:53-56



What Does That Mean??

"Lead us Not into Temptation"

When Pope Francis decided that the words of the "Our Father" should be changed from "lead us not into temptation" to "Do not let us fall into temptation" he not only caused a stir but he was misrepresenting the love of God our Father in heaven!

Many COULD say, as the Pope suggests, that God would not lead His children into temptation but that is something that SATAN would do to steal souls. But, according to sacred scripture and tradition, the Pope is wrong on this translation and intention of God as Jesus taught us to pray! Let me explain it in this way:

"TO BE LEAD INTO TEMPTATION MEANS TO BE LEAD INTO A SITUATION OF WHERE GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR ALL THOSE WHO CHOOSE IT OVER THE WEAKNESS OF THE FLESH!"

Example #1 Old testament - Yahweh delivers King Saul into David's hands

While King Saul was pursuing (King) David with three thousand men in order to kill him, Yahweh lead David to find him indisposed and the proper opportunity to kill him! The Kings men waited outside the cave while Saul relieved himself and David and his guard snuck past to find Saul alone and vulnerable. David's men said to him "TODAY YAHWEH HAS DELIVERED SAUL INTO YOUR HANDS TO DO WHATEVER IT IS YOU WISH TO DO WITH HIM." This is a situation that God certainly led someone into temptation! David could have killed Saul at that moment and became King of the people of Israel. No greater temptation for a man who saw only good in taking the life of the evil king! David chose, through the grace that was given by God, to do what was RIGHTEOUS and spared him his life!

Example #2 - Jesus was lead into the desert to be tempted

"Then Jesus was led, by the Spirit into the desert to be TEMPTED by Satan." (Matthew 4:1) The scriptures are not inaccurate! The Spirit (Holy) certainly compromised the human Nature of Jesus, weakened by fasting for 40 days, to fall to the cunning of Satan! But of course, the situation was one of Grace that was sufficient for Jesus to choose righteousness over the lure of the worldly powers! Jesus felt the same presence of evil and was compromised again in the Agony of the Garden when he cried out "let this hour pass me!" The key that the Holy Father Pope Francis is missing is what we pray: "lead us not into temptation BUT deliver us from evil!" IT IS A CHOICE THAT WE ARE ASKING FOR THE GRACE IN A SITUATION TO NOT FALTER BY RESPONDING TO HIS GRACE!

If the situation causes us to sin, then we fell to the temptation that God put us in to choose correctly. If we do not sin, then the temptation gave us an opportunity to be righteous before Him THROUGH HIS GRACE!!!

MY MOM, not the pope universal, but in our house, always said: Every situation is both an occasion of sin (temptation) or an occasion of Love (Grace). It is your choice! And she well knowingly lead me into those situations when I asked, to take the car to attend a party and to return before my curfew time. Moment of sin or Grace? Choosing was the temptation to be selfish, or loving to God and parents!

David was lead to temptation and he chose the Lord! Jesus was led into temptation to teach us that God the Father's Grace is sufficient and free to choose! I know that my journey of cancer has been a temptation in the wilderness at times. A chance to curse God and die, as it was suggested to Job! But thank you Father in heaven for this temptation, for it has given me the freedom to choose your Grace which has been sufficient, and has let my soul to be the "gold that is tested in fire" to be sanctified in Grace! Thank you Father for loving us enough to have a chance to be made perfect !

PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

FAST + PRAYER = ALMSGIVING

The disciplines of Lent are to be observed as supererogation. They are not meant to be simply three sacrifices we do for 40 days and put them away again until next Lent. This practice enhances our awareness of the need for God's goodness to penetrate the downtrodden and those in most need around us...those in need of God's mercy. Giving alms to the poor, offering a generous donation to DLA or supporting the weekly collection can be an act of obligation and duty. However, when these gifts are prepared with fasting and prayer, it changes these acts into redemptive Grace.



Let's meditate on the words of Saint Gregory:

Recognize to whom you owe the fact that you exist, that you breathe, that you understand, that you are wise, and, above all, that you know God and hope for the kingdom of heaven and the vision of glory, not darkly as in a mirror, but then with greater fullness and purity, you have been made a son of God, co-heir with Christ. Where did you get all this, and from whom?

Let me turn to what is of less importance: the visible world around us. What benefactor has enabled you to look out upon the beauty of the sky, the sun in its course, the circle of the moon, the countless number of stars, with the harmony and order that are theirs, like the music of a harp? Who has blessed you with rain, with the art of spousal love, with different kinds of food, with the arts, with houses, with laws, with states, with a life of humanity and culture, with friendship and the easy familiarity of kinship?

Who has given you dominion over animals, those that are tame and those that provide you with food? Who has made you lord and master of everything on earth? In short, who has endowed you with all that makes man superior to all other living creatures? Is it not God who asks you now in your turn to show yourself generous about all other creatures and for the sake of all other creatures? Because we have received from him this one thing only, our generosity? Though he is God and Lord he is not afraid to be known as our Father. Shall we for our part repudiate those who are our friends and family?



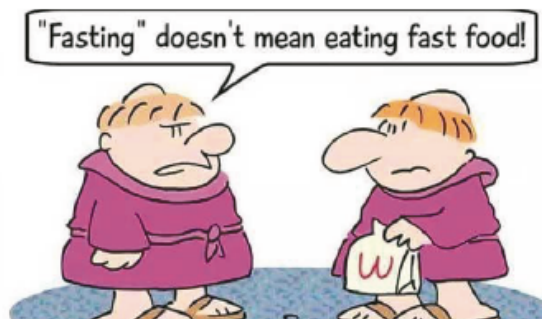
My dear friends let us never allow ourselves to misuse what has been given us by God's gift. If we do, we shall hear Saint Peter say: *Be ashamed of yourselves for holding on to what belongs to someone else. Resolve to imitate God's justice, and not one will be poor.* Let us not labor to heap up and hoard riches while others remain in need.

Let us put into practice the supreme and primary law of God. He sends down rain on just and sinful alike, and causes the sun to rise on all with distinction. To all earth's creatures he has given the broad earth, the springs, the rivers and the forest. He has given the air to the birds, and the waters to those who live in the waters. He has given abundantly to all the basic needs of life not as a private possession, not restricted by law, not divided by boundaries, but as common to all, ample and in rich measure. His gifts are not deficient in any way, because he wanted to give equality of blessing to equality of worth, and to show the abundance of his generosity.

In Conclusion

In fasting we deprive ourselves of what is readily available so we are made aware of others hunger for food, companionship and love. When we take this feeling to prayer, we can personalize the needs of others as we share in this sense of emptiness. The result of our fasting and prayer then becomes the desire to give alms not as a sacrifice but as sharing in the bountiful gifts God bestows upon us in our lives.

We see more clearly the call to love our enemies, do good, share freely, and ask for nothing in return so that we may be true sons of our Father, who, through our generosity makes His sun shine on the good and the bad, and sends His rain upon honest and dishonest men alike. This reality burns a desire into our hearts to be compassionate as the Father is compassionate.



FEBRUARY 18, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Kevin Ianni by Friends & Family

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Bernard & Marion Arendas by Family

St. Peregrine Candle: Special Intentions for Fr. John Moineau by Our Parish Family

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Lorraine Heidler

St. Joseph's Candle: In Memory of Rita Wintermoyer by Roberta

Altar Candles for the Month of February:
In Memory of Dino Dinon by Family

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONE, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AND WE WILL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU!



February 18, 2024 - First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15	9:8-15
1 Peter	3:18-22
Mark	1:12-15

February 25, 2024 - Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis	22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
Romans	8:31b-34
Mark	9:2-10



Please pray for the families of Ron Beatty, Bonnie Wilson (sister of Nancy Alfer), Marie Pulaski, Gloria Fischerkeller, Gene Perkins & all of our departed. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.*

SUBSTANCE ADDICTION MINISTRY

will host the next Rosary and Prayers for Recovery on Wednesday February 21, 2024 at NOON. Pray with us on the third Wednesday of each month as we invite anyone afflicted or affected by addiction to be with us for a time of prayer and support. Join us via ZOOM. Meeting ID: 858 7556 8024 Passcode: 515512 For questions or a copy of the prayers- Jennifer Macioce 724-708-9150 or Jenn.macioce@gmail.com

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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.

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 Cheplic at skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register for Baptism Preparation.

Confession

Tuesday 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. & Saturday 9-10 a.m.

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 724.863.9550 or Email her at: sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org

LET ALL THAT YOU DO
BE DONE IN LOVE

1 Corinthians 16:14

ONLINE GIVING-FEB 5-FEB 11 \$3,928.50
SUNDAY OFFERTORY-FEB. 3/4 - \$19,614.51

Thank you for your continued
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Immaculate Conception

Parish offers

Online Giving

For additional information

visit our website at:

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

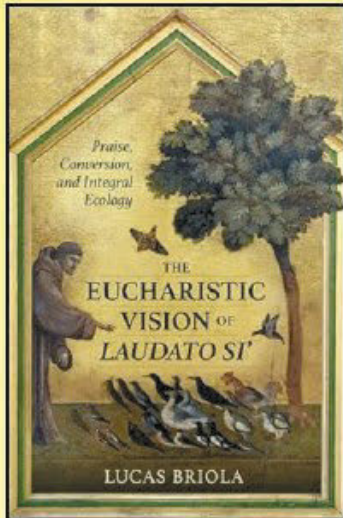


All Adults 21 years or older are invited to

Theology on the Vine



The Eucharistic Vision of *Laudato Si'* *Care for Our Common Home*



Presented by:

Dr. Lukas Briola

Assistant Professor of Theology
St. Vincent College

What is Laudato Si...and Why should we care?

Dr. Briola will discuss how *Laudato Si'* encourages us to consider the connections between our common home (the Earth), Eucharistic worship, and the protection of all human life (especially the unborn).

Thursday Feb. 22, 2024

Doors open 6:00 pm

Program begins at 6:30 pm

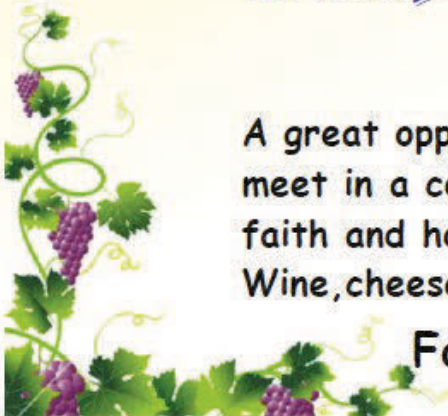
OUR LADY'S PLAZA

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

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

Wine, cheese and light beverages are served.

Food-Faith-Fellowship





DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG SAINT JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE MARCH 18 & 19, 2024

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will lead a pilgrimage to the four Saint Joseph parishes and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, to dedicate the Diocese of Greensburg to the guardianship and protection of Saint Joseph. Each site along the pilgrimage will focus on a different aspect of Joseph as a faithful disciple, helping us to strengthen and rededicate our own relationship with Jesus Christ.

Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/StJoseph to reserve a seat on the pilgrimage bus for \$25, sponsor the pilgrimage or donate items to the Saint Joseph Altar.

SAINT JOSEPH: PATRON OF WORKERS

Monday, March 18, 6 PM

Saint Joseph Parish, New Kensington

Evening Prayer with special presentation on Saint Joseph the Worker by author Mike Aquilina from the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology.

SAINT JOSEPH: PATRON OF A HAPPY DEATH

Tuesday, March 19, 9 AM

Saint Joseph Parish, Derry

Morning Prayer for Saint Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death, with presentation on estate and funeral planning.

MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Tuesday, March 19, 11:45 AM

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg

Mass for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph with Promulgation of Bishop Kulick's Pastoral Letter dedicating the Diocese to the guardianship and protection of Saint Joseph.

SAINT JOSEPH: PATRON OF IMMIGRANTS

Tuesday, March 19, 2:30 PM

Saint Joseph Parish, Everson

Afternoon Prayer with Building a Saint Joseph Altar. All are invited to bring non-perishable food and supplies to offer in thanksgiving for Saint Joseph's intercession. Items donated will be distributed to families in need throughout the Diocese.

SAINT JOSEPH: PROTECTOR OF THE EUCHARISTIC LORD

Tuesday, March 19, 6 PM

Saint Joseph Parish, Uniontown

Holy Hour with presentation on Saint Joseph, Protector of the Eucharistic Lord, Patron of Families, and Fosterer of Vocations.



**RECEIVE
AND
Share**

2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

When you share your gifts through the 2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, you join those who are faithful in their generosity. Last year, only one-third of the faithful across the Diocese participated. When you share what you have received, you are keeping your parish energized and connected to our faith community.

Diocese of Greensburg

Donate today at DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2024

St. Agnes 2024 Fish Fry

11400 St. Agnes Lane, N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

PLEASE COME! INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

DRIVE-THRU TAKE OUT ONLY

4 Fridays during Lent

March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

2024 Menu:

* **BAKED COD DINNER** \$13.00

* **FRIED COD DINNER** \$13.00

FRIED FISH SANDWICH WITH COLESLAW \$10.00

ONE PIECE OF BAKED FISH WITH COLESLAW... \$9.00

ONE PIECE OF FRIED FISH WITH COLESLAW... \$9.00

HALUSKI.....\$4.00

FRENCH FRIES.....\$4.00

PIEROGI.....\$4.00/THREE

.....\$13.00/DOZEN



Come enjoy...

Chef-seasoned Panko
hand-breaded fried cod or
Parmesan-crusted baked cod

* **Complete Dinner includes:** Baked or Fried cod, coleslaw, roll and choice of one side dish (French fries, haluski or pierogis).

All other items are à la carte as priced above.

We accept cash, debit and credit cards.

SODA & WATER DONATIONS

NEEDED FOR THE

MAY 2024 BURGER BASH!

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SALES!

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT

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8 AM - 4 PM. THANK YOU!!!

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A JUMP START!

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QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**TODDLER-TWO
PROGRAM**



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.

- ✓ WHO: 2-3 year old children with a parent or caregiver (Must be 2 before session starts)
- ✓ WHERE: Queen of Angels Catholic School
- ✓ WHEN: 1 hour class – Monday AND/OR Wednesday
TIME: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
- ✓ SESSIONS AVAILABLE: Each session is 8 weeks
Fall Oct 2nd/4th- Dec 4th/6th
Winter - Jan 8th/10th- Feb 26th/28th
Spring- March 4th/6th- May 6th/8th
- ✓ Cost per session: \$80 for 1 day per week or \$150 for 2 days per week



ENROLL TODAY!





LENTEN MUSIC SERIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, IRWIN
ALL EVENTS WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

AN EVENING OF MEDITATIVE
REFLECTION FEATURING READINGS
AND MUSIC

ORGAN RECITAL

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH

PRESENTED BY BRIDGET DEVENNEY,
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AT
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

ORGAN RECITAL

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH

PRESENTED BY KEVIN LITZINGER,
ASSISTANT ORGANIST AT ST.
MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH,
PITTSBURGH

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

MONDAY, MARCH 18TH

308 SECOND ST. IRWIN, PA 15642

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS—EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT
NOON AND 6:30 PM**
**FR. JOHN'S LENTEN CONFERENCE—EVERY FRIDAY DURING
LENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 6:30 PM**
STATIONS OF THE CROSS



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2024 - Order of the Mass


VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father:
courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate,
faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage.
Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and
responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us.

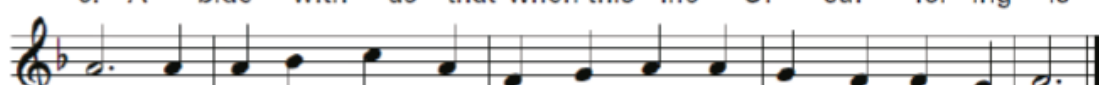
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us did fast and
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, And did the vic - t'ry
3. As you did hun - ger bear and thirst, So teach us, gra-cious
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through your Pas-sion-
5. A - bid with us that when this life Of suf - fer-ing is



1. pray, Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.
2. win, O give us strength in you to fight, In you to con-quer sin.
3. Lord, To die to self, and al - ways live By your most ho - ly word.
4. tide, For - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.
5. past, An Ea-ster of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

Text: CM; Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898, alt. Music: *The Whole Psalmes in Foure Partes*, 1563, alt.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

(Then repeat the first Kyrie.)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25

Robert Kreutz

*Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth,
to those who keep your covenant.*

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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O God Who Gives Us Life and Breath



1. O God, who gives us life and breath, Who
2. O God, who calls your peo - ple out, To
3. O God of cov - e - nant and law, Re -

shapes us in the womb, Who guards our lives from
ven - ture and to dare, To plumb the bleak a -
veiled in cloud and flame, Your might - y deeds e -

birth to death, Then leads us from the tomb: De -
byss of doubt And find you e - ven there: When
voke our awe; We dare not speak your name. Yet

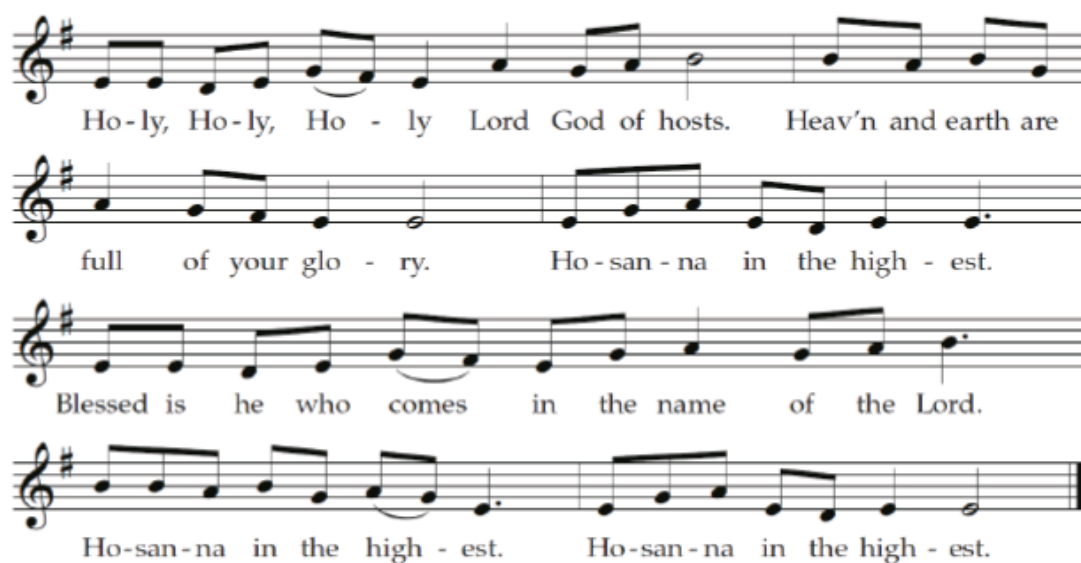
liv - er us from fears that kill The
we de - spair in wan - der - ing Through
we by faith are drawn to you And

life we have from you. Help us to know your
wastes of emp - ty lies, Re - fresh us with the
will your peo - ple prove, As on our hearts you

Spir - it still Is mak - ing all things new.
liv - ing spring Of hope that nev - er dies.
write a - new The cov - e - nant of love.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Mass of Charity and Love
Steven C. Warner



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

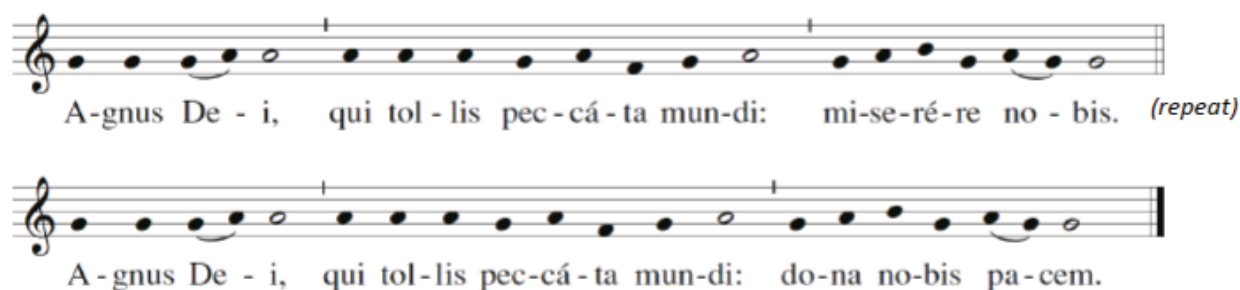


When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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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 Proulx

COMMUNION HYMN

Seek Ye First

*1.



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
 3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
 4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



and his right - eous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find,
 but by ev - 'ry word
 there am I in their midst;



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
 that comes forth from the mouth of God;
 and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Kingdom of God



1. The king - dom of God is jus - tice and joy;
 2. The king - dom of God is mer - cy and grace;
 3. The king - dom of God is chal - lenge and choice;
 4. God's king - dom is come, the gift and the goal;



For Je - sus re - stores what sin would de - stroy.
 The cap - tives are freed, the sin - ners find place,
 Be - lieve the good news, re - pent and re - joice!
 In Je - sus be - gun, in heav - en made whole.



God's pow - er and glo - ry in Je - sus we know;
 The out - cast are wel - comed God's ban - quet to share;
 God's love for us sin - ners brought Christ to his cross;
 The heirs of the king - dom shall an - swer his call;




And here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.
 And hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.
 Our cri - sis of judg - ment for gain or for loss.
 And all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God all in all.

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