


# Ordinary Time

October 12, 2014 • Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



When I was growing up, Thanksgiving and Christmas were always great feasts in our house. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, and corn were on the menu in November. The December menu substituted roast beef for turkey, and my father would pour a little sip of sparkling wine for each of us—a once-a-year treat.

My mother always made a little extra, “because you never know when a guest might come by.” Sure enough, in one year or another one of us would invite someone or a neighbor would stop by. There was always plenty, and we would feast and tell stories into the night.

Those memories and the ones I make with my own family now are as close as I can come to the banquet Isaiah and Jesus describe, and I’m sure they’re no match for that great feast in heaven.

But I think I know why Isaiah and Jesus use the metaphor. There is something sensual and earthy about gathering around a table with family and friends. It begins with the smells wafting through the house, the noise in the kitchen, the setting of the table with more than the everyday plates. We dress a little more carefully.

We are preparing for our family banquet. No matter what food is on the table, we’ll be fed with love that draws us in and accepts us simply because we are family.

Love is the gift we bring to the table, and love is the gift we receive in the act of breaking bread with one another. Our love feast needs our care and attention.

And God’s feast deserves no less.

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## Today’s Readings

Is 25:6–10a

Phil 4:12–14, 19–20

Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

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## TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 12, 2014

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

AT	5:15 PM	BRUCE KETTERER	THU	7:00 PM	GLORIA GILL
UN	7:30 AM	JOHN PALKO	FRI	7:30 AM	LEON DONEY
	9:00 AM	ELI IEZZI	SAT	5:15 PM	DOROTHY E. ELTZ
	11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SUN	7:30 AM	MICHAEL KILARESKI
ON	7:30 AM	BERNADETTE GRZYWACZ		9:00 AM	SHIRLEY MCCAULEY METSGER
JE	<b>12:05 PM</b>	SOPHIA & ANDREW LAKATOSH		11:00 AM	MARKS FAMILY
'ED	7:30 AM	JOSEPH MATALONE			
	4:30 PM	CONFIRMATION			

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Josie & Gus Fredriksen*

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP: Fedorcha 5:15pm Pisarek 7:30am Fazio 9:00am Carvalho 11:00am Hafer**

DAY	MASS	LECTOR	COMMENTATOR	ALTAR SERVERS
SAT	5:15pm	Jennifer Stuart	Joe Bailey	Mason Cambria, Austin Mora, SamanthaReitnour
SUN	7:30am	Pam Amos	Sean Werner	Jessica Kritschil, Amanda and Lauren Marley
	9:00am	VallenteRomasanta	Isabelita Santos	Meghan Grieco, Jenn McNerney, Isabella Pizzo
	11:00am	Karl Filachek	Mary Ann Cotter	William Bailey, John and Matthew Dugan

**The second collection next week is Mission Sunday**

## RCIA

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you looking for a "Faith Refresher?" Join Monsignor McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers on Monday evenings to learn more about our Catholic faith. RCIA isn't just for persons interested in Catholicism. It's for everyone who desires a deeper understanding of what we believe and practice as Catholics. Classes are scheduled from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as your schedule permits. For more information or to register contact the parish office at 610.582.2411.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Joe & Betty Cuccaro, Cecelia Potts, Arthur & Betty Erjavec, Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John Kakas, Terry & Paul Swisher, William Kuehler, Maryanne Prentice, John & Joan LeFosse, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, John Iezzi, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Andrew Martin, Alice Smyk, Barbara Pease, Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Irene Wade, Loretta Kozlowski, Patricia Reigel, Patricia Winkel, Ann Kretzman, Ann Schlott, Anthony Boraten, Gage Speece, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Julia McDonald, Patricia McDermott, Charles Reppert, Carol Janiszewski, Maryanna Niemczyk, Linda D'Alessandro and Erminio Cioppa

Please welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Del Brander

Please pray for the recently baptized: Caitlyn Grace Rubendall, Rowan Michael Sharpe and their families

Please congratulate the newly married: Krista Erin Kiehl and Michael Stephen Haring

## **THIS WEEK AT ICC:**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<b>7:30 RCIA</b> <b>7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>10/14</b>	<b>7pm Confirmation Practice w/Sponsors</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10/15</b>	<b>4:30pm CONFIRMATION</b> <b>7pm Women's Society Meeting</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>4pm Youth Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10/18</b>	<b>4-5pm Confessions</b>

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

Please note that on October 14<sup>th</sup>, the daily Mass will be offered at 12:05pm due to the rehearsal scheduled in the evening for our Confirmandi and their sponsors.

**Confirmation: Bishop Edward P. Cullen will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of Immaculate Conception Church on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. We invite you to pray for the young men and women of our parish who are preparing to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

The Women's Society will meet October 15<sup>th</sup> in the Admin Building, Lower Level. We will begin our meeting at 7pm with the recitation of the Rosary. All members are asked to attend. If you are not yet a member, please feel free to attend any of our meetings or join in our activities. Our mission is to support our church and each other as we continue to grow in our faith. This is a great way to get to know other women of parish. Our meetings allow time for prayer, discussion of upcoming activities, light refreshments and time to socialize. We normally end the meeting by 8:30pm.

**DON'T DELAY!** Buy your **Bosco's Friends Helping Friends** shopping pass today in the narthex of the church to save \$\$\$ on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 9am-11pm. The shopping pass is only \$5 (100% of the proceeds go to the church). A purchase of only \$20 earns back the price of the pass. You will enjoy a whopping 25% off your purchases throughout the store (exceptions listed on the pass). With the extended shopping hours allow you plenty of time to shop and save. 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.

The Women's Society will be preparing Apple Dumplings on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in the social hall, 9am - till? Come one or both days. We usually finish up around 1pm after a lite lunch. Easy, stress free, fun work with a great bunch of people. Order sheets are in the narthex and church office. Payment must accompany orders and are due October 19<sup>th</sup>. We may have extras to sell but we encourage you to pre-order as extras go really fast! Pick up your order in the social hall before or after Masses on October 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>.

**2015/2016 Registration for Berks Catholic High School** is open. Please visit the our website [www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org) for more information about the school. Contact Nicole Smith [nsmith@berkscatholic.org](mailto:nsmith@berkscatholic.org) or 610.374.8361, ext244 to set up a personal tour or shadow day or simply to answer any questions you may have. All inquires are confidential.

## **Confirmation Class of 2014**

Rafael Aidukas	Sean Miller
Sarah Bauer	Hope Myer
Kristen Benoit	Noelle Narvaez
Thomas Beck	Cameron Noline
Madison Bickings	Matthew Okuniewski
Michael Bishop	Michael O'Neill
Michelle Bishop	Faith Ouimet
Cecelia Bloom	John Petersen
Jonathan Boraten	Austin Picaso
Adam Brezina	Joshua Piccarreta
Hailey Cinege	Ryan Quinn
Alexis Cramer	Sean Quinn
Kevin Creamer	Molly Raser
Lilia Crew	Madeleine Reilly
Simon Crew	Timothy Richard
Ryan Curley	Grace Richey
Bryan Cymbalski	Nicolas Ruffing
Madison D'Elia	Logan Salas
John Dinnocenti	Vito Satiro
Nicholas Donnelly	Johnathon Shaffer
Ryan Duffy	Tyler Schutz
Sarah Eisenhart	Samantha Scicchitano
Carson Endy	Hailey Schinski
Brian Fiato	Savannah Sell
Quinton Foley	Zachary Stolnacker
Vito Gentile	Elly Smithson
Rachael Haag	Christopher Surkosky
Jennifer Hutton	Marina Sykes
Kamil Karpiak	Samuel Swestock
Victoria Kasperowicz	Laura Taraboletti
Anna Lambert	Madison Twaddell
Claire LeBlanc	Matthew Unger
George Leonhardt	Emily Wedemeyer
Amanda Marley	Zachary Whelan
Mary McClelland	Joseph Williams
Paige McDonald	Hailey Zeigler
Kyra McEntee	Kelsey Zeigler

ICA HSO is collecting gently used or new Halloween costumes for Berks Women in Crisis. The bins will be located in the Narthex. Please consider donating so little superheroes and princesses in our area can enjoy the season as well. The last day to donate will be October 19<sup>th</sup>.

The ICA HSO Christmas Bazaar will be held in the Social Hall November 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3pm. Please come out and enjoy this fun event. Thanks to all of the vendors that have signed up and helped us reach our goal of fillings all the spaces!

Bereavement Support Group will meet on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 8:30pm in the Church (side door, first room on right). We welcome anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. For information call Toni 610-404-1389 or Pat 610-775-1892.

**RESORTS AC TRIP** - October 23<sup>rd</sup> - LEAVE the Church at 9:30am - 6 hours in AC - Package Deal: Pay \$30 get \$25 Back - Call Carol J. if interested @ 610-775-4447

**Signups are underway for CYO winter sports. Visit [www.iccyo.com](http://www.iccyo.com) for more information.**

Kauffman's Chicken BBQ on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 10-2 at St. Gabriel's Church, Stowe. The cost is \$8 and includes ½ a chicken, baked potato, side dish. Advance tickets only can be purchased by calling 610-326-5127.

**Monday**

OCTOBER 13

Weekday

Gal 4:22–24,  
26–27, 31—5:1  
Lk 11:29–32**Tuesday**

OCTOBER 14

Weekday

Gal 5:1–6  
Lk 11:37–41**Wednesday**

OCTOBER 15

*Saint Teresa  
of Jesus, Virgin  
and Doctor  
of the Church*Gal 5:18–25  
Lk 11:42–46**Thursday**

OCTOBER 16

Weekday

Eph 1:1–10  
Lk 11:47–54**Friday**

OCTOBER 17

*Saint Ignatius  
of Antioch,  
Bishop and  
Martyr*Eph 1:11–14  
Lk 12:1–7**Saturday**

OCTOBER 18

*Saint Luke,  
Evangelist*2 Tm 4:10–17b  
Lk 10:1–9**Sunday**

OCTOBER 19

*Twenty-ninth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*Is 45:1, 4–6  
1 Thes 1:1–5b  
Mt 22:15–21

October 12, 2014

# dear Padre



## How should parents discipline children at Mass?



I'm tired of being distracted by children sliding around in the pews, fidgeting constantly, and giggling with each other. How would the priest like parents to handle these situations during Mass?

**I presume you mean** children between the ages of two and six—kids too old to be crying in their parents' arms and too young to be in religious-education programs. Many parishes have children's Liturgy of the Word programs, but the kids still spend time at regular Mass.

It's important for kids to be at Mass and to learn to be quiet for an hour. When children come to Mass, they slowly get used to the idea that they're expected to behave for a limited amount of time.

Parents should bring books or soft toys—anything that won't make more noise—to keep the kids entertained. They shouldn't let their kids bring musical toys, electronic games with sound effects, or toy trucks that can be run up and down the pews. If children continue to be disruptive, parents should take them outside for a short time and then bring them back.

Bottom line: Priests want children to come to Mass. It's better to have fidgeting kids at Mass than no kids at all. We want them to learn to behave now so when they get older they're ready to deepen their participation in the Mass.

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