



## The Other Side of Love

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**D**ennis is one of the local street people who lives around the parish where I live. He is usually pleasant and courteous and wants to do things right, though he also struggles with his own set of demons. For the most part, Dennis seems to be finding his way through the mazes of life, as people do in their own fashion.

In some ways, the parishioners have become a family for Dennis, or at least a part of the family scattered about the neighborhood. Frequently he will be gone for a time, and we will wonder what happened to Dennis, only to find him drifting back among us.

These days Dennis is angry with us. For whatever reason, Dennis brought his assembled belongings and took up residence on our garage roof. The roof is flat and has a two-foot-high wall around the edge, a place that affords a bit of shelter from the wind. Soon, however, the parish came up with a list of reasons why it would be best if Dennis did not live on our garage roof—safety, security, and insurance among them. So Dennis was asked to move on, and that’s why Dennis is angry with us.

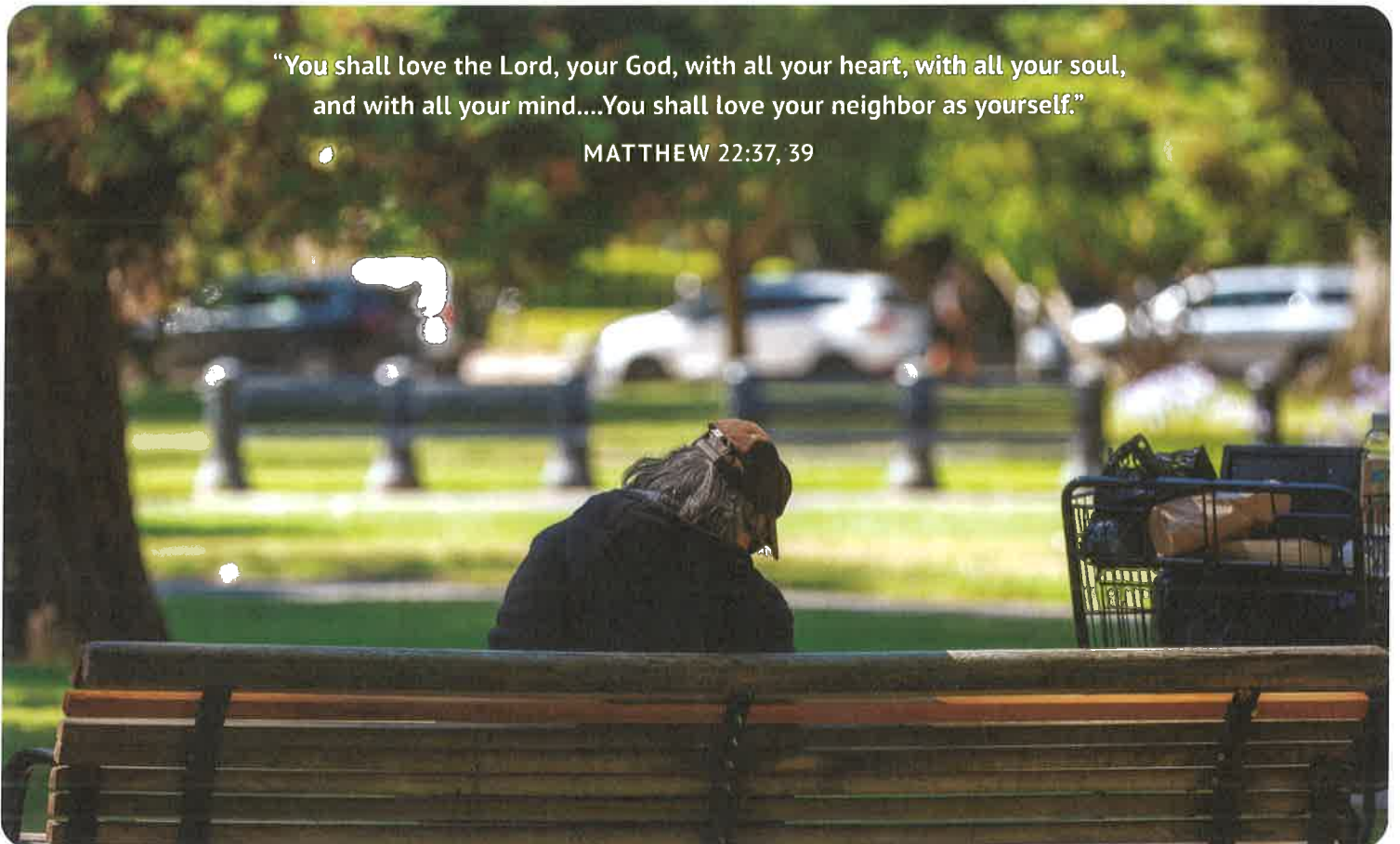
The parish staff tries to be sensitive and caring about the street people. They try to let them make their own way when that is what they want to do. Yet at other times the staff needs to do what is best for everyone involved in the parish. It’s not always easy to know how to love someone. ●

### Reflect

***When have you been unsure of how to love someone?***

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul,  
and with all your mind....You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

MATTHEW 22:37, 39



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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 29, 2023

### *The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Deacon Charles Giordano*

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SAT	5:15 PM	Guy Klang	THURS	7:00 PM	Dec'd Members-Lucarz Family
SUN	7:30 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners	FRI	7:30 AM	Sr. Joan Noreen
	9:00 AM	Matthew Manegold	SAT	5:15 PM	Living & Deceased Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Jeanne Moyer	SUN	7:30 AM	Parish Memorial Society
MON	7:30 AM	Florence Szymborski		9:00 AM	Parish Memorial Society
TUES	7:00 PM	Lawrence & Mary DelGrosse		11:00 AM	Parish Memorial Society
WED	7:30 AM	Sr. Daniel Marie Liddy			
	9:00 AM	ICA Mass-Living & Deceased Parishioners			
	7:00 PM	Dec'd Members-Peterson Family			

### Second Collection Next Week is for Church Building & Parish Maintenance



#### **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!*

Won't you join us? It's easy, safe and secure. And YOU have control over your online account. How?

- † You determine when the money is withdrawn; weekly or monthly
  - † Use your Credit/Debit card or your own checking account
  - † At any time, you can see your year-to-date contributions
  - † 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](http://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!

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Madge Butto, Deb Petras, Fannie Hunter, Pat Fessler, Rita Ferry, Sonny Motta, Curt Miller, Loretta Hitchens, Baby Lucas, Linda Domergue, Dante Stetina, Arlene Shirley, George Ruby, Harriet Yeager, Marjorie Hansen, Mark Vignone, Jason Lemam, Ann Washko, Geri Barth, Brianna, Dominic Strock, Anthony Scaglione, Aaron Gulla, Maryanne Emery, Pam Amos, Miriam Lemam, Marianne Sutton, John Mingione, Henry J. Wade, Lois Muldowney, Terry Swisher, Arlene Schaeffer, Shelly Weiler, Christopher Shirk, Joe Nowotarski, Stephen Blanyar, Dianne Marie Longwell, Jennifer Gazda Gruber, Adele Nieckoski, Alex Lopacki, Shawn Kaeser, Gene Raser, Sharon Rozenberg, Catherine Mueller, Regina Marie Brown, Tanya Sanders, Louis & Renee Cutillo, Ralph Rapposelli, Marguerite Smolen, Leslie Della Croce, Joe Dantas, Debbie Watson Simcock, Judy Jones, Wanda Palmieri, Msgr. Nevin Klinger, Barbara Wright, Bill Palmer, Baby Thomas Joseph Hafer, Charlotte Glacken, Beppy McGee, David Mollura, Edith Ellison, Mary Louise Myers, Mary Ann Uivary, Michael Bobb, Richard McCann, John Kusznir, Nancy Williams, Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan, Joseph Ondo, Andrea Hassler, Rose White, Barbara Ruby, David Hoagland, Nova Puszczkowski, Patricia Hylan, Karl Husbands

Pray for the deceased: Norma Nanni, Dennis T. Ruano

**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. You may access the live-streaming Mass from our parish website at [www.icbvm.org](http://www.icbvm.org).

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.

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**All Saints Day** - Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be offered on Tuesday evening, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. On Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 7:30am; at 9am with the children of Immaculate Conception Academy and at 7pm. At the 9am Mass with the children of the Academy, our First Grade students will be dressed and processing as the Saints. You are welcome to join us to see "the Saints go marching in"!

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*Order for Christian Initiation* (OCIA - formerly RCIA) Expand your knowledge of our Catholic faith or encourage someone who is curious about it to attend. Visit our website at [www.icbvm.org](http://www.icbvm.org) for program information or contact the church office.

*October 30<sup>th</sup> - The Architecture of  
Worship: Church Tour*

Church Office Lower Level Meeting Room, 7-8:30pm

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*Eucharistic Adoration - Come spend time with  
the Lord every Wednesday evening 7-9pm  
through the year's end. Jesus looks forward  
to seeing you!*

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**Thanksgiving Gift Cards for Those in Need**

To assist families in need, all of the churches in the Birdsboro and Douglassville area have traditionally agreed to adopt a particular school for the Thanksgiving holiday. Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception, has for many years adopted the Daniel Boone High School for this endeavor, providing Thanksgiving gift cards to families in need with children enrolled in the high school. All of us recognize that the need remains great especially in these difficult and challenging times. So as to assist families in need this Thanksgiving, we will again be providing families with gift cards to local grocery stores which will enable them to purchase all of the ingredients needed for a Thanksgiving meal. If your family would like to contribute gift cards for a family in need, please contact the parish office at 610-582-2411 or [secretary@icbvm.org](mailto:secretary@icbvm.org) to sign-up. It has been suggested that gift cards totaling \$100 would enable a family to secure all of the ingredients needed for a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. Some families often have issues with transportation so we ask that the gift cards be from either Boyer's or Redner's to ensure families easy access to these local stores. **Contact the office at 610-582-2411 to purchase the gift cards through our SCRIP program. The deadline to sign-up is Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your concern for those in need.

ICC Men's Group, Esto Vir - November 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30-10am in the lower-level meeting room of the church office. The presentation will be the Sixth (Our Father in Faith) in a series of 12 from the St Paul Center for Biblical Theology on the Bible from Genesis the Jesus. What is the Bible, where did it come from, and what is its purpose? Coffee and donuts start at 8am. A reminder that we will be cleaning the church starting at 10:30 am after the Esto Vir meeting. If you have the time and are physically able to help, it would be appreciated. We should be finished cleaning by around noon. If you can help please go to the church social hall after the Esto Vir meeting.

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*Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Knights of Columbus who conducted a Fall Campus Workday on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The Church and social hall door windows were cleaned, shrubberies were trimmed, dead pine trees were cut down, and many, many tree branches were pruned and removed. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus of our parish for their hard work in maintaining the beauty of our parish grounds.*

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**Scam Alert:** Please be advised of a SCAM that occurred at several parishes across the Diocese of Allentown including Immaculate Conception. Individuals have reported receiving text messages and emails from their pastor. The scamming individual pretended to be the Pastor and requested that the receiver respond by text regarding an urgent matter. The fraudulent text or email message often requests the receiver to purchase gift cards. Please exercise caution in this regard as these messages are fraudulent.

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National Centre for Padre Pio - November 8, following the noon Mass celebrated by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert  
Event: Gentle Spiritual Daughter: The Life of Mary Pyle followed by a "Meet the Author"

Join us on a journey of discovery as we delve into the life and spirituality of Mary Pyle whose Cause for Canonization is in the initial phases. In their first encounter, Padre Pio placed his wounded hands on the head of Mary Pyle and said, "My daughter, do not travel anymore. Stay here." And that is what she did! During her forty-five years in San Giovanni Rotondo, she became a member of the Third Order of Saint Francis, financed the building of a new church in Pietrelcina along with a much-needed friary and seminary for the Capuchins, and cared for the parents of Padre Pio in her own home.

Following this presentation, our guest speaker, Susan De Bartoli, will be available for a "Meet and Greet." Her book, *Welcoming the Christ Child with Padre Pio*, will be available for purchase and book signing.

**Please Note:** At the 12:00 PM Mass, Bishop Schlert will bless the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe lovingly and generously gifted to the National Centre for Padre Pio by the Philadelphia Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary.

National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Rd, Barto, 19504  
More Information: Contact [angela@padrepio.org](mailto:angela@padrepio.org) or refer to our website at [www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org)

# Dear Padre,

## How does a person become a saint?

Saint Alphonsus Liguori challenged those who entered the Redemptorists saying, "Don't become a Redemptorist unless you want to be a saint." I would widen his expression to say, "Don't get baptized unless you want to be a saint." To be a saint means that you want to go to heaven. Most people are not canonized, but anyone who leads a holy life is a member of the communion of saints. This mystical body spans heaven, earth, and purgatory. As St. Paul said, "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1).

Technically speaking, to be canonized, that is, given the title of "saint" by the Church, a person's life should serve as a model for others, and two miracles must be attributed to his or her intercession. The formal process begins after death with the creation of the person's "cause," often with the leadership of local clergy.

The beatitudes offer us a blueprint for holiness. If we are poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure, peacemakers, or persecuted for doing what is right, we are on the road to sainthood. Reflect on one of the beatitudes. It can be one you do well or one that challenges you. Discern how you live it out and how you could live it out better. Slowly you will find yourself growing holier, and one day you will find yourself a saint in heaven. ●

**Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org**



**Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) served the needy and built an internet gateway for exploring eucharistic miracles.**

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***This is the test: if I say, "I love God," and do not love my neighbor, it does not work. The verification that I love God is that I love my neighbor. As long as there is a brother or sister to whom we close our hearts, we will still be far from being disciples as Jesus asks us.***

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### MONDAY

October 30  
Weekday  
Rom 8:12–17  
Lk 13:10–17

### TUESDAY

October 31  
Weekday  
Rom 8:18–25  
Lk 13:18–21

### WEDNESDAY

November 1  
All Saints  
Rev 7:2–4, 9–14  
1 Jn 3:1–3  
Mt 5:1–12a

### THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 2  
Commemoration of All  
the Faithful Departed  
(All Souls' Day)  
Any readings from no.  
668 in the *Lectionary*  
or from the *Masses*  
for the Dead

### FRIDAY

November 3  
Weekday  
Rom 9:1–5  
Lk 14:1–6

### SATURDAY

November 4  
St. Charles Borromeo,  
Bishop  
Rom 11:1–2a, 11–12,  
25–29  
Lk 14:1, 7–11

### SUNDAY

November 5  
Thirty-first Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8–10  
1 Thes 2:7b–9, 13  
Mt 23:1–12

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