

## The Fruit God Expects

The Chosen People were often compared to a garden or vineyard that God had planted and cared for. First, he placed them in the Garden of Eden. Then he led them to flourish in Egypt before accommodating them in the Promised Land. After all his care and cultivation he expected to find a fruitful return. In the Song of Songs and then with Jesus himself, not only are the people of God compared to a vineyard, but each of our souls is compared to a vineyard where God plants seeds, waters, and expects to find new growth by thirty-, sixty-, or one hundredfold.

In the image of the Chosen People, the Church, or our souls, one thing is constant: God expects a return on his love. Not because he is selfish and in need of our response but because he knows our happiness depends on receiving and showing him that love.

Jesus says the vineyard will be taken away from those who don't care for it and given to those who will produce its fruit. In the same way, grace will be directed away from some and toward those who accept it and produce faith and love.

This is not a threat or "Catholic guilt." This is a true Father letting his children know he loves them too much to not take them seriously. He gives and gives for our growth and maturing, but if that generosity isn't sincerely embraced and appreciated, he will eventually listen to us and move on. Now is the time to accept his love and enjoy the fruits.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*How does our Lord want to see fruit and growth in your life? Have I squandered God's harvest in my life?*



Piece: Landscape from the late 1500s<sup>sm</sup>  
Artist: Mattheus Brill  
Location: Torre dei Venti, Mezzanine, Vatican Museums

*"I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit" (Matthew 21:43).*

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## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 8, 2017

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Barbara Ann Pease*

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	Gloria Gill	THURS	7:00 PM	Our Parishioners
SUN	7:30 AM	Bruce Ketterer	FRI		<b>No Mass</b>
	9:00 AM	God's Blessings on Rita & Joe Koren – 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann.	SAT	5:15 PM	Joseph Conrad
	11:00 AM	Dec'd Members of the MacDougall Family	SUN	7:30 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners
MON		<b>No Mass</b>		9:00 AM	Kathleen Reppert
TUES	7:00 PM	Barbara Ann Pease		11:00 AM	Troy Egolf
WED		<b>No Mass</b>			

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

*SCRIP: Sponsor: Lukes 5:15 Costanzo 7:30 Colluar 9:00 Grieco 11:00 Hafer*

DAY	MASS	Lector	COMMENTATOR	ALTAR SERVERS
SAT	5:15PM	Jason Mariano	Mary Schwendt	Carina Cress, Rachel and Sarah Forkin
SUN	7:30AM	Dan Sweeney	Amanda Marley	Adam, Carlina and Marielle Davis
	9:00AM	Josephine Hohl	Stephanie Myers	John Babiec, Parker Davis, Zach Whalen
	11:00AM	Greg Shemanski	Steve Lukes	Bridget Ottinger, Faith Ouimet, Mya Salaneck

### **Second Collection Next Week is for Debt Reduction**

#### **Be an Immaculate Conception Academy**

#### **Corporate Sponsor**

Immaculate Conception Academy is currently seeking corporate sponsors for the 2017-18 school year. In the past, we have been generously supported by our parish families and friends who are also part of our local business community. This support has been critical in our mission to bring out the best in each of our students.

If you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor, please visit [www.icaberks.org](http://www.icaberks.org) for more information! Information packets can also be found in the wooden kiosk by the door in the Narthex. Please contact Adele Reilly, ICA Advancement Director at 610-404-8645 or [adele.reilly@icaknights.org](mailto:adele.reilly@icaknights.org) with any questions!

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Yolanda Marino, Morris Motta, Ann Schlott, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Dan Casciano, Jake Maccarone, Madge Butto, Joan Cronin, Rose Osorio, Steve Mammarella, Joseph Kolenda, Dominic Strock, Bob Hocker, Mike DiScala, Anthony Mattassa Sr, Deb Petras, Ronald Kryman, Anna Swiezak, Margarie & Walter Hansen, Rita Dougherty, Lou Franco, John Fritz, Lucy Doney, Mary Okuniewski, Mark McDonald, Virginia Marks, Ken Rumler, Mark Vignone, Justine Mattassa, TJ Doyle, Harry Wood, Tony Williams, Fannie Hunter, John LeFosse, Robert Thomas, Theresa Lynch, Anne Hiryak, Helen McDonald, William Reardon and Anthony Cossa

Pray for the deceased: Reverend David Karns

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS: Monsignor McCann, Deacon Hiryak, Deacon Bardi and Deacon Giordano visit our parishioners who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or homebound regularly. If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please call the parish office at 610-582-2411.

## ***THIS WEEK AT ICC:***

<b>Mon</b>	<b>10/09</b>	<b>7:30pm RCIA</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>9am Dumpling Prep</b> <b>7:30pm Adult Choir</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<b>9am Dumpling Prep</b> <b>7pm Senior High Youth Group</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10/14</b>	<b>9am Dumpling Prep</b> <b>4-5pm Confessions</b>



## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**



Please note there will be no Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of this week. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.

### **Immaculate Conception Academy Aftercare**

is looking for someone willing to work several hours per week from 3pm to 6pm. Must have completed "Protecting God's Children" and obtain required background checks and clearances. Call Laura DeFalco at 610-463-8157.

The **SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** will meet on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm. All high school students in our parish are welcome to attend for an evening of fun, food and prayer. Bring a friend!

The **YOUTH GROUP** is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8am-noon. \$6 at the door includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, juice, and coffee/tea.

**Bereavement Support Group** will meet October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Church, using side door first room on the right. We welcome anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, whether recently or in the past. For information call Pat at 610-775-1892 or Toni at 610-404-1389.

**Sunday School** - Ages 3-5 Registration forms are available in the Narthex and parish office. If you would like to volunteer, please call Dawn O'Donnell at 610-582-3880.

**ICA HSO's Christmas Bazaar** - November 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3pm. Vendor spaces are still available. Stop in the parish office or email ICAXmas@gmail.com for a vendor application.

**Have you placed your Apple Dumpling Order yet? Prepaid orders are due today.** We need helpers to roll dough on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We will be making the dumplings on October 13/14, 9am-???. We'll enjoy a lite lunch on Friday and Saturday around 1pm. Order forms are in the narthex. **Pick up your order in the social hall before or after Masses on October 14/15.**

**Time is running out to receive 25% OFF AND EXTENDED SHOPPING HOURS** for the Boscov's "one day only" **Friends Helping Friends - October 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am-11pm.** The shopping pass is only \$5 (100% of the proceeds go to the church). You will enjoy 25% off your purchases throughout the store (exceptions listed on the pass). Enjoy refreshments, entertainment, and a chance at some valuable prizes. YOU could be the winner of one of the \$100 or \$500 shopping sprees so don't forget to drop your stub off at one of the collection boxes throughout the store.

ICA's McTeacher's Night at McDonald's of Douglassville was a huge success. 85% of our student body was represented at this event. What a great night of fellowship!

Discover/Rediscover Catholicism - Join us on Monday evenings for a better understanding of our Catholic Faith. This week's topic will be Revelation: How God makes Himself known through Scripture and Tradition. Class begins at 7:30pm in the office building lower level meeting room. All are welcome. Contact the parish office if you have questions at 610-582-2411. See you there!

**The Women's Society Meeting - October 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** in the social hall. Meeting will begin with recitation of the Rosary, followed by business meeting. Light refreshments will be offered. All women of the parish are welcome to participate in any of our activities whether they are a member or not. If you have been thinking about joining, just come to any one of our meetings to check us out. It is not a big commitment of time as we meet only once a month to plan our events. Please call Marsha at 610.385.6319 for more information.

### **Congratulations to ICA's 2017-2018 Student Council**

Anna Schlegel, John Battistelli, Delaney Hyer, Sean Reilly, Gabby Fontana, Aubrey Hunt, Abigail Wolf, John Mullin, Sabrina Knipe, Nicholas Arbuckle, Gabriella Femino, Andrew Kurtas, Bridget Ottinger, Maggie McFadden, Luke Hennessey, Susannah North, Charlotte Dolena, Lukas Arbuckle, Sophia Hogan, Molly McFadden, Aidan Curley, Lily Wolf, Brianna Devine, Brandon Longo, Violet Dolena, Nathan Leonhardt, Mitchell Gatz, Luke Linderman, Lauren Conley, Whitney Femino, J.T. Hogan, Carter Kessler, Avrie Hassler, Gabriella Clemente, Tyler Givens, Marcello Desiderio, Keira Tenneson, Matthew Leininger, Mya Salanek, Bentley Roberts, Madysyn Crozier and Mackenzie Hine

**Consecration of the Diocese of Allentown to Our Lady of Fatima** - In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal, Bishop Alfred A. Schlert will consecrate the Diocese of Allentown to Our Lady of Fatima on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Noon Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catharine, Allentown.

**Spirit 2017** - "Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?" Diocesan Men's Conference-11/4, 9am-5pm at De Sales University. Keynote addresses, exhibits and a vigil Mass with Bishop Alfred Schlert. Fee: \$40 and \$10 for high school/college students. Breakfast and lunch included. For info and to register, visit [www.cmfd.org](http://www.cmfd.org). Questions? 610-289-8900x2028. Brochures are in the narthex.

**Make your good marriage great!** Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend-11/17-19 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. To apply visit [www.wmme-philly.org](http://www.wmme-philly.org) or contact Al & Mary Liz Heumann at 610-449-1859.

**Theology of the Body Seminar** - This seminar will discuss God's original plan for us and the gifts he bestowed on us. 10/21, 9:30-11:30, St. Mary Parish Center in Kutztown. Register today for \$20 at [www.allentowndiocese.org/icf](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/icf).

**A Call Within a Call: Finding God's Will in the Mundane** - 10/19, 7-9pm at the McGlenn Conference and Spirituality Center as Rev. Frank Kaminski, S.J. helps us to uncover the mystery of finding God's will in our everyday lives and decisions. Register at [www.allentowndiocese.org/aff](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/aff).

**5K Color Run - 11/4** - Amity Community Park, 9-12, <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Douglassville/Troop1797/ColorRun>

## Calendar

### Monday

October 9

Weekday

Jon 1:1–2:2, 11

Lk 10:25–37

### Tuesday

October 10

Weekday

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 10:38–42

### Wednesday

October 11

Weekday

Jon 4:1–11

Lk 11:1–4

### Thursday

October 12

Weekday

Mal 3:13–20b

Lk 11:5–13

### Friday

October 13

Weekday

Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2

Lk 11:15–26

### Saturday

October 14

Weekday

Jl 4:12–21

Lk 11:27–28

### Sunday

October 15

Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6–10a

Phil 4:12–14, 19–20

Mt 22:1–14

# Dear Padre,

**I know we're all supposed to use our gifts to glorify God, but what is liturgical dance? Is it acceptable as part of Mass? Are there rules surrounding it?**

**L**iturgical dance is dance movement forming a part of official worship. Through it, people in a community express their joy at God's blessings, foreshadowing the joy of heaven.

Dance, in many cultures, is a sign of joy. We dance at weddings, birthday celebrations, and anniversaries. People from both Eastern and Western traditions use dance as a form of expression, and some incorporate it into their religious rites. Jewish worship includes dance on certain feasts, such as the Simhat Torah, where the holy scrolls are part of the sacred movement.

In the United States, the practice of liturgical dance began to grow following Vatican II, but it was not readily accepted. Since dance in Western culture is viewed by some as an expression of love, intimacy, or diversion, the Church's approach is reserved. In 1975, the Vatican repeated this and said that because the Roman rite does not include dance as part of worship, inclusion of dance in liturgy is not appropriate ("The Religious Dance, an Expression of Spiritual Joy," *Notitiae* 11, 202–205).

We see dancing in our parishes and at diocesan celebrations; however, it should occur outside of the liturgy.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR | [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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## A Word From Pope Francis

*"The prayer of praise is a Christian prayer, for all of us. In the Mass, every day, when we sing the 'Holy, Holy, Holy', this is a prayer of praise: we praise God for his greatness because he is great. And we address him with beautiful words because it pleases us to do this. The prayer of praise bears fruit in us.*

*Sarah danced as she celebrated her fertility—at the age of ninety! This fruitfulness gives praise to God. Men and women who praise the Lord...bear fruit."*

—Address to the Catholic Fraternity  
of Charismatic Covenant Communities and Fellowships, October 31, 2014

Immaculate Conception,

# CHRISTMAS

BAZAAR

905 Chestnut Street  
Douglassville

November 4th  
9am-3pm



GIFTS  
CRAFTS  
SOUP



[ICAHSO.org](http://ICAHSO.org)



*All pies are  
\$15*

ICA HSO PRESENTS

WEAVERS ORCHARD PIE SALE

*Get a jump on your holiday  
entertaining with delicious real  
fruit, bake at home pies.*



CHOICE OF

*Apple Lattice Top , Apple Caramel Walnut, Dutch  
Apple Crumb, Lattice Top Blackberry, Strawberry  
Rhubarb, Peach, Pumpkin*

ORDERS OF 5 OR MORE PIES CAN BE PICKED UP

FRIDAY, NOV 3 - 3PM-4PM

FRIDAY, NOV 3 - 6PM-8PM

ORDERS OF 4 OR FEWER PIES CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE  
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

SATURDAY, NOV 4 - 9:30AM-2:30PM

*Please make checks payable to ICA HSO.*

*Orders are due by October 20 and can be placed in the  
collection plate during mass, sent in to school or  
mailed to*

*ICA HSO 903 Chestnut St, Douglassville PA, 19518.*

PROCEEDS SUPPORT IC ACADEMY

If your order contains 5 or more pies we ask that you pick them up on Friday.

# Weaver's Orchard Pie Fundraiser

Immaculate Conception Academy

Name:

Phone #

All pies are 9" in diameter and are made with real fresh fruit (not just a filling). They come frozen with simple baking instructions so that they can be kept and served at any time.

## Pies are \$15 each - Please make checks payable to ICA HSO-

Orders are due by  
October 20.

Name:	Phone/Address:	Apple Lattice Top	Apple Caramel Walnut	Dutch Apple Crumb	Strawberry Rhubarb	Peach	Funkin' (all only)	TOTAL PIES	TOTAL COST	PAID	

**Pick up date/time**  
Please circle one:  
Friday Nov 3, from 3pm-4pm      Friday Nov 3, from 6pm-8pm      Saturday Nov 4, from 9:30am-2:30pm

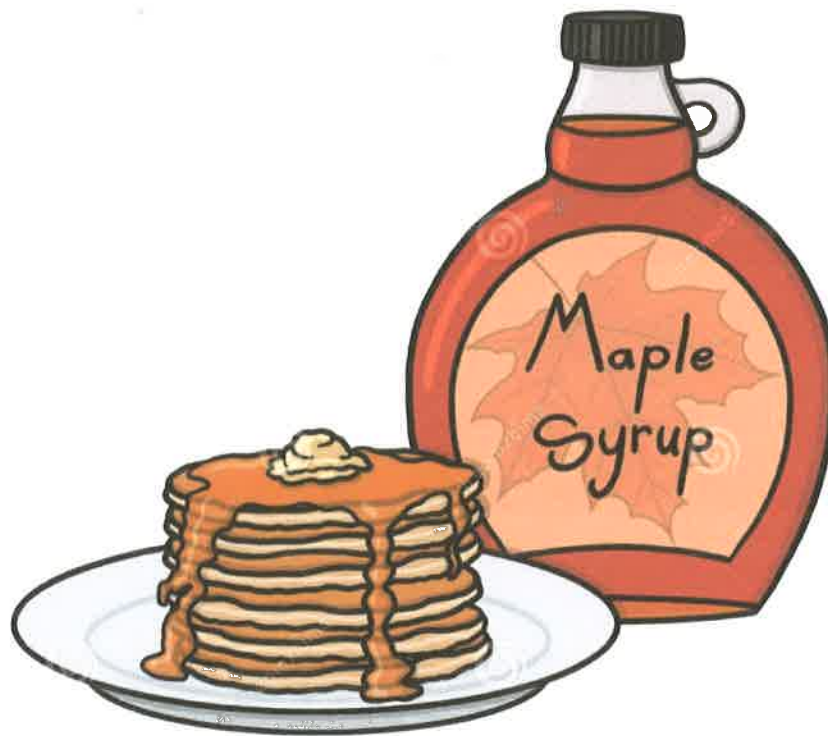
# Pancake Breakfast

**\$6**

Ages 3 and  
under free

*Join us for breakfast: All you can eat includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, juice, and coffee/tea.*

**October 22 from 8am to 12pm  
ICC Social Hall**



**Benefits Youth Group Mission Trip and Youth Conference**