

Ordinary Time

July 12, 2015 ♦ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Spiritually, discernment is the process of listening for and responding to God's call. It is a popular activity these days in churches, schools, and businesses. Discerning the right career, the right person for a job—or even the right person to marry—occupies a lot of adults. I often talk about discernment with college students because Catholic tradition has much to offer to the process.

We can draw some principles of discernment from our readings today. From Ephesians, we learn that God has called us into the mission of Christ and to praise his glory in the world. Does the life you live now allow you to do that with a full heart? From Amos, we learn that God doesn't call only the ones we think are holy enough, brave enough, or religious enough. God calls all of us wherever he finds us. Amos was a dresser of sycamore trees. We might be teachers, parents, or students in school, but we are all a part of Christ's mission by baptism. Finally, in Mark, we learn that mission is a communal affair. We are together in mission. We are to go into every house, depending on God to tell us what to do and give us what we need.

With our different gifts, we help each other spread God's word and love those we meet. Finally, we learn that not everyone will hear us, but we must not let that weigh us down. We must shake the dust from



our feet and move on. These and other principles of discernment can apply no matter where we find ourselves along the road. How have you responded to God's call today?

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Today's Readings

Am 7:12–15
Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10
Mk 6:7–13

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 12, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	MARY DOLAN – 2 ND ANNIVERSARY	THU	7:00 PM	JEROME SETLOCK
SUN	7:30 AM	ESTHER PRIBANICK – 11 TH ANNIVERSARY	FRI	7:30 AM	STELLA POWASKI
	9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SAT	5:15 PM	ANTHONY DIGUGLIELMO
	11:00 AM	BILL FLANAGAN	SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON		NO MASS		9:00 AM	JENNIE CROSBY
TUE		NO MASS		11:00 AM	LEN BEDNOWICZ
WED		NO MASS			

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Margaret Timko

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Lukes 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	Mike Austrevich	Mary Schwendt	Allie and Sarah Forkin, Elly Smithson
SUN	7:30am	Jim Kaucher	Toni Kaucher	Michael Beitz, Adam and Carlina Davis
	9:00am	Isabelita Santos	Josephine Hohl	Josh Piccarreta, Diego and Jacob Santos
	11:00am	Rhonda Ouimet	Mary Ann Cotter	Aaron Gulla, Ethan Kraycik, Austin Lobaugh

The second collection next week is for Central & Eastern Europe

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: 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, 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, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Linda Ritchie, Tom Hafer, Regina Genovese and Richard McArthur

Please pray for the recently departed: Ronald Ewing

Please congratulate the recently wed: Amanda Lynn McCann & Drew Charles Gambler

Please welcome our new parishioner: Ms. Yolanda Perez

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 07/18 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please be advised that there will be no daily Mass on Monday July 13th, Tuesday July 14th or Wednesday July 15th. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.



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.

CCD Registration for the 2015-2016 school year has been extended! Class space is limited so **register now!** Registration forms are available at the Academy or online at www.icbvmccd.org. Need help? Contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or email ccd@icbvm.org.

Immaculate Conception Academy Aftercare 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.

ICC Early Education Center has a position available for a part-time Pre-Kindergarten Aide. If interested please contact Rhonda Ouimet at 610-823-1295.

Immaculate Conception Academy is now accepting applications for part time teaching positions and substitute teaching positions. Qualified and interested persons should call Christine Prinzo at 610-404-8645.

Building a Culture of Vocations

WHAT IS A DEACON? – A permanent deacon is a man ordained – like a bishop or priest – to serve as Christ Jesus who "came not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). The word deacon comes from the Greek word for service: diakonia.

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

BISHOP'S 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. Pledge Forms are available in the narthex of the church at the SCRIP table. Thank you for your support!

IC CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Girls Volleyball (Grades 6-8th): If your child is interested in playing a fun and fast paced game (offered to all 6th- 8th grade girl parishioners), please go to the address below to register. It's a great program that offers competitive play, fun and camaraderie. We are looking forward to another successful season with returning Coach Marianne Geary.

Cross-Country (K-8th): This will be our third formal year for Cross-Country. The Berks County CYO program has officially instituted Cross Country as a formal program for Kindergarten through Eighth graders. We are excited about the new program and Matt Deviney will again lead the team of runners this season. A couple of meets have already been planned and scheduled to have two practices a week. If your child is interested (offered to all Kindergarten through 8th grade parishioners), please go to the address below to register.

1st Annual Immaculate Conception CYO Cross Country Meet:

Mark your calendars; we are pleased to announce that a CYO meet will be held at our beloved Parish! On Sunday, Sept. 20th (2pm), the IC CYO Cross Country Team will host over 150 CYO runners from other Berks County Parishes. A big event that will need a lot of preparation and, more importantly, volunteers to help with the meet's administration! Please look out for additional communication in the weeks to come or reply to this email to let us know if you are interested in helping out.

<http://www.iccyo.com/about-the-team/registration-packet>

Volunteer your time- Open Positions

Volunteering is a very rewarding experience. Please consider joining in on many of the opportunities that help push the IC CYO program to new and exciting initiatives and successes. Also, if you are interested in leadership positions on our Board, we have positions open on our IC CYO Board to seize the opportunity in developing our program. Please contact our President, Matt Deviney (484)-363-9914 or iccyo2003@gmail.com with questions and/or interests. We encourage you to contact the IC CYO Board to find out information related to sponsored CYO programs, board positions, coaching, volunteering and attending the competitive events.

The IC CYO Board are grateful for your support and look forward to having you involved in the Catholic Youth Organization's programs at the Immaculate Conception Parish.

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday at Noon



July 12, 2015

dear Padre

Monday

JULY 13

Weekday

Ex 1:8–14, 22

Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

JULY 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha,

Virgin

Ex 2:1–15a

Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

JULY 15

St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Ex 3:1–6, 9–12

Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

JULY 16

Weekday

Ex 3:13–20

Mt 11:28–30

Friday

JULY 17

Weekday

Ex 11:10–12:14

Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

JULY 18

Weekday

Ex 12:37–42

Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

JULY 19

Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1–6

Eph 2:13–18

Mk 6:30–34



Is there an age limit for attending Mass?

My daughter tells me that after a certain age I'm no longer obligated to attend Mass every Sunday. Is that true? I'm eighty-five years old and have physical problems.



There is no age limit on attending the Sunday Mass. We have all been called to remember the Sabbath and to keep it holy. So there is no provision given in the Church that releases someone from attending Sunday Mass on the basis of age.

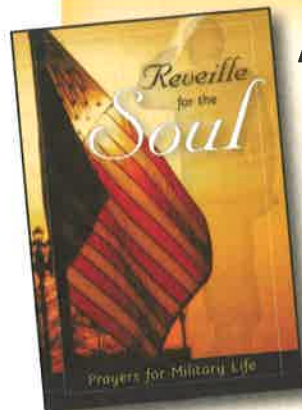


However, if your physical problems make it difficult for you to attend Mass, then you should attend when you can, and when you are not able to attend it is not considered a mortal sin. Why? A sin requires the cooperation of our will. We have to want to do the thing we know is wrong. You may want to attend Mass, but your body will not allow you. Thus, failure to attend Mass in this case would not be a mortal sin.

However, if you are able to do other activities, like shopping or going to a restaurant, then you might be able to physically attend Mass.

In short, if you are able you should attend Mass. If you are not able to attend Mass, keep the day holy by doing what you can. Maybe you could pray the rosary, watch the Mass on television, or read the Bible.

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A Serviceman's Prayer:

"Almighty God, you've blessed me with a wonderful family who loves and supports me in this mission to serve my country. Now, as I find myself separated from them by many miles, their welfare weighs on my soul. Dear God, bless them every day. Keep them safe in your arms. Remind them of my great love for them..."

—Excerpted from *Reveille for the Soul: Prayers for Military Life* (818783)

Share God's hope and promises with our men and women in uniform.

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