

# Ordinary Time

June 21, 2015 ♦ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**M**y brother, sister, and I learned to sail when we were young. Of all the lessons we had, the one I remember nearly verbatim was “Signs of an Approaching Storm.” I can reel off the list as though it were yesterday: dark, low, fast-moving clouds, a sudden shift in wind direction and velocity, a sudden change in temperature.

To this day, when I experience any of these things, I close windows and make sure everything is inside. I think the apostles who were seasoned fishermen must have had similar training, and I have often wondered why they just didn’t make for shore when they noticed the signs. But then I remember that some storms move in very quickly and, if you are in the middle of the sea, you can’t make it to shore easily. The apostles may have decided to ride it out and then realized they could not.

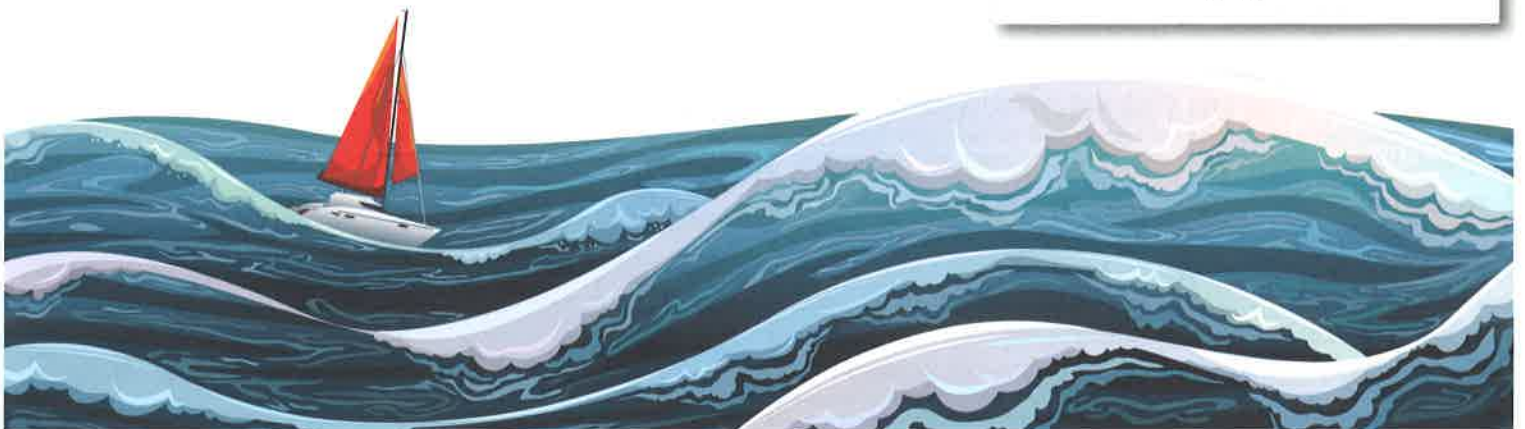
It must have struck the apostles as odd that Jesus was peacefully asleep while they battled rising water and fierce wind. They were afraid of losing their lives. When they woke Jesus up, Scripture says that he “rebuked” the wind and the sea. The same word is used when Jesus casts out demons. The result is peace—at least on the sea or in the person who is possessed.

But for the disciples and for us, the act inspires awe and not a little anxiety: “Who then is this?” The answer unfolds for us throughout the Gospels. Jesus is Lord over the wind and sea, over all creation, and over us as well. In storm or calm, he brings his peace and shows us God’s glory.

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## Today's Readings

Jb 38:1, 8–11  
2 Cor 5:14–17  
Mk 4:35–41



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## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 21, 2015

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	JOHN BUTLER	THU	7:00 PM	HELEN JANISZEWSKI – 24 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY
SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS OF THE PARISH	FRI	7:30 AM	MARY VOLPICCINI
	9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SAT	5:15 PM	HELEN & FRANK JANISZEWSKI
	11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS OF THE PARISH	SUN	7:30 AM	BENJAMIN POTTS
MON	7:30 AM	JACK RITENOUR		9:00 AM	DORIS, ANGELO & MICHAEL BASCELLI
TUE	7:00 PM	SPECIAL INTENTION		11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
WED	7:30 AM	UMSTEAD FAMILY			

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Stella & Paul Powaski  
 In Memory of Helen & Frank Janiszewski  
 In Honor of Joan & Jim Smith – 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniverdary*

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP:** Sponsor: Gulla 5:15 McNamara 7:30 Schwendt 9:00 Grieco 11:00 DeFalco

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Ann Marie Arbo	Mike Austrevich	Anna and Matthew Lambert, Avery Lang
SUN	7:30am	Dan Sweeney	Dennis Piontek	Amanda and Lauren Marley, Elly Smithson
	9:00am	Josephine Hohl	Stephanie Myers	Sean Hannon, John and Nicholas Dinnocenti
	11:00am	John Peterson	Susan DiGuglielmo	KathrynKrueger, DaniellePassifione, SidneyWolf

### **The second collection next week is for Debt Reduction**

#### Bishops Annual Appeal

We are grateful to all who pledged their support to the 2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal online at [www.2015baa.org](http://www.2015baa.org).  
 Thank you for your support.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Joe Cuccaro, Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John Kakas, 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 Winkel, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Roger Villano, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Alan Mammarella, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Anna DiMarcello, Mary and Phil Morici, Curt Miller, Bob Hocker, Ronald Readinger, Joe Lukac, Linda Domergue, Brenda DelGrosse, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Champion, Mary Ann Emery, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Scott Strunack, Stephen Gombar 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:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, M-F, 9AM-12PM

Sat 06/27 4-5pm Confession

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Immaculate Conception Church

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

### Immaculate Conception Academy

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00am to 1:00pm

### **ARE YOU WEARING YOUR SUNDAY BEST?**

Dressing appropriately for Mass shows mindfulness toward God, as well as respect for the sanctity of the church and the worship experience of fellow parishioners. When getting dressed for Mass be mindful that you are preparing to present yourself to God. Think about it – the angels hide their face before His Majesty – and what have we just pulled off the hanger? If we're dressed for the beach, the gym or a back yard barbecue, we need to back up and try again! It'll only take a minute, and God will bless us for the effort.

2015 Vacation Bible School - "God's Team" - VBS will be held the week of June 22 – 26, 9am to noon. VBS is open to all ICC parishioners ages 5 to 10. The cost is \$35 per child. Registration forms are available in the narthex, parish office and the Academy office. Adult and teen volunteers are always welcome. Join the team! Contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or ccd@icbvm.org.

**Immaculate Conception Academy Aftercare Program** is looking for someone willing to work several hours per week from 3pm to 6pm. Must have completed a "Protecting God's Children" class and obtain required background checks and clearances. Please call Laura DeFalco at 610-463-8157.

*Confirmation Date Announced: Bishop Barres will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of our parish family of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 4:30pm.*

### Building a Culture of Vocations

HOW WOULD YOU REACT if your son said he wants to be a priest?

- a. I would ask him if he's gone mad, and I think I would remind him that we must take into consideration what others might think.
- b. I would ask him to give it considerable thought and to have a university degree first.
- c. It would give me one of the greatest joys of my life, and I would support him fully.

**Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday at Noon**

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## Mission Appeal – June 27 & 28

We Franciscans are looking forward to coming to Immaculate Conception Church to share with you the missionary and evangelization efforts that our friars are doing in the domestic and foreign missions of the Province of St. John the Baptist, Cincinnati, Ohio. Living and proclaiming the Gospel is our mission. We do so as brothers to each other and to the world, living with and for the poor, promoting justice, peace and the care of creation. We Franciscans serve in many places including the Diocese of Montego Bay in Jamaica, villages in the Philippines and Africa. We are also serving in the foothills of Appalachia, the inner cities of Detroit, Cincinnati, and New Orleans. On June 27 & 28, Fr. Frank Jasper, OFM will be coming to our parish to speak on behalf of the friars. Thank you in advance for your hospitality and your generosity in support of our friars who work in the missionary places of the province. Donations for the Mission Appeal may be placed in the second collection the weekend of June 27 & 28.

**SCRIP FACTS** - Do you realize that you can reduce your child's tuition at Immaculate Conception Academy, Berks Catholic High School or CCD just by buying **SCRIP** to use at stores and restaurants that you go to anyway? It's as easy as...

1. Bring a check/cash to any weekend Mass or parish office during business hours to buy **SCRIP**.
2. Choose the **SCRIP** you need; basically you are buying a gift certificate. You have just credited yourself 2.5% of the **SCRIP** purchase price toward school tuition or CCD tuition and made a donation to ICC. And it didn't cost you a penny more than what you would have spent anyway! You'll be surprised at how quickly this will add up! You could literally save hundreds of dollars off your tuition!
3. Use the **SCRIP** at the store or restaurant for your purchase. Pay your Kohl's bill or Boscov's bill (at the East store only) with **SCRIP**. **SCRIP** also makes a great gift at holidays, birthdays or anytime!!
4. Meanwhile, ICC keeps a tab on how much credit you have earned. The credit year for school tuition is June 1 through May 31 and is deducted from tuition for the following school year. For CCD, the credit year is March 1 through the end of February for the following year.
5. Feel free to choose any family to receive your credit! If no family is chosen, the church receives the credit.

**SCRIP** is available for Boscov's, Redner's, Applebee's, Giant, Red Lobster/Olive Garden/ Bahama Breeze/Smokey Bones/LongHorn Steak House/ Seasons 52, Kohl's and Flynn & O'Hara in many different denominations. **SCRIP** is available at the parish office or at each weekend Mass. For more information, call Rita at 610-582-2411.

**Redner's Save-A-Tape** – In order for ICC to receive the 1% credit 1) you must use your Pump Perks card 2) please submit the entire receipt and 3) do not use a highlighter on the totals as this erases the number.





June 21, 2015

# dear Padre

## Monday

JUNE 22

St. Paulinus of Nola,  
Bishop;  
Sts. John Fisher, Bishop,  
Thomas More, Martyrs  
Gn 12:1-9  
Mt 7:1-5

## Tuesday

JUNE 23

Weekday  
Gn 13:2, 5-18  
Mt 7:6, 12-14

## Wednesday

JUNE 24

The Nativity of  
St. John the Baptist  
Is 49:1-6  
Acts 13:22-26  
Lk 1:57-66, 80

## Thursday

JUNE 25

Weekday  
Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or  
16:6b-12, 15-16  
Mt 7:21-29

## Friday

JUNE 26

Weekday  
Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22  
Mt 8:1-4

## Saturday

JUNE 27

St. Cyril of Alexandria,  
Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church  
Gn 18:1-15  
Mt 8:5-17

## Sunday

JUNE 28

Thirteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24,  
35b-43

## How should we treat sacred art in church?



What is the proper way to treat sacred art in church? It upsets me to see that people place hymnals, pamphlets, plants, and other objects at the base of a sacred statue.

**Catholics are a sacramental people.** We use objects and works of art to reveal and remind us of God's presence and love acting in our lives. So we should respect statues, paintings, images, and sacred art. These items are valuable and make our churches beautiful. Sacred art helps us to enter into prayer. We do not adore these items as idols, but they help us to meditate and contemplate on God.

Therefore, we should respect the sensibilities of other people. Too many items around a work of art may distract people or even damage the art. So everything should be kept in its right place. For example, hymnals belong in their proper place.

On the other hand, items near the art may enhance our prayer experience. A prayer card that is associated with a statue may be nearby, or flowers may enhance the beauty of the art. But this should always be done tastefully and with the parish's permission.

In this way, we keep God's house clean and in order. Everything has a reason for where it is, and everything should be in its proper place.



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