



[Jesus said,] “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”

JOHN 14:27

The Wisdom Channel

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is a difference between common sense and wisdom. The former can be taught and is usually passed on by our culture. It includes such practical tips as *wash your hands before you eat, don't drink and drive, and save some money for a rainy day*. Wisdom, on the other hand, tends to be the fruit of reflection upon one's life experiences. It tends to be insightful, containing greater depth and richness.

While we presume everyone will eventually arrive at some level of common sense, not everyone becomes wise with time. Wisdom tends to see what others may not. Jesus taught his followers, “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you” (John 14: 26). It is God's Spirit that brings us to wisdom.

I invite you to list five pieces of wisdom you have drawn from your life experiences—five truths for life by which you try to live. You may not live them out as perfectly as you might hope, but they are the five foundation stones upon which you have chosen to build your life. For example, from my own life, I've concluded that patience works. Everything has its own rhythm, and things generally work out, given enough time. Another foundation for me is to live by what I need, rather than by what I want. I readily admit that I don't live that out perfectly, but, when I do, life is much less stressful. ●

Reflect

**What items are on my wisdom list?
How or from whom did I learn them?**

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 25, 2025

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Cynthia Burkholder

SAT 5:15 PM Mary & Frank Straka

SUN 7:30 AM Bruce Ketterer

9:00 AM Jocely Hadzik

11:00 AM Our Parishioners

MON 9:00AM Memorial Day- Rose, George & Greg White

TUES 7:00PM Stephen Gresh

WED 7:30AM Dorothy Lange

7:00PM Vigil Ascension- Donald Lakatosh

THUR 7:30AM Ascension - Our Parishioners

9:00AM ICA MASS - Rose White

7:00PM Matthew Manegold

FRI 7:30AM Angelo DiGuglielmo

SAT 5:15PM Paul Hiryak, Sr. 25th Anniv

SUN 7:30AM Birthday Blessings on Deacon Paul Hiryak

9:00AM Our Parishioners

11:00AM Living Members of the Women's Society

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

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Remember in your prayers the sick: Msgr. Nevin J. Klinger, Msgr. Edward Domin, Madge Butto, Curt Miller, Loretta Hitchens, Dante Stetina, Barbara Ruby, Kara Morrison, Arlene Shirley, Harriet Yeager, Marjorie Hansen, Jason Leman, Ann Washko, Anthony Scaglione, Maryanne Emery, Pam Amos, Marianne Sutton, John Mingione, Lois Muldowney, Arlene Schaeffer, Shelly Weiler, Steven Blanyar, Jennifer Gazda Gruber, Catherine Mueller, Regina Marie Brown, Ralph Rapposelli, Joe Dantas, Debbie Simcock, Wanda Palmieri, Barbara Wright, Beppy McGee, Jerry Miscovich, John Kuszniar, Joseph Ondo, Karl Husbands, Magdalene Babiarz, Clara Bailey, Jessica Bailey, Alex Lopacki, Angelina Swisher, Rachel DiFrancesco, Millie Mattassa, Bill Pribranic, Rosemary Williamson, Nancy Guilliams, Tony Guilliams, Bob Warunek, Sharon Painter, Cletus McLaughlin, Carole Zawora, Rose Kubovcsak, Lyn Weidenhammer, Caraline Herb, Henry Wade, Jr., Joe Bailey, Daniel McLaughlin, Ann Hay, Geri Barth, Kathleen Grady, Jeff Stetina, Larry Palmer, Chris Owens, Donna Casper, Jeffrey Painter, Shirley Giordano, Eileen Filachek, Irene Hughes, Hugh Chow Lin, Aileen Galazin & Father Leo Stajkowski.

Please pray for the decease: Rev. Joseph T. Whalen

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

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Spring Raffle - \$1500 in cash prizes sponsored by the Women's Society

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20

The drawing will be held on Sunday, May 25th.

Tickets are available in the narthex

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025 the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered in our parish Church of the Immaculate Conception at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to join us in praying for our nation and the men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces; especially those who sacrificed their lives in defense of our freedom. The Blessing of Graves will occur (weather permitting) in our parish cemeteries immediately after the Memorial Day Mass

The Women's Society's year end luncheon will be held on June 1st at 12:30pm in the Social Hall.

Grief Support Group meets monthly, and you will find understanding and guidance as you strive to live without your loved one. Next meeting: **Tues., June 3, 7pm** in the Church. If planning to come, call/text Toni at 610 404-1389

MARRIED COUPLES – When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are at the St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson PA on June 20-22, and at the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA on October 10-12 and November 14-16. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org>

Parish Giving

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- ✦ 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!

Did you know that only 53% of the 50.6 million immigrants in the United States are proficient English speakers? Would you like to make a difference? If you are an experienced teacher or have had training in Education, please consider volunteering your time and talent at the Mother Veronica Resource Center. We are looking for English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers and substitute teachers for both morning and evening classes beginning in September 2025. Perhaps you'd prefer working one-on-one as a tutor during the day or evening?

Tutoring is offered in Adult Basic Education (ABE), ESL, GED preparation subjects, and Citizenship preparation for the Naturalization Test. Or maybe you are proficient in computer skills? We need computer skills instructors knowledgeable of Windows, Microsoft Word, Excel, and use of the Internet for morning or evening classes. For further information, please contact Sister Cara Garofalo at 484-516-2138 or mveronicacenter@gmail.com.

BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING- 2025 Season Registration is now open- This year you can register online by going to

- <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/475623> This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. Some age and grade restrictions do apply. FOR MORE INFO AND COST:

WWW.LEAGUELINEUP.COM/BCYFAC

We also invite you to join us at our **MEET & GREET on JUNE 5TH @ BCHS from 6-7:30PM**. You can also follow us on Facebook by going to: Berks Catholic Youth Football and Cheer-2020 and Beyond. For info call Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email DFOWLER@BERKSCATHOLIC.ORG

Dear Padre,

I know Catholics with spouses who cheat and abuse them. What should they do?

If someone is in an abusive marriage, the Church wants you to help that person reach safety. The Church doesn't tolerate anyone staying in a place where physical or mental abuse occurs. Separation is often a first and necessary step. However, there is always hope for reconciliation. If a husband is abusive, and his wife leaves, but he then seeks treatment and changes his ways, the Church hopes that the marriage could be saved.

The same is true for an adulterous spouse. If he or she is repentant and takes steps to change and make amends, the Church hopes for and encourages reconciliation. But if a spouse refuses treatment or continues the adulterous behavior, the next step would be a civil divorce. It is only after separation and a civil divorce that the annulment process can begin. However, even after a civil divorce, there is still hope of reconciliation.

It's important to remember that when a couple gets married, they marry for better and for worse. This means there is a call and an expectation to work things out, to forgive, to repair the hurt, and to not rush to divorce. But, to be sure, if you are dealing with addiction, abuse, or infidelity in your relationship, the Church supports your need to be secure. 🙏

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1
St. Philip Neri, Priest	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 16:11-15	Acts 16:22-34	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1	Acts 18:1-8	Acts 18:9-18	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16	Acts 1:1-11
Jn 15:26-16:4a	Jn 16:5-11	Jn 16:12-15	Jn 16:16-20	Jn 16:20-23	Lk 1:39-56	Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23
						Lk 24:46-53

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The more we feel our hearts are agitated, the more we sense we are nervous, impatient, angry inside, the more we need to ask the Lord for the Spirit of peace. Let us learn to say every day: "Lord, give me your peace, give me your Holy Spirit."... And let us also ask this...for those we meet each day.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 22, 2022