IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH FEBRUARY 16, 2025, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday, February 17, 2025 7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

7:45 a.m. Elyse Alberts (Family)5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Confessions6:30 p.m. Tony Mauro (Family)

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 7:45 a.m. Mary Schilling (Husband)

Thursday, February 20, 2025 7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

Friday, February 21, 2025 7:45 a.m. Barbara Zalinski (Family)

Saturday, February 22, 2025 8:00 a.m. Barbara Dubosky (Courtney) 4:30 p.m. Colleen Lissy (Friends)

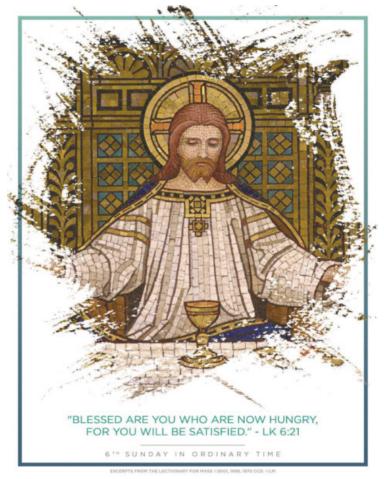
Sunday, February 23, 2025 8:00 a.m. Fedornak Family (Helen & Bruce) 10:00 a.m. Anthony DeLaney (Family) 11:30 a.m. Larry Conley (Bernadette Fusco)

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> Parish Office Hours: 8 am to 3 pm



PASTOR'S NOTES

God Will Have the Last Word!

Did you ever stop and think about how many times we hear the same things in the scriptures? Over and over again the message comes out the same, but for some strange reason we don't always get it. Today, hope and justice dominate our liturgy. We are told how a life of justice will automatically flow from our hope in God. Jeremiah in the first reading asks us: Where is your trust? If it is not in God, then we are missing the point. So often we do put our trust in the wrong people and in the wrong things. We sometimes feel so secure with our material wealth that we forget about the ultimate trust we should have in God.

It is ironic how often in life we are able to put our trust in people that don't deserve it. Jeremiah is referring to leaders of the people both politically and religiously. The people of Israel were putting their trust in others blindly, forgetting about God. We must always remind ourselves that it is God who has the last word. St. Paul reminds the people of Corinth as he reminds us that this is the case if we believe in the resurrection. Often we focus so much on the here and now that we completely lose sight of the hereafter.

The gospel reading for this week has Jesus balancing blessings upon the poor and a word of woe to the rich. The gospel of Luke unlike the other gospels spends a great deal of time and effort showing Jesus' concern for social outcasts and in particular the poor. The blessed life, according to Luke is not lived amid pomp, power and populari-ty. God's blessings are not conditioned by economic or social status but are the free gift of God's graciousness. The only condition for God's blessings is clearly spelled out in the first reading: "trust in the Lord." We are all blessed when we learn to surrender to the Lord. The gospel challenges us to trust in God, to keep God at the center of our lives and recognize that all blessings come from God.

The Beatitudes which Luke gives us today are about the qualities of life that help people to live humane and holy lives. To be "blessed" is to share in God's life and grace. It is clear that Luke is repulsed by greed and hording by people whose riches and material wealth keep them from trusting in God. We are all being asked: Where is our treasure and where do we put our trust? As we search the answers to these questions, we need to look beyond ourselves and recognize the goodness of Christ within all. How we live and the choices we make are ultimately up to us. We need to be honest in what we profess to believe in and where we place our trust.

~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 families of Louise Treser, Dorothy Malkos and all of our faithful departed.

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

Prayer in Response to Violence

Dear God, In these days of tragedy and grief, let your healing rain down on our community. Strengthen those who have responded and tended to the broken. Hold the families who have known loss. Bring light into the darkness, as only you can redeem and make new. Amen.

Prayer of God's Blessing

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart in imitation of Yours. Bless me, Lord, help me to see people as You do, and to hear their needs. Bless me, Lord, replace my understanding with Yours. 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 February 2 - \$14,014.87

Online Giving

February 3 - February 9 - \$2,985.55

Thank you for supporting our parish!

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.



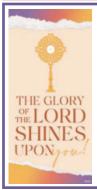
If you decide to switch to online giving and would like to discontinue your envelopes please contact the parish office. Thank you!

HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE

IMMACULATA MEN'S GROUP (IMG) & IMMACULATA WOMEN'S GROUP (IWG) Our next sessions will be this Saturday, February 15th for the men's group (IMG) and Sunday, February 16th 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!

Staring Saturday, February 22nd for the men's group (IMG) and Sunday, February 23rd for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30am, we will be starting a new series "Symbolon". Symbolon brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide us through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith. This promises to be a spiritually enriching series you won't want to miss! All are welcome!





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.

St. Stephen Pirohi Sale

90 Bethel Rd. N.Huntingdon is have a pre-Lenten pirohi sale. Potato/cheese \$14, Sweet Cabbage \$14, Sauerkraut \$15, Lekvar \$16, Cottage Cheese \$17 all per dozen. Please call 412-627-1678 by February 18 to order.



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>

VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES

If you are in need of new volunteer clearances OR updated clearances please attend the Virtus meeting at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's parish office February 22, 2025 from 9 - Noon. Please remember clearances need renewed every five years. Any questions please call the parish office.



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.

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 mornings. Dates will be evenings of March 12, March 20, March 26 and mornings of March 13, March 21, and March 27. You must have up to date clearances on file at the parish office.

The Luck O' The Irish Tickets

Tickets will be sold after Masses THIS WEEKEND. Tickets are \$10.00 each, two numbers on each ticket, 3 days to win. Benefits Immaculate Conception Parish. Thank you for supporting our parish!

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IRWIN CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN'S GUILD JOKERS WILD CARD PARTY



THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025 OUR LADY'S PLAZA

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

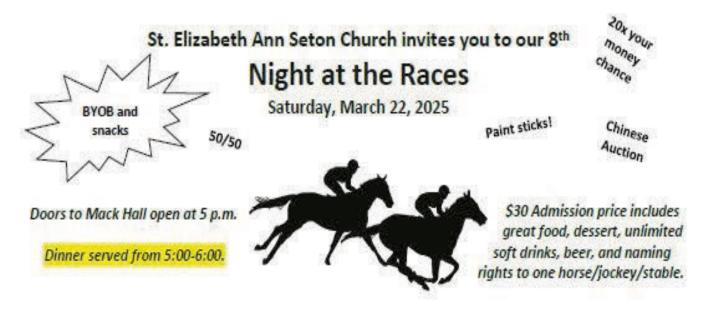
\$15.00 light lunch included

Tickets will be sold after Masses on March 8th/9th, 15th/16th and 22nd/23rd and the Parish Office Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

For ticket information call Patty at 724-972-1250



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\$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.

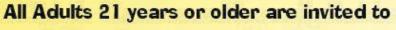
BYOB - You must be 21 or older to attend.

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

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ONE ENTRY FORM PER PERSON PLEASE

Your Name	
Phone Number	5
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(The first 100 entry forms received will be he will be jockeys, and the third 100 rec	orses, the second 100 received ceived will be stables.)
For each additional \$10, you can buy	1000 St. 10 St. 100 St. 1971
Race Entry Name	
Race Entry Name	
Do you plan on attending? Yes	No
If you wish to reserve a table,	please email Lori at
lanselmino924@gmail.com or ca	all/text 412-877-9566.









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



CAMP VIRTUE

DAILY ADVENTURES INCLUDE: CAMP GUYASUTA ROPES CHALLENGES 2 DAM KAYAK SERVICE OUTREACH WITH SATURDAY SUPPERS RELIC TOUR AT SAINT ANTHONY CHAPEL IDLEWILD





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

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for

Lenten Evenings of Reflection

Thursday, March 6 Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Uniontown - 6PM Topic: "I Believe in the Father"

Tuesday, March 11 Christ the King Parish, Leechburg - 6PM Topic: "I Believe in the Son"

Monday, March 17 Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville - 6PM Topic: "I Believe in the Holy Spirit"

Bishop Kulick will also offer two Lenten Reflections from Rome.

They are titled: "I Believe in the Church" "I Believe in the Communion of Saints"

All of Bishop Kulick's Lenten Reflections can be seen at DioceseofGreensburg.org.

> Diocese Greensburg

ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Friday, February 28th Core Event Center

Tickets on Sale Now! \$60 Ticket & Dinner (attending event) \$30 Ticket Only (not attending event)

Tickets may be purchased at our school office or online by scanning the QR code.



For questions, please contact Christina at ctorok@queenofangelssch.org Red Robin' will gave **20% OF FOOD SALES*** BACK TO

QUEEN OF ANGELS

Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to your server to have your sales counted.

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

1000 Greengate Centre Cir, Greensburg, PA 15601 February 20, 2025*

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- Start your order at order.redrabin.com and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the mercu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- Add your meal items and check out.

Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

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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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 16, 2025 - Order of the Mass

VOCATIONS PRAYER

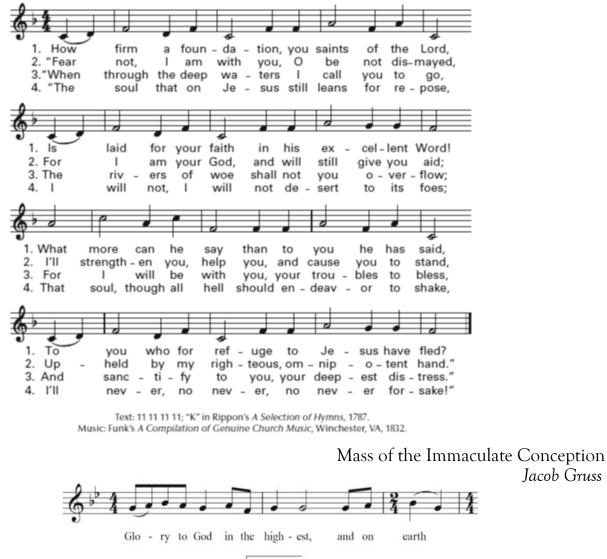
Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father: courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate, faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage. Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

GLORIA

How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

Iacob Gruss





THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 1 Michel Guimont

Blessed are they, blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.

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

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17-20-26

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

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

Lead Me, Lord

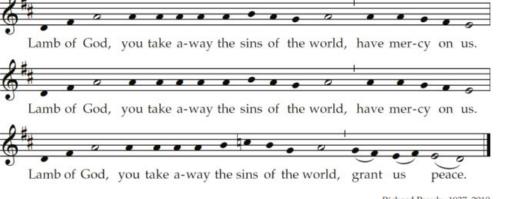


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LAMB OF GOD



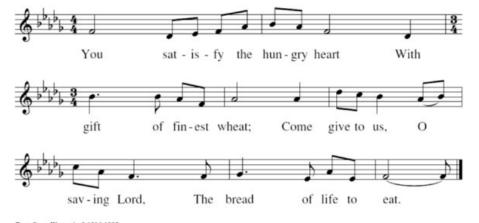
Missa Simplex Richard Proulx



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

COMMUNION HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1998 Tune: BICENTENNIAL, CM with refrain; Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996 © 1977, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness



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