

# Ordinary Time

November 16, 2014 ♦ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

“*Stay awake.*” My siblings and I used to huddle in our rooms on Christmas night, determined to stay up for Christmas dawn. We’d inevitably fall asleep, awakening around dawn to find the presents already around the tree and Jesus in the manger.

“*Stay awake,*” we would say again on New Year’s Eve. This got a little easier as we got older and beat on pots and pans to celebrate the New Year.

Special occasions call for special wakefulness. We anticipate, we watch, we try to glimpse the first signs of the holiday, birthday, or first day of vacation. These are important to us, and we don’t want to miss them.

“*Stay alert,*” Paul says to us. “*Prepare for the Master’s return,*” Jesus says to us. At the end of the Church year, everything is about watchfulness. We reflect on the end times, when Christ will return in glory to judge the living and the dead and draw all creation to himself.

What happens in the end? We show God what we’ve done with his many gifts. We behave as children of light and refuse to fall asleep (a metaphor for turning away from God) so we’ll be found waiting when Christ comes again. We keep the faith, knowing our hope is in the Lord.

When we were children, the temptation to fall asleep was great; we didn’t always make it to the first minutes of celebration.



As adults in faith, the stakes are much higher. If we fall asleep here, we may miss the party altogether.

Let’s encourage one another while we still have time.

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## Today’s Readings

Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 1 Thes 5:1–6 / Mt 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21



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## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 16, 2014

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM FLORENCE & ORLANDO LEBRESCO	THU	<u>12:05 PM</u> HENRY WADE
SUN	7:30 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	FRI	7:30 AM FR. BERNARD LAMOND
	9:00 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	SAT	5:15 PM MARY KELLY
	11:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SUN	7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON	7:30 AM MARY KRETZMAN		9:00 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
TUE	7:00 PM DONALD LAKATOSH		11:00 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
WED	7:30 AM LOUISE SICA - 23 <sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY		

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Brendan Gallagher  
 And also In Memory of Antonio & Rose Marie Rossi*

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP:** Porambo **5:15pm** Swanson **7:30am** Schwendt **9:00am** McCauley **11:00am** Nanni

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Mike Austrevich	Shirley Wheeler	Meghan Grieco, Jennifer Mc Nerney, Isabella Pizzo
SUN	7:30am	Adelina Kieffer	Dennis Piontek	Michael and Robert Beitz, Beply McGee
	9:00am	Barrie Pease	Stephanie Myers	Ally, Diego and Jacob Santos
	11:00am	John Peterson	Barbara Romig	Brent DeMarco, Ryan Ferrante, Ian Haynes

### **The second collection next week is the Fuel Collection**

## ***Immaculate Conception Academy Open House***

Immaculate Conception Academy will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 1 pm. We invite you to stop by after Mass to have some coffee and donuts, meet our teachers and visit our classrooms. We are currently enrolling for the 2015-16 school year. Please contact Shannon.Villa@icaknights.org for more information.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Joe & Betty Cuccaro, Cecelia Potts, Arthur & Betty Erjavec, Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John Kakas, William Kuehler, Maryanne Prentice, John 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, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Julia McDonald, Patricia McDermott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Linda D'Alessandro, Eric Toth, Michael Kovach, Bernie Rissmiller, Sister Daniel Marie Liddy, Lannie Knapp, Mary Pender, Mary Heller, Geri Barth, Jo Ann Hofer and Ron D'Augustine

Please congratulate the newly baptized: Paxton James Alexander and his family

Please congratulate the newly married: Jesse A. DeHart and David G. Hartwich

Please pray for the recently departed: Janet Marley

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS:** Monsignor McCann and Deacon Paul Hiryak visit our hospitalized parishioners regularly. If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, call the parish office at 610-582-2411.

## **THIS WEEK AT ICC:**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>11/16</b>	<b>ICA Book Fair, after 9 &amp; 11 Masses</b> <b>Santa Breakfast Ticket Sales</b> <b>10am-1pm ICA OPEN HOUSE</b> <b>Women's Society Bake Sale</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>11/17</b>	<b>9am-2pm ICA Book Fair</b> <b>7pm Bereavement Support Group</b> <b>7:30pm RCIA</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>11/18</b>	<b>9am-2pm ICA Book Fair</b> <b>7:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>11/19</b>	<b>9am-2pm ICA Book Fair</b> <b>7pm Women's Society</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>11/20</b>	<b>7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>11/22</b>	<b>4-5pm Confessions</b> <b>Santa Breakfast Ticket Sales</b>

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**Please note that on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, the daily Mass will be offered at 12:05pm.**

**2014 Walk-A-Thon for Catholic Education** – Donations are being gratefully accepted. Please place it in an envelope marked "**ICA Walk-a-thon**" and drop it in any Sunday collection basket or mail it to Immaculate Conception Academy, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, PA 19518.  
**All donations are greatly appreciated.**

**Scholastic Book Fair**, lower level parish room on November 16<sup>th</sup> after the 9 & 11am masses. The book fair will also be open during the school day from November 17-19, 9am to 2pm. This is a great opportunity to buy books for the holidays! Donations are also being accepted for "All for Books" which will help buy books for ICA teacher classrooms. Scholastic will match donations and help provide books to less fortunate children. Donations may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "All for Books". Checks should be made out to ICA-HSO. Thank you for your support.

**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 for the first year; \$500 for the second).

### **Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship**

Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception will host the annual Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Prayer Service on November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. In shared worship, let us witness to God who is at the center of all of our thanks giving. Designed as a worship to celebrate our common thanks in God, you are cordially invited and encouraged to join with your brothers and sisters in Christ from throughout our community. The Rev. Robert Kramer, Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Birdsboro will be preaching, and delicious refreshments will follow in the Social hall. All are welcome! Invite a friend to accompany you!

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** - ICA 8<sup>th</sup> grade is sponsoring our annual **Breakfast with Santa** on December 6<sup>th</sup>! There are seating's at 8am and 10am. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee/milk will be served. We will have face painting, cookie and ornament decorating, pictures with Santa and a Christmas Petting Zoo! Tickets are \$8, age 2 and under free. Tickets sell out quickly so get yours today! Call 610-404-8645 for more information!!!

**Bereavement Support Group** will meet on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm in the Church Sunday Office (using side door first room on right). We welcome anyone who wishes to attend. Call Toni at 610-404-1389 or Pat 610-775-1892.

**Women's Society** will meet on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the social hall. We will be discussing the Christmas Dinner and Christmas Cookie Sale. All members are asked to attend.

**Prime Time** will meet on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 to 2:30. We will be making Thanksgiving crafts while enjoying hot dogs and old comedy shows. All paid up members in attendance will be entered into a drawing for a Redners or Giant gift card. Contact Kathleen at 610-469-0594 with questions.

### **ICA HSO 12 Days of Christmas Raffle**

- December 2 - \$50 Wawa Gift Card**
- December 3 - \$75 Visa Gift Card**
- December 4 - \$100 Red Lobster Gift Card**
- December 5 - \$125 Visa Gift Card**
- December 8 - \$150 Giant Gift Card**
- December 9 - \$175 Visa Gift Card**
- December 10 - \$200 Toys-R-Us Gift Card**
- December 11 - \$225 Visa Gift Card**
- December 12 - \$250 Target Gift Card**
- December 15 - \$275 Visa Gift Card**
- December 16 - \$300 Amazon Gift Card**
- December 17 - Grand Prize - \$500 Visa Gift card**

**Tickets \$5 each or \$20 for five. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on November 29/30 and December 6/7. Tickets will be available in the church office or by emailing [ica.hso@gmail.com](mailto:ica.hso@gmail.com).**

**TRUCKS NEEDED!** On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, our parish Youth Group will be involved with a community service project to rake leaves for persons with disabilities and the elderly. If you have a pick-up truck and could spare a few hours between 11am and 3pm, your help would be greatly appreciated. We need trucks and drivers to haul the collected leaves to the dumpsite. Call Liz at 610-404-4425 for info.

**Thanksgiving Baskets for Those in Need** should be dropped at the church office, lower level on November 22<sup>nd</sup> after 4pm or November 23<sup>rd</sup> before 1pm.

Young Adults ages 18 to 35 - join the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for a casual discussion about the Church and how to improve outreach to Catholic Young Adults in Berks County. We want to meet YOU and hear your thoughts on how to build up the young adult community at a listening session scheduled for 7pm on November 17<sup>th</sup> at Exeter Family Restaurant or December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3rd & Spruce. For info, visit [www.adoyyam.com](http://www.adoyyam.com).

Birdsboro Church of the Nazarene needs clothing for our "clothing closet" program that offers free clothing to those in need in our local communities. NOW ACCEPTING: boys and girls CLEAN, STAIN-FREE, WINTER clothing up to juniors. Also Womens & Mens clean, stain-free clothing all sizes. Also accepted hats, gloves, coats, shoes, blankets, comforters, books, dvd's, games.

**BEST OF ITALY TOUR** – Visit Rome, Florence, Assisi, Pisa, Capri and other ancient Italian Cities. Depart April 8, 2015. Contact St. Columbkil at 610-367-2447 for info.



November 16, 2014

# dear Padre

## Monday

NOVEMBER 17

*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5  
Lk 18:35-43

## Tuesday

NOVEMBER 18

*Weekday*

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22  
Lk 19:1-10

## Wednesday

NOVEMBER 19

*Weekday*

Rv 4:1-11  
Lk 19:11-28

## Thursday

NOVEMBER 20

*Weekday*

Rv 5:1-10  
Lk 19:41-44

## Friday

NOVEMBER 21

*Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Rv 10:8-11  
Lk 19:45-48

## Saturday

NOVEMBER 22

*Saint Cecilia,*

*Virgin and Martyr*

Rv 11:4-12  
Lk 20:27-40

## Sunday

NOVEMBER 23

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28  
Mt 25:31-46

## How long should Mass be?

**Q** How long Mass is supposed to last? My sister leaves after an hour even if the priest is still talking. Shouldn't she stay until it's over?



There's no rule about how long Mass should last, but it's inappropriate to arrive late or leave before the final blessing or the end of the recessional song. People should leave early only if they get sick or if they're doctors, police officers, and fire fighters called away for an emergency.

Weekend activities should be scheduled around Mass. Saturday night Masses were designed for people who work Sundays and for parishes with too few priests to accommodate everyone on Sunday—they weren't designed to make it easier to get a good tee time on Sunday morning.

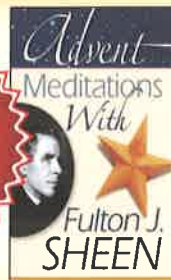
It's also important to remember that local customs and traditions affect the length of Mass. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, Sunday Mass could go on for nearly three hours. When I celebrated Mass in Scotland, the pastor said I had to be done in a half hour.

Most areas have more than one church. Encourage your sister to either grow accustomed to the tradition of the parish she attends or look for another church. As a rule, I don't think it's good to "shop around" for Mass, but if your sister is that bothered by the length of the Mass at her current church, it might be better for her to go elsewhere.

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**Mrs. Claus's Sausage Links**  
**Scrooge's Scrambled Eggs**  
**Rudolph's Fresh Fruit**  
**Coffee, Juice, Milk**

# Breakfast with Santa

**Come and join Us!**

**Saturday, December 6, 2014**  
8:00am and 10:00am Seatings  
Immaculate Conception Church  
Social Hall

**Face Painting, Cookie Decorating,  
Make A Craft,  
Pictures with Santa for \$5**

**Entertainment at 9:30am**  
**"Christmas Petting Zoo"**

Proceeds benefit ICA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip



**Advance Tickets: \$8 per person for adults and children ages 3 and over**  
**\$10 at door (if seats available), Children 2 & Under: Free**

 **Clip & Return**

**Santa Breakfast Ticket Order Form**

Please print name clearly on form. Form may be returned to ICA, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, PA 19518, Attention: Santa Breakfast or put in the ICC Collection Basket. Make checks payable to ICA. Indicate if you would like 8:00 AM seating or 10:00 AM seating please:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Tickets will be picked up AT Door

Tickets should be sent home with ICA Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets should be mailed to the above address

# Tickets (adults & those ages 3 and over) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

# Children attending who are 2 and under (Free) \_\_\_\_\_

8:00 AM seating       10:00 AM seating