IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH FEBRUARY 9, 2025, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

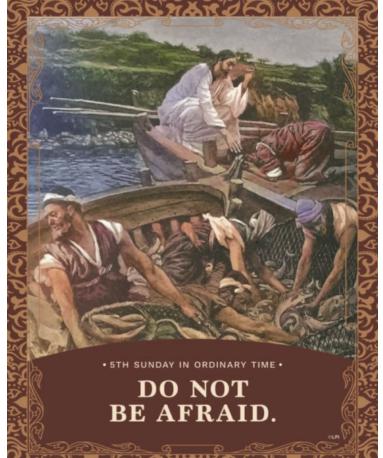
Saturday, February 8, 2025 8:00 a.m. Charles Laber (Ann Novak) 4:30 p.m. Marie Pularski (Ed & Sharon O'Brien) Sunday, February 9, 2025 8:00 a.m. Rich Bowen (Glen & Susan Harmon) 10:00 a.m. Cory Korinko (Kim & Stan) 11:30 a.m. Alec Patterson (Cheryl & Chuck Flock) Monday, February 10, 2025 7:45 a.m. George, Mike & Denny Curley (Family) Tuesday, February 11, 2025 7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Confessions 6:30 p.m. Christian Geffel (Women at the Well) Wednesday, February 12, 2025 7:45 a.m. Herman & Ida Richardson (Family) Thursday, February 13, 2025 7:45 a.m. Bob Brackney (Joan & Dan) Friday, February 14, 2025 7:45 a.m. Calvin Garbowski (Meigs & Alvarez Family) Saturday, February 15, 2025 8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family 4:30 p.m. Joseph Perri (Family) Sunday, February 16, 2025 8:00 a.m. Richard Lenart (Lenart Family) 10:00 a.m. Ron Beatty (Beatty Family) 11:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

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> Parish Office Hours: 8 am to 3 pm

PASTOR'S NOTES

Saying Yes to God...

Sometimes we look at our faith and wonder how we ever got the notions that we have. For example, it has always been said that Catholics are notorious for their feelings of "guilt." I can understand where guilt comes from but I can also see that notion found in many other faiths and religions. I don't think that we have the market on guilt. This week our liturgy deals with another one of those "myths" that has always been a part of faith and belief in God namely, believing that we are not worthy of God's love or care. Often we use this feeling of being unworthy as an excuse for not following the call God may be giving us. In all three of our readings for this week we are given an example of how this "unworthiness" ultimately worked out to God's advantage. Isaiah in the first reading cries out: "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips..." St. Paul in the second reading professes to be "...the least of the apostles...because I persecuted the church of God" and then St. Peter tells Jesus: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." As we can see, weakness and fear do not have the last word, for each of these men reconcile themselves to God and do what is asked of them.

What is it that makes us feel so insignificant that we focus on our weaknesses? It becomes our task to look beyond our fears and embrace the power that God has entrusted to us. In both the first reading and the gospel it is clear that while God is present to us and calls us, our freedom is respected. We are always given a choice about answering God's call. Just like Isaiah, we often feel afraid and unworthy to answer God's call. But as we see today it is always the unworthy ones that are accepted by Jesus. We are all called, each one of us by name to answer the mission Jesus wants us to do. We all need to decide for ourselves what it is about us that keep us from saying yes.

Fear is a factor that cannot be denied; we are all afraid of many things. Fear is part of being human and comes in all sizes and shapes. We are afraid of things coming back from our past to haunt us. Fear of letting our failings known to anyone but God. Fear of the future. Fear of putting our fear up front so others can see it. To often in life we live out of our fears and we never venture forward.

We are just like Peter, Isaiah and Paul! We can allow ourselves to become paralyzed by our own shortcomings and fears that we choose not to say yes to God's call. Too often we might feel the burdens of life are solely on our own shoulders leaving us feel totally alone. The gift which the gospel brings to us today is that we are never alone when we hear and follow God's call. Divine always abides within us and enables us both to answer the call and remain faithful to it. God meets us where we are in life. Our sinfulness should never be a stumbling block to follow God's call. God is forever giving us the choice to say yes. God will always initiate the call; it is up to us to say yes!

~Father Mike



CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory Marie Pularski (Ed & Sharon O'Brien)

Divine Mercy:

In Memory of Calvin & Kathleen Garbowsky

St. Peregrine Candle:

In Memory of Ron Beatty (Carol)

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Bernard Marx (Nancy Dupier)

St. Joseph's Candle:

In Memory of Pat & Dan Ritter (Family)

Altar Candles for the Month of February: In Memory of Pat & Dan Ritter (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 family of John Galica and all of our faithful departed. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. (mention your petition) Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.



Prayer When Facing the Unknown

Dear Jesus, When you call me to places where I am unfamiliar, be with me. When you invite me to a mission I feel ill-equipped to handle, give me your strength. Help me to leave everything and follow 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.



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." - Blessed Carlo Acutis

Sunday Offertory January 26 - \$12,120.29

Online Giving

January 27 - February 2 - \$4,041.85

Thank you for supporting our parish!

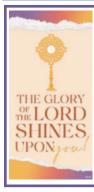
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- Scan QR Code on the new Pew Cards or QR Code below.
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- Allow 2 minutes to complete the
- process.



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



Remember that on Tuesdays we have the opportunity to spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider spending some time in Adoration.

Burger Bash Meeting

We will have a 2025 burger bash planning meeting Tuesday February 25th at 6:00 p.m. in Our Lady's Plaza. If you are interested planning our 2025

burger bash season please attend. Any questions call the parish office 724-863-9550.

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

Our next sessions will be this Saturday, February 8th for the men's group (IMG) and Sunday, February 9th for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30 am in Our Lady's Plaza. We will continue with Season 4 of "The Chosen". All are welcome!

Immaculate Conception Cemetery Christmas Decoration Removal

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the Christmas decorations by **March 3, 2025.** Anything left in the cemetery past March 3, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded by cemetery staff. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 <u>chris@syncrous.com</u>



Christian Mother's/Women's Guild Meeting in Our Lady's Plaza Tuesday February 11th following 6:30 pm Mass. Ronald Zona will be the guest speaker. He will be speaking on personal safety and security.

The Luck O' The Irish Tickets

Tickets are available to purchase in IC parish office during office hours. Tickets will be sold after Masses February 15 and 16. Tickets are \$10.00 each, two numbers on each ticket, 3 days to win. Benefits Immaculate Conception Parish. Thank you for supporting our parish!



The Luck O' The Irish 3 Days To Win



Winning number taken from First PA Lottery Pick 3 EVENING Number drawing on March 17, 2025 - Win \$1,700.00 CASH March 18, 2025 - Win \$400.00 CASH March 19, 2025 - Win \$400.00 CASH Benefits Immaculate Conception Parish Donation \$10.00 500 Tickets Sold SGOC License #531

Nut Roll Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering with Immaculate Conception nut roll sale please call the parish office 724-863-9550 or email cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org. We need volunteers to prep in the evenings and bake during the days. You must have up to date clearances on file at the parish office.



Christian Mother's/Women's Guild Annual Card Party is Thursday April 24, 2025.

Christian Mother's/Women's Guild Annual Mother/Daughter Lunch Sunday May 4, 2025. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins! All Adults 21 years or older are invited to







Fr. Vijay Kumar Koyyuri

Parochial Vicar for Immaculate Conception and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes, Fr. Viijay is a member of the Society of Heralds of Good News, St. John Paul II province and comes to us from southern India

Come, Welcome our newest Assistant as he shares his story and life and challenges of :

CATHOLICISM IN INDIA

Thursday February 27, 2025

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



KWaterhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Steubenville Conference



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



CAMPERS : CURRENT 5-7TH GRADE STUDENTS COUNSELORS : CURRENT 8-12TH GRADE, COLLEGE STUDENTS AND ADULTS





Sellers Name: Immaculate Conception Parish Sellers Phone Number: <u>724-863-9550</u> Order/Money Turn-In Date: <u>FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14 2025</u> Pickup Date: <u>THURSDAY MARCH 6th 1 PM to 6 PM</u>

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Pick up Location: Our Lady's Plaza(IC'S administration building) *Please Complete this form and place in collection basket or drop off at parish office with a check made out to Immaculate Conception

	Name	Potato & Cheese Our most popular pierogi, filled with potato and savory cheddar cheese.	Potato & Feta Switch it up with the more contemporary flavor of our potato and feta pierogi.	Sweet Potato Add a Polish twist to your Thanksgiving tradition! Make it sweet with brown sugar & crushed pecans on top.	Saverkraut Stuffed with saverkraut, this favorite has a traditional Polish flavor.	Cottage Cheese An exquisite mix of dry cottage cheese and chives.	Potato, Cheese & Jalepeno. Our most popular pierogi, filled with potato, savory cheddar cheese and jalepeno.	QTY [# of dozen]	Total [פוזי x \$10.00]
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ALL PIEROGIES ARE FROZEN -\$10.00 EACH - PACKAGED BY THE DOZEN.

CASH or CHECKS Payable to: Immaculate Conception Parish

All pierogies will be frozen. Product should be frozen until ready to use. No need to boil, just sauté.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH NIGHT AT THE RACES SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2025 at 5:00 pm



\$40 awarded to winning Horses, Jockeys, and Stables

Complete the form below and turn it in with cash/check made payable to *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton* after Mass at the table in the back of the church during weekends of Feb 22/23 and March 1/2. You may also put it in an envelope marked "SEAS – Night at the Races" and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Church Office. Questions? Please call/text Julie McNamara 412-310-1505.

> Can't attend but would still like to help? Donate a basket for our basket auction (approximate value \$75). Donate lottery tickets for a lottery basket. Donate gift cards for a gift card basket. Sponsor a race. Buy a horse.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church invites you to our

Night at the Races

on Saturday, March 22, 2025



Doors to Mack Hall open at 5 p.m. Dinner served from 5:00-6:00 with races to follow.

\$30 Admission price includes great food, dessert, unlimited soft drinks, beer, and naming rights to one horse/jockey/stable.

Winner need not be present to win. BYOB - You must be 21 or older to attend.

Ticket not required for entry. (Check in at door.) Checks made payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

\$40 awarded to winning Horses, Jockeys, and Stables

ONE ENTRY FORM PER PERSON PLEASE

Phon	e Number
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lanselmino924@gmail.com or call/text 412-877-9566.

ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL





Saint Vincent DePaul Charity Dinner Saint Agnes Chapter

"For the Least of my Brothers"

Benefits the poor of the Norwin & Jeannette Communities

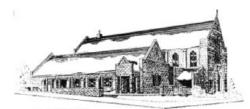
March 9, 2025 4:00 PM - Core Event Center, Irwin PA

Come enjoy an award winning dinner from two world renown Chefs:

The Late Chef Braun's award winning Black Forest Filet with béarnaise sauce And Renown Chef Foles' Black Turtle Cheesecake

Donation: \$150.00 per person

The evening will include a video about Saint Vincent DePaul, Raffle Baskets, and other chances to support the cause. Mike Zappone will be our Master of Ceremony Call Kathy Takacs 412-491-7044 for reservations



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *February 9, 2025 - 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

GLORIA

You Walk Along Our Shoreline



FIRST READING

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above. They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke. Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138 Michel Guimont

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11

Brothers and sisters, I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one abnormally born, he appeared to me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Creed

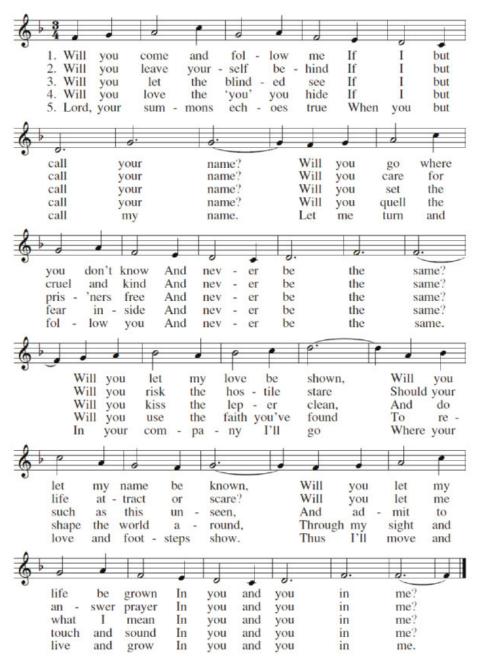
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with 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

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PREPARATION OF GIFTS

The Summons



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LAMB OF GOD



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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us

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Missa Simplex Richard Proulx

Richard Proulx, 1937–2010 Adapt. by Michael O'Connor, O.P. Music © 2010, 2011, WLP

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COMMUNION HYMN

We Do Believe, O Lord



Verses translation

- Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
 who truly suffered and was sacrificed on the cross for men.
 From your pierced side streamed blood and water,
 Be a foretaste of heaven to us in our death agony,
 O dear Jesus! O kind Jesus! O Jesus, Son of Mary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

You Call to Us Lord Jesus



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