

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Saturday, September 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

3:00 p.m. Barnes/Crupie Wedding

4:30 p.m. Dennis Clipper (Lois)

#### Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:00 a.m. Jeff Cole (Mom & Dad) 10:00 a.m. Gloria Natale (Cheryl) 11:30 a.m. William Astley (Family)

Monday, September 16, 2024

7:45 a.m. Deceased Members of the Felentzer & Denne Families (Family)

### Tuesday, September 17, 2024

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Month's Mind - Catherine Smith,
Thomas Jenkins, Eleanor Vouch,
John Sherbondy, & James Armstrong

#### Wednesday, September 18, 2024

7:45 a.m. Mary Lou Biondi (Family)

#### Thursday, September 19, 2024

7:45 a.m. Margaret Javor (Michael & Lorena)

#### Friday, September 20, 2024

7:45 a.m. Dolores Chismar (Patty & John)

### Saturday, September 21, 2024

8:00 a.m. Harold Frazier (Emily)

4:30 p.m. Special Intentions for the McCarthy Family

#### Sunday, September 22, 2024

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions for All IC Staff (Friend)

10:00 a.m. Margaret & Alfred Egnot (Paula)

11:30 a.m. Special Intention for Bob & Mary Rodgers 50th Wedding Anniversary

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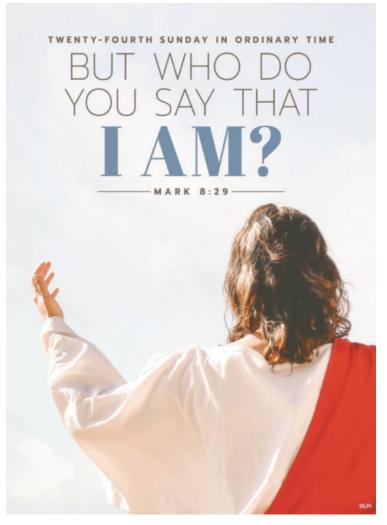
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Parish Office Hours: Monday Sept. 16 - Friday Sept. 20 8 am to 1 pm

### HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE

# IMMACULATA MEN'S GROUP (IMG) & IMMACULATA WOMEN'S GROUP (IWG)

Our next sessions will be next Saturday, September 21st for the men's group (IMG) and next Sunday, September 22nd for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30 am in Our Lady's Plaza. In this third session of the fall semester, we will continue with Season 4 of "The Chosen". All are welcome!



#### The Season of Creation

The St. Barbara's Creation Care Team is hosting a screening of "The Letter", a film by the Laudato Si Movement, featuring Pope Francis and five leaders from around the world representing the voices of the poor, the Indigenous people, the youth, and the wildlife of our planet. The screening will take place on Wednesday, September 25th, at 6:00PM in St. Barbara's Faith Formation Center.

Light refreshments will be served. If attending, please email Dave Wasil at davew99@yahoo.com, or Chris Peta at chris@syncrous.com

# Immaculate Conception & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's CASH BASH

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Seton's Mack Hall
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Food served 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Only 250 seats available – first come, first served
Tickets on sale after Masses Sept. 28/29

#### **Bible Study**

Deacon Jeff is leading a Bible Study on Monday evenings starting on September 16<sup>th</sup> at Seton in Mack hall at 6:30 pm. We will be covering the Sunday readings. Our goal is to open God's word that has been given us by the inspired writers of the bible. Each meeting will be a stand alone meeting and they will run until Advent. All you will need is your bible. For more info or to let us know you are coming please email Deacon Jeff. jcieslewicz@dioceseofgreensburg.org



#### Christian Mothers/Women' Guild

Installation of Officers & New Members will be Tues. Sept. 17 at 6:30 pm Mass followed by refreshments in Our Lady's Plaza.

New member applications need to be returned to parish office by Sept 15.

**Regional Special Needs Class** 

Our Journey to Scripture class for special needs teens and adults meets every first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:00pm-8:30pm. We meet in Our Lady's Plaza which is located on the lower level in the Administration Building across the parking lot from Immaculate Conception Church in Irwin. We pray, sing, listen to Scripture or view the Gospel story on the TV monitor.

The first class meets on Wednesday, Sept. 18. If you would like to join, please contact Bernie Cymbor, 724-864-0936.



# 4:12 High School Ministry Mass & Open-House

#### **SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, their friends, and families are invited to join us!

6:00pm for MASS (meets the Sunday obligation) in the Queen of Angels Auditorium.

Following Mass is a parent meeting, and fun games in the gym and a tour of the youth ministry building.

St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church on Bethel Road are selling their delicious pirohi. The first sale of the season will be Friday Sept. 27. The prices per dozen are as follows: Potato/Cheese \$12.00, Sweet Cabbage \$12.00, Sour Kraut \$14.00, Lekvar \$15.00, and Cottage Cheese \$17.00. Please place order by calling 412-627-1678.

# Join Greensburg Central Catholic as we celebrate Homecoming Weekend!

Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> Friday Sept. 27th Football Game - 7:00 pm Alumni Tent opens at 5:30 pm with a classic car display

Sat. Sept 28th Homecoming Mass, Auxiliary Gym 4:00 pm

Sat. Sept 28th Distinguished Centurion Award Dinner Ferrante's Lakeview 6:30 pm.

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## **PASTOR'S NOTES**

Wars and Conflicts in Life...

Sometimes I find it absolutely amazing how often conflict is in our lives. Often it is there and we are not even aware of it. This week we are given some excellent practical advice from James in the second reading. We are reminded that Jealousy and ambition can certainly bring about disorder, and we are encouraged to look within ourselves and ask: where do the wars and conflict within ourselves come from. If we would honestly look at the discord that is in our lives, most of it does come from jealousy and insecurity, it is way too easy to look at others and find faults.

The book of Wisdom hits the nail right on the head, whenever we are faced with a genuine honest person it reminds us of our own dishonesty and we become critical of them and their attitudes towards life. This in turn creates a personal jealousy that begins to nag at us and make us "ugly" people. We then try to make ourselves righteous and start to see ourselves as better than everyone else. A self-righteous attitude then starts to stir the pot for problems.

Our liturgy reminds us that it does not have to be that way. We are clearly told that: "the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace." It is true that our passions are the root of much of the discord we find in life. Jesus tells us again that we must be the servant to all if we want to be numbered among his disciples. Why do we find this so difficult to make a part of our lives? It is gentleness, peacefulness, compliance and mercy that bring about right living, and although we don't want to admit it a lot of our energies are spent on looking for ways to put others beneath us.

The question we need answer is: "what does it mean to be a servant of all?" It means more than just doing things for others. This is certainly a part of it, but it is not everything. It is about an attitude toward the people we serve. It is about not looking down on others. Our service as Jesus reminds us must reflect on wisdom. It gets down to the holiness of the way we serve other people who are in need. To be of service means to be open to what God might ask of us, even at the expense of our own wishes and pleasure. How many of us can honestly say we live like that? None of us can serve the Lord if our todays and tomorrows are so scheduled that there is no room to hear others reach out to us for service. It is certainly not about my convenience. Look at the way we view ministry: if it fits into my schedule then it is alright, but if it doesn't then I cannot be bothered. To be of service is not about our own convenience.

This is a hard lesson to make a part of our lives. However, once we do "get it" then we are suddenly not so concerned with material possessions and wealth. Our own ambitions are not the most important part of life and jeal-ousy begins to melt away. It is all about attitude. Jesus quickly addressed the attitudes of the disciples by reminding them about what it means to be first in life.

This week look into your life and see what it means to surrender yourself to others – all others, not just those of our own picking and choosing. As we let go of the things that get in the way of reaching out, we find our own wants and needs change. Gradually our priorities shift from things and possessions moving to relationships that are most important and satisfying for us.

#### - Father Mike

#### **CANDLES**

#### **Sanctuary Candle:**

In Memory of Dennis Clipper (Lois)

#### **Divine Mercy:**

Special Intentions for Rose Hilinski (Judy & Marylyn)

#### St. Peregrine Candle:

In Memory of Robert Fichtner (Family)

#### **Easter Flame Candle:**

In Memory of Bob & Grace Wise, Edwin & Elizabeth Burda (Kevin)

#### St. Joseph's Candle:

In Memory of Patrick Newcomer (Family)

#### Altar Candles for the Month of September:

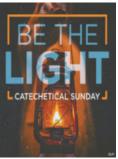
In Memory of Jack & Helen Smith (Family)

If you would like to have a candle lit in memory of your loved one, please call the parish office. We will be glad to help you. 724-863-9550



Please pray for the families of Amy Lane, Joyce Tamewitz & Alec Patterson and all of our faithful departed.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



#### **Prayer for Catechists**

Dear Lord,

Anoint those who serve as catechists, those who tell your story of determined love for your people. Be with our catechists in their classrooms, inspire the hearts of those in their care, ignite a new generation of disciples for you! Amen.

Readings for the week of September 15, 2024 Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8-1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13 Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/ Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

#### **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. (except for the first Saturday of the month)

#### **Divine Mercy**

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 pm in the church.



Eucharistic Adoration is held every
Tuesday after 7:45 am Mass &
continuing until 6:15 pm.
When we are before the Blessed
Sacrament, let us open our heart; our good
God will open His.

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#### PA MARCH FOR LIFE

Harrisburg, PA September 23, 2024



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#### General Itinerary:

Early AM - Bus Pick-up at 13 Parishes (Register to find out your pick-up time.)

11:00 - Bus arrival in Harrisburg

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

12:00 - 1:00 March

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

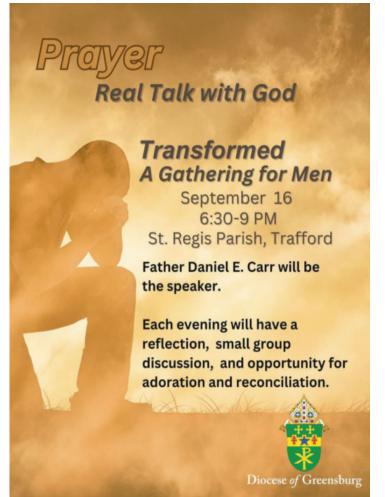
3:00 - 3:45 - Meet with representatives and group photo

4:00 - Bus departure for home

TBD – Stop for dinner, drop-off at same pick-up location Register Here:

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

Need help? Contact Deacon Bill Newhouse at wnewhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org





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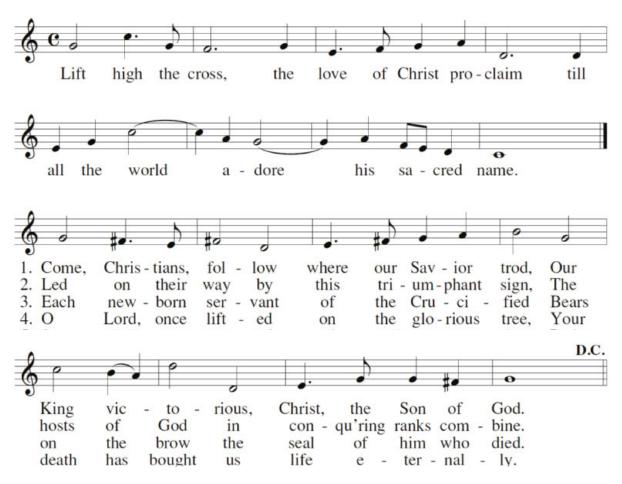
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#### VOCATIONS PRAYER

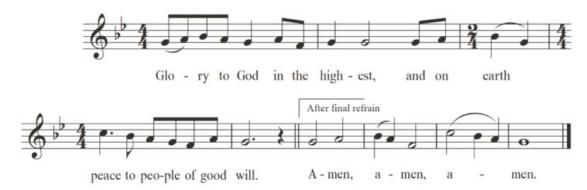
Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father: courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate, faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage. Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness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

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lift High the Cross



Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956, alt. Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947 © 1974, Hope Publishing Company



#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:5-9a

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 114

Howard Hughes

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living

SECOND READING James 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?

works, is dead. Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works."

Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:27-35

Iesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

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.

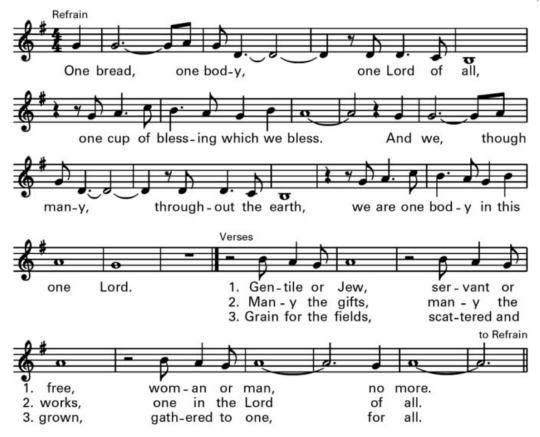
#### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



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#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

Take Up Your Cross



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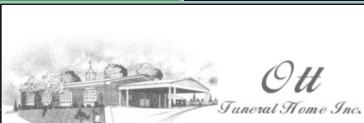
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