



June 4, 2017

Pentecost

Acts 2:1–11

1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13

Jn 20:19–23

Unity of Spirit

The whole group of believers were gathered with Mary, Jesus' mother, in the upper room. They were waiting for power to be given to them from on high, as Jesus had promised. They were like children with their mother, keeping the family together. Being the one on earth closest to Jesus, Mary was the disciples' physical and spiritual connection to him, and they listened to her.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit by Muziano shows us this scene and highlights how colorful a group the first Christians were. Each one is different, each unique, each has his or her own background. Yet when the Spirit calls them together with Mary, there is a beautiful harmony and complementarity. Opposite of the spirit of the evil one, which causes division and

exaggerates individuality, the Spirit of God celebrates legitimate diversity while creating from these different parts one body and one spirit in Christ.

If you have ever been in Rome for an audience with the pope on Wednesday morning or at a large Papal Mass like World Youth Day, you have experienced how the Spirit brings unity amid diversity. These gatherings comprise thousands of people of many different nationalities and languages, but all are united in prayer and a common spirit. This is the miracle brought about by the Spirit.

It's not easy to maintain this unity. It requires we each listen to and strive for the unity Jesus asks of us. Selfish individualism is a constant tendency, but it's much easier to resist it when we are united by Mary and the Church to Christ's Spirit.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How can I encourage greater unity within my family and parish?

Is there a way I can be more of a team player?



Piece: *The Descent of the Holy Spirit*, sixteenth century
Artist: Girolamo Muziano
Location: Second Sala dei Paramenti ceiling

“As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ” (1 Corinthians 12:12).

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PENTECOST SUNDAY – JUNE 4, 2017

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Gus Fredriksen and
 God's Blessings Upon the Graduating Class of ICA 2017*

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	Michael Smith – 12th Anniversary	THURS	7:00 PM	Antonio Barletta
SUN	7:30 AM	Gus Fredricksen	FRI	7:30 AM	David Stunhofer
	9:00 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners	SAT	5:15 PM	Mary Varney
	11:00 AM	Living Members of the Women's Society	SUN	7:30 AM	Mary Terraroni
MON	6:00 PM	ICA Graduation		9:00 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners
TUES	7:30 AM	Elizabeth & William Wagner		11:00 AM	Camillo & Annie Tucci
WED	7:30 AM	Kathleen Reppert			
	9:00 AM	ICA Mass – John Burns			

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Gulla 5:15 Pisarek 7:30 Schwendt 9:00 Grieco 11:00 Hafer

DAY	MASS	Lector	COMMENTATOR	ALTAR SERVERS
SAT	5:15PM	Joe Bailey	Jennifer Stuart	Michael DiScala, Will Gray, Aiden Reber
SUN	7:30AM	Dan Sweeney	Pam Amos	Adam and Carlina Davis, Amanda Marley
	9:00AM	Brian Hannon	Victor González	Brianna González, Chris and Lyndsay Surkosky
	11:00AM	Rhonda Ouimet	Becky Shemanski	John Dinnocenti, Vinny Ferrara, Luke Voelker

Second Collection Next Week is the Monthly Collection

Immaculate Conception Academy has openings in its Full Day Kindergarten program for the 2017-18 school year!

In addition to providing a strong foundation in mathematics and language arts, our program features S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education as well as art, music, and physical education. Before and after school care options are available.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at 610-404-8645 or adele.reilly@icaknights.org.

****Openings are still available in Preschool, Pre-K and grades 1-8 as well! Contact us today!!! Space is limited in some classes****

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Yolanda Marino, Ann Schlott, Kathy Patrick, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Dan Casciano, Jake Maccarone, Madge Butto, Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad, Rose Osorio, Tony Guilliams, Steve Mammarella, Joseph Kolenda, Doninic Strock, Bob Hocker, Mike DiScala, Mildred Mattassa, Deb Petras, Ronald Kryman, Anna Swiezak, Margarie & Walter Hansen, Robert Thomas, Rita Dougherty, Norma Nanni, Lou Franco, Lucille Schiel, John Fritz, Lucy Doney, Mary Okuniewski, Joe Weyand, Mark McDonald, Stephen Spitko, Virginia Marks, Ken Rumler, Helen McDonald, Mark Vignone, William Reardon, Eileen Ridall, George Sohn and TJ Doyle

Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Rick Gamoneda and Ms. Cynthia Long

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS: Monsignor McCann, Deacon Hiryak, Deacon Bardi and Deacon Giordano visit our parishioners who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or homebound regularly. If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please call the parish office at 610-582-2411.

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Tues 06/06 7:30pm Baptism Class

Sat 06/10 4-5pm Confession



WHAT'S HAPPENING



2017 Mission Appeal – Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception will cordially welcome Father John Bosco Musinguzi to our church the weekend of June 17-18 for the annual Mission Appeal. Through our generosity to the Mission Appeal we have the opportunity to extend the proclamation of the good news of the gospel in foreign lands and to render assistance to the poor and those most vulnerable. Thank you for your generosity.

2017 Vacation Bible School - "Mission Discovery"

VBS will be held July 17 through July 21, 6pm to 8pm. VBS is open to children ages 5 to 11. Adult and teen volunteers are always welcome. Join the mission to discover what God is calling you to do with your life! Contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or ccd@icbvm.org with questions.

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal *We are grateful to our parishioners who have already made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$300 gift may be setup with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and generosity to those who are less fortunate will allow the ministries of our diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. To make your gift online, visit FaithHopeCharityGives.org, pick up a pledge form in the pews of the church or call the Appeal office at 800-831-4443.*

CCD Registration Forms are available in the Narthex, on icbvmccd.org, at the parish office, 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, please call Mrs. O'Donnell at (610) 582-3880.

A WOMEN'S DAY OF SPIRITUALITY - JUNE 10, 9-3, \$20
ST. THOMAS MORE FAMILY CENTER, 1040 FLEXER AVE,
ALLENTOWN, 18103 - THEME: ST. ELIZABETH "BLESSED IS SHE" - MOTHER OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST -
PRESENTER REVEREND RICHARD BRENSINGER
REGISTER AT www.allentowndiocese.org/CFW-spirituality
CALL JOANIE NORELLI 917-406-4879

The Women's Society is wrapping up another successful year of service. Thanks to our dedicated officers, our wonderful members and the loving support of the parish community, we were able to raise better than \$16,000 for the needs of the church. Our fundraisers this year included Casino Bus Trips, Apple Dumpling Sale, Christmas Cookie Assortments, Soup Sale, Easter Candy Sale and numerous bake sales. We look forward to next season and hope to welcome new members. We wish all of our members and parishioners a safe and happy summer.

RESORTS AC TRIP – June 23rd - Leave church promptly at 9:30am – package deal: pay \$32, get \$25 back – Call Carol J at 610-775-4447

2017: Centennial Celebration of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception joyfully thanks God for the great gift of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Portugal. The closeness of Our Lady to us and her call to return to the Gospel through prayer, sacrifice and conversion are as important for us today as they were in 1917.

"The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...of the life of peoples and nations that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

– Sister Maria Lucía of Fatima

To mark the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima apparitions, our parish family of the Immaculate Conception will host an Evening of Prayer on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar for a Holy Hour beginning at 6:00 pm. During the Holy Hour, at 6:30 pm the Rosary and Fatima Litany will be prayed. The Holy Hour will conclude at 7:00 pm with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass. Confessions will be heard throughout the Holy Hour. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Berks Catholic is hosting Saints Boys' Basketball, Cheerleading, and Dance Camps for grades 1-8, June 12th-16th. Call Tony Balistrere at 610-374-8361, ext 224. For camp information and registration forms go to www.berkscatholic.org.

Post Abortion Healing Retreat - Hurting from a past abortion? Plan to attend the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend, June 23-25. Within a safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment, experience God's healing love, and forgiveness. For more information or to register call Sr. Meg at 610-332-0442 Ext. 19, toll free at 1-866-3 Rachel, or projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org For a complete listing of Retreat dates and locations visit www.rachelsvineyard.org

The Serra Clubs of the Allentown Diocese invite all the faithful to join in celebrating our newly ordained Priest, Father John Rother, with a reception and dinner on June 19th at Saint Mary's parish hall in Hamburg, 5:30 to 8PM. Keynote speaker is Fr Robert Finlan. Dinner will be provided by Boscov's catering. Tickets are \$40. Contact Joe Zawaly at 610-944-7313 by June 11th.

**Immaculate Conception Academy
Positions Available**

Immaculate Conception Academy is accepting applications for teacher and classroom aide openings, including a part time music teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Teacher candidates must hold or be eligible for PA certification. Teaching candidates, please send letter of interest, resume, copies of certification and transcripts, along with clearances and references. Classroom aide candidates, please send letter of interest and resume to Mrs. Patricia Tarquinio, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, PA 19518.

WATER IS ON IN THE CEMETERY

Calendar

Monday

June 5

St. Boniface,
Bishop and Martyr

Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8
Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday

June 6

Weekday
Tb 2:9-14
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday

June 7

Weekday
Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday

June 8

Weekday
Tb 6:10-11;
7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a
Mk 12:28-34

Friday

June 9

Weekday
Tb 11:5-17
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday

June 10

Weekday
Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20
Mk 12:38-44

Sunday

June 11

The Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9
2 Cor 13:11-13
Jn 3:16-18

Dear Padre,

Why don't Catholics recognize confirmations from other Christian churches if we accept their baptisms?

Baptism signs us with an indelible mark, it defines our character. It can never be repeated. A baptism is always held to be valid if a person is baptized with water using the Trinitarian formula (CCC 1256). If a priest is unsure of the validity of a person's baptism, he would baptize the person conditionally, recognizing the earlier baptism if it happened and was valid. The minister of baptism is usually an ordained minister, but in necessity anyone can baptize, including a non-Christian if he intends what the Church intends.

Confirmation also leaves an indelible mark, as does holy orders, and they also cannot be repeated. What makes confirmation different from baptism is



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that the minister of confirmation is ordinarily the bishop because this expresses the Apostolic Unity of the Church (CCC 1312). If someone was confirmed in a Church that has apostolic succession, her confirmation would be considered valid. But if she was not confirmed in a church with apostolic succession, the Catholic Church wouldn't

recognize the confirmation as valid, and she would have to be reconfirmed.

All Christian churches have a common understanding of what the sacrament of baptism is, but while other churches might have Communion, confirmation, and even ordination, their celebration of the sacraments may not include all the requirements necessary for the Catholic Church to consider them valid.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

"Dear friends, let us open wide the door of our lives to the new things of God which the Holy Spirit gives us. May he transform us, confirm us in our trials, strengthen our union with the Lord, our steadfastness in him: this is a true joy!"

—Homily, Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation,
April 28, 2013