

Ordinary Time

October 11, 2015 ♦ Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commonly in recent years, large corporations whose business practices are questioned have replied, “Everything we have done is legal.” I have always been uncomfortable with that because it implies that those in charge will not do anything more than they have to in order to stay within the law. The minimum standard becomes the maximum standard. In our hearts and minds, though, we know that the common good is best served when people do more than they must. While doing the minimum required is everyone’s job, we expect more of those who are in positions of leadership. We expect more of our best and brightest. And Jesus expects more of those who follow him.

The young man who comes to Jesus is both secure and comfortable in doing what is required.

Jesus agrees that he has done the minimum. But the young man himself knew there was more he could do. His intelligence, curiosity, and deep reflection told him that obeying the law was not enough. When he persisted in his question, Jesus called him to more. In the same breath, Jesus challenges all of us to find what more we can do. We might obey the Ten Commandments, attend Mass every Sunday, and not offend anyone. But do we care for those who have less, support the Church, and follow Jesus even when it is difficult? Are we willing to sacrifice our possessions and our lives, if necessary, for his sake? Is there more you can do today to reflect Christ to the world?

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Volunteers serve breakfast to the needy at a shelter in Mount Clemens, Mich., Jan. 17. (CNS photo/Jim West)



Today's Readings

Wis 7:7–11
Heb 4:12–13
Mk 10:17–30
or 10:17–27

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 11, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	PETE BASCELLI	THU	7:00 PM	BERNIE RISSMILLER
SUN	7:30 AM	BRUCE KETTERER	FRI	7:30 AM	STELLA POWASKI
	9:00 AM	MARY & LAWRENCE DEL GROSSO	SAT	5:15 PM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
	11:00 AM	MACDOUGAL FAMILY	SUN	7:30 AM	VOLPICCINI FAMILY
MON		NO MASS		9:00 AM	KATHLEEN REPERT
TUE	4:30 PM	CONFIRMATION		11:00 AM	ANNE HIRYAK – 87 TH BIRTHDAY
WED	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS			

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns with God's Blessing Upon
 Barb & Barrie Pease – 33rd Anniversary*

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Gulla 5:15 Costanzo 7:30 Schwendt 9:00 Carvalho 11:00 Hafer

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Shirley Wheeler	Ann Marie Arbo	Joey Cizmarik, Leonard Cline, Colby Mullins
SUN	7:30am	Jim Kaucher	Toni Kaucher	Trey Bradfield, John and Nick Dinnocenti
	9:00am	Barbara Giordano	Barrie Pease	Rachel Barnes, Ryan Ferrante, Michael DiScala
	11:00am	Karl Filachek	Rhonda Ouimet	Alex, Jason and Mark Carvalho

The second collection next week is World Mission Sunday

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.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, John Iezzi, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Andrew Martin, Alice Snyk, 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, Stephen Mammarella, Shirley Koch, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, Walter & Marjorie Hansen, Betty Erjavec, Stella Gill, Ronald Readinger and Dolores McCullough

Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Malone and Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Spriggs

Pray for the recently departed: Joseph M. Campana, III and Michael Girton

Congratulate the recently wed: Jennifer Louise Rivera & Anthony Joseph O'Brien

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Mon	10/12	7:30pm RCIA 7pm Confirmation Sponsor Practice
Tues	10/13	7:30pm Bell Choir
Thurs	10/15	12:30pm Prime Time 7:30pm Adult Choir
Sat	10/17	4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please be advised that on Monday, October 12th, there will be NO DAILY MASS.

On Tuesday, October 13th, our daily Mass will be at 4:30pm with Bishop Barres administering the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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.

The Women's Society would like to thank all of the volunteers who served at our Dairy Queen Pancake Breakfast. We hope everyone who came out to support us enjoyed themselves.

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 information, contact the parish office at 610.582.2411.

ICA HSO is collecting gently used (or new) Halloween costumes. All donations will be distributed to children at Berks Women in Crisis, the Opportunity House and the Boys & Girls Club. Emptying your closets will allow kids in our area to be princesses, superheroes, and everything in between this season! Please drop off at ICA during school hours or at the church office by October 22nd.

PRIME TIME HALLOWEEN LUNCHEON is October 15th at the Exeter Family Restaurant at 12:30pm. Members will be contacted with more information.

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.

Signups are underway for CYO winter sports. Visit

www.iccyo.com for more information.

Complimentary copies of Magnificat are available in the narthex of the Church at the SCRIP table. Magnificat has inspired the prayer lives of millions all over the world. It is now the largest Catholic publication in the United States. Published monthly, Magnificat contains prayers for every day (Morning Prayer, Daily Mass Readings, Meditation of the Day, Prayer for the Evening and the Life of a Saint.) Each month there are also spiritual essays, night prayers, sacred art, commentaries and lectio divina. Information is also available about subscriptions to Magnificat.

2015 Walk-A-Thon for Catholic Education

Donations are being gratefully accepted. Please place in an envelope marked "**ICA Walk-a-Thon**" and mail to

Immaculate Conception Academy, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville 19518 or drop in any Sunday collection basket.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

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.

Chicken BBQ (½ chicken, potato, corn, pepper cabbage and roll) October 17th, 11-3, \$9 at VFW in Birdsboro. Call 610-582-0058 for tickets and info.

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday at Noon

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dear Padre

What does "catechetical tradition" mean?



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "The catechetical tradition also recalls that there are sins that cry to heaven" (CCC 1867). Then it lists certain sins from Scripture. What does "catechetical tradition" mean?

Sacred tradition is the revealed word of God as transmitted in Christian teachings and beliefs. It has always been a part of our Church, and while distinct from Scripture, the two "merge into a unity and tend toward the same end" (*Dei Verbum*, 9). A "catechism" is a collection of these truths that helps people to understand and live our faith. Jesus was the first teacher, and our tradition continues unbroken, from apostolic preaching to the Magisterium. Christian principles—for example, respect for life and human dignity—are unchanging but need to be interpreted for the day in which we live. This explains the need for various catechisms and diverse religious practices across nations and cultures.

The sins listed—murder, rape, oppression, and other human injustices—are all found in the Old Testament. When people are sinned against, they cry out. Think of parents mourning the death of their child who was killed by a drunk driver, or victims of human trafficking or torture. These sins reach heaven, and God assures them that their cry is heard. Of course, God acknowledges and cares about other sins, too. "[All] sin is an offense against God...Sin sets itself against God's love for us and turns our hearts away from it" (CCC 1850).

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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.



Monday
OCTOBER 12
Weekday
Rom 1:1–7
Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday
OCTOBER 13
Weekday
Rom 1:16–25
Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday
OCTOBER 14
Weekday
Rom 2:1–11
Lk 11:42–46

Thursday
OCTOBER 15
St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Rom 3:21–30
Lk 11:47–54

Friday
OCTOBER 16
Weekday
Rom 4:1–8
Lk 12:1–7

Saturday
OCTOBER 17
St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Rom 4:13, 16–18
Lk 12:8–12

Sunday
OCTOBER 18
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 53:10–11
Heb 4:14–16
Mk 10:35–45 or 10:42–45

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It's Apple Dumpling Time



It's that wonderful season when all of the local orchard's trees are dripping with beautiful fresh apples.

What could be better on a crisp fall day than a warm Apple Dumpling with ice cream, milk, or whipped cream.

The Women's Society is baking up these sweet, juicy dumplings for your enjoyment. Just warm them up if you like, and serve.....yummy

Dumplings are \$4.00 each and should be ordered and prepaid using the order form below. We may have some extras, but why take a chance on missing out on these wonderful treats. Place your order today. Place your order by October 30th by placing order sheet and payment in the collection basket, or by dropping at the Administration Building. You may also mail to church at 905 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, Pa. 19518. Checks should be made payable to "The Women's Society". Dumplings may be picked up after Mass on Saturday, November 7th, or after Sunday Masses, November 8th in the social hall. Please indicate when ordering which day you would like to pick them up.

Apple Dumpling Order Form

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Quantity _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Pick up date (circle one)

Sat. Nov. 7

Sun. Nov. 8