

Ordinary Time

August 30, 2015 ♦ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Our English word *hypocrite* comes from a Greek word that is pronounced almost the same. The Greeks often used the word to describe acting, but its root meaning is closer to this: “One who pretends or acts under a mask.” We might describe such a person as “two-faced.” There are several places in the gospels where Jesus calls the Pharisees hypocrites because they say one thing and do another. Their actions appear to be part of a show so that others will think that they are good and holy. Jesus cuts to the heart of the matter when he points out that clinging to the letter of the law is not what makes someone holy. Rather, it is the person with a pure heart free of greed, malice, envy, and evil of all kinds who is closer to God.

Jesus has the Old Testament Scriptures on his side. Psalm 15 lays out a wonderful description of the ones who will dwell with God forever in heaven. First and foremost, they are not hypocrites. Rather, they have integrity of heart and speak the truth (15:2). They “never defame a neighbor” (15:3). They practice what they preach and do it for the greater glory of God. We all have moments when we act better (or sometimes worse) than we are because we want to appear differently to others. The challenge for us today is to be genuine, to let the love of God become the model for how we love. Then we will have no need to worry about whether we are following the law. Our own actions will tell us so.



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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 30, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	EILEEN ACHENBACH	THU	7:00 PM	BETTY BASCELLI
SUN	7:30 AM	DORIS BASCELLI	FRI	7:30 AM	ANDREW & SOPHIA LAKATOSH
	9:00 AM	JESSE G. PAINTER – 50 TH ANNIVERSARY	SAT	5:15 PM	CATHERINE ALDERMAN
	11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON	NO MASS			9:00 AM	ANNETTE & RAY BRENNAN
TUE	7:00 PM	JEAN MILLER		11:00 AM	EDWARD MACCARONE
WED	7:30 AM	MICHAEL FASTI			

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Josie & Gus Fredriksen

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Dowling 5:15 Costanzo 7:30 Kasperowicz 9:00 Carvalho 11:00 Sirba

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Mike Austrevich	Jennifer Stuart	John and Nick Dinnocenti, Zachary Whalen
SUN	7:30am	Jim Kaucher	Toni Kaucher	Leonard Cline, Ryan Ferrante, Colby Mullins
	9:00am	Isabelita Santos	Josephine Hohl	Alex, Jason and Mark Carvalho
	11:00am	Jim Keaveney	Becky Shemanski	Rachel Barnes, Sidney Wolf, Jordan Yerger

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

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, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Joe Lukac, Linda Domergue, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Linda Ritchie, Tom Hafer, John Paul Kasperowicz, Stephen Gombar, Brenda DelGrosse and Dolores McCullough
Please welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Ulrich, Catherine Briston & Jonathan Hall
Please congratulate for the recently baptized: Rosalie Eve Mariano and her family

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:

Sun 08/30 8:30am Kennedy House Soup Kitchen
Sat 09/05 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no daily Mass Monday, August 31, 2015. 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 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.

WIN \$10,000 CASH!! The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. Only 350 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held October 9th during the Extravaganza 2015 event. Donation of \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd, Reading, 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend, please call the Extravaganza Office at 610-374-1695.



Boyer's Food Market
SCRIP Available

Building a Culture of Vocations

WHATEVER STATE OF LIFE God calls us to, we bring with us an assortment of experiences, interests and gifts – however small they seem to us. We are called to put our lives at the service of the LORD and our neighbor, wherever we find ourselves. Where and how is God calling you to spread His Good News – His Love?

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.

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 Barres will begin the celebration at 3pm. We cordially invite couples celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60+ years of marriage. Register at www.allentowndioocese.org/anniversarymass, refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form through email at MFLF@allentowndioocese.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.**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown will be conducting a series of "Caregiver Gatherings" at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Education Center, 10am-noon on September 19th, October 17th and November 21st. If you are interested in attending one (or all) sessions, contact Cindy by September 10th at 610-435-1541, ext. 341 or email cpiripavel@allentowndioocese.org.

October 4th is Respect Life Sunday. At all Masses on the weekend of October 3/4, the Knights of Columbus will be asking for your contributions for a "Rose for Life", the symbol of the Pro-Life movement to help support Birthright, A Baby's Breath, Pro-Life Coalition of Southeastern Pennsylvania and to shelters that house and feed people in need. Please help those who can't help themselves. Pray the Rosary to End Abortion.

Come see Pope Francis on the large screen at Steel Stacks in Bethlehem – September 27th, noon until 8pm

Join our Diocesan family in celebration of the Papal visit.

**12pm – Outdoor Diocesan Mass
Music, Food and Fun for All Ages**

**4pm - Live Stream of Papal Mass from Philadelphia
More information to follow.**

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor...You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact Sr. Janice Marie Johnson at 610-289-8900 x 245.

Italy Trip 2016 – Fr. Philip F. Rodgers, pastor of St. Benedict Church will be leading a trip to Italy on April 19-26, 2016. Did you ever dream of walking into St. Peter's in Rome, or traveling through Tuscany countryside on your way to Florence, or spending an overnight in the quaint and highly spiritually charged Village of Assisi, and much more, then you should come to an information night on September 15th at 7pm at St Benedict Church, 2020 Chestnut Hill Rd., Mohnton (Plowville) 19540. Come and see the video and enjoy a special Italian dessert. For more information contact the parish office at 610-856-1006.

August 30, 2015

dear Padre

Questions About Superstitions

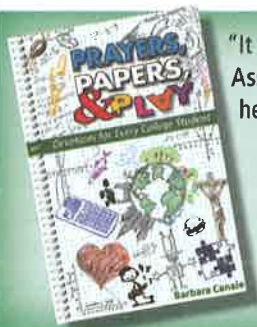


Why is it superstitious to bury a St. Joseph statue in the yard to sell a house, but not superstitious to pray for rain or for a successful meeting?

The saints have been an influential part of our Catholic history and tradition, and that includes requesting their intercession. After all, we often ask others to pray for us and even offer prayers with specific intentions in mind. Who better to ask than those who are assuredly with God and whose aid makes such an impact within salvation history? *The Roman Missal* is filled with votive masses for particular intentions: prayers for rain, for an abundant harvest, for peace and justice. As the Mass is the pinnacle of our communal prayer, it is an especially important time to pray for particular intentions and to offer our prayers in union with the entire Church throughout space and time.

In the case of burying a St. Joseph statue, it's important to remember that prayers should accompany this action. For example, when selling a home, people will often offer a novena of prayers to St. Joseph requesting his intercession. That is as it should be and where any actual substance or power to this action lies. Burying a statue of St. Joseph, in and of itself, has no actual power or spiritual effect. In fact, anything that reduces our faith to bordering on the magical would be seen as superstitious and therefore suspect.

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Monday
AUGUST 31
Weekday
1 Thes 4:13–18
Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 1
Weekday
1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11
Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 2
Weekday
Col 1:1–8
Lk 4:38–44

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 3
*St. Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor
of the Church*
Col 1:9–14
Lk 5:1–11

Friday
SEPTEMBER 4
Weekday
Col 1:15–20
Lk 5:33–39

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 5
Weekday
Col 1:21–23
Lk 6:1–5

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 6
*Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Is 35:4–7a
Jas 2:1–5
Mk 7:31–37

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