

# Ordinary Time

November 15, 2015 ♦ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

I used to work with someone who was very patient with those he met and rarely expressed anger in public. But as I got to know him better, I began to recognize the small signs he gave off when he was irritated. His lips tightened. He would start drumming his fingers or moving his foot when seated. When that happened, we all knew to leave him alone as he worked out what he wanted to do. We also could act as sounding boards, helping him see different ways of looking at things. I thought this “sign-seeing” only went one way until one day he so accurately described what I do when I start feeling stressed out that it made me laugh. I thought I hid my stress very well, and I probably did to those who didn’t work with me every day.

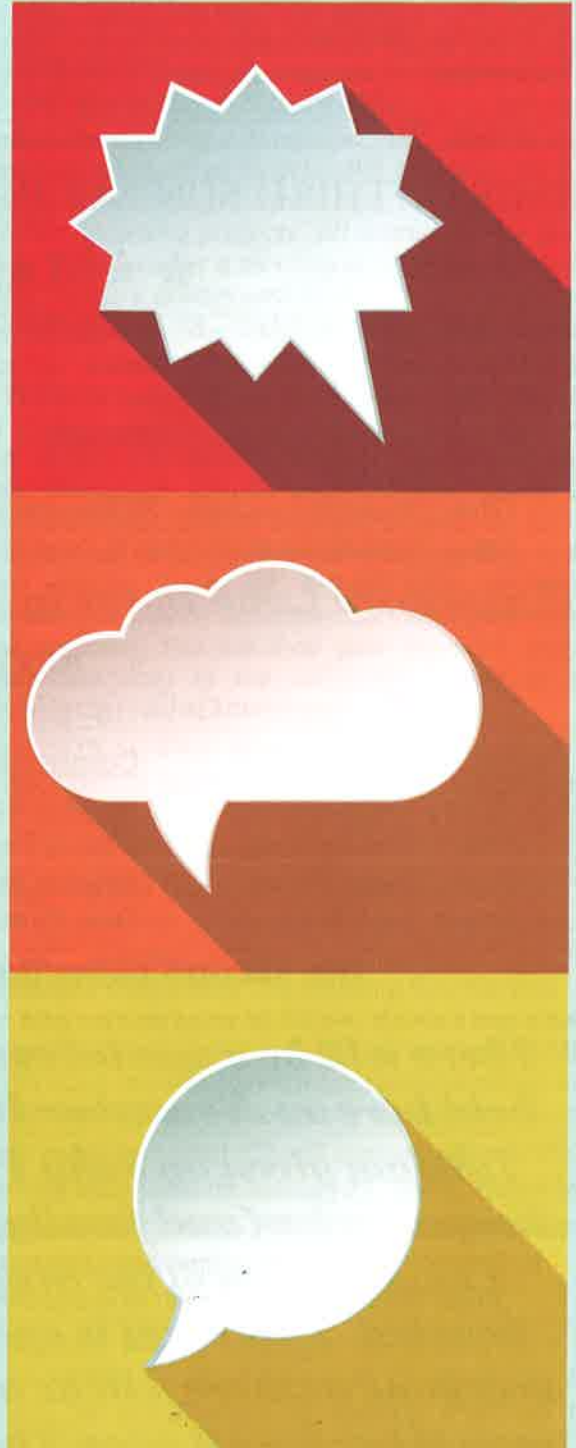
In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus talks about the signs that will precede the coming of the Son of Man. He quotes the prophet Daniel, and the signs are disturbing: the sun will darken and the stars will fall. Such apocalyptic images (referring to the end times) are often found in times of persecution. This passage was written close to the destruction of the Temple by the Romans and attempts to encourage the reader to remain faithful in what seem like end times because Christ will come again.

Of course, not everyone has faith or finds hope in what they see. The question posed to us—to all—is this: “Have we been with Christ long enough to know and see the signs that he will come again, or do we need to pay closer attention to him?”

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## Today’s Readings

Dn 12:1–3  
Heb 10:11–14, 18  
Mk 13:24–32



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## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 15, 2015

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	JOSEPHINE NANNI – 8 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY	THU	7:00 PM	LORETO BAGLIONE – 40 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY
SUN	7:30 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	FRI	7:30 AM	FR. BERNARD LAMOND
	9:00 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	SAT	5:15 PM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
	11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SUN	7:30 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
MON	<b>No MASS</b>			9:00 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
TUE	7:00 PM	DONALD A. LAKATOSH – 2 <sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY		11:00 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
WED	7:30 AM	DEC'D MEMBERS OF JESSE G. PAINTER FAMILY			

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Loreto Baglione – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP:** Sponsor: Gulla 5:15 McNamara 7:30 Collura 9:00 McCauley 11:00 DeFalco

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Joseph Bailey	Jennifer Stuart	Rachel Barnes, Alex and Madilynn Hocker
SUN	7:30am	Dan Sweeney	Dennis Piontek	Mason Cambria, Michael DiScala, S. Reitnour
	9:00am	Brian Hannon	Isabelita Santos	Leonard Cline, Danielle Passifione, Ally Santos
	11:00am	John Peterson	Steve Lukes	Taylor Moyer, Isabella and Mia Pizzo

### **The second collection next week is the Fuel Collection**

*There will be a special concert held here on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm given by John Paul Kasperowicz (and family) and The Ministry of the Single-hearted. This event is open to everyone as there will be a little something for all ages. This is a free event, however a free will offering will be taken up and a portion of the proceeds given to the Hope Rescue Mission in Reading.*

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, , 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, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, Walter & Marjorie Hansen, Betty Erjavec, Christine Flanagan, Joann Gilbert, Thomas Kirchner, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Irene Wada, William Janda, Curt Miller, Janet Motta, James Smith and Ted Reznick  
 Pray for the recently departed: Barbara Pease  
 Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Finkbiner  
 Congratulate the newly baptized: Addison Marie Hall, Devon Elizabeth Daley and Adam Daniel Benner

## **THIS WEEK AT ICC:**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>11/16</b>	<b>7:30pm RCIA</b> <b>7:30pm Concert</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>11/17</b>	<b>7:30pm Bell Choir</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>11/18</b>	<b>7pm Women's Society</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>11/19</b>	<b>11:30am Prime Time</b> <b>7:30pm Adult Choir</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>11/21</b>	<b>9am ICA HSO Christmas Bazaar</b> <b>4-5pm Confession</b>

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

***Please be advised that there will be no daily Mass Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.***

### **Thanksgiving Baskets for Those in Need**

To assist families in need, all of the churches in the Birdsboro and Douglassville area have agreed to adopt a particular school for the Thanksgiving holiday. Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception has adopted Daniel Boone High School and will provide Thanksgiving baskets to families in need with children enrolled in the high school. If your family would like to donate a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family, please call the parish office at 610-582-2411 to sign-up. We will provide you with a specific list of needed items and the date by which the basket must be brought to the parish office to ensure its timely delivery. Thank you for your concern for those in need.

**Scholastic Book Fair** - November 15<sup>th</sup> after 9 and 11 Masses and November 16 - 18 during school hours in the ICA library. This is a great opportunity to buy books for the holidays! Donations are also being accepted for "All for Books" which will help buy books for ICA teacher classrooms. Scholastic will match donations and help provide books to less fortunate children. Donations may be placed in the church collection baskets in an envelope marked "All for Books". Please make checks out to ICA-HSO with "all for books" on the memo line. Donations will be collected until November 15. Thank you!

### **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-Then for Catholic Education**

Donations are being gratefully accepted. Please place in an envelope marked "**ICA Walk-a-Then**" and mail to Immaculate Conception Academy or drop in any Sunday collection basket.

**All donations are greatly appreciated.**

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** - ICA 8<sup>th</sup> grade is sponsoring our annual **Breakfast with Santa** on December 5<sup>th</sup>! There are seating's at 8am and 10am. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee/milk will be served. We will have face painting, cookie and ornament decorating, pictures with Santa and a Christmas Petting Zoo! Tickets are \$8, age 2 and under free. Tickets sell out quickly so get yours today! Call 610-404-8645 for more information!!!

**Bereavement Support Group** will meet November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in the church office (using side door, first office on right). The topic will be **Getting Through the Holidays When You've Lost a Loved One**. Anyone grieving a death is welcome. For information call Pat at 610-775-1892 or Toni at 610-404-1389.

**Women's Society Meeting** - November 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm - social hall. All members are asked to attend if possible. We'll be discussing the **Christmas Luncheon, the Christmas Cookie Sale and other upcoming projects**. All women of the parish are welcome to join us for a meeting or to help with any of our projects. You are always welcome!

All women of the parish are invited to join the **Women's Society for our Annual Christmas Luncheon, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1pm at Vincenzo's in Douglassville**. The meal includes choice of Italian wedding soup, house salad, or Caesar salad; soft drink; and dessert. Entrée choices: Eggplant Parmigiana, Fettuccini Alfredo with Chicken, Baked Ziti with or without meat, Grilled Chicken, Shrimp, or Salmon Salad. Cost of meal is \$23.50 (checks made payable to ICC WS). Please contact Lynda at 610-689-4076 or Margie at [mpratt@albright.edu](mailto:mpratt@albright.edu) by November 20<sup>th</sup> with your entrée choice and payment. You can drop your payment (noting your entrée selection) in the collection basket at any mass. We hope to see you there!

**LAST RESORTS AC TRIP FOR 2015** - November 20<sup>th</sup> LEAVE the Church promptly at 9:30am - 6 hours in AC Package Deal: Pay \$31 get \$25 Back  
Call Carol J. if interested at 610-775-4447

### **Thanksgiving Eve Community Ecumenical Service**

Join with those of our local community on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm at St. Paul's UCC (300 W 1<sup>st</sup> St), for the Birdsboro Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. With refreshments to follow, this is a beautiful opportunity to dedicate our thanks to God and to build the bonds of Christian community with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

**Mark your calendars now! ICC will sponsor a bus to the March for Life scheduled for January 22, 2016. Watch the bulletin for upcoming details. Plan to attend and witness to the sanctity of all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.**

"Chosen, Blessed, Shared" supports the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. Make sure to remember the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail or from the brochures in the narthex. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 5 counties in our Diocese.



November 15, 2015

# dear Padre

## Monday

NOVEMBER 16

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43,  
54–57, 62–63  
Lk 18:35–43

## Tuesday

NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth

of Hungary, Religious  
2 Mc 6:18–31  
Lk 19:1–10

## Wednesday

NOVEMBER 18

Weekday

2 Mc 7:1, 20–31  
Lk 19:11–28

## Thursday

NOVEMBER 19

Weekday

1 Mc 2:15–29  
Lk 19:41–44

## Friday

NOVEMBER 20

Weekday

1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59  
Lk 19:45–48

## Saturday

NOVEMBER 21

The Presentation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Mc 6:1–13  
Lk 20:27–40

## Sunday

NOVEMBER 22

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

Dn 7:13–14  
Rv 1:5–8  
Jn 18:33b–37

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## What should I expect from a pastoral visit?



*When my father was in hospice, our pastor stopped in to see him. The pastor didn't seem connected to what we were experiencing, and what should have been a precious moment was anything but. I'm afraid his visit did more harm than good. Should I have expected more?*

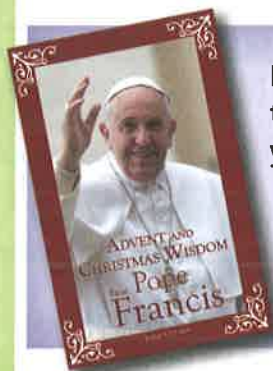
**When I was** in the seminary, a retired priest spoke about the importance of pastoral visitation and the sacrament of anointing of the sick. What impressed me most was his pastoral advice. Before entering the room of someone who was sick or dying, he would take a moment in prayer: "Please God, use me as your instrument. Keep me from saying anything harmful, unnecessary, or distracting." I've never forgotten his advice.

I'm sorry your pastor's visit wasn't what you hoped. Not knowing what he did or did not do, I can provide you with only my own insight into what

may be useful and appropriate at such a moment. In a person's final moments, invite everyone to reflect on the presence of mystery and of the sacred. These moments are profoundly intimate and personal, beyond all understanding and description. And this should not invoke anxiety or fear; rather, we should see it as an opportunity to accept our human and personal limitations, as well as those of this world. The Church teaches that each moment of life is sacred, and sometimes all that is required are wonder, awe, and silent assent.



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**During this Advent season, "remember the real gift: God giving himself to us through the Incarnation. Reflect on yourself. In how many ways can you become a gift from God to those you know and to those you do not?"**

—From *Advent and Christmas Wisdom From Pope Francis* by John Cleary

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