

What's in a Name?

In this painting the upper scene shows Peter and Andrew walking toward Jesus. The lower central scene depicts Peter in the center, with Andrew behind him, and Jesus enthroned on a rock pointing toward him.

The scene is simple for a reason. Jesus' call is simple: Follow me. Our response should be simple, too. We often complicate the call with questions, fears, or doubts, wanting clarifications and assurances. But it is a simple imperative that requires a one-word answer: yes or no. Or as Samuel responded, "Speak, LORD for your servant is listening."

Once accepted, the call implies a new identity born of a new, deeper relationship. When Jesus calls Simon, he changes his name. In the Bible, a name change indicates a new mission or purpose. Abram was renamed Abraham to father the Old Testament people in faith.

Simon is now Cephas, or rock. His mission is to father the New Testament people in faith. He is to be a solid, unbreakable foundation for his brothers—and eventually the whole Church. His strength comes not from perfection, for we know Peter was weak, but from his acceptance of Jesus' love and call no matter his own weakness.

Similarly, in baptism and confirmation we take new names that come with our new, deeper calls. It is a meaningful Catholic tradition that parents name their children after a saint who becomes a model for their lives. Like Peter, we are called to greatness by Jesus, who looks at us, names us, and says, "Come follow me." Let's live up to that beautiful, simple invitation!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *The Calling of St. Peter and St. Andrew*, 1500s

Artist: Giorgio Vasari and assistants

Location: Vatican Museums



For Reflection

Are you named after a saint or someone in particular? If so, how does that saint or person inspire you?

[Jesus said,] "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas which is translated Peter."

(John 1:42)

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 14, 2018

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Frank Janiszewski

In Memory of Cynthia S. Schickram

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	Joseph D. Nanni	THURS	7:00 PM	Henry Mammarella
SUN	7:30 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners	FRI	7:30 AM	Cynthia S. Schickram
	9:00 AM	Darlene Strock	SAT	5:15 PM	Gordon Corson
	11:00 AM	Gabriele D'Onofrio	SUN	7:30 AM	Josephine Buchanan
MON	No Mass			9:00 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners
TUES	7:00 PM	Susan Smith		11:00 AM	Victoria Barletta
WED	7:30 AM	Matilda Kroutch – 2 nd Anniversary			

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Gulla **5:15pm** Costanzo **7:30am** Collura **9:00am** Grieco **11:00am** Hafer

DAY	MASS	Lector	COMMENTATOR	ALTAR SERVERS
SAT	5:15PM	Jennifer Stuart	Shirley Wheeler	Alex and Jason Carvalho, Michael DiScala
SUN	7:30AM	Sean Werner	Sherry McCollum	Avery Lang, Amanda Marley, Lyndsay Surkosky
	9:00AM	Mary Ann Cotter	Pat Fessler	Rachel and Sarah Forkin, Elly Smithson
	11:00AM	Greg Shemanski	Bob Newman	Michael Beitz, Ethan Cline, Zach Whalen

Second Collection Next Week is for Debt Reduction

Save the date!!!!

Immaculate Conception Academy
 Winter Open House
 Sunday, January 28, 2018
 9am- 1pm

Please join us to see what a
 difference ICA makes!

For more information or to RSVP,
 contact Mrs. Adele Reilly,
 Advancement Director at 610-404-
 8645 or adele.reilly@icaknights.org
 Visit us at www.icaberks.org!
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 Conception Academy

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Yolanda Marino, Ann Schlott, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Jake Maccarone, Madge Butto, Joan Cronin, Rose Osorio, Steve Mammarella, Dominic Strock, Bob Hocker, Mike DiScala, Deb Petras, Ronald Kryman, Anna Swiezak, Margarie & Walter Hansen, Rita Dougherty, Lou Franco, Virginia Marks, Ken Rumler, Harry Wood, Tony Guilliams, Fannie Hunter, John LeFosse, Robert Thomas, Theresa Lynch, Mark McDonald, Dante Stetina, Nancy Iezzi, Charles Reppert, Helen McDonald, Joanne Iannotti, Karen Dougherty

Welcome to our new parishioners: Mrs. Colleen Jackson

Pray for the departed: Sean William Gleason

Newly Baptized: Emma Grace Clay, Maisie Noelle Clay, Sawyer Oliver Clay

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	01/15	2pm Bereavement Support Group 7:30pm RCIA
Tues	01/16	7:30pm Bell Choir
Wed	01/17	7pm Women's Society Meeting
Thurs	01/18	7:30pm Adult Choir
Sat	01/20	4-5pm Confessions

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please note there will be no Mass on Monday, January 15th.

Discover/Rediscover Catholicism - Join us on Monday evenings for a better understanding of our Catholic Faith. This week's topic is the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) presented by Deacon Jim Bardi. Class begins at 7:30pm in the office building lower level meeting room. All are welcome. Contact the office with questions at 610-582-2411.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS – Any 8th grade student in Catholic, public or private school who is registered in a parish of the Diocese of Allentown is eligible to apply for a one-year partial scholarship of \$1,000 to be applied to tuition at Berks Catholic High School. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of participation in activities, service to school and community, special honors, leadership positions, academic achievement and the recommendation of the pastor. For an application please contact Immaculate Conception Academy Principal, Mrs. Christine Foley at 610-404-8645 or Mrs. Dawn O'Donnell, Director of Religious Education at 610-582-3880. ***Application Deadline is February 16, 2018.***

Women's Society Meeting - January 17th, 7pm in the social hall. All members are requested to attend if able. Meeting will begin with recitation of the Rosary, followed by business meeting. Light refreshments will be offered. If you have never been to a meeting, please come and join us. All women of the parish are welcome to participate in any of our activities whether they are a member or not. If you have been thinking about joining, just come to any one of our meetings to check us out. It is not a big commitment of time as we meet only once a month to plan our events. Call Marsha at 610.385.6319 for information.

Hot, hearty, and homemade! That describes the wonderful selection of soups you will find at the Women's Society Annual Soup Sale on January 20/21. Choosing just one will be a challenge, so why not pick up a couple of your favorites or take this opportunity to try something new! If you would like to donate one of your family favorites, please pick up containers in the narthex of the church or in the church office.

March for Life – January 19th – ICC is sponsoring a bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC. Thousands upon thousands of Americans flock to the Nation's Capital every January to remember the more than 55 million Americans who have been lost to abortion. We march to remember the moms and dads who have suffered from the pain of abortion. We march with the vision of a culture of life, one where every child is welcomed into life, and protected by law. For information, call Angela at 610-582-6993 or icc_march4life@windstream.net.

Bereavement Support Group will meet on January 15th, 2pm in the lower level of the Parish office. We welcome anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Call Toni 610-404-1389 or Pat 610-775-1892.

Lector Training Session – February 3rd, 9-12 in the church. *If you love to read and live the Word of God and feel called to this very important ministry, this is a wonderful opportunity to share this gift with the members of our parish. To register, call the parish office at 610-582-2411 or email secretary@icbvm.org*

Immaculate Conception Academy's 2017-18 Annual Fund Appeal is now underway! Visit www.icaberks.org for more information or to make your tax deductible online donation!

Donations can be mailed to: Immaculate Conception Academy, Attn: Adele Reilly, Advancement Director, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, 19518

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK STARTS JANUARY 28TH

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 28

9am Opening Mass

9am-1pm ICA Open House

10-12 Science Fair Set-Up

Candy Bar BINGO Doors Open at 1pm, Games start 2pm
(Bring candy bar for admission-ICC Social Hall)

Monday, January 29

9am Science Fair judging

1:30pm 4th Grade Wax Museum

Tuesday, January 30

Academy Tours 9-11am and 1-2:30pm

9-11am Science Fair Tours

Brain Show Mania (12:45 grades 5-8/1:45 grades K-4)

6:15pm - Science Fair Awards

Wednesday, January 31

Make your own Sundaes at Lunch

Step-Up Day

Thursday, February 1

Dress Down Day - Prayer Partner Game Day

Teacher Luncheon

Afternoon at the Movies

Friday, February 2

Parish Family welcome to all of today's activities

9am Special Person Mass - Please join us for light refreshments after Mass

12pm – Early Dismissal

Please mark your calendars for all of the fun events we have scheduled for the week. We hope you can join us!

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For registration information, please contact Adele Reilly at 610-404-8645 or adele.reilly@icaknights.org.

Kindergarten students must be aged 5 by 10/15/18 and 1st Grade students aged 6 by 10/15/18.

Berks Catholic Open House and Registration Event on Sunday, January 28th beginning promptly at 2pm. To register or for more information, visit www.berkscatholic.org or 610-374-8361, x244.

Calendar

Monday

January 15

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

January 16

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

January 17

St. Anthony,

Abbot

1 Sm 17:32–33, 37,

40–51

Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

January 18

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

Friday

January 19

Weekday

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

January 20

Weekday

2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12,

19, 23–27

Mk 3:20–21

Sunday

January 21

Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1–5, 10

1 Cor 7:29–31

Mk 1:14–20

Dear Padre,

What's wrong with memorized traditional prayers?

Archbishop Fulton Sheen encountered a woman who declared that she'd never become Catholic because they pray the same words in the rosary over and over, and she and God doubt the sincerity of anyone who repeats the same words. Sheen asked her if she was sure that her fiancé loved her. "Certainly he does." "But how do you know?" "He told me." Then she affirmed that her fiancé had told her so within the hour. When Sheen asked, "Did he tell you before?" she replied that he told her "I love you" every night. Sheen advised her not to believe him: "He is repeating; he is not sincere."

As Sheen cleverly demonstrates, the words "I love you" don't lose meaning with repetition. Likewise, prayer—whether rote or spontaneous—is a way of saying, "I love you" to God. It places us in God's presence, celebrating our loving relationship with him. Saint Teresa of Ávila, a doctor of prayer, wrote in *Interior Castle of the Soul* that it was important "not to think much but to love much" when praying. She even considered it a blessing when her mind wandered in prayer because it forced her to concentrate on loving God rather than merely thinking about him!

The right form of personal prayer, then, is the one that best expresses our love for God in a spirit of humility, confidence, and perseverance—three requirements needed for true prayer, according to another doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus Liguori.



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A Word From Pope Francis

This is a lesson for each one of us....If we let ourselves be led by the Holy Spirit, if we are able to mortify our selfishness to make room for the Lord's love and for his will, we will find peace, we will be builders of peace and will spread peace around us.

—Address to pilgrims in Bergamo, Italy, June 3, 2013