



But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

LUKE 6:27-28

A New World Order

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The American experiment of 1776 ushered in the dawn of a new world order, one that would redefine how nations functioned and interacted. The computer age brought about an upheaval in how we interact with one another personally—a new world order in human communication. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians about how Adam was the first being who ushered in human life, and how Jesus was the new Adam, who ushered in a new life-giving spirit. Jesus initiated a new world order, one that redefined what it meant to be human and contained a new spiritual dimension. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...give to everyone who asks of you...do to others as you would have them do to you.... Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:27-36).

The fact that there are many who think this is not a practical or useful way to live—to say nothing of whether it is desirable or even possible—does not negate its power to transform human relationships as well as our very own spirits. None of us do it as well as we might hope, which only attests to the fact that we live with a foot in each of two worlds—the earthly one and the heavenly one. Empowered by God’s Spirit, we are still growing into the people God created us to be. ●

Reflect

Is there someone you are struggling to forgive? What is stopping you?

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Parish Website..... www.icbvm.org	please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org
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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES – FEB 23, 2025

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Josephine Bogus

SAT	5:15 PM	Anne Louise Reeser	THUR	7:00PM	Sister Marie Rose Zielinski
SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners	FRI	7:30AM	Linda Bardi
	9:00 AM	Stanley Pinkos	SAT	5:15PM	Cody Luke Morris
	11:00 AM	Stephen Fitzgerald	SUN	7:30AM	Our Parishioners
MON		No Mass		9:00AM	Joyce Mahon
TUES	7:00 PM	Josephine Bogus		11:00AM	Dave Mollura
WED	7:30AM	Michael Dower			

The Second Collection Next Week is the Church Building & Parish Maintenance Collection

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Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Madge Butto, Pat Fessler, 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, Lois Muldowney, Msgr. Nevin J. Klinger Arlene Schaeffer, Shelly Weiler, Steven Blanyar, Jennifer Gruber, Shawn Kaeser, Catherine Mueller, Regina Marie Brown, Ralph Rapposelli, Joe Dantas, Debbie Simcock, Wanda Palmieri, Barbara Wright, Beppy McGee, Jerry Miscovich, John Kuszniir, Joseph Ondo, Karl Husbands, Magdalene Babiarz, Clara Bailey, Jessica Bailey, Alex Lopacki, Angelina Swisher, Rachel DiFrancesco, Millie Mattassa, Bill Pribanick, Rosemary Williamson, Tony Guilliams, Bob Warunek, Sharon Painter, Cletus McLaughlin, Edward Zawora, Rose Kubovcsak, Lyn Weidenhammer, Caraline Herb, Henry Wade, Jr., Joe Bailey, Daniel McLaughlin, Ann Hay & Tony Zampella & Frances Swiezak.

Please pray the recently deceased Neil McCauley

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

Hospital Visitations: If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, call the parish office at 610-582-2411.

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 Monday, February 24, 2025. Thank you.

First Friday Communion Calls: Please know that Monsignor McCann and Deacon Bardi bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are sick and homebound on the First Friday of each month. If you or a member of your family is unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity, please call the parish office at 610-582-2411 and we will gladly bring Holy Communion to you.

CCD/Religious Education Inclement Weather Procedures: Please be advised that if the Daniel Boone Area School District is closed or dismisses early due to inclement weather our CCD (Religious Education) classes that day are also cancelled.

Berks Catholic High School Presents: "Cinderella: Enchanted Edition" Step into the magic this spring! Friday, February 28 @ 7:00 PM, Saturday, March 1 @ 2:00 PM Franco-Post Auditorium 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd Reading, PA 19611 Join us for a magical retelling of the timeless story of Cinderella, the musical based on the classic fairy tale and featuring enchanting songs by Rodgers & Hammerstein. This show is full of wonder, laughter, and unforgettable music that will transport you to a land where dreams really do come true.

Ticket Information: Tickets are available at the door. Adults \$15 – Seniors \$10, Students \$5 Bring your friends, family, & loved ones an unforgettable evening.

If you are a coach, or interested in coaching for the CYO, the last coaches clinic for the 24/25 school year will be held on **Saturday March 1st** at our own Immaculate Conception Church. It is a one-time requirement for all rostered coaches, to be completed within the first year of coaching. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/y228r5fn>
Our parish **Grief Support Group** meets monthly & you will find understanding & guidance as you strive to live without your loved one. Next meeting: **Tues., March 4, at 7pm in the Church.** If you are planning to come, please call/text Toni 610 404-1389 for info.

Part-time positions: Mary's Shelter is seeking part time Youth Advocates who have the desire help homeless youth – teaching them life skills through Positive Youth Development. We create a safe and supportive environment while motivating youth to explore education, employment, and housing opportunities. We are currently seeking part time staff for a variety of shifts and days. If you have experience or want to learn to work with youth and want to make a difference in a young person's life. Please email Sandee Burns, Human Resources, at Sandee@Marysshelter.org

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 and 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. To learn more about organ donation, please call Shawn at 610-906-2833 or contact him by e-mail at skaeser1969@icloud.com. The Kaeser family thanks you for your prayers & support. For additional information about becoming a living donor, please call 610-402-8506 or visit www.lvhn.org/livingdonor

Pope John Paul II High School will be hosting their annual college fair on Tuesday March 4, 2025. Pope John Paul II High School College Fair March 4, 2025 6-8pm in PJP Main Gym 181 Rittenhouse Rd. Royersford PA Free & Open to the Public - No registration required
Over 70 Colleges in attendance

Pilgrims of Hope in the Jubilee Year. Please join us for a day of Prayer and Reflection. Saturday, March 15, 2025, 9 am to 3 pm at Mariawald Renewal Center, 1094 Welsh Rd, Reading, PA 19607. Presented by Fr. Brian Miller of St. Catharine of Siena Parish, Reading. We will explore the gift of HOPE with Scripture and Saints! Cost is \$40.00, lunch included. Register:

mariawaldcenter@gmail.com or 610-777-0135
Church Reminders: 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. Remember to save your Redner's tapes and place in the box in the Narthex or drop off at the church office.

Dear Padre,

My ex broke up with me. I find myself hoping he gets subjected to the same emotional pain as I have. I hate feeling this way, so how do I ask God to take away this pain and help me forgive my ex?

What you are sharing is your hurt and confusion. Although your boyfriend was ready to end the relationship, you were not. It seems you are still not ready to move on. That is OK. Everyone has his or her own manner of dealing with disappointment, and there is no perfect timeframe.

More than your boyfriend's suffering, you desire freedom for yourself and a return to a healthy sense of your own personhood. You perceive him as happy and perhaps wonder how that's possible while you are still struggling. This is all very normal, and it's part of the process we all experience when an important relationship changes.



VALENTINA SHUKINA / SHUTTERSTOCK

You will work through this. You will love again. You will no longer be triggered by strong feelings when you encounter him in the future. But you are going to have to do the hard work of growing, maturing, and learning to let go. Begin by praying for his well-being. And if you can't do that, ask God for the grace to want to pray for his well-being. Certainly, the Lord will help you, but he won't magically take away your pain. There are no shortcuts. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / 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
February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 1:1-10	Sir 2:1-11	Sir 4:11-19	Sir 5:1-8	Sir 6:5-17	Sir 17:1-15	Sir 27:4-7
Mk 9:14-29	Mk 9:30-37	Mk 9:38-40	Mk 9:41-50	Mk 10:1-12	Mk 10:13-16	1 Cor 15:54-58
						Lk 6:39-45



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Turning the other cheek is not the withdrawal of the loser, but the action of one who has a greater inner strength. [It] means defeating evil with goodness, which opens up a breach in the heart of the enemy, unmasking the absurdity of his hatred. And this attitude...is dictated not by calculation or by hatred, but by love.

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 20, 2022

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March

Monday

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2025

Join us at 7 PM for an EITC Information Night and learn how, if you owe as little as \$1,000 in PA state taxes, you can redirect your tax liability to provide tuition assistance for students at Immaculate Conception Academy!

Enjoy light refreshments while hearing from a panel of experts who will break down the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC.)

No complicated tax knowledge needed—just bring your questions and learn how easy it is to make a difference!

RSVP Required Please use this QR code to register online.



Or RSVP by email at enroll@icaknights.org, or by placing the form on the reverse side in the box marked EITC RSVP in the Narthex.

RSVP Form EITC Event



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Empower, Invest, Inspire: Information Event RSVP

Date: March 3rd

Time: 7pm

**Location: Immaculate Conception Academy Cafeteria, 903
Chestnut St. Douglassville, PA**

Contact Information

Name (Please note this is a 21 and over event.)

Phone Number

Email

Address

Yes, I will be attending this event.

I am unable to attend this event but I would like to be contacted about participating in ICA's EITC program.

Will you be bringing guests?

Yes!

If yes, how many guests will be accompanying you?

(Please note this is a 21 and over event.)

RSVP required by Feb 28th, 2025

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