

Childlike Faith

Humble souls have a special ability to see things. We exclaim, “Out of the mouth of babes” when kids say the darnedest (and most profound) things (Matthew 21:16 and Psalm 8:2-3). What their uncluttered minds can catch and express with blatant honesty can be refreshing and funny.

Jesus enjoys this simplicity as well. He rejoices because, while “the wise and the learned” have rejected his preaching and mighty deeds, the childlike have embraced them. They are not afraid of the implications; they simply are amazed, impressed, and accept that no one but God could do such things. Perhaps this is why angels are often painted like little children!

Jesus can speak of heavenly mysteries because he is the Son. The Father and he are one and share in the fullness of knowledge. Christ sits in glory surrounded by cherubs and angels, yet comes down to reveal what the Father has given him. Let’s embrace all of his revealed word with childlike faith and not just pick and choose what suits us.

Another characteristic of little children is unending energy. It comes partly from their age but also endures because they don’t waste energy worrying or thinking about things they cannot control. They don’t plan, project, or prioritize.

For Reflection

*How can I yoke myself to Jesus, my Lord and king?
What burdens, stressors, or disappointments can
I hand over to God this week?*



Piece: *Mystical Press and Christ in Glory*, 1571
Artist: Marco dal Pino (Marco da Siena)
Location: Pinacoteca, Room XI, Vatican Museums

They live in the grace of the present. We will find that as we live simply and give our burdens to Jesus, we live more rested, peaceful lives. Let’s take on his childlike humility, which makes the burdensome easy and light.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest”
(Matthew 11:28).*

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 9, 2017

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Tessie Fecera – 1st Anniversary

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	Living & Deceased Parishioners	THURS	7:00 PM	Margaret & Francis Lynch
SUN	7:30 AM	John Bogus	FRI	7:30 AM	Rita Durning
	9:00 AM	Annette & Raymond Brennan	SAT	5:15 PM	Harold Care – 5 th Anniversary
	11:00 AM	Bill Flanagan	SUN	7:30 AM	Esther Pribanick – 13 th Anniversary
MON		No Mass		9:00 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners
TUES	7:00 PM	Mary Dolan - 4 th Anniversary		11:00 AM	John Iezzi
WED	7:30 AM	Dec'd Members of the Harbach Family			

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Gulla 5:15 Zubik 7:30 Collura 9:00 McCauley 11:00 DeFalco

DAY	MASS	Lector	COMMENTATOR	ALTAR SERVERS
SAT	5:15PM	Mary Schwendt	Shirley Wheeler	Taylor Moyer, Jordan and Lauren Yerger
SUN	7:30AM	Sean Werner	Dan Sweeney	Beth Cote, Carina Cress, Amanda Marley
	9:00AM	Stephanie Myers	Barbara Giordano	Meghan Duffy, Ande and Ethan Kraycik
	11:00AM	Susan DiGuglielmo	Steve Lukes	Nick Donnelly, Carson Endy, Sean Purretta

Second Collection Next Week is for Central & Eastern Europe

2017 Vacation Bible School

"Mission Discovery"

July 17 through July 21, 6-8pm

Open to children ages 5 to 11

\$30 per child. 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.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, 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 Manmarella, Joseph Kolenda, Dominic Strock, Bob Hocker, Mike DiScala, Mildred Mattassa, Deb Petras, Ronald Kryman, Anna Swiezak, Margarie & Walter Hansen, Robert Thomas, Rita Dougherty, Lou Franco, Lucille Schiel, John Fritz, Lucy Doney, Mary Okuniewski, Mark McDonald, Stephen Spitko, Virginia Marks, Ken Rumler, Helen McDonald, Mark Vignone, George Sohn, Justine Marie Mattassa, Paul Milshaw, Maria Houck, Barbara Reznick, Darlene Strock, Irene Wade, Harry Wood, Tony Guilliams, Fannie Hunter, Jacob Hafer, John LeFosse, Eileen Ridall, Lucia Scotto, Anthony Cossa, Edward Woznicki and TJ Doyle

Pray for the recently departed: Christine Maslar and Linford Bittner

Congratulate the newly baptized: Evalyn Ruth Astick and Elliot John Korinko and their families

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Tues 07/11 7:30pm Baptism Class

Sat 07/15 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Summer Office Hours

Immaculate Conception Church

Tuesday through Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

Immaculate Conception Academy

Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00am to 1:00pm

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****

Position Opening

Principal

2017-2018 Academic Year

Immaculate Conception Academy

Immaculate Conception Academy (Grades K-8), Douglassville, PA is seeking a dynamic and innovative educational leader with a strong commitment to academic excellence and Catholic values to serve as Principal. The ideal candidate must be experienced in and committed to the mission of Catholic education. Candidates should possess the acumen and experience to work effectively with academic and student affairs, the application of instructional technology, strategic planning, enrollment management, institutional advancement and fiscal management. Applicants should possess excellent oral and written communication skills and a collaborative leadership style capable of working with a Board of Limited Jurisdiction.

Those interested in the position should submit their letter of interest, resume, background clearances, and appropriate certifications with personal and professional references to ICA Search Committee at resumes.icabvm@gmail.com or by mail to ICA Search Committee c/o 310 Washington Street, Birdsboro, PA 19508. The Diocesan application packet may be obtained by calling 610-866-0581, ext. 3032.

Application deadline: July 10, 2017

No phone calls please.

Immaculate Conception Academy is an alumni school of the Healey Education Foundation. EOE.

Love. Learning. Leadership.

Immaculate Conception Academy

Positions Available

Immaculate Conception Academy is accepting applications for Middle School teachers, a Music teacher and Substitute teachers for the 2017-18 school year.

Teacher candidates must hold or be eligible for PA certification. Please send letter of interest, resume, copies of certification and transcripts, along with clearances and references to Mrs. Christine Foley, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, PA 19518.

Immaculate Conception Academy Transfer Grants

Any public, private, or charter school student who transfers into Immaculate Conception Academy, grades 1 through 7, will receive a Bishop's Tuition Transfer Grant of \$1,500 over two school years (\$1,000 the first year; \$500 the second). Call Adele Reilly at 610-404-8645.

Resorts AC Trip - Come along and enjoy the fabulous Jersey ocean! Friday, July 21st - leave church promptly at 9:30am. Package deal - Pay \$32, get \$25 back. Call Carol J if interested at 610-775-4447

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP will meet September 18th at 7pm in the lower level (rear) of the parish office. Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one will be welcomed warmly. For information call Toni Kaucher at 610-404-1389 or Pat Fessler at 610-775-1892.

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.

Fatima Day, July 13th 6-8pm - Father Harry McCreedy will lead the celebration at Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist in Birdsboro in Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima and in Reparation to Her Immaculate Heart. This event includes Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Praying the Rosary, an Act of Consecration of Our Nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Eucharistic Benediction, and the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. To register contact: Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist at 610-582-3333. All are welcome. Your generous donation will be appreciated.

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.

Calendar

Monday

July 10

Weekday

Gn 28:10–22a

Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday

July 11

St. Benedict, Abbot

Gn 32:23–33

Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday

July 12

Weekday

Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a,
17–24a

Mt 10:1–7

Thursday

July 13

Weekday

Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29;
45:1–5

Mt 10:7–15

Friday

July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin

Gn 46:1–7, 28–30

Mt 10:16–23

Saturday

July 15

St. Bonaventure, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church

Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a

Mt 10:24–33

Sunday

July 16

Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 55:10–11

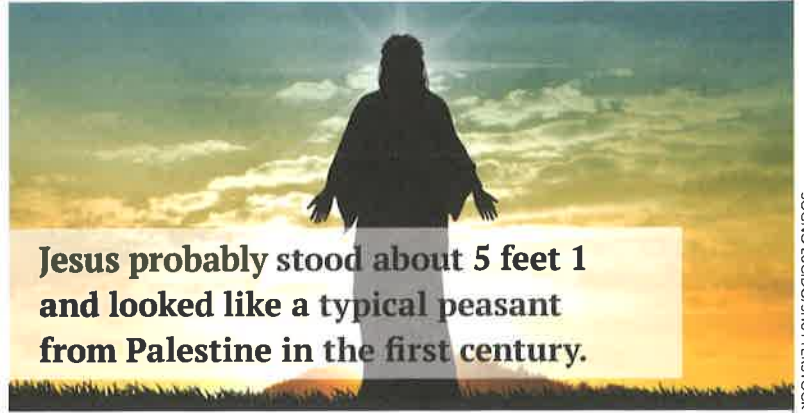
Rom 8:18–23

Mt 13:1–23 or 13:1–9

Dear Padre,

What should Jesus look like?

When people close their eyes and imagine the person of Jesus, no two images are exactly the same. Our images of Jesus are usually the result of our cultural influences and experiences. When I imagine Jesus, I often call to mind a picture of Jesus that was on one of my first holy cards.



Jesus probably stood about 5 feet 1 and looked like a typical peasant from Palestine in the first century.

With recent archeological

investigation, combined with the work of medical artists who are often called to testify as forensic witnesses in capital murder trials, and finally starting with the assumption that Jesus resembled a typical peasant from first-century Palestine, some clues may have emerged. According to experts like Richard Neave, Jesus was possibly a person with a broad peasant's face, dark olive skin, short curly hair, and a prominent nose. His height would have been on the order of 5 feet 1 inch and he would have weighed about 110 pounds.

Of course, all of this is unnecessary speculation. What is important in matters of faith is not this level of detail but what is expressed and celebrated by the Church—that Jesus became man, born of the Virgin Mary, and we are all offered a share in the divinity of Christ.

Fr. Tom Santa, CSSR

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A Word From Pope Francis

"God has hidden [the mysteries of his Kingdom, the manifestation of divine lordship in Jesus and the victory over Satan] from those who are all too full of themselves and who claim to know everything already. They are blinded by their presumptuousness and they leave no room for God. One can easily think of some of Jesus' contemporaries whom he repeatedly admonished, but the danger is one that always exists and concerns us, too. The 'little ones,' for their part, are the humble, the simple, the poor, the marginalized, those without voice, those weary and burdened, whom Jesus pronounced 'blessed.' We readily think of Mary, Joseph, the fishermen of Galilee and the disciples whom Jesus called as he went preaching."

—Message for World Mission Day 2014