

Ordinary Time

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ♦ May 29, 2016

Gn 14:18–20 ♦ 1 Cor 11:23–26 ♦ Lk 9:11b–17

On a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Spain, my husband and I were privileged to witness a Corpus Christi procession near Barcelona that wound its way from the church through the streets and back to the church. At the head of the procession was a large ornate monstrance with a consecrated host inside held aloft on a platform carried by some of the priests assisted by others. Following behind was another priest incensing the monstrance and then the various church groups beginning with the children and including what I imagine were orders like the Knights of Columbus or the Solidarity of Mary. The mood was not solemn, but celebratory. Flowers marked the path and the participants. In a tradition dating back to the sixteenth century, an egg was dancing on the water spout in the church fountain. We were enchanted.

I do remember processions around my church—though never through the town—when I was a child, but they were solemn affairs and did not resemble the celebration we witnessed. What captured my imagination in Spain was the absolute joy on the faces of those processing. I remember the singing and the laughter and wonder, “What better response could we give to the Lord who gives himself to us in the Eucharist?”

Whether we process or not, whether we are in prayer before the tabernacle or monstrance or just going about our day, let us project the joy that comes from knowing the Lord and encountering him under the appearances of bread and wine which have become the Body and Blood of Christ.

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A Word From Pope Francis

“When we celebrate the Mass, we are not representing the Last Supper...It truly is the Last Supper; it is truly living again the redemptive passion and death of Our Lord. It is a visible manifestation: the Lord makes himself present on the altar to be offered to the Father for the salvation of the world.”

—Morning Meditation, February 10, 2014

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CORPUS CHRISTI – MAY 29, 2016

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT 5:15 PM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 SUN 7:30 AM ESTHER PRIBANICK
 9:00 AM MARY KRETZMAN
 11:00 AM CRISTINA MACCARONE
 MON 9:00 AM DR. VINCENT DESANTIS
 TUE 7:00 PM ALICE WHEELER
 WED 7:30 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON DEACON PAUL HIRYAK

THU 7:00 PM PAUL HIRYAK, SR. – 7TH ANNIVERSARY
 FRI 7:30 AM WILLARD KLINE
 SAT 5:15 PM MICHAEL SMITH – 11TH ANNIVERSARY
 SUN 7:30 AM JOHN MASKULAK
 9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 11:00 AM LIVING MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of John Iezzi

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Gulla 5:15pm Pisarek 7:30am Kasperowicz 9:00am Carvalho 11:00am Citrano

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Shirley Wheeler	Mary Schwendt	Michael Beitz, John Dinnocenti, Carson Endy
SUN	7:30am	Dennis Piontek	Dan Sweeney	Sarah Forkin, Ande and Ethan Kraycik
	9:00am	Brian Hannon	Pat Fessler	Ally and Jacob Santos, Veronica McClelland
	11:00am	Susan DiGuglielmo	John Peterson	Parker Davis, Nick Donnelly, Aaron Gulla

Second collection next week is for Church Building & Parish Maintenance



2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL PRAYER

Open the Door of Mercy

Jesus, you were moved to compassion and mercy whenever you encountered a person in need. Help us imitate you through our practice of the Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy and by forgiving others and seeking God's forgiveness for ourselves. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy we ask you to inspire us to give generously to the Bishop's Annual Appeal so that its beneficiaries can Open the Door Of Mercy to others in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, Delores 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, 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 Segner, Shawn Staneruck, Phil Kubovcsak, Joanne Gilbert, Dominic Strock, Loretta Federico and Barbara Wright

Congratulate the recently baptized: Emma Elizabeth D'Achille and her family
 Pray for the recently departed: John McLaughlin and Carmen Ayala

✦ **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.

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.

*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*

2016 Vacation Bible School - "Jesse Tree Journey"

VBS will be held the week of June 20 through June 24 from 9:00am to noon. VBS is open to all ICC parishioners ages 5 to 11. The cost is \$35 per child. Adult and teen volunteers are always welcome. Come along for the journey! Registration forms are available in the narthex, parish office and the Academy Contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or ccd@icbvm.org with questions.

Immaculate Conception congratulates the "student artists" from our parish who were awarded prizes for their entries in the 2016 CYO Art Contest. Their works of art have been on display at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts in Reading. The artists are Nadine Dinnocenti, Luke Voelker, Mollie Helstrom, Ryan Wethey, Mitchel Gatz, Tiffany Moskal, Vivian Kase, Alexa Junikiewicz, Hope Schreiber, Saffron Schaeffer, Brian Khuu, Aiden Eichenlaub and Mary Beck.

The Serra Clubs of the Allentown Diocese invite all the faithful to join in celebrating our 2 newly ordained Priests, Fathers David Anthony and Stephan Issac, with a reception and dinner on Monday evening June 20th at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fogelsville from 5:30-8pm. Please join Bishop Barres in affirming our new Priests. Our keynote speaker this Year is Father Bernard Ezaki. Father taught theology at Becahi for 24 years and is currently Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral. He is an entertaining and enthralling presenter! Tickets are \$35 each; please contact Joe Zawaly at 610-944-7313 by June 12th. Please take this opportunity to honor our priests. Let's show our gratitude for the gift of their Vocation and for bringing Jesus to us in the Eucharist!

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.

Healing after abortion for Men Retreat -In this Year of Mercy, Catholic Charities will be hosting a retreat "Healing after Abortion for Men" on July 9th. A day of healing and forgiveness will help you to begin to make sense of your experience and assist you in your journey to healing. For info or to register call Sr. Meg Cole at 610-332-0442x19, 866-3-RACHEL, projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org.

If you have received an adverse Prenatal Diagnosis, you are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding an adverse prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 42

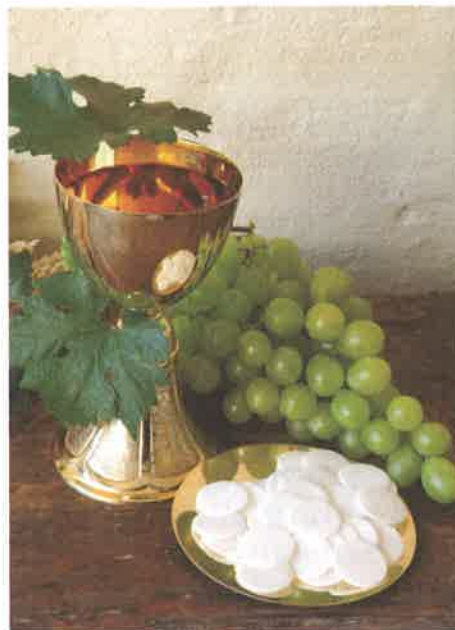
Gethsemane Cemetery's Annual Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 30th at 10am. All are welcome and Mass will be held rain or shine.

The Polish-American Heritage Assoc. will be hosting a reception on Sunday, June 12, from 1-3PM at the Polish-American Cultural Center, Room 509, at Goggleworks with the opening of their exhibit focusing on the art of local Polish-American artists. Come and meet some of the artists.

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.

May 29, 2016

Dear Padre



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Is taking just the host full participation?

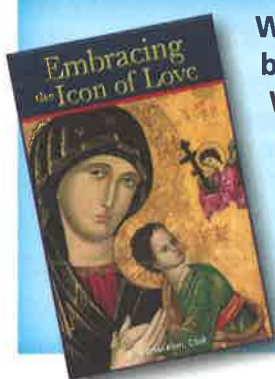


Do we need both bread and wine to receive Christ's Body and Blood? If I receive only the host—not the Precious Blood—am I participating fully in the Eucharist?

By only taking the host you are participating fully. In the same way, if you only drink from the chalice you are participating fully. Jesus is always fully present in each form—both one and the other. Many times it is not possible to offer the chalice to a large congregation; yet there are also times when one cannot receive the host, especially in sickness, and consuming the Precious Blood is easier. In its teaching on the Eucharist, the Church invites us to receive both: "It is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist. This allows the Eucharist to appear more

perfectly as a banquet, a banquet that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the Kingdom of God is established in its fullness (see *Eucharisticum Mysterium*, 32)." In John 6 Jesus invites us to both eat and drink, so it is good to do both if you are able. If you aren't able, or if the chalice isn't offered at your church, you still participate fully. Both forms are always present though, because the priest must always receive both.

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We are invited to respond to the presentation of Christ by Mary by becoming the ones who must extend our hands and receive this Word, this Christ made flesh. It is as if she is saying to us, "Receive this Word of your salvation!" Mary is inviting us to renew our commitment to live the Gospel and proclaim Christ through our words and actions.

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

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Monday

MAY 30
Weekday
2 Pt 1:2–7
Mk 12:1–12

Tuesday

MAY 31
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14–18a or
Rom 12:9–16
Lk 1:39–56

Wednesday

JUNE 1
St. Justin, Martyr
2 Tm 1:1–3, 6–12
Mk 12:18–27

Thursday

JUNE 2
Weekday
2 Tm 2:8–15
Mk 12:28–34

Friday

JUNE 3
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Ez 34:11–16
Rom 5:5b–11
Lk 15:3–7

Saturday

JUNE 4
Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Tm 4:1–8
Lk 2:41–51

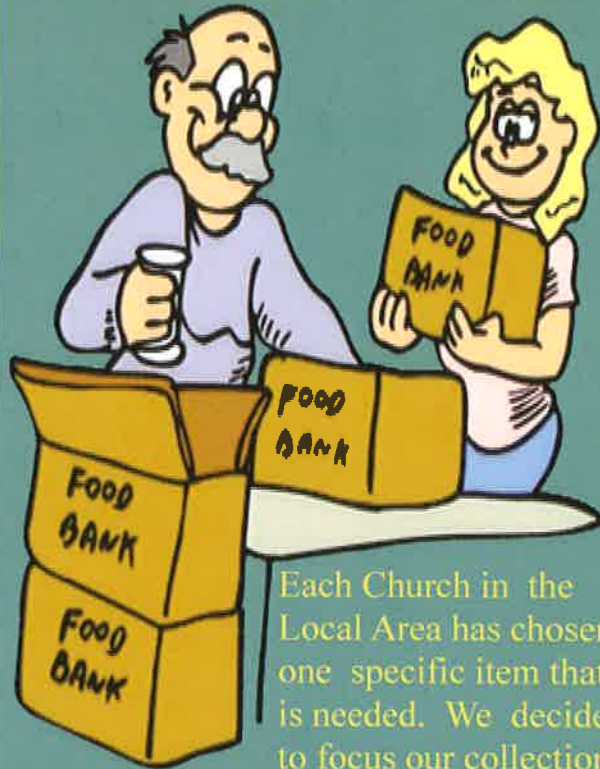
Sunday

JUNE 5
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:17–24
Gal 1:11–19
Lk 7:11–17

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Join Us at the Community Table!



Each Church in the Local Area has chosen one specific item that is needed. We decided to focus our collection on Cleaning Products .

NEEDED ITEMS

CLEANING

PRODUCTS OF ALL

KINDS: Lysol, Clorox, Mr. Clean, Bathroom and Kitchen Cleansers, Windex, Paper Towels, Cleaning Wipes, Laundry Detergent, Mops, Brooms and Sponges

**Immaculate Conception
Parish Supports the
Community Table**

**At Birdsboro
Community Center**

**We will be
collecting
these needed
items in
Collection Bins,
which will be
conveniently
located in the
Narthex**

