

Ordinary Time

January 18, 2015 ♦ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I started in campus ministry, I was fortunate to meet a wonderful priest who had worked with college students for many years. I watched him carefully on Sundays and at student gatherings, picking up valuable information about how to talk to students, conduct myself professionally, and bring out the best in others and in myself.

Over the years we worked together, I observed many campus ministers—young and old, lay and ordained—seeking him out for advice and counsel. I referred more than a few.

I also enjoyed our conversations and nearly always left our meetings with more wisdom than when I started.

I wonder what Andrew and the other disciples thought when John called Jesus “the Lamb of God.” Whatever it was, they must have seen in Jesus someone who could answer their questions or give them something they were lacking. Maybe they saw a person their teacher admired and decided to seek his wisdom for themselves.

Whatever it was, something compelled them to follow Jesus, and Jesus’ own invitation to “come and see” whetted their curiosity and desire even more.

Today we might call that the impulse of the Spirit, who draws us to Christ even when we’re not sure why. The challenge for us is to have the courage to follow Jesus, ask where he’s staying, and walk with him even if we can’t see where it will lead us.

Our desire to stay with the Lord is, in itself, our comfort and our joy.

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Today's Readings

1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c–15a, 17–20
Jn 1:35–42

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 18, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM CHARLES WAGNER – 4 TH ANNIVERSARY	THU	7:00 PM JOSEPH RAPPOSELLI
SUN	7:30 AM HENRY MAMMARELLA	FRI	7:30 AM JESSE G. PAINTER
	9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SAT	5:15 PM GINA WENRICH
	11:00 AM AGNES BERNET	SUN	7:30 AM JOE & EDY BANYAS
MON	<u>No MASS</u>		9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
TUE	7:00 PM JOSEPHINE FREDRIKSEN		11:00 AM ROWENA & CLYDE SMITH – 57 TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
WED	7:30 AM RADKA MORAVEC NEGRET		

Please call the office to reserve the Sanctuary Lamp.

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Dowling **5:15pm** McNamara **7:30am** Schwendt **9:00am** Grieco **11:00am** Nanni

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Jennifer Stuart	Mike Austrevich	Alyssa Boraten, Morgan Davis, Elly Smithson
SUN	7:30am	Sean Werner	Dennis Piontek	Adam Brezina, Leonard Cline, Ryan Ferrante
	9:00am	CATHOLIC	SCHOOLS	WEEK
	11:00am	Barbara Romig	Greg Shemanski	Erin and Sean Hannon, Tim Stewart

The second collection next week is for Catholic Relief Services

The March for Life in Washington, D.C., began as a small demonstration on January 22, 1974, the first anniversary of the now-infamous Supreme Court decisions in *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton* and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. The peaceful demonstration that has followed on this somber anniversary every year since is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, legalized abortion on demand. Our parish Church of the Immaculate Conception is sponsoring a coach bus to the March for Life scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2015. The bus will depart the ICC parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for youth. For additional information or to reserve a seat, please contact Mrs. Angela Peterson at 610-582-6993 or by e-mail at arpeterson@windsteam.net. We pray that as a nation and as a people we might always affirm the sanctity of human life from the first moment of conception until natural death.

Join us for the 2015 March for Life!

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Joe & Betty Cuccaro, Cecelia Potts, Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John Kakas, William Kuehler, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, John Iezzi, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Andrew Martin, Alice Snyk, Barbara Pease, Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Irene Wade, Patricia Reigel, Patricia Winkel, Ann Kretzman, Ann Schlott, Patricia McDermott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Linda D'Alessandro, Mary Pender, Geri Barth, Jo Ann Hofer, Paul Milshaw, Roger Villano, John Glacken Sr., Jacob Lovera, Ronald Readinger, Linda Ritchie, Robert Muldowney, Duane Madrzykowski and Tom Hafer

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:

Mon	01/19	7pm Bereavement Support Group 7:30pm RCIA
Wed	01/21	7pm Women's Society Meeting
Sat	01/24	4-5pm Confessions

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please be advised that there will be no daily Mass Monday, January 19, 2015. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK STARTS JANUARY 25TH

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 25

9am Opening Mass (ICC Parish Family Welcome)

10am-12pm Science Fair Setup/Open House for Science Fair

2pm Candy Bar BINGO (ICC Parish Family Welcome)

(Bring candy bar for admission-ICC Social Hall)

Monday, January 26

Science Fair judging throughout the day (Gym)

1:30pm 4th Grade Wax Museum (ICC Parish Family Welcome)

Tuesday, January 27

Brain Show Mania (12:00 grades 4-8) / (1:30 grades K-3)

6:15pm - Science Fair Awards

6:30pm Brain Show Mania (ICC Parish Family Welcome)

Wednesday, January 28

Make your own Sundaes at Lunch

Thursday, January 29

Sports dress down day and Prayer Partner activities

Teacher Luncheon (11:30-1:00 Homeroom Moms cover lunch)

Afternoon at the Movies

Friday, January 30

9am Mass (ICC Parish Family Welcome)

Special Person Reception in the Social Hall

1:15 – Early Dismissal

Please mark your calendars for all of the fun events we have scheduled for the week. We hope you can join us!

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For registration information, please contact Shannon Villa at 610-404-8645 or shannon.villa@icaknights.org.

Kindergarten students must be aged 5 by 10/15/15 and 1st Grade students aged 6 by 10/15/15.

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). Call Shannon Villa at 610-404-8645.

ICA TUITION REMINDER – Semi-annual and cash payments are now being accepted. Please remember to deduct the re-registration fee of \$50 that was collected in the spring. If you are unsure of the amount or have any questions, email Sue at susan.guadagno@icaknights.org.

Given that the incidence of influenza is becoming prevalent, the Sign of Peace offered during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be temporarily suspended. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.

Save the Date:

**Berks Catholic H.S. Open House/Registration
Sunday, January 25, 2014 2pm-4pm**

2:00 to 2:30 – Welcome address in the Franco Post Auditorium

2:30 to 4:00 – Activity Fair, open registration for new students, tours, meet and greet with Faculty and Administration

Please join us and feel the energy in our community!

For info, call Nicole Smith, Director of Admissions, at 610-374-8361, x244 or nsmith@berkscatholic.org. Financial Aid and Transfer Grants are available.

Immaculate Conception Academy Preschool and Pre-K Invites you and your child to our Winter Story Time on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 1 pm – 1:45 pm. Hear a story, make a craft and meet our teachers! Enrolling NOW for the 2015-16 school year – save your spot!

Bereavement Support Group will meet on January 19th, 7-8:30pm in the Church (use side door, first office on right). For information call Pat 610-775-1892 or Toni 610-404-1389.

SCRIP is a great church fundraiser and you can benefit too! Basically you are buying gift certificates. There is no additional cost and a percentage of what we spend at specific stores comes back to our church and to you in the form of Tuition Credit for School and CCD. Stop by the SCRIP table after Mass and check it out. SCRIP is also available at our Parish Office. SCRIP that is currently available: Boscovs, Kohls, Redners, Applebees, Giant, Red Lobster/Olive Garden/Bahama Breeze/LongHorn Steakhouse/Season 52 and Flynn & O'Hara.

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor...You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, jjohnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 245.

World Meeting of Families-Philadelphia 2015 — **Registration Open!** Mark your family calendar for the 8th World Meeting of Families! Philadelphia is proud to welcome families from around the world to this event on September 22-27, 2015. Registration is now open. Families can look forward to speakers, celebrations, activities for kids, and prayer, all of which will bring renewal and transformation for you, your loved ones, and the world. Visit the official World Meeting of Families website at: WorldMeeting2015.org to learn more.

Please help us keep our database up-to-date! If you move, change your number, get married, change an email address or any other contact change, please call the parish office at 610-582-2411 so we can update our records. Thanks!

CELL PHONE RECYCLING: Have you recently purchased or received a new cell phone? If so, please remember that ICA earns money through our cell phone recycling program for **both working and nonworking phones**. Cell phone collection boxes are located in the church vestibule and the ICA school office.



January 18, 2015

dear Padre

Monday
JANUARY 19
Weekday
Heb 5:1–10
Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday
JANUARY 20
Weekday
Heb 6:10–20
Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday
JANUARY 21
St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr
Heb 7:1–3,
15–17
Mk 3:1–6

Thursday
JANUARY 22
Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children
Heb 7:25—8:6
Mk 3:7–12

Friday
JANUARY 23
Weekday
Heb 8:6–13
Mk 3:13–19

Saturday
JANUARY 24
St. Francis
de Sales,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Heb 9:2–3,
11–14
Mk 3:20–21

Sunday
JANUARY 25
Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1–5, 10
1 Cor 7:29–31
Mk 1:14–20

Is there a Year of John?

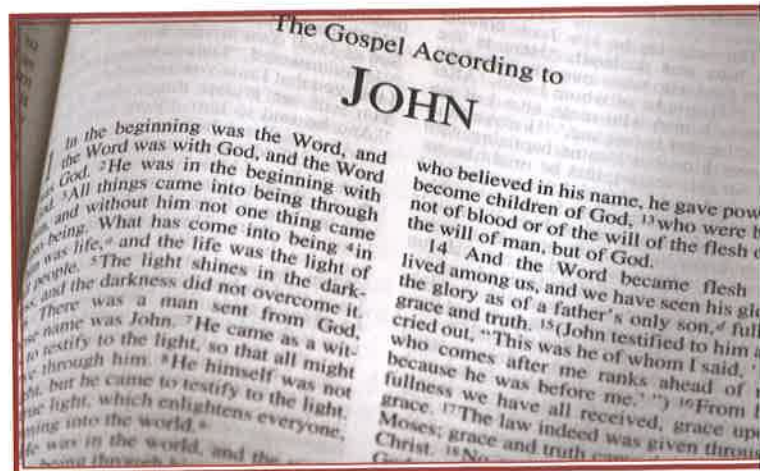
Q I read that the current liturgical year is the year of Mark, that next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be Luke. Then it starts all over with the year of Mark again. Why doesn't John have a year?

It certainly does seem that John has been slighted by the three-year *Lectionary* cycle. There is not, in fact, a "year" that is wholly dedicated to reading his gospel.

Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four. During the year we read Mark, we also read John's sixth chapter. During all three liturgical years, we read from John's Gospel during the Easter season. We also read significant portions of John's Gospel during our weekday liturgy.

All four gospels tell the same story—the story of Jesus—in different ways. Unfortunately, many times we combine the stories in our minds and inadvertently confuse the unique approach of each of the four evangelists. One example of this is when we put Matthew's wise men with Luke's shepherds in our manger scenes.

Maybe one day we'll have a four-year *Lectionary* cycle in which one year is dedicated to the continuous reading of John's Gospel. Until then, I encourage you to read each gospel separately.



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Immaculate Conception
Academy

Early Education Survey

Immaculate Conception Academy has enjoyed a long and successful Early Education Program for many years. Under the leadership of Principal, Patty Tarquinio and Early Education Director, Rhonda Ouimet, we are looking to offer a program which best suits the ever-changing needs of our Immaculate Conception Parish families.

Please complete the following survey to help us best serve you.

1. Do you have a child who would be eligible (date of birth between October 16, 2010 and October 15, 2012) for early education for the 2015-16 school year?
 Yes
 No
2. Would you be interested in having your child participate in a five day a week Immaculate Conception Academy Early Education program?
 Yes
 No
3. I am interested in the 2015-16 ICA Early Education Program. My child will be:
 3 Years Old by October 15, 2015 (Preschool)
 4 Years Old by October 15, 2015 (Pre-K)
4. If a full school day program was available would you have interest in enrolling your child?
 Yes
 No
5. If interested in a full day program, how many days a week?
 2
 3
 5
6. Would you be interested in an extended day program for your child (ie. Before/after regular school day schedule)?
 Yes
 No

Your Name: _____

Your Phone #: _____

Your Email: _____

Questions? Please contact ICA's Shannon Villa at shannon.villa@icaknights.org or 610-404-8645.

Thank you for completing our survey! Please drop this off in the box in the Immaculate Conception Church Narthex. Thank you!