

Ordinary Time

January 25, 2015 ♦ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whether he knew it or not, Jonah was one of the most powerful prophets in Israel. He had scarcely started on his journey through Ninevah when the entire city under the direction of the king expressed sorrow for their sins and turned God's judgment to mercy. I think we all hope we might be that effective in our jobs.

If we to continue to read the book of Jonah, though, we find that he wasn't so happy about this turn of events—he felt it made him look weak. Did he not predict the destruction of Ninevah if they failed to repent?

But for now, we see a people so moved by the Word of God that they immediately change their behavior. In Mark's Gospel, Christ's invitation is just as compelling for the four fishermen who abandon their nets and their father by the sea and immediately change their direction and their lives.

I have a hard time imagining the words that would make me drop everything to follow a completely different path. Certainly I've taken the advice of friends and family or have responded to circumstances that demanded a new direction, but only after reflection and prayer—but it took considerably longer than a single moment.

The power of the Good News, however, is unlike any other to those who are opened to it. When we really hear God's voice, our hearts yearn to be in his presence and, though not always easily, our souls and minds bend to his will.

How is God's Word calling *you* to change today?

Today's Readings

Jon 3:1–5, 10

1 Cor 7:29–31

Mk 1:14–20

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 25, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT 5:15 PM GINA WENRICH
 SUN 7:30 AM JOE & EDY BANYAS
 9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 11:00 AM ROWENA & CLYDE SMITH - 57TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
 MON NO MASS
 TUE 7:00 PM MICHAEL FASTI
 WED 7:30 AM ALICE HOFFMASTER

THU 7:00 PM ROSE WITKOWSKI
 FRI 7:30 AM FRANK JANISZEWSKI
 9:00 AM ICA MASS - CHARLES COX, JR.
 SAT 5:15 PM DOROTHY NEWMAN
 SUN 7:30 AM HELEN SCHWENDT
 9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
 11:00 AM JOHN R. STEIGERWALD

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Paul Powaski

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Gulla 5:15pm Pisarek 7:30am Collura 9:00am McCauley 11:00am Hafer

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Joe Bailey	Ann Marie Arbo	Michael Dillon, Austin and Cory Lobaugh
SUN	7:30am	Dennis Piontek	Adelina Kieffer	Alex and Madilynn Hocker, Rachel Barnes
	9:00am	Val Romasanta	Isabelita Santos	Ally, Diego and Jacob Santos
	11:00am	John Peterson	Mary Jo Simon	Olivia Ruff, Amy Carvalho, Faith Ouimet

The second collection next week is for Church Building & Parish Maintenance

Immaculate Conception Academy and Early Education 2015-2016 Registrations

We welcome everyone to join us if you have a student entering preschool (age 3) through 8th grade. Open House and Academy Tours are available by contacting Shannon Villa at shannon.villa@icaknights.org or 610-404-8645. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record to registration. Kindergarten students must be aged 5 by 10/15/15 and 1st Grade students aged 6 by 10/15/15.

ICA offers a full day Kindergarten

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Joe 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 Smyk, 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, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Kitty Lynch, Michael Kaucher, Samuel Nocero, Steve Mammarella and Tom Hafer

Please pray for the recently departed: Betty Cuccaro and Duane Madrzykowski

Please welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Sherman

Please pray for the recently baptized: Rylee Marie McClellan

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Mon 01/26 7:30pm RCIA
Sat 01/31 4-5pm Confessions
Women's Society Bake Sale



**Berks Catholic H.S. Open
House/Registration
January 25th, 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!

The Women's Society is baking up an assortment of treats for Super Bowl Weekend. Our bake sale will be held before and after all Masses January 31 and February 1. Stop by our table to pick up one of your favorites, or try something new. If you are going to a Super Bowl party or hosting one let us supply a delicious dessert to take along or serve. As always, 100% of the proceeds are for the church! Thanks in advance for supporting our endeavor. We will be accepting baked good donations before all Masses. Enjoy the game!

Post Abortion Healing Retreat: Hurting from a past abortion? Plan to attend the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends, February 27-March 1 (Spanish) and March 20-22 (English) through Catholic Charities. Within a safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment, experience God's healing love, and forgiveness. For more information or to register call 1-866-3 Rachel. For a complete listing of Retreat dates and locations visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Valentine's Day Date Night at Saint Ignatius – February 14th: The Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life Office invites couples to an evening of food, wine, and a presentation on "The Five Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts." Immediately follows the 4pm Mass in the Parish activity hall at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, 2810 St. Albans Drive, Sinking Spring. Only \$20 per couple includes dinner and drinks. RSVP by calling the Office of Marriage and Family Life Formation at 610-289-8900 ext. 228 or email IMFLF@allentowndiocese.org by February 6th.

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.

SUPER Breakfast Sunday February 1st, 8-11:30am - Knights of Columbus, Constitution Ave., Stowe - Eggs (to order), Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes, Coffee, Fruit cup, juice Ramped access, public invited www.kofc1192.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please be advised that there will be no daily Mass Monday, January 26, 2015. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK STARTS JANUARY 25TH

Love. Learning. Leadership.

Catholic Schools – Faith, Academics, Service

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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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.



January 25, 2015

dear Padre

Monday
JANUARY 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1–8 or
Ti 1:1–5
Mk 3:22–30

Tuesday
JANUARY 27
Weekday
Heb 10:1–10
Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday
JANUARY 28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:11–18
Mk 4:1–20

Thursday
JANUARY 29
Weekday
Heb 10:19–25
Mk 4:21–25

Friday
JANUARY 30
Weekday
Heb 10:32–39
Mk 4:26–34

Saturday
JANUARY 31
St. John Bosco, Priest
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19
Mk 4:35–41

Sunday
FEBRUARY 1
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15–20
1 Cor 7:32–35
Mk 1:21–28

Do votive candles make a difference?



At my church, some people take the votive candles out of the holders and place them next to the statues and icons. Does this make the saint or God pay more attention to the petition? And isn't it a fire hazard?



Vigil lights, commonly known as votive candles, are usually lit when a person seeks some favor from the Lord or a saint's intercession. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of our Lord, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). We burn candles to symbolize our prayers' rising to heaven day and night; prayers for the saints' intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors.

God hears all prayers uttered in sincerity. Burning a candle as we pray doesn't make that prayer more important than prayers offered without a candle; neither does moving the candle to the front of the line.

If your church has made sure that the placing of the votive candles complies with local fire regulations, you have no worries about setting a fire with vigil lights.

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