



Be doers of the word and not hearers only,
deluding yourselves.

JAMES 1:22

One for All and All for One

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, I asked the eighth-graders I was teaching to imagine themselves on a fantasy journey. They had to pretend they were flying across the ocean in a small airplane when suddenly the plane has engine trouble. The pilot manages to land on a sandy island beach. Everyone survives, but a few passengers are injured.

The captain divides the passengers into groups, each with a specific task. One group is responsible for finding food; another for water; another to explore and map the island; another to care for the injured. After explaining the scenario, I divided the eighth-graders into groups of four or five to complete the same “pretend” tasks—to create a set of rules by which to live until they were all rescued. The rules each group created were much the same: share everything, no hoarding, no fighting, obey the captain, no stealing,

those who do not work do not eat. In effect, these eighth-graders created their own “commandments,” enabling the community to survive in its own kind of desert, likely in the same way the Ten Commandments helped the Israelites.

The teachings of Jesus do not abrogate the original Ten Commandments. They continue to hold a great deal of wisdom for surviving as a community. Jesus taught us to focus on how our behavior shapes the sort of individuals we become and, ultimately, what sort of community we form. What flows from one’s heart, Jesus taught, reveals who we are both alone and in community. ●

Reflect

***What would you include in a set of rules
for yourself and your family?***

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPT 1, 2024

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Raymond Davidheiser 8th Anniversary

★★ MASS INTENTIONS★★

SAT	5:15 PM	Tom Hafer	THURS	7:00PM	Linda Bardi
SUN	7:30 AM	Bob Thomas, Jr.	FRI	7:30AM	Joseph Lukes
	9:00 AM	Josephine Buchanan 4 th Anniversary		9:00AM	ICA Mass Theresa Swisher
	11:00 AM	Our Parishioners	SAT	5:15PM	Catherine Alderman
MON	9:00 AM	William J. McNally	SUN	7:30AM	Henry Mamarella 17 th Anniversary
TUES	7:00 PM	Raymond Davidheiser 8 th Anniversary		9:00AM	Our Parishioners
WED	7:30 AM	Anna & Tony DiGuglielmo		11:00AM	Paul Swisher

The Second Collection Next Week is the Monthly 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, 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, Beply McGee, David Mollura, Mary Louise Myers, Mary Ann Uivary, John Kusznr, Joseph Ondo, Rose White, Karl Husbands, Magdalene Babiartz, Alex Lopacki, Angelina Swisher, Geraldine Christ, Rachel DiFrancesco, Millie Mattassa, Bill Pribanick, Rosemary Williamson, Tony Guilliams, Bob Warunek, Sharon Painter, Cletus McLaughlin, Edward Zawora, Linda Walleigh, Rose Kubovcsak & Lyn Weidenhammer..

Please pray for deceased: Stephanie Christman, Carol Freed & William Beard.

Please welcome The Gaspari Family to our Parish.

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 MANNER.

On Labor Day, September 2nd, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 9am.

Come and be Spiritually Refreshed!
Our parish OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) Program for 2024-25 will begin on **October 7th at 7pm.** 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 at 610-582-2411.

Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception will celebrate the Blessing and Dedication of the newly erected Celtic Cross in the Saint Paul Mission Chapel Cemetery located on Route 724 in Douglassville on Sat., September 7, 2024. On that occasion, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered in our parish church at 10:00 a.m. for all the faithful departed who are buried in the Mission Cemetery. Immediately following the Mass, those in attendance will travel to the Mission Cemetery for the Blessing and Dedication of the Cross. We anticipate the Rite of Blessing at the cemetery to begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. Because there is no parking available at the Mission Cemetery, a shuttle bus will transport everyone in attendance from our parish church to the Mission Cemetery and back. Everyone is welcome to join us to celebrate together the Holy Eucharist and to witness the Blessing of the Cross in the Mission Cemetery.

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

Our **GRIEF SHARING GROUP** can help those who are dealing with a loved one's death. Our next meeting will be Tues, Sept 3rd If you plan to attend please call/text Toni 610 404-1389.

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!

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is September 8th

Pope Francis grants a PLENARY INDULGENCE under the usual conditions (the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Communion, & prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father) is given on this date

The Parish AYCE Beef 'N Beer Event next **Sunday, September 8th** from 2:00 - 6:00 PM.. Sponsored by the Women's Society & Mary Queen of Peace Council .

The Esto Vir group will meet in the Lower Level meeting room in the church office on Sat. Sept 7th at 8:30 am. Coffee and donuts are available starting at 8 am. **The meeting will start at 8:30 am & will end at 10 am**

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass
The Mass, is in the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena on **Sunday, September 22, 2024.**
rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org

Love Music? Consider serving God and your parish by joining the adult vocal choir, open to everyone 18 or older. We sing at the 11:00 Mass on Sun. & on other Holy Days from Sept through June. Rehearsal is from 7:30 to 9:00 pm on Thurs. evenings, starting on Sept. 5th. Contact Shirley at 610-582-2793 if interested.

Save the Date! Advent Retreat hosted by Bishop's Commission for Women, "Finding Hope Through Prayer." Mass with Bishop Schlert & Keynote Talk with Father John Frink. Sat., Dec 14th, 9AM to 1PM, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 1046 W Cedar Street, Allentown.
Registration opens 9/1.

Dear Padre,

Do Christians need to follow the Ten Commandments, or are they the “Old Law”?

There is nothing arbitrary or old-fashioned about the commandments of God. The Ten Commandments, given to us by the Author of the World, are found in Exodus 20:2–17. They are: (1) I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me. (2) You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. (3) Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day. (4) Honor your father and your mother. (5) You shall not kill. (6) You shall not commit adultery. (7) You shall not steal. (8) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (9) You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. (10) You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

The first three Commandments were meant to guide us in our relationship with God; the remaining seven Commandments pertain to our relationships with others. Jesus gives us a new motivation for keeping the Commandments—the motivation of love. He gives a double commandment: love of God and love of neighbor (Mark 12:28–34). Saint Paul tells us these new commands fulfill those of the Old Law (Romans 13:8–10); and John writes that keeping the Commandments simply out of fear of punishment is not enough: love must be the driving force (1 John 4:18). ●



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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

September 2
Weekday
1 Cor 2:1–5
Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday

September 3
St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 2:10b–16
Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday

September 4
Weekday
1 Cor 3:1–9
Lk 4:38–44

Thursday

September 5
Weekday
1 Cor 3:18–23
Lk 5:1–11

Friday

September 6
Weekday
1 Cor 4:1–5
Lk 5:33–39

Saturday

September 7
Weekday
1 Cor 4:6b–15
Lk 6:1–5

Sunday

September 8
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 35:4–7a
Jas 2:1–5
Mk 7:31–37



GIULIO NAPOLITANO / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We spend time assigning blame; but spending time blaming others is wasting time. We become angry, bitter, and keep God away from our heart.... One cannot be truly religious while complaining: complaining poisons, it leads you to anger, to resentment and to sadness...which closes the door to God. Let us ask the Lord today to free us from blaming others....

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 29, 2021

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Women's Society presents



Help support Immaculate Conception Church by purchasing a **25% off shopping pass** for Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" event. Each pass costs \$5 and can be used on **Tuesday, October 22, 2024**.

Here's how it works:

See Carol Janiszewski in the Narthex before or after all masses from September 1st through October 19th to purchase your passes. Visit any Boscov's location on October 22nd, present your ticket, and enjoy 25% discount on your purchases.

It's as simple as that! You will enjoy awesome in-store discounts, free refreshments, and have the chance to win a \$100 gift card. **The best part is 100% of the proceeds will benefit our Church.**

The Women's Society would like to thank you for your support in raising money for our Church.

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