

# Ordinary Time

October 18, 2015 ♦ Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**W**e might forgive James and John for their ambition. They had, after all, been with Jesus since the beginning. They had seen him heal the ill, cast out demons, and preach about repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Surely Jesus had a power that no one else had. And surely he would give it away to those who asked for it. James and John make a mistake. They thought power and greatness have to do with position.

We are so like them. We often think that people are great if they have abundant wealth or prestigious titles. We consider them powerful if they have higher or several degrees or if the world judges them to be attractive. And the world tells us this is so. But Jesus has a different message. Greatness has nothing to do with wealth or education. Sitting at the right and left hand of Jesus does not depend on appearance, position, or accomplishments. Rather, greatness comes from being willing to empty yourself for the sake of others. Our power lies in being the least among our neighbors.

Jesus challenges us in this reading. He dares us to let go of our ideas of greatness and to become servants of all. He invites us to “do the lesser things” with no strings attached or expectation of reward. (The word “ministry” comes from the Latin *minus/minor* and Greek *meion*, meaning “less, smaller.”) We must serve in love out of love for him. This week, look for little things you can do for others, giving thanks to God for this invitation.

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Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero (pictured in this 1979 photo) was beatified in San Salvador May 23, and has become a symbol of Latin American church leaders' efforts to protect their flocks from the abuses of military dictatorships. (CNS photo/EPA)



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## TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 18, 2015

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	THU	<b>NO MASS</b>
SUN	7:30 AM	VOLPICCINI FAMILY	FRI	<b>NO MASS</b>
	9:00 AM	KATHLEEN REPERT	SAT	5:15 PM GUY KLANG - 10 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY
	11:00 AM	ANNE HIRYAK - 87 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY	SUN	7:30 AM JOHN PALKO
MON	<b>NO MASS</b>			9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
TUE	<b>NO MASS</b>			11:00 AM JOAN LEFOSSE
WED	<b>NO MASS</b>			

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Paul Powaski and also  
 God's Blessings Upon Jim & Toni Kaucher - 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP:** Sponsor: Porambo 5:15 Pisarek 7:30 Kasperowicz 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	Mike Austrevich	Jennifer Stuart	Nicholas Donnelly, Andela and Ethan Kracik
SUN	7:30am	Pam Amos	Dan Sweeney	Sarah Forkin, Sean and Stephen Hannon
	9:00am	Isabelita Santos	Josephine Hohl	Alyssa Boraten, Morgan and Parker Davis
	11:00am	Becky Shemanski	Jim Keaveney	Kathryn Krueger, Taylor Moyer, D. Passifione

### **The second collection next week is for Debt Reduction**

***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.

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 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, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Linda Ritchie, Shirley Koch, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, Walter & Marjorie Hansen, Betty Erjavec, Christine Flanagan, Joann Gilbert, Ronald Readinger, Bill Strock, Jr., Thomas Kirchner and Dolores McCullough

Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Helstrom  
 Congratulate the recently baptized: Cassidy Leigh Boisson, Kylie Corinne Boisson, Nora Ann McKinley and their families  
 Pray for the recently departed: Stella Gill and Ann McNamara

## **THIS WEEK AT ICC:**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>10/18</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Girl Scouts</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>RCIA</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>10/20</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Bell Choir</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10/21</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Women's Society Meeting</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10/22</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10/24</b>	<b>4-5pm</b>	<b>Confession</b>

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

*Please be advised that there will be no daily Mass Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.*

### **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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am or November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am. No experience necessary. It is light, easy work, but we need many hands.*

***Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Pass - October 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am-11pm. Buy yours today in the narthex of the church to save \$\$\$! 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.***

**OPEN REGISTRATION- Berks Catholic** is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Please contact Nicole Smith to find out all the great opportunities a Berks Catholic education offers. Call 610.374.8361 or email [nsmith@berkscatholic.org](mailto:nsmith@berkscatholic.org).

## **ICA-HSO Christmas Bazaar**

**November 21<sup>st</sup>, 9am to 3pm, Social Hall**

Lots of great locally made crafts and stocking stuffers...wood crafts and toys, Christmas wreaths and ornaments, baked specialties and candies, home décor, candles, jewelry, handmade frames, gift baskets and so much more! We also will have soups and other lunch items for purchase and a Bake Sale!

ICC is hosting a Miller Keystone blood drive during the ICA-HSO Christmas Bazaar from 8am to 1pm. Schedule your donation time by signing up on the form located in the narthex of the church or on the donor portal at [www.GiveaPint.org](http://www.GiveaPint.org), search for sponsor code 4543.

### **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.**

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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

ICC CYO Winter Registrations for Boys/Girls Basketball (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>) and Cheerleading (Girls: 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) are available on our website: [www.ICCYO.com](http://www.ICCYO.com)

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](mailto:jmbailey727@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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

**Designer Purse BINGO** – October 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor, you are not alone.** 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.

**Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday at Noon**  
**[bulletin@icbvm.org](mailto:bulletin@icbvm.org)**



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# dear Padre

**Monday**  
OCTOBER 19

*Sts. John de Brébeuf  
and Isaac Jogues,  
Priests, and Companions,  
Martyrs*  
Rom 4:20–25  
Lk 12:13–21

**Tuesday**  
OCTOBER 20

*Weekday*  
Rom 5:12, 15b,  
17–19, 20b–21  
Lk 12:35–38

**Wednesday**  
OCTOBER 21

*Weekday*  
Rom 6:12–18  
Lk 12:39–48

**Thursday**  
OCTOBER 22

*Weekday*  
Rom 6:19–23  
Lk 12:49–53

**Friday**  
OCTOBER 23

*Weekday*  
Rom 7:18–25a  
Lk 12:54–59

**Saturday**  
OCTOBER 24

*Weekday*  
Rom 8:1–11  
Lk 13:1–9

**Sunday**  
OCTOBER 25

*Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Jer 31:7–9  
Heb 5:1–6  
Mk 10:46–52

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## Are priests and religious the same?



The pastor of my parish recently asked us to pray for “priests and religious.” Aren’t they the same thing?

**Some priests are** religious, but not all religious are priests. As used here, the term “religious” refers to a member of a religious order—a man or woman who has professed vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and who follows an approved rule of their religious congregation. Redemptorists, Sisters of Mercy, Franciscans, Jesuits, and Benedictines would all be examples. Members of a religious order can be sisters or brothers, but some religious men are priests as well. We call these religious men “Father.” A priest who is not a religious is attached to a diocese and promises obedience to his bishop. He would be celibate but would not have a vow of poverty, so he would

receive a salary and could own his own house or car.

Behind your question is an important point. All priests are called to be “religious,” holy men (in the spiritual sense) who bring us closer to Jesus by the celebration of sacraments, leadership, preaching, and the lives they live. In fact, all of the baptized are called to be holy; religious profession and priestly ordination are just two ways that Catholics live out their baptismal calling. The most common vocation is marriage, a sacrament alongside holy orders.

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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](http://Liguori.org), type the title or 823756 in the search bar, and click on the book.