



[Jesus] said to them again,
“Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent me,
so I send you.”

JOHN 20:21

Spirited Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are in a time when many seem to live with deep anger, much of which may come from fear generated by a sense of loss of control over our lives. We struggle to control the economy, our borders, the spread of disease, the violence in our cities and on our roads. Places once deemed safe—our schools, stores, and churches—have been invaded by violence. Ironically, those who feel most threatened by violence tend to turn to violence as a solution.

Do the scripture readings on this feast of Pentecost offer any hint of light as to how we might move forward?

Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans contrasts living in the flesh with living in the spirit that has been given to us. To “live in the flesh” is Paul's code word for living by our baser instincts—lust for power, revenge, and pleasure; anger; greed—all of which focus on ourselves. By contrast, to live in the spirit is to respond not from our baser instincts but rather to choose a more noble path, to take the high road, to care for the common good. For Paul, living in the flesh is a dead end, unable to bring us to life now or in the hereafter. To live in the spirit is to live in God, already in this life. Thus, Paul cautions that we not “fall back into fear,” something that arises from our preoccupation with the flesh. ●

Reflect

What situations or “triggers” cause me to act out of my baser instincts?

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PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 8, 2025

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns for God's Blessings on Rosemarie & Bill Strock
On their 60th Wedding Anniversary*

SAT 5:15 PM Sybilla & Francis Miller
SUN 7:30 AM Our Parishioners
9:00 AM Frances & Joseph Bambrick
11:00 AM Ruby, Hill & Kundrat Families
MON 7:30AM Mary Lou Myers
TUES 7:00PM Matthew Pinciotti
WED 7:30AM Mary Varney

THUR 7:00PM Helen & Frank Janiszewski
FRI 7:30AM Deceased of the Chan Family
SAT 5:15PM Carl Kubitz
SUN 7:30AM Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish
9:00AM Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish
11:00AM Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

The Second Collection Next Week is the Monthly 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 Kuszniir, Joseph Ondo, Karl Husbands, Magdalene Babiarz, Clara Bailey, Jessica Bailey, Alex Lopacki, Angelina Swisher, Rachel DiFrancesco, Millie Mattassa, Bill Pribanich, Rosemary Williamson, Nancy Guilliams, Tony Guilliams, Bob Warunek, Sharon Painter, Cletus McLaughlin, 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 Filacheck, Irene Hughes, Hugh Chow Lin, Aileen Galazin & Father Leo Stajkowski.
Congratulate the Baptized Jack Wolfgang Fleagle
Please pray for the deceased Carole Zawora

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

A Farewell Reception will be held for Monsignor McCann on Sunday, June 8th from 2:00 to 4:00pm in the Social Hall. You are invited to attend.

Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the graduates of Immaculate Conception Academy, Berks Catholic High School, Daniel Boone Area High School and Pope John Paul II High School, as well as all of our college graduates praying: Holy Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, celebrating the achievements of our graduates.

As they embark on new journeys, we [ask for Your guidance](#) and wisdom to light their paths. May [they embrace opportunities](#) with courage and faith, and [may Your blessings](#) surround them in every endeavor. Grant them strength and perseverance as they step into their bright futures. Amen.

Panis Angelicus

An original Art work on embossed copper by Sophia Manidis, a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church and a student at DeSales University, is on display in the Narthex of our parish church.

Taking inspiration from medieval stained glass and cathedral architecture, this triptych unites traditional Eucharistic symbols with the ancient art of metal embossing. This hand-embossed piece was exhibited in the 2024 "Do This in Memory of Me" National Sacred Art Exhibit in New Haven, CT, and now travels on exhibition. "A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." - St Pio of Pietrelcina.

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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Your generosity to Immaculate Conception is greatly appreciated!



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Knighthood and Brotherhood:

Learn about the Knights of Columbus & our award-winning involvement at Immaculate Conception Parish and in our local community by visiting our narthex display and speaking with members of our Parish KofC Council during Membership Awareness Weekend on Saturday & Sunday, **June 14-15**, following all Masses.

Visit our Organizations page at

<http://www.icbvm.org> for information and a calendar of activities.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF GIVING

Join a community of like-minded women who are committed to raising awareness & funds to aid non-profit ministries with the Diocese of Allentown in imitation of the life of St. Catharine of Siena. The Catholic Women's Society of Giving seeks to promote philanthropy that empowers women, compels action, & glorifies God. To learn more visit

<https://www.allentowndiocese.org/womensgiving> or or call Ginny Downey at 610-871-5200 x2244.

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>

Dear Padre,

My Catholic friend says she speaks in tongues and does not feel she needs an interpretation as she does so. She writes down the exchange as she listens to others. What does the Catholic Church say about speaking in tongues? How should I respond if she asks to pray for me in this way?

Good for your friend. A robust spiritual practice is a real grace from God. At the same time, it seems that a gentle reminder, albeit a respectful one, to your friend might include the wisdom of St. Paul. In 1 Corinthians, Paul cautions that the person who speaks in tongues must ask for interpretation of what is spoken so that it may be confirmed. There is real wisdom offered here. It is also helpful to remember that in the Christian understanding of supernatural gifts, such gifts are not intended solely for the individual person but always for the well-being of the community and the common good (1 Cor 12:7). Keeping this integrated and balanced understanding as an essential component of the manifestation of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit will only lead to good and to a more powerful experience of God's grace and life. In the Christian life, it is never about just the individual, but always inclusive of the experience of our brothers and sisters in Christ. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 9 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 Jn 19:25–34	June 10 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 1:18–22 Mt 5:13–16	June 11 <i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i> Acts 11:21b–26; 13:1–3 Mt 5:17–19	June 12 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 3:15– 4:1, 3–6 Mt 5:20–26	June 13 <i>St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> 2 Cor 4:7–15 Mt 5:27–32	June 14 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 5:14–21 Mt 5:33–37	June 15 <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> Prv 8:22–31 Rom 5:1–5 Jn 16:12–15

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Holy Spirit...makes believers attentive to the problems and events of their time.... We run the risk of making a museum piece out of faith...! [The Holy Spirit]...brings...the faith up to date: this is his job. [He] does not bind himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings into today the relevance of Jesus, risen and living.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, JUNE 5, 2022

