



About Being Sent

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A cousin died recently. After the burial, I walked among the gravesites remembering many of those I had once known who were now buried nearby. I came across a tombstone engraved with the epitaph: "In all of life God brings us to where we should be." I noted the statement was not about where we *want* to be or where we think we *need* to be, but about where we *should* be. I agree. Even though we may find ourselves grumbling about how it is that we ended up where we are in life, the gospel suggests that God has sent us to that place.

We may think to ourselves: *this is not the life I chose; this is not the marriage I thought it would be; this is not what I thought raising a family would look like; this is not what retirement is supposed to be.* We may think that little of life is what we chose it to be. Yet somehow, God brings us to where we are, as if we've been sent as the Twelve were sent to overcome evil and bring about healing, even though no one ever asked if it was what we wanted. Wherever we are, it is there that we have been chosen to become holy. The Letter to the Ephesians tells us that God chose us, even before the world began to unfold, chose us to be holy, to be the presence of God in all that comes our way. ●

Reflect

How is God calling you to be holy where you are today?



[The Twelve] drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

MARK 6:13

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 14, 2024

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Deacon Charles Giordano

★★ MASS INTENTIONS★★

SAT 5:15 PM Paul Kakalecik
 SUN 7:30 AM Our Parishioners
 9:00 AM Robert Lubrano & Alfreda Kelly
 11:00 AM Linda Bardi
 MON 7:30 AM George Sohn
 TUES 7:00 PM Jerome Setlock
 WED 7:30 AM God's Blessings on Rosmary Nelson

THURS 7:00PM Florence Watts
 FRI 7:30AM Gerald Wright
 SAT 5:15PM Nam Nguyen
 SUN 7:30AM Scott Alderman
 9:00AM Our Parishioners
 11:00AM Margaret & Francis Lynch

The Second Collection Next Week is the Central and Eastern Europe 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, Beppy McGee, David Mollura, Mary Louise Myers, Mary Ann Uivary, John Kusznir, 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 Guilliams Phyllis Villano & Bob Warunek, Sharon Painter, Cletus McLaughlin, Edward Zawora & Linda Walleigh.

Please Congratulate the newly Baptized Liam Donovan and Hadley Amelia Dowling.

Welcome our new Parishioners Sandra & David Walsh Sr.

Please pray for the deceased Michael Bobb

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 IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR CALL, PLEASE LEAVE A DETAILED MESSAGE AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED IN A TIMELY FASHION. 610-582-2411

Come and be Spiritually Refreshed!
Our parish OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) Program for 2024-25 will begin in early October. This year's theme is "Come to the Living Water" from Isaiah 55:1 and John 4:14. The program is open to Catholics and non-Catholics who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Visit the parish website (select Religious Education, then OCIA) for program and registration information or contact the parish office
The ICC CYO Board is planning an information session in the breezeway of the Academy on Wednesday July 24th from 6:00-6:30 PM.

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."

SAVE THE DATE: Parish AYCE Beef 'N Beer Event on Sunday, September 8th from 2:00 - 6:00 PM. Tickets will go on sale in August and are \$35 (Beef & Beer) or \$25 (Food & Soft Drinks). Visit our Narthex display or the Parish website (www.icbvm.org) for more information. Sponsored by the Women's Society and Mary Queen of Peace Council #17145. Thanks for your support!

ICC 2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"HERO HOTLINE - CALLED TOGETHER TO SERVE GOD" will be held this week, July 15 - July 19.

All children ages 6-10 are welcome! Registration forms are available in the narthex and on-line.

Parish Giving

SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING

Through Parish Giving, you are able to make your Sunday Offering, along with special diocesan and other contributions online!

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 YOU have control over your online account. How?

- + You determine a monthly or weekly withdrawal
 - + Use your Credit/Debit card or your checking account
 - + See your year-to-date contributions at any time
 - + Best of all, you don't have to worry about missing a Sunday Collection even if you are away for any reason!
- 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 appreciated!

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

Please remember in your prayers Michael J. Bobb, a former member of our parish family of the Immaculate Conception who died on July 3, 2024. Many parishioners have requested the address for his family so as to express their condolences. Expression of sympathy may be sent to:

Mrs. Tracey Bobb
231 Hideaway Trail
Beavertown, PA 17813

May God grant him the joys of everlasting life.

Friday, July 26, 2024 (10:15 am to Noon)

Event: Spirituality for Savvy Seniors

All "seasoned adults" are welcome to join us at the National Centre for Padre Pio for a morning of faith-sharing. We will celebrate the feast day of Saints Anne & Joachim. To register for this free event, please

contact angela@padrepio.org.

Location: National Centre for Padre Pio
111 Barto Road - Barto, PA 19504

Sunday, July 28, 2024 (11:30 am to 3:30 pm)

Event: Witnessing to Life with Sister Deidre Byrne, The National Centre for Padre Pio, welcomes Sister Deidre Byrne who will share her life's story as a Religious Sister, a soldier, & a surgeon. She will address the topics of Euthanasia & the Eucharist. No registration is required. **Location:** National Centre for Padre Pio 111 Barto Road - Barto, PA 19504

Dear Padre,

Does praying to the saints really do any good?

Prayer can connect us, however mysteriously, to those who have gone before us in faith. If prayer can change people, opening them to God's grace and healing, then surely the saints and our deceased loved ones can facilitate similar healing from their communion at God's right hand. Such prayer also calls us, however subtly, to the central mystery that we also shall one day die and be a part of that communion. Thus, even as we seek the intercession of the saints for our earthly cares, such prayer reminds us that the fire of our own lives is being consumed daily, and that each of us will inevitably receive a call to death when it becomes God's will.

When Sr. Thea Bowman (1937–1990)—brilliant, creative, beautiful, and passionately alive—was diagnosed with cancer, she wondered how to pray. “I didn’t know if I should pray for healing or death. Then, I found peace in praying for what my folks call ‘God’s perfect will.’ As it evolved, my prayer became ‘Lord, let me live until I die.’ By that I mean I want to live, love, and serve fully until death comes. If that prayer is answered, I am able to truly live until I die. How long really doesn’t matter.” ●



GERARD POTTERBAUM

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21
<i>St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Is 1:10–17 Mt 10:34–11:1	Is 7:1–9 Mt 11:20–24	Is 10:5–7, 13b–16 Mt 11:25–27	Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19 Mt 11:28–30	Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8 Mt 12:1–8	Mi 2:1–5 Mt 12:14–21	Jer 23:1–6 Eph 2:13–18 Mk 6:30–34



GIULIO NAPOLITANO / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus...makes [the disciples] see that the Christian journey is simply about changing hearts. One's own heart first all.... It is about learning to live differently, under a different law, with different rules. It is about turning from the path of selfishness, conflict, division, and superiority, and taking instead the path of life, generosity and love.

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