



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH MARCH 3, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 2, 2024

8:30 a.m. Mass at Seton

4:30 p.m. James Lavelle (Anne)

Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:00 a.m. Albert E. Fabyanic (Angela)

10:00 a.m. Al & Carole Bilesimo (Family)

11:30 a.m. Gloria Fischerkeller (IC Staff)

Monday, March 4, 2024

7:45 Bonnie Arnold (Family)

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:30 p.m. Fred Whitney (Karen)

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

7:45 a.m. Jim Whalen (Family)

Thursday, March 7, 2024

7:45 a.m. Edward Iwanoski (J.R. & Pam)

Friday, March 8, 2024

7:45 a.m. Mary Duffy (Family)

Saturday, March 9, 2024

8:00 a.m. Ron Beatty (Immaculata Men's Group)

4:30 p.m. Norma Delose (Family)

Sunday, March 10, 2024

8:00 a.m. Carole Bilesimo (Tom & Sally)

10:00 a.m. Patricia Santimyer (Family)

11:30 a.m. Carl Thomas (Alan & Cheryl)

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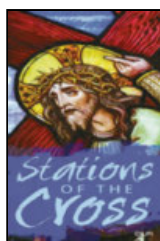
Parish Office Hours - 8am to 4pm

Monday through Friday

308 Second Street - Irwin, Pa 15642

724-863-9550

HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE!



EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT -
12 NOON AND 6:30 PM
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 6:30 PM
Stations of the Cross -
FR. JOHN'S LENTEN CONFERENCE on
The Sorrowful Mysteries



MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK 2024:
HOLY THURSDAY: NO MORNING MASS
6:30 PM MASS
GOOD FRIDAY: 8:00 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
NOON LITURGY OF THE LORD'S
PASSION
3:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 PM TENABRAE
SATURDAY: 11:00 AM BASKET BLESSING
8:00 PM EASTER VIGIL
EASTER: 7:00 AM, 8:30 A.M, 10:00 AM, & 11:30 AM



**IC PENANCE SERVICE
THIS LENTEN SEASON WILL
BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH
19, AT 6:30 PM-
NO ADORATION, OR MASS
ON THAT DAY.**

Burger Bash 2024

- May 11
- June 8
- July 13
- August 10
- September 14
- October *TBD once Norwin Homecoming date is announced*



DONATIONS OF SODA & WATER
CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE
PARISH OFFICE MONDAY-FRIDAY
BETWEEN 8 AM AND 4 PM.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

SAVE THE DATE!



**ANNUAL CHRISTIAN MOTHER
WOMEN'S GUILD (CMWG) -
CARD PARTY!
APRIL 25, 2024
OUR LADY'S PLAZA**

Immaculata Men's and Women's Groups -

† **Saturday, March 9th for the men's
group (IMG)**

† **Sunday, March 10th for the women's
group (IWG)**

† **6:30am**

† **Our Lady's Plaza**

**In this fourth session of Bishop Barron's
Lenten program "Untold Blessings", we
will finish watching the second path of the
spiritual life "Knowing You are a Sinner".
All are welcome!**



Attention 8th Graders!

Please join us on Saturday,
March 9th from 6:30 pm -
8:00 pm for our retreat on

"Decision Making" at Our Lady's Plaza
with Father John. All are Welcome!

Creation Care Team

Meeting March 6th at 6 p.m. at IC Church in the
Children's Liturgy Room.

The team's focus is to study the encyclical "*Laudato
Si, Care for Our Common Home*" and to turn the
Pope's vision into effective actions. For more
information, call 412-916-8030 or email
chris@syncrous.com.

HOMEMADE NUTROLL SALE



**WE WILL BE SELLING
DELICIOUS
HOMEMADE NUTROLLS
AFTER ALL
MASSES THE
WEEKEND OF MARCH
16 AND 17, 2024!
\$10 EACH**

THE GRIEF SHARE PROGRAM—Mondays, 6:00-
7:30 pm 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



Lenten Season in the Seminary

I was privileged during the years in the seminary, at Mount Saint Mary, to be so influenced by the devotion of Mother Seton to the Lenten season. Many of our Lenten practices and the spiritual conferences reflected the depth of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's devotion to the passion of Christ. Her approach to prayer, fasting and almsgiving was more than a discipline it was an entering into the life of her Savior. When Lent begins I review old note books and conference talks that I have treasured away to keep the spirit of those days alive and only hope that my Lenten observances can enkindle the Divine Fire of Love often experienced in those days that lead to great Easter Joy. When I came across this article by Tom Hoopes, I felt a need to share it with you in my pastor's notes. Tom captures some of that great insight that has been a blessing to me for years. I hope this article inspires you to make the rest of this Lenten journey a blessing and Grace!

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Explains How to Pray, Fast, and Give

For St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the three Lenten marks of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving were a way of life. Her words can inspire us to view these three practices of Lent as one integrated act.



TOM HOOPES | FEBRUARY 18, 2024



The Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent this year is a succinct summing up of the whole Lenten season. We read about how he lived in the desert without food after being driven by the Spirit to go there, was tempted by Satan, then emerged ready to proclaim the Gospel.

Thus, the story illustrates the three marks of Lent: Fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

To see these three Lenten actions through Elizabeth Ann Seton's eyes, I gathered together some of her most-loved quotes. For her, fasting, prayer and almsgiving are not three separate exercises — they are one integrated act.

FASTING is the first mark of Lent

A strict fast is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but many Catholics offer an extra fasting practice by giving up something in Lent as a devotion to prayer and penance.

"The gate of heaven is very low; only the humble can enter," said Elizabeth Ann Seton.



Humility is one of the first reasons for fasting. Fasting forces us to cut our selfishness down to size. True freedom is the ability to do what we truly know is best for us — but many of us are too committed to pleasing ourselves to do what's best for us. Fasting gets us used to the idea that we are not so special.

"God is with us — and if sufferings abound in us, his Consolations also greatly abound, and far exceed all utterance," wrote Mother Seton.

Here she is showing another reason for fasting: *Faith*. These are words Mother Seton sent to her sister-in-law Rebecca, recounting her advice to her children while facing her husband's illness. Fasting builds our faith that earthly pleasure is not the most important thing in our lives — because one day we will have to realize that earthly life is not the most important thing, either, as Seton had to tell her children. Our life in eternity is.

"My own troubles will teach me I hope how to comfort others," Mother Seton said.

Service is the final reason for fasting. Persevering in suffering helps strengthen us so that we do not make our own comfort paramount, but instead, put others before our own selfishness. Fasting from something expensive — eating out, alcohol, or unnecessary shopping — can even give us the material resources to help others.

PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

PRAYER is the second mark of Lent.



The Church recommends using Lent as a time to learn the art of conversing with God by adding something new to our prayer routine.

“Let your chief study be to acquaint yourself with God because there is nothing greater than God, and because it is the only knowledge which can fill the Heart with a Peace and joy, which nothing can disturb,” was Mother Seton’s advice.

Peace is the first thing we get from prayer. When we look at life from the wrong perspective, it is filled with worry and anxiety. Think of it like taking a drive through the mountains. The shell around you, your car, dominates and limits your view. It’s only when you step outside the car — when you interact directly with God — that you can see how small your shell really is.

“Jesus is as a fire in the very center of our souls ever burning. Yet, we are cold because we do not stay by it,” Mother Seton said.

Urgency is the next thing we get from prayer. God wants to have a deep personal relationship with all of his creatures. But many ignore him. The more we learn to turn to him, the more we will want to draw others into the light of His fire.

“Does the life of our Jesus animate us? Do we indeed give him the true service of the heart without which whatever else we give has no Value?” asked Mother Seton.

Effectiveness is the next thing we get from prayer. Not “efficiency,” mind you, but effectiveness. Prayer doesn’t make us more talented or successful, exactly, but it does increase the “effect” of what we do, because it gives it a supernatural value as we allow Christ to work through us rather than relying on our own efforts.

ALMSGIVING is the third focus of Lent.

Almsgiving

It is a Catholic custom to find something extra to do for others in Lent — giving money or time or both.

“The nearer a soul is truly united to God, the more its sensibilities are increased to every being of His Creation; much more to those whom it is bound to love by the tenderest and most endearing ties,” Mother Seton wrote.

Sensitivity is the first thing we get from almsgiving. Prayer helps us see the needs around us with God’s eyes, and not look selfishly past them. Almsgiving puts that prayer into action. When we pray and act, together, we will see our loved ones and what they need in a whole new light.

“Take every day as a ring which you must engrave, adorn, and embellish with your actions, to be offered up in the evening at the altar of God,” Elizabeth Ann Seton advised.

Intentionality is the next thing we get from almsgiving. Once our spiritual goals improve from self-improvement to serving others, our day changes from “our time” to “time to serve.” But notice that you need all three to make this happen: Prayer to see your life as an instrument in God’s hand, fasting to have the self-discipline to serve Him, and almsgiving to put it all together.

Finally, “The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly to do it because it is his will,” said Mother Seton in her often-quoted advice.

Union with God is the last fruit of almsgiving. It comes from fulfilling the two chief commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” This brings prayer, fasting and almsgiving together into one.

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CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Edward Iwanoski
by J.R. & Pam

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Anthony Delaney
by Family

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Bonnie Wilson
by Nancy Alfer

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Carole Bilesimo
by Patricia DiSanta

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

Altar Candles for the Month of March:
In Memory of Donnelly Family
By Kathleen

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!



March 3, 2024 - Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus	20:1-17
1 Corinthians	1:22-25
John	2:13-25

March 10, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles	36:14-16, 19-23
Ephesians	2:4-10
John	3:14-21



Please pray for the families of Carl Thomas
& Toni Dopkosky and all of our faithful
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 –

SAM- 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

Blessed
BEYOND MEASURE

ONLINE GIVING- FEB 19-25 \$4,051.55

SUNDAY OFFERTORY FOR FEB 17/18 IS \$17,478.62

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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!





Reserve a seat on the bus!



A \$25 ticket reserves you a seat on the Saint Joseph Pilgrimage Bus. Bus pick up is 8:00 AM Tuesday, March 19, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2800 Seminary Drive, Greensburg. Continental breakfast will be served at Saint Joseph Parish, Derry. Lunch will be served after Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. Refreshments will be served at Saint Joseph Parish, Everson. Return time to Christ Our Shepherd Center is 9:30 PM.

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.

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. Join us for this livestreamed event!

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.



Diocese of Greensburg

DioceseofGreensburg.org/StJoseph

Become a Sponsor at DioceseofGreensburg.org/StJoseph



\$250 New Kensington Reception Sponsor

(Number of Sponsorships: 4)

Includes recognition in worship aid, on website and signage at the event.

\$250 Everson Reception Sponsor

(Number of Sponsorships: 4)

Includes recognition in worship aid, on website and signage at the event.

\$250 Uniontown Reception Sponsor

(Number of Sponsorships: 4)

Includes recognition in worship aid, on website and signage at the event.

\$100 Saint Joseph Day Patron

(unlimited)

Includes Mass Intention for all patrons at Saint Joseph Day Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral and home delivery of all five Saint Joseph Day prayer cards, one from each event.

Saint Joseph Altar Donations

Help us build a Traditional Saint Joseph Altar as part of our Diocesan pilgrimage for the Feast of Saint Joseph. Donations can be brought to any of the sites on the pilgrimage for inclusion. Schools and parishes may also collect items or donations and make arrangements with the Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship to have them picked up. Anyone can make contributions by credit card online at DioceseofGreensburg.org/StJoseph or by check, mailed to: Saint Joseph Altar Donations, c/o Catholic Charities, 711 East Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, PA 15601. Volunteers are also needed at Saint Joseph Parish, Everson, to help sort these items after the prayer service with Bishop Kulick at 2:30 PM.

Paper Product Box (or donate \$200)

Paper Plates
Napkins
Plastic Bowls
Plastic Forks
Plastic Knives
Plastic Spoons
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Solo Cups
Garbage Bags
Tissues
Aluminum Foil
Cling Wrap

Cleaning Box (or donate \$150)

Lysol Wipes
Swiffer Starter Kit
Swiffer Wipes
Dish Soap
Sponges
Mop and Bucket
Wood Cleaner
Window Cleaner
Paper Towels
Toilet Brush
Toilet Cleaner
Hand-Held
Vacuum Cleaner
Broom and Dustpan

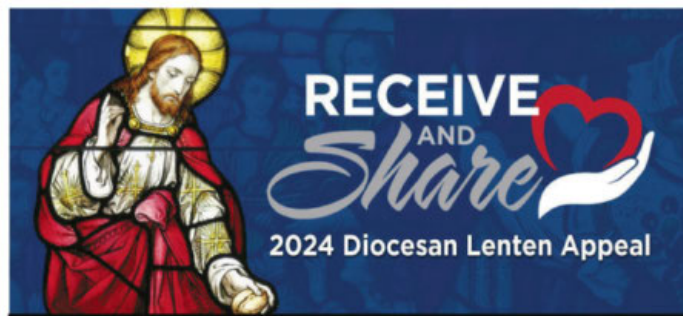
Breakfast Box (or donate \$100)

Pancake Mix
Muffin Mix
Powdered
Creamer
Canned Fruit
Regular Coffee
Decaf Coffee
Syrup
Cereal
Tea bags
Sugar

Pasta Dinner Box (or donate \$50)

Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Olive Oil
Vinegar
Croutons
Crackers
Pepperoni
Shelf Stable
Cheese
Minced Garlic
Canned Soup
Canned Fruit
Cookies

Supermarket Gift Cards (or donate \$25)



Help Fund Parish Improvements

Last year, nearly 40% of the funds collected through the Diocesan Lenten Appeal went directly to our parishes. Pastors were able to renovate worship spaces, upgrade facilities, and provide funding for evangelization and religious education. Your gift makes your parish vibrant.



Diocese of Greensburg

Donate today at DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2024

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

2024 LENTEN APPEAL



Our parish goal for 2024 is to raise \$260,000.00.

****First**, to meet our Diocesan Target of \$154,568.00 or the diocesan level to support the international priests, seminarian's education, faith formation programs, Catholic Charities, and other diocesan ministries.

****Secondly**, the remaining \$105,432.00 will be used here in our parish to aid the needy of our region with a \$10,000.00 donation to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

****Thirdly**, remaining monies will be used towards new signage, terrazzo flooring in the church, church front doors, church outside masonry work, and upgrade information technology in the administration building.

Your gift to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal will enable us to achieve the above projects.

Thank you to all who have already given a gift to the 2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

412 YOUTH MINISTRY



HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

All 9th to 12th High School Students are invited!

SATURDAY MARCH 9th 9:00 AM to

SUNDAY MARCH 10th 12:00 PM

QUEEN OF ANGELS SCHOOL



JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP FOR FAITH, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

WHAT TO BRING:

FRIENDS, A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, SLEEPING BAG OR PILLOW AND BLANKET, TOILETRIES, PERMISSION SLIP

SEARCH allows our teens to "Retreat" from their everyday lives and grow in community and faith. Exploring, seeking God together, this interactive weekend has talks, small groups, games, Mass, adoration, and more.

COST : \$10.00

REGISTER TODAY!

AT :

<https://forms.gle/mXiZ5pCSCx5CwHr26>

Join our alumni as they return to lead our retreat !



Don Cherry, a parishioner of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, is in need of a living donor for a kidney transplant which could save his life. 412-647-GIFT(4438) or Livingdonorreg.upmc.com

St. Stephen Byzantine—90 Bethel Rd.

Lenten Sale-

- ⇒ **Halushki,**
- ⇒ **Homemade Soups**
- ⇒ **Pirohis**

Every Friday during Lent -11:00am – 4:00pm (except Good Friday)

Dementia Support Group

This group is for anyone dealing with a loved one who has dementia. Dementia Friendly Faith Community support group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center. The next meeting will be held on March 5th. For more information about the Support Group, contact Gail Henderson: 412-848-2076 or email: gailhend@comcast.net

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-crustied 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.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild
Sponsored
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, March 16, 2024
4:00 – 6:30 pm
Mack Hall



Includes Spaghetti
with choice of Homemade
Meat Sauce & Meatball
OR
Marinara Sauce
Salad, Bread & Butter, Beverage, and Dessert

Prepaid Tickets Only

Cost

\$12.00 for Adults

\$6.00 for kids 4 to 12 years

Free for 3 years and under

Prepaid takeout available

Tickets available after all Masses March 2/3 & March 9/10.
Or during business hours at the church office.

Contact Roseann Cieslewicz for more information

rcieslewicz@dioceseofgreensburg.org

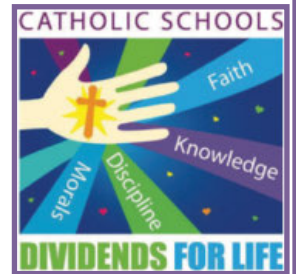
Come enjoy a home cooked meal and fellowship with us.

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



It's picture time! All student's Pre-K 3 to Grade 8 will get their SPRING school picture taken on Wednesday, March 6h. Any questions, please call *the school* office at 724 978-0144.

Do you have a school age child? Have you considered our parish school, Queen of Angels Catholic School? From Pre School age 3 to the 8th grade, our school offers a wonderfully warm, faith-based environment staffed with dedicated and highly qualified faculty who educates the whole child. High expectations and support help to develop each child's unique gifts. Parents like the extended family created by the school community and the personal attention each child receives. The school invites parents to be an active part of the home/school team. Tours are available by appointment only.



Also, be sure to check our website at www.queenofangelssch.org for on-line applications, and more information. Please call the school office at 724 978-0144 with any questions. Please join our family!



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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 DEVENEY,
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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 3, 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

The Cross of Jesus

1. Come, O God, re - new your peo - ple,
2. Deep with - in cre - ate a new heart;
3. In the dark - ness that sur - rounds us
4. Call us forth to walk in jus - tice;

We who long to see your face.
Melt a - way the win - ter chill.
We have lost you from our sight.
Res - cue us from sin and grave.

Strength - en hearts that have grown fee - ble;
Help us now to make a new start;
E - ven though your love has found us,
Through the pow - er of your Spir - it,

Fill our lives with truth and grace.
Help us now to know your will.
We em - brace the powers of night.
Breathe in us the breath that saves.

On - ly you can win our free - dom;
Washed in wa - ters of for - give - ness,
Scat - ter now our deep - est dark - ness;
Strength - en us in our com - mun - ion,

On - ly you can bring us peace.
Cleansed in wa - ters of new birth,
Guide our hearts in - to the light.
One in Word and cup and bread.

On - ly in the cross of Je - sus
Lead us to the cross of Je - sus,
Join us to the cross of Je - sus,
Here with - in the cross of Je - sus

Will the cap - tives find re - lease.
Bring - ing life to all the earth.
Help us set our liv - ing right.
All who hun - ger will be fed.

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.



(Then repeat the first Kyrie.)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 20:1-3,7-8,12-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me." "You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING John 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

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

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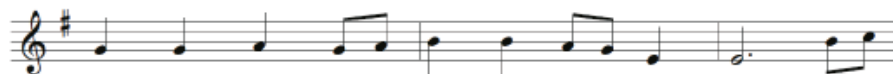
You Strode Within the Temple Lord



1. You strode with - in the Tem - ple, Lord, Where
2. The tem - ple of your bod - y, Lord, They
3. Make ev - ry heart your tem - ple, Lord, Each
4. Come, vis - it, Lord of right - eous - ness, The



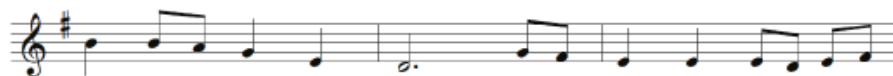
mer - chants vied for gain, And cried, "Your wares cor -
crushed when you were slain; But af - ter three days'
life a ho - ly place. For - give the sins that
Church that bears your name. Drive out our fear and



rupt God's house, This place of prayer pro - fane!" With
sleep in death, God raised it up a - gain. And
flaw your plan, Your pa - tient work de - face. In
un - be - lief, The pride that is our shame, Re -



cord - ed whip and fier - y wrath You
now you have a dwell - ing place On
love that does not shrink from truth These
new the life we share, O Christ, In



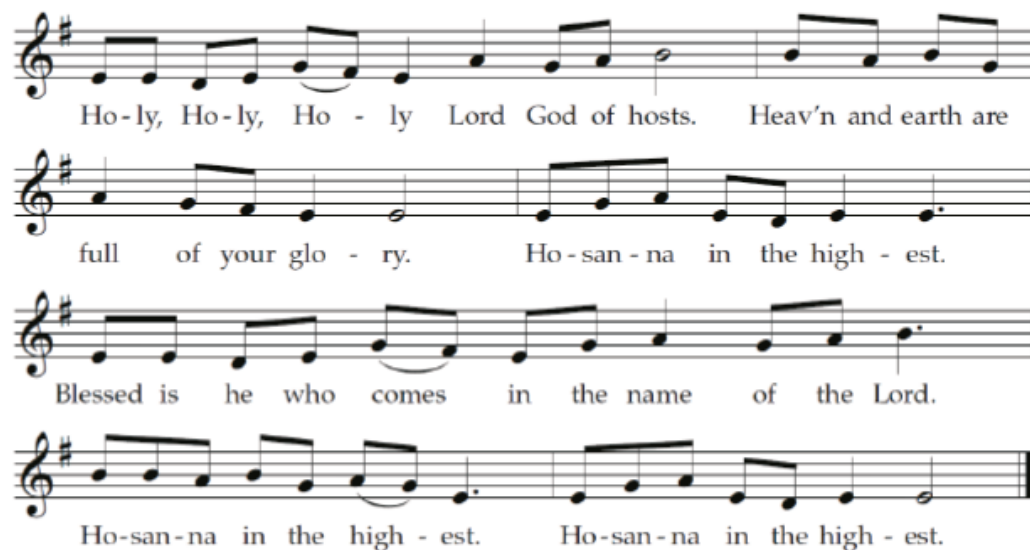
put God's foes to flight. They could not bear the
earth, in all its lands. Your peo - ple are your
tem - ples pu - ri - fy. And then in mer - cy,
love and prayer and praise. Then send us forth, our



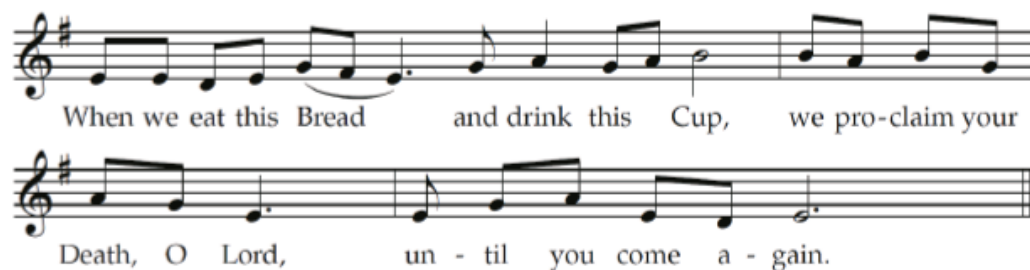
search - ing beam Of your un - shield - ed light.
tem - ple, Lord, A house not made with hands.
Lord, re - main; Your Spir - it's gifts sup - ply.
strength re - stored, To serve you all our days.

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.

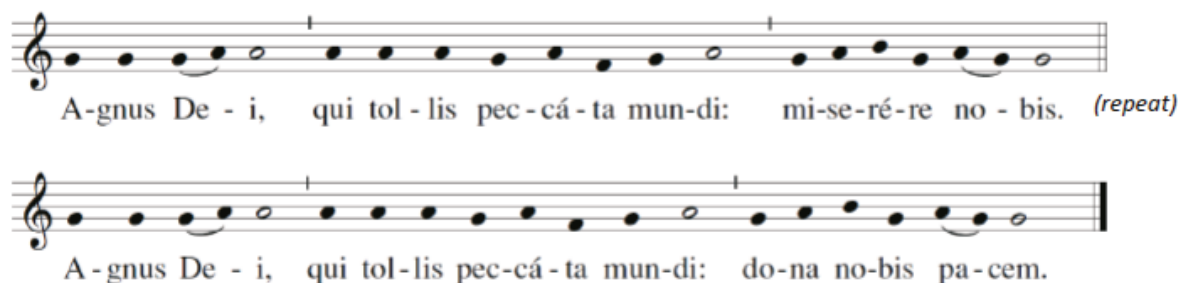


A - men, a - men, a - men.

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AGNUS DEI

Chant, Mass XVIII

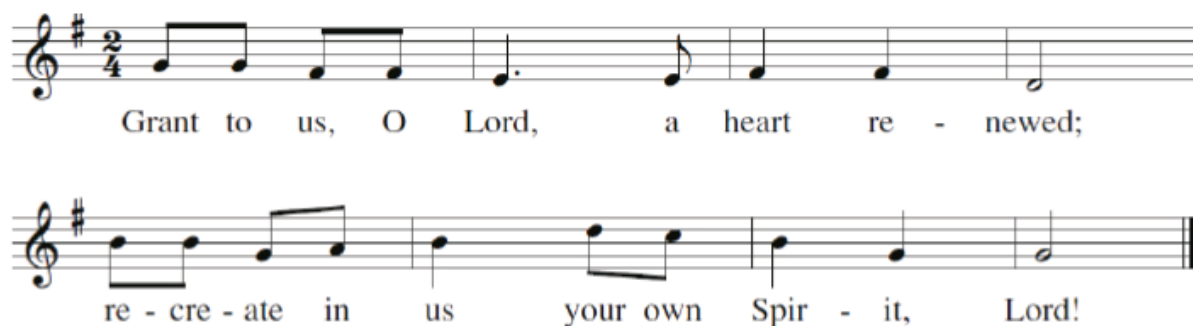


A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis. *(repeat)*
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun-di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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COMMUNION HYMN

Grant to Us, O Lord

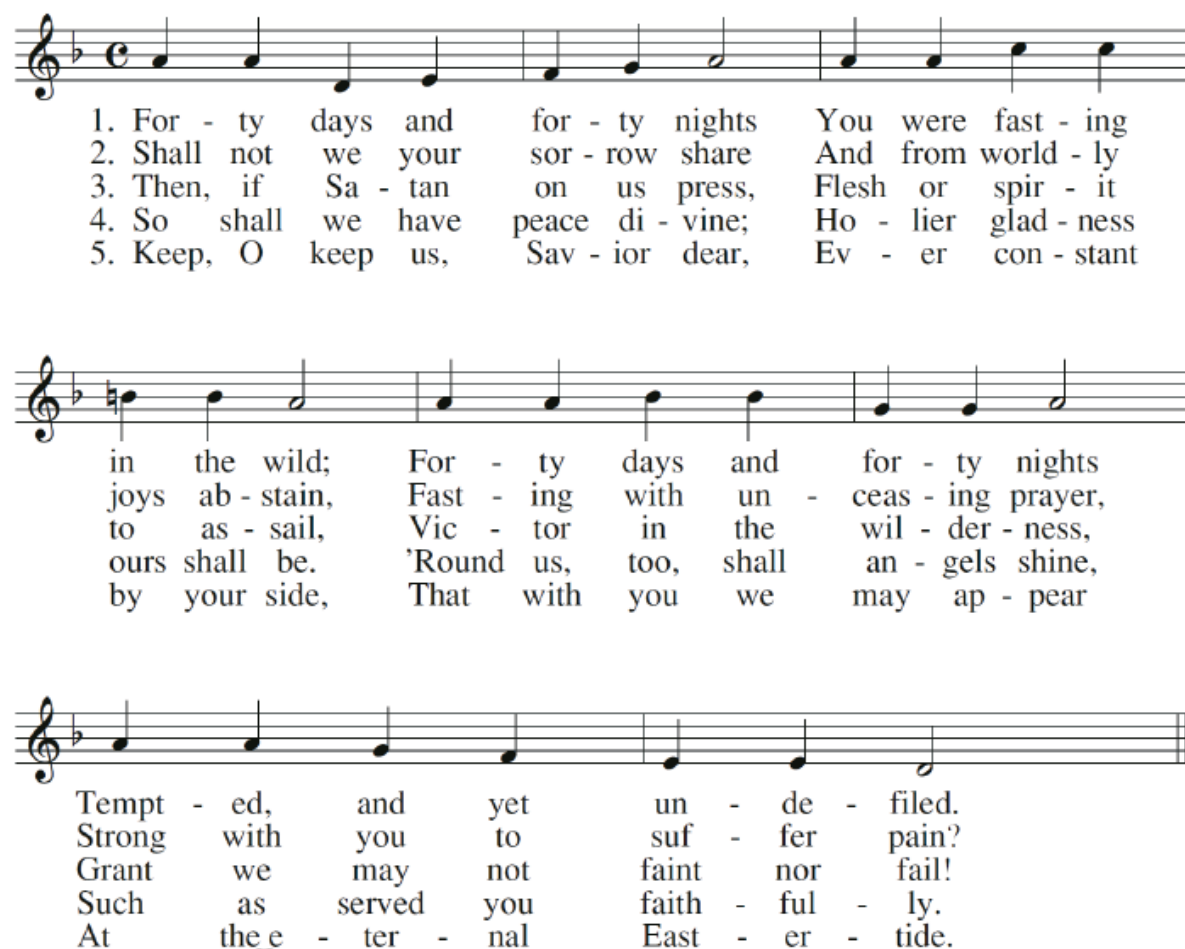


Grant to us, O Lord, a heart re - newed;
re - cre - ate in us your own Spir - it, Lord!

Text: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Tune: Lucien Deiss, CSSp, b.1921
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Forty Days and Forty Nights



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights You were fast - ing
2. Shall not we your sor - row share And from world - ly
3. Then, if Sa - tan on us press, Flesh or spir - it
4. So shall we have peace di - vine; Ho - lier glad - ness
5. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, Ev - er con - stant

in the wild; For - ty days and for - ty nights
joys ab - stain, Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer,
to as - sail, Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness,
ours shall be. 'Round us, too, shall an - gels shine,
by your side, That with you we may ap - pear

Tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
Strong with you to suf - fer pain?
Grant we may not faint nor fail!
Such as served you faith - ful - ly.
At the e - ter - nal East - er - tide.

Text: George H. Smytten, 1822-1870, alt.
Tune: HEINLEIN, 7 7 7 7; attr. to Martin Herbst, 1654-1681, *Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch*, 1676

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