



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

MAY 18, 2025, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Saturday, May 17, 2025

8:00 a.m. Bob & Alice Waltz (Joe)

2:00 p.m. Madigan/Yezovich Wedding

4:30 p.m. Rob Dallara (Boccabella Family)

*First Holy Communions Celebrated at Mass*

### Sunday, May 18, 2025

8:00 a.m. John & Evelyn Manning (Toots)

*First Holy Communions Celebrated at Mass*

10:00 a.m. Dan Martin (Denise Martin)

*First Holy Communions Celebrated at Mass*

11:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

### Monday, May 19, 2025

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

### Tuesday, May 20, 2025

7:45 a.m. Michael LeDonne (Family)

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

6:30 p.m. Joan Moineau (Friends)

### Wednesday, May 21, 2025

7:45 a.m. Irene Brooks (Bob & Sue)

### Thursday, May 22, 2025

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

### Friday, May 23, 2025

7:45 a.m. Deceased Members of Butler Family  
(Family)

### Saturday, May 24, 2025

8:00 a.m. Joe & Joanne Mayer (Family)

2:30 p.m. Nolan/Snyder Wedding

4:30 p.m. Fiore Family (Charlotte)

### Sunday, May 25, 2025

8:00 a.m. Povirk Family (Torok Family)

*First Holy Communions Celebrated at Mass*

10:00 a.m. Mary Louise Proietti (Michele)

*First Holy Communions Celebrated at Mass*

11:30 a.m. Robert Kristofik (Sisters)

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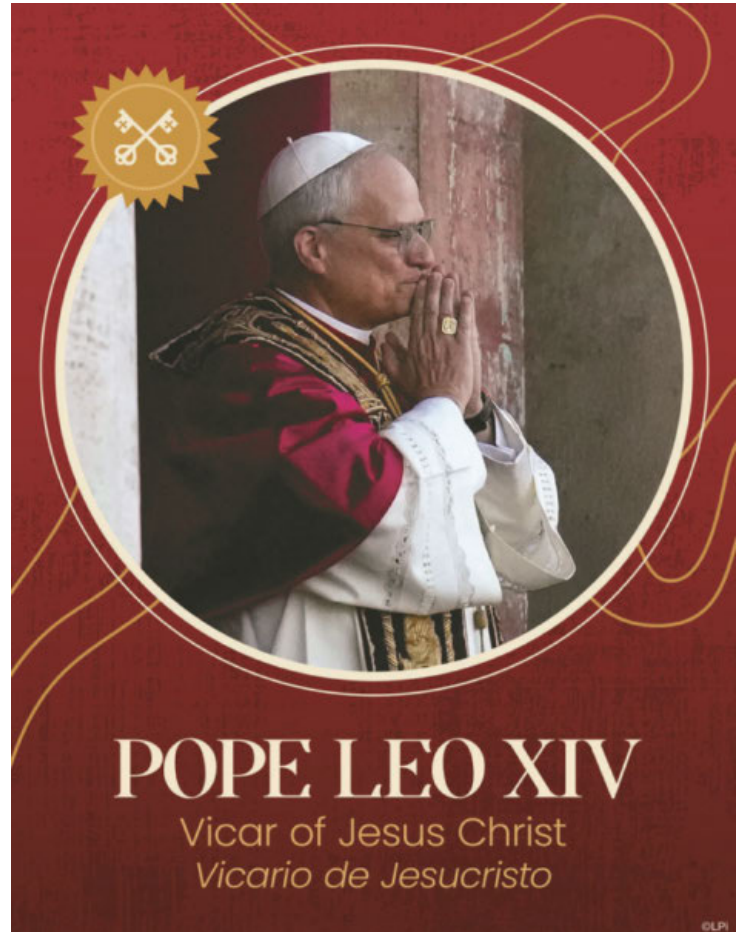
### HELP LINES

**St. Vincent DePaul**

[www.svdpgreensburg.org](http://www.svdpgreensburg.org) - 724-691-3711

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**Parish Office: 724-863-9550**

**Parish Office Hours:**

**8 am to 3 pm**

# PASTOR'S NOTES

## How do you Love?

We are certainly not getting anything new from our scriptures today. They echo the same message that resounds throughout the teachings of Jesus; namely that we are simply to “have love for one another.” It is somewhat ironic that such a simple message be repeated over and over again, but this sums up Jesus’ entire ministry. If we were to take apart everything that Jesus did and taught it could be seen through this simple command of loving one another. I think that the question we need to ask ourselves is how something so simple can be so hard...but it is!

We need to be clear in our understanding that Jesus is not expecting us to do this alone; we will have His divine guidance and strength throughout our lives. If we listen to what is being told to us in our readings today, this certainly proves his point. The first reading once again informs us of the issues that the early church was having, along with the personal struggles of the disciples. This was no easy battle and it certainly would have been hard to make this command of Jesus a part of their everyday life. To love as Jesus commands is not easy; it requires a great deal of reserve on our part.

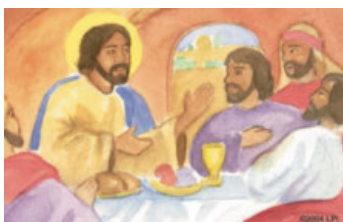
Our reading from Revelation reminds us that there is a great reward awaiting all of those who follow the law of love. We are given a picture of what it will be like at the end of time. The great battle between good and evil, between the powers of this world and Christ are over. Christ now reigns over his kingdom. This vision gives all who believe a vision of hope. The old world of grief, pain, and mourning has ended and God is promising his eternal presence in the midst of the old city of Jerusalem. All of this awaits those who “love.” These passages of reassurance offer a vision of joy and promise, now free from fear of enemies. Everything is new. The old order has passed away. It is the culmination of every hopeful promise made in the Scriptures and unites believers everywhere with God.

All good things will come to those who love as we are being asked. This new command that Jesus gives is all about the paschal transformation that challenges us. We are to make the self-sacrificing love of Jesus a part of who we are and what we profess to be. Our Easter joy is not found in avoiding the costs it makes on our lives, rather we are to embrace life for the sake of the new heaven and earth that it promises. By our own self-sacrificing love, we are the presence of the risen Christ for others.

We are all drawn to give of ourselves in love. The problem is we all seem to define love to fit our needs and wants. We are all well aware of the fact that true love in the way that Jesus commands is hard. It is not just in words that we live this command; we must make it a part of our everyday living.

The question we need to ask ourselves is: How do we love? How do we experience love and what do we do to reflect Christ’s commandment “to love one another”? This is what it means to be a follower of Christ. It is not what we say that is so important rather it is how we live and how we love that makes the real difference.

*~Father Mike*



## CANDLES

### **Sanctuary Candle:**

Special Intentions for the Papacy of Pope Leo XIV

### **Divine Mercy:**

In Memory Pat & Dan Ritter (Family)

### **St. Peregrine Candle:**

Special Intention for Cancer Patients

### **Easter Flame Candle:**

Special Intentions for Immaculate Conception  
Parish Staff

### **St. Joseph's Candle:**

Month's Mind

### **Altar Candles for the Month of May:**

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

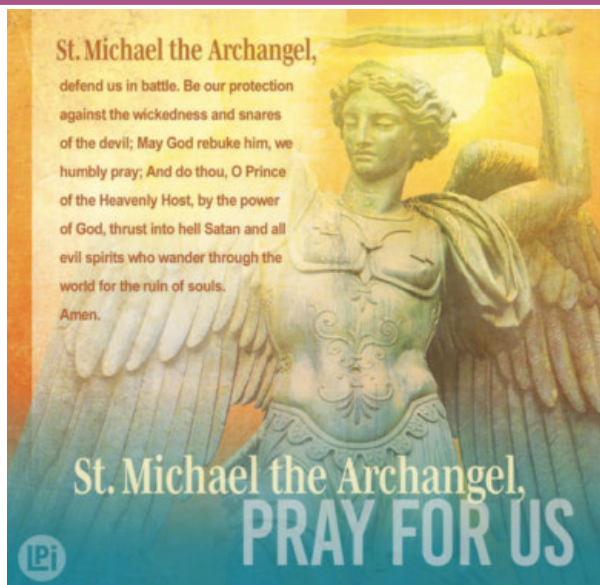


**Please pray for all of our faithful departed.**

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

### **Prayer of Christian Love**

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love. May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness. 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](mailto: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*

### **Sunday Offertory**

**May 4 - \$15,549.22**

### **Online Giving**

**May 5 - May 11- \$3,027.75**

***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!





Immaculate Conception Parish  
office will be closed  
Friday May 23rd - Monday May 26th.  
The office will be open Tues. May  
27th - Thurs. May 29th 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.  
The office will be closed Friday May 30th.



**Attention Graduating Seniors**  
The Graduation Mass will be held on  
Sunday June 1, 2025 at 10:00 am Mass.  
Invitation were mailed to Seniors. If you did  
not receive an invitation please contact the parish  
office at 724-863-9550.

### GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUPS

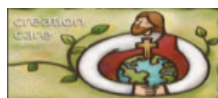
Two Grief Share groups are available:

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. Contact Gerri Dornin at  
[gdnin@comcast.net](mailto:gdnin@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](mailto:audreyquinlan@comcast.net) to register or for addi-  
tional information. You are welcome to start attending  
at any point, as each session  
is "self-contained."

### Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019

Will have their monthly meeting on Monday May 19,  
2025, at the St Agnes Convent Building,  
Fr Gianni Room. The meeting starts at 7:15 with the  
Rosary. St Jude Council covers the parishes of IC, St  
Agnes, and St Elizabeth Ann Seton. If you are inter-  
ested in joining the Knights, or would like to transfer  
to our Council, please contact  
Al Borgony at 724-864-3487 or  
email [a.borgony@comcast.net](mailto:a.borgony@comcast.net), or you can check out  
our website at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and join online.



The Immaculate Conception Creation Care Team  
follows the Church's teachings to Care for Our Common  
Home with various programs such as recycling, ecological  
education, and service. The team meets the third Tuesday  
of each month (the location varies). Please contact  
Dave Wasil at [dwasil@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:dwasil@dioceseofgreensburg.org) for  
more information.



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 ves-  
tibules 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](http://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.



Enrollment is now open for the  
2025-2026 school year at Greensburg  
Central Catholic Junior/Senior High  
School. Experience the difference at  
GCC where our mission is to empower  
your child with a vibrant faith-based  
education and rigorous academics. Call Ms.  
Orange for more information at 724-834-0310, ext  
4216 or email [dorange@gcchs.org](mailto:dorange@gcchs.org)

### Attention Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers

Please sign up for Ascension Masses  
**ON THE MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO  
APP OR WEBSITE.** If you have problems  
signing up please contact  
Bridget Deveney at  
[bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

### Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Last week, our daily readings focused on the struggles of the Early Church. It is amazing how much the Holy Spirit guided those early Church Leaders. It is also amazing how much the people seemed to listen to the Holy Spirit, even when it was challenging for them and hard to do so. Sometimes we need to look into our own hearts and ascertain whether we do indeed listen to the Holy Spirit. We profess to every time we pray the creed; but honestly, do we really listen to and follow what the Holy Spirit may be calling us to do? We are bound just like the Early Church as a Parish Family with the responsibility of bringing that same message of Christ to the people in our world. We are to work for and help to support the workings of our church, even when it is hard or we do not agree. That was the struggle of that early church; they were challenged by the Holy Spirit to give up everything for the good of others. As you are aware, our DLA has been moving along at a snail's pace, and we still have a long way to go to achieve our goal. We have only heard from 361 parishioners, which is only 13.5% of our parish family. Our goal has been set for \$162,067.00 and we are only at \$121,593.58, so you can see there is a ways to go. I have always maintained that the important part of any campaign is participation, and when we look at the participation of our parish, it certainly does not speak well of who we profess to be. I am asking that you do whatever you can to be a part of this year's campaign. Listen to the Holy Spirit, and like the early church, respond with love.

*-Father Mike*

**As of May 7th, total pledged is \$121,593.58.  
That is only 75% of our Diocesan goal.**

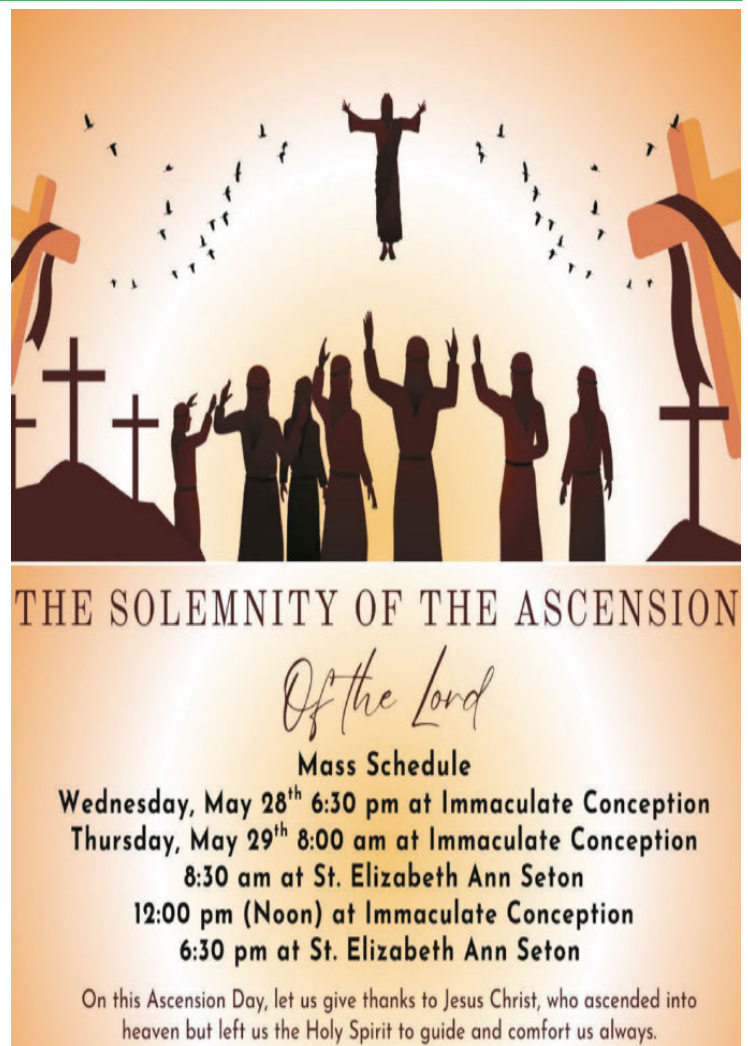
*Thank you to all who have already given a gift to the 2025  
Diocesan Lenten Appeal and to those who will give a gift.*

*Thank you for supporting our parish!*

*To donate online visit - <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/diocesan-lenten-appeal/dla-donate/>*



Three stars (two red, one blue) are at the top. Below them, the text reads: **MEMORIAL DAY MASS**, **REMEMBER AND HONOR**, **PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS AT**, **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY**, **ON MAY 26, 2025 AT 8:00 AM**. A note below says: *\*Please bring a chair. If it rains Mass will be at Immaculate Conception Church\**. The bottom half of the poster features a stylized illustration of three tombstones in a cemetery. Each tombstone has a cross on top and the words 'MEMORIAL DAY' arched above it. American flags are placed in front of the tombstones, and small yellow flowers are scattered on the grass.



The top half of the poster features a stylized illustration of the Ascension. Jesus is shown rising into the air, surrounded by a flock of birds. Below him, a group of people in long robes are standing on a hill, looking up with their hands raised in prayer. The background is a warm, orange-yellow gradient. Below the illustration, the text reads: **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION**, *Of the Lord*, **Mass Schedule**. The schedule lists: **Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm at Immaculate Conception**, **Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am at Immaculate Conception**, **8:30 am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**, **12:00 pm (Noon) at Immaculate Conception**, and **6:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**. At the bottom, a note says: *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.*



## Burger Bash

Last weekend we celebrated our first Burger Bash for the year! It was a beautiful day and all of the workers certainly did a top-notch job at getting everything together. It was nice to see so many people from the community come together. This traditionally has always been a successful event for our parish. I hope that you will continue to support it throughout the summer. I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it happen!

*~Father Mike*



**Thank you to everyone who supported  
the May Burger Bash!  
Save the Date the next Burger Bash is  
June 14!**

Thank You Sponsors  
Kinsey Charitable Fund  
Lanyi Insurance Agency  
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Ott's Funeral Home  
Dr. Carla Capozzi Orthodontics  
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William Snyder Funeral Home  
Immaculate Men's Group  
Labuda Farm Service Inc.  
Shaffer Memorials  
New Crescent Brewing Co.  
Welty's Auto Parts  
Jordan Banana  
Pantalone Funeral Home  
**Upcoming Dates**  
July 12 & August 9





THE GREENSBURG AGO AND FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENT

## Jacob Gruss Organist

Music by Franck, Bach,  
Howells, Reger, and  
Demessieux

With Soprano, Katie Wagner  
on Fauré's "Pie Jesu"

Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM

First Presbyterian Church Greensburg  
300 South Main St. Greensburg, PA

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS  
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ALTAR SERVERS

## Jubilee Mass

for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life  
Saturday, June 14, 2025

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg  
Confessions 11 a.m. | Mass 12 Noon | Pizza Party to follow  
Special Recognition of Altar Servers

RSVP: [ehornicak@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:ehornicak@dioceseofgreensburg.org)



Who Is My Neighbor?  
LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE 23RD-26TH**  
9AM TO 12:30PM

FAITH MUSIC ARTS & CRAFTS

For More Information contact Susan Cheplic  
[skchePLIC@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:skchePLIC@dioceseofgreensburg.org)  
Scan the QR code to register- \$25 per child!





## ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**Queen of Angels Catholic School** - Please plan to join us on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, as we honor Mary, our Blessed Mother, at our annual May Crowning Ceremony. Our 2nd graders play a beautiful part at our ceremony as we crown Mary along with our May Queen and King. The ceremony will begin at 1:15 PM and will be followed by a Liturgy. Both will take place in our auditorium. All are Welcomed!



Dear Friends of Queen of Angels Catholic School,  
Queen of Angels Catholic School 16th Annual Angel Ducky Derby will be held at Irwin Park on **Wednesday, May 21, 2025**. 500 rubber ducks will be sold for \$5.00 each by our school families. On the day of the race the ducks will be placed in the Irwin Park stream for a race to the finish. We are writing to you to ask for your support. **A contribution to this race would be greatly appreciated.**

**\*Cash donations will help to underwrite the prizes:**

**1<sup>st</sup> place \$200**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place \$100**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place \$ 50**

**Lame Duck (last) \$25**

In support of your donation, your name will be posted the day of the event at Irwin Park. Again, this year, **our race will be combined with our Fun Day**. The event is a development effort to benefit the school's educational program. We are thankful for your generous and continued support within the local community. If you need any additional information, please contact Mrs. Ruth Ann Noblick at (724) 331-6216. **All donations are due before May 14th and can be mailed to:**

**Queen of Angels Catholic School  
Attention: Mrs. Ruth Ann Noblick – Ducky Derby  
One Main Street  
North Huntingdon, PA 15642**

**If you would like to join in the FUN, please fill out the form below.**

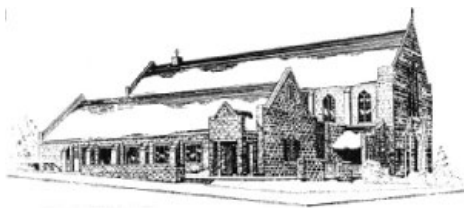
\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to purchase ducks for the 16th Queen of Angels Catholic School Annual Angel Ducky Derby.

<u>Sponsor Name</u>	<u>Sponsor Phone</u>	<u># of Ducks</u>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_





## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; Let us all your  
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,

1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing; All your  
2. life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er -  
3. gra - cious Lord; Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect -

1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,  
2. more your tem - ples leave. Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
3. ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

1. Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with  
2. Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you  
3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -

1. your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.  
2. with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.  
3. fore the al - might - y, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

*All:*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we  
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,  
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

*Choir (Congr. ad lib):*

Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you  
take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our  
prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the  
Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

*All:*

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 14:21-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145

*Howard Hughes*

*I will praise your name forever,  
my king and my God.*



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### SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-5a

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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.

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Now the Green Blade Rises



1. Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2. In the grave they laid him, Love by ha - tred slain,  
3. Forth he came at East - er, like the ris - en grain,  
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,




Wheat that in the dark earth man - y days has lain;  
Think - ing he would nev - er wake to life a - gain,  
Spring - ing from the grave where three days he had lain;  
By your touch you call us back to life a - gain,



Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
Raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



Love is come a - gain, like wheat a - ris - ing green.



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.

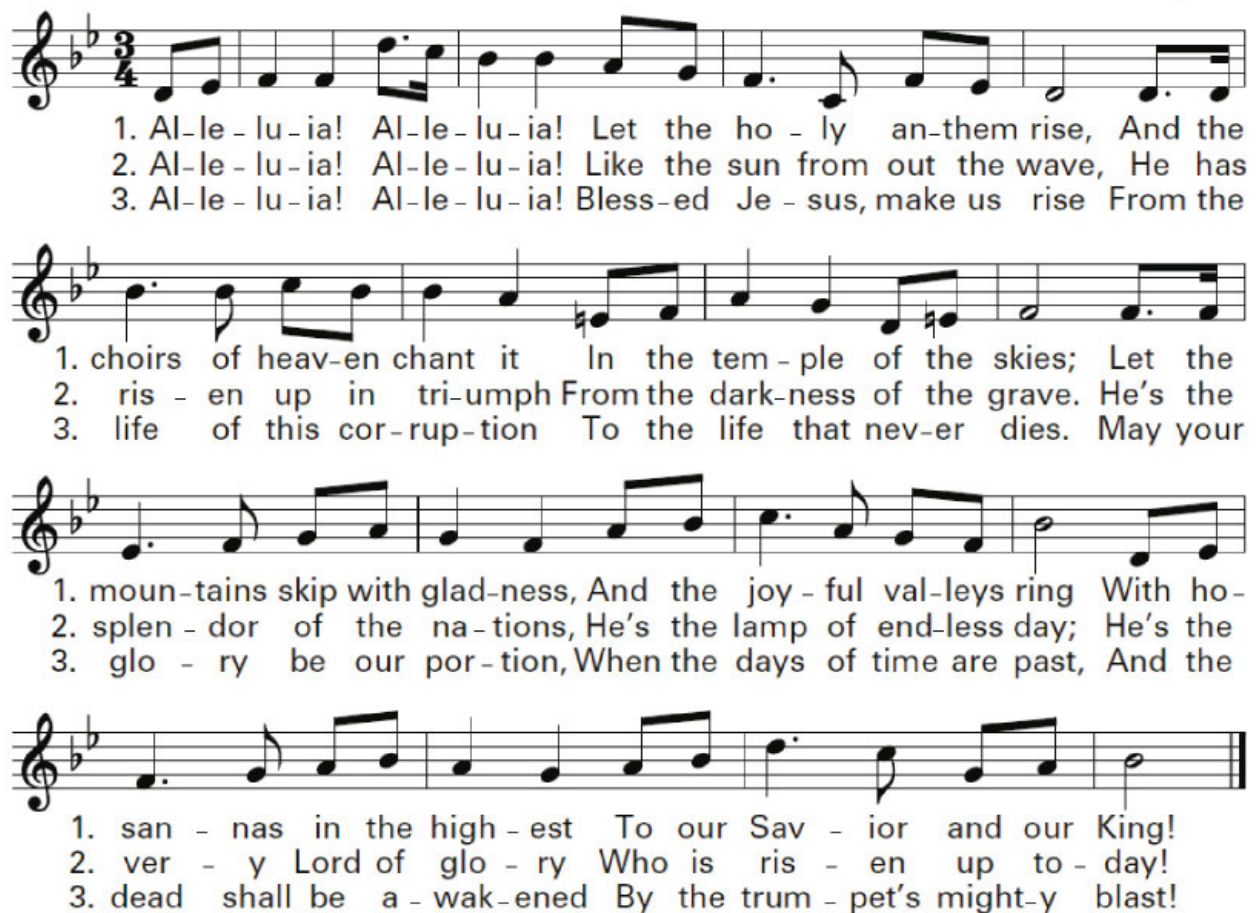


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## Alleluia, Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise



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