



June 11, 2017

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18

Salvation's Cost

In the painting *The Trinity With the Dead Christ*, we see a meditation on the Trinity in a hidden moment. Rather than paint the moment when Mary takes her Son into her arms, Ludovico Carracci painted the moment when the heavenly Father receives the spoils of his Son's battle for the salvation of humanity.

The dark colors communicate the pathos and drama. The Father's head turns away in grief even as he offers the Son. He reverently holds him yet almost fears to touch his pierced hands. See how much love God shows in allowing the Son to go to the cross, in sacrificing one beloved child to gain life for all his others.

Theology struggles to balance the truth of a loving, caring God the Father with the appreciation that he is unable to suffer as we do. Yet Carracci focuses on that popular intuition that the Father and the Spirit suffered the death of the Son. In this painting, we can reflect on what our salvation cost the Trinity and how much love they show in sending the Son to die. God suffers when you suffer and wishes to console and protect you, even if, as a good Father, he doesn't remove the suffering.

Faith teaches us that God willed his only begotten Son to suffer and die to save humanity. This divine decision manifests justice and mercy. It shows not only that God actually required satisfaction for our sins but also that no one but a God-man could offer a suitable sacrifice. Because he was God, Christ could offer an



Piece: *The Trinity With the Dead Christ*, circa 1590

Artist: Ludovico Carracci

Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

infinite satisfaction for our infinite offenses. Because he was man, he could offer a man's satisfaction for humanity's sin.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Which person of the Trinity do I most easily relate to—the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit?

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16).

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HOLY TRINITY – JUNE 11, 2017

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Josie Fredriksen

In Memory of Carl Kubitz – 1st Anniversary

God's Blessings Upon Rosemarie & Bill Strock – 52nd Wedding Anniversary

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	Mary Varney	THURS	7:00 PM	Josie Fredriksen – 8 th Anniversary
SUN	7:30 AM	Mary Terranoni	FRI	7:30 AM	Patricia Haight Shuster
	9:00 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners	SAT	5:15 PM	Philip Kubovcsak
	11:00 AM	Camillo & Annie Tucci	SUN	7:30 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners
MON	7:30 AM	Joan Marshall		9:00 AM	Living & Deceased Fathers
TUES	7:00 PM	Margaret & Dr. Nicholas Christ		11:00 AM	Living & Deceased Fathers
WED	7:30 AM	Dolores McCullough			

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Porambo 5:15 Costanzo 7:30 Kasperowicz 9:00 Carvalho 11:00 Citrano

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15PM	Shirley Wheeler	Jason Mariano	Carina Cress, Ande and Ethan Kraycik
SUN	7:30AM	Michelle Marley	Amanda Marley	Lilia and Simon Crew, Nick Donnelly
	9:00AM	Josephine Hohl	Stephanie Myers	Beth Cote, Meghan Duffy, Taylor Moyer
	11:00AM	Leonard Cline Jr.	Jim Keaveney	Jordan and Lauren Yerger, Sidney Wolf

Second Collection Next Week is the Peters Pence Collection

Immaculate Conception Academy has openings in its Full Day Kindergarten program for the 2017-18 school year!

In addition to providing a strong foundation in mathematics and language arts, our program features S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education as well as art, music, and physical education. Before and after school care options are available.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at 610-404-8645 or adele.reilly@icaknights.org.

*****Openings are still available in Preschool, Pre-K and grades 1-8 as well! Contact us today!!! Space is limited in some classes*****

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Yolanda Marino, Ann Schlott, Kathy Patrick, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Dan Casciano, Jake Maccarone, Madge Butto, Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad, Rose Osorio, Steve Mammarella, Joseph Kolenda, Dominic Strock, Bob Hocker, Mike DiScala, Mildred Mattassa, Deb Petras, Ronald Kryman, Anna Swiezak, Margarie & Walter Hansen, Robert Thomas, Rita Dougherty, Norma Nanni, Lou Franco, Lucille Schiel, John Fritz, Lucy Doney, Mary Okuniewski, Joe Weyand, Mark McDonald, Stephen Spitko, Virginia Marks, Ken Rumler, Helen McDonald, Mark Vignone, Eileen Ridall, George Sohn, Justine Marie Mattassa, Paul Milshaw, Faye Nanni, Maria Houck, Regina Genovese, Barbara Reznick and TJ Doyle

Congratulate the newly married: Brittney Suzanne Mathias and Bradley Scott Schonour

Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Brad Schonour

Congratulate the newly baptized: Lily Ann Grubb and her family

Pray for the recently departed: Victoria Barletta, Shauna Downs and Vincent Camilli

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Sat 06/17 4-5pm Confession



WHAT'S HAPPENING



2017 Centennial Celebration of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception joyfully thanks God for the great gift of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, Portugal. The closeness of Our Lady to us and her call to return to the Gospel through prayer, sacrifice and conversion are as important for us today as they were in 1917.

"The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...of the life of peoples and nations that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." – Sister Maria Lucia of Fatima

To mark the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima apparitions, our parish family of the Immaculate Conception will host an Evening of Prayer this Tuesday, June 13, 2017. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar for a Holy Hour beginning at 6:00 pm. During the Holy Hour, at 6:30 pm the Rosary and Fatima Litany will be prayed. The Holy Hour will conclude at 7:00 pm with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass. Confessions will be heard throughout the Holy Hour. Everyone is welcome to attend.

2017 Mission Appeal – Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception will cordially welcome Father John Bosco Musinguzi to our church next weekend, June 17-18 for the annual Mission Appeal. Through our generosity to the Mission Appeal we have the opportunity to extend the proclamation of the good news of the gospel in foreign lands and to render assistance to the poor and those most vulnerable. Contributions for the Mission Appeal may be placed in the basket for the second collection after Holy Communion. Thank you for your generosity.

2017 Vacation Bible School - "Mission Discovery"
VBS will be held July 17 through July 21, 6pm to 8pm. VBS is open to children ages 5 to 11. Adult and teen volunteers are always welcome. Join the mission to discover what God is calling you to do with your life! Contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or ccd@icbvm.org with questions.

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal *We are grateful to all who pledged their support to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in collection basket or visit FaithHopeCharityGives.org. Pledge cards for the Bishop's Annual Appeal can be found in the pews of the church. Thank you for your support!*

WATER IS ON IN THE CEMETERY

Bereavement Support Group meets on June 19th, 7pm in the lower level (rear) of the parish office building.

Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome. Call Pat 610-775-1892 or Toni 610-404-1389.

CCD Registration Forms are available in the Narthex, on icbvmccd.org, at the parish office, and at the Office of Religious Education. Classes are filling up so register now! Volunteers are always welcome! If you would like to volunteer an hour of your time once a week to bring the Good News of Christ to the children of our parish by educating, please call Mrs. O'Donnell at (610) 582-3880.

RESORTS AC TRIP – June 23rd - Leave church promptly at 9:30am – package deal: pay \$32, get \$25 back – Call Carol J at 610-775-4447

ICC Girls Volleyball – Grades 5-8 – Meetings at ICA on Mondays in June and July (except the 3rd). If interested in playing, contact Marianne at 610-334-5745 or gearycmc@ptd.net

Post Abortion Healing Retreat - Hurting from a past abortion? Plan to attend the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend, June 23-25. Within a safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment, experience God's healing love, and forgiveness. For more information or to register call Sr. Meg at 610-332-0442 Ext. 19, toll free at 1-866-3 Rachel, or projectrachel@allentowndiocese.org For a complete listing of Retreat dates and locations visit www.rachelsvineyard.org

**Immaculate Conception Academy
Positions Available**

Immaculate Conception Academy is accepting applications for teacher and classroom aide openings, including a part time music teacher for the 2017-18 school year. Teacher candidates must hold or be eligible for PA certification. Teaching candidates, please send letter of interest, resume, copies of certification and transcripts, along with clearances and references. Classroom aide candidates, please send letter of interest and resume to Mrs. Patricia Tarquinio, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, PA 19518.

Are you wondering what to do with your life? Have you asked the question, "What am I looking for?" You are in good company because people like Saint Andrew and Saint John the Evangelist had these same questions and then found the answers in a man who was baptized by John the Baptist and called them to be "fishers of men." We invite young men and women ages 14 to 18 to join the seminarians of the Diocese of Allentown and Sisters from various women's religious communities at the 2017 Quo Vadis or Fiat Days at DeSales University July 16-20. The event will include time for personal and group prayer, Mass and other Catholic devotions, talks by priests and religious sisters, and sports and other activities. Visit www.allentowndiocese.org for registration information.

ANGEL FEST - Holy Guardian Angels, 3121 Kutztown Rd, Reading – June 16/17, 5-10pm. Food, Live Entertainment, games and rides

Calendar

Monday

June 12

Weekday

2 Cor 1:1-7

Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday

June 13

*St. Anthony of Padua,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church*

2 Cor 1:18-22

Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday

June 14

Weekday

2 Cor 3:4-11

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

June 15

Weekday

2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6

Mt 5:20-26

Friday

June 16

Weekday

2 Cor 4:7-15

Mt 5:27-32

Saturday

June 17

Weekday

2 Cor 5:14-21

Mt 5:33-37

Sunday

June 18

*The Most Holy
Body and Blood
of Christ*

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a

1 Cor 10:16-17

Jn 6:51-58

Dear Padre,

What is the proper way to recite the Our Father at Mass? Should we hold hands, lift our hands up, or pray to ourselves?

Among many ancient religions, it was common to extend one's hands toward heaven while praying. This practice has continued in the Mass, where the rubrics indicate that the priest should extend his hands at certain points, including during the Our Father.

The celebrant represents all the people with this gesture. When there are concelebrating priests, the rubrics ask them to also extend their hands in prayer during the Our Father. But the invitation to hold one's hands up in prayer stops there. The deacon is expressly forbidden to hold his hands up

in prayer. There is no particular gesture assigned to the rest of the congregation.

Some may be holding hands, some lifting their hands, some standing with arms crossed. The variety of postures is not a problem in itself. When people become distracted or judgmental of others because of the various postures, it becomes

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a problem. Our focus should be on the prayer, not on how my neighbor is standing.

As a rule of thumb, I suggest doing what the rest of the congregation does. As stated in the "Order of the Mass" written by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in 2003: "The people are called as members of an organic whole, not as disparate individuals. A Christian assembly that worships 'with one heart and soul' (Acts 4:32) naturally moves toward and consciously chooses a common posture as a sign of its unity. Such common posture 'both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants'" (28). The gestures at Mass are not as important as the essence of the Mass, and part of that essence is our unity in the body of Christ. That should be our main concern.

Rev. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR
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A Word From Pope Francis

"The Father creates all, he creates the world; Jesus saves us; and the Holy Spirit? He loves us! And this is Christian life: talking to the Father, talking to the Son, and talking to the Holy Spirit."

—Homily, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2013

