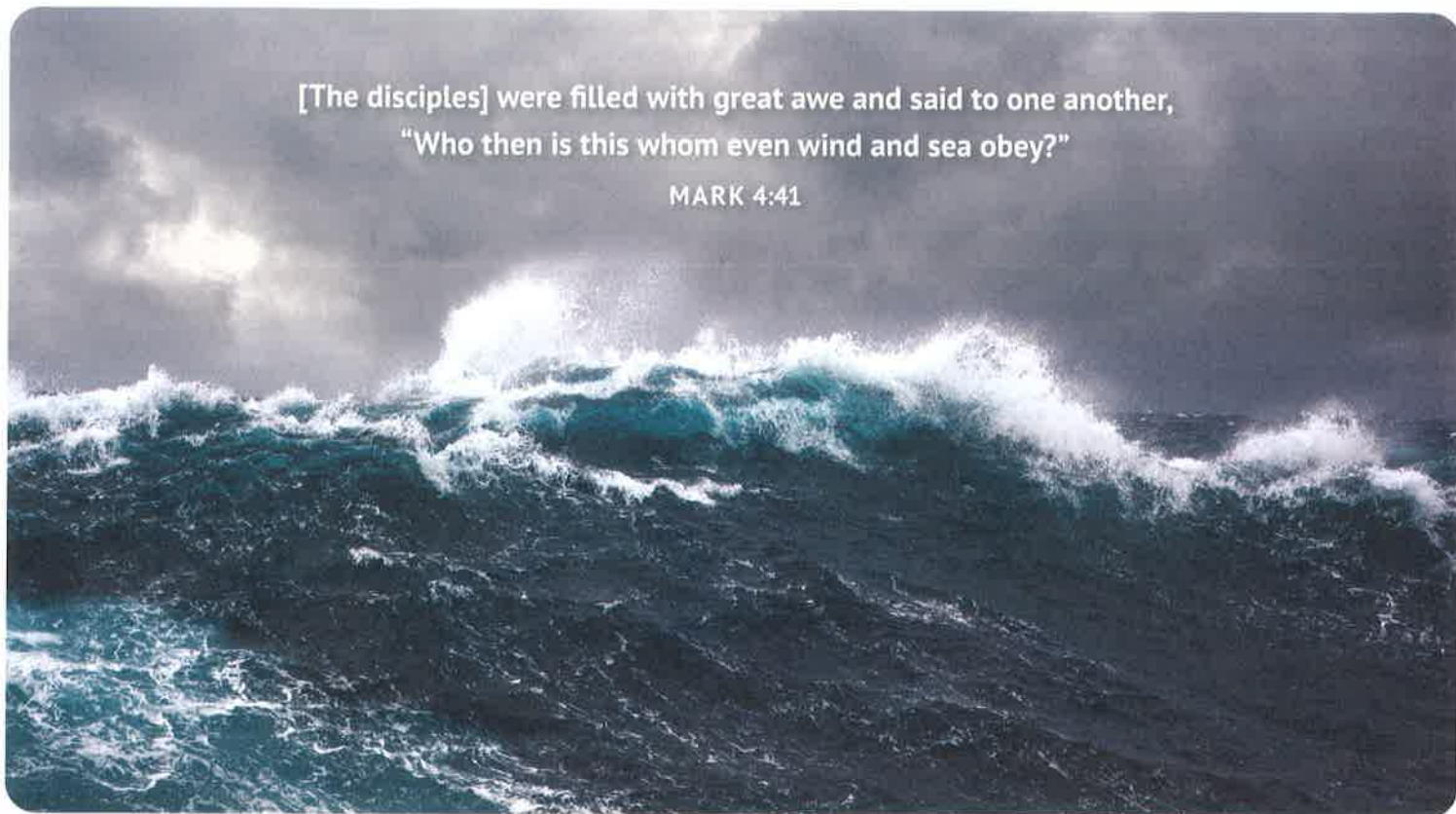




[The disciples] were filled with great awe and said to one another,
“Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?”

MARK 4:41



Calming Our Storms

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The Gospels use images to help us understand the inner journey of our hearts and spirits. This Gospel story of being swamped by a storm is also about the storms of daily living and how they can bring us to faith. “As evening drew on” suggests those times in life when we move into darkness and confusion. These moments may occur when “we cross to the other side” of life—from childhood through adolescence and into adulthood, through sickness until we find healing, from raising a family to being empty-nesters, the stress we seek to manage through the upheavals of life—all times when we can feel overwhelmed by what we cannot control.

The Gospel today suggests: 1) Confronted by the question, “Why are you terrified? Do you not have faith?” it submits that it is God who calms our storms and not we ourselves. 2) The Gospel story is more about bringing calm and peace into our stormy inner turmoil than about fixing the outer turmoil with which we may be struggling. 3) The inner calm usually comes at the point of surrender, when we fear the worst because life is beyond our control: “Do you not care that we are perishing?” 4) Though our inner storm grows calm by surrendering to God through faith, the events of our outer storm may continue to be present, yet those events lose their power to overcome us when we accept that God is in control, not us. ●

Reflect

Have you ever found peace by surrendering your attempt to control your life?

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 23, 2024

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Cody Luke Morris,

In Memory of Helen Janiszewski and

God's Blessings on Theresa & Gene Gaumer on their 55th Wedding Anniversary

★★ MASS INTENTIONS★★

SAT	5:15 PM	Cody Luke Morris	THURS	7:00PM	Special Intention
SUN	7:30 AM	Helen Janiszewski 33 rd Anniversary	FRI	7:30AM	Deceased Members of the Grace Family
	9:00 AM	Betty & John Effinger 60 th Wed. Anniv.	SAT	5:15PM	Helen and Frank Janiszewski
	11:00 AM	Bill Komorosky	SUN	7:30AM	Our Parishioners
MON	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners		9:00AM	Barb & Ken Reis 60 th Wedding Anniv.
TUES	7:00 PM	Gerald Wright		11:00AM	Teri Lynch
WED	7:30 AM	Mary Volpiccini			

The Second Collection Next Week is the Peter's Pence Collection

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Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Madge Butto, Pat Fessler, Sunny Motta, Curt Miller, Loretta Hitchens, Dante Stetina, Barbara Ruby, Kara Morrison, Arlene Shirley, George Ruby, Harriet Yeager, Marjorie Hansen, Jason Leman, Ann Washko, Anthony Scaglione, Maryanne Emery, Pam Amos, Marianne Sutton, John Mingione, Henry J. Wade, Lois Muldowney, Terry Swisher, Arlene Schaeffer, Shelly Weiler, Joe Nowotarski, Steven Blanyar, Jennifer Gruber, Adele Nieckoski, Shawn Kaeser, Catherine Mueller, Regina Marie Brown, Ralph Rapposelli, Joe Dantas, Debbie Simcock, Wanda Palmieri, Msgr. Nevin Klinger, Barbara Wright, Charlotte Glacken, Beppe McGee, David Mollura, Mary Louise Myers, Mary Ann Uivary, Michael Bobb, John Kuznir, Joseph Ondo, Rose White, Karl Husbands, Magdalene Babiarz, Michael Gulla, Alex Lopacki, Angelina Swisher, Geraldine Christ, Rachel DiFrancesco, Millie Mattassa, Bill Pribanick, Rosemary Williamson, Christine Hummer, Tony Williams, Phyllis Villano & Bob Warunek, Sharon Painter & Cletus McLaughlin

Please pray for the deceased Catherine Stankiewicz

Our parish church is open each day of the week from 8am to 3pm for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Each Sunday, the 11am Mass is live-streamed on our Facebook page for those who are sick and homebound. Access the live-streaming Mass from our parish website at

www.icbvm.org

OUR PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 11 AM-3 PM. IF YOU CALL
THE PARISH OFFICE AND NO ONE ANSWERS YOUR
CALL, PLEASE LEAVE A DETAILED MESSAGE AND
YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED
610-582-2411

Mary Queen of Peace Council meets on the
first Tuesday at 7:30pm in the social hall. Join
us to learn more about the Knights of
Columbus and our parish group.

A Request for Prayers: Please keep
parishioners Shawn and Michol Kaeser and
their family in your thoughts and
prayers. Shawn is in end stage kidney failure
and is in need of a transplant. Shawn is
currently receiving dialysis and is on the
transplant list. Please pray that a donor may
soon be found. If interested in learning more
about organ donation, call Shawn at 610-906-
2833 or e-mail at skaeser1969@icloud.com.

Rosary Prayer Group – Tuesdays at 6:30pm
Please join us in praying for our church's
prayer intentions. If you have an intention you
would like the group to remember, please
place your intentions in the Rosary Prayer Box
in the narthex.

Volunteers Needed! Our Parish, in conjunction
with the Mary Queen of Peace Council Knights,
will be providing and serving meals at Kennedy
House, 532 Spruce St, Reading on August 10-11
from 11:30-12:30. Plan to leave from the social
hall parking lot each day at 9:30. Email Todd
Newman at ToddRNewman@msn.com or call the
Parish office at (610) 582-2411, if interested in
volunteering. You can also help financially.
Monetary donations can be placed in the
collection basket in an envelope marked "August
Soup Kitchen."

Friday, July 26, 2024 (10:15 AM to 12:00 PM)

Event: Spirituality for Savvy Seniors

All "seasoned adults" are welcome to join us at
the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA
for a morning of faith-sharing. We will
celebrate the feast day of Saints Joachim and
Anne, with coffee and pastries as we reflect on
a variety of spiritual topics. Following the
11:30 AM Rosary, venerate the relic glove of
Padre Pio,. To register for this free event,
please contact angela@padrepio.org.
Location: National Centre for Padre Pio - 111
Barto Road - Barto, PA 19504

Parish Giving.

SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING

Through Parish Giving, you are able to make
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*Thank you for your commitment to our parish
family and its Mission to proclaim the good news
of the Gospel!*

Won't you join us? It's easy, safe and secure. And
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- † See your year-to-date contributions at any time
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Go to www.icbvm.org and click the Parish Giving
link on the lower left-hand side of the home page.

*Your generosity to Immaculate Conception is greatly
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Church Reminder: SCRIP is available for
Redners, Boscovs, Giant, Kohls, Boyers & Weis.
SCRIP can be purchased in the church office,
Wed. to Fri. & after the Sat. 5:15 pm & Sun.
7:30am Masses. Please remember to save your
Redner's tapes and place them in the box in the
Narthex or drop off at the church office.

MARRIED COUPLES – When's the last
time you gave your marriage a tune-up by
getting away together on a Worldwide
Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-
person experiences are July 12-14 at Our
Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more
info visit: <https://www.wmme-philly.org>
Sunday, July 28, 2024 (11:30 AM to 3:30 PM)

Event: *Witnessing to Life* with Sister Deidre
Byrne, P.O.S.C.

The National Centre for Padre Pio, joyfully
welcomes Sister Deidre Byrne who will share her
life's story as a Religious Sister, a soldier, and a
surgeon. She will address the topics of
Euthanasia and the Eucharist. Feel free to bring a
bag lunch. No registration is required.
Location: National Centre for Padre Pio - 111
Barto Road - Barto, PA 19504

SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

HERO HOTLINE-

Called Together to Serve God

July 15-July 19, 2024 Ages 6-10

Dear Padre,

Do those who have died really remember us?

There are many clear indications in the Bible that the saints in heaven are aware of us and that there is interaction between those in heaven and people on earth. The most obvious passage is found in Hebrews 12:1: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses (those in heaven), let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us." By their prayers, those in the "cloud of witnesses" help us finish the race.

Saint Paul wrote, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us" (Romans 8:18). We will "forget" the troubles we endured on earth, but we will be aware of the sufferings of those who are still on earth, and we will want to help them. Why? Because the greatest happiness, as Jesus said, is in giving (Acts 20:35).

The saints in heaven pray for us on earth; union with them brings us closer to Christ. We pray for those who are being purified after death, and they pray for us. We are one family. The closer our union with God, the closer our union with one another. We have a wonderful goal in life: the promise of union with God and with all those joined to God. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 24 <i>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i> Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80	June 25 Weekday 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Mt 7:6, 12-14	June 26 Weekday 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 Mt 7:15-20	June 27 Weekday 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Mt 7:21-29	June 28 <i>St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr</i> 2 Kgs 25:1-12 Mt 8:1-4	June 29 <i>Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles</i> Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19	June 30 <i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What are the winds that beat against my life? What are the waves that hinder my navigation, and put my spiritual life, my family life, even my psychological life in danger? Let us say all this to Jesus.... He wants this; he wants us to grab hold of him to find shelter from the unexpected waves in life.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 20, 2021

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Immaculate Conception Church

Presents

Vacation Bible School 2024

Hero Hotline – Called Together to Serve God!



Dear Family,

It is time to start planning for Vacation Bible School! This year our theme is *Hero Hotline, Called Together to Serve God!*

At **Hero Hotline VBS**, your children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up!

After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, the Heroes make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Hotline Tips to equip your Heroes for an active life with God. Your Heroes will also discover our Hotline Verse, which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they have discovered by making their own art projects, singing new songs, playing games, and enjoying tasty treats.

Join us as we answer God's call together, to serve, bring peace, and build each other up! Join us at **Immaculate Conception Academy on July 15, 2024 through July 19, 2024, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for ages 6 to 10.**

To register or to find out more about Hero Hotline VBS, call Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880.

Sincerely,

Your Hero Hotline VBS Team

VBS 2024 Registration Form

Hero Hotline

Called Together to Serve God

July 15 – July 19 Ages 6 to 10

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Participant's Name _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names _____

Address _____

Best Email Address _____

Best Contact Phone Number _____

Participant's Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Last school grade completed _____

IMPORTANT: Please list any Special Needs, Allergies, or Medical Information that would be needed for your child to have the best experience.

If the above number cannot be reached, please provide emergency contacts below.

#1 Emergency Contact's Name _____

Best Contact Phone Number _____

#2 Emergency Contact's Name _____

Best Contact Phone Number _____

*Please note: In the event of an emergency 911 will be called first.

Dismissal Information: Other than a parent, please list the name(s) of person(s) who may pick up your child.

Cost: \$30/family – Checks made payable to Immaculate Conception Church - ICC