



“I’m Hungry!”

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Besides the meals we eat, we also feed various other hungers throughout the day.

Try “fasting” from your smartphone or computer for a day—no texting, no emails, no surfing the internet. If you are a news junkie, try going a day without your fix of the latest word from Washington or a sports update. At a creativity workshop, I was once given an assignment of not reading for an entire week, not even a cereal box at breakfast or the day’s TV schedule. The goal was to discover what I would do with all my extra time. Think about what feeds our daily hungers and interests.

What, then, does it mean to say that Jesus is our bread, that he is the one who feeds us and quenches our thirst? To come to him, to have faith in him, to follow him, is to live as he lived. When we do so, we find that our lives take on new meaning. Living as people who forgive feeds our hunger for peace with one another. Generosity breeds generosity; as we meet the needs of others, we find that others also meet our needs, and slowly the world begins to care and heal. Surrendering to God’s ways opens us to a wellspring of strength previously unknown. With Jesus as our bread, we find ourselves fed beyond our trivial hungers. ●

Reflect

Are you finding healthy ways to feed your hungers?



Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

JOHN 6:35

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUG. 4, 2024

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Cindy Burkholder

★★ MASS INTENTIONS★★

SAT 5:15 PM John Butler
 SUN 7:30 AM The Ott Family
 9:00 AM Regina Kelly
 11:00 AM Our Parishioners
 MON 7:30 AM Tommy Lakata
 TUES 7:00 PM Ron Schwendt
 WED 7:30 AM Eugene Yacapsin

THURS 7:00PM No Mass
 FRI 7:30AM No Mass
 SAT 5:15PM Stephanie Gazda
 SUN 7:30AM Nicolina Kennedy
 9:00AM Our Parishioners
 11:00AM Patsy & Walt Kalil

The Second Collection Next Week is the Monthly Collection

WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS
**a part of our
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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, Arlene Schaeffer, Shelly Weiler, 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 Kuszniar, Joseph Ondo, Rose White, Karl Husbands, Magdalene Babiarez, Alex Lopacki, Angelina Swisher, Geraldine Christ, Rachel DiFrancesco, Millie Mattassa, Bill Pribanick, Rosemary Williamson, Tony Guilliams Phyllis Villano, Bob Warunek, Sharon Painter, Cletus McLaughlin, Edward Zawora, Linda Walleigh, Kelly Eichenberg, Rose Kubovcsak & Lyn Weidenhammer.

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, 11AM-3PM. 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 Mass on Thursday & Friday of 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.

2024 Fall Sports Registration is now open. Visit ICCYBERKS.ORG

Blessing of Backpacks

Will occur on Sunday, August 25, 2024 at the 9:00Mass

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!

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

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!

Our parish has a GRIEF SHARING GROUP that can help those who are dealing with a loved one's death. Our next meeting will be Tues., August 6, 7-8pm. If you plan to attend or have questions, please call/text Toni 610 404-1389.

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. If interested in info about organ donation, call Shawn at 610-906-2833, email skaeser1969@icloud.com.

My Heart – A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus," the 1st Local Diocesan Pilgrimage, will be Friday, September 20, 2024, at The National Centre for Padre Pio in nearby Barto, PA. All the faithful in the Diocese of Allentown are invited!
Arrival & Welcome: 8:15 am – 9:00 am
Pilgrimage Events: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Free Time at the Centre: 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Mass with Bishop Schlert, Confession, Adoration, Keynote Address by Megan Murphy, Time for Personal Prayer & to explore the Centre, Interactive Activities, Eucharistic Procession.
If you have questions about the Pilgrimage, please email pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org

Rosary Prayer Group – Tuesdays, 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, place your intentions in the box in the narthex.

Dear Padre,

Are Catholic statues the same as “graven images”?

God forbade the making of idols, images of false gods (Exodus 20:4–5). But God did not forbid the making of all images. Images of cherubim were placed on the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 37:7–9), and the Book of Numbers tells how God commanded Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole as a sign of healing (Numbers 21:7–9).

Not only is the making of images or representations of people not forbidden by God, it is so common that we take it for granted. People keep photographs of those they love. In the same way, we Catholics love the saints as family members who have gone before us, and we keep images of them in our homes and churches.

Catholics do not worship the saints; we worship and adore God alone. But we do honor the saints, remembering their holy lives as we try to imitate them. There is nothing unusual about keeping statues and paintings in prominent places. Many cities display statues of leaders and important citizens. If we are given only secular models to imitate, we will be denied models who can guide us to Jesus and to eternal life. Images of the saints are reminders of God’s grace and goodness fleshed out in the lives of people very much like us. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

August 5
Weekday
Jer 28:1–17
Mt 14:13–21

Tuesday

August 6
*Transfiguration
of the Lord*
Dn 7:9–10,
13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mk 9:2–10

Wednesday

August 7
Weekday
Jer 31:1–7
Mt 15:21–28

Thursday

August 8
*St. Dominic,
Priest*
Jer 31:31–34
Mt 16:13–23

Friday

August 9
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3;
3:1–3, 6–7
Mt 16:24–28

Saturday

August 10
*St. Lawrence,
Deacon and
Martyr*
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Sunday

August 11
*Nineteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
1 Kgs 19:4–8
Eph 4:30–5:2
Jn 6:41–51



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*When we seek first and foremost the satisfaction of our needs,
we risk using people and exploiting situations for our own ends....
Let us welcome Jesus as the bread of life and... learn to love each
other.... Love given freely and without calculation, without using
people, freely, with generosity, with magnanimity.*

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 1, 2021



*Experience
Peace, Tranquility
& Healing at
the Home of Padre
Pio in the USA*



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Megan Murphy

Megan Murphy is a dynamic Catholic speaker, teacher, and evangelist who engages audiences of all ages in the New Evangelization. She is featured nationally at women's conferences, retreats, seminaries, universities, and youth/young adult events. She serves as the Youth Minister of her home parish. Megan hails from Dunmore, Pennsylvania where she lives with her husband Neal. They have four beautiful daughters.

Learn more about Megan at www.meganmurphyministries.com and on Facebook at "Megan Murphy Ministries."

“My Heart - A Pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus”

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

9AM - 2PM • PILGRIMAGE EVENTS

The **Diocesan Pilgrimage Committee** is excited to announce the first local pilgrimage for high school students to The National Centre for Padre Pio, in Barto, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The National Centre for Padre Pio is a scenic spiritual destination honoring one of the most beloved Saints of our time. Padre Pio led a life devoted to his work on the Altar and in the Confessional, embracing his role as a spiritual teacher to all. The National Centre for Padre Pio continues his salvific mission by leading more souls to God in his name.

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The Pilgrimage Includes:

- Mass with Bishop Schlert
- Confession & Adoration
- Interactive Activities throughout the Shrine
- Keynote Address by Megan Murphy
- Eucharistic Procession, and more!

The Centre has accommodations for bus parking and schools must provide their own registration, permission slips, and transportation. Boxed lunches are available for students to purchase for \$10. Schools are responsible for gathering lunch orders and sending a final count to the committee at pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org, by September 12th. If a student elects not to purchase a boxed lunch, they need to bring their own lunch.

School Contact Information

