



[Jesus said to the disciples,]  
"Come away by yourselves to a  
deserted place and rest a while."

MARK 6:31

## Dancing in the Dark

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In 1931, Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz collaborated to write the song "Dancing in the Dark." It's said that the lyrics are primarily about how we feel our way through life, not sure where life is leading us and wondering why we're here. There are many who feel they are "dancing in the dark."

The Scriptures this week promise that God will shepherd us through difficult times, particularly when we feel lost amid uncertain choices we must make. Consequently, we are tempted to look for signs about what to do—paying attention to billboards, hoping a tune on the radio will give an answer, opening the Bible at random and pointing to a verse, multiplying prayers in hope of a sudden revelation.

The reality is that God does speak to us, but usually in the silence, in the quiet moments of a busy day.

At times, it may be when we begin to second-guess ourselves and realize we are becoming the sort of person we do not want to become. God's voice may be camouflaged in our emotions, helping us recognize how our fears may be calling us to trust in him, or in our anxieties that move us to face the futility of a relationship. He might be calling us through friends who offer advice contrary to what we think, yet persistently insisting we face what we do not wish to see. It is in the silence that we begin to move from dancing in the dark to marching in sync with a divine rhythm. ●

### Reflect

***Have you ever emerged from a dark time feeling more in touch with God and God's will for you?***

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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 21, 2024

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Sister Daniel Marie Liddy, IHM*

### ★★ MASS INTENTIONS★★

SAT 5:15 PM Nam Nguyen  
SUN 7:30 AM Scott Alderman  
9:00 AM Our Parishioners  
11:00 AM Margaret & Francis Lynch  
MON 7:30 AM No Mass  
TUES 7:00 PM No Mass  
WED 7:30 AM No Mass

THURS 7:00PM No Mass  
FRI 7:30AM No Mass  
SAT 5:15PM Rosalie Mammarella Crosby 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
SUN 7:30AM Wagner Family  
9:00AM Our Parishioners  
11:00AM Alfred & Evelyn Segnere

*The Second Collection Next Week is the Debt Reduction 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 Kuszniur, 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.

Welcome our new Parishioners Dawn Levan, also Andrew Schiel & Family

***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](http://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

**Daily Mass Schedule: Please be advised that there will be no daily Masses this week, Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard**

**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 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-6:30 PM. 2024  
Fall Sports Registration is now open  
. Visit [ICCYOBERKS.ORG](http://ICCYOBERKS.ORG)

**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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.icbvm.org)) for more information. Sponsored by the Women's Society and Mary Queen of Peace Council #17145. Thanks for your support!

## 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!*

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- Go to [www.icbvm.org](http://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](mailto:skaeser1969@icloud.com).

The Esto Vir group will meet in the Meeting Room in the Lower Level of the Office Building on Sat., Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am. The presentation will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Earthly fathers in a series of 6 from "My Father's Father". Coffee & donuts will be available starting at 8 am. The meeting will start at 8:30 am & will end at 10 am. A reminder that we will clean the church starting at 10:30 am after the Esto Vir meeting. If you are physically able to help, it would be appreciated. Please go to the church social hall after the meeting.

**Holy Rosary Parish Italian Family Picnic**

August 11, 2024 Noon-4PM

Victor Emmanuel Grove

Contact Christine Lichman at 310-375-5579

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 on the feast of Saints

Anne & Joachim. To register contact

[angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org)



# Dear Padre,

## What does it mean to call the pope infallible?

Jesus established the Church, gave Peter a special place in it, and promised that the powers of evil would never overcome the Church (see Matthew 16:13–19). This promise indicates that Jesus would not allow the Church to be misled in essential matters of faith or morals. In these matters, Jesus grants the gift of infallibility...not only to the pope, but to the bishops and the faithful in union with the pope.

The pope speaks infallibly when he teaches *ex cathedra* (“from the chair”) as the leader of the whole Church, expressly defining doctrine as a matter of faith or morals (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 891). The pope has done this only once in the past one hundred years, when he declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary.

The Church’s understanding of infallibility reflects our Catholic belief that God will not allow evil to lead the Church astray. It helps us to distinguish what is essential from what is not. A clear understanding of infallibility and its limits may be seen as a safeguard against the misuse of authority. Understood in this manner, infallibility is another gift the Lord gave to the Church. ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### Monday

July 22  
*St. Mary Magdalene*  
Sg 3:1–4b or  
2 Cor 5:14–17  
Jn 20:1–2,  
11–18

### Tuesday

July 23  
*Weekday*  
Mi 7:14–15,  
18–20  
Mt 12:46–50

### Wednesday

July 24  
*Weekday*  
Jer 1:1, 4–10  
Mt 13:1–9

### Thursday

July 25  
*St. James, Apostle*  
2 Cor 4:7–15  
Mt 20:20–28

### Friday

July 26  
*Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Jer 3:14–17  
Mt 13:18–23

### Saturday

July 27  
*Weekday*  
Jer 7:1–11  
Mt 13:24–30

### Sunday

July 28  
*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
2 Kgs 4:42–44  
Eph 4:1–6  
Jn 6:1–15



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*[Jesus'] tender invitation—rest a while—should accompany us. Let us beware...of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.*

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