

Ordinary Time

June 28, 2015 ♦ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

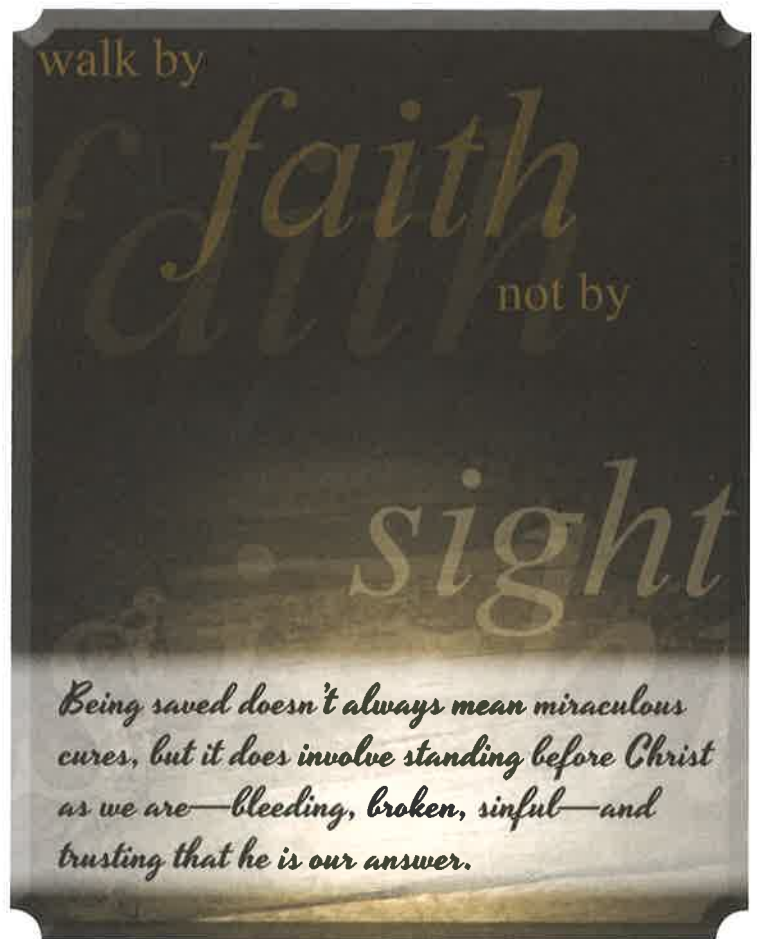
A fourth-century legend from Catholics in the Eastern part of the Roman Empire tells us the name of the woman in today's Gospel is Beronike. A woman of great faith, she knew that the Law considered her unclean because she had a flow of blood and no one could touch her. When she saw Jesus, she didn't ask him to touch or even speak to her. She didn't want him to feel what she felt—outcast and isolated. She simply believed that touching his garment would bring her relief.

A couple of weeks ago, St. Paul told us that we walk by faith, not by sight. Faith was all this woman had to go on; everything else had failed. What she heard about Jesus stirred something in her soul, and she followed her convictions. She wasn't disappointed. The power of Christ, who heals us of whatever deeply wounds us, went out immediately to her who dared to hope. When he called out to see who touched him, her fear didn't keep her away. She was saved by faith.

Being saved doesn't always mean miraculous cures, but it does involve standing before Christ as we are—bleeding, broken, sinful—and trusting that he is our answer. We don't know for sure what happened to the woman. But her legend continued.

When Jesus carried his cross to his crucifixion, a woman stepped out to stop the flow of blood and sweat streaking his face. We know her by the Latin translation of Beronike—Veronica—which carries with it an additional meaning: “true icon,” in reference to the facial image that Jesus left on her cloth.

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Today's Readings

Wis 1:13–15; 2:23–24

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13–15

Mk 5:21–43 or 5:21–24, 35b–43

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JUNE 28, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM HELEN & FRANK JANISZEWSKI	THU	7:00 PM MARTHA & WILLIAM BOLSSON
SUN	7:30 AM BENJAMIN POTTS	FRI	7:30 AM THOMAS GRACE, SR.
	9:00 AM DORIS, ANGELO & MICHAEL BASCELLI	SAT	5:15 PM LOIS WINGLE -- 2 ND ANNIVERSARY
	11:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SUN	7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON	NO MASS		9:00 AM ELI IEZZI
TUE	7:00 PM MARGARET BARNES BARTON		11:00 AM EVELYN HAIGHT GIORDANO
WED	7:30 AM MICHAEL FASTI		

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Jennie & Frank Merlino
 In Memory of Stella Powaski*

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Porambo 5:15 Pisarek 7:30 Collura 9:00 McCauley 11:00 Citrano

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Joe Bailey	Shirley Wheeler	Rachel Barnes, Alyssa Boraten, Amy Carvalho
SUN	7:30am	Sean Werner	Adelina Kieffer	Leonard Cline, Alex Hocker, Tim Stewart
	9:00am	Pat Fessler	Brian Hannon	Steven and Marissa Tepper, Isabella Pizzo
	11:00am	Greg Shemanski	Becky Shemanski	Nick Donnelly, Ryan Ferrante, Aiden Reber

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

ICC Altar Server Clinic

Friday, August 14th

9:30am-12pm in the church

Any parish child in grades 6 through 12 can become an altar server. To enroll, please complete the form below and return to Msgr. McCann by August 12th.

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent's Work Phone: _____

Grade for 2015/2016 School Year: _____

School: _____

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, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary and Phil Morici, Curt Miller, Bob Hocker, Joe Lukac, Linda Domergue, Brenda DelGrosse, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Mary Ann Emery, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Scott Strunack, Stephen Gombar, Tom Hafer

Please pray for the recently departed: Anna DiMarcello and Francis J. Madl, Jr.

Please welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Tim McKinley, Christopher Fort and Tara Miluszewski

Congratulations to the newlyweds: Julie Ann Atkinson & Christopher Michael Krasley

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS: Monsignor McCann, Deacon Hiryak, Deacon Bardi and Deacon Giordano visit our parishioners who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or homebound regularly. If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please call the parish office at 610-582-2411.

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Sat 07/04 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.

RESORTS AC TRIP: FRIDAY, JULY 17th
LEAVE CHURCH PROMPTLY AT 9:30AM

PAY \$31 - GET \$25 BACK

CALL CAROL J AT 610-775-4447 IF INTERESTED

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

"**THE SECRET OF A VOCATION**," Pope Benedict XVI told youth, "lies in the capacity and in the joy of distinguishing (God's) voice, of listening to and following His voice. But to do this, it is necessary to accustom our heart to recognize the Lord, to hear Him like a person who is near me and who loves me."

Moments of "interior silence in the day-to-day routine" are essential, he said. "But once one has learned to hear his voice and to generously follow it, "one fears nothing, he or she know and feels that God is with him or her, and that He is a Friend, Father, and Brother."

Traveling this summer? Visit www.masstimes.org for Mass schedules from all over the world.

MOVING OUT OF THE AREA?

Please call 610-582-2411 so we can say goodbye and update our records.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA). I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important diocesan fundraising initiative. The Bishop's Annual Appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians and support for our Special Learning Centers. I encourage you to join me in making your gift to the BAA and support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you received in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at www.2015baa.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

With gratitude,

Monsignor McCann

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 28, 2015

dear Padre

Monday

JUNE 29

*Sts. Peter and Paul,
Apostles*

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18

Mt 16:13–19

Tuesday

JUNE 30

*The First Martyrs of the
Holy Roman Church*

Gn 19:15–29

Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

JULY 1

*Blessed Junípero Serra,
Priest*

Gn 21:5, 8–20a

Mt 8:28–34

Thursday

JULY 2

Weekday

Gn 22:1b–19

Mt 9:1–8

Friday

JULY 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19–22

Jn 20:24–29

Saturday

JULY 4

Independence Day

Gn 27:1–5, 15–29

Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

JULY 5

*Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Ez 2:2–5

2 Cor 12:7–10

Mk 6:1–6a

What does the Church teach about animal cruelty?



What constitutes cruelty to animals? I think rodeos are cruel to animals, others don't. My sister thinks I'm cruel when I leave my two dogs in cages while at work. Does the Church teach anything about this?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (2416–2418) talks about how we should treat animals. In short, animals are God's creatures and we owe them kindness. However, we may use animals for food, clothing, and to help us in our work and leisure. Therefore, it is morally acceptable to use animals for medical and scientific experiments within reasonable limits if they contribute to caring for and saving human lives. But we should not cause animals to suffer or die needlessly, and we should not spend excessive money on them that could go toward relieving human misery or love animals with the same affection due only to persons.

Thus, using animals in rodeos could be justified as entertainment. No one tries to injure the animals on purpose. In fact, people often go out of their way to keep the animals healthy.

As for caging your dogs, there are tiny cages that could inflict cruelty and other types that afford comfort, space, and safety. But if you cage your dogs, also make certain they get adequate exercise.

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