



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
DECEMBER 29 2024 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 28, 2024

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

4:30 p.m. Thomas Chismar (Patty & John)

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:00 a.m. Barbara Dubosky (Courtney)

10:00 a.m. Kaitlynn Beatty (Carol & Angelo)

11:30 a.m. James Armstrong (Julie & Norm)

Monday, December 30, 2024

7:45 a.m. Rudy Roitz (Family)

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Vigil of the Solemnity Mary, Mother of God

4:30 p.m. Jud & Bill Shiffler Jr. (Family)

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:30 a.m. Jermone Stewart (Family)

Thursday, January 2, 2025

7:45 a.m. Barbara Zalinski & Family (Family)

Saturday, January 4, 2025

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

4:30 p.m. Carole Bilesimo (Chuck & Kathi)

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:00 a.m. Patrick James Donnelly III (Denise)

10:00 a.m. Linda Wiltrek (Lin)

11:30 a.m. Joann Barbour (Family)

Monday, January 6, 2025

7:45 a.m. James R. Balfe
(Wife Nancy & Family)

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Kathleen Grabowski (Helen Meigs)

Queen of Angels Catholic School

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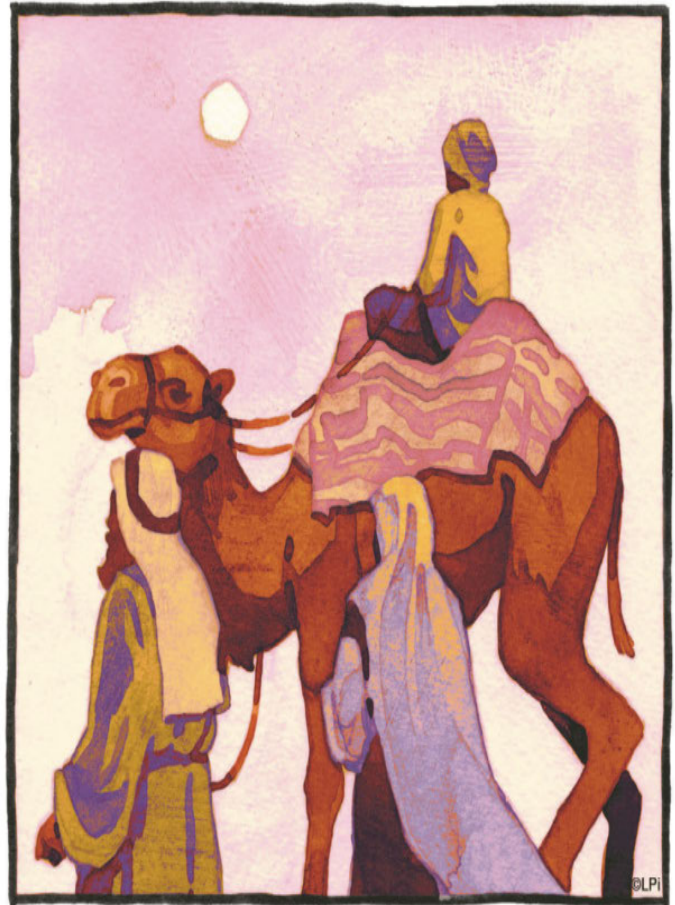
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PASTOR'S NOTES

To Be a Holy Family...

Our celebration today focuses on the family of Jesus and in turn we reflect of our own family. Our readings present us with two children who somehow end up in the temple. The first reading is taken from the book of Sirach which was held in high regard by the early church. It is clear that from the book of Sirach we can see that the well being of the family is the foundation of the well being of all other social institutions.

Throughout the Old Testament we are given the notion that God's laws call for obedience and when we keep the law, God rewards us. This idea has permeated its way into early Christian moral teaching. However, the ideas put forth by Sirach need to be adapted to our culture and our society. The question of reverence and respect for one's parents takes on a different dimension. When this passage was written, there were no nursing homes or assisted care living. What Sirach told his original listeners as well as what he is saying to us is that what we need to do is see that compassionate care and dignity is given to our elderly parents.

St. Paul is speaking to a community that was struggling to remain faithful in the midst of much controversy. He is reminding the Christians that they needed to strengthen their community and make a favorable impression on their pagan neighbors. One way of doing this was to adhere to certain household codes that were standard rules of behavior. This was a patriarchal society and wives were to be protected by their husbands. There was a clear structure for family living. If these structures were followed then a strong community would be the end product.

We recognize the Holy Family; namely Jesus, Mary and Joseph. But we need to be careful how we define holy. To be holy in the scriptures means to have a special relationship with God, a closeness that takes priority over all other aspects of life. It is in this light that we see the family of Jesus as being Holy. We need to be careful not to look at this "Holy Family" and start to make comparisons to our own families. It is clear that the family of Jesus was not perfect and they had their problems as well.

When we talk about "family values" it is easy for us to fall back on what we refer to as the "good old days." We long for the days when families were something different. We look back with fondness and think that what was, should be today. However this can be and in fact is a false representation. If we are able to be perfectly honest, the good old days weren't so good. They had their problems and issues as well as we do. The bottom line is that we all have dysfunctional families. There is no perfect family; we all are perfect in our own unique ways.

Family units have changed dramatically since Sirach and Paul. We need to look at the families that we have and be grateful for them. We must not try to shape our families into a "textbook" notion of what family should be. What matters most and certainly makes us holy is the way we treat one another. In *Marriage and Family* magazine they offer what every family needs to be holy: "humility, genuine sorrow for past hurts, ability to admit mistakes, hunger for forgiveness, lips that can say I'm sorry." These are the things that make a family holy!

- *Father Mike*

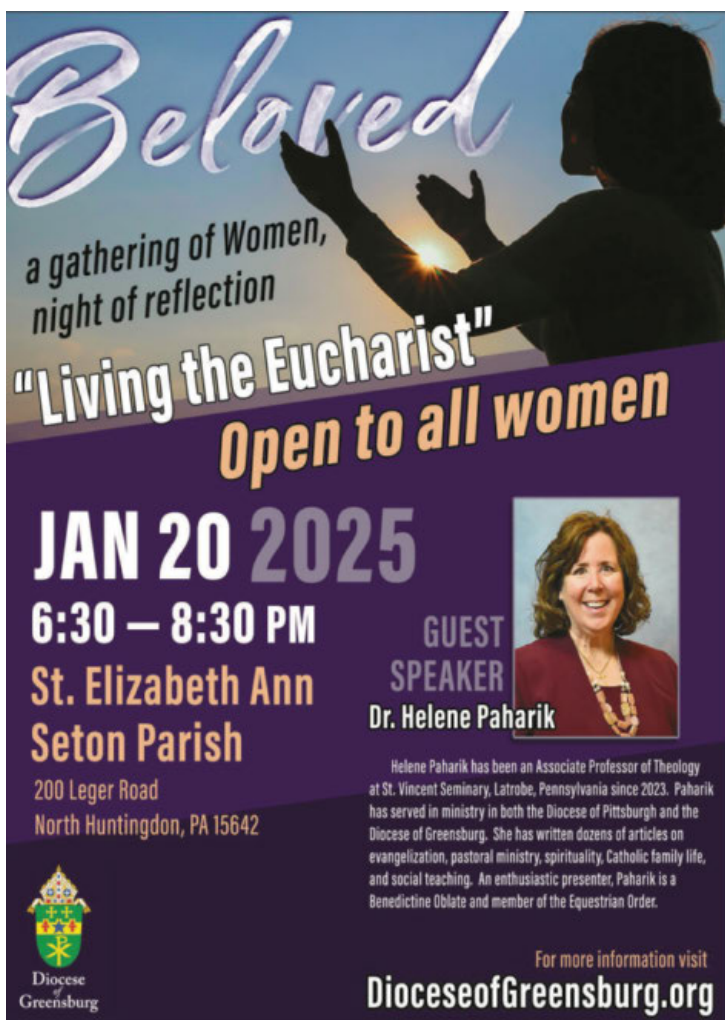
The "After-glow" of Christmas...

As I look over the past year, we have all been through a lot of changes as well as some pretty rough waters! However, in spite of all the changes that have occurred, this past year has also been filled with many blessings that should not be overlooked. Christmas Season does remind us of the blessings that life puts before us. It is hard to believe that we have celebrated Christmas yet another time, the birth of Christ comes upon us so quickly and then it is gone! However, we are still in the great season of Christmas, at least until the Epiphany on the 5th of January. It is easy for us to carry our "baggage" from last year and make it a part of the new year, but it is good sometimes to let go of some of that baggage, and simply embrace the new year God puts before us, because new blessings are always there for us as well as new problems that will become new baggage!

In looking back over the past few weeks, I am overwhelmed by the goodness and generosity of the people from our parish. I cannot thank you all enough for the many cards and gifts that you have given to me. I also, I am edified by the way people so generously give of their time during this busy season when they certainly have enough of their own work to do. I would like to thank all of our Liturgical Ministers for the extra time they put into serving with the Liturgies.

I think that our church looks beautiful, and this certainly did not happen on its own. We are blessed with many gifted and talented people who came and helped decorate. I want you all to know how grateful I am for sharing your time and energy. Although the whole reason for all this work is to celebrate the gift of Christ among us, I would just like to thank you our parishioners for your support and generosity.

- Father Mike




Beloved
a gathering of Women,
night of reflection

"Living the Eucharist"
Open to all women

JAN 20 2025
6:30 — 8:30 PM
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish


200 Leger Road
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Helene Paharik



Helene Paharik has been an Associate Professor of Theology at St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pennsylvania since 2023. Paharik has served in ministry in both the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Diocese of Greensburg. She has written dozens of articles on evangelization, pastoral ministry, spirituality, Catholic family life, and social teaching. An enthusiastic presenter, Paharik is a Benedictine Oblate and member of the Equestrian Order.

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Eucharistic Intimacy
Coming heart to heart with the Eucharistic Christ

TRANSFORMED
a gathering of Men

JAN 27, 2025
6:30 — 8:30 PM
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

200 Leger Road · North Huntingdon, PA 15642

Reflection, Discussion and an opportunity for Adoration and Reconciliation

for more information visit
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TIM RUFLIN
GUEST SPEAKER

Tim Ruflin is Regional Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship serving the parishes of New Kensington and Lower Burrell. Prior to taking on this role, Tim served as a Campus Minister at the University of Mount Saint Vincent in New York City and as a Parish Catechetical Leader in the Diocese of Meath, Ireland. He received an MA in Theology from the University of Notre Dame and a BA in Theology from Mount Saint Mary's University.

Tim enjoys spending time with his wife and son, hiking and visiting local craft breweries, and cheering on the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.



CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of Ron Beatty (Carol)

Divine Mercy:

In Memory of Bernard & Marion Arendas
(Family)

St. Peregrine Candle:

Special Intentions for Fr. John Moineau (Friends)

Easter Flame Candle:

In Memory of Corey Korinko (Carol & Judy)

St. Joseph's Candle:

In Memory of Month's Mind

Altar Candles for the Month of December:

In Memory of Jud & Bill Shiffler Jr.
(Meg & Natalie)

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 family of Charles Laber all of our faithful departed.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Holy Family Prayer

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

Joseph, foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trails through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.



SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass.

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.



No Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday December 31. There will be Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday January 7 after 7:45 am Mass & continuing until 6:15 pm. Thank you!

Sunday Offertory
December 15- \$12,485.85

Online Giving
December 9 - December 15- \$3,960.90

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.

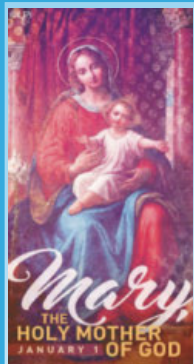


Reminder to please make your end of the year contributions to the parish prior to the close of 2024. All monies need to be received by December 30, 2024 in order to be posted to the 2024 contributions. If you would like a 2024 contribution statement for tax purposes, please call the parish office.

HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE



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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God A Holy Day of Obligation

**Immaculate Conception:
Tuesday Dec. 31st - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday Jan. 1st - 9:30 a.m.**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:
Tuesday Dec. 31st - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Jan. 1st - 9:00 a.m.**



Thanks to everyone who took some time from their busy Christmas schedules to help us decorate our church for Christmas. It looks beautiful!! Of course, all things must come to an end. On Sunday, Jan. 12, after 11:30 Mass we could use your help disassembling and packing away the decorations, trees and nativity to prepare for Ordinary Sunday. Please call the parish office (724-863-9550) by January 8th to sign up to volunteer. **You must have up to date clearances on file at IC parish office to volunteer.**

We would like to thank Wreaths Across America-North Huntingdon, all those who donated throughout the year, the Knights of Columbus, and all the community volunteers who placed wreaths throughout Immaculate Conception Cemetery, honoring all those who faithfully served our country.



Home Blessing Kits

Kits will be available while supply lasts in the back of the church. The tradition is to bless your home on the Feast of the Epiphany which falls on Jan 7, 2025. The kits have been blessed and includes the instruction sheet, chalk, and holy water. The family will use the chalk to write 20 + C + M + B + 25. The letters represent the first initials of the three kings who visited the Christ child on Epiphany: Caspar, Melchior, & Balthazar. Those letters also signify the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem benedicat*, which means, "May Christ bless the house".



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships. The local competition will be held Saturday, January 4, 2025 at Queen of Angels Gymnasium, and start time is 12:00 PM. Boys and girls will compete in their respective age divisions with winners progressing through Local, District, Regional and State Competitions. For questions or registration information please call or email Al Borgony at 724-864-3487 or email a.borgony@comcast.net, or Matt Cheplic at 412-736-9196 or email mcheplic@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception Parish Office Hours

**Mon. Dec. 30th : 8 am - 3 pm
Tues. Dec. 31st - Jan. 1st : Closed**

Thurs. Jan. 2nd - Fri. Jan. 3rd : 8 am - 3 pm

Immaculate Conception Staff wishes everyone a blessed New Year.

Remember us, O God;
From age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
Blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
And fill the months ahead with bright hope
That is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning,
for ever and ever. Amen



CAMP VIRTUE

DAILY ADVENTURES INCLUDE:

CAMP GUYASUTA ROPES CHALLENGES

2 DAM KAYAK

SERVICE OUTREACH WITH SATURDAY SUPPERS

RELIC TOUR AT SAINT ANTHONY CHAPEL

IDLEWILD

**10% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2025**

REGISTER
NOW



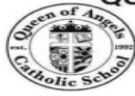
JULY 7-11

8:30-5:30

CAMPERS : CURRENT 5-7TH GRADE STUDENTS

COUNSELORS : CURRENT 8-12TH GRADE, COLLEGE STUDENTS AND ADULTS

ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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 14/16- Dec 9/11 (no session Nov 27th or Dec 2nd)
Winter -Jan 6/8- March 10/12 (no session Jan 20/22 or Feb 17/19)
Spring- March 17/19- May 12/14 (no session April 16th or 21st)
- ✓ Cost per session: \$100 for 1 day per week or \$175 for 2 days per week



REGISTRATION FORM

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SEND FORM AND PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE:

ONE MAIN ST. NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA 15642. YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER AT

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/BMBS4IPZAM](https://forms.office.com/R/BMBS4IPZAM) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

Guardian's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Session: ___ Fall ___ Winter ___ Spring

Day: ___ Monday ___ Wednesday ___ Monday & Wednesday

March for Life 2025 in Washington DC

Friday, January 24th

Bus leaves Mother of Sorrows at 5:30 AM

Cost: \$25, \$20 for students, payable on bus or MOS office

Cash or check – payable to Mother of Sorrows Parish

Cash tip for bus driver

To register email Barb Koury at barbkoury@gmail.com

Include name and a cell phone number that you will have with you that day.

Trip includes Mass at the National Basilica in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel

at 10:30 AM celebrated by Bishop Larry Kulick.

"Pray for Life" Friday, January 24, 2025

with The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women

ALL are Welcome Come and go as your schedule permits

Christ Our Shepherd Center, 2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg

11:30 Rosary for priests

12:00 Mass celebrated by The Very Reverend Eric J. Dinga, VF

DCCW Spiritual Advisor

1:30 Rosary for Life

2:15 Stations of the cross

3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30 Litany for Life

4:00 Closing Prayer and Benediction

Free will offering and Donations of diapers and baby items will be distributed to pregnancy centers throughout the diocese

4:12 High School Ministry

welcomes high school youth (grades 9-12) to continue their faith formation with games, group discussions and presentations on topics of interest to teens. We also have seasonal social events, opportunities for service, conferences, camps, and a summer missionary trip!



4:12 HS MINISTRY WILL BE SELLING

ANCHOR HOAGIES
SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

4:12 High School Ministry Hosts

SUPER BINGO

FOOD | FUN | PRIZES

Saturday, February 22

Visit the parish office of: St. Agnes, Immaculate Conception, or St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to purchase your \$30 ticket!

4:12 HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

WINTER SCHEDULE

JAN

5

EPIPHANY PARTY!!!

JAN

12

Mother Mary Knows Best

JAN

19

Seeing the Word!

JAN

26

Seeing the Kingdom!

FEB

2

Stuffed & Emptied

Meetings are 6-8pm

@ Youth Ministry Building

on the Queen of Angels Campus

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

KWaterhouse@DioceseofGreensburg.org



Steubenville Conference

July 18-20, 2025



DEUTERONOMY 4:24



Promo Video



Registration

Steubenville Youth Conferences are for current 8th-12th graders

4:12 High School Ministry Presents:



All proceeds help to send 4:12 High School Ministry teens to Catholic Heart WorkCamp, Steubenville Conferences, Camp Damascus, and the National Catholic Youth Conference!

Saturday, February 22, 2025

***SNOW DATE... (March 1st)...Watch KDKA for cancellation information

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — Mack Hall — 200 Leger Rd. N. Huntingdon, PA 15642
Doors Open 10:45 AM — "Early Bird" Bingo Starts 11:45 AM

Jackpot Payout — \$ 1,000.00

20 Games — \$ 100 Payout Each (18 cards)

Four Specials — \$50 / \$150 (6 cards)

Extra Packets \$6 (sold at door)

\$30 per Ticket

Lunch & Beverage Included



Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

of Tickets _____ Amount Paid _____

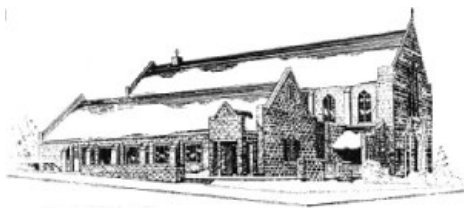
(Make checks payable to: St. Agnes Church)

Mail check & registration to:
St. Agnes Church
Re: Super Bingo
11400 St. Agnes Lane
N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

OR

Purchase tickets at St. Elizabeth
Ann Seton, St. Agnes, or
Immaculate Conception church
offices.

For information, tickets, dietary restrictions and seating arrangements, please call Mary Frankhauser at 724-600-4894.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

December 29, 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. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, where a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all, and his
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like us he grew; he was
 moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and smiles like us he knew; and he
 was that moth - er mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.

MUSIC (IRBY 8.7.8.7.7.7): Henry John Gauntlett, 1849; harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

GLORIA

Mass of the Immaculate Conception

Jacob Gruss

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
 After final refrain
 peace to peo - ple of good will. A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 128

Michel Guimont

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.*

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CREED

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

The Hands that First Held Mary's Child



1. The hands that first held Mar - y's child Were hard from
2. When Jo - seph mar - veled at the size Of that small
3. "This child shall be Em - man - u - el, Not God up -
4. The tools which Jo - seph laid a - side A mob would



work - ing wood, From boards they sawed and
breath - ing frame, And gazed up - on those
on the throne, But God with us, Em -
lat - er lift And use with an - ger,



planned and filed And splin - ters they with - stood. This
bright new eyes And spoke the in - fant's name, The
man - u - el, As close as blood and bone." The
fear, and pride To cru - ci - fy God's gift. Let



day they gripped no tool of steel, They drove no
an - gel's words he once had dreamed Poured down from
ti - ny form in Jo - seph's palms Con - firmed what
us, O Lord, not on - ly hold The Child who's



i - ron nail, But cra - dled from the
heav - en's height, And like the host of
he had heard, And from his heart rose
born to - day, But charged with faith may



head to heel Our Lord, new-born and frail.
stars that beamed Blessed earth with wel - come light.
hymns and psalms For heav - en's hu - man word.
we be bold To fol - low in his way.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Save us, Sav - ior of the world for by your

Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world, grant us peace.

GREENSLEEVES

Verses

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to

1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
 2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
 3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

Refrain

1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the
 2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 3. lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,
 haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma - ry.

REGENT SQUARE

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
 4. Though an in - fant now we view him, He shall fill his
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther,

1. all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 2. flocks by night, God on earth is now re - sid - ing;
 3. beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of Na - tions,
 4. Fa - ther's throne, Gath - er all the na - tions to him;
 5. Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing,

1. Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: } Come and wor - ship,
 2. Yon - der shines the in - fant light: }
 3. Ye have seen his na - tal star: }
 4. Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down: }
 5. To the e - ter - nal Three - in - One: }

1-5. come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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