

Trinity Sunday

◆ May 22, 2016 ◆

Prv 8:22-31 ◆ Rom 5:1-5 ◆ Jn 16:12-15

There was a period in my life when I thought I knew everything and that my way was the only way to go. The opinions of my parents and friends were politely (and sometimes not so politely) set aside. I blithely followed my own advice and did my own thing until time, maturity, and a few uncomfortable situations helped me to acquire a little humility. Even now, to be completely honest, I must admit to suffering a relapse from time to time. Is there anyone who hasn't occasionally thought, "Be reasonable: do it my way?"

We tend to think we know what's best for us and for others. We rely on our experience and intelligence. Sometimes we're right; often we are wrong. When our self-confidence and power become more important than the truth and common good, we easily verge into arrogance and stubbornness. Jesus reminds us that the Holy Spirit, whom he calls the Spirit of Truth, is the ultimate guide.

In choosing to follow the Spirit and accepting Christ's authority, we admit that we do not know it all and that we are not the greatest.

Our Creed is built on this acceptance. From our first profession of faith, we stand in humble awareness that God alone knows it all and desires what is best for us and the whole world. This "best" includes a God who is an everlasting relationship-in-being: Three Persons who were at the beginning, are now, and ever shall be. Our celebration of the Trinity should include a giving thanks for the wisdom that comes from union with God and his Church.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"True love is boundless, but it knows how to limit itself, to interact with others, to respect the freedom of others. Every Sunday we go to Mass, we celebrate the Eucharist together and the Eucharist is like the 'burning bush' in which the Trinity humbly lives and communicates."

—Angelus, June 15, 2014

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HOLY TRINITY – MAY 22, 2016

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	GLORIA GILL – 2 ND ANNIVERSARY	THU	7:00 PM	MARIE HUDY
SUN	7:30 AM	FATHER CHRISTOPHER GIBNEY	FRI	7:30 AM	GEORGE WHITE
	9:00 AM	ELI IEZZI	SAT	5:15 PM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
	11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SUN	7:30 AM	ESTHER PRIBANICK
MON	No Mass			9:00 AM	MARY KRETZMAN
TUE	7:00 PM	BRUCE KETTERER		11:00 AM	CRISTINA MACCARONE
WED	7:30 AM	DONALD A. LAKATOSH			

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of George White

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Dowling **5:15pm** Costanzo **7:30am** Schwendt **9:00am** Grieco **11:00am** Hafer

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Jennifer Stuart	Mary Schwendt	Ryan Ferrante, Sean and Stephen Hannon
SUN	7:30am	Toni Kaucher	Jim Kaucher	Ethan and Leonard Cline, Sean Purretta
	9:00am	Kevin Creamer	Isabelita Santos	Anna and Matthew Lambert, Sidney Wolf
	11:00am	Rhonda Ouimet	Jim Keaveney	Lilia and Simon Crew, Mya Salaneck

Second collection next week is for the Charity Fund

Congratulations Father Stajkowski

Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception extends heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Father Leo Stajkowski on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Father Stajkowski was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 1966 by Bishop Joseph McShea in the Cathedral of Saint Catherine of Siena for service in the Diocese of Allentown. We pray most earnestly that God will continue to bless him in his priestly ministry and that the Church will know an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of Souls, who called the apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your holy Church. Teach them that to serve you is to reign; to possess you is to possess all things. Kindle in the hearts of your people the fire of zeal for souls. Make us eager to spread your kingdom upon earth. Grant us courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life: who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish:
 Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas,
 Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla,
 Dolores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Alice Smyk, Yolanda
 Marino, Marjorie & Walter Hansen, Marie Snyder,
 Ann Schlott, Kathy Patrick, Joseph & Susan
 McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret
 Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano,
 Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, Linda Rathman,
 William Janda, James Smith, Maryanne Emory, Madge
 Butto, Roseann Malcolm, Dylan Spriggs, Doris Slater,
 Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad, Ryan Curley, Paul Geiger,
 Helen McDonald, Mark McDonald, Rose Osorio,
 Raymond Davidheiser, Anthony Mattassa, Sr., Jim &
 Nancy Guilliams, Tony Guilliams, Dolores
 McCullough, Ed Woznicki, Steve Mammarella, Evelyn
 Segnere, Shawn Staneruck, Phil Kubovcsak, Joanne
 Gilbert, Dominic Strock, Anne Hiryak and Barbara
 Wright
 Pray for the recently departed: Patricia Smith Bastik and
 Virginia R. Romig

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Scholastic Buy One/Get One (BOGO) Book Fair at ICA
Sat 05/28 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

On Memorial Day, May 30th the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 9am. Everyone is invited to join us in praying for our nation and the men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces. The Blessing of Graves will occur (weather permitting) in our parish cemetery immediately after Memorial Day Mass.

Scholastic Buy One/Get One (BOGO) Book Fair at ICA

in Academy library. We are open May 22nd after 9am and 11am Masses and May 23 - 27 during school hours. Also, please consider making a donation to "All for Books". These donations help our teachers build their classroom libraries. In addition, Scholastic Book Fairs will match monetary donations with a donation of up to one million books to national, non-profit organizations. Checks can be made out to ICA HSO in an envelope marked "All for Books" and placed in the church collection basket. Donations are being accepted through May 22nd. We hope to see you at the book fair!

Resorts AC Trip – May 23rd – Leave ICC promptly at 9:30am - Package Deal Pay \$32/Get \$25 – Call Carol J. at 610-775-4447

Immaculate Conception Academy and Early Education Program is currently enrolling for the 2016-17 School Year!

We welcome everyone to join us if you have a student entering preschool (age 3) through 8th grade.

ICA offers a full day Kindergarten Program. Kindergarten students must be aged 5 by 10/15/16 and 1st grade students aged 6 by 10/15/16.

Bishop's Tuition Transfer Grants are available for any public, private or charter school student who transfers into Immaculate Conception Academy grades 1-7. These grants are **\$1,500 over two years** (\$1,000 for the first year; \$500 for the second).

Please contact **Adele Reilly at 610-404-8645 or adele.reilly@icaknights.org** for more information or to schedule a tour!

*****Now offering Sunday tours after 9am and 11am Masses by appointment*****

Register now for 2016-2017 CCD! Forms are available on www.icbvmccd.org under forms and at the Office of Religious Education. Classes are filling up so register now! Volunteers are always welcome! If you would like to volunteer an hour of your time once a week to bring the Good News of Christ to the children of our parish by educating or by example of service, call (610) 582-3880.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH are invited to attend the Women's Society End of Year Luncheon at the Yellow House Hotel, June 5th at 2pm. Chicken Marsala with Garlic Potatoes, Beef Tips over Rice or Veal Parmigiana with Pasta are your entrée options. Salad, Bread, Dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage are included for \$20. Please contact Ann Marie at 610-689-9124 or Lynda at 610-689-4076 with your entrée choice and to arrange payment by May 24th.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, in all our parishes throughout the Diocese, Catholics are celebrating Commitment Weekend in support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our Diocese is comprised of 89 parishes serving more than 100,000 Catholic households. This year the theme of the Bishop's Annual Appeal "Open the Door of Mercy". This call to Christian charity and action provides us with the spiritual and corporal incentive to support the ministries and needs of the Appeal. For many years the Appeal has helped feed many people, educated current and future generations of our faith, helped train men now serving as pastors and permanent deacons and supported the ministries that make up our diocese. As we continue to grow, the Appeal continues to provide necessary resources in response to new and challenging needs. There are many priorities and needs facing our Church that no one parish can address. Some require the strength and resolve of our entire Catholic community working together. While we cannot always be the one to comfort the grieving, feed the hungry, teach the young and minister to those in need, we can – through our generosity – ensure that our diocesan Church is strong, vibrant and able to meet the needs of so many regardless of their faith in the year ahead. We do so because we are Catholic, not because those we serve are. The Appeal provides a broad range of ministries and outreach programs throughout our Diocese. Your financial support has a positive influence in the lives of your brothers and sisters in need. While I may not be aware of your current financial situation, I ask that you make a gift today, if you have not already done so. May God continue to bless you and your family for sharing some of the many blessings that God has bestowed upon you and your family.

Monsignor John McCann

*Immaculate Conception Parish has been asked to participate with other local Churches in meeting the needs of the Food Pantry, called "Community Table" at the Birdsboro Community Center. Each Church is taking one specific item that is needed. We have taken **Cleaning Products**. Next week, we will begin collecting items such as bathroom, window and kitchen cleaners; laundry soap items and paper towel/wipes. Watch for the Sign and Collection Bin in the Narthex! If you have any questions, please email Deacon Chuck at catgio@comcast.net*

Berks Catholic is enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year. Berks Catholic High School is centered on the four pillars of God, Family, Academics and Fun. As a vibrant Christ centered community, the administration, faculty and staff are dedicated to providing a challenging academic environment for a diverse population of young men and women. For information about how to join our 21st century learning community, contact Nicky 610.374.8361 x244.

Catholic books, CDs, pamphlets are available in the narthex. Check out the Stewardship Ministry displays since new material is added regularly. Learn more about our Faith.

Traveling this summer? Visit www.masstimes.org for Mass schedules from all over the world.

May 22, 2016

dear Padre



PETR JILEK / SHUTTERSTOCK



Monday

MAY 23
Weekday
1 Pt 1:3-9
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

MAY 24
Weekday
1 Pt 1:10-16
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

MAY 25
Weekday
1 Pt 1:18-25
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday

MAY 26
St. Philip Neri,
Priest
1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12
Mk 10:46-52

Friday

MAY 27
Weekday
1 Pt 4:7-13
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday

MAY 28
Weekday
Jude 17, 20b-25
Mk 11:27-33

Sunday

MAY 29
Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ
Gn 14:18-20
1 Cor 11:23-26
Lk 9:11b-17

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Why an annulment is needed



I'm not Catholic and already divorced.
Why do I need an annulment to remarry?

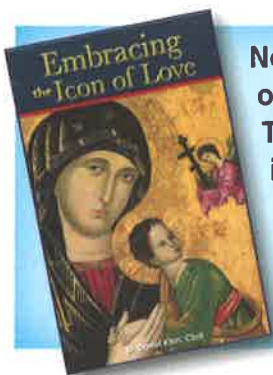
You need an annulment because the Church presumes that your marriage is valid. If two baptized Methodists marry before a Methodist minister, the Church presumes that the marriage is valid and sacramental. The Catholic Church recognizes Protestant baptisms in the same way. For this reason we do not rebaptize Protestant converts or remarry a couple when one or both enter the Catholic Church. The annulment process is not a "Catholic divorce"; it is an investigation of a relationship to see if at the point of the wedding, a true (valid) marriage was effected. If a marriage is valid according to Christ, it cannot be annulled. If, however, something was lacking from the very beginning, the marriage was not valid and can be annulled, freeing the parties to remarry.

For a marriage to be valid, the spouses must:

1. be free to marry and freely exchange their consent;
2. in consenting to marry, intend to be together for life, to be faithful to each other, and to be open to children;
3. intend the good of each other; and give their consent in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorized minister.

Through the annulment process the Church tribunal determines whether a marriage was valid. This is the same for all marriages, whether between Catholics, Christians, or nonbaptized adults.

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No other image offers us more possibility of meditation on the heart of the Gospel message than the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. This icon is truly the Gospel in image form. We approach the icon in a spirit of faith and humility. Only those of faith can uncover the hidden messages contained in the image before us.

-From *Embracing the Icon of Love* by Br. Daniel Korn

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Immaculate Conception Church

2016 Vacation Bible School
“Jesse Tree Journey”
Ages 5 - 11

June 20th – June 24th

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Age: _____ Last School Grade Completed: _____

Address: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Work #: _____

Emergency Contact Name/#: _____

Allergies/other medical information: _____

_____ I would like to volunteer to help. Best Contact #: _____

This fun filled “Journey” will be held Monday through Friday, **June 20-24, 2016** from **9am to Noon** in our parish Education Center.

Registration fee is \$35.00 per child. Form and payment are **due** by **June 1st**. Make **checks payable to Immaculate Conception Church**, place in an envelope marked VBS, and drop in the Sunday collection basket or mail to:

ICC VBS , 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, PA 19518

Please use **one form per child**.

For questions or volunteer information, please contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or email at ccd@icbvm.org.