

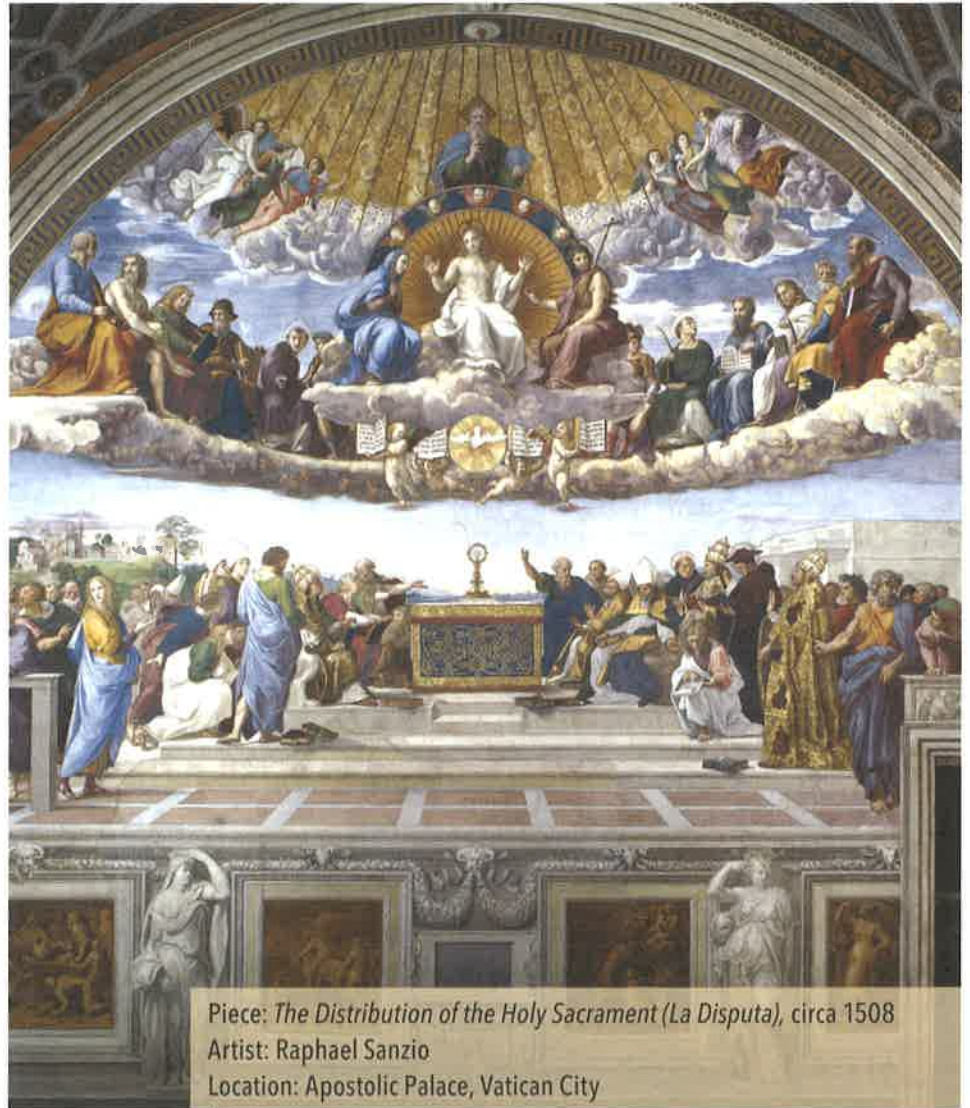
A Deeper Hunger

The Book of Deuteronomy is written to the Israelites now safely in the Promised Land. After the pains of the desert, they enjoy prosperity and blessing. In the desert they were given a food they had never known before. Manna was a new discovery and a gift for their survival. Now that they could enjoy fruit and meat, Moses commands them to remember when they totally depended on God. In their abundance, they run the risk of forgetting all God has done. They are asked to recall, to remember, to memorize.

Cultivating our memory and recalling the acts of God's fidelity and providence are important to nurturing our faith. If we don't, our mind will glorify the forbidden fruits, or, like the Hebrews remembering the onions of Egypt, we will desire the food of our slavery.

We also experience a deeper hunger, more persistent than the physical. We hunger for love, freedom, peace, and communion. Jesus satisfies the deepest desires of the human heart. He gives up everything to win us back, even his own body and blood. We find freedom in submitting ourselves to the one who lifts us up. Peace and communion come from sharing the cup of his love. Jesus truly satisfies our hunger and thirst.

When we look around,



Piece: *The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament (La Disputa)*, circa 1508

Artist: Raphael Sanzio

Location: Apostolic Palace, Vatican City

foods are available that claim to be more satisfying. Some, in the absolute, can be venom: wealth, power, pleasure. Other realities, even the most pure, are beautiful but only partially nourish us, leaving us unsatisfied. The only truly filling food is that which the Lord gives.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Where do I go to eat? Who or what nourishes me? Am I tempted, enslaved, or weakened by less filling foods?

“Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you” (John 6:53).

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CORPUS CHRISTI – JUNE 18, 2017

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Ken Barth
 And In Memory of Joe Nanni*

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

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| SAT | 5:15 PM | Philip Kubovcsak | THURS | 7:00 PM | Special Intention |
| SUN | 7:30 AM | Living & Deceased Parishioners | FRI | 7:30 AM | Maryanna Niemczyk |
| | 9:00 AM | Living & Deceased Fathers | SAT | 5:15 PM | Betty Erjavec |
| | 11:00 AM | Living & Deceased Fathers | SUN | 7:30 AM | Helen Janiszewski – 26 th Anniversary |
| MON | 7:30 AM | Carl Kubitz | | 9:00 AM | Barbara & Charles Becker – 50 th Wedding Anniversary |
| TUES | | No Mass | | 11:00 AM | Living & Deceased Parishioners |
| WED | | No Mass | | | |

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Zubik 5:15 Zubik 7:30 Collura 9:00 McCauley 11:00 DeFalco

| DAY | MASS | Lector | COMMENTATOR | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| SAT | 5:15PM | Barbara Giordano | Mary Schwendt | Carson Endy, Austin Lobaugh, Sean Purretta |
| SUN | 7:30AM | Dennis Piontek | Sean Werner | Sarah Forkin, Anna and Daniel Schlegel |
| | 9:00AM | Pat Fessler | Brian Hannon | Stephen Hannon, Marissa and Steven Tepper |
| | 11:00AM | Mary Ann Cotter | John Peterson | Faith Ouimet, Danni Passifone, Elly Smithson |

Second Collection Next Week is for Debt Reduction

2017 Vacation Bible School

"Mission Discovery"

July 17 through July 21, 6-8pm

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.

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, Steve Manunarella, Joseph Kolenda, Dominic 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, George Sohn, Justine Marie Mattassa, Paul Milshaw, Faye Nanni, Maria Houck, Regina Genovese, Barbara Reznick, Darlene Strock, Irene Wade, Joseph Shevenock and TJ Doyle

Pray for the recently departed: Reverend Raymond P. Slezak and Martha Varney Hefferon

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:

Mon 06/19 7pm Bereavement Support Group

Sat 06/24 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Immaculate Conception Church

**Summer Office Hours beginning June 19th
Tuesday through Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm**

Immaculate Conception Academy

**Summer Office Hours
Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00am to 1:00pm**

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****

2017 Mission Appeal – Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception cordially welcomes Father John Bosco Musinguzi to our church this weekend, 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. Contributions for the Mission Appeal may be placed in the basket for the second collection after Holy Communion. Thank you for your generosity.

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

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.

The Bishop's Annual 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.

Pledge cards for the Bishop's Annual Appeal are available in the pews of the church or visit FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

WATER IS ON IN THE CEMETERY

Bereavement Support Group meets on June 19th, 7pm in the lower level (rear) of the parish office building.

Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome. Call Pat 610-775-1892 or Toni 610-404-1389.

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.

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

ICC Girls Volleyball – Grades 5-8 – Meetings at ICA on Mondays in June and July (except the 3rd). If interested in playing, contact Marianne at 610-334-5745 or gearycmc@ptd.net

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR SUNDAY BEST?

Dressing appropriately for Mass shows mindfulness toward God, as well as respect for the sanctity of the church and the worship experience of fellow parishioners. When getting dressed for Mass be mindful that you are preparing to present yourself to God. Think about it – the angels hide their face before His Majesty – and what have we just pulled off the hanger? If we're dressed for the beach, the gym or a back yard barbecue, we need to back up and try again! It'll only take a minute, and God will bless us for the effort.

**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.

Immaculate Conception Academy Transfer Grants

Any public, private, or charter school student who transfers into Immaculate Conception Academy, grades 1 through 7, will receive a Bishop's Tuition Transfer Grant of \$1,500 over two school years (\$1,000 the first year; \$500 the second). Call Adele Reilly at 610-404-8645.

CYO ART CONTEST - Students in grades 6-8 from seven schools participated in the annual CYO Art Contest. The art was displayed at the Goggle Works in Reading during the month of May. Immaculate Conception Academy had 15 winning entries. *Congratulations!*

Immaculate Conception is collecting cleaning products to assist in meeting the needs of the Food Pantry, called "Community Table". The Collection Bin is in the Narthex.

Calendar

Monday

June 19

Weekday

2 Cor 6:1–10

Mt 5:38–42

Tuesday

June 20

Weekday

2 Cor 8:1–9

Mt 5:43–48

Wednesday

June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Religious

2 Cor 9:6–11

Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday

June 22

Weekday

2 Cor 11:1–11

Mt 6:7–15

Friday

June 23

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Dt 7:6–11

1 Jn 4:7–16

Mt 11:25–30

Saturday

June 24

Nativity of

St. John the Baptist

Is 49:1–6

Acts 13:22–26

Lk 1:57–66, 80

Sunday

June 25

Twelfth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10–13

Rom 5:12–15

Mt 10:26–33

Dear Padre,

Why does my priest tell me it's not OK for Catholics to be cremated and have their ashes scattered?

An answer from Catholic Tradition needs to start with reminding ourselves that respect for the dignity of the human person, who is a union of body and soul, is a core moral principle. We must keep this in mind as we make decisions throughout life and into death.

Cremation is not forbidden by the Church, but the scattering of ashes is. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “The Church permits cremation, provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body” (CCC 2301). The scattering of ashes represents a denial of our Christian belief in the resurrection of the body in both its communal and individual elements.

The cremated remains represent the human person and are a sign of how God blessed us through this person. Dispersing these ashes over a lake or field is inappropriate because final closure to our earthly life should include remaining with the community of faith, even in death, as we await the resurrection of the body.

The remains also symbolize the individuality of that person, and burying them in consecrated ground or putting them in a columbarium honors the unique sacredness of the person's life. That's why Catholic cemeteries provide space for the remains of those who are cremated. It also provides a place where loved ones can show respect for the remains—a place and space that doesn't exist when cremated remains are scattered.

Source: *Liguorian*, February 2011
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

“Let us ask ourselves...in adoring Christ who is really present in the Eucharist: do I let myself be transformed by him? Do I let the Lord who gives himself to me guide me to going out ever more from my little enclosure in order to give, to share, to love him and others? Brothers and sisters, following, communion, sharing. Let us pray that participation in the Eucharist may always be an incentive: to follow the Lord every day, to be instruments of communion, and to share what we are with him and with our neighbor.”

—Homily, Solemnity of Corpus Christi, May 30, 2013