

Ordinary Time

October 4, 2015 ♦ Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

My mother was convinced that none of her children would get married. We were older when we were called to that vocation but, one by one, we did marry. I am happy to say that my husband and I continue to share this vocation three decades later, and we give our thanks to God. My sister was not as fortunate. After years of abuse, she divorced her husband. She did not make that decision lightly. She went into counseling, prayed, and talked. She considered her children, her husband, and herself. And she read and reread today's Gospel from Mark. In the end, her safety and the safety of her children was a major concern.

Jesus railed against the ease of divorce. A man had simply to hand his wife a piece of paper, and he could do so for any reason, including infertility

and a failure to please him. But Jesus advances the woman's cause, refusing to allow her to be treated like a piece of property or disposed of at whim. He saw marriage as a sign of God's covenantal love and lifelong fidelity and exalts it as a sacrament. When both spouses commit themselves to each other and to their vocation, this grace is made manifest, and their bond is strengthened. But sin and human brokenness can interfere with God's plan, leaving separation or even divorce as the only option.

In the longer form of this reading, the people brought their children to Jesus, and he blessed them. Maybe we can do the same for those affected by abuse or divorce, so they too, at long last, can be healed.

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 4, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	THU	<u>7:30AM</u>	LOUISE SHAABER - 7 TH ANNIVERSARY
SUN	7:30 AM	BENJAMIN POTTS	FRI	7:30 AM	IRENE BEDNOWICZ
	9:00 AM	ROSE WITKOWSKI	SAT	5:15 PM	PETE BASCELLI
	11:00 AM	FR. JOSEPH BARNES	SUN	7:30 AM	BRUCE KETTERER
MON		NO MASS		9:00 AM	MARY & LAWRENCE DEL GROSSO
TUE	7:00 PM	PAUL VIGNONE		11:00 AM	MACDOUGAL FAMILY
WED	7:30 AM	SPECIAL INTENTION			

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Gloria Gill

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Dowling 5:15 McNamara 7:30 Collura 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	Kevin Creamer	Mary Schwendt	Will Gray, Christopher and Lyndsay Surkosky
SUN	7:30am	Sean Werner	Adeline Kieffer	Beth and Gracie Cote, Zachary Whalen
	9:00am	Stephanie Myers	Brian Hannon	Isabella and Mia Pizzo, Elly Smithson
	11:00am	Mike Bobb	Susan DiGuglielmo	Aaron Gulla, Alex and Madilynn Hocker

The second collection next week is the Monthly Collection

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Looking for a "Faith Refresher?"

Join Msgr. McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers on Monday evenings 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, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Father Leo Stajkowski, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Linda Ritchie, Paul Geiger, Michael Girton, Shirley Koch, Paisley Stout, Sara Norris, Jake Maccarone and Dolores McCullough

Congratulate the recently baptized: Charles Mario Kells, June Margaret Kirkwood and their families

Pray for the recently departed: Tom Schaeffer

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	10/04	Social Sunday
Mon	10/05	7:30pm RCIA
Fri	10/09	7pm High School Youth Group
Sat	10/10	4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please be advised that on Monday, October 5th, there will be NO DAILY MASS.

Also, please note that on Thursday, October 8th, the daily Mass will be held at 7:30am. (There will be no 7:00pm Mass that evening.)

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.

The Women's Society will meet October 21st at 7pm in the Social Hall. All members are requested to attend if able. Meeting will begin with recitation of the Rosary, followed by business meeting. Light refreshments will be offered. If you have never been to a meeting, please come and join us. All women of the parish are welcome to participate in any of our activities whether they are a member or not.

It's Apple Dumpling Time! Those big juicy apples are just waiting to be baked into our wonderful dumplings. Please look for the order sheets in the narthex, bulletin and newsletter. Get your order in early. We will be distributing the Apple Dumplings on November 7/8. Please pre-pay and order if you want to make sure you get your dumplings. If you would be interested in helping to make the apple dumplings, please join us in the Social Hall on November 6th at 9am or November 7th at 9am. No experience necessary. It is light, easy work, but we need many hands.

*Buy your **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Pass** today in the narthex of the church to save \$\$\$ on October 20th 9am-11pm. The shopping pass is \$5 and 100% of the proceeds go to the church. A purchase of only \$20 earns back the price of the pass. You will enjoy a whopping 25% off your purchases throughout the store (exceptions listed on the pass). Enjoy refreshments, entertainment and a chance at some valuable prizes. YOU could be the winner of one of the \$100 or \$500 shopping sprees so don't forget to drop your stub off at one of the collection boxes throughout the store.*

Designer Purse BINGO – October 18th, 1pm (Doors open at 11am) – ICC social hall - \$25 for 20 games – Bring Purina One chow for 3 free raffle tickets. Call Barbara at 610-582-1358 for tickets.

CONFIRMATION

On Tuesday, October 13th, Bishop John Barres will visit our parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sixty-nine young men and women from the parish will be anointed with Sacred Chrism and sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to pray for our children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. May they be faithful and courageous witnesses to the love of God in the world. You are invited to join us for the celebration on Tuesday, October 13th at 4:30pm.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP will meet Friday, October 9th, 7-9pm in the lower level meeting room of the Parish Center. All of the teenagers in our parish in grades 9 to 12 are welcome to attend for an evening of fun, food, games, prayer & praise. Bring a friend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held in the social hall during the 9am Mass. We welcome all children ages 3 through kindergarten. Registration Forms can be found in the narthex. For more information, contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880.

Have you been throwing your dimes in the trash?? You did if you have not been saving the **Box Tops for Education** coupons which are found on participating products you use every day. Think of these Box Tops as "dimes" we collect to raise money for Immaculate Conception Academy. You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products from cereal and granola to tissues and cleaning products. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents – some Bonus Box Tops can be worth even more!! Just cut the Box Top from the participating product and place the Box Top in the designated box in the Narthex of church. Every Box Top adds up! Think about what that "FREE" money could do for our school and our students!! Contact Jessica at jmbailey727@yahoo.com with any questions.

Congratulations to Immaculate Conception Academy students who were elected to Student Council. President: Alexa Junikiewicz; Vice President: Hope Schreiber; Treasurer: Vivian Kase; Secretary: Sarah Forkin; Public Relations: Courtney Deviney; Mission Representative: Gabriella Kurtas; Classroom Representatives: Luke Lindermann, Lauren Conley, Kyle Bekhammer, Skylar Cava, Joey Delibertis, Abby North, Josh Kelly, Brianna Devine, Liam Ottinger, Emma Lindermann, Pearce Gray, Amanda Starinshak, Daniel Schlegel, Lauren Yerger, Mitchell Gatz, Nadine Dinnocenti, Tommy Deren, Anna Villa, Aiden Eichenlaub and Briana Gonzalez

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing "**Roses for Life**" after each Mass this weekend. The money collected from your generosity will be used to support Birthright, A Baby's Breath and the Southeastern PA Pro-Life Coalition.

Immaculate Conception Home School Organization will be holding our annual **Christmas Bazaar** in the social hall on November 21st, 9am-3pm. Vendor spaces are still available. If you would like more information on becoming a vendor, please email ICAXmas@gmail.com or stop in the parish office for an application.

The National 40 Days for Life Campaign and Prayer Vigil goes through November 1st. Daily prayer vigil in front of Reading Planned Parenthood, 4th and Franklin Streets, 7am-4pm, Monday to Saturday. 610-375-3395.

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT – October 10, 9am to noon, Redner's Parking Lot, Douglassville – Open to residents and small businesses.



October 4, 2015

dear Padre

Monday

OCTOBER 5

Weekday

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11

Lk 10:25—37

Tuesday

OCTOBER 6

Weekday

Jon 3:1—10

Lk 10:38—42

Wednesday

OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Jon 4:1—11

Lk 11:1—4

Thursday

OCTOBER 8

Weekday

Mal 3:13—20b

Lk 11:5—13

Friday

OCTOBER 9

Weekday

Jl 1:13—15; 2:1—2

Lk 11:15—26

Saturday

OCTOBER 10

Weekday

Jl 4:12—21

Lk 11:27—28

Sunday

OCTOBER 11

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Wis 7:7—11

Heb 4:12—13

Mk 10:17—30

or 10:17—27

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How should we deliver the Sign of Peace?



What is the etiquette for the Sign of Peace? I attend Mass alone and feel awkward as family members hug and kiss as though they haven't seen each other in years but ignore me even though I'm standing right next to them.

The Sign of Peace is a time to acknowledge Christ's presence in the congregation. It comes immediately before Communion. It is not time for shaking hands with someone you haven't seen for a while or for running around the church greeting everyone. It is time for wishing peace to one another before we receive the Eucharist as one body. Remember Christ's words: "If you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you,...go first and be reconciled..." (Matthew 5:23—24). The Church's guidelines state, "in a sober manner, offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 82). They also say that local conferences of bishops should establish norms according to the customs of the people.



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Sam Lucero,
The Compass,
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It is appropriate for a husband and wife to kiss each other, or for parents to kiss their children; in some places an embrace is also appropriate. The important thing is to remember that Christ is present in our midst and to acknowledge that presence in one another. If you feel excluded, I would suggest you let them know after Mass. You can simply say, "I felt left out."

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By listening to and imitating Mary's question to God's messenger ("How can this be?"), we can learn to ask the Lord for the information needed to serve him better. As we learn to imitate our Lady, we'll be less concerned with the potential consequences and more focused on what God wants us to do.

—From *Listen to Your Blessed Mother: Mary's Words in Scripture* by Gary E. Zimak

To read sample pages from *Listen to Your Blessed Mother*, visit Liguori.org, type the title or 823756 in the search bar, and click on the book.