

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH May 4, 2025, Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 3, 2025

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

4:30 p.m. James Armstrong (Family)

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:00 a.m. Paul Tucci (Michelle)

10:00 a.m. Ron Beatty (Darlene)

11:30 a.m. Alexander Family (Denise Martin)

Monday, May 5, 2025

7:45 a.m. Thomas & Virginia Read (Emily)

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

7:45 a.m. Helen Matava (Eileen & Chuck)

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

6:30 p.m. Our Parish Family *May Crowning*

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

7:45 a.m. Norma Jean Swope (Daughter)

Thursday, May 8, 2025

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

Friday, May 9, 2025

7:45 a.m. No Mass at Immaculate Conception

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

Saturday, May 10, 2025

8:00 a.m. Marie Pulaski (Holudnik Family)

4:30 p.m. All Living & Deceased Mothers First Holy Communions Celebrated at Mass

Sunday, May 11, 2025

8:00 a.m. All Living & Deceased Mothers 10:00 a.m. All Living & Deceased Mothers 11:30 a.m. All Living & Deceased Mothers

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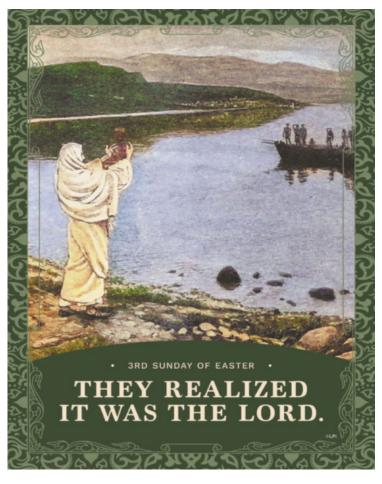
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PASTOR'S NOTES

Jesus comes to us in the "ordinary" aspects of life.

Sometimes it is interesting to see just how the scriptures reflect the political scene of the time that they were written. In that first reading from Acts there is a lot being said that the casual reader would miss. That is why it is so important for interpreters of scripture to pay close attention to the human writer's time and culture in the attempt to explain scripture's meaning.

In today's first reading we find Peter charging the Jewish authorities with killing Jesus by hanging him on a tree. However, Peter is silent about some others who certainly followed their lead. He makes no mention of Roman authority in his accusations. From other scripture references it is clear that the cross and the nails were Rome's doing. t is clear that Peter wants to protect the early church from attack from the big guys, Rome. He wants to be very clear in his desire to show that, although Jesus was executed as an enemy of the Roman Empire, neither Jesus nor his followers constitute a problem for Rome or have any reason to bear a grudge. This is because the author's cultural context was that he lived under Roman Power. He knew both its benefits and its dangers. When we look at the charges of Peter against Jewish leaders, we cannot discount Luke's cultural context and its likely influence upon whom he blames, and whom he exonerates, for killing Jesus. He and his followers were dragged into court and they wanted to be sure that they didn't add any fuel to the fire; therefore he was careful whom he blamed for Jesus' death. Through this entire political and social clamor it is clear that the strength of the disciples came from faith in Jesus, and this gave them the power and courage to face, with courage, their smarter opponents.

The Book of Revelation this week gives us a glimpse of what the heavenly realm is like. It describes God's throne room almost like a control tower. The passage moves us from an earthly stage to the throne of Jesus where we meet saints and angels praising God. Jesus is the Lamb who was sacrificed and whose blood is the source of our salvation. The entire vision is intended to instill hope in the persecuted believers who have been promised eternal happiness and joy.

The gospel from John which we hear from this week is the last of the appearances of Jesus. The scene is once again one of tension, confusion and disbelief, and it is in this that Jesus appears. He provides a miraculous catch of fish and once again feeds the disciples. The mood of the disciples before they saw Jesus was certainly not very good. They were going through that mode where nothing seemed to be right in life. They had lost their friend; they worked hard all night and caught nothing. But, Jesus comes and helps them in spite of their discouragement. These disciples mirror the anxiety and discouragement of the earth Church. It is only through the persistent and gentle presence of Jesus that they are comforted and fortified to carry on.

What is most interesting in all of the post resurrection appearances of Jesus is that he appears in the "ordinary" parts of life. Everything is always so meager and sparse. But that is the secret of God's grace. Jesus appears in the unexpected and ordinary places of our lives. Not in thunderbolts or in majesty and power, not in great pronouncements, but in a simple meal. Jesus reached out to the disciples in their need as he does with us, in the normal, natural things of life. When we put ourselves in touch with the bounty of God's blessing we will recognize Jesus in food, in bread, in fish, in wine – in all of the ordinary things in life.

~Father Mike

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In Memory of the Behr & Montrose Families (Kulik Family)

Paschal Candle:

In Memory of James & Anna Tempero (Daughters)

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 Douglas Varner and all of our faithful departed.

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

Prayer for a Child's first Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their eagerness to receive Your Body and Blood inspire all of us to cherish this Sacred Sacrament.



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 on Tuesdays after 7:45 am Mass & continuing until 6:15 pm.

"Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence." ~Pope Francis

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Immaculate Conception Parish's Lenten Stewardship

This year during Lent, IC paired up with Heifer International which is an organization that takes animals around the world and helps people use them to help build a better life. Thank to everyone who donated to buy an "ARK". We collected \$6,040.00 for Heifer International. Thank you again for your generous donations!

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUPS

Two Grief Share groups are available:

Monday evenings Grief Share support group will be held at Immaculate Conception in the Children's Liturgy Room on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. beginning May 5. Contact Gerri Dornin at gdornin@comcast.net to register or for additional information. You are welcome to start attending at any point, as each session is "self-contained."

Thursday afternoons Grief Share support group will be held at St. Agnes in the Bertolina Room in the Faith Formation Center (Old Convent), Thursdays from 1:00 pm - 2:30 p.m. Contact Audrey Quinlan at audreyquinlan@comcast.net to register or for additional information. You are welcome to start attending at any point, as each session is "self-contained."

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP AT SAINT BARBARA PARISH:

The Saint Peregrine cancer support group meets monthly (usually the third Wednesday at 7 p.m.). All cancer survivors and caregivers are welcome.



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We would like to congratulate those who have received their First Holy Communion. We will continue to pray for those who will receive in the coming weeks.



For the month of May our local St. Vincent De Paul Conference will be sponsoring a "Hygiene Help Donation Program" to benefit Brother's Brother Foundation of Pittsburgh. Boxes will be set up in the vestibules of both St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and

Immaculate Conception churches. We are asking parishioners to purchase & donate one or more of the following items for BBF's Disaster Relief efforts locally, in the U.S. and around the world. Please note that each item should be *trial or travel size only* except for bar soap. Items needed include: hand sanitizer; deodorant; body wash; tissues; toothpaste; toothbrushes; shampoo; conditioner (or both in one); bar soap; lotion, Chapstick, flushable wipes, feminine hygiene tampons and feminine hygiene pads. Brother's Brother Foundation will use your donated items to put together "Personal Hygiene Kits" for people suffering from war and natural disasters. Their most recent humanitarian aid efforts have included the California wildfires; Hurricane Helene in North Carolina and the war in Ukraine. For more information about Brother's Brother Foundation, please visit their website: www.brothersbrother.org. For info about our "Hygiene Help Donation Program," please contact Carl Becker @ 412-751-5029. Thank you for helping those in need.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY STUDENT SUMMER PART TIME POSITION:

Candidates must be at least 17 years old. The position is Monday-Friday, approximately 20-25 hours per week and requires physical labor (mainly grass cutting & weed trimming). For more info please contact Courtney Ruby, Business Manager, at (724) 863-9550 or cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org



Thank you to the planning committee, volunteers, and sponsors that made our Christian Mother's/Women's Guild Card Party such a successful and fun night!

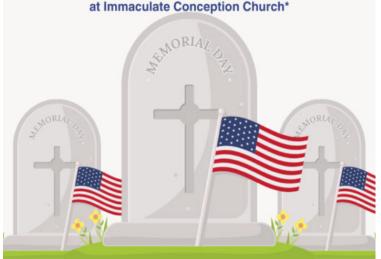
Also, thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the night. None of this could be done without each and everyone you.

It was a great success!











THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

Of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 28th 6:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Thursday, May 29th 8:00 am at Immaculate Conception 8:30 am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 12:00 pm (Noon) at Immaculate Conception 6:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

On this Ascension Day, let us give thanks to Jesus Christ, who ascended into heaven but left us the Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us always.

Our Diocesan goal is \$162,067.00. On the diocesan level, these monies support the international priests, seminarian's education, faith formation programs, Catholic Charities, and other diocesan ministries. Secondly, any monies over the diocesan goal will stay here at Immaculate Conception parish to support our missions, ministries, and to assist with upkeep of our parish buildings and grounds.

As of April 28th, total pledged is \$106,074.58. That is only 65.5% of our Diocesan goal.

Please remember if Immaculate Conception Parish does not reach our diocesan goal, the parish will receive a bill for the difference that must be paid out of our parish savings.

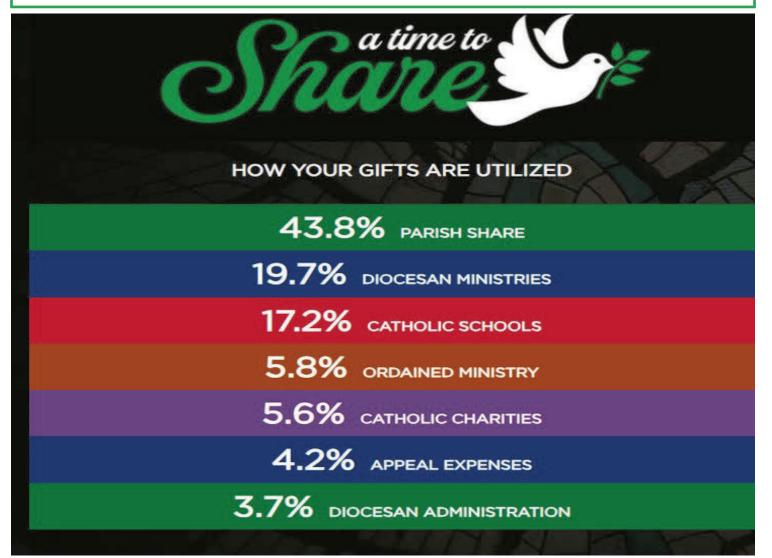
If we have to use our parish savings then we will not have money in the savings for other parish needs or emergencies. Also it is important to understand the money in our parish savings is your offertory from previous years.

It is important to note that every penny we raise above our Diocesan goal is ASSESMENT FREE. That means all those dollars stay here at Immaculate Conception parish.

Thank you to all who have already given a gift to the 2025 Diocesan Lenten Appeal and to those who will give a gift.

Thank you for your support!

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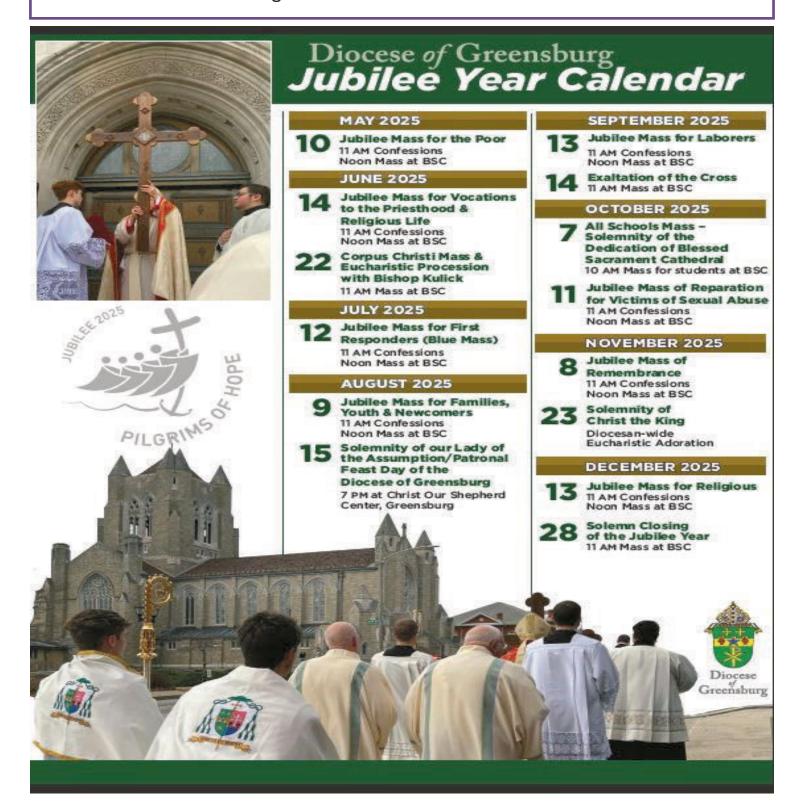


ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Please join us for our Spring Show on Thursday, May 8th.

Our 5th Grade Chime Choir will perform beautiful music, our Q of A Band will be jamming with a few new songs and our students in Kindergarten and First Grade will entertain you with their singing and dancing at the "Pajama Party"! Performances will be at 1:30 PM and again at 6:30 PM in our auditorium. All our Welcomed!





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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

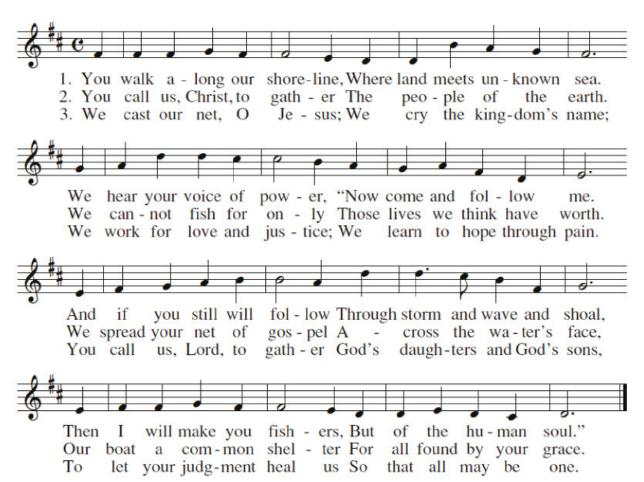
May 4, 2025 - Order of the Mass

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

You Walk Along Our Shoreline



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FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 30

James Scavone

I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-14

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

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.

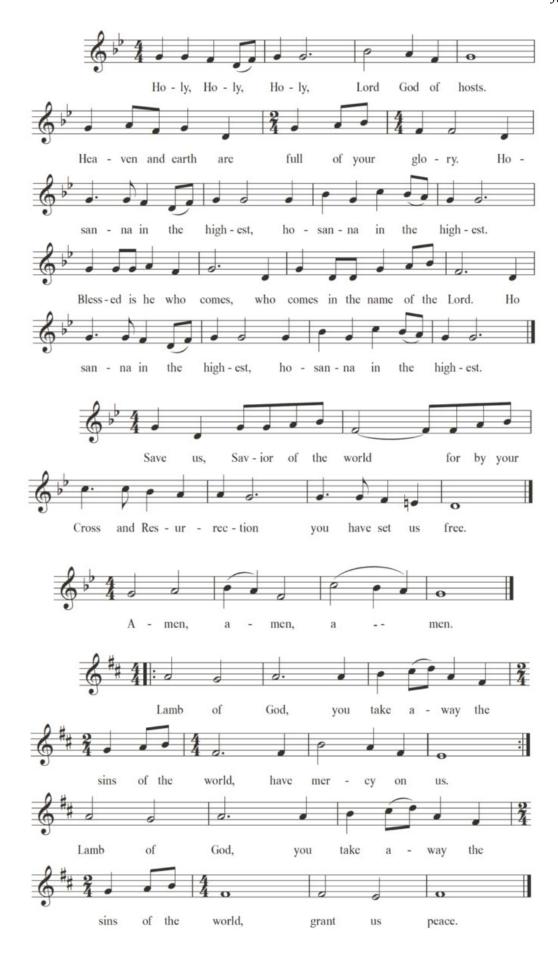
PREPARATION OF GIFTS

Be Not Afraid



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Amen.





Text: O filii et filiae; Jean Tisserand, d.1494; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE, 888 with alleluia and refrain; Mode II, French carol, 15th C.; acc. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy!



Text: 11 12 12 10; Reginald Heber. 1783-1826, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876.

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