

# Ordinary Time

August 7, 2016 ♦ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 18:6–9 ♦ Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 or 11:1–2, 8–12 ♦ Lk 12:32–48 or 12:35–40

Every week at Mass we remind ourselves of the mystery of our faith—that by his death and resurrection Jesus set us free, and he will come again in glory. How do we know this? Could we convince someone else that this is true? If what we mean by “true” is factual evidence backed up by science, we will not be able to “prove” this to anyone. But God provides us with a different way of knowing. It comes from the revelation of God in creation, Scripture, and Christ. Our faith is a gift from God, the ability to recognize the truth of the mysteries we proclaim.

In the reading from Hebrews, the author praises Abraham’s faith, which led him to obey the God he did not know and the tradition he handed on. Abraham wasn’t worried about proving that God spoke to him; he lived it.

In the same way, Jesus calls his disciples to be ready and waiting for the Lord’s return.

We can’t convince everyone that the resurrection and baptism affect salvation, that the consecration is real, or that Jesus will come again. We can, however, point to the life and witness of the Church and show the difference our faith makes in our own lives as we encounter others, work for justice, and spread the gospel. Our obedience, virtue, and good works manifest our faith and reveal the truths entrusted to us. Nowhere is this truer than at the eucharistic table, where we celebrate the mysteries in union with and joyful expectation of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 7, 2016

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns with God's Blessings Upon Special Intention*

### ☆☆ MASS INTENTIONS ☆☆

|     |          |  |     |          |                                |
|-----|----------|--|-----|----------|--------------------------------|
| SAT | 5:15 PM  | ANGELO BASCELLI  | THU | 7:00 PM  | DONALD WHEELER                 |
| SUN | 7:30 AM  | MIKE KILARESKE   | FRI |          | <u>No MASS</u>                 |
|     | 9:00 AM  | REGINA KELLY   | SAT | 5:15 PM  | VOLPICCINI FAMILY              |
|     | 11:00 AM | LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS                             | SUN | 7:30 AM  | NICOLINA KENNEDY               |
| MON |          | <u>No MASS</u>   |     | 9:00 AM  | LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS |
| TUE | 7:00 PM  | TERI & DONALD LYNCH - 56 <sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY |     | 11:00 AM | ANTONIO BARLETTA               |
| WED | 7:30 AM  | BARBARA ANN PEASE  |     |          |                                |

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP: Gulla 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      | Mary Schwendt | Mike Austrevich    | Beth and Gracie Cote, Sidney Wolf    |
| SUN        | 7:30am      | Dan Sweeney   | Dennis Piontek     | Sarah Forkin, Ande and Ethan Kracyk  |
|            | 9:00am      | Pat Fessler   | Brian Hannon       | Ally and Jacob Santos, Ryan Ferrante |
|            | 11:00am     | Rhonda Ouimet | Greg Shemanski     | Lilia and Simon Crew, Sean Purretta  |

**Second collection next week is the Monthly Collection**

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

***Immaculate Conception Academy is still enrolling for the 2016-17 school year!***

If you have a student in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, we welcome you to visit and see what an Immaculate Conception Academy education can do for your child!

**ICA offers a full day Kindergarten Program.**

Kindergarten students must be 5 by 10/15/16 and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students aged 6 by 10/15/16. **Bishop's Transfer**

**Grants** are available for any public, or 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 and

\$500 for the second). **Aftercare is available.**

**Please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at 610-404-8645 or**

**adele.reilly@icaknights.org for more information or to schedule a tour!**

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, 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, Gloria Richards, Jennifer Pinti, Lori Tomkins, Jane Falcone, Fannie Hunter, Barbara Wright, Mavrick Laxton, Eileen Ravert, Maria Houck, Anthony Pucci, Mary Piekos, Paul Milshaw, Jack Owens, Sharon Madrzykowski and Ronald Kryman

Pray for the recently deceased: Karen Spano, Valma Billings

Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Pennington

## **THIS WEEK AT ICC:**

**Wed 08/10 6pm Back to School BINGO**

**Sat 08/13 4-5pm Confession**

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

### **DAILY MASS**

*Please be advised that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the usual times. There will be no Mass on Monday or Friday.*



### **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

### **Immaculate Conception Early Education Program is pleased to announce the expansion of our Preschool Program**

*Parents will now have the opportunity to choose from **THREE** programs to meet their individual family needs:*

**Tuesday/Thursday Morning: 8:45am- 11:15am**

**Tuesday/Thursday Extended Day: 8:45am-1:15am**

**Tuesday/Thursday Full Day: 8:45-2:30pm**

Children in the Extended and Full Day programs will bring a packed lunch. The Full Day program will include rest time as well as the addition of a special class once a week (i.e. Art, Music, Library or Computer). Because this is a pilot program, special tuition rates are being offered for the 2016-17 school year.

***The Early Education Program is open 8am to 3pm; with classes starting at 8:45am. Aftercare is available.***

**Enrollment is ongoing in our Morning and Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Programs as well!**

For more information and tuition rates, please contact Adele Reilly, Advancement Director at [adele.reilly@icaknights.org](mailto:adele.reilly@icaknights.org) or 610-404-8645 during summer hours Tues-Thurs, 9am-1pm.

**Register now for 2016-2017 CCD!** Forms are available on [www.icbvmmccd.org](http://www.icbvmmccd.org) under forms and at the Office of Religious Education. Classes are filling up so register now! **Volunteers are always welcome** so 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, call (610) 582-3880.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** - The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a Catholic, community-wide effort to meet the social service and ministerial needs of all people in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill counties. The distribution of funds raised through the appeal is overseen by a committee of volunteer parishioners from around the Diocese. This year, 10% of funds raised through the Appeal will be directed to the education and formation of seminarians, priests and deacons. Thank you very much for your generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Pledge forms can be found in the pews of the church.

### **RESORTS AC TRIP - COME ALONG AND ENJOY A DAY OF OCEAN BREEZE AND FUN AT THE JERSEY**

**SHORE** - Friday, Friday, August 25th

**LEAVE** the Church promptly @ 9:30am

**Package Deal:** Pay \$32 get \$25 Back

**Call Carol J. if interested @ 610-775-4447**

*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.*

**Mark your calendars!** Immaculate Conception Academy will be hosting its annual Back to School Bingo and Uniform Exchange on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the social hall. Admission is a new school supply! Please join us for this fun family event as we officially kick off the back to school season at ICA!

**Immaculate Conception will be hosting two Protecting God's Children workshops in the social hall on August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>, 1-4pm. Call 610-582-3880 to register.**

**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.

ICCYO Fall Registration for volleyball (Girls: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) and Cross-Country (Boys and Girls: Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>) are available on our website: [www.ICCYO.com](http://www.ICCYO.com)

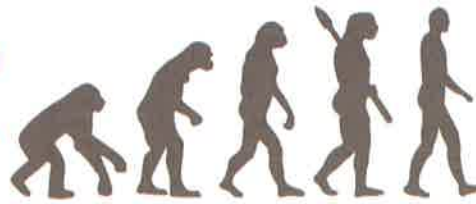
The **Annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass Celebration** will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1875 West Turner St., Allentown, 18104. Bishop Barres will begin the celebration at 3pm. We cordially invite couples celebrating five, twenty-five, forty, fifty, sixty or sixty plus years of marriage to this special event. Visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass) 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>.

*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. If you have any questions, please email Deacon Chuck at [catgio@comcast.net](mailto:catgio@comcast.net)*

**Attention All CYO Coaches:** Register online for the 2016-2017 CYO Coaches Clinics. The first clinic will be held **August 27<sup>th</sup>** at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown. Future clinics will be held in October, November and March. The cost for each clinic is \$25/person and coaches can register by visiting [www.allentowndiocese.org/coaches](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/coaches) and clicking on the selected date. **NO WALK INS WILL BE PERMITTED.** Contact Dan Jones at [djones@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:djones@allentowndiocese.org) with registration questions.

August 7, 2016

# Dear Padre



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## The Church on evolution

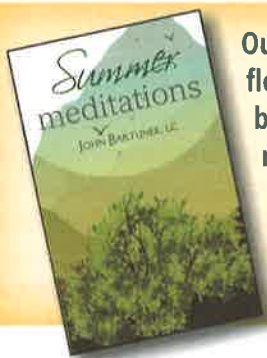


Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?

**Genesis Chapter 1** contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven days? Perhaps God spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth—"all things visible and invisible"; and all of creation is good (Nicene Creed). Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (CCC 283).

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Our eagerness to do good and to develop our soul and the world around us flows from the joy of being alive and being given the power of creativity by God. We are made to be builders of great things, from cultures to relationships. When we do what we are created to do with excellence, we help fill the world with light, happiness, and beauty.

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

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**Monday**  
AUGUST 8  
St. Dominic,  
Priest

Ez 1:2–5, 24–28c  
Mt 17:22–27

**Tuesday**  
AUGUST 9  
Weekday

Ez 2:8—3:4  
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

**Wednesday**  
AUGUST 10  
St. Lawrence,  
Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6–10  
Jn 12:24–26

**Thursday**  
AUGUST 11  
St. Clare,  
Virgin

Ez 12:1–12  
Mt 18:21—19:1

**Friday**  
AUGUST 12  
Weekday

Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63  
or 16:59–63  
Mt 19:3–12

**Saturday**  
AUGUST 13  
Weekday

Ez 18:1–10, 13b, 30–32  
Mt 19:13–15

**Sunday**  
AUGUST 14

Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10  
Heb 12:1–4  
Lk 12:49–53

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