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### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

JUNE 1, 2025, SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### **Saturday, May 31, 2025**

8:00 a.m. Charlene Richardson (Eugene)

4:30 p.m. Shawn Teamann (Cheryl)

#### Sunday, June 1, 2025

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

10:00 a.m. Edward & Dolores Starzenski (Fisher Family)

11:30 a.m. Janeen Worzbyt (Nancy & Jean)

#### Monday, June 2, 2025

7:45 a.m. Deceased Members of Kerfonta and Kimmerle Families (Family)

#### Tuesday, June 3, 2025

7:45 a.m. Dennis Petrulak (Knights of Columbus)

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

6:30 p.m. Our Parish Family

#### Wednesday, June 4, 2025

7:45 a.m. Jeff Cole (Mom & Dad)

#### Thursday, June 5, 2025

7:45 a.m. Nick DeFelice (Wife)

#### Friday, June 6, 2025

7:45 a.m. Michele Ruby (Courtney)

#### Saturday, June 7, 2025

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

4:30 p.m. Gino Pasquarelli (Family)

#### Sunday, June 8, 2025

8:00 a.m. Robert Kroeger (Wife)

10:00 a.m. Priscilla Volpe (Family)

11:30 a.m. Mary Flemming (Family)

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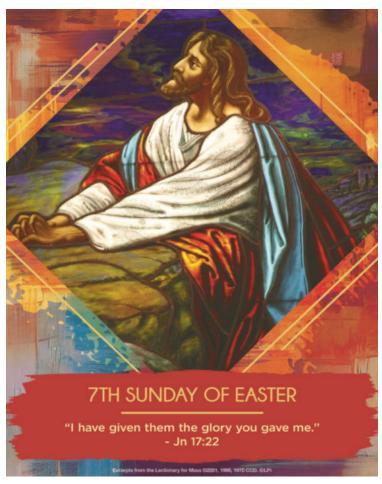
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### **PASTOR'S NOTES**

#### Our call to Unity...

How we show God's glory is a fundamental question that should be answered if we are going to be faithful disciples. Our Gospel reading tells us exactly how we are to show God's glory. We do this through our love, unity, and forgiveness; this is the only way we can make the glory of God felt in our world. Jesus offers a final prayer for unity among his friends, the same unity that existed between him and his Father. Jesus prays that the whole church could be united with the same oneness of God, the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. One of the greatest tragedies of our Christian Church is the disunity that exists among believers. Throughout history we see some of the bitterest disputes among believers in the Lord. So, what does this say about the command we are being given today? How are we as individuals supposed to make this dream of Jesus' a reality in our world?

The best way that we can show our love for the glory of God is by imitating Jesus. Ultimately, this is what discipleship means: imitate Jesus. This is how we are to live as disciples. This is the call of the new life of resurrection. Through our love, unity and forgiveness we imitate the love that Jesus prays for in John's gospel. Unity in life can bring much goodness, disunity among Christians is a scandal and every one of us has a responsibility to do whatever we can to make Christ's last prayer a reality. Through our efforts of promoting social justice and in securing the common good we can help bring about unity. Through our loving forgiveness we can guarantee unity within our own hearts, for love and unity among believers is the first form of our witness to the world. Our love for each other is God's love in us spilling over.

As Jesus was concerned with the immediate mission of his dearest friends; He remains concerned with the mission of our church today. In the midst of changes and struggles we must never lose sight of the fact that Jesus does pray for the unity and glory of the church. As members of this sacred gift, we all hold deep within our hearts the responsibility to do all that we can to make this prayer of Jesus come to fruition. It is only through our works of mercy and peace that the real Glory of God is manifest to all of God's people here on earth.

As we await the celebration of the great feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Spirit, we all need to be mindful of this call. Every one of us has been given the strength of that Spirit to allow us to become instruments of God's peace and justice. This week ponder over the ways that you in your own way can help to make the Glory of God known to the people around you. By using the gifts that God has given us, we can all strive to build a stronger Kingdom here on earth.

~Father Mike



#### **CANDLES**

#### Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of Bob & Louise Spivak (Daughter Barb)

#### **Divine Mercy:**

Special Intention for Immaculate Conception Parishioners

#### St. Peregrine Candle:

Special Intention for Father John Moineau (Mike & Lyndsay Romano)

#### **Easter Flame Candle:**

In Memory of Rita Colinear –Dibona (Family)

#### St. Joseph's Candle:

Special Intention for Father Michael Crookston

#### Altar Candles for the Month of June:

In Memory of Deceased Members of Uderman & Palmieri Families (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 Unity**

Help us to be one, Lord Jesus, as you prayed to the Father. Gather us all to you, diverse in culture, gift, call, way of life, and perspective. May the love we have for you overflow into the love we have for each other. Amen.

#### **Prayer for Graduates**

Heavenly Father, Surround those who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise. All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. 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 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** 

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**Online Giving** 

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#### **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 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."

#### SAINT ANNE HOME SEEKS VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers are needed to help residents attend daily and Sunday Mass beginning at 9 a.m. (no Mass on Saturday); to visit and pray with residents any time of the day; and serve as eucharistic ministers. Training is provided. Those interested can contact Cheryl Hall at 724-837-6070, ext. 3050. Also, Saint Anne Home's Mass intention book is open, with Masses available for 2025.

#### SAINT EMMA MONASTERY **FLEA MARKET**

The Benedictine Sisters of Saint Emma Monastery will hold their annual indoor/outdoor flea market Thursday, June 12, from 2-7 p.m. (early bird special, \$5 for adults), Friday, June 13, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (50% off most items, bag sale after 1 p.m.). Food will be available for purchase, eat in or take out. For more information, visit www.stemma.org.



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 for more information.



#### SAVE THE DATE!!

The Christian Mothers/Women's Guild will hold a meeting on Tuesday, June 17, at 6 pm at Our Lady's Plaza. The guest speaker

will be Sister Mary Clark from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. Her topic will be "Elizabeth Seton: Prayer of her Heart," and she will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

**Diocesan Lenten Appeal** 

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 May 21st, total pledged is \$128,861.86. That is only 79.5% of our Diocesan goal. We have only heard from 386 parishioners, which is only 14.4% of our parish family.

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. Also it is important to understand the money in our 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 supporting our parish!

To donate online visit https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/diocesan-lentenappeal/dla-donate/



Bingo on Wednesday, June 4th at St Barbara Parish, Ramaley Rd, Harrison City, PA. Payouts of \$110, \$150, \$1400. Two magic numbers of \$750 & \$100 each. Admission packages start at \$29 and include Regular, Special & Jackpot games, Magic Numbers, and Door Prizes. Also available are Early Birds, Quickies, All-Nighter, 50/50, & Games of Chance. Doors open 5:00pm; games 6:45pm. Handicap Accessible. Kitchen/Free Coffee. 724-744-4594 or 724-744-7474.

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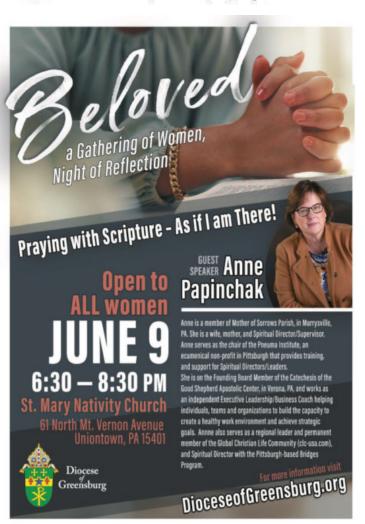


All Adults 21 years or older are invited to Theology on the Vine Ryan Scavnicky Vocation and Seminary Life: Receiving the Love of Jesus' Sacred Heart Thursday June 26, 2025 Doors open 6:00 pm Program begins at 6:30 pm OUR LADY'S PLAZA Immaculate Conception Parish Hall A great opportunity for Catholic adults to

meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith and how it affects our lives.

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During the month of May we celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion with 46 Children. Congratulations to all the children as they begin to share in the Eucharistic feast! May God continue to bless them with His abundant grace and love and may they continue to grow in their faith.















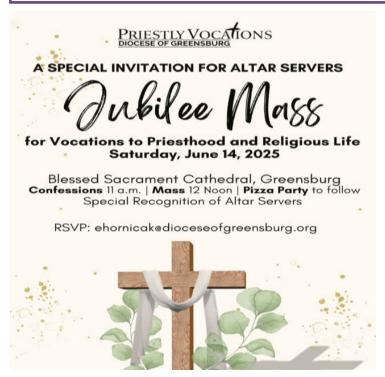
#### ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Queen of Angels Catholic School - It is with great pleasure to honor and recognize the graduation Class of 2025, Zarina Savenko and Allison Jana Shaffer. These students have had many accomplishments while attending Queen of Angels. I am sure they will continue to be successful as they strive to complete their education. We are blessed to have a Board of Trust Queen of Angels Administrators to lead and guide us spiritually. Our Catholic Faith will continue to grow with their guidance. We appreciate and are thankful to our parents of Queen of Angels. We are

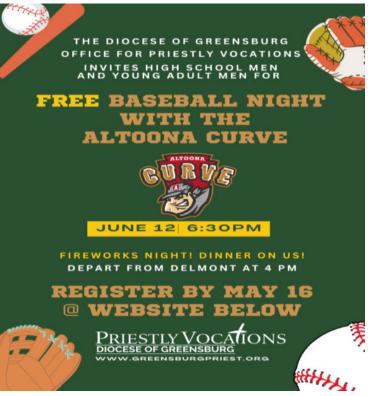
fortunate to have been a part of their children's lives and education. We wish our eighth-grade students the best as they move on to a new school. Our thoughts and prayers go with them always.

~ Mrs. Jennifer Filak, Principal











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## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

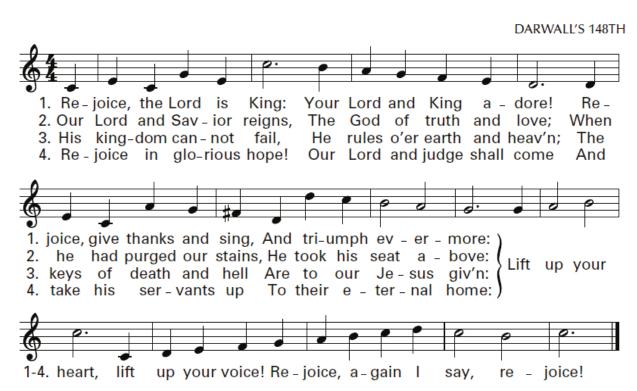
June 1, 2025 - Order of the Mass

#### 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

Rejoice, the Lord is King



Text: 66 66 44 44; *Hymns For Our Lord's Resurrection*, 1746; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788. Music: John Darwall, 1731–1789.



#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Iesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them;" and when he said this, he fell asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 97

H. Hamilton Smith

The Lord is King, the Lord Most High over all the earth.

SECOND READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

I, John, heard a voice saying to me:
"Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with
me the recompense I will give to each
according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and
the Omega, the first and the last, the
beginning and the end." Blessed are they
who wash their robes so as to have the right
to the tree of life and enter the city through
its gates. "I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you
this testimony for the churches. I am the
root and offspring of David, the bright
morning star." The Spirit and the bride say,
"Come." Let the hearer say, "Come." Let the
one who thirsts come forward, and the one

who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water. The one who gives this testimony says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 17:20-26

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

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



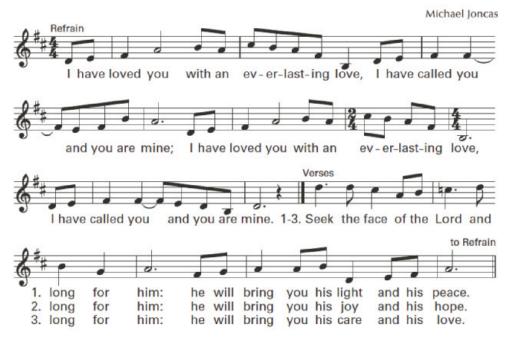
Lord, Who At Your First Eucharist



Text: William H. Turton, 1859–1938, alt.
Tune: UNDE ET MEMORES, 10 10 10 10 10 10; William H. Monk, 1823–1889, alt.



COMMUNION HYMN I Have Loved You



Text based on Jeremiah 31:3; Psalm 24:3. Text and music © 1979, OCP. All rights reserved.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing



Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt., © 1956, ren. 1986, Hymns Ancient and Modern, Ltd.; st. 5, Norman Mealy, 1923–1987, © 1971, Walton Music Corp., a div. of GIA Publications, Inc.
Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT, 888 with alleluias; Melchior Vulpius, c.1560–1616







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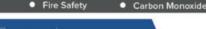
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