# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH OCTOBER 20, 2024 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 19, 2024 8:00 a.m. Robert Fichtner (Family) 4:30 p.m. Jeff Cole (Family)

Sunday, October 20, 2024 8:00 a.m. Mary & Paul Duffy (Family) 10:00 a.m. Cathy Brutout (Glenn, Lisa, Amy) 11:30 a.m. Nicholas Colinear (Family)

Monday, October 21, 2024 7:45 a.m. John Ott (Ruby)

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024** 7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Confessions 6:30 p.m. Charles & Mary Fiore (Charlotte)

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 7:45 a.m. Mary Fenton (Daughter)

**Thursday, October 24, 2024** 7:45 a.m. Constance LaBarre (Family)

Friday, October 25, 2024 7:45 a.m. Florence Stupensky (James)

Saturday, October 26, 2024 8:00 a.m. Bill Shiffler, Jr. (Amy) 4:30 p.m. Ray Wengryzn (Jackie, Lyndsay, Michael)

Sunday, October 27, 2024 8:00 a.m. Anthony DePaulo (John & Nancy) 10:00 a.m. Jean Rogers (Paula Egnot) 11:30 a.m. Delores Nese (Family)

> **Rev. Michael Crookston**, *Pastor* mcrookston@dioceseofgreensburg.org

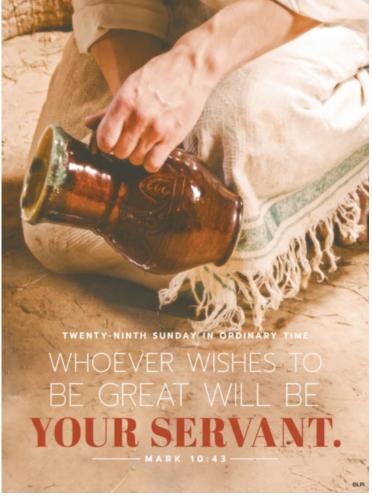
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\*Please note this week's parish office hours\* <u>Parish Office Hours:</u> Mon. & Tues. Oct. 21 & 22 - 8 am - 1 pm Weds. Oct. 23 - CLOSED

Thurs. & Fri. Oct. 24 & 25 - 8 am - 1 pm



# **PASTOR'S NOTES**

# **Called to be True Servants**

In looking at what our Liturgy is speaking to us about we find issues of power, control and manipulation in direct contrast with humility, suffering and service. All of these things are a part of life and at certain periods of our lives we seek them all out. Life as we know it is full of contradictions. We tend to operate on a spectrum of opposing forces. We love and we hate, we are generous and we are greedy, we give and we take. We live out of these extremes every day.

Today we focus on leadership and what makes a good, honest leader. Jesus tells us that a good leader is one who lives out of the will of God and allows that will of God to be accomplished through them. In our world, people are starving for good servant leaders; people willing to give of themselves for the good of others. Look at all of the campaign advertisements we are exposed to. Those wanting positions of power are always promising to be that "suffering servant" we hear about in the first reading. They are fond of pointing out the faults and weaknesses of opponents, trying to manipulate the vote to swing their way. Once they do get into office, titles and power become more important than the reason why they are there. This is a temptation which can be found with all leadership, whether in government or religion.

The need for power that we see in the two apostles James and John in wanting positions of honor in Jesus' Kingdom can be found in all of us. We all strive for those positions of honor and prestige once in a while; there is a part of us that likes the idea of being famous. However, we are reminded that with power and honor comes suffering. We must be willing to "drink of the cup" that Jesus drinks if we are to be true leaders in life. If we are not willing to suffer and give of ourselves then we are only kidding ourselves. Society dictates to us the importance of winning and being on top, and we are often told that humility certainly doesn't win ball games. So, we are dealing with yet another contradiction in life. On the one hand, Jesus is telling us we need to be servants if we are to be true leaders; and on the other hand, society gives us the impression that we are to win and be on top no matter what it takes.

I have always felt that one of the reasons why Jesus was so very successful and believable is because he never sought after power, titles or honors. He spent his life in true service of others. I think that we are to carry with us the simple message not to turn life into and endless power game. We are called upon to live life, do good, and set ourselves aside for others. In doing so, we will experience the promise of resurrection. Remember that the presence of God can always be found in service to others!

### World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering the revitalizing mission at the heart of our Christian faith – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. **We will have a second collection THIS WEEKEND October 20**. Please use your World Mission envelopes in your packets, write on an envelope "World Mission" or donate online at https://osvhub.com/icirwin/giving/funds/ mission-Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

# Pastoral / Finance Councils

Over the past few months, I have talked about starting up our councils. If you expressed an interest with me, or if you are interested in being a part of these councils, I am going to have a meeting on **Monday, October 21st at 6:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Mack Hall**. Since this will be a general introduction of what the councils do and are responsible for, I will invite parishioners from both St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Immaculate Conception parishes to attend if they are interested.

- Father Mike

### **CANDLES**

#### Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of Joan D. Corvino (Family)

#### **Divine Mercy:**

In Memory Bernard & Marion Arendas (Family)

### St. Peregrine Candle:

In Memory of Mike Borland (Mom)

### Easter Flame Candle:

In Memory of Victor & Constance LaBarre (Family)

# St. Joseph's Candle:

In Memory of Bill Shiffler, Jr. (IWG Table Sisters)

#### Altar Candles for the Month of October: In Memory of Langer & Raspotnik Families (Sandy)

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 Rich Bowen & Robert Perkins and all of our faithful departed. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



# **Blessing of Missionaries**

So often we think of missionaries as those people from Protestant churches that go to other counties to spread the good news.

However, do you realize that the United States is actually considered a "mission country" because we need more priests and sisters in the United States than we produce? Yes, we are now a mission country.

Let us ask God's blessing on those men and women from other countries who are in our midst as priests, brothers, and sisters. And when we pray, let us also ask God to change our hearts so that we will again produce a society that brings forth more vocations.

Let us pray...God of every nation, you commissioned us at Pentecost to go and make disciples of all nations. When we take up your commission, we become missionaries of your Gospel. Bless all missionaries in our communities with your love that surpasses all understanding. Change our hearts so that we become the missionaries you expect us to be. We ask this through Jesus, the first missionary of your Gospel. Amen.

# 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 face the sun we get a tan, but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints."

Sunday Offertory October 13 - Not available for bulletin deadline

Online Giving October 7 - October 13 - \$3,269.70

# Thank you for your generosity!

# Immaculate Conception Parish offers Online Giving.

- Scan QR Code on the new Pew Cards or QR Code below.
- Click Create a new account.
- Create an ID and password.
- Allow 2 minutes to complete the
- process.



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

# **HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE**

# **CASH BASH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Unfortunately due to lack of ticket sales, IC and Seton parishes have decided to cancel our Cash Bash scheduled for Nov. 2.

If you purchased a ticket the parish office will contact you about your refund. If you have any questions please call the parish office.

Both parishes will be selling raffle tickets in Nov. & Dec. as a fundraiser. Please support. Thank you.



Friday November 1 All Saints Day Mass Schedule Immaculate Conception: Noon & 6:30 pm

St.Elizabeth Ann Seton: 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

St. Agnes: 7:00 am, Noon & 6:30 pm

**Bingo Nov. 6 at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City** St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City, will hold bingo on Wednesdays, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8 and Feb. 5. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:45 p.m. The kitchen will be open, and free coffee will be provided. The hall is handicap accessible. For information, call 724-744-7474 or 724-744-4594.

# Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist

St. Mary Nativity Parish Center 61 North Mt. Vernon Avenue Uniontown, PA 15401 Phone: 724-437-4441

Showing Dates: Oct. 26th at 6:00 pm, Nov. 2nd at 6:00 pm, & Nov. 3 at 2:00 pm.

This movie takes viewers on a global journey to uncover the transformative power of the Eucharist. Through discussions with Catholic leaders and heartfelt personal narrative, the film unveils the Eucharist as Jesus Christ Himself, eagerly desiring to fulfill our spiritual thirst with His boundless love.

To Purchase Tickets use the Link below: https://brushfire.com/faithcontentnetwork/jesusthirststhemiracleoftheeucharist/588148

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

Our next sessions will be next Saturday, October 26th for the men's group (IMG) and next Sunday, October 27th for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30 am in Our Lady's Plaza. In this eighth session of the fall semester, we will continue with Season 4 of "The Chosen". All are welcome!



The Immaculate Conception Creation Care Team meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. 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, Chris Peta at chris@syncrous.com



Sessions are: Monday evenings from September 30, 2024 through December 9, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. We meet in the Children's Liturgy in the church. Contact Gerri Dornin at <u>gdornin@comcast.net</u>

Alternative session is being held during the day at St Agnes in North Huntingdon, PA Starting on Thursday October 3, 2024 to December 12, 2024 from 1 to 2:30 pm Contact Audrey Quinlan at <u>audreyquinlan@comcast.net</u>

The GriefShare Program is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.



### ALL SOULS MEMORIAL MASS TUESDAY NOV. 5, 2024 6:30 PM

Please join us as we remember those who have died this past year & all our Faithful Departed at this Mass.

May God Grant them eternal rest and a share in the Eternal Kingdom

# **HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE**



# **2024 BURGER BASH SUMMARY**

<u>Diamond Sponsor:</u> Immaculate Conception Christian Mothers/Women's Guild

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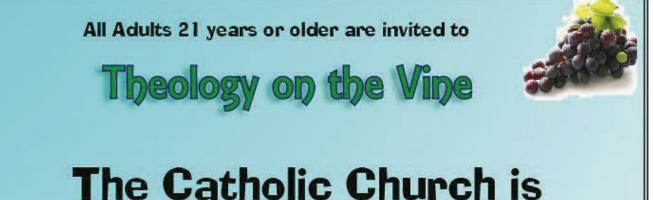
# Our Total Profit for 2024 Burger Bash Season: \$17,627.25

A huge thank you to all our sponsors, volunteers, donors, Fr. Mike, Fr. Louiegene, Fr. John, and patrons who supported our monthly Burger Bashes. Thank you for supporting our parish!



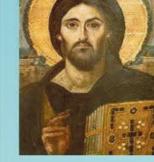






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Exploring the Eastern Catholic Rites



Presented by

# FR. THOM DANSAK

# Thursday Oct. 24, 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

# **ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

# **Queen of Angels Catholic School - Sarris Candy Sale**

We will once again be selling Christmas Sarris candy. You can find a brochure on the back tables. Please make note of the following dates: October 21, 2024 – December 11, 2024

# ORDERS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE: Monday, November 11th

\* Pickup is Wednesday, December 11th from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Gym Door #12
\*Make your check payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School.
One check is recommended... not cash please!

# ON-LINE ORDER <u>www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com</u> #10-1221

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

Please support our local school by ordering sweets for the holidays. Candy makes great gifts for all, including teachers, co-workers, babysitters and **clergy**. If you are interested in ordering, please complete your order form along with payment (checks payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School) and mail to Queen of Angels School or return to the parish office in an enveloped marked, "Sarris Candy Order". Pick up is scheduled for December 11th at the Queen of Angels gym. Any questions please call Mrs. Noblick at 724 978-0144 x 5 or <u>rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org</u>. We appreciate your support!

# Queen of Angels Boys Basketball Registration 2024

All 3rd-4th (Jr. JV) and 5th-6th (JV) grade boys who are enrolled at Queen of Angels or belong to a supporting a parish are welcome to join our girls' CYO basketball team. The season runs from October- February and the cost of registration is \$100.

All participants will also be required to volunteer at the concession stand/gate.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Mastalerz at jmastlerz@queenofangelssch.org

# https://www.queenofangelssch.org/athletics/







# **Diocese of Greensburg Youth** presents The Importance of Identity

November 8,2024 OUR LADY OF GRACE Hosts our premier PAX Event! Open to youth grades 6-8

6:00PM

Doors open Food Trucks and Games

6:30-9:30pm

Group Games DJ Israel \$10

Jackie Francois Angel

**Eucharistic Adoration** 

Don't miss out on this epic night of faith, fun, and friendship!



Headliner

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OCTOBER 22-30 respectlife.org



# Join Bishop Kulick for All Souls Day Mass 2024 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 9AM Mass Greensburg Catholic cemetery Mausoleum St. Maximillian Kolbe Shrine, Footedale

Diocese of Greensburg

Saturday, November 9, 2024 • 9 AM - 3 PM



Rejoice Always!

Join us for Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick, nationally renowned keynote speakers, a Tea Party luncheon, and praise and worship. There will also be opportunities for adoration, rosary, confession and prayer, and vendor tables.



Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg 2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg

**Registration \$50** 5 in financial aid available through the Francis Fund



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# **THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** October 20, 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.

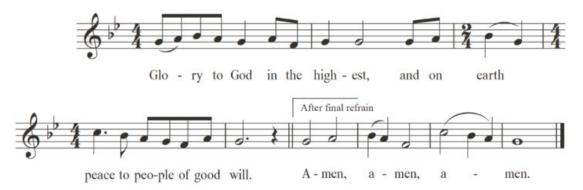
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is 1. The Je - sus Christ her Lord: one o'er all the earth, E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet 2. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu-mult of her 3. war, Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three-in - One, 1. She his cre \_ a \_ tion By and the word: is new wa - ter sal - va - tion,"One Lord, one faith, one birth!" 2. Her char-ter of 3. She waits the con-sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more, with the saints, com - mun - ion With those whose rest is 4. And won. 1. From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride: 2. One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food. 3. Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest, ho - ly! Lord, give 4. hap - py ones and us grace that 0 we 1. With died. his own blood he bought her, And for her life he 2. And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued. 3. And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest. meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with thee. 4. Like them, the

Text: 76 76 D; Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900. Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876.



### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

Psalm 33

Proulx/Gelineau *Give the Lord glory and honor.* 

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

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

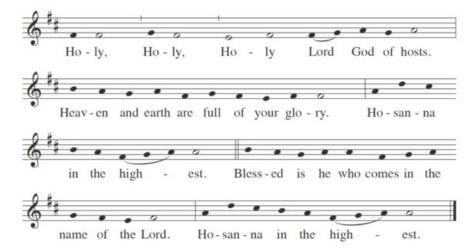
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



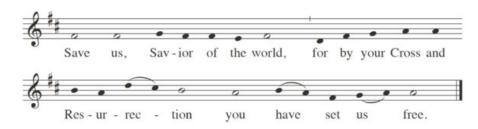
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### New Plainsong Mass

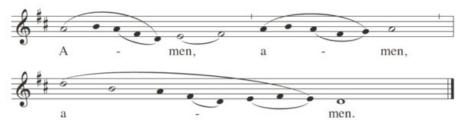
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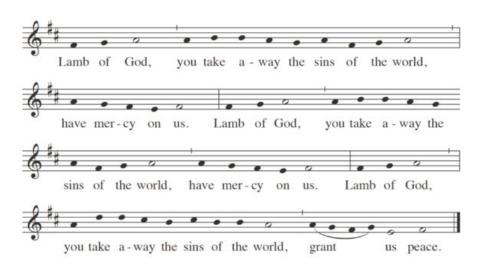
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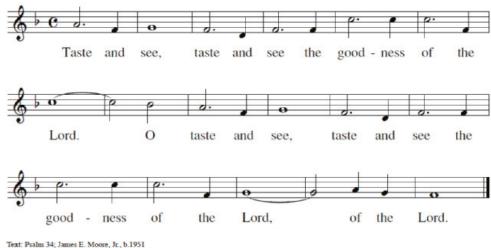


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#### COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See



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#### **Recessional Hymn**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



Text: 78 78 77 with repeat; *Te Deum laudamus*; attr. to St. Nicetas, ca. 335–414; Grosser Gott, wir loben dich; tr. ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719–1790; tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900. Music: Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, ca. 1774.



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