

# Ordinary Time

July 17, 2016 ♦ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gn 18:1–10a ♦ Col 1:24–28 ♦ Lk 10:38–42

During the holidays, my husband and I invite relatives, friends, and students who can't return home to share our meal and find welcome in a special time. We enjoy cooking for a crowd, and our guests often bring something to share, adding to the bounty. Beforehand, we clean and dust, making sure the house is presentable. Our preparations are anything but relaxed. On the day itself, my husband usually cooks the meal while I

offer drinks and conversation. The event couldn't succeed without either of our roles.

In the first reading, Abraham put wife Sarah and the servants to work to provide the feast while he waited on the guests. To his (and his wife's) surprise, the strangers asked where Sarah was and promised her a son. In this moment, we see that Abraham isn't the only important person in the story. God's blessing came mainly to the one in the kitchen, in the background.

When Jesus visits the sisters of Bethany, Martha remains in the kitchen like Sarah. In her anxiety, did she believe God's favor would come only to those who toil? Jesus reminds her there also is blessing in sitting with the guest; he even calls this "the better part."

There is pride and vanity in assuming we can achieve favor and blessing through our works. When we start to think we know where, when, how, and to whom God will come, it's good to return to the word, which reminds us that favor and blessing come according to God's choosing and often to our surprise.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*"We're sure about what we can manage. But the Lord's visit, his surprises, we aren't able to manage them... [We] are all afraid [of] the joy the Lord brings, because we can't control it."*

—Morning Meditation, "The Fear of Surprise"  
November 14, 2014

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 17, 2016

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Father Joseph Barnes*

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	STELLA GILL	THU	7:00 PM	MARY KRETZMAN – 3 <sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY
SUN	7:30 AM	HAROLD CARE	FRI	7:30 AM	JUNE RUMLER
	9:00 AM	DR. NICHOLAS & MARGARET CHRIST	SAT	5:15 PM	JOHN BUTLER
	11:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SUN	7:30 AM	ESTHER PRIBANICK – 12 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY
MON		<u>No Mass</u>		9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
TUE	7:00 PM	CATHERINE TRUCKLEY		11:00 AM	ANTHONY PUGLIESE
WED	7:30 AM	ANTHONY DIGUGLIELMO			

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP: Zubik 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	Michael DiScala, Anna and Matthew Lambert
SUN	7:30am	Dennis Piontek	Adelina Kieffer	Alex, Jason and Mark Carvalho
	9:00am	Brian Hannon	Isabelita Santos	Josh Piccarreta, Austin Lobaugh, Luke Voelker
	11:00am	John Peterson	Mary Jo Simon	Diego and Hannah Santos, Taylor Moyer

### **Second collection next week is for Religious Ministries**

#### ***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 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **ICA offers a full day Kindergarten Program.** Kindergarten students must be aged 5 by 10/15/16 and 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:adele.reilly@icaknights.org)** for more information or to schedule a tour!

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

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, William  
 Janda, James Smith, Madge Butto, Roseann Malcolm,  
 Dylan Spriggs, Doris Slater, Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad,  
 Paul Geiger, Helen McDonald, Mark McDonald, Rose  
 Osorio, Raymond Davidheiser, Mildred & Anthony  
 Mattassa, Sr., Tony Guilliams, Dolores McCullough,  
 Steve Mammarella, Shawn Staneruck, Phil Kubovcsak,  
 Dominic Strock, Lori Tomkins, Jane Falcone, Fannie  
 Hunter, Barbara Wright, Mavricks Laxton, Eileen Ravert,  
 Maria Houck, Anthony Pucci, Joan Smith, Mary Piekos  
 and Rita Bernas

Pray for the recently deceased: Edward Unruh, Stasa  
 Theresa Fecera and Rev. Joseph Grembocki

**THIS WEEK AT ICC:**

Sat 07/23 4-5pm Confession

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**DAILY MASS**

Please be advised there will be **NO MASS** on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ACADEMY**

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 9am to 1pm

**Early Education Programs now enrolling for the 2016-17 School Year!**

Immaculate Conception offers **quality Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten programs** aimed at preparing students socially, emotionally, and cognitively for Kindergarten and beyond. Our dedicated, caring teachers strive to make each student's first school experience a joyous one and set them on the path to becoming lifelong learners.

For more information, or to schedule a tour, contact Adele Reilly at 610-404-8645 or [adele.reilly@icaknights.org](mailto:adele.reilly@icaknights.org)

**Sunday tours available by appointment.**

Register now for 2016-2017 CCD! Forms are available on [www.icbvmccd.org](http://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.

Would you love become a Lector? Then you are invited to attend a Lector Training session that will be held August 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-11:30am in the Church. If you love to read and live the Word of God, this is a wonderful opportunity to share this gift with all the members of our parish. To attend the training, call Rita at 610-582-2411 and email Deacon Chuck at [catgio@comcast.net](mailto:catgio@comcast.net).

**Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Are you looking to for a "Faith Refresher?"** Join Msgr. McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers on Monday evenings, starting September 12<sup>th</sup>, 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. Sessions are 7:30-9pm. You are welcome to attend as many as your schedule permits. For info or to register, call the office at 610.582.2411. Look for program information on [www.icbvm.org](http://www.icbvm.org) beginning in mid-August.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** - Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at [FaithHopeCharityGives.org](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org).

**RESORTS AC TRIP** – July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Leave church promptly at 9:30am. Package Deal – Pay \$32/Get \$25. Call Carol J. 610-775-4447

**CEMETERY NOTICE:** Please be advised that over the course of the next several weeks, work will be in progress at the main entrance to our parish cemetery on Chestnut St (Route 345) to remove some of the larger trees and shrubbery that obscure visibility when exiting the cemetery by vehicle. Removing this shrubbery will enhance safety. As such, there may be occasions when the main entrance of the cemetery is closed to vehicular traffic. Thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation in this regard.

**The Fillipino Catholic Community extends a cordial invitation for all to attend the First Summer Sinulog: Feast of the Santo Nino on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm at Immaculate Conception Church. The celebrant of the Mass will be Bishop Barres. RSVP by August 7<sup>th</sup> to [isantos@ptd.net](mailto:isantos@ptd.net) or 215-313-8962.**

**Institute for Catechesis and Formation Course Offering-CAT I- The Creed.** An overview of fundamental Catholic teachings based on the founding Symbol of our Faith. This course provides catechists with a foundation in the basic tenets of the Catholic Faith, and is a good starting point leading to further study. The course is highly recommended for Catechists; but everyone is invited to learn more about what it means to say, I believe.... July 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>; 8:30am-12:30pm at St. Ignatius Loyola School with **Ian Buterbaugh**. Cost: \$30. To register, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/icf](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/icf). ICF Courses are meant for any adult Catholic looking to grow deeper and learn more about the Faith. No prerequisites for these courses.\*

The **Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass Celebration** will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner St., Allentown, 18104. Bishop Barres will begin the celebration at 3pm. We cordially invite couples celebrating five, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass) to register, refer to the A.D. Times for a registration form or request a form through email at [MFLF@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:MFLF@allentowndiocese.org). The form must be completed and returned to the Office of Marriage & Family Life Formation, Attn: Anniversary Mass, 2145 Madison Ave., Bethlehem, 18017. Registration deadline is September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**ICC Altar Server Clinic**

**Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am-12pm in the church**

Any parish child in grades 6 through 12 can become an altar server. To enroll, please complete the form below and return to Msgr. McCann by August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade for 2016/2017 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_



July 17, 2016

# dear Padre

## Monday

JULY 18  
Weekday  
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8  
Mt 12:38-42

## Tuesday

JULY 19  
Weekday  
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20  
Mt 12:46-50

## Wednesday

JULY 20  
Weekday  
Jer 1:1, 4-10  
Mt 13:1-9

## Thursday

JULY 21  
Weekday  
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13  
Mt 13:10-17

## Friday

JULY 22  
St. Mary Magdalene  
Jer 3:14-17  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

## Saturday

JULY 23  
Weekday  
Jer 7:1-11  
Mt 13:24-30

## Sunday

JULY 24  
Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Gn 18:20-32  
Col 2:12-14  
Lk 11:1-13

## Is there a way to measure our relationship with God?



If I love according to the Lord's command (Leviticus 19:18), what feelings should I experience? Is there an "emotional yardstick" for evaluating my relationship with God?

**No, there is no** yardstick to measure the kind of love Jesus commanded. Although honest, devout, and charitable actions can make us feel good, true love often takes real effort and forces us to forget ourselves. Experience demonstrates that loving others is sometimes easy, but it may also involve real sacrifice. The Gospel calls this unconditional love *agape*.

*Agape* is distinct from romantic love (*eros*) and from familial affection and friendship (*philia*), both of which expect the other to respond. Christian love is more a decision to be generous and selfless and less a good intention or positive feeling.

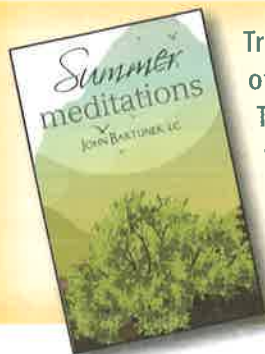
Jesus is the perfect illustration of *agape*. In his suffering and death, Jesus willingly endured betrayal, ridicule, rejection, and physical pain out of love for the Father and for us. At the Last Supper, knowing what would



happen, he told his disciples to feel good:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you....Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid....If you loved me, you would rejoice..." (John 14:27-28). This was a difficult, perhaps impossible, challenge—even Mary experienced sorrow in her Son's life (see Luke 2:35). And so we cannot equate our emotions with God's peace, for it "surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

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True hospitality begins with goodness of heart and overflows into all the other elements: food, drinks, decorations, music, and everything else. True hospitality welcomes another person by saying to them—sometimes with words, sometimes in other ways—"You really matter, and I'm glad you're here."

— From *Summer Meditations*  
by John Bartunek, LC, SThD (825620)

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