

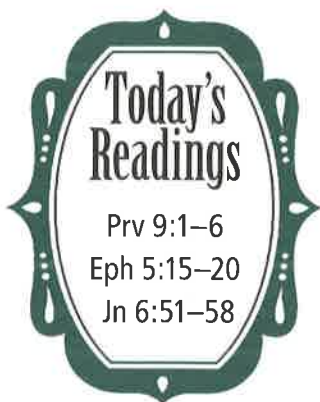
Ordinary Time

August 16, 2015 ♦ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

My daughters had different approaches to food. One daughter, who would eat almost anything, could look in a cabinet or refrigerator full of food and declare, “There’s nothing to eat,” because nothing in them was exactly what she wanted at the time. My other daughter, who was a somewhat finicky eater, could usually find something to eat no matter how meager the offerings, simply because she wasn’t that particular—it just had to satisfy her hunger. We used to tease that in a famine the younger would outlast the elder because her foraging skills were better.

In today’s discourse about the Bread of Life, Jesus is trying to get the crowd to let go of the idea that only one particular spiritual food could nourish them. As he continues to identify himself as the true bread, the people become more agitated and confused. How could the food Jesus offered be better than the food God gave their ancestors in the desert? Jesus answers them: manna was food for bodily nourishment only—it could not give someone eternal life. Everyone was still subject to famine, starvation, and death. By contrast, the spiritual food that is Christ brings eternal life forever to those who eat and drink it. No famine, sword, or persecution can touch that life. For John the evangelist, the believers in Christ had eternal life already, and those who did not believe were perishing. Eternal life is the gift of baptism. What kind of food is in you today?

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 16, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	AGNES BASCELLI	THU	7:00 PM	MARY BAGLIONE – 30 TH ANNIVERSARY
SUN	7:30 AM	NICOLINA KENNEDY & MARY TERRINONI	FRI	7:30 PM	FLORENCE & ORLANDO LEBRESCO
	9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS		5:15 PM	JOSEPH NANNI, SR.
	11:00 AM	ANDREW LAKATOSH	SUN	7:30 AM	JOE & EDY BANYAS
MON	NO MASS			9:00 AM	PAUL KAKALECIK
TUE	7:00 PM	JOHN BUTLER		11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
WED	7:30 AM	MICHAEL FASTI			

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Mary Baglione – 30th Anniversary

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Zubik 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	Mary Schwendt	Adam and Carlina Davis, Austin Lobaugh
SUN	7:30am	Sean Werner	Adelina Kieffer	Mason Cambria, Ethan Kraycik, Sam Reitnour
	9:00am	Pat Fessler	Brian Hannon	Allie and Sarah Forkin, Sadie Mangan
	11:00am	Mary Jo Simon	Mike Bobb	Michael Beitz, Diego and Jacob Santos

The second collection next week is for Religious Ministries

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Looking for a "Faith Refresher?"

Join Msgr. McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers on Monday evenings, beginning September 14th, to learn more about our Catholic faith. **RCIA** isn't just for persons interested in Catholicism, it's for everyone who desires a deeper understanding of what we believe and practice as Catholics. Classes are 7:30-9pm. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as your schedule permits. For more information or to register, contact the parish office at 610.582.2411.

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, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Roger Villano, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary and Phil Morici, Joe Lukac, Linda Domergue, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Linda Ritchie, Tom Hafer

Please pray for the recently departed: Theo Schmidt
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 08/22 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no daily Mass Monday, August 17, 2015. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.

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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

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. 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

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 at 610-404-8645.

CCD Registration - 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 "Protecting God's Children" and obtain required background checks and clearances. Please call Laura DeFalco at 610-463-8157.

COME AND SERVE at the Kennedy House, 532 Spruce Street, Reading, August 29th/30th, 8:30am-1pm. Between 425 and 500 meals will be prepared and served. Serving so many is no easy task and we need lots of hands to get it done. No cooking involved. We need help buttering bread, plating desserts and fruit, pouring drinks, wrapping utensils, etc. Parents and teens are encouraged to experience the joy of serving others together. Call Sharon at 610-582-8702 to volunteer or info.

Building a Culture of Vocations

"IT IS REALLY GOD HIMSELF, the 'LORD of the harvest', who chooses his laborers. His call is always underserved and unexpected. We are called to cooperate with his providence, and to use the powerful tool which he has placed in our hands: prayer. Jesus said 'Pray the LORD of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest!'"

ICCYO Fall Registrations: Sign-ups for Girls Volleyball (5th-8th) and Cross-Country (Boys and Girls: Kindergarten-8th) are available on our website: www.ICCYO.com

ICCYO Cross Country Invitational Meet: September 20th - If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Matt at 484-363-9914 or iccyo2003@gmail.com.

Attention All CYO Coaches: The first CYO Coaches Clinic of the 2015-2016 Academic Year will be held on August 22nd at Berks Catholic. **Please note that all CYO coaches are required to attend a coaches' clinic within one year of starting to coach or they will be ineligible to coach.** This clinic provides an overview of insurance requirements, sports medicine, and the integration of our Catholic faith and CYO. The cost for the clinic is \$25 and checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Allentown (credit card payment also available). **NO WALK INS WILL BE PERMITTED.** A registration form with additional info can be found at allentowndiocese.org/coaches.

RESORTS AC TRIP - August 28th - Leave Church Parking Lot at 9:30am, 6 hours in AC - Package Deal: Pay \$31 get \$25 back - Call Carol J. at 610-775-4447 if interested.

The Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass Celebration will be held September 20th at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner St, Allentown. Bishop John Barres will begin the celebration at 3pm. We cordially invite couples celebrating five, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Register online at www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass, refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form through email at MFLF@allentowndiocese.org. The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Family Life Formation, Attn: Anniversary Mass, 900 S. Woodward Street, Allentown, PA 18103. The deadline for registration is September 8, 2015.

Mass for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired

On the last Saturdays of the month at the 4pm Mass at St. John Baptist de La Salle in Shillington, an ASL (American Sign Language) Interpretive Mass will be celebrated, for the deaf and hearing impaired. These Masses will start on September 26.

Please join Pro-Life Berks, the Kings Men, your fellow Catholics and all people of good will in a peaceful demonstration against Planned Parenthood's gruesome and barbaric sale of baby parts, as documented in recent videos, to be held August 22nd at Reading PP, 4th and Franklin Streets, 9-11am. Please come to witness and pray for the Unborn, our society and for Wisdom and Courage for our leaders!

NUN RUN/Fun Walk 2015 - September 19th, Sacred Heart Villa, Reading. Bring your family and friends to our **5k NUN RUN/1 mile Fun Walk** to benefit the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart! Register online at mscreading.org by August 31st to guarantee your dry fit **NUN RUN** t-shirt! Registration is \$20 before race day; \$25 on race day. Email Carrie at cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org with questions, to register or to become an event sponsor! Enjoy exercise, music and fun for a good cause!



August 16, 2015

dear Padre

Monday

AUGUST 17

Weekday

Jgs 2:11-19

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

AUGUST 18

Weekday

Jgs 6:11-24a

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

AUGUST 19

Weekday

Jgs 9:6-15

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

AUGUST 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Jgs 11:29-39a

Mt 22:1-14

Friday

AUGUST 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

AUGUST 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17

Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

AUGUST 23

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Eph 5:21-32

or 5:2a, 25-32

Jn 6:60-69

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Should we baptize baby in intensive care?

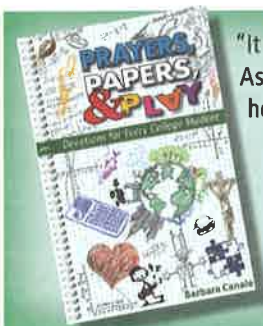


Our grandchild was born prematurely and has been in intensive care for two months. Shouldn't someone baptize the baby? The priest and deacon won't do it. I feel as though they're playing with the baby's soul.

Anytime a child is born in imminent danger of death, it is permissible to get the child baptized. First of all, I must presume that the child's health is not so delicate that performing the rite might endanger his or her condition. If so, this might explain the hesitancy. Second, I am presuming that the child's parents want baptism for their child. If so, they may express their desire to their parish at this time. Sometimes it is better if the parents initiate the conversation, as they largely bear the responsibility for the child's ongoing faith formation. If the child is eventually baptized at the hospital, stop by the pastoral care department or chaplains' office and ask for a certificate. This will serve as testimony to the parish and facilitate any necessary paperwork and preparations for a more communal celebration.

As far as the baby's soul is concerned, fear not. The Church maintains that innocents who, through no fault of their own, die without baptism are by no means separated from God or his kingdom. There are times and circumstances in which baptism is simply not possible, and a merciful, loving God would never separate these souls from himself or the possibility of eternal life.

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