

Ordinary Time

June 5, 2016 ♦ Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

1 Kgs 17:17–24 ♦ Gal 1:11–19 ♦ Lk 7:11–17



My father died when I was eighteen. For a long time I clung to the Lord in my pain. For a longer time, I was angry and often wondered where God was. I looked for answers in vain. For those of us who have watched someone die, today's readings may seem unrealistic. Elijah the prophet stretches himself out on a dead child and calls on God to restore his life. The child lives. Jesus stops a funeral procession and bids the dead son of a widow to get up. He does so. "Where was God," we might ask, "when my [father, wife, child, or friend] died and left me to mourn?"

The truth is, God was and is there. In God, we have the hope of eternal life. Moreover, the faithful departed remain present to the living through the communion of saints, the stories and memories we hold and share, and in my case, the care I received from those who

became a bit like fathers to me when I needed it most. Through God's grace, I am now more compassionate and caring toward those who have suffered loss. I will not fool you: forty-five years later, I still miss my father and wish my children could have known him. But in the Gospels, we hear the truth. God offers to all who believe and follow him the gift of resurrection at the end of our earthly lives and brings us new life even in the midst of death and suffering. This new life is the hope and joy of our faith, even if it takes us a little while to realize it.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"That act of Jesus' love which brought new life to the world comes down to us through the memory of others—witnesses—and is kept alive in that one remembering subject which is the Church."

—Lumen Fidei 38

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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 5, 2016

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	MICHAEL SMITH – 11 TH ANNIVERSARY	THU	<u>6:00 PM</u>	GRADUATION MASS
SUN	7:30 AM	JOHN MASKULAK	FRI	7:30 AM	MARY TERRONONI
	9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS		9:00 AM	ICA MASS – OUR PARISHIONERS
	11:00 AM	LIVING MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S SOCIETY	SAT	5:15 PM	MARY VARNEY
MON		NO MASS	SUN	7:30 AM	JOHN BRADLEY
TUE	<u>7:30 AM</u>	ROBERT MULDOWNNEY		9:00 AM	ELEANOR PAINTER – 15 TH ANNIVERSARY
WED	7:30 AM	GUS FREDRIKSEN		11:00 AM	DEC'D MEMBERS OF THE MURPHY FAMILY

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Gus Fredriksen and
 In Honor of Rosemarie & Bill Strock – 51st Wedding Anniversary*

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Porambo **5:15pm** McNamara **7:30am** Collura **9:00am** McCauley **11:00am** DeFalco

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Mike Austrevich	Jennifer Stuart	Beth and Gracie Cote, Avery Lang
SUN	7:30am	Adelina Kieffer	Sean Werner	Josh Piccarreta, Chris and Lindsay Surkosky
	9:00am	Stephanie Myers	Josephine Hohl	Amanda & Lauren Marley, Rachel Barnes
	11:00am	Mary Jo Simon	Bob Newman	Sadie Mangan, Faith Ouimet, Elly Smithson

Second collection next week is the Monthly Collection

2016 Vacation Bible School "Jesse Tree Journey"

VBS will be held the week of June 20 through June 24 from 9:00am to noon. VBS is open to all ICC parishioners ages 5 to 11. The cost is \$35 per child. Adult and teen volunteers are always welcome. Come along for the journey! Registration forms are available in the narthex, parish office and the Academy. Contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or ccd@icbvm.org with questions.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Alice Smyk, Yolanda Marino, Marjorie & Walter Hansen, Ann Schlott, Kathy Patrick, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, Linda Rathman, William Janda, James Smith, Maryanne Emory, Madge Butto, Roseann Malcolm, Dylan Spriggs, Doris Slater, Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad, Paul Geiger, Helen McDonald, Mark McDonald, Rose Osorio, Raymond Davidheiser, Anthony Mattassa, Sr., Tony Guilliams, Dolores McCullough, Steve Mammarella, Shawn Staneruck, Phil Kubovcsak, Dominic Strock, Loretta Federico and Barbara Wright
 Congratulate the recently baptized: Jesse Henry Koren
 Pray for the recently departed: Marie Snyder
 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:

Tues	06/07	7:30pm	Baptism Class
Thurs	06/09	6pm	ICA Graduation Mass
Sat	06/11	4-5pm	Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Changes to the Daily Mass Schedule

Please be advised that...

Monday, June 6, 2016 - no daily Mass

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 - daily Mass will be offered at 7:30am

Thursday, June 9, 2016 - daily Mass will be at 6:00pm during which the 8th grade of Immaculate Conception Academy will graduate.

Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception extends its prayerful best wishes and heartfelt congratulations to all our graduates.

The 2016 Graduating Class of Berks Catholic High School will hold its Baccalaureate Mass on Tuesday, June 7th at 7pm at St. Catharine of Siena, Reading. All are invited.

The 2016 Graduating Class of Immaculate Conception Academy will hold its Graduation Mass and Commencement Exercises on Thursday, June 9th at 6pm in our parish church. The 2016 Graduating Class of Daniel Boone High School will hold its Baccalaureate Service on Wednesday, June 8th at 7pm in the high school auditorium. All are invited.

Immaculate Conception Academy and Early Education Program is currently enrolling for the 2016-17 School Year!

We welcome everyone to join us if you have a student entering preschool (age 3) through 8th grade.

ICA offers a full day Kindergarten Program.

Kindergarten students must be aged 5 by 10/15/16 and 1st grade students aged 6 by 10/15/16.

Bishop's Tuition Transfer Grants are available for any public, private or charter school student who transfers into Immaculate Conception Academy grades 1-7. These grants are **\$1,500 over two years** (\$1,000 for the first year; \$500 for the second).

Please contact **Adele Reilly at 610-404-8645 or adele.reilly@icaknights.org** for more information or to schedule a tour!

*****Now offering Sunday tours after 9am and 11am Masses by appointment*****

Diocese of Allentown – Marriage Enrichment Event

June 10th, 6-7pm, St. Columbkil Parish – Quinn Hall
Learn more about “the 5 Love Languages – The Secret to Love that Lasts” and enjoy wine and cheese during the talk! Presenter: Wendy Krisak. Register by June 8th at www.allentowndiocese.org/enrich. Call 610-289-8900 x28 with questions.

Traveling this summer? Visit www.masstimes.org for Mass schedules from all over the world.

Register now for 2016-2017 CCD! Forms are available on www.icbvmccd.org under forms and at the Office of Religious Education. Classes are filling up so register now! **Volunteers are always welcome!** If you would like to volunteer an hour of your time once a week to bring the Good News of Christ to the children of our parish by educating or by example of service, call (610) 582-3880.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal at work in Berks County...

- 20,309 bags of groceries distributed by The Kennedy House
 - 120 individuals were assisted with their pregnancies, while exploring the positive options of parenting and adoption
 - 25 students received Bishop's Catholic Scholarships to attend Catholic Schools
 - 42 school-age students and 24 adults currently attend the John Paul II Center for Special Learning and receive educational and social programs to reach their full potential
 - The Aquinas Program at St. Margaret School provided educational support to elementary school students with learning disabilities
 - The Aquinas Program at Berks Catholic High School provided educational support to school students with learning disabilities
 - 2 seminarians from Berks County are currently being educated and are preparing for the priesthood
- Thank you for your generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.** If you have not yet made a gift to the Appeal, pledge cards can be found in the pews of the church.

*Immaculate Conception Parish has been asked to participate with other local Churches in meeting the needs of the Food Pantry, called "Community Table" at the Birdsboro Community Center. Each Church is taking one specific item that is needed. We have taken **Cleaning Products**. We are collecting items such as bathroom, window and kitchen cleaners; laundry soap items and paper towel/wipes. The Collection Bin is in the Narthex*

The Commission for Women will host a retreat day for women at the McGlenn Conference Center in Reading on June 11th, 9am-5pm. Cost is \$25 and includes a Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Come spend the day with our Mother and women of the diocese while reflecting on her mantle of mercy. Directing our retreat will be Rev. Ronald Bowman.

For more details and to register, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality. For questions, contact cfw@allentowndiocese.org or call 917-406-4879.

The Serra Clubs of the Allentown Diocese invite all to join in celebrating our newly ordained Priests, Fathers David Anthony and Stephan Issac, with a reception and dinner on June 20th, 5:30pm at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, Fogelsville. Please join Bishop Barres in affirming our new Priests. Our keynote speaker this Year is Father Bernard Ezaki. Father taught theology at Becahi for 24 years and is currently Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral. He is an entertaining and enthralling presenter! Tickets are \$35. Contact Joe Zawaly at 610-944-7313 by June 12th. Please take this opportunity to honor our priests. Let's show our gratitude for the gift of their Vocation and for bringing Jesus to us in the Eucharist!



June 5, 2016

dear Padre

Monday

JUNE 6
Weekday
1 Kgs 17:1-6
Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday

JUNE 7
Weekday
1 Kgs 17:7-16
Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday

JUNE 8
Weekday
1 Kgs 18:20-39
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

JUNE 9
Weekday
1 Kgs 18:41-46
Mt 5:20-26

Friday

JUNE 10
Weekday
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16
Mt 5:27-32

Saturday

JUNE 11
St. Barnabas, Apostle
Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3
Mt 5:33-37

Sunday

JUNE 12
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sm 12:7-10, 13
Gal 2:16, 19-21
Lk 7:36-8:3 or
7:36-50

Sick-call sets make wonderful wedding presents



I take communion to shut-ins and wonder why, when someone is near death or the priest visits to anoint, a sick-call set is not set up. Decades ago, we all got one as a wedding gift.

When I'm in a parish, I make sure all of my extraordinary ministers take a sick-call (crucifix) set with them because many homes don't have them. According to the ritual for the *Pastoral Care of the Sick* (I.III.74), the Eucharist should be transported in a pyx that is kept in a burse. At the location (home), there should be a proper place for the Eucharist, usually a table with a linen cloth, candles, and possibly holy water. All these items are in the set. So, if time and location allow, this should still be done. However, it is not essential if the person is in danger of death or a sacred space cannot be set up (for example, on the side of the road).

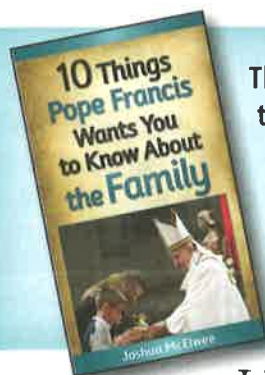
These sets are available for purchase; many Catholic supply stores have them. They make a wonderful wedding gift



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because they recognize that spouses intend to be together until death. The set can be used when one becomes ill or close to death. Unfortunately, many families do not attend Mass, so their preparation for receiving the Eucharist or being anointed is far from their minds. Their awareness of, and access to, such items now come from parish ministers.

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The pope told those affected by the typhoon Haiyan that as he watched the typhoon unfold from Rome, "I felt that I had to be here," he said. "A little bit late....But I'm here." Francis said he had come to Tacloban "to tell you that Jesus is Lord....He never lets us down."

— From *10 Things Pope Francis Wants You to Know About the Family* by Joshua J. McElwee (826399)

To learn more, visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.

Liguori.org



Immaculate Conception Academy and Early Education Program is now enrolling students for the 2016-17 school year!



Immaculate Conception Academy provides a 21st century education for students of all faiths in preschool through 8th grade. ICA offers:

- A quality early education program for 3 and 4 year olds aimed at preparing students socially, emotionally, and cognitively for kindergarten and beyond
- A full day, academic kindergarten program
- An academically enriched curriculum featuring S.T.E.M. education as well as art, music, physical education and performing arts for pre-k through 8th grade
- Chromebooks for each student in grades 5-8 to enhance classroom learning.
- iPad access for students in pre-k through 4th grade
- Computer code writing classes for students in grades 4-8.
- Individual instrumental instruction during the school day
- Afterschool clubs and activities and other leadership and community service opportunities
- Financial aid for those who qualify, as well as Bishop's Transfers Grants for students transferring into grades 1-7.

Please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at 610-404-8645 or adele.reilly@icaknights.org to schedule a tour! Sunday tours after the 9am and 11am masses available by appointment!

Visit icaberks.org today!



Immaculate Conception Church

2016 Vacation Bible School "Jesse Tree Journey"

Ages 5 - 11

June 20th – June 24th

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Age: _____ Last School Grade Completed: _____

Address: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Work #: _____

Emergency Contact Name/#: _____

Allergies/other medical information: _____

_____ I would like to volunteer to help. Best Contact #: _____

This fun filled "Journey" will be held Monday through Friday, **June 20-24, 2016** from **9am to Noon** in our parish Education Center.

Registration fee is \$35.00 per child. Form and payment are **due** by **June 1st**. Make checks payable to **Immaculate Conception Church**, place in an envelope marked VBS, and drop in the Sunday collection basket or mail to:

ICC VBS , 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, PA 19518

Please use **one form per child.**

For questions or volunteer information, please contact Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880 or email at ccd@icbvm.org.